

**➔ TODAY'S VERSE**

Matthew 7:7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh r Psalm 127:1 Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. eceiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.



**➔ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY**  
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What makes Kristen Yutzy smile? "Helping people," said the 33-year-old, a Westfield native and 2008 graduate of Westfield High School. "I love being able to help people and see them smile and see the joy on their faces. That makes me feel good. My kids always (usually) make me smile." She is a 2012 graduate of Purdue University, where she studied Youth, Adult and Family Services. After college, the former Kristen Weiss joined her parents, Dave and Beck Weiss, at their flower shop, Union Street Flowers & Gifts in downtown Westfield. Her dad used to be the pharmacist in Westfield and Sheridan. When they retired and closed the business, she took a job at Westfield-Washington Township Trustee Office and recently worked on the grant that Hamilton County received for rent and utility assistance. She has been a program assistant since January for Purdue Extension Hamilton County at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville, where she was found this week in the 4-H Fair Office getting ready for this year's fair, which opens today and continues through Monday. She's a 10-year Hamilton County 4-H'er herself and grew up in the Westfield countryside that's now next door to Grand Park. She has a husband of seven years, Ryan (who was friends with her brother in college), and two kids, Lyle, 3, and Wade, 1. She's been putting on 4-H Spark Clubs and led a spring break camp, a cupcake challenge and other programs and is helping wherever needed, particularly this year's 4-H Fair. Favorite 4-H projects? Floriculture and Swine, both which she showed for 10 years. Favorite Fair food? "The elephant ear." Favorite Fair event? "The pig show." During the Fair, she's leading the free Kids' Craft Activities: Pinecone Bird Feeder at 2 p.m. today, Pencil Pinwheel at 1 p.m. Friday and Apple Prints at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Outdoor Stage; and Insects Made My Ice Cream Sundae at 3 p.m. Sunday northwest of the Exhibition Center. Read more about the 4-H Fair in the Betsy Reason column in today's edition of The Times.

**And Another Thing...**

- 1. LANE RESTRICTION - 146th St. between Allisonville and Herriman Blvd**  
Please be advised, beginning on or after Tuesday, July 25 between the hours of 9am and 3pm, 146th Street between Herriman Blvd. and Allisonville Road within the existing construction limits, will be under a lane restriction for the installation of a barrier wall and centerline delineator repairs.
- 2. LANE RESTRICTION - Br. 148 - 161st St. between Hazel Dell Rd. and Gray Rd.**  
Please be advised, beginning on or after Friday, July 21, one lane at a time along 161st Street between Hazel Dell Road and Gray Road will be restricted while our contractor places epoxy on our bridge. This is a one-day restriction between the hours of 9am and 4pm.

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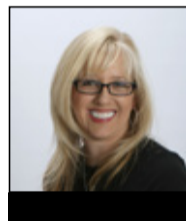
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**Jane Weaver (left) and Sharon Piper of Hamilton County Extension Homemakers Choral Group, the Silver Notes, sell elephant ears during the 2022 Hamilton County 4-H Fair. This year's 4-H Fair opens today and continues through Monday at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville.**

## 4-H Fair Opens Today



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

opportunity to talk about our 4-H Fair.

4-H'ers checked in their farm animals all day Wednesday -- swine arrived at 7 a.m., llamas at 9 a.m., cattle, goats, chickens, goat, rabbits, sheep and waterfowl at 2 p.m., and horses and ponies at 4 p.m. -- so the Fairgrounds today smells of horses, pigs and cows, like

going to the farm. And I also love the smell of the delicious foods -- the ribeye, the lamb burgers and the rabbit brats -- cooking on the barbecue grills at the Producer's Tent.

And while I've said before that I look forward to the Fair food, I think everyone else does, too.

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Photo courtesy of BGCN

Last year's cornhole tournament.

## Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville To Host 8th Annual Cornhole Tournament

The Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville will host their eighth annual Cornhole Tournament on Friday, August 4th, presented by the McGowan Insurance Group and West Bend Mutual Insurance. Check-in will begin at 11:30am with the first round of play starting at 12:30 PM at Forest Park, Shelter #1.

The afternoon will consist of a three-game guarantee to include a double-elimination tournament and a "toilet bowl" bracket.

