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**TODAY'S VERSE**

Psalm 125:1 They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever.



**FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY**

People who call our community their own.

What makes the Easter Bunny smile? "Making people happy," said Zac Shewmaker, who at age 20, was found dressed as the Easter Bunny for Noblesville Jim Dandy's Easter Kids Night in 2018. His grandpa asked him to play the Easter Bunny, said the grandson of Gary Sampson, Jim Dandy's vice president of marketing. The Easter Bunny smiled and fulfilled photo requests for kids, moms and grandmas. "I've been the Jim Dandy Boy, I've been the Dairy Queen cone, and (once) the Eagle at Guerin Catholic (High School, from where he is a 2016 grad)." Some of the Easter Bunny's most-asked questions? "Where do I get my hair cut?" "What kinds of shoes do I wear because I can jump so high?" He said, "People ask me if I have a large circle of friends," to which he replies, "I don't need friends, because I have 240 siblings." Favorite food? "Mostly horseradish, raw, never creamy, and hot dog buns, and cookies." In 2019, his younger sister, Jill, now 17, played the Easter Bunny at all three Jim Dandys and was set to do so again in 2020 until cancellation of the events due to the COVID-19 (Coronavirus Disease) pandemic. Zac enjoys spending time and interacting with children, especially his seven younger brothers and sisters. The Easter event returned in 2021 and in 2022. This year's event was Wednesday night, with a coloring contest, arm and face painting by Fabulously Fun Co. and a chance to meet the Easter Bunny. Easter Sunday is April 17. Those still seeking Easter events are invited to the Noblesville Moose Lodge annual Easter Egg Hunt, at 1 p.m. Saturday, followed by a White elephant auction. Also enjoy Easter on the Prairie Saturday at Conner Prairie in Fishers with egg hunt (1:30 p.m. for ages 2-3, 1:45pm for ages 4-5, 2 p.m. for ages 6-8, 2:15 p.m. for ages 9-12) and crafts, scavenger hunt at Treetop Outpost, and breakfast at 8:30 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., with reservations at <https://www.connerprairie.org/>

**And Another Thing...**

Epilogue Players presents "Becky's New Car" a comedy directed by Kelly Keller which opens Thu., April 21, 2022 and runs until Sun., May 1, 2022. Thursday to Saturday performances are at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees are at 2 p.m. Reservations and ticket information can be found online at [www.epilogueplayers.com](http://www.epilogueplayers.com).

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Photo by Angela Staggs, courtesy of Improbable Fiction Theatre Co.

The cast of Improbable Fiction Theatre Co.'s "The House at Pooh Corner" rehearses this week in front of Pooh's Cottage for the upcoming children's comedy, which will run Friday through April 24 at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville.

## Getting into the Pooh Mood is Easy for Actor



**BETSY REASON**  
The Times Editor

If you've ever wondered if seeing a grown man dressed in a Winnie-the-Pooh costume is worth the price of admission, you will have gotten your money's worth attending this show.

Yes, you can almost taste the honey. Noblesville's Daniel Shock -- who has identified with the

honey-loving Pooh since Shock was "a skinny kid" -- not only puts on the costume, he does the walk, the mannerisms and "the voice" of Pooh.

"I have watched the Disney Pooh cartoons so many times. I know how Pooh moves and talks. He has a wobble because he doesn't have knees. He does not try to hide his tummy. I am often doing whatever I can to make my tummy look smaller ... (but) now it's all out there ... loud and proud," said Shock, who stars as the beloved fictional teddy bear that belongs to Christopher Robin in A.A. Milne's "The House

on Pooh Corner." The "gentle" children's comedy, adapted by Bettye Knapp, opens Friday at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville. Performances continue through April 24. Tickets are still available.

"It was my Pooh voice and my love of Pooh as I discussed the character with Dana Lesh, our director, that inspired us to find a play and produce it," Shock said.

"Daniel Shock was, of course, Winnie-the-Pooh from the beginning," Lesh added. "He perfectly embodies the charac-

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## Noblesville Receives Seventh Consecutive "Best Community" Music Education Honor

Noblesville Schools announced today that they have been named a 2022 Best Community for Music Education winner by the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) Foundation. This is the seventh consecutive year Noblesville has earned the honor.

"I'm so proud of our music educators and students," said Dr. Beth Niedermeyer,

superintendent at Noblesville Schools. "To be recognized seven times in a row with this national honor is a real tribute to their passion, hard work and talent. We're so fortunate to have such high quality music education in our schools."

The national music education recognition highlights school districts for their out-

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## Wrapping Up Readers' Choice 2022



Readers' Choice is wrapped up for another year, and once again, The Times' annual promotion to recognize your favorites in a multitude of categories was a huge success. Back when our company

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was founded, the staff at The Times brought Hamilton County this fun and good-natured promotion that features local businesses, people, products and more and gives you, our readers, the opportu-

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## Innovation One Medical-Tech Group Picks Noblesville as New Headquarters

Innovation One, LLC, a medical-tech group comprised of Certus Medical and Radiological Care Services, announced plans today to build their new headquarters in Noblesville's Innovation Mile to expand its operations in the Midwest. This is the first project announced for Innovation Mile since its creation in the fall of 2021.

Radiological Care Services

(RCS) was founded in 2013 as the world's first comprehensive x-ray garment solutions provider. RCS provides a single destination in the healthcare industry for all x-ray garment needs. RCS is the only company in the U.S. that offers a cleaning and compliance program for hospital lead garment invento-

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## Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville Receives \$1400 Grant from Duke Energy Foundation

The Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville (BGCN) recently received a \$1,400 grant from the Duke Energy Foundation for STEM programs that took place during the Club's 'Space Week' during Spring Break at Camp Crosser.

Out-of-school time presents a significant opportunity to advance STEM education and interest in STEM fields for local youth. During the session, 60 youth took part in an array of Spacethemed STEM activities that emphasized innovation, creativity and ex-

ploration. Activities included the following:

- Science behind gravity and the atmosphere in space
- Physics taking place when flying a kite
- Astronaut helmet building and technology
- Engineering, constructing and launching rockets

"Our Space Week culminated in an opportunity to show our members how a rocket worked. This included assembling a rocket, ignition of

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➔ **TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Brush or rinse your teeth after eating sugary foods.  
Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at [www.thetimes24-7.com](http://www.thetimes24-7.com).



➔ **TODAY'S QUOTE**

"Always laugh when you can, it is cheap medicine."  
- Lord Byron

➔ **TODAY'S JOKE**

Is this pool safe for diving?  
It deep ends.

➔ **HONEST HOOSIER**

Got this one from a reader: When we were young we used to sneak out of the house to go to parties. Now we sneak out of parties to go home.



The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **Linda Frisby** of Noblesville for subscribing!

➔ **OBITUARIES**

- Julie Ann LaPierre
- M. Kristine Layne
- Zoe Reef



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## ⇒ OBITUARIES

### Julie Ann LaPierre

Sep. 16, 1944 - March 15, 2022

Julie Ann LaPierre, 77, of Indianapolis, passed away on Tue., March 15, 2022. She was born on Sep. 16, 1944 to Frank and Winifred (Baker) Teague in Anderson, Ind.

Mrs. LaPierre was a legal secretary at Barnes and Thornburg Law Offices for 20 plus years before retiring. She enjoyed reading and spending time with her many friends. She was a breast cancer survivor.

Survivors include her brothers, Tom (Louise) Teague and Jim (Julie) Teague; grandchildren Laura Neiheisel and Lindsay Camplin; and nephews and nieces Erin Thomas, Andrew Teague, Christopher (Abbie) Teague, Kyle (Danielle) Teague, Jennifer (Paul) Hathcoat and Jaelyn (Josh) Rupp.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Donald LaPierre.

A celebration of life service is scheduled to be held on Fri., April 15, 2022 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road, Fishers, Ind. 46038.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society, PO Box 681405, Indianapolis, Ind. 46268-1405, www.cancer.org

Condolences can be made online at www.randalloberts.com.

### M. Kristine Layne

Aug. 11, 1948 - April 12, 2022

M. Kristine Layne, 73, of Fishers, passed away on Tue., April 12, 2022 at Carmel Health & Living.

She was born on Aug. 11, 1948 to Delbert and Mary (Foster) Layne in Sheridan, Ind.

Ms. Layne received a Bachelor's degree from Wright State University and worked in pharmaceutical sales. She was a beautiful lady best known for her classiness, beaming smile and warm personality. She loved traveling, especially to Europe, and made friends everywhere she went. Ms. Layne adored her grandchildren, and will be sorely missed.

Survivors include her daughter, Pamela Layne; grandchildren Victoria Coury and Dallas Coury; brother Thom Layne; sister Kathy Striker; cousin Diana Layne; nephews Sean, Phil and Jeff; and nieces Debbie, Cindy, Judy, Jenny and Lisa.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, David Layne.

Private family services will be held. Randall & Roberts Funeral Homes has been entrusted with Kristy's care.

Condolences can be made online at www.randalloberts.com.

### Zoe Reef

July 20, 2009 - April 10, 2022

Zoe Reef, 12, of Kokomo, passed away on Sunday, April 10, 2022 at Community Howard Regional Health in Kokomo.

She was born on July 20, 2009 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Zoe was a miracle child who lit up a room and was the center of attention. She loved music, dancing, parties and adventures. Zoe also liked parks, picnics, animals, cards, coins and dice. She was a member of Crossroads Community Church of Kokomo and Sheridan First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her mother, Beth (Josh) Pickett; father, Josh Reef; brothers Kody Reef and Jaxon Pickett; grandparents Jerri Walton, Darrell Lawson and Mike & Leilani Reef; great-grandparents Jeff & Phyllis Johnson; uncle Andrew Reef; aunts Mandi (Jim) Black and Shawna East; step-grandfather Gary Pickett; and step-uncle Jordan Pickett.

