

**➔ TODAY'S VERSE**

Isaiah 30:21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.



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What makes Ian Hauer smile? "My wife makes me smile," he said. "It's not just that I enjoy being with her -- which I do -- it's that she causes smiles to creep up unaware ... Being with her means I'm always in danger of smiling when I least expect it." The Noblesville resident was born in Minnesota and spent most of his youth in Newburgh, Ind., before ending up in Central Indiana a decade ago to take a job at the Statehouse and finish school at IUPUI and is former deputy chief of staff for the Indiana Treasurer of the State. "I moved to Noblesville in 2019 and absolutely love it here." Passions? "All of the worthwhile jobs, hobbies and pursuits in my life have had one common thread, storytelling." In college, he studied history because of his fascination with the past and could understand things better if he knew where they came from. In his free time, he and his wife, Emily (Smith) Hauer, are involved in community theater and actually met while doing a show. He is a playwright, actor and director. He's acted in nearly 40 full-length plays for eight different theater groups. He co-founded Hyperion Players theater group and is the playwright of "Call Me Sister," which Hyperion Players is presenting today through Sunday at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville, with tickets available online and at the door.

**And Another Thing...**

**1. Mental Health First Aid**

The Noblesville Chamber, in partnership with Invest Hamilton County, OneZone and Westfield Chambers hosts quarterly Mental Health First Aid trainings focused on employers throughout Hamilton County. Typically, this training costs at least \$250-\$400 per person, but thanks to support from the Hamilton County Council and Commissioners via the ARPA Committee, this training only costs \$5 per person.

**2. LANE RESTRICTIONS - 116th Street between Eller Road and River Road (Bridge No. 160)**

Please be advised, beginning on or after Monday, June 12, 116th Street between Eller Road and River Road will be under lane restrictions for bridge joint replacement. The estimated project completion date is Friday, June 16. Lane restrictions will be in place daily from the hours of 9am thru 3pm. Flaggers will be in place throughout this process, so we ask that you use extreme caution while driving through this area.

**3. Coffee and Connect**

Join the Noblesville Chamber's WIN Network in our 2023 Coffee & Connect Series! Network with us on the 2nd Wednesday each month from 8 am to 9:30 am. Stop in for a few minutes or stay for the entire event. There is no cost to attend for members.

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## Heights Minicamp Connects, Challenges



Photo courtesy of Hamilton Heights Schools

Hamilton Heights School Resource Officers (SRO) in cooperation with Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Program (HHYAP) hosted its second annual minicamp for students in grades 5 through 7 the first part of the week. The camp provided the opportunity for students to connect with and learn more and interact with Heights SRO's and Mary Ann Haymaker, HHYAP advocate. The three-day interactive camp included a mix of learning, fun, and fitness activities along with live demonstrations from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Department's bike team and K9 Unit and the Jackson Township Fire Department. The camp drew to a close with a pizza party, certificates of completion, new friendships, and good memories.



Photo courtesy of Rob Slaven of Indy Ghost Light Theatrical Photography  
**Rob Lawson (as Beverly Weston) and Bella King (as Johnna Mon-evata) rehearse for Main Street Productions' "August: Osage County," opening tonight at Basile Westfield Playhouse.**

## 'August: Osage County' Was On Director's Bucket List



**BETSY REASON**  
From The Editor's Desk...

For Brent Wooldridge, directing "August: Osage County" is a dream come true for a play director. He calls it his "bucket list show." A vanished father.

A pill-popping mother. Three sisters harboring shady little secrets. When the large Weston family unexpectedly reunites after Dad disappears, their

Oklahoman family homestead explodes in a maelstrom of repressed truths and unsettling secrets. Playwright Tracy Letts uses these words to describe the "tragicomedy," which won five Tony Awards and was the recipient of the 2008 Pulitzer Prize for Drama.

Wooldridge saw the 2013 movie -- starring Meryl Streep, Julia Roberts and Chris Cooper -- many years ago and fell in love with it. He knew that he would love the opportunity to direct the play someday.

And now the time is here.

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Photo courtesy of AIC

## Hamilton County Student Wins AIC Essay Contest

The Association of Indiana Counties (AIC) and Financial Solutions Group, Inc. have named a local fourth grader as the National County Government Week essay contest winner for the AIC's East Central District.

Lincoln Blythe's essay was chosen over entries from other fourth graders across the district. Blythe, a student at Cherry Tree Elementary, received \$100 for winning the contest. One winner was chosen in each of the AIC's six districts.

This year's theme was "Celebrate your County's History." Essays were judged on how well students focused on a person, event or thing that is related to their county's history.

Blythe was awarded the prize this month during the AIC East Central District Meeting in Henry County. The meeting also included a synopsis of the 2023 Indiana Legislative Session by AIC legislative staff.

## The Daily Almanac

**Sunrise/Sunset**  
RISE: 6:17 a.m.  
SET: 9:16 p.m.

**High/Low Temperatures**  
High: 76 °F  
Low: 52 °F

**Today is...**

- Best Friends Day
- Thomas Paine Day
- Jelly-Filled Doughnut Day

**What Happened On This Day**

- 1987 New Zealand becomes a nuclear-free zone.
- 1972 Nick Út takes his famous "napalm girl" photo.
- 1949 George Orwell publishes Nineteen Eighty-Four.

**Births On This Day**

- 1867 Frank Lloyd Wright  
American architect
- 1916 Francis Crick  
English biologist, biophysicist, neuroscientist, Nobel Prize laureate

**Deaths On This Day**

- 632 Muhammad  
Islamic prophet
- 1809 Thomas Paine  
English/American theorist, author

## Sheridan's Veteran's Banner Project Is A Big Success

Sheridan Historical Society members have been busy collecting pictures and information about local veterans to create banners for placement on Main Street lamp poles. This project began as an idea from Vance Wallace back in January. Based on what is currently in place in the Cicero and Tipton downtown areas, Vance did not want to see Sheridan left out. Announced to the public back in late March, the first couple of weeks saw no applications submitted and the Society was beginning to think the idea was not going to be widely accepted within the Sheridan community. Wrong!! By the third week or so, submissions began rolling in by the dozens. To date, we have over 130 submissions, with over 90 banners already made up and

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**➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Smoking does not relieve stress -- it actually reinforces it. 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 thetimes24-7.com



**➔ TODAY'S QUOTE**

"Those among us so ready to bear malice against those with whom they differ, and either so ignorant or so ungrateful that they disdain those whose sacrifices gave them the freedom to express their views, should pause and consider the life and character of Joe Kernan."  
-Mitch Daniels

**➔ TODAY'S JOKE**

Stop looking for the perfect match; use a lighter.

**➔ HONEST HOOSIER**

It's a good day for Hoosier Baby Boomers to remember Hal Fryar, aka Harlow Hick-enlooper. Hal would have turned 96 today, may he rest in peace.