Competitive play will culminate in a championship game paying out cash prizes to first and second place. Each participant will receive a commemorative tank top, sponsored by HMC Screen Printing, and an entry into a door prize drawing. All players are invited to bring their own adult beverages, and multiple silent auction packages will be offered.

"Last year, over 60 teams

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## Summer Sip & Shop At Carmel City Center

Join the Shops at Carmel City Center on Saturday, August 5th from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. for a Summer Sip & Shop event. Visitors are invited to stop by and enjoy the event festivities including a DJ on the plaza, sidewalk sales at participating Shops at Carmel City Center, complimentary white wine and Raspberry Refresher cocktails at four of our participating Shops, free airbrush tattoos for children and a donation slow flow outdoor yoga class on the plaza.

Complimentary white wine tastings and a Raspberry Refresher cocktail of raspberry vodka, ginger ale and sprite will be available at Bath Junkie, Be. You. tiful NAILS, FlexWerk and Uplift Intimate Apparel. Complimentary juice boxes will also be available at Kits & Kaboodle Classic Toys for the little sippers! The following participating Shops will have special promotions during the event:

- 317Home: Enjoy 20% off any purchase over \$50 during the event.
- Lily & Sparrow Boutique: Enjoy 40% off select items.
- Hey Little Diddle: Shop the warehouse sidewalk sale for items up to 40% off.
- Bath Junkie: Customers will receive a free lotion sample with any purchase while supplies last.
- Kits & Kaboodle Classic Toys: All in-stock family games will also be 20% off. Visit with Mary Poppins during the event and enjoy singing and crafts from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Endeavor Boutique: Enjoy 20% off your purchase of \$70 or more during the event.
- Uplift Intimate Apparel: Enter to win a \$50 gift card during the event.

The Yoga Studio is offering a Slow Flow Fountain Class led by Courtney Summers on the plaza next to Addendum from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A \$10 cash donation is suggested for the yoga class. All donations will benefit Indy Yoga Movement. Registering in advance is encouraged and attendees are asked to bring a mat, towel and water.

In addition, visitors can enter to win a \$75 gift certificate at 14 Districts, Canine Cloud Nine and Endeavor Boutique when they visit those shops during the Sip & Shop event.

Mark your calendars! Carmel City Center will host a Holiday Sip & Shop event later in the year on Saturday, November 4th from 2 to 6 p.m. and again on Saturday, December 2nd from 12 to 3 p.m.

Carmel City Center is located at the southwest corner of City Center Drive and Rangeline Road. Parking is available along the street and surface parking is available on plaza level (accessible from City Center Drive) and in the underground garage (accessible from Range Line Road as well as City Center Drive) and in the Veterans Way garage.

## The Daily Almanac

**Sunrise/Sunset**  
RISE: 6:33 a.m.  
SET: 9:14 p.m.

**High/Low Temperatures**  
High: 90 °F  
Low: 70 °F

**Today is...**  
• International Chess Day  
• Moon Day  
• Nap Day

**What Happened On This Day**

- 2012 Aurora shooting. A gunman, James Holmes, opened fire in a movie theater during the premier of the Dark Night Rises in Aurora, Colorado, killing 12 people and injuring 58 others.
- 1976 Viking I lands on Mars. Part of the Viking program, Viking I became the first American spacecraft to successfully land on Mars and to complete its mission.
- 1969 Apollo 11 lands on the Moon. Carrying Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, who would become the first humans to walk on the Moon, the spacecraft safely landed on the Sea of Tranquility on the Moon.

**Births On This Day**

- 1947 Carlos Santana Mexican/American singer-songwriter, guitarist
- 1304 Petrarch Italian scholar, poet

**Deaths On This Day**

- 1973 Bruce Lee American actor, martial artist
- 1923 Pancho Villa Mexican general

## Wristbands For This Saturday's Monsoon Madness At Holland Park

Your last chance to get registered for Monsoon Madness, presented by Centier Bank, at Holland Park! This year's event will offer an early access option, where attendees can purchase a \$20 wristband to experience a smaller crowd and shorter wait times at waterslides and activities from 11 a.m. to noon. Early access also grants you access to the free portion of the event from noon to 3 p.m.