She was preceded in death by her step-grandmother Monica Pickett.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., with services scheduled to be held at 12 p.m., on Sat., April 16, 2022 at Sheridan First United Methodist Church, 207 East Second Street, in Sheridan.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sheridan First United Methodist Church Preschool, 207 East Second Street, Sheridan, Ind. 46069.

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# NHS Alumni Organization One of the Things Right about Nob City



**TIM TIMMONS**  
Sagamore News Media CEO

I've wanted to write this column for a long time, but always hesitated for a couple of reasons – one of which I'll mention in a bit. The other one is that there are so many great and deserving community groups and organizations around Noblesville and Hamilton County that I hate to pull one out. From Main Street to the Boys & Girls Club to Nickel Plate Arts to the Lions, Kiwanis, Rotary, Harvest, Prevail, Good Samaritan Network, Babe Ruth, the folks at the Forest Park pool, the Belfry . . . see what I mean? That's just

a bare mention. There are so many and I hate to focus on one because each deserves all the publicity we can give them (fortunately, the talented Betsy Reason often devotes many of her columns to doing exactly that).

At any rate, today's topic is the Noblesville High School Alumni Association. The other reason I have hesitated to mention them in the past is because I'm a member and on the board. Trust me, it's a great group despite my meager involvement.

This group does so many things, like first and foremost, making sure the annual Alumni Banquet takes place. This year's event, which is coming up on April 30, will see a crowd of 300+ gather to celebrate all things Millers. The class of 1972 will observe their 50th anniversary of graduating from good, ol' NHS. (And because of the pandemic, so will the classes of '70 and '71 as well.)

The banquet is a time

for remembering, reminiscing and reconnecting. It's a wonderful evening and it would never be possible without the strong efforts of the board of directors – under the capable leadership of Peggy Baldwin Beaver, class of 1972. Others on the board include Joanne Cook White, class of 1948; Tom Gang, class of 1967; Treasurer Janice Robinson, class of 1968; incoming Secretary Vicki Wright Wilson, class of 1968; Debbie Davis Bastin, class of 1971; VP Terri Sigman Kennedy, class of 1972; Jeff Zeckel, class of 1973; and Secretary Karen Williams Pryor, class of 1974. (And if you are an NHS grad and would like to be considered for a board seat, let me know and I'll pass along your name!)

This group, and many who were involved over the years before, dedicate themselves to publishing an annual newsletter, putting on a huge banquet and even raising thousands

of dollars that are awarded annually to NHS seniors for college scholarships.

And they do it all while maintaining a friendly atmosphere that is more about camaraderie and celebrating a common history than anything else.

So if you are an NHS grad, or soon will be, be sure to hook up with this great organization. Did I mention that a lifetime membership is less than the cost of a compact car gas fill-up? Yup, \$20 will make you a member forever – and qualifies you for a seat among this great group if you are so inclined.

No offense to you Blackhawks, Huskies, Shamrocks and the rest. It's just my Miller pride shining through!

*- Timmons is the chief executive officer of Sagamore News Media, the company that owns The Noblesville Times. He is a proud Noblesville High School graduate and can be contacted at ttimmons@thetimes24-7.com.*

## A Salute to My Dentists



**RIX QUINN**  
Quinn Summary

Every morning when my mirror smiles back, I am grateful to two dentists who have helped me for decades.

They must be darn good, because thanks to regular visits I've retained excellent cuspids, bicuspid, plus a host of workable molars.

I am not the best patient. I nearly always brush my teeth at least once a day, and sometimes use toothpaste.

But I am an excellent flosser. I know this, because the hygienist complimented me the last visit when she dug junk food from my molars.

Over the years, dentists have worked miracles on two upper front incisors. I call these my "smile teeth." Those are

the first things people see when I greet them with a semi-sincere grin.

Problem is, in high school I was in a car wreck. Back then, there were no shoulder seat belts, so my front teeth slammed into the dashboard.

This left me with half an incisor...very noticeable when sipping a milkshake. But my amazing dentist quickly made me a crown, so I looked presentable enough to pose for senior pictures.

That crown held up for over 35 years, but came off five years ago when I bit into a sturdy dinner roll. My dentist got me scheduled late that day, and crafted a new crown that looks terrific.

Since then, I have taken much better care of my mouth. I bought a new toothbrush, and I have spent more time polishing my ivories. And – some mornings after brushing -- I'm so impressed I think that if I was single...I would ask myself for a date.

*- Got a question to ask Rix? E-mail him at rix@rixquinn.com.*



Photo courtesy of Noblesville Schools

**The three finalists for Noblesville's "A Picture is Worth A Thousand Words" Art Contest. The winner (left) was submitted by Stony Creek 5th grader Olivia Herche. The other two designs were submitted by Amelia Wiggins (center), a 10th grader at Noblesville HS and Alayna Southworth, a 5th grader at Stony Creek**

## Noblesville Schools Art Contest Winner Named

Congratulations to Oliva Herche (5th grade, Stony Creek) on her winning design in the Noblesville Schools "A Picture is Worth A Thousand Words" art contest.

Students across the district were asked to submit artwork for consideration in the contest, which invited students to define what inclusivity at Noblesville Schools means to them.

The top three designs were then voted on by students in grades K-12, with Herche's design taking the top spot of what they felt best illustrated the concept "All Means All".

The other top final-

ist artists were Alayna Southworth (5th grade, Stony Creek) and Amelia Wiggins (10th grade, Noblesville High School).

When asked what inspired her artwork Herche shared that "the heart means everyone can be friends with whoever they want to be friends with and the world means it can be anywhere." Herche added that she hopes students at Noblesville Schools will treat one another "like one of your family members that you really love."

Herche's winning design will be showcased on the district's website and on school posters.

## IU Health Announces \$287M Expansion in Fishers



### Indiana University Health

Ten years after opening a 38-bed specialty-care focused hospital at 136th St. and I-69, Indiana University Health is planning a significant investment in its healthcare footprint in Fishers, Indiana.

The \$287 million investment approved by the IU Health Board of Directors in late October will include a significant expansion of the IU Health Saxony Hospital campus and high-quality services, and the addition of offsite, outpatient access to primary care and specialists to more holistically meet the needs of one of Indiana's fastest-growing communities. In recognition of this growth, this community investment will include a re-naming of the hospital campus to IU Health Fishers, to be phased in throughout the duration of the project.

"Fishers is the sixth

largest city in Indiana today, and with notable population growth expected each year, could be as much as 50 percent larger by the year 2040," said Doug Puckett, president of IU Health's Indianapolis Suburban Region, which includes IU Health North, Saxony, Tipton and West hospitals. "Community members and leaders have told us what they need and want from IU Health to best serve that growth. This investment will allow us to do that."

The planned expansion will add stand-alone outpatient physician office developments in the community and grow the square footage of the hospital campus by nearly 50 percent. The hospital expansion will add:

- 50 inpatient beds, bringing the total to 88.
- New and expanded services in Obstetrics &

Gynecology, Ear, Nose & Throat, Nephrology, Neurology, and Pulmonology.

- Growth of existing specialty programs in Cardiovascular, Gastroenterology, General Medicine, General Surgery, Orthopedics, Primary Care (pediatric and adult), and Urology.
- Expansion of support services space to accommodate additional staff and higher patient volumes.

"Through research and patient migration patterns, we've found that many patients in the Fishers community and on the north-east side of Indianapolis would like to receive their healthcare closer to home but are traveling elsewhere because the current service offerings aren't diverse enough," said Chad Dille, chief operating officer at IU Health Saxony Hospital. "We're thrilled to further our investment in the health and well-being of Hoosiers in and around the Fishers community by providing patients with greater access to highly

skilled care that's closer to home and consistent with their needs."

Dubbed the "Fishers Community Impact Project" due to its scope both on and off the hospital campus, the project timeline will vary for the individual elements included. Groundbreaking for the hospital expansion is expected in late 2022 with completion slated for 2025. The project is expected to double the hospital's workforce.

Named among the "Best Hospitals in America" by U.S. News & World Report for 24 consecutive years, Indiana University Health is dedicated to providing a unified standard of pre-eminent, patient-centered care. A unique partnership with Indiana University School of Medicine – one of the nation's leading medical schools – gives our highly skilled physicians access to innovative treatments using the latest research and technology. Learn more at www.iuhealth.org

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## Businesses Expanding at Carmel City Center

Carmel City Center is excited to announce the growth and new offerings of two businesses within the Center. Addendum and Hey Little Diddle will both add second locations at Carmel City Center this spring, growing the fashion and gift district in the Center.

Description automatically generated Addendum, a luxury lifestyle concept store specializing in tabletop, crystal and entertaining pieces, focusing on designer jewelry and home fragrances will add a second location within Carmel City Center this spring. The new second location will be a stand-alone MacKenzie-Childs shop featuring an extensive selection of their renowned courtly check tabletop, kitchen, décor, lighting and furniture pieces which are all hand-made and hand painted in upstate New York. The displays in the shop will mimic the new MacKenzie-Childs shop in SoHo, New York.

The new Addendum shop located at 751 Hanover Place, Suite 159 will also feature the Indiana debut of the popular Stoney Clover Lane line. Items within the line include customizable bags, pouches, travel accessories and small accessories in bright, fun colors. In addition, luxurious candles by Cereria Mollá and Carrière Frères will be available.

"After more than a decade at Carmel City Center, Addendum has continued to grow and we are proud to be able to further showcase our exclusive partnership with MacKenzie-Childs," says owner Shane Hartke. "The new shop will allow us to offer a larger variety of patterns and options in the MacKenzie-Childs line along with other new lines that we think customers will enjoy. We look forward to hosting the creative director of MacKenzie-Childs, Rebecca Proctor, to the shop this summer as well."

Both Addendum locations will be open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and closed Sunday.

Description automatically generated with medium confidence Hey Little Diddle, a baby and child boutique offering designer clothing in a neutral color palette from sustainable, ethical brands from birth to 7 years of age is ex-

panding and adding a second location within Carmel City Center focusing on baby gifts and accessories. The new second location will open this spring at 736 Hanover Place, suite 100F, across from Uplift Intimate Apparel on the plaza.