**➔ OBITUARIES**

Gordon Lee Pickett  
Rosemary Ann Allen



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## OBITUARIES

### Gordon Lee Pickett

July 12, 1950, Saturday, June 3, 2023

Gordon Lee Pickett, Age 72, passed away at his home in Sheridan, Indiana, on June 3, 2023. Born July 12, 1950, in Lebanon, Indiana, he was the son of the late Bryce and Betty Jo (Johnson) Pickett.



After graduating from Sheridan High School with the Class of 1968, Gordon attended Ball State University, graduating with his BS in Natural Resources, Geography in May of 1972. Gordon actively participated in the national service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega at Ball State. He also met the love of his life, Jacqueline (Whiteman) Pickett, while in college. The two were married on June 2, 1973.



Gordon honorably served in the armed forces, beginning his career with the National Guard as a Wheeled Trac Operator. He later transferred to active duty status with the United States Army as a part of the 34th Engineering Battalion out of Fort Riley, Kansas. He was a Soils Analyst and was honorably discharged on June 7, 1977.

Gordon and Jackie then moved back to his hometown of Sheridan where they raised their three daughters. Gordon worked for 39 years as a soils lab testing manager at ATC Associates and retired August of 2016. He also worked part-time in the plumbing department at Menards in Westfield for over 20 years. Gordon was a member of the Sheridan First United Methodist Church where he and his wife were active in the choir together. Gordon was a kind and honorable man. He thoroughly enjoyed spending his free time outdoors with nature, evident in his collegiate studies, love of camping, and participation with the Boy Scouts of America. By far, Gordon's heart and pride were his daughters and grandchildren. He happily traveled to their activities to support and celebrate all their accomplishments. He knew the most precious moments in life were those shared with family and took every opportunity he could to ensure his family felt loved.

Gordon is survived by his 2 daughters, Kristin McClain (Bruce) of Fishers, Indiana and Erica Knuckles (Daniel) of Toledo, Ohio; his 7 grandchildren, Raegan McMullan, Rylan McMullan, Abigail "Abby" McMullan, Ainslie McClain, Lillian Knuckles, Remington Knuckles, and Elizabeth "Betty" Knuckles; his siblings, Richard Pickett (Connie) of Charlotte, North Carolina, Paula Arbuckle of West Lafayette, Indiana, Alice "Jeanine" Sample (Charles) of Sheridan, Indiana, and Brad Pickett (Rodrigo) of Frankfort, Indiana; brothers-in-law, Ron Dennison of Noblesville, David Simons (Jackie) of Delavan, Wisconsin, and Phil Simons (Karen) of Dayton, Ohio; and sisters-in-law, Patty Simons, Michelle Spahr, Virginia "Ginny" Fenning, and Lynn Simons.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Bryce and Betty Jo (Johnson) Pickett; sister, Cheryl Dennison; brothers-in-law, Thomas A Reason, Larry Simons, and Gene Simons; mother-in-law, Paulette Alice (Germain) Whiteman; son, Joseph Allan Pickett; daughter, Lara Pickett; and by his wife, Jacqueline (Whiteman) Pickett, on June 7, 2019.

Funeral services will be held on Monday afternoon, June 12, 2023 at the First United Methodist Church, 207 E. 2nd Street, Sheridan, Indiana. Burial will follow at Crown View Cemetery in Sheridan. Pastor John Meunier will be officiating.

Visitation will take place from 4:00-8:00 pm on Sunday, June 11th, 2023 at the First United Methodist Church.

### Rosemary Ann Allen

September 23, 1946, Sunday, May 21, 2023

Rosemary Ann Allen, age 76, of Kirklintown, Indiana, passed away on Sunday morning, May 21, 2023, at Witham Hospital in Lebanon, Indiana. Born September 23, 1946, in Frankfort, Indiana, she was the daughter of the late Charles Henry and Dorothea Pauline (Ham) Wilcort.

A 1965 graduate of Clinton Central High School, Rosemary worked on the wiring harness assembly line for Kauffman Manufacturing in Lebanon, Indiana, until her retirement.

She was also an active member of the Kirklintown American Legion Post 310 Auxiliary. Rosemary enjoyed working puzzles, and never met an animal she didn't want to bring home. She also liked to travel, especially down to Alabama to visit her daughter... or at least that was her story. Rosemary was a huge football fan, and the University of Alabama Crimson Tide was her favorite college team. Roll Tide! She never missed an opportunity to visit Alabama, under any pretext. She was also an Indianapolis Colts fan and tried to divide her loyalties equally—but if Alabama was playing, the Colts were on their own. Her faith was her compass in life, and she always made sure that her family was the top priority.

Rosemary is survived by her daughter, Tonya Sue Earl (William "Curt") of Frankfort; 2 grandchildren, Mitchell Andrew Stillwell (Lindsay) of Frankfort, and Morgan Leigh Stillwell of Anderson; sister, Edith Clemons of Kokomo; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles Henry and Dorothea Pauline (Ham) Wilcort; brother, Charles H. Wilcort, Jr.; and sister, Carole Yeadon. A celebration of Rosemary's life will take place at 4:00 PM on Saturday, June 10, 2023, at Kercheval Funeral Home, 306 E. 10th Street, Sheridan, Indiana, with visitation from 2:00 PM until the time of service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be presented to St Jude Children's Research Hospital, or to the charity of your choice. Roll Tide!

## USPS Is Hiring In Noblesville And Surrounding Areas

More than 40 positions available.

The Noblesville Post Office, 1900 Pleasant St., will host a job fair on Tuesday, June 13, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Openings are available for rural carrier associates at \$19.94/hr., assistant rural carriers at \$19.94/hr., and city carrier assistants at \$19.33/hr.

USPS personnel will be on site to provide detailed information about the positions and answer questions. Assistance will also be provided to applicants in creating a profile and applying for positions on the day of the event. Applications are accepted online only at <https://about.usps.com/careers>. Applicants must be available to work weekends and holidays and have an acceptable driving record. See online job postings for full details.

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## Party On! June Party At The Patio

Join us for an evening of excitement and camaraderie at the Cinco De Junio Themed Party on the Patio presented by WKRP Indy Real Estate and hosted by The Downtown Westfield Association (DWA) and the Westfield Chamber. The event will take place on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, at Greek's Pizzeria on Park Street in Downtown Westfield.

Step into a festival of colors as we celebrate our spin on Cinco De Mayo in style. Prepare to indulge in an array of free adult beverages and delectable Mexican themed pizza options from Greek's Pizzeria that will tantalize your taste buds. As you savor these delicious treats, let the tunes of live music by Pavel Polanco fill the air, creating a vibrant atmosphere that's sure to uplift your spirits.

Please note that this event is exclusively for those aged 21 and over. Remember to bring your valid driver's license to ensure a smooth entry. Registration in advance is essential to secure your spot, so don't delay—reserve your place now!

The roots of the Party on the Patio trace back to 2013 when DWA introduced this delightful gathering as a way to bring together Westfield residents and businesses. This annual tradition has blossomed into a catalyst for fostering relationships, building opportunities, and cultivating a sense of community in downtown Westfield. By uniting people in a relaxed and engaging environment, we hope this becomes another way to attract businesses to set up shop in our growing downtown.