All attendees of Monsoon Madness MUST register for a wristband. Early-access wristbands MUST be picked up on site on the day of the event. If you're attending the free portion of the event from noon to 3 p.m., skip the wristband line by registering for your wristband now and picking it up at the Fishers Parks office (8100 E. 106th Street, Suite 150) by end of day Friday, July 21. WRISTBANDS MUST BE PICKED UP IN ADVANCE.

There will be no cash transactions on site at the event, and having your wristband prior to the event means no waiting in the registration/wristband line.

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**➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Cut 250 calories a day from your diet to lose a half a pound a week. 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**

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."  
-Edward Everett Hale

**➔ TODAY'S JOKE**

What'd the grape say when it got stepped on?  
Not a word. It just made a little wine.

**➔ HONEST HOOSIER**

Happy anniversary Apollo 11! I still remember being up late on this date in 1969 waiting for Neil Armstrong to take that first step!



**➔ OBITUARIES**

None



The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank WILLIAM LYNCH for subscribing!



**13 WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST**

70/90 PARTLY SUNNY WINDY 5-10 MPH	64/82 LESS HUMID MORE SUN	50/83 EARLY SUNNY	60/84 SPOTTY & W. STORMS	64/86 PARTLY SUNNY SPICY 1-2 INCH	66/88 DRIZZLE STAY DRY	66/89 HEAVY SUNNY
THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED

## Hamilton County Health Department Hosts Four Immunization Clinics

Parents Encouraged to Vaccinate their Children Before School Starts.

The Hamilton County Health Department will host four Back-To-School Immunization Clinics in July and August as part of a statewide effort to help families easily access school immunizations prior to the start of the 2023-24 school year.

"Routine immunizations are the best way to protect children from highly contagious diseases and can help ensure every student

has a healthy start to the school year," says Gema Lopez, School Immunization Liaison. "We're encouraging parents of school-age children to check their children's vaccine status and to take advantage of one of our upcoming clinics or schedule an appointment with their healthcare provider."

The first of the four clinics will take place on Wednesday, July 19 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Hamilton County

Health Department at 18030 Foundation Drive in Noblesville. Three other clinics are scheduled for August 2, August 16, and August 30 for the same times and location.

Those interested in participating are asked to register in advance at <https://patients.vaxcare.com/registration>. Parents need to enter the code IN15561 and then select their preferred date. Families should provide insurance information if available. There is an

eight-dollar administration fee per vaccine for those who are uninsured or underinsured.

The clinics are open to children ages five and older. Indiana school children going into kindergarten, sixth grade, and 12th grade are required to receive age-specific immunizations prior to school starting. A full list of immunizations required and recommended for school can be found here. <https://ow.ly/zEe50Pe-kAK>

## National Night Out In Fishers

The Fishers Police Department is hosting an Open-House to celebrate National Night Out on Tuesday, August 1, from 5-7 pm.

National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes strong police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live and work. Many neighborhoods celebrate the end of summer with block parties, cookouts, and other various events. For National Night Out, we invite you to the police station to learn more about your police department.

"This is a night to open the doors of the police department to show the community the resources in place to make our community a safe place to live and work" said Fishers Police Chief, Ed

Gebhart. "National Night Out is a perfect night for our city to stand together and promote awareness, safety, and neighborhood unity with an added bonus of a concert at the Nickel Plate Amphitheater later in the evening" added Chief Gebhart.

We invite residents to join us for an experiential evening of learning and fun. We have several activities planned for all ages to include police vehicles and equipment displays, crime scene collection display, crime prevention information and much more!

The Fishers Police Corps will be serving free hotdogs, chips, cookies, and water! Parking is available in the parking garage. Visitors may enter through the front doors to tour the first floor or can join directly from the Nickel Plate Trail.

## Westfield Washington Schools Names New Middle School Principal

Westfield Washington Schools is pleased to announce that Stacey Swan will assume the role of principal of Westfield Middle School. The position opened up when the former principal, Mike Hall, became the director of operations within the district.

Most recently, Swan served as principal at Fall Creek Junior High School in Hamilton Southeastern since June 2019. Before that, she was principal at Noblesville West Middle School. She has high school administrative experience at Noblesville High School and she taught in

Kokomo High School and Blue River Junior High/High School.