The Hey Little Diddle gift shop will offer unique take-home outfits and organic layettes, a large variety of beautifully illustrated storybooks and board books, eco-friendly rattles and teething, plush animals, sustainable baby gifts and gift bundles, nursery décor, custom embroidery, baby memory books and sibling and family gifts that you will feel good about giving.

Visitors will be able to find a great baby gift in less than 15 minutes and have the option of complimentary gift wrapping in a variety of options. Hey Little Diddle offers a baby registry program for new parents as well as gift cards.

Owner, Celeste Nance, continually does research to curate and introduce new brands and concepts to provide customers with the best baby gift available. "I am thrilled to be able to expand Hey Little Diddle and offer more thoughtful, beautiful gift options for new parents, family members and friends," says Nance. "Carmel City Center is the perfect backdrop for shopping locally and supporting small businesses - all while customers receive the best and most unique items available."

Hey Little Diddle will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. A grand opening celebration including balloons, snacks and fun will be planned when the shop opens this spring.

"We are thrilled to have two shops growing their business and meeting more customer's gift needs with their offerings within Carmel City Center," said Melissa Averitt, senior vice president at Pedcor Companies. "In-store personalized experiences are more important than ever and that is the foundation for these shops and others in City Center."

Carmel City Center is a one million square foot, \$300 million, mixed-use development located in the heart of Carmel, Indiana. A destination like no other in central Indiana, the project offers the appeal of a neighborhood and the

vibrancy of a downtown. Carmel City Center features luxurious residences, specialty retail and restaurants and premier office space. Phase One includes 62,427 square feet of commercial space.

The following restaurants, retailers and offices are currently open in Phase I of Carmel City Center: 14 Districts, 317 Charcuterie, 317 Home, Addendum, Bath Junkie, beauty + grace, divvy, Eggshell Bistro, Fishman Fine Jewelers, Guardian Wells, Harrison & Moberly, LLP, Hey Little Diddle, The Imperial Spa, InCycle, IndyFit, The Ink Pad, Julie Browning Bova Design, Kits & Kaboodle Classic Toys, Kooi Law Firm, Lily & Sparrow Boutique, Linden Tree Gifts, Manelé Café, Matt the Miller's Tavern, Megan Danielle Skincare, Out of the Blue Polish Pottery, Pure Concepts Salon, Purple Ink LLC, Stretch Zone, Tucci's, Uplift Intimate Apparel and The Yoga Studio. Pedcor is also in various stages of lease negotiations with other restaurant, retail and service concepts.

The apartment units in the Residences of Carmel City Center opened in summer 2010. The penthouse condominiums are all committed. Law firm Drewry Simmons Vornehm occupies 16,500 square feet of office space in Carmel City Center. Future phases of Carmel City Center include additional residential and commercial space.

Carmel City Center is the location for The Center for the Performing Arts, which includes a 1,600 seat world-class concert hall named "The Palladium," a 500-seat theater named "The Tarkington" and a 200-seat black box theater. Carmel City Center's boutique hotel, Hotel Carmichael, is now open as part of the Autograph Hotel Collection, Marriott's independent lifestyle brand. Feinstein's, Vivante French Eatery and Adagio Lounge are open in Hotel Carmichael. Carter Green in Carmel City Center is also home to the Carmel Farmers Market, Carmel Christkindlmarkt and The Ice. This pedestrian-based master plan development is located at the southwest corner of Range Line Road and City Center Drive (126th Street). The Monon Greenway runs directly through the project. Car-

mel City Center was developed as a public/private partnership between the City of Carmel, Pedcor City Center Development Company and numerous developers.

The Nash, a three-story, \$10 million mixed-use building, is just south of Phase I of City Center on the west side of Range Line Road. It contains 30 one, two and three bedroom apartments on the second and third floors and 8,000 square feet of commercial space at street level.

Be.You.tiful Nails, Forever Gallery, Graeter's Ice Cream and Endeavor Boutique are open.

The United Fidelity Bank buildings, formerly known as the Baldwin & Chambers buildings, a four-story, mixed-use building, is just south of Phase I of Carmel City Center and north of The Nash on the west side of Range Line Road. It contains 26 studio, one and two bedroom apartments on the third and fourth floors and 31,000 square feet of commercial space on street and plaza level.

Addendum Gallery, The Cake Bake Shop, InCycle Strength, Lantz Collective, My Salon Suite, Oliver's Twist and United Fidelity Bank are currently open. Pedcor is in various stages of lease negotiations with restaurant, retail and service concepts.

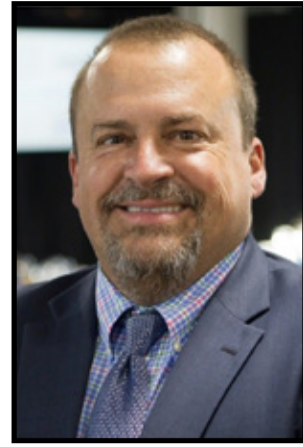
The Holland & Playfair buildings, a five-story, 178,000 square foot, mixed-use building is located just west of the Veterans Way Garage and Hamilton West commercial space along the Monon Greenway. It contains 112 one, two- and three-bedroom apartment homes on the second through fifth floors and office space on the first floor.

Industrious is open and occupies 27,000 square feet on the first floor of the Holland & Playfair buildings.

Hamilton East and Hamilton West are buildings connected to the Veterans Way Garage with 28,000 square feet of retail, office and residential space. It contains 5 apartment townhomes. Magic Hat Barber Shop is currently open. Pedcor is in various stages of lease negotiations with restaurant, retail and service concepts.

For more information, please visit [www.carmelcitycenter.com](http://www.carmelcitycenter.com).

## Launch Fishers Founder, CEO John Wechsler Announces July Departure



John Wechsler

Launch Fishers announced today a leadership succession plan as founder and CEO John Wechsler will transition operational management to his longtime executive team. Wechsler will remain involved with Launch Fishers as a board member as he transitions to pursuing entrepreneurial interests. The transition will be effective July 1, 2022. As part of the succession plan, longtime executive team members have been appointed to the following leadership roles:

- David Bolling, CFO & Executive Director of Launch Fishers

- Jason Pennington, Vice President & Executive Director of The Indiana IoT Lab

- Rachel Drake, Director of Marketing and Communications

"John has been a transformative figure, not just here in Fishers, but also across the state for his insight about how to contribute to building a smart, vibrant, and entrepreneurial city," Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness said. "I am convinced that John has helped build that strong foundation to propel our city into supporting and sustaining entrepreneurs and their ideas for the betterment of Fishers. That momentum will continue with this leadership team in place."

Under Wechsler's leadership, Launch Fishers, Indiana IoT Lab, and Fishers-based companies have created more than 2,000 jobs while accounting for more than \$600 million in investment and M&A transactions. Launch Fishers' activity flourished during a time when the City of Fishers was recognized as Money Magazine's Best Place to Live in America (2017).

"The creation of Launch Fishers in partnership with Mayor Fadness and the Fishers City Council has been one of the most rewarding professional experiences of my career," Wechsler said. "We have been able to create an environment where innovation and entrepreneurship flourish which has supported the creation of so many high-growth and high-potential enterprises, all while sharing our lessons

learned to cities and towns statewide."

Launch Fishers opened in 2012 in a 16,000-square-foot space in the basement of the Hamilton East Public Library. It later moved to its current location at 12175 Visionary Way with more than three times the original space. During this time, Launch Fishers and The Indiana IoT Lab membership have grown to over 600 individuals in hundreds of companies.

Launch Fishers' impact also can be seen in several Indiana cities and towns. Mayor Fadness and Wechsler conducted a number of roadshows to share the Launch Fishers template with other communities, eventually leading to the creation of the Indiana Coworking Passport. The Indiana Coworking Passport connects 60 of Indiana's coworking locations for member benefits as well as best-practices exchanges between the sites. Over 60 official mayoral delegations have visited Launch Fishers.

During his tenure at Launch Fishers, Wechsler led specific initiatives to impact the growth of entrepreneurship in Fishers and Central Indiana communities.

Launch Indiana was created to connect early-stage entrepreneurs with seasoned entrepreneurial mentors to provide support and insight to more than 100 startups.

The Launch Fishers High School Fellowship has connected more than 125 local high school students with a unique summer boot camp and startup internship.

Fail Fest engages attendees to hear leaders, entrepreneurs, students, and others share stories about "failing fast and failing forward" by embracing the lessons learned from failure and using them to succeed in the future.

B&G: Breakfast and Giving is a monthly gathering of Fishers-area entrepreneurs, innovators, and civic leaders designed to bring people together with a featured nonprofit to inform, educate and activate.

Wechsler supports his community outside of Launch Fishers by serving as an advisor or board member of The Indiana Technology and Innovation Association, The Indiana Chamber of Commerce, The Indiana State Museum & Historic Sites, and Youth Mentoring Initiative.

Wechsler was also named Techpoint's 2018 Trailblazer Award winner which recognizes visionaries whose contributions have had a lasting and significant impact on our technology ecosystem and our state.

## Used Bike Sale, Donation Day Coming to Westfield

A used bicycle sale and donation day will be held Saturday, May 21 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. sponsored by Recycled Cycles at the group's repair shop at 810 E. Main Street in Westfield. The shop is located at the top of the drive, north of Big Hoffa's BBQ.

Several top-condition bikes will be offered for sale at bargain prices. Payment by check is preferred. Proceeds will be used to purchase parts to repair other bikes. Last year, Recycled Cycles

repaired and gave away 460 bicycles to deserving families who might not otherwise have afforded new bikes for Christmas.

The group repairs child and adult bikes throughout the year under the sponsorship of Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County. Donations of any used bike, no matter the condition will be accepted. Parts of unrepairable bikes are salvaged to make whole bikes.

For more information contact Gary Blackburn.

## Cabela's Donate Life Day to Help Raise Awareness of Importance of Organ Donation on Sat. April 16

A go-to retailer in Noblesville for everything outdoors has partnered with Donate Life Indiana during National Donate Life Month to raise awareness about how critically important organ donation is in saving Hoosier lives.