Last year, we were delighted to welcome nearly 200 attendees to each event. Help us surpass that record by inviting your colleagues, neighbors, and anyone who would relish a few hours of networking and mingling with the movers and shakers of Westfield.

Mark your calendars and prepare for an evening of enjoyment, connection, and celebration. Register now for the Cinco De Junio Themed Party on the Patio on June 20, 2023. Let's cut loose and have a little fun, Westfield!

## The Waterpark In Carmel To Host Annual Sensory-Friendly Swim Events This Summer

Tickets for adaptive sensory-friendly events at The Waterpark are on sale now.

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) will host its annual Adaptive Sensory-Friendly Swim events (formerly known as Open Swims) at The Waterpark in Carmel, 1195 Central Park Dr. W, this summer.

Adaptive Sensory-Friendly Swims will be held throughout the summer on June 13, June 27, July 11, July 25, and August 1 from 7:30-9:30 p.m. These events are designed for individuals with disabilities and their families.

"The constant noise and activity at The Waterpark can be overwhelming," said Kelvin Solares, CCPR Inclusion Program Supervisor. "We want ev-

eryone of all abilities to be able to enjoy themselves, which is why we host accessible, inclusive events that remove barriers like loud noises and crowds. These evenings will allow those with sensory differences to have fun rather than worry about becoming overstimulated."

During Adaptive Sensory-Friendly Swim events, the concession stand is closed, music is turned off, and capacity is limited. Outside food and drink are welcome. The main activity pool, slides and lazy river will be open for families to swim, play and interact with others.

Each event costs \$18 per family to attend. You only need to register one member per family. Pre-registration is required. Sign up today!

## Westfield State Of The City Address

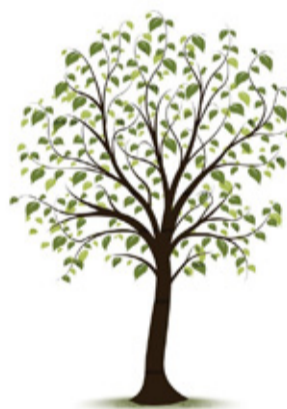
The Westfield Chamber invites business leaders, residents, and guests to attend the 2023 State of the City Address on Thursday, June 15 at The IMMI Conference Center with Westfield Mayor Andy Cook. A panel of City Representatives will also join the Mayor.

The event will kick off at 11:00 am with the opportunity to network with other attendees and businesses. You will also have the opportunity to

meet with some of the City's Departments and some of the City's key partners. Guests will then enjoy a delicious lunch served by Jacquie's Catering. Remarks will begin at 11:45 am.

Please join us for what is to be a memorable event and Mayor Cook's last State of the City address. Discounted Partner Tickets and Non-Partner Tickets Available. Corporate Reserved Tables (Seating for 8) are also available.

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# Friends, Community Members, Poets, Lend Me Your Eyes

The Poetry Society of Indiana (PSI) will be accepting entries for its annual poetry contest July 1 - September 1, 2023.

The contest features 32 categories, with prize money going to the top three placings in most of them — over \$2,400 in total.

The entry fee is \$10 for PSI members and \$15 for non-members. The fee entitles a poet to enter any and all of the individual categories, but with the limitation of only one poem per category.

The contest submission begins July 1, 2023 and the deadline is September 1, 2023. Winners will be announced during PSI's annual Fall Rendezvous event over the weekend of October 27-29, 2023.

Information about the contest, including the downloadable brochure with complete rules and descriptions of all the categories is available on the PSI website at [poetrysocietyofindiana.org](http://poetrysocietyofindiana.org).

In addition to the discounted entry fee for the annual contest, benefits of membership in PSI include:

- Discounted fees for public PSI events and contests
- Automatic membership in the National Federation of State Poetry Societies (NFSPS)
- Eligibility for member-only PSI and NFSPS competitions and events
- Promotion of your books of poems
- Share short videos via the PSI YouTube channel
- Email notification of upcoming events and

contests  
Membership in PSI is \$18 per year. Information about becoming a member, including the downloadable registration form, is available at [poetrysocietyofindiana.org](http://poetrysocietyofindiana.org)

CONTEST RULES AND INFORMATION may also be viewed/downloaded via the PSI website at [poetrysocietyofindiana.org/psi-annual-poetry-contest](http://poetrysocietyofindiana.org/psi-annual-poetry-contest)

Submissions must conform to all rules and requirements.

\$10 for PSI Members  
\$15 for non-Members  
\$2 additional fee for Wild Card Category

Only one poem may be entered in each category. Poems may not be entered in any other concurrent contests with deadlines prior to Oct. 31, 2023, nor in any other category of this contest.

First, Second, and Third Place are awarded in all categories. Up to three honorable mentions may also be awarded in each category at the judge's discretion.

Winners are announced and celebrated at the PSI Fall Rendezvous, October 27-29, 2023, Pokagon State Park, Angola, IN, and will be posted on the PSI website.

JOIN PSI. Anyone may become a member of PSI. Members automatically become members of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies (NFSPS). More information about Poetry Society of Indiana, including the membership form, is available at: [poetrysocietyofindiana.org](http://poetrysocietyofindiana.org).

Questions, comments, or suggestions regarding the PSI Annual Poetry Contest should be directed to the PSI  
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(765) 280-3385

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION  
Category judges cannot discuss judging their categories with entrants to those categories.  
No submitted materials will be returned, so entrants should retain copies.

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# Principals Who Experienced School Shootings Call On Congress To Improve School Safety, Wellness And Learning

The Principal Recovery Network (PRN), a national network of current and former school leaders who have experienced gun violence tragedies in their schools and led in the aftermath, recently met with Members of Congress to ask for policies to improve mental health, safety and learning in schools. Attendees include the former principal of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School and the current principal of Sandy Hook Elementary. The PRN is supported by the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP).

"Long after the initial flood of resources and media attention has run dry, our community is still grappling with immense grief," said Ty Thompson, former principal of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL and founding member of the NASSP Principal Recovery Network. "After guiding our schools and others through shooting tragedies, we have an

intimate understanding of the needs of students and staff experiencing trauma. The policies we're advocating for will provide sustained support to heal our communities and help prevent another Parkland from ever happening again."

The PRN's advocacy takes place during a critical moment. There have been 24 school shootings this year that resulted in 35 injuries or deaths, according to an Education Week analysis. Moreover, NASSP's Survey of America's School Leaders and High School Students revealed that the majority of school leaders (58%) and students (53%) are concerned about gun violence. The PRN's legislative agenda, which would provide students and educators with mental wellness, school safety and learning supports, is a critical component of preventing and healing from violence.

"Students and school leaders are immensely grateful for the PRN's advocacy and sacrifice," said Ronn Nozoe, CEO

of NASSP. "Each member has lived every principals' greatest fear. Despite this, they continue to show tremendous courage and selflessness by guiding their peers through these tragedies and advocating for systemic change. We are honored to support their work and ask that our federal leaders join them in collective action to end school shootings once and for all."