With 17 years of administrative experience, Swan says she is motivated to lead approximately 1400 students and nearly 160 staff members during this time of growth in the schools and community.

"Westfield Middle School's reputation and expansion were appealing to me as a leader," Swan said. "I am excited about creating a school structure where all learners find success and feel supported. I am deeply passionate about middle level education and feel privileged to

be trusted to lead Westfield Middle School into the future."

Dr. Paul A. Kaiser, superintendent of Westfield Washington Schools, says he is excited to work with her.

"This was a highly competitive job to fill," Kaiser said, "and we're happy it led us to a leader as strong as Stacey Swan. Her passion and leadership shined throughout the process and she brings exactly the type of experience that our district needs as we continue to be the top destination district in the state. I can't wait to see the great work that she will do in our



STACEY SWAN

community."

Swan received her education specialist degree, masters in educational leadership and supervision as well as her bachelor's degree in secondary education from Ball State University.

## Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre Announces Young Performer Auditions Casting For Several Upcoming Productions

Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre is looking to cast the young performer roles in its upcoming productions of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, White Christmas, and A Christmas Carol.

Roles to be cast are:  
• Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat on stage Oct. 5 through Nov. 19

• 24 boys and girls between the ages of 5-14 to be cast in the children's choir. Three choirs will be set, with each performing approximately two weeks of performances.

• White Christmas on

stage Nov. 24 through Dec. 31

• Susan: A girl 10-12 years of age. Must be able to sing and dance.

• A Christmas Carol on stage for 10 performances on select dates Dec. 1-22

• Tim Cratchit: 5-8 years old

• Boy Scrooge/Peter Cratchit/Turkey Boy: 9-14 years of age

• Fran/Belinda Cratchit: 10-14 years of age

• Martha Cratchit: 16-19 years of age

Open to children of all physicalities and ethnicities. Children must be able to sing and move well. Auditions are by appointment only, and

audition requests can be made online at [beefandboards.com](http://beefandboards.com). No phone calls, please.

The auditions take place at the theatre, 9301 Michigan Rd, Indianapolis, on Saturday, Aug. 12. Callbacks are on Sunday, Aug. 13, at a time to be announced. No alternate dates/times are available currently.

Those auditioning should prepare one song, no more than 24 bars in length. Bring sheet music in the correct key. A piano accompanist will be provided (pre-recorded music). Bring a current photo - a school picture or snapshot is fine (photos

will not be returned). Bring a brief informal bio listing recent performing experience, if any (bio helpful but not required to audition). Prepare a 1-minute monologue, story, or joke. Dress comfortably, sneakers or dance shoes (no costumes or make-up).

There will be required call backs for finalists on Sunday afternoon Aug. 13. Children cast in shows receive a small performance stipend and a limited number of complimentary tickets. To be considered, performers must be available for all scheduled rehearsals and performances.

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**When:** August 12th/13th - September 23rd/24th, 2023  
7 game season to be played on weekends

- NO GAMES played on Labor Day Weekend (Sept. 2nd/3rd)
- Weekday games may be scheduled based on interest or in the event of rainouts
- Single-elimination tournament played September 30th & October 1st

**Where:** Noblesville Babe Ruth Facility - Logan and Emmerson Fields Forest Park, Noblesville

**Who:** Everyone - 7th-8th Grade and 9th-12th Grade (based on 2023-2024 School Year Enrollment)

- 7th - 8th Grade League
- 9th - 12th Grade League
- \* **Note:** Post HS players are not eligible for Fall Ball
- 2 Divisions in each league: Travel and Rec
- \* **Note:** Travel Division will be limited to 4-6 teams in each league on a first-come, first served basis

**Cost:** \$80 per individual registration/ \$900 per full-roster team registration  
\* **Note:** Credit card and processing fees apply and will be added at checkout

**How Do I Register?** [www.noblesvillebaberuthbaseball.com](http://www.noblesvillebaberuthbaseball.com)

**Registration Deadline: August 6th**

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## Young, Colleagues Introduce Bipartisan Legislation To Help Small Businesses

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.), Jacky Rosen (D-Nev.), Ted Budd (R-N.C.), and Jeanne Shaheen (D-N.H.) introduced bipartisan legislation to help small business owners integrate digital tools into their businesses. The Small Business Technological Advancement Act would clarify that small businesses can utilize the Small Business Administration's (SBA) 7(a) loan program to finance technology that supports daily operations, including inventory management, product delivery, and accounting systems.