Cabela's Donate Life Day starts at 10 am Saturday (April 16) with a news conference featuring speakers NASCAR winner and native Hoosier Ryan Newman, Cabela's General Manager Brian Crawford, Donate Life Indiana Chairman Tim Clauson and an executive with Indiana Department of Natural

Resources. Also speaking will be Sen. Blake Doriot (R-Dist. 12), who co-authored a bill recently signed into law by Gov. Eric Holcomb requiring the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency to ask all license applicants and those seeking a license renewal if they wish to become an organ donor.

Newman will greet race fans and outdoor enthusiasts and sign autographs from 10:30 am-noon at the store, located at 13725 Cabela Parkway in Noblesville. Through 2 pm, there will be family-friendly games and

activities hosted by Donate Life Indiana, Cabela's and the DNR, plus a variety of giveaways.

"We look forward to celebrating the hundreds of hunters and anglers who said yes to organ donation when they received their licenses last year and the commitment by Cabela's to help grow that number through special store and community initiatives," said Tim Clauson, president of the board of directors of Donate Life Indiana, the organization responsible for managing the state's donor registry and raising awareness for

organ, eye and tissue donation and transplantation through public education.

The event is a perfect fit for the location, as Gov. Holcomb's passage of Senate Enrolled Act 288 in 2020 allowed the DNR to begin asking hunters, anglers and trappers to sign up as organ donors when buying their licenses. Through a two-week, in-store awareness campaign that started April 1, Cabela's has encouraged customers to consider signing up to become an organ donor.

Currently, more than 106,000 Americans are waiting on a lifesaving organ transplant, including nearly 1,100 Hoosiers. More than 4.2 million Hoosiers are registered organ donors.

Despite age or medical history, anyone can sign up to be a donor online Donate Life Indiana online.

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# NPD Amphitheater Announces Schedule for 2022 Fishers Summer Concert Series



The Fishers Summer Concert Series, hosted by Fishers Parks, will return this summer with national and local performing acts at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater (6 Municipal Drive) in the heart of downtown Fishers. The concert series includes free community concerts on Tuesday nights, presented by IU Health Fishers; ticketed weekend shows featuring national touring acts; and free Wednesday lunchtime concerts presented by Meyer Najem. The series will conclude with the return of the popular two-day Blues Fest on Labor Day weekend.

The 2022 season lineup includes:  
 The Community Concert Series starting June 7. These shows will run from 7 – 9 p.m. and are free to the public, no tickets required.  
 • Tuesday, June 7: Cool City Band  
 • Tuesday, June 14:

Mike & Joe  
 • Tuesday, June 21: White River Wind Symphony Orchestra  
 • Tuesday, June 28: Dave & Rae  
 • Monday, July 4: Fool House  
 • Tuesday, July 12: The Big '80s Tribute Band  
 • Tuesday, July 19: My Yellow Rickshaw  
 • Tuesday, July 26: Toy Factory  
 The Ticketed Concert Series, starting June 18. Each show begins at 8 p.m., and tickets are on sale at npdamp.com.  
 • Saturday, June 18: Houndmouth  
 • Saturday, July 16: Colony House, with special guest Joe Hertler & The Rainbow Seekers  
 • Friday, August 5: Waxahatchee, with special guest Liam Kazar  
 • Friday, August 19: The Main Squeeze  
 • Saturday, August 27: Lawrence  
 The Wednesday Lunch-

time Concerts, starting June 1. These concerts will run from 12 – 1 p.m. each Wednesday at Central Green, 1 Municipal Drive. These are free to the public, no tickets required.

- Wed, June 1: Mr. Daniel
- Wed, June 8: Old Coyote Band
- Wed, June 15: Jump & Hop
- Wed, June 22: Steve Fulton
- Wed, June 29: Jennisen
- Wed, July 6: Mr. Daniel
- Wed, July 13: Steven's Puppets
- Wed, July 20: Kyle Bledsoe
- Wed, July 27: Steven's Puppets

Additional Shows:  
 • Friday, June 24: Spark!Fishers Friday Night Concert — Uptown Funk  
 • Friday, September 2 – Saturday, September 3: Fishers Blues Fest – to be announced. Follow the NPD AMP on Instagram and Facebook for the latest announcements.

No outside alcohol is permitted at the NPD AMP. Vendors will be available on site to purchase refreshments. Chairs and blankets are welcome. Learn more and purchase tickets at www.npdamp.com.

The Nickel Plate District Amphitheater (NPD AMP) is an outdoor music and event venue located in the heart of Fishers, Indiana in the Nickel Plate Cultural District. The NPD AMP is one of Central Indiana's premier outdoor music and event venues and is open year-round. The NPD AMP stage can accommodate performances from a simple acoustic set to a 4,000-person concert. The latest acts and events can be found at npdamp.com or by following @npdamp on Facebook and Instagram.

Fishers Parks create a community of exploration and discovery for all ages. Whether you are looking for the perfect summer camp, a makerspace to tinker, a night to let loose, or the perfect spot to unplug, our parks and activities are made for making memories. With 24 park properties totaling over 591 acres, 131 miles of nature and multi-use trails, and vibrant events throughout the year, find your next adventure with Fishers Parks. Learn more at playfishers.com and find updates on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

The City of Fishers is located in Hamilton County and was named #1 Place to Live in the US by Money Magazine in 2017. Under the leadership of Mayor Scott Fadness, Fishers is known as a smart, vibrant, and entrepreneurial city through its neighborhood development, dedication to supporting high-growth companies, and innovative city processes. With a population of 91,832 (2017), Fishers is one of the fastest growing communities in Indiana and has received national accolades for entrepreneurship, livability, and safety.

## Meeting Notes

### Carmel Historic Preservation Commission

Caucus Room, Carmel City Hall  
 1 Civic Square, Carmel, IN  
 April 14, 2022 – 6 p.m.  
 Agenda  
 1. Call to Order  
 2. Roll Call  
 Commissioners: Nick Davis, Rosemary Dunkle, Nick Kestner, Bruce Kimball, Jess Lawhead, Bill Sanders, Fred Swift  
 Staff: Mark Dollase, Alex Brooks  
 3. Approval of Minutes (3/10/2022)  
 4. Hearing of Visitors  
 5. Certificate of Appro-

priateness Review  
 6. Report on Staff Approvals  
 7. Financial Report  
 a. Budget update  
 8. Old Business  
 a. Wilkinson-Hull House update  
 9. New Business  
 a. Demolition Delay Review  
 1) 520 N. Rangeline (garages)  
 2) 875 Freeland Way (additions only; Residential Remodel)  
 3) 111 E. Main Street (detached structure)  
 4) 907 Auman Drive W.  
 5) 231 Veterans Way  
 10. Other Business  
 11. Announcements  
 12. Adjournment

## Meeting Notes

### Carmel Technical Advisory Committee

Meeting Agenda  
 Date: Wed., April 20, 2022  
 Place: Virtual Meeting  
 Time: 9 a.m. (Approximate start times for each item are listed below)  
 1. 9 a.m. Docket No. PZ-2022-00033 ADLS Amend: Ozwell Fitness.  
 The applicant seeks approval for the remodel and expansion of the former Williams Comfort Air building for a new fitness facility. The site is located at 1077 3rd Avenue SW. It is zoned I-1/Industrial and is not located within any overlay district. Filed by David Gilman of Land Development Services on behalf of the owner.  
 2. 9:15 a.m. Docket No. PZ-2022-00044 ADLS Amend: The

Maples at North End  
 The applicant seeks approval for the renovation of an existing home into a restaurant. The renovation will include an addition to the rear and an outdoor patio. The site is 0.43 acres and is located at 875 Freeland Way. It is zoned UR/Urban Residential and is not located within any overlay zone. Filed by Rebecca McGuckin of Old Town Companies.  
 3. 9:25 a.m. Docket No. PZ-2022-00045 DP/ADLS: Jackson's Grant Village Section 2  
 The applicant seeks site plan and design approval for 52 townhomes and an amenity building on 8.83 acres. The site is located at the NW corner of 116th Street and Springmill Road. It is zoned Jackson's Grant Village PUD (Ordinance Z-653-20). Filed by Douglas Wagner with Republic Development LLC.

## Meeting Notes

### Carmel Common Council

Meeting Agenda  
 Monday, April 18, 2022 – 6 p.m.  
 Council Chambers, City Hall, One Civic Square  
 1. Call to Order  
 2. Agenda Approval  
 3. Invocation  
 4. Pledge of Allegiance  
 5. Recognition of City Employees and Outstanding Citizens  
 a. Swearing-in of new Carmel Police officers  
 □ Officer Brooke Annerino  
 □ Officer Abishai Schoenbein  
 □ Officer John Heckman  
 □ Officer Liam Taylor  
 □ Officer Isaiah Miller  
 □ Officer Lance Wesner  
 b. Recognition of Presidential Volunteer Service Award Winners  
 6. Recognition of Persons Who Wish to address the Council  
 7. Council and Mayoral Comments/Observations  
 8. Consent Agenda  
 a. Approval of Minutes  
 1) March 21, 2022 Regular Meeting  
 2) March 31, 2022 Special Meeting  
 b. Claims  
 3) General Claims \$3,678,628.57  
 4) Wire Transfers \$3,109,422.04  
 9. Action On Mayoral Vetoes  
 10. Committee Reports  
 a. Finance, Utilities and Rules Committee  
 b. Land Use and Special Studies Committee  
 c. All reports designated by the Chair to qualify for placement under this category.  
 11. Other Reports – (at the first meeting of the month specified below):  
 a. Carmel Redevelopment Commission (Monthly)