Founded in April 2019, the PRN seeks to assist the next principal who endures a shooting by reaching out directly to their colleagues to provide much-needed support, share the combined wisdom of their experience with the larger principal community through various outlets, assist schools during recovery and advocate for national school safety enhancements and violence prevention programs. Last year, the PRN published its Guide to Recovery, a collection of best practices to assist school leaders in the aftermath of shooting tragedies

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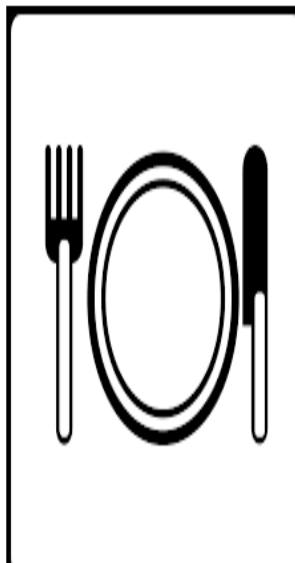
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**TIM TIMMONS**  
Two Cents

I was standing in the check-out line at the grocery store. There was an older man and little boy in front of me, and the little boy was chatting a mile a minute. The older man was smiling, nodding his head and not talking much.

It made me think back to riding in the front seat of my Grandpa's old pickup on the way to the grain elevator in Jefferson, Ind. He had a cigarette in his right hand that rested on top the huge steering wheel. His left arm was cocked at the elbow and on the door frame with the window rolled down. His hand was curled around the open triangular vent that he always had open, at least a little, no matter what the weather was. With his shirt blowing in the breeze, I could see how dark and red his skin was below the sleeve, and how starkly white it was above.

Being the inquisitive kid I was, I talked all the way there and all the way back (and knew not to talk when Grandpa and the other farmers talked crops, weather and how the St. Louis Cardinals were doing – what was the expression we all lived by

back then, children were to be seen, not heard). I never really thought about it, but now I'm wondering if he didn't let me ride in the truck bed once in a while just to have some peace and quiet in the cab?

The memory made me smile. How long ago was that, 60 years? At least.

Then I looked down in my cart at;

- A case of bottled water
- Frozen dinners
- Pre-packaged salads
- Frozen breakfasts
- Chicken salad
- And canned goods from Del Monte

That made me think about paying a ridiculous price for a bottle of water, a cup of coffee or iced tea. It brought to mind the hours and hours we spend on social media and electronic games.

I looked at my cart again. Pre-packaged frozen meals and salads? Even buying green beans and corn? Chicken salad? Heck, I remember Grandma telling my Mom that chicken and ham salads were ways to make sure nothing went to waste. Pick the meat off the bones, put it in the grinder and add some chopped up veggies and eggs and such and voila! My grandparents grew and made most everything they consumed. They stored dozens and dozens

of Mason jars with canned corn and beans and such in the root cellar. Paying a dollar for a plastic bottle of water – or more? Paying several bucks for a cup of coffee? Heck, on the rare occasions they did go out to eat, their entire meal probably didn't total \$5.

What would they think if they could see our society now?

After getting out of the Army, Grandpa worked two jobs for a while – and later three. I was told that he slept where and when he could. By the time I came along in the 1950s, he was back down to two jobs, farming and working as a mechanic. I remember one Christmas when I was home from college. I got a hand-held electronic football game. You remember those? The screen was only a couple of inches in size and small electronic dots and dashes represented the players.

My Dad and I took turns while my grandpa looked on.

Later that day, as he was pulling on a heavy coat to head out to tend to something in the barn I was still playing. I remember he shook his head and said something about wasting time.

Obviously, he didn't get it, I thought. This game was the future (if only I knew just how much) and Grandpa was old and

stuck in his ways.

Today, we spend far more time on electronic devices. There are actually recognized disorders for the panic people feel when they lose or can't use their phones. From games to TikTok to Facebook, Instagram and a gazillion other social platforms – we spend a huge amount of time . . . and have what exactly to show for it? What do we accomplish during that time? Hey, cute kitten videos have value, but they're not putting food on the table or a roof over our heads.

My Grandpa has been long gone . . . but he spent his extra time driving a truck, repairing the tractor, working as a mechanic at Dorner's Garage. Idle time for him did not mean "liking" the most recent post from one of the Kardashians.

What would my Grandpa – or yours – think if they could see us today? I'll bet we have an idea.

*-Two cents, which is about how much Timmons said his columns are worth, appears periodically in The Times. Timmons is the chief executive officer of Sagamore News Media, the company that owns The Noblesville Times. He is also a proud Noblesville High School graduate and can be contacted at ttimmons@thetimes24-7.com.*

# Potential Eco-Friendly AC Units

**EARTHTALK**

**Dear EarthTalk: With summer bearing down on us, are there any environmentally friendly air conditioners out there?**

Air conditioners are essential for keeping us cool and comfortable during hot summer months, but their environmental impact cannot be ignored. Traditional air conditioning units consume significant amounts of energy and rely heavily on refrigerants that contribute to global warming. However, the good news is that there are several environmentally friendly air conditioning options available today.

One notable advancement is the development of energy-efficient air conditioners. These units are designed to use less electricity, reducing their carbon footprint and lowering energy bills. Energy Star certified air conditioners are a reliable option to consider. They meet strict energy efficiency standards set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and can help reduce energy consumption by up to 15 percent. By choosing an Energy Star certified model, consumers can make a positive impact on both the environment and their wallets.

Another eco-friendly air conditioning solution gaining popularity is the use of evaporative coolers, also known as swamp coolers. Unlike conventional air conditioners, which use refrigerants and compressors to cool the air, evaporative coolers work by passing air over water-soaked pads, causing evaporation and cooling the air. These units consume significantly less energy than traditional air conditioners and are a suitable option for dry climates. However, they may not be as effective in areas with high humidity.

In recent years, researchers and engineers have been exploring more sustainable alternatives to refrigerants used in air conditioners. One such alternative is hydrofluoroolefin (HFO) refrigerants, which have a much lower global warming potential compared to hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) refrigerants commonly used today. HFOs are less harmful to the ozone layer and have a significantly lower impact on global warming. Some manufacturers have already started producing air conditioners that use HFO refrigerants, offering a greener cooling solution.

Additionally, there is a growing trend towards the use of geothermal heat

pumps for cooling purposes. These systems utilize the constant temperature of the earth to provide cooling, rather than relying on electricity to generate cool air. Geothermal heat pumps are highly efficient and can save up to 30-60 percent on energy costs compared to traditional air conditioners. They also have a longer lifespan and require less maintenance. While the initial installation costs may be higher, the long-term environmental and financial benefits make them a viable option for those looking to minimize their ecological impact.

Finally, it is essential to consider sustainable design and proper maintenance practices when using air conditioners. Optimizing insulation, reducing air leaks, and shading windows can help reduce the load on air conditioning systems. Regular maintenance, such as cleaning filters and ensuring proper airflow, ensures that the unit operates at maximum efficiency.