"Technological advancements have created opportunities for small businesses to tap into the digital economy and expand their customer base. However, the high upfront and ongoing costs associated with these technologies can pose financial challenges," said Senator Young. "Our bipartisan bill would mitigate these economic barriers, facilitating the adoption of digital tools by small businesses in Indiana and across the country."

"Small businesses are the heart of Nevada's economy, and I'll continue doing everything I can to help them thrive," said Senator Rosen. "This bipartisan legislation will cut through bureaucratic red tape and give small businesses the resources to modernize their systems and better compete in this digital era."

"Allowing job creators to use 7(a) loans for digital business tools is a common-sense way to help small businesses compete in the 21st century economy. Thanks to Senator Young for proposing this bill," said Senator Budd.

"The global economy has become more reliant on technology and the pandemic only accelerated that trend, forcing businesses to utilize new software, digital tools and online work. When small businesses incorporate more technology into their operations, they are more likely to grow and provide more good jobs," said Senator Shaheen. "The Small Business Technological

Advancement Act will clarify that small businesses can use SBA's 7(a) loans to access these important digital tools to help manage and grow their businesses."

The last few years have seen an accelerated digital transformation among small businesses, pushing the adoption of software for business continuity, customer engagement, and remote work support. The Small Business Technological Advancement Act would help small businesses continue to bridge this technological gap by amending the Small Business Act to clarify that 7(a) loan borrowers can finance business software or cloud computing services for the following:

- Facilitating daily operations;
- Product or service delivery;
- Processing, payment, and tracking of payroll expenses;
- Human resources;
- Sales and billing functions; and/or
- Accounting or tracking of supplies, inventory, records and expenses.

## Travel + Leisure Readers Pick Indy Airport As One Of The World's Best

2023 World's Best Awards, Top 10 Favorite Domestic Airports.

The Indianapolis International Airport has once again made the list of Travel + Leisure's top airports, with thousands of readers ranking it as a top favorite domestic airport in the magazine's 2023 World's Best Awards.

Travel + Leisure readers pick their Top 10 Favorite Domestic Airports based on efficiency and safety, along with convenience and easy-to-navigate terminals - and the Indy airport has been named among that prestigious list for eight years in a row. "This type of traveler

feedback reinforces that we have the best people and the best airport experience in the world," said Indianapolis Airport Authority Executive Director Mario Rodriguez. "Our commitment to a customer-service driven, people-first culture truly makes the Indy airport a world-class operation."

The annual World's Best Awards survey asks Travel + Leisure readers to rate their travel experiences from around the world - helping to identify the top hotels, airports, airlines, and more. Nearly 165,000 Travel + Leisure readers completed the 2023 survey, which

the magazine says is an increase of nearly 25 percent over pre-pandemic voting levels.

In the survey, travelers were asked to rate airports based on access, check-in/security, restaurants/bars, shopping and design. For each characteristic, travelers chose a rating of excellent, above average, below average or poor with the final scores representing the averages of these responses.

The Indianapolis International Airport came in second on the list, receiving a reader score of 81.10, an improvement from last year's ranking when the Indy airport was ranked third.

## The Greatest Value Of The Summer Returns At The 2023 Indiana State Fair

Options abound for Fairgoers for the 2023 Indiana State Fair to enjoy 100+ Free Things to do!

The Indiana State Fair returns in just 9 days and there are many ways to save on your State Fair experience. The State Fair offers deals and discounts throughout the 18-day Fair, including 100+ free things to do once you're there! The greatest value of the summer is back at the State Fair, opening Friday, July 28th through Sunday, August 20th (closed Mondays & Tuesdays). Plan your trip today at [IndianaStateFair.com](http://IndianaStateFair.com).

Fairgoers are encouraged to buy tickets early to save up to 34%. Tickets are currently available to purchase online at [[www.IndianaStateFair.com](http://www.IndianaStateFair.com)] [www.IndianaStateFair.com](http://www.IndianaStateFair.com). All advance discounts end Thursday, July 27th at 11:59pm ET.