October)  
 e. Carmel Cable and Telecommunications Commission (Bi-annual – April, October)  
 f. Economic Development Commission (Bi-annual – February, August)  
 g. Library Board (Annual – February)  
 h. Ethics Board (Annual – February)  
 i. Public Art Committee (Annual – August)  
 j. Parks Department (Quarterly – February, May, August, November)  
 k. All reports designated by the Chair to qualify for placement under this category.  
 12. Old Business  
 a. Eighth Reading of Ordinance Z-670-21; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Amending the WestClay Village Planned Unit Development District Ordinance; Sponsor: Councilor Rider. Remains in the Land Use and Special Studies Committee.  
 Synopsis: Ordinance amends the WestClay Village Planned Unit Development District, as amended, to apply the five hundred (500) foot setback from residentially used property for gas station pumps, pump islands and vent pipes set forth in Ordinance Z-669-21 to the WestClay PUD district.  
 b. Second Reading of Ordinance Z-676-22; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Establishing the Flora Planned Unit Development District; Sponsor: Councilor Rider. Returning from the Land Use and Special Studies Committee.  
 Synopsis: Ordinance Establishes the Flora Planned Unit Development Ordinance (the "Flora PUD"). The Ordinance would rezone the real estate from S-2 Residential to a Planned Unit Development district allowing the future development of a residential neighborhood laid out in the style and character as depicted on the attached Concept Plan

which includes single-family attached homes and townhomes.  
 13. Public Hearings  
 a. Resolution CC-04-18-22-01: A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Adopting the Carmel Comprehensive Plan; Sponsor: Councilor Rider  
 Synopsis: This resolution updates and reformats the Comprehensive Plan.  
 b. First Reading of Ordinance D-2620-22; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Vacating Right-of-Way Located 2nd Street SE (Supply Street), East of 1st Avenue SE; Sponsor: Councilor Rider.  
 Synopsis: Vacates approximately 154.4' of right-of-way along 2nd Street SE (Supply Street) and part of the southwest quarter of Section 30, Township 18 North, Range 4 East  
 14. New Business  
 a. Resolution CC-04-18-22-02: A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Approving a Transfer of Funds Within the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (#176); Sponsor: Councilor Nelson  
 Synopsis: Transfers funds to be used for governmental services within the ARP Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (#176).  
 b. First Reading of Ordinance D-2622-22; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Authorizing the Issuance of Economic Development Tax Increment Revenue Bonds to Support the Redevelopment of a Former AT&T Site, and Authorizing and Approving Other Actions in Respect Thereto; Sponsor: Councilor Worrell.  
 Synopsis: Ordinance authorizes the issuance of developer TIF bonds by the City of Carmel, Indiana, to finance improvements to support the redevelopment of the former AT&T site located at 210 3rd Avenue SW and adjacent properties.  
 c. First Reading of

Ordinance D-2623-22; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Authorizing the Issuance of Economic Development Tax Increment Revenue Bonds to Support the ERS Old Meridian and Main Project, and Authorizing and Approving Other Actions in Respect Thereto; Sponsor: Councilor Worrell.  
 Synopsis: Ordinance authorizes the issuance of developer TIF bonds by the City of Carmel, Indiana, to finance improvements to support the development of the ERS Old Meridian and Main Project.  
 d. First Reading of Ordinance D-2624-22; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Authorizing the Issuance of Economic Development Tax Increment Revenue Bonds to Support the Concourse Project, and Authorizing and Approving Other Actions in Respect Thereto; Sponsor: Councilor Worrell.  
 Synopsis: Ordinance authorizes the issuance of developer TIF bonds by the City of Carmel, Indiana, to finance improvements to support the development of the Concourse Project.  
 e. First Reading of Ordinance D-2625-22; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Authorizing the Issuance of Economic Development Tax Increment Revenue Bonds to Support the Old Meridian Apartments Project, and Authorizing and Approving Other Actions in Respect Thereto; Sponsor: Councilor Worrell.  
 Synopsis: Ordinance authorizes the issuance of developer TIF bonds by the City of Carmel, Indiana, to finance improvements to support the development of the Old Meridian Apartments Project.  
 f. Resolution CC-04-18-22-03: A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Approving

Certain Matters in Connection with the Old Town Economic Development Area (Smokey & Monon Allocation Area); Sponsor: Councilor Worrell  
 Synopsis: Resolution approves (1) a resolution of the Carmel Redevelopment Commission making technical boundary amendments to the Smokey & Monon Allocation Area in the Old Town Economic Development Area, and (2) a related resolution of the Carmel Plan Commission.  
 g. Resolution CC-04-18-22-04: A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Approving Certain Matters in Connection with the Old Town Economic Development Area (Smokey & Monon Phase II Allocation Area); Sponsor: Councilor Worrell  
 Synopsis: Resolution approves (1) a resolution of the Carmel Redevelopment Commission creating a new Smokey & Monon Phase II Allocation Area within the Old Town Economic Development Area, including an economic development plan supplement, and (2) a related Carmel Plan Commission resolution.  
 h. Resolution CC-04-18-22-05: A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Approving Certain Matters in Connection with the City Center Redevelopment Area (Studio M Allocation Area); Sponsor: Councilor Worrell  
 Synopsis: Resolution approves (1) a resolution of the Carmel Redevelopment Commission creating a new Studio M Allocation Area within the City Center Redevelopment Area, including a redevelopment plan supplement, and (2) a related Carmel Plan Commission resolution.  
 i. Resolution CC-04-18-22-06: A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Approving Certain Matters in Connection with the City Center Redevelopment Area (Firehouse East Allocation Area); Sponsor:

Councilor Worrell  
 Synopsis: Resolution approves (1) a resolution of the Carmel Redevelopment Commission creating a new Firehouse East Allocation Area within the City Center Redevelopment Area, including a redevelopment plan supplement, and (2) a related Carmel Plan Commission resolution.  
 j. Resolution CC-04-18-22-07: A Resolution of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Approving Certain Matters in Connection with the Old Meridian Economic Development Area (Old Meridian Apartments Allocation Area); Sponsor: Councilor Worrell  
 Synopsis: Resolution approves (1) a resolution of the Carmel Redevelopment Commission creating a new Old Meridian Apartments Allocation Area within the Old Meridian Economic Development Area, including an economic development plan supplement, and (2) a related Carmel Plan Commission resolution.  
 k. First Reading of Ordinance D-2626-22; An Ordinance of the Common Council of the City of Carmel, Indiana, Amending Chapter 8, Article 3, Sections 8-1, 8-18, 8-19, 8-20, 8-21, 8-22, 8-23, 8-24, 8-26, and 8-27, and Chapter 8, Article 5, Sections 8-45, 8-47, and 8-48 of the Carmel City Code; Sponsor: Councilor Worrell.  
 Synopsis: Ordinance amending vehicular restrictions under Chapter 8, Articles 3 and 5 of the Carmel City Code.  
 15. Agenda Add-On Items  
 16. Other Business  
 a. City Council Appointments  
 1) Carmel Audit Committee (Term Expires 1/1/24, two-year term); One appointment.  
 2) Carmel Cable and Telecommunications Commission (Term expires 3/31/24, two-year term); One appointment.  
 17. Announcements  
 18. Adjournment

# Readers' Choice Results - Merchandise and Government Category

## Merchandise

- Music Store  
**Winner – Sam Ash**  
Runner Up – Reno's Music  
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- Paint Store  
**Winner – Sherwin Williams**  
Runner Up – Lowe's  
Honorable Mentions – Ace, Home Depot,

- Keeves Sheridan Hardware  
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- Pet Shop  
**Winner – PetSmart**  
Runner Up – Pet Supplies Plus  
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- Retail Store  
**Winner – Hobby Lobby**

- Runner Up – Ace Hardware  
Honorable Mentions – Wal Mart, Kirk Hardware, Kohl's, Meijer  
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- Sporting Goods Store  
**Winner – Cabela's**  
Runner Up – Dick's Sporting Goods  
Honorable Mentions –

- Duluth Trading Company, Crazy Bear Leather  
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- Thrift/Resale Shop  
**Winner – Goodwill**  
Runner Up – St. Vincent de Paul  
Honorable Mentions – Simply Chic, NobleCause

## Government

- Police Department  
**Winner – Noblesville**  
Runner Up – Sheridan  
Honorable Mentions – Hamilton County Sheriff's Department, Fishers, Indiana State Police, Carmel, Cicero,

- Westfield  
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- Politician  
**Winner – Brian Ayer**  
Runner Up – Brad Beaver  
Honorable Mentions – Chris Jensen, Megan Wiles, Robin Ward, Mike Davis



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# Indiana Members Credit Union Announces John Newett as CEO



**John Newett**

The Board of Directors of Indiana Members Credit Union (IMCU), central Indiana's largest credit union, is pleased to announce the appointment of John Newett as Chief Executive Officer, effective January 1, 2023. Newett will succeed Ron Collier who will retire at the end of December after 37 years with IMCU.

Newett, current Senior Vice President of Operations at Indiana Members Credit Union, will now serve as the President of the credit union while Collier continues his service as CEO, until his retirement on December 31, 2022.

Newett joined IMCU in 2011 as Director of Planning and Administration and was promoted to Senior Vice President of Operations in 2016. Prior to joining IMCU, he served as the President and Chief Executive Officer at Harvester Financial Credit Union from 2000 to 2011 and as a Principal Examiner for

the National Credit Union Administration from 1995 to 2000. Newett has over 26 years of experience in the financial services industry.

"It gives me great pleasure to announce the appointment of John Newett as our new CEO," said Robert E. Martin, Board Chairman. "John's dedication, leadership, strong financial background, and proven success position him well for this role. Our Board of Directors is confident that John will continue to build on the IMCU legacy of member service, growth and success."

"I am extremely honored to have the opportunity to lead the IMCU team in this new role, and appreciate the confidence that our board has placed in me and our existing team," said Newett. "I am very proud of our accomplishments thus far and would like to thank Ron for his leadership over the last four decades. I look forward

leading IMCU's efforts as we continue to strive to be the best financial institution for our members, and a top workplace and partner in the communities we serve."