While there is no one-size-fits-all environmentally friendly air conditioner, consumers now have several options to choose from. Energy-efficient models, evaporative coolers, HFO refrigerants, and geothermal heat pumps are all promising alternatives that can help reduce the ecological footprint of cooling our homes and buildings. By making informed choices and adopting sustainable practices, we can stay cool without compromising the health of our planet.

In the face of climate change and growing energy demands, it is encouraging to see advancements in air conditioning technology that prioritize energy efficiency and environmental responsibility. As consumers, we have the power to support and demand these eco-friendly solutions, driving the transition towards a greener future.

Remember, staying cool doesn't have to mean heating up the planet!

**CONTACTS:** EnergyStar Certified Room AC, [energystar.gov/productfinder/product/certified-room-air-conditioners/results](https://energystar.gov/productfinder/product/certified-room-air-conditioners/results); "Green air conditioning: what is eco-friendly AC?" [hvac.com/air-conditioners/green-air-conditioning/](https://hvac.com/air-conditioners/green-air-conditioning/).

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# Sports Partnerships From Another Perspective



**RICK NOLAN**  
Looking In From Outside

Over the past months, Noblesville and Fishers have announced partnerships to build new arenas.

In addition, Lebanon is also planning to build a large youth sports complex.

It's not the purpose of this article to say if these are good or bad projects for the respective communities, only be careful as things proceed.

Working in economic development and community planning in Illinois, I witnessed a few projects that got sideways in a hurry when the wrong people got involved.

In 2003, our economic development office got a call from an out-of-state entity interested in bringing minor league hockey to our area. Problem was, the community did not have any existing facility with ice. Illinois State University had a 10,000-seat arena with no ice and no interest to add it.

The smaller college in town, Illinois Wesleyan, didn't either. Their venue had already been built out and hockey was not in their plans.

As a junior staffer, I forwarded the request on to my boss. He did all the right things to my knowledge and did not peep a word of it as is usual practice.

You see, when word gets out in the early stages in a site search, a \$4,000 an acre parcel quickly becomes a parcel that has increased four-fold in value in a matter of weeks.

A couple of weeks passed.

This is when I found out the powers that be decided this was a project that should be headed up by the local convention and visitors' bureau.

In any business venture, loose lips sink ships and this ship had already hit a small iceberg.

Before anyone knew, our office was getting calls from politicians and developers wanting to know more. No one in conventions owned up to how it had already gotten out in the community but two of us had an idea.

In the interest of reading time, I will spare everyone the details of what happened in between because it really had little bearing of the bad theatre that followed.

After a parcel near the local airport was rejected for the arena, the mayor, who had a personal interest in downtown redevelopment, brokered a deal with the county to purchase one of their parking lots for the arena which was located downtown.

As an aside, the mayor's son had been big into ice hockey, so naturally she thought all of this was a great idea without worrying much about further due diligence.

Before the first shovel of dirt was turned, she did see fit to have a public vote on the arena. Of those that went to the polls, 60 percent voted "no." Did I mention the mayor declared before the vote that the referendum was "non-binding" so it was full speed ahead no matter what the voter thought.

Ground was broken next to the Law and Justice Center in August of 2004. The primary design contractor was from Canada, but as local builders progressed, they added their own "additions" to the facility that did not include the best of materials suggested.

The \$37 million, 8,000-seat facility was opened in 2006.

Original tenants included indoor football and minor league hockey. The football team was cobbled together by a local retired football coach and made up of mostly

local players.

The hockey team had IHL and eventually, UHL affiliation.

Original arena management was comprised of the politically connected, with only two having any type of sports management experience.

The stage was set for a total cluster.

At first, attendance was not great but good for both football and hockey. It took only two years after opening for the novelty to wear off. What followed was five more indoor football franchises and three more for hockey.

Attendance fell to an average of about 1,000 a game on good nights. Minor league basketball was tried (MPBA) and failed miserably. Basketball was a memory after two years.

In fairness, country concerts and ice shows did the best. Acts like Kenny Chesney, Reba McEntyre, and others in addition to 1980s rock acts sold or nearly sold out. High school sporting events also did well.

However, trouble was on the horizon.

Financial losses were in the neighborhood of \$650,000 to \$700,000 for less than 25 events a year.

The city had failed for at least three years to ask for financials or request independent audits of the operation trusting the arena management to do these tasks as part of the contract and make quarterly reports to the city council on progress.

By not properly overseeing the operations, four on the management team took it upon themselves to embezzle and steal the city blind for several years by helping themselves to receipts, mainly consisting of concession profits and creative book keeping.

Those responsible were prosecuted, some getting a more favorable outcome than others.

To save face, the city

fired the existing management company and hired another based out of a Midwestern state. They turned out to be just as bad, if not worse. The bright side was that only one person on their team got caught with their hand in the financial cookie jar in the first months on the job.

Another two years went on with no improvement in attendance or bookings, then came COVID.

Currently the city is managing the venue on their own with no corporate sponsor. I forgot to mention there was sponsorship but both contracts ran out long ago.

However, two of the firms were getting free sponsorship since the signs remained up on and inside the building. What was hilarious or sad depending on your outlook was the primary sponsor of the arena had gone out of business a year prior but no one thought to remove their signage.

I'm pretty confident that our Hamilton County projects involve people with more experience and brains but time will tell.

There is a point with possible oversaturation on these projects as pointed out by Nikki Kelly in her May 12 piece in the Indiana Capital Chronicle and this area needs to recognize that fact.

Like anyone else, I love entertainment and sports of all types but I think sometimes its better left to those proposing the project to take on the majority of the financial burdens and therefore, the risks, if things go south.

That said, good luck to the communities, the Pacers, Indy Fuel and others as you move forward. Hoping it's smooth sailing and long lasting.

*-Rick Nolan is retired and moved to Noblesville from Illinois. He has a background in the newspaper world and has worked in news, sports and business.*

# Indiana State Fair Announces First Wave Of Hoosier Lottery Free Stage Concerts For 2023

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Today, the Indiana State Fair unveiled the first wave of its 2023 list of scheduled concerts as a part of the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage schedule, July 28 through August 20 (Fair is closed Mondays and Tuesdays). The Hoosier Lottery Free Stage has become a summertime staple for concert goers and music lovers. The lineup each year consists of some of music's most legendary and diverse acts and this year is no exception. All shows at the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage are free with paid fair admission and seating is first-come, first-served. All shows start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted otherwise.

The first wave announcement for 2023 Hoosier Lottery Free Stage at the Indiana State Fair schedule includes:

- Clint Black - Friday, July 28 (opening day)
- Peppa Pig Live! Peppa Pig's Adventure - Sunday, July 30
- Keith Sweat - Wednesday, August 2
- TobyMac - Sunday, August 6

•THE TAYLOR PARTY: TAYLOR SWIFT NIGHT - Saturday, August 12

•Buddy Guy: Damn Right Farewell - Friday, August 18

As title sponsor of the Free Stage, the Hoosier Lottery is inviting fairgoers 18 or older to enter the free myLOTTERY All-Inclusive Indiana State Fair Prize Package promotion. Six people will win State Fair tickets, parking, Free Stage premium seating, Hoosier Lottery Prize Pack, autographed Indiana Pacers jersey, and Indiana Fever tickets. Enter by signing up to become a myLOTTERY member or confirming your existing account at HoosierLottery.com/StateFair by July 9, 2023. Promotional odds are dependent upon the number of entries received.