Additional Advance Admission Discounts - the following discounts are available now at [IndianaStateFair.com](http://IndianaStateFair.com):

- Advance Discount Fair Admission Tickets. \$11 advance discount State Fair Tickets are available through July 27 at 11:59PM ET - SAVE 29% off gate admission
- Advance Discount Fair Parking Pass. \$8 discount State Fair parking is available through July 27 at 11:59PM ET - 20%

savings

- Advance Discount Midway Wristbands. \$25 midway wristbands available through July 30 at 11:59PM ET - 35% savings

- Advance Discount Family 4-Pack. Includes 1 parking pass and 4 admission tickets to the 2023 Indiana State Fair. Available now through July 27 at 11:59PM ET - 34% savings

Daily Gate Discounts - discounts listed available on select days:

- BMV Discount Day, Wednesday, August 2. \$7.00 gate admission with printed or digital voucher from [IN.GOV/BMV](http://IN.GOV/BMV) (50% savings on admission)

- \$3 Thursdays presented by the Indiana Secretary of State, Thursday, August 3, 10, and 17. \$3 admission, \$3 Midway Rides, and \$3 food options at each food stand

- Free IndyStar Ticket Day, Wednesday, August 9. Grab a copy of the IndyStar on Thursday, August 3rd for a FREE admission ticket to the Fair - valid ONLY at the State Fair on Wednesday, August 9 for FREE admission

- AAA Day, Wednesday August 16. AAA Cardholders receive FREE State Fair admission with a valid AAA membership card presented at the gate. One

valid card per person.

- Military & First Responders' Day presented by Peterman Brothers, Friday August 18. First responders, current and former Military, and their families receive FREE admission with valid ID presented at the gate.

Additional Daily Deals & Value:

- 100 Free Things to do at the State Fair!

- <https://www.indianastatefair.com/p/state-fair/general-information/100-free-things-to-do>

- Free Tractor Shuttle Rides. Travel around the fairgrounds for FREE this year on the tractor shuttles

- Free Entertainment and Activities at Every Turn. Visit [IndianaStateFair.com](http://IndianaStateFair.com) to view the Top 100 Free Things to Do DAILY at the 2023 Indiana State Fair

- Free Entertainment Every Day at The Hoosier Lottery Free Stage. Visit [IndianaStateFair.com](http://IndianaStateFair.com) to see the full Hoosier Lottery Free Stage line up - All Concerts are FREE with paid fair admission

- Pedal and Park. Save \$1.00 off Fair admission when you ride your bicycle to the Fair and use one of the free secured bike racks on the Monon Trail north of 38th St.

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# Hydrofoils Defined And Why Environmentalists Are Excited

## EARTHTALK

**Dear EarthTalk: What exactly are hydrofoils and why are environmental advocates so bullish on them revolutionizing the shipping industry?**

The shipping industry emits around three percent of the world's greenhouse gas emissions annually, which is a comparable figure to that of the widely known airline industry's footprint. Looking at how to make the shipping industry, and maritime transport, more sustainable is accordingly a key concern for environmental leaders around the globe. Hydrofoils are not a new concept, but electric ones may be a promising new innovation for the future of sustainable maritime travel, and the field is developing fast.

December 2022 saw the advent of the world's fastest and most long-range electric ferry to date in Stockholm, Sweden, in the form of the Candela P-12 shuttle. Like all hydrofoils, this public transportation shuttle was built with a wing-like structure underneath itself that functions much like the airfoil seen on airplanes: As the official Candela press release states, "The hydrofoil technology means that the boat is lifted on wings that

'fly' underwater, eliminating water resistance from pushing the hull through water. The hydrofoils reduce energy consumption by 80 percent compared to conventional ships." This new combination of technology makes electric hydrofoils both faster than diesel-powered ships and cheaper to operate due to less stringent energy demands.

The wide-spread implementation of electric hydrofoil technology has not yet occurred. However, Stockholm's KTH Royal Institute of Technology asserts that the inclusion of electric hydrofoils or similar technologies could potentially reduce the shipping industry's emissions by 97.5 percent compared to the emissions of standard diesel-fueled ships. Furthermore, the very nature of the construction of these light-weight electric hydrofoils requires less material, overall minimizing the emissions of an electric hydrofoil throughout its lifetime.