Newett is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA), a Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA), and has served in leadership roles for many professional and trade organizations. John currently serves as the Board Secretary to the Central Indiana

Franciscan Health Foundation, as a member of the National Association of Federally-Insured Credit Unions (NAFCU) Legislative Committee, on the Audit and Finance Committee of the Indiana Credit Union League, as a Trustee of the Credit Union Consortium, and as a Board Member of the Hoosier Council of the Credit Union Executives Society.

John is a proud alumnus of Seccina Memorial High School, and the Indiana University Kelley School of Business at Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis. He has been active in many community organizations, and has served in numerous volunteer leadership roles during his career. John and his wife Toni live in the Indianapolis area and have four children.

Indiana Members Credit Union, headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana, was founded in 1956 on the campus of IUPUI. IMCU has since grown to 33 branches, serving central and southern Indiana, offering consumer and business members a full array of products and services. Traditionally offering better rates on loans and deposits, IMCU maintains true to its roots by "Keeping It Simple" for members. For more information, please visit IMCU online at [www.imcu.com](http://www.imcu.com).

# Holcomb Announces Commissioner Peter Lacy to Step Down from Indiana BMV; Joe Hoage Named New Commissioner



**Gov. Eric Holcomb**

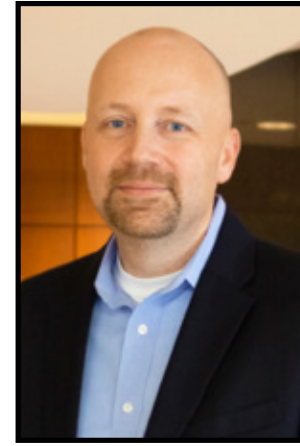
Peter Lacy has notified Gov. Eric J. Holcomb that he is stepping down from his role as the commissioner of the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) after more than six years. Gov. Holcomb today named Joe Hoage, the commissioner of the Indiana Department of Labor (DOL) and former BMV general counsel, as the new commissioner, effective May 28.

"Commissioner Lacy has delivered outstanding service to Hoosiers by investing in new technology and empowering employees to drive change," Gov. Holcomb said. "The result is an agency that provides Hoosiers with great customer service and more choices about how they interact with the agency. Peter has prioritized efficiency in operations and always focused on quality."

Lacy was appointed BMV commissioner in 2017 after serving as chief of staff for two years.

The BMV, under Lacy's leadership, has:

- Maintained an average branch visit time under 20 minutes and a customer satisfaction rating over 98% across all transaction mediums
- Redesigned the Indiana Driver's License and ID, bringing the most modern and strongest security features available to our state
- Increased BMV Connect kiosk transactions from 98,000 in 2016 to



**Joe Hoage**

more than 850,000 in 2021

- Grown Real ID adoption from 23% to 70%
- Launched Indiana Driver Employee Link (IDEL), a CDL employer notification system designed to quickly inform employers of change in the status of their CDL drivers
- Prioritized modernization of process and technology, including expansion of how the agency notifies customers of an upcoming renewal to include email and text

"The focus during my time with the agency has been on driving the state forward and thinking beyond the traditional expectations of a motor vehicle agency," Lacy said. "I am grateful to Governor Holcomb for the opportunity to serve our state and for his support of the agency's goals, which has enabled us to keep providing efficient, exceptional service to Hoosiers."

Lacy's last day as commissioner is May 27. Hoage was general counsel for the BMV from 2017 until 2020, when he was named commissioner at DOL. He has also served as the state's public access counselor, general counsel for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, an attorney with the Indiana Gaming Commission and as a deputy prosecutor in Marion County.

"The Indiana BMV is one of the most innovative



**Peter Lacy**

motor vehicle agencies in the nation, and I know that progress will continue under Joe's leadership," Gov. Holcomb said. "He brings experience from across state government and is well respected. He has led the Department of Labor team through a challenging time during the pandemic."

Under Hoage's leadership, the agency has responded to more than eight times the normal volume of workplace concerns resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The regulatory agency also launched the YES, or Youth Employment Services program, which modernized the way youth are registered for employment in the state. The new system has made it easy for thousands of employers and youth employees to register to work in Indiana.

"It's been an honor to lead a hard-working group at the Department of Labor. I am humbled to be selected to serve as commissioner of the BMV and excited for the opportunity to build on the successes the agency has achieved under Gov. Holcomb's leadership," Hoage said. Hoage earned his law degree from Valparaiso University School of Law and his bachelor's degree from Franklin College.

The new commissioner for the Department of Labor will be named at a later date.

# Indiana Main Street Communities Take Part in Community Strategy Workshops

Beginning this spring, seven Indiana Main Street communities will participate in Community Transformation Strategy Workshops, with the assistance of Main Street America consultants. The two-day workshops will help continue the advancement of each communities' downtown area. The workshops are sponsored by the Office of Community and Rural Affairs' Indiana Main Street Program and will be held from April through August 2022.

"These seven communities have established effective and successful Main Street programs. The workshops will further build on their strengths through targeted community development strategies," said OCRA Executive Director Denny Spinner. "Through the workshops, these organizations have the ability to become examples for future main streets."

The participating organizations include five Nationally Accredited Main Street organizations and two PreservINg Main

Street grant awardees. The five NAMS communities include Frankfort, Newburgh, Seymour, Shelbyville and Wabash. The two PreservINg Main Street communities are Brookville and Kendallville.

The workshops provide services to assist the Indiana Main Street organizations to define community-informed and market-driven strategies that can direct and strengthen their revitalization efforts.

"We believe these seven communities will be able to implement the recommendations and demonstrate a measurable impact to be a case study for the other Main Street communities in Indiana," said Matt Wagner, chief program officer of Main Street America. "Community engagement and enthusiasm will make for a dynamic and successful program!"

The visits will involve community input by a pre-visit self-assessment, research on market conditions, specific gaps and key opportunities that can

strengthen the downtown district. For a workshop agenda and meeting locations, contact Andrea Kern at [akern1@ocra.in.gov](mailto:akern1@ocra.in.gov) or 317-607-4821. For more information on the Indiana Main Street program, visit [in.gov/ocra/mainstreet](http://in.gov/ocra/mainstreet) or the National Main Street Center at [mainstreet.org/home](http://mainstreet.org/home).

Main Street America has been helping revitalize older and historic commercial districts for more than 40 years. Today, it is a network of more than 1,200 neighborhoods and communities, rural and urban, that 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 reinvested, 154,435 businesses started, 687,321 jobs created, and 303,836 buildings rehabilitated. Main Street America is a program of the nonprofit National Main Street Center, a subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.



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# Gov. Holcomb Announces Tax Refund on its Way to Hoosiers

Governor Eric J. Holcomb announced today that Hoosiers should expect to begin receiving their promised \$125 Automatic Taxpayer Refund in the coming weeks, resulting in a 12 percent cut in the average Hoosier's annual income tax liability.

"I'm beyond thrilled that this spring and summer we are returning money back into the hands of Hoosier taxpayers, where it belongs," Gov. Hol-

comb said. "Our conservative fiscal leadership and pro-growth policies makes this tax refund possible for all Hoosier households."

The Governor first announced in December that an estimated 4.3 million taxpayers will receive a \$125 refund after they file their 2021 taxes. An estimated \$545 million will be returned to Hoosiers. After the tax-filing deadline passes on April 18, the Department of Revenue in conjunction

with the Auditor of State's Office will begin issuing the refunds via direct deposit or by mailing a paper check.

Refunds will begin in May through direct deposit for residents who have filed their income taxes and provided their banking information on their return. Direct deposits are expected to continue through July.

Paper checks will be issued beginning in late July and continue through

August, with the goal of completing the refund statewide by Sept. 1.

Residents do not need to take any action to receive the refund. The refund is in addition to and separate from any refund Hoosiers may receive after filing their 2021 state income tax returns.

Hoosiers can visit the Department of Revenue website for information about when to expect to receive the direct deposit or paper check.

## AG Rokita Persists in Fight Against Dangerous, Unlawful Conditions at Apartment Complexes



Todd Rokita

Attorney General Todd Rokita filed a lawsuit today against JPC Affordable Housing Foundation, Inc. for their role in allowing certain Indianapolis apartment complexes in Indianapolis to fall into egregious disrepair, endangering the health, safety, and welfare of thousands of residents. The lawsuit

was filed in conjunction with lawsuits by Citizens Energy and the City of Indianapolis against the same entity.

"Despite some fairly weak laws in Indiana for state government involvement in this area, we continue our efforts to protect tenants who are being unfairly treated and who are being subject to downright dangerous conditions," said Attorney General Rokita. "A lot of this comes down to simple, honest leadership—bringing parties together to forge a solution—and our team has done a great job with that multiple times in situations like this."

In March, Attorney General Rokita announced \$7.5 million in relief for residents of Lakeside Pointe at Nora and Fox Club Apartments. Follow-

ing the sale of those properties to another entity, the new owners committed to performing significant repairs and resolving existing emergency health department cases.

This new lawsuit raises similar allegations to those raised with Lakeside Pointe and asserts that JPC has not performed their legal duties as a nonprofit and failed to address dangerous and unlawful conditions at apartment complexes on the southside and westside of Indianapolis.

Citizens Energy alleges in their lawsuit that the corporate entities at these complexes have failed to bill their water bill, amounting to a significant arrearage. Citizens is a public charitable trust dating back to 1887 that services about 800,000

people throughout the Indianapolis area.

"There are many stakeholders and residents who are impacted by these allegations. The lawsuits filed by my office, Citizens, and the City will allow for the swift and efficient resolution of these important issues," said Attorney General Rokita. "I am grateful for the hard work of Chase Haller, deputy attorney general, and the collaboration with Citizens and the City, in pursuing this solution."

Tenants who have experienced problems during the course of their lease are encouraged to file a consumer complaint at [www.indianaconsumer.com](http://www.indianaconsumer.com). Tenants and community advocates have played a crucial role in assisting with this important investigation.

## Applications Available for Court of Appeals of Indiana

Chief Justice Loretta H. Rush announced an upcoming vacancy on the Court of Appeals of Indiana. She encourages judges and lawyers in the First District of the Court of Appeals to consider applying. Applications are due by May 20 at 12:00 p.m. (Eastern).