Sarah M. Taylor, executive director of the Hoosier Lottery, noted, "The Hoosier Lottery has enjoyed a great relationship with the Indiana State Fair for many years. We are proud to sponsor the popular Hoosier Lottery Free Stage again this year, providing summertime value and entertainment for state fair attendees. The Hoosier Lottery Free Stage has become a 'winning ticket' for all music lovers. Additionally, this year fairgoers 18 or older can sign up for a free myLOTTERY promotion for the chance to win an all-inclusive day at the Fair including premium seats at the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage!"

There will be a limited amount of reserved viewing area tickets sold later this summer for these concerts. The 2023 Indiana State Fair is scheduled to open on Friday, July 28 and runs through August 20, when you can enjoy The Greatest 18 Days of Summer at this iconic Hoosier tradition. For more information, please visit [www.indianastatefair.com](http://www.indianastatefair.com) or follow the Indiana State Fair on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. The Indiana State Fair will be highlighted by its 2023 theme The State That Grew The Game presented by Pacers Sports & Entertainment.

2023 Artist Bios:

**CLINT BLACK:**  
It has been three decades since the release of Clint Black's groundbreaking debut album, Killin' Time. The genre altering record cemented the Country music icon as one of the truest traditionalists in the game and his widespread influence can still be felt in the works of artists today. Now, the seemingly unstoppable legend is set to release his incredible 12th studio album, Out of Sane, dropping on June 19th. Having sold over 20 million records, earning 22 #1 career singles, nearly two dozen gold and platinum awards (U.S. and Canada), a Grammy Award, numerous CMA, ACM and American Music Awards, and being honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, Clint Black has had one of the most storied careers in modern music.

**PEPPA PIG LIVE! PEPPA PIG'S ADVENTURE:**

Come join Peppa on an exciting camping trip in the woods with George and her school friends, including Pedro Pony, Suzy Sheep and Gerald Giraffe. With lunch boxes packed and Daddy Pig driving the bus, Peppa and friends are excited about their outdoor adventure, full of singing, dancing, games and surprises. Little piggies everywhere will love this 60-minute live musical experience!

**KEITH SWEAT:**  
Keith Sweat is a Harlem-born R&B singer/songwriter who released his debut album, 'Make It Last Forever', at the end of 1987. The album sold over three million copies, spawning the hits "I Want Her" (#1 R&B, #5 pop), "Something Just Ain't Right" (#3 R&B), "Make It Last Forever" (#2 R&B), and "Don't Stop Your Love" (#9 R&B). It was followed in June 1990 by 'I'll Give All My Love to You', another million-seller, that featured the hits "Make You Sweat" (#1 R&B, #14 pop), "Merry Go Round" (#2 R&B), "I'll Give All My Love to You" (#1 R&B, #7 pop), and "Your Love - Part 2" (#4 R&B). Sweat's third album was 'Keep It Comin'', an R&B chart-topper at the end of 1991, whose title track was another #1 R&B hit. In 1994 he returned with 'Get Up on It'; a self-titled

release followed in 1996, and two years later he issued 'Still in the Game' and 'Didn't See Me Coming' in fall 2000.

**TOBYMAC:**

With more than 16 million units in career sales and a whopping seven GRAMMY® Awards, TobyMac's career continues on the fast track. His RIAA Certified Gold studio album, THIS IS NOT A TEST, garnered a GRAMMY® Award and Billboard Music Award nomination on top of debuting at No. 4 on the Billboard Top 200. Each of his six studio solo projects have achieved Gold certification, a first for any artist in the history of his label, Capitol Christian Music Group. Among those is his project EYE ON IT, which debuted atop the Billboard 200, only the third Christian album ever to do so. THE ELEMENTS, his latest GRAMMY®-nominated, a full collection of music, boasted "Everything," "Scars," "Edge of My Seat," "See The Light" and more alongside the chart-topper, RIAA Gold Certified "I just need U." His most recent singles, "21 Years," "Help Is On the Way (Maybe Midnight)," "Promised Land," "The Goodness (feat. Blessing Offor)," "Everything About You (feat. Marlee)" and "Show Up Choose Love (feat. Jon Reddick)," are available wherever you stream music, along with his seventh studio project, LIFE AFTER DEATH.

**THE TAYLOR PARTY: TAYLOR SWIFT NIGHT:**

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**BUDDY GUY: DAMN RIGHT FAREWELL:**

At age 86, Buddy Guy is a Rock & Roll Hall of Fame inductee, a major influence on rock titans like Jimi Hendrix, Eric Clapton, and Stevie Ray Vaughan, a pioneer of Chicago's fabled West Side sound, and a living link to the city's halcyon days of electric blues. Buddy Guy has received 8 GRAMMY Awards, a 2015 Lifetime Achievement GRAMMY Award, 38 Blues Music Awards (the most any artist has received), the Billboard Magazine Century Award for distinguished artistic achievement, a Kennedy Center Honor, and the Presidential National Medal of Arts. Rolling Stone Magazine ranked him #23 in its "100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time."

# Teachers Credit Union Announces Name Change To Everwise Credit Union

Everwise brand to empower people to achieve their full financial potential.

Teachers Credit Union (TCU), the largest credit union in Indiana, is changing its name to Everwise Credit Union to better reflect its mission to empower and serve all people and grow beyond its original educator roots. The Everwise brand, including a new logo, tagline, and visual identity, will launch June 26. The change in brand does not reflect a change in ownership and TCU will remain 100 percent member owned and headquartered in South Bend.

"Though we will always

support local educators, it is simply time our name reflected all the members we serve today and the growth ahead," said Jason M. Osterhage, President and Chief Executive Officer of TCU. "We have always championed financial confidence and well-being for all of our members and all of our communities. This is the next step in our evolution, as a simple yet meaningful way to connect with people aspiring to feel more confident and in control of their money and their future."

With more than 300,000 members and over 50 branches throughout Indiana and southwest

Michigan, TCU has always made its mission to support people as they grow into their financial dreams. The new Everwise name builds on that people-first foundation and sets the credit union up for continued growth and opportunities.

"We are so proud to unveil the Everwise name," said Angie Dvorak, Chief Marketing + Growth Officer at TCU. "As a financial institution founded to support teachers in our local community, we have education at our core. The Everwise name shows that when people are given the right resources and support, they can achieve their financial dreams."

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**BETSY** From Page A1



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**Jim LaMonte (left) as Charlie Aiken, JB Scoble as Steve Heidebrecht and Jonathan Rogers as Little Charles Aiken rehearse for Main Street Productions' "August: Osage County," opening tonight in Westfield.**



BRENT WOOLDRIDGE

**Meet the CAST**

Beverly Weston, Rob Lawson; Violet Weston, Sally Carter; Barbara Fordham, Molly Bellner; Bill Fordham, Jeff Peabody; Jean Fordham, Megan Janning; Ivy Weston, Monya Wolf; Karen Weston, Caity Withers; Mattie Fay Aiken, Julie Dutcher; Charlie Aiken, Jim LaMonte; Little Charles Aiken, Jonathan Rogers; Johnna Monevata, Bella King; Steve Heidebrecht, JB Scoble; Sheriff Deon Gilbeau, Mike Bauerle.

**Meet the CREW**

Producer, Ka'Lena Cuevas; director, Brent A. Wooldridge; stage manager, Susan Yeaw; stage assistant, Thia Calley; light designer, Eric Matters; light operator, Aaron Ploof; sound designer, Duane Mercier; sound operator, Jeff Coss; set designer, Ron Roessler; set construction, Ron Roessler and Robert Rave; set decoration, Ian Marshall-Fisher and Pam Jensen; costumes, Addie Taylor; Properties, Pam Jensen; dialect coach, Molly Bellner; fight choreography, Eric Bryant.

**Want TO GO?**

**What:** Main Street Productions presents "August: Osage County," a tragicomedy by Tracy Letts, directed by Brent Wooldridge.  
**When:** June 8-18, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays.  
**Where:** Basile Westfield Playhouse, 220 N. Union St., Westfield.  
**How much:** \$17 for adults, \$15 students (with identification) and 62 and older, free to active military and veterans with identification.  
**Good to know:** Play contains strong language and intense subject matter, including drug use, suicide, addiction, sexual references, and intergenerational trauma. Intended for mature audiences only, recommended ages of 18 and older. Reservations required: Call 317-402-3341 or visit [www.westfieldplayhouse.org/](http://www.westfieldplayhouse.org/)

"August: Osage County" opens tonight and continues through June 18 at Basile Westfield Playhouse. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are still available. While Wooldridge has never been involved with the show before, he was in the audience when Carmel Community Players put on the show during the 2014-15 season. That year, CCP earned 14 Encore Association awards for 22 nominations for "August: Osage County." There is one person in this Basile Westfield Playhouse production who was also in the CCP play. Jim LaMonte is playing his same role, Charlie Aiken, for which LaMonte earned

Encore Association's Best Minor Supporting Actor in a Drama.

Auditions went well. Wooldridge said "This show is an actors' piece." He had 43 people audition for 13 roles in the show. "I was able to put together a very strong cast, and I can't wait for audiences to experience "August: Osage County."

Besides a fabulous cast, Wooldridge said, "The set for this show is a beast. It is another character in the play."

Ron Roessler is set designer. Wooldridge has worked with Roessler on many shows. "He is very talented, and I can't wait to see what people think of what he created for this show," Wooldridge said, without divulging any more.

Pam Jensen is doing props, and "she is fabulous, also," he said. "An interesting thing about Pam is she has been nominated by the Encore Association three times and has never lost." (Jensen won Best Props for a Play for "A Streetcar Named Desire" during CCP's 2018-19 season; Best Set Decoration for a Comedy for "Arsenic and Old Lace" and Best Props for a Comedy for "Becky's New Car," both for Epilogue Theatre's 2021-22 season.)

This is Wooldridge's third show to direct for the 30-year-old Main Street Productions which presents shows at Basile Westfield Playhouse.

But it's his first show to

direct at the new playhouse in downtown Westfield. (He directed "Agnes of God" and "Noises Off" in the former venue, an old church-turned theater with no indoor toilets.)

"The biggest challenge for me was directing in this (new) venue," he said. "I am used to directing in more intimate spaces, so there was definitely a learning curve for me."

Wooldridge enjoys directing at Westfield. "I like Main Street because they are not afraid to tackle edgier theater pieces instead of the same old standards that you tend to see over and over again."

Wooldridge grew up in Danville and went to Danville High School, then attended Ball State University. The 54-year-old has a daytime job that he's been doing for 30 years and does theater during the evening as his hobby, with his training all from experience.

Wooldridge comes to Basile Westfield Playhouse with lots of directing experience.

He said, "I actually directed my first show when I was still in high school, a production of 'The Sound of Music.' Now it is over 30 years later and over 70 shows that I have directed, and I am still going strong."

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**BANNER** From Page A1



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**Members of the Sheridan Historical Society's Veterans' Banner Committee proudly display samples of their efforts. From the left, Ron Stone (Society President), Connie Mossburg (Society Historian), Yvonne Pickett (member and volunteer), and Vance Wallace (member and volunteer). Vance is the one who came up with the idea for this project and is holding his son's banner and Yvonne is an Army veteran herself.**

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3. Around 0.75% 4. 125/sq. mi.

## Did You Know?

- Henry County was founded in 1822 and named for Patrick Henry.
- New Castle, the county seat, is 7.38 square miles and has 18,114 residents.
- The county contains 2.96 square miles of water.
- New Castle is home to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame and the largest high school fieldhouse in the world.
- The county is 394.83 square miles and has a population of 49,462 residents.

## Got Words?

New Castle is home to the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame and the largest high school fieldhouse in the world which has a capacity of 9,325 people. What positive and negative influences do you think sports have on communities?

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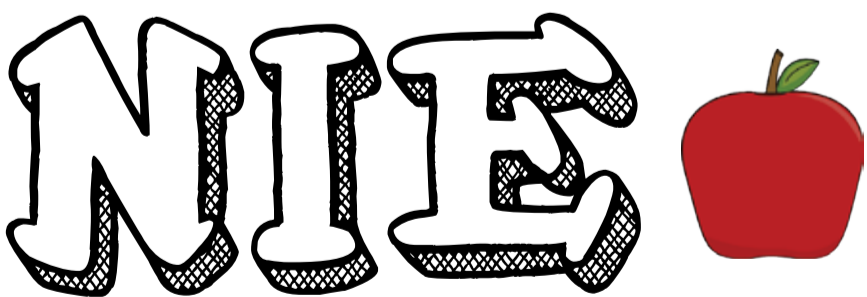
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The 2022 AgriVision Award plaques that were presented to Dr. Karen Plaut and Gary Truitt.

## Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch And Dept. Of Agriculture Welcome AgriVision Award Nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2023 AgriVision Award, the highest agricultural honor presented by the State of Indiana. This award, now in its 17th year, was established by the Lt. Governor and the Indiana State Department of Agriculture to recognize Indiana's agricultural leaders who are ensuring Indiana is, and remains, a global center for food and agricultural innovation and commercialization.

The AgriVision Award is open to any Indiana resident and all sectors of the agriculture industry—from bioenergy to livestock to the agbiosciences. Any person or organization may submit a nomination through July 1, 2023.

"It is my honor to serve

as Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and to work alongside some of the best and brightest leaders in the state," said Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "This award is a way to recognize those who are ensuring agriculture continues to be a driving force in our state."

Previous AgriVision Award winners have included individuals who have made significant contributions to the agriculture industry, whether it's developing a new technology, managing an agribusiness or organization, or working to address a global issue.