The position on the state's second highest court is available with the summer 2022 retirement of Judge Edward W. Najam, Jr., who is stepping down from the bench after 30 years as a judicial branch leader. Judge Najam was appointed to the Court of Appeals in 1992.

Applications to fill Judge Najam's seat will be considered by the seven-member Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission. With Chief Justice Rush as chair, the Commission includes three lawyers elected by their peers and three citizen members appointed by the Governor.

A candidate for the vacancy must be an Indiana resident living in the first appellate district. Candidates must also be

a member of the Indiana Bar for at least ten years or served as an Indiana judge for five years. The application, which must be submitted through the Indiana Courts Portal and to the Judicial Nominating Commission, contains pertinent background information, writing samples, references, educational transcripts, and letters of recommendation.

In June, the Commission will conduct public interviews of qualified candidates and deliberate in executive session. The Commission will publicly vote to send the three most qualified names to Governor Eric Holcomb. The Governor will have 60 days to select Indiana's next Court of Appeals judge from the three names submitted by the Commission.

Details on the Commission, including membership, are online. Those interested in applying may contact Staff Attorney to the Indiana Judicial Nominating Commission, Luba Gore at [lyubov.gore@courts.in.gov](mailto:lyubov.gore@courts.in.gov).

## 1 in 10 Hoosiers Identify with at Least One Sign of Alcoholism

"Drinking was fun... until it wasn't" is a saying in some recovery circles, which helps identify the point in time where alcohol use transformed from an enjoyable experience into something problematic. For many drinkers, however, it can be difficult to identify exactly when their drinking habits turned into an unpleasant situation. There are a number of signs and symptoms to look for that can indicate a person's drinking habits have escalated into a problem, including: not being able to stop drinking once started, blacking out regularly, drinking even when you don't want to, being ashamed of your own drunken behavior, and doing things you don't intend on doing while drunk.

Alcohol.org conducted a survey of 4,957 drinkers to find out how many can identify with some of these warning signs and symptoms of alcoholism in themselves. It was discovered that overall, 1 in 10 drinkers in Indiana (10%) said they could identify with at least one sign of alcoholism. Nationally, this figure was thirteen percent: 15% of men felt this way as compared to 11% of women. This figure was highest in Delaware (38%) and lowest in North Carolina, where just 6% of drinkers said they could identify with at least one sign of alcoholism.

Of those Indiana drinkers who said they identify with at least one sign of alcoholism (national figures in brackets):

- 41% (40%) said they can relate to the feeling of constantly monitoring their alcohol situation, like always making sure you have a full glass or keeping an eye on the bartender in case he disappears and you can't get a refill. If there's a bottle of wine at the table to share, do you wonder if you'll be able to pour another glass without judgment?

- Another 21% (27%) of respondents here could identify with continuing to drink alcohol once they start. One drink often leads to another, and eventually, it can become a habit that continues and worsens over time, especially if

your tolerance increases and you require more alcohol to achieve the desired effect.

- 12% (9%) percent of people could identify with having feelings of regret about their drunken behavior.

- Another 10% (8%) said their drinking leads to negative consequences.

- 7% (6%) of drinkers said they do things while drunk that they don't intend to.

- 6% (2%) said they sometimes black out.

- 3% (8%) said they sometimes drink even when they don't want to.

Intoxication can leave you in an altered mental state, especially if you were feeling down or troubled prior to drinking. Some people lose control over their actions when intoxicated, which can lead to regrets and consequences.

Despite things like recommended guidelines and alcohol serving amounts, it's important to note that alcoholism has varying ranges and greatly differs depending on the individual and a host of other circumstances, like their physiological and mental state. Two drinks might be pushing it over the edge for someone who may notice symptoms of alcoholism in their drinking habits but another person might be able to have four drinks without any indication of a further pressing issue.

In addition to the above signs and symptoms that could indicate a potential problem with alcohol, Alcohol.org explains several others which could hint towards alcoholism:

- Feeling powerless in terms of controlling one's own level of alcohol use.

- Wanting to reduce drinking but being unable to do so.

- Developing a higher tolerance for alcohol, or needing to drink more over time to reach the desired effects.

- Experiencing alcohol cravings when not drinking or withdrawal symptoms like sweating, shaking and nausea.

- Continuing to use alcohol even if it leads to personal, social, physical and relationship problems.

## BBB Scam Alert: Charged for an iPhone You Didn't Buy? Don't Panic



This phishing scam looks like an honest mistake, but it's not. BBB Scam Tracker is getting reports of phony emails and texts that appear to be receipts for a new iPhone you didn't purchase. Scammers are hoping you'll panic and contact them to correct the "error."

### How the scam works:

You receive an email or text message saying you purchased a new iPhone, and your Amazon account, bank account, or credit card will be charged. But you didn't

buy a new phone! Eager to reverse the charge, you call the customer service number included in the email. The email may even specifically say: "Didn't make this purchase? Contact us at..." or "If you feel you are receiving this message in error, contact us immediately."

When you call the number, you speak to a helpful customer service representative who says they can fix the problem. However, you must act immediately before the charge posts to your account.

An Indianapolis consumer reported to BBB Scam Tracker after having received a text message on WhatsApp from an unknown number claiming to be a FedEx agent. The alleged agent said they have a package containing a laptop and iPhone, but demanded the consumer give them their name. The consumer refused and reported the incident.

Con artists also told victims their accounts had been hacked. In these cases, the "customer service rep" asked for credit card or bank information, claiming they need it to cancel the sale. No matter what scammers say, don't fall for it. Remember, con artists often stoop to scare tactics to trick you into action.

### How to avoid phishing scams:

- **Double check the sender's email address.** Phishing emails are usually designed to look like they come from a reputable source like your bank or Amazon. Look closely at the sender's email to see if it's really from an official source.

- **Check your bank for charges first.** If you receive an email claiming you made a purchase, check your bank or credit card account. If the change isn't there, it's likely a scam. Don't contact the scammers. Instead, erase the email and block the sender.

- **Never click on suspicious links.** It's best not to click on links in unsolicited emails you receive from unknown

senders. These links could download malware onto your computer or mobile device, making you vulnerable to identity theft.

Discover more ways to protect yourself from scams in general by going to "10 Steps to Avoid Scams" on BBB's website and learn how to identify fake emails. Become a skilled scam spotter by visiting [BBB.org/SpotaScam](http://BBB.org/SpotaScam) and report any suspicious activity to [BBB.org/ScamTracker](http://BBB.org/ScamTracker).

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**Diann Ryan of Carmel as Piglet (from left), Daniel Shock of Noblesville as Winnie-the-Pooh and Geoff Lynch of Noblesville as Tigger, rehearse this week for Improbable Fiction Theatre Co.'s "The House at Pooh Corner," which runs Friday through April 24 at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville.**

ter. It's amazing to watch."  
She said, "As long as I've known Daniel, he has been able to do the Pooh voice perfectly and would sometimes just throw it out during a normal conversation, making everyone laugh."

Shock couldn't help but share his story about growing up with Pooh, who was voiced in the original Disney films by character actor Sterling Holloway. "He has a soft melodic voice that is so expressive, you can almost taste the honey. All my life, I've tried to do the voice, singing along with the film, listening to the storybook record as a child and (as an) adult. I found it very, very difficult initially," Shock said. "However, as my voice has aged, it has become much more Pooh-ish, and it's become much easier to do."

Shock said, "He's a character I can't play without doing the voice." While some may want to put their own style into it, Shock would rather inhabit the Pooh he grew up loving.

Winnie-the-Pooh has been at Shock's side since he was very young. "My mamaw gave me my first stuffed Pooh bear at the age of 5 for Christmas. On the way home from their house, somehow it fell out of the car and it was lost. I cried and cried. When my grandmother heard about it, she immediately sent me a replacement. I was overjoyed. I still have that little bear," he said. "I have memories of my mother reading the books to me, baking Pooh cakes for my birthday, and my father telling me bedtime stories of my adventures with Pooh ... I don't know what it was about the gentle mustard-colored bear who is always hungry. But I connected with him."

If readers are wondering about Pooh and other show characters' costumes, they're all altered character pajamas by

talented costumer Tamara Rulon of Noblesville, Shock said. "They are not full face. Our human faces are framed with a character hood."

In the costumes, actors' faces are completely visible so that their expressions can be easily seen and their voices clearly heard. Miriam Posluszny of Noblesville is also helping with costumes.

While the costumes were a "chunk of the budget," the director said Rulon's wizardry managed to keep down the costs. When IFTC was founded in 2017, the thespians received an Indiana Arts Commission Regional Initiative Project grant, and again the year after that. The theater used the grant money to fund its first few productions and, from there, were able to fund the next year's projects based on ticket sales from previous shows. IFTC works in conjunction with fiscal agent and partner Nickel Plate Arts nonprofit, which has supported IFTC's endeavors from the beginning, Lesh said. Show rehearsals were in the Visitors Center conference room.

Shock said the actors in their costumes will instantly call to mind the characters we grew up with and loved. One drawback is that the costumes are quite warm, and the cast is "likely to be drenched in sweat after every performance, but it will be worth it," he said.

"You might look at me now, a chubby, sweet loving guy and think - of course he likes Winnie the Pooh. But I was not always chubby. I was a skinny but soft kid. As a 6-foot-2-inch senior in high school, I was only 180 pounds. But, even when I was skinny, I identified most with Winnie the Pooh," Shock said. "Pooh is a gentle friend. He isn't looking to make anyone conform to his way of life - the pursuit of honey. However, he is willing to share with any



Photo by Kelly BeDell, courtesy of Improbable Fiction Theatre Co.

**Noblesville's Daniel Shock has mastered the walk, the mannerisms and "the voice" of Winnie-the-Pooh, the character he portrays in Improbable Fiction Theatre Co.'s production of "The House at Pooh Corner," opening Friday at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville.**

who want to join in."