"Indiana is a supercenter for agricultural production thanks to leaders across the state,"

said Don Lamb, director of the State Department of Agriculture. "I look forward to honoring this year's award recipients for their leadership and commitment in August."

Award nominations will be accepted beginning June 1 and close on July 1. To nominate an individual, you must complete a form found on the ISDA website and email it to the department. Once a winner has been selected, the award will be presented by Lt. Gov. Crouch and ISDA Director Lamb during the Celebration of Agriculture at the 2023 Indiana State Fair.

Previous AgriVision Award winners include:

- Gary Truitt and Dr. Karen Plaut (2022)
- Doug Leman and Dr. Robert Waltz (2021)

- Garwood Orchards and MPS Egg Farms (2020)
- Stan Poe family and Terry L. Tucker (2019)
- Jerry Seger family and Tim and Jim Craig (2018)
- Beth Bechdol and Dr. Jay Akridge (2017)
- Dr. Bret Marsh and John Hardin (2016)
- Don Orr and Don Villwock (2015)
- Adam Moody (2014)
- Norman McCowan (2013)
- Kip Tom (2012)
- Vic Lechtenberg (2011)
- JoAnn Brouillette (2010)
- Brian Reichert and John Swisher (2009)
- Charles "Shorty" Whittington (2008)
- Lawrence "Sonny" Beck (2007)

## Lafayette Author Publishes Medical Inquiry Journey

Success Is Just Running Out of Mistakes, a new book by Stephen R. Ash, MD, FACP, has been released by Dorrance Publishing Co., Inc.

Success is Just Running Out of Mistakes is about a life-long quest to improve the therapy of kidney failure, especially with hemodialysis technology. Dr. Ash began to write this because of a lack of progress in dialysis therapy. He is tired of physicians and politicians saying that there is a "lack of innovation" among nephrologists.

The problem isn't lack of innovation, but rather a failure to commercialize radically better new technology. In some ways the book is also a collection of 12 case studies of new technology and ideas and how a small technology-driven firm can succeed or fail in efforts to bring their new product to become a widespread market success. There are few textbooks that describe not only successes of R&D companies in bringing products to the market but also failures. What is surprising about the failures described in this book

is that they occurred at many different steps of bringing a new product to market. The answer to a physician who says "I have a new idea and think it could help medical therapy. What should I do next?" is very long and complicated.

The one trait Success is Just Running Out of Mistakes really demonstrates is the importance of persistence. Not just in any one project, but in a career trying to make just one small part of medical therapy better for patients with kidney failure. Too many young physicians don't realize the tough road ahead to make medical therapy better and quit after the failure of their first good idea. As Winston Churchill said, "Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."

About the Author

Stephen R. Ash, MD, FACP, recently retired from clinical practice as a Nephrologist at Indiana University Health Arnett in Lafayette, Indiana. He is CEO of HemoCleanse Technologies, Chairman of the Board of AshAccess Technology, and co-founder of a number

of spin-off biotechnology firms. He has a long history of research and product development in the field of sorbents, resulting in devices for treatment of kidney failure (Allient™ by Renal Solutions) and for liver failure (Liver Dialysis™ by HemoTherapies). He was instrumental in development of an orally ingested sorbent for potassium (now marketed by AstraZeneca as Lokelma®). Dr. Ash has also invented a number of new catheters for dialysis access, including the Ash Split Cath®, CentrosFLO® and Advantage™ PD Catheter.

Dr. Ash is a co-founder and Past President of the American Society for Diagnostic and Interventional Nephrology (ASDIN). He is Past President of ASAIO and until recently served as Secretary-Treasurer of IFAO. He is recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from ASDIN, the Celebration of Life Honor by NKF of Indiana, and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Annual Dialysis Conference.

Dr. Ash also has a dedicated and loving

family, including his wife Marianne, and daughters, Emily and Sarah. Marianne and Dr. Ash are long term members of Trinity United Methodist Church in Lafayette, Indiana. They live at and operate a retirement/recovery farm for horses, and his special interests are fixing things around the farm, woodworking, and flying fixed wing RC aircraft.

Success Is Just Running Out of Mistakes is a 100-page hardbound with a retail price of \$53.00 (eBook \$48.00). The ISBN is 979-8-8852-7146-2. It was published by Dorrance Publishing Co., Inc of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. For members of the press, to request a review copy, visit our virtual pressroom at <https://dorrancepressroom.com/success-is-just-running-out-of-mistakes-a-life-long-quest-to-make-hemodialysis-simple-safe-and-effective/> or to buy the book visit our online bookstore at <https://bookstore.dorrancepublishing.com/success-is-just-running-out-of-mistakes-a-lifelong-quest-to-make-hemodialysis-simple-safe-and-effective/>.

## USDA Offers Assistance To Help Organic Dairy Producers Cover Increased Costs



The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), announces assistance for dairy producers with the new Organic Dairy Marketing Assistance Program (ODMAP). ODMAP is established to help mitigate market volatility, higher input and transportation costs, and unstable feed supply and prices that have created unique hardships in the organic dairy industry. Specifically, under the ODMAP, USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) is making \$104 million available to organic dairy operations to assist with projected marketing costs in 2023, calculated using their marketing costs in 2022.

"Indiana organic dairy producers have faced significant and unique increases in their marketing costs, compounded by increases in feed and transportation costs and the limited availability of organic grain and forage commodities," said Julia A. Wickard, State Executive Director for FSA in Indiana. "Without assistance, many organic dairies, particularly small organic dairies, will cease production, which not only impacts the domestic supply and consumption of organic milk but also the well-being of many rural communities across the country. This program will keep Indiana's small organic dairies in operation as they continue to weather a combination of challenges outside of their control."

Indiana FSA offices will begin accepting applications for ODMAP on May 24, 2023. Eligible producers include certified organic dairy operations that produce milk from cows, goats and sheep.

How ODMAP Works  
FSA is providing financial assistance for a producer's projected

marketing costs in 2023 based on their 2022 costs. ODMAP provides a one-time cost-share payment based on marketing costs on pounds of organic milk marketed in the 2022 calendar year.

ODMAP provides financial assistance that will immediately support certified organic dairy operations during 2023 keeping organic dairy operations sustainable until markets return to more normal conditions.

How to Apply  
Indiana FSA offices are accepting applications from May 24 to July 24, 2023. To apply, producers should contact FSA at their local USDA Service Center. To complete the ODMAP application, producers must certify to pounds of 2022 milk production, how documentation of their organic certification, and submit a completed application form.

Organic dairy operations are required to provide their USDA certification of organic status confirming operation as an organic dairy in 2023 and 2022 along with the certification of 2022 milk production in hundred-weight.

ODMAP complements other assistance available to dairy producers, including Dairy Margin Coverage (DMC) and Supplemental DMC, with more than \$300 million in benefits paid for the 2023 program year to date. Learn more on the FSA Dairy Programs webpage.

To learn more about USDA programs, producers can contact their local USDA Service Center. Producers can also prepare maps for acreage reporting as well as manage farm loans and other programs by logging into their farmers.gov account. If you don't have an account, sign up today.



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