Both Lesh and Shock have loved Winnie-the-Pooh since they were kids. Lesh's older child's nursery theme was Pooh Bear.

Lesh has been involved in local community theater since 2005 as a director, actor, producer, stage manager and crew member, with "The Foreigner," "Harvey" and "The Cemetery Club" being her favorite shows. She has a husband, Mark, and two children.

Shock, born to a United Methodist preacher and a registered nurse, both who were in school plays, got his first taste of acting in elementary school, then eventually high school and college. He has performed in more than 50 theatrical productions in Indiana, North Carolina and Oklahoma. "There was a time when I thought I wanted to do it professionally, but I've come to find community theater is a perfectly balanced place to find friendship and to have artistic experiences that would just not be possible as a pro." Besides son, Paxton, who wants to be an actor in Hollywood, Shock has a wife, Audra, and two daughters, Madelyn and Gloria, all who also love theater.

"The House at Pooh Corner" came to be after Lesh and Shock were talking once about their love of the character and how much they would enjoy doing a play about Pooh. Lesh said, "It all bloomed from there." Lesh started reading

any Winnie-the-Pooh plays that she could find. "But as soon as I read this one, 'The House at Pooh Corner,' I was hooked," she said. "The story was both hysterically funny and beautiful. Christopher Robin's growth is touching to see, as he faces the challenge of education with the loving support of all of his animal friends."

Christopher Robin turns to his friends Pooh, Piglet, Eeyore, Tigger, and the rest when he finds out that he's going to be sent away to school. They can't bear to be separated, so they come up with a bold plan to run away to the South Pole.

"It's a show that kids will really like, but adults will absolutely love," Lesh said. "Anyone who has ever loved the Winnie-the-Pooh stories will laugh at the antics of the animals and appreciate the love Christopher Robin has for his animal friends ... After five weeks of rehearsals, I still crack up every night. It's just such a fun play."

The cast is primarily adults.

"If you know Ryan Shelton (of Noblesville), you know that he is somewhat typecast as (the gloomy, sardonic and cynical) Eeyore," Lesh said.

Barb Weaver of Noblesville was originally cast as Kanga in 2020 -- when the show began rehearsals pre-Covid -- but in 2022 she took on the challenge of a new role, as Rabbit, a "prickly character" who delivers some of the funniest lines.

**MEET THE CAST**

Here's the cast of "The House on Pooh Corner:"  
**Christopher Robin**, Gabrielle Morrison, Noblesville; **Winnie-the-Pooh**, Daniel Shock, Noblesville; **Piglet**, Diann Ryan, Carmel; **Owl**, Scott Prill, Carmel; **Eeyore**, Ryan Shelton, Noblesville; **Tigger**, Geoff Lynch, Noblesville; **Kanga**, Jennifer Poynter, Carmel; **Roo**, Sean Wood, Noblesville; **Rabbit**, Barb Weaver, Noblesville; **Early**, Evelyn BeDell, Fishers; **Late**, Paxton Shock, Noblesville; and **voice of parent/assistant director**, Jeff Bick, Noblesville.

**MEET THE CREW**

Here's the production crew of "The House on Pooh Corner:"  
**Director/producer**, Dana Lesh, Indianapolis; **Producer**, Kelly BeDell, Fishers; **stage manager**, Becca Bartley, Noblesville; **set design/decorations and build**, Kendall Roberts and Dana Roberts, Indianapolis; Patrick Wolfe, Claudia Macrae, Michael Bick and Kiersten Clifford, all of Noblesville; **Props**, Sherri Byer, Noblesville; **lighting design/operator**, David Melton, Indianapolis; **spotlight operator**, Natalie Long, Indianapolis; **sound operator**, Paul BeDell, Fishers; and **costumes**, Tamara Rulon and Miriam Posluszny, both of Noblesville.

**Want TO GO?**

**What:** Improbable Fiction Theatre Co. presents A.A. Milne's "The House at Pooh Corner," adapted by Bettye Knapp and directed by Dana Lesh.  
**When:** April 15-24, with shows at 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2 p.m. Saturdays; and 2 p.m. Sunday, April 24, no show on Easter.  
**Where:** The Ivy Tech Auditorium at Ivy Tech Hamilton County Campus, 300 N. 17th St., Noblesville.  
**How much:** \$15.  
**Good to know:** The play is a gentle children's comedy with a run time of just under 90 minutes, plus a 15-minute intermission.  
**Info:** <https://www.iftheatrecompany.org/>

Jennifer Poynter of Carmel became the new Kanga, who walks the line between being overprotective and strict but also loving.

Scott Prill of Carmel was cast as the Owl (who throws his teapot at Tigger and breaks on Tigger's head) due to taking one of his previous IFTC characters "a little too pompous and somewhat British."

Diann Ryan of Carmel does a wonderful Piglet voice. And Jeff Bick of Noblesville is the voice of a parent.

Christopher Robin, the owner and best friend of Winnie-the-Pooh, is played by a female, Gabby Morrison of Noblesville, who fully embodies the character, showcasing both young spirit and maturation, the director said.

While the cast is mostly adults, there are three students: Evelyn BeDell of Fishers and Paxton Shock of Noblesville, as Rabbits, Early and Late, who play off each other well. And Sean Wood, a Noblesville High School sophomore, portrays Roo, a character that the director expected to cast with an adult. "She has added so much to the role," Lesh said.

Paxton is Daniel Shock's 11-year-old son, a Noblesville West Middle School student. "I try to

treat Paxton just like I would any other castmate on stage," the dad said.

Geoff Lynch of Noblesville plays the energetic and accident-prone Tigger, known for being a bit of a braggart while bouncing on his tail.

"But in the play, Tigger has some real things that he's trying to work through ... and the other animals are trying to figure out how they can help and interact with this animal that does not act like him."

And as far as bouncing on his tail, Lynch said, "I'm still trying to earn my stripes in that department." Tigger, Lynch's favorite Pooh character, is the largest role that Lynch has portrayed had in a while (since the arrogant Bamatabois in Grace Church's "Les Miserables."), as he's been focusing more on audio engineering.

"I'm thankful to be getting back on stage with this particular group of people. That's what has made it fun," Lynch said. "I wasn't necessarily looking to be a part of a theatrical production this spring, but when the opportunity presented itself with this cast, I bounced in with all paws."

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**MEDICAL** From Page A1

ries. RCS has a Patent Pending system for tracking and x-raying garments for the state mandated compliance testing. RCS serves hundreds of hospitals in over 20 states and employs 14 people that work on site.

Certus Medical is a medical sales organization representing 10 unique companies that distribute throughout Indiana. Certus Medical started with six employees in 2016, growing to over 20 full time employees in 2021, all earning an average wage over \$100,000 per year.

"Life science and medical technology has been a focused industry in our city and we are excited to welcome Innovation One to that family," said Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen. "Certus Medical and

Radiological Care Services will create 81 full time employee positions with high starting wages. This is a big win and we are excited to welcome them to Innovation Mile and expand our life sciences footprint."

Innovation One will build 90,000 square feet of new medical equipment manufacturing and flex space in Innovation Mile.

"As we considered development sites across the state of Indiana it was important for us to find both an appropriate location and a city that understands the needs of technology companies poised for growth," said President and CEO of Radiological Care Services Zachary Gerdtis. "When we explored Noblesville, we knew we had found just that. Working with the

Economic Development team and Mayor Jensen has allowed us to select a building site and project that will be ideal for two rapidly growing medically based technology companies. These companies will have great visibility, access to I-69, and be within the demographic of a vibrant, growing community perfect for supporting the rising employment needs of the city."

Innovation Mile is a master-planned business district along the 141st Street corridor from Olio Road to Prairie Baptist Road. Innovation Mile will include over 200 acres of high-end, campus-like commercial space where companies can collaborate with other like-minded businesses to catapult Noblesville's economy into the future.

The vision for the district is to become a work, play, engage and learn community designed to drive growth from commercial, flex, office, light industrial uses within the city's targeted industries.

"We realize that advanced technology companies are looking to relocate here - companies that focus on growth and invention. We want to make sure we are fostering that innovative spirit and Innovation One fits perfectly into that vision," Jensen added.

The total capital investment is \$12.6 million. The City will contribute the 8.5-acre City-owned property in Innovation Mile, located just east of Borg Warner. The incentives were approved at the April 12th Common Council meeting.

**GRANT** From Page A1



Jeremiah Johnston

the engine and its propulsion, how the parachute operates, and the concept of flight," stated BGCN Program Director, Jeremiah Johnston.  
"Campers loved all the STEM aspects of the week. It's safe to say, they can't wait to learn

more about space and science and to watch rockets fly again."

Grant funds were used to purchase equipment, supplies and orchestrate the curriculum.

"We're grateful for the opportunity to partner with Duke Energy to continue to bridge the gaps in STEM in the out-of-school and afterschool environment. BGCN is dedicated to making an even greater impact on youth while producing a generation of engaged, STEM-ready graduates."

For more information about the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville's program offerings, visit [BGCNI.org](http://BGCNI.org) or check out the Club's social media pages on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn

**MUSIC**

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standing efforts by teachers, administrators, parents, students and community leaders in embracing music education as a part of the core school curriculum.

Noblesville Schools is one of an exclusive group of districts to have received the honor for seven consecutive years.

Districts were selected based on music funding, staffing of highly qualified music teachers, commitment to standards, and access to music instruction.

**WRAPPING**

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nity to vote for your favorites. We often joke that this is like Chicago politics and encourage you to vote early and vote often.

You see, this has never been about the rigidity of the process. Instead,

it is designed to be an absolutely fun and very positive way for our readers to cast a good light on their favorites. And oh, how you have responded! We annually see ballots that number in the hundreds of thousands - so

many in fact that we had to find a way to automatic the counting process.

This year, rather than unveil all the winners at one time like we have in the past, we are revealing several categories a day. Today's categories can be

found inside and a quick list is also provided here. When the final winners, runner-ups and honorable mentions are revealed, we will compile all of them into one keepsake edition that will stay posted on our website for the entire

year.

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