In the face of rising global temperatures, and a projected increase in global greenhouse gas emissions, hydrofoils are necessary additions to the maritime industry if it hopes to reach the International Maritime Organisation's goal of cutting carbon emissions by 40 percent by 2030. Beyond

that, these ships also serve in the interest of efficiency, particularly since their lighter designs and inability to produce a wake mean that they are often-times faster than standard diesel boats: For example, the implementation of an electric hydrofoil has cut down one commuting route in Stockholm from 55 minutes to only 25.

The original concept of a hydrofoil has existed for decades, but electric hydrofoils are the "new kid on the block" focused on growing sustainable practices for the future. These boats' low carbon footprint, lower operating costs and ability for more efficient transportation make them an interesting new opportunity for investment, and for a future that will require more environmentally-focused decision-making.

**CONTACTS:** *Hydrofoil Basics*, [lancet.mit.edu/deccavator/Basics.html](https://lancet.mit.edu/deccavator/Basics.html); *Electric hydrofoil boats beat diesel boats for climate sustainability*, [kth.se/en/om/nyheter/centrala-nyheter/elektriska-barplans-fartyg-klimatsmartare-an-dieselfartyg-1.1212858](https://kth.se/en/om/nyheter/centrala-nyheter/elektriska-barplans-fartyg-klimatsmartare-an-dieselfartyg-1.1212858).

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**Lisa Hanni (right), Purdue Extension Hamilton County Ag/Youth program assistant, greets 4-H families during Hamilton County 4-H Fair project check-in hours on Sunday at the Fairgrounds in Noblesville.**

## Hamilton County 4-H Fair At A Glance

Today: Exhibits and Displays, open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily; Centennial Groundbreaking, 9 a.m.; 4-H Bucket Calf Show, 9 a.m.; 4-H Llama Senior Showmanship, 9:30 a.m.; 4-H Crops Judging, 10 a.m.; 4-H Horse & Pony English Show, 10 a.m.; 4-H Poultry Show, 10 a.m.; 4-H Robotics Activities, 10 a.m.; 4-H Dairy Show, 10:30 a.m.; 4-H Pygmy Goat Show, 1 p.m.; 4-H Tractor Driving Contest, 1 p.m.; 4-H Llama Pack Obstacle Class, 1:30 p.m.; Kids Craft Activities, 2 p.m.; Indiana Blood Center Blood Drive, 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Extension Homemakers' Flower Show, 4:30 p.m.; Purdue Extension Celebration!, 6 p.m.; 4-H Rabbit Ambassador Contest, 6 p.m.; Do-Si-Squares Exhibition, 6:30 p.m.; and 4-H Clogging Exhibition, 7 p.m.

Friday: 4-H Rabbit Show, 8:30 a.m.; 4-H Beef Grooming Contest, 8:30 a.m.; 4-H Chicken Barbecue, 9 a.m.; Llama Intermediate Showmanship, 9:30 a.m.; 4-H Horse & Pony Western Show, 10 a.m.; Master Gardener Fair Fun, 11 a.m.; Sheep Fitting Contest, 11:30 a.m.; 4-H Llama PR Obstacle Class, noon; Kids Craft

Activities, 1 p.m.; Indiana Blood Center Blood Drive, 3-6:30 p.m.; Indiana Wild Animal Show, 3 p.m.; 4-H Meat Goat Show, 3 p.m.; Llama Costume Contest, 5 p.m.; 4-H Dairy Goat Show, 6 p.m.; 4-H Beef Barbecue Contest, 6 p.m.; Leaping Llama Exhibition, 6 p.m.; 4-H Sewing & Consumer Clothing Revue, 7 p.m.; Walk-A-Llama (contest open to public), 7:30 p.m.; and Blue River Band, 8 p.m.

Saturday: 4-H Swine Show, 8 a.m.; 4-H Horse & Pony Dressage, 8 a.m.; 4-H Public Speaking Contest, 8:30 a.m.; 4-H Llama Junior Showmanship, 9:30 a.m.; Master Gardener Fair Fun, 10 a.m.; 4-H Demonstration Contest, 11 a.m.; Providence Wildlife Animal, 12:30 p.m.; Antique Tractor Pull, 1 p.m.; 4-H Llama Field Obstacle, 1:30 p.m.; Homemade Pie Contest, 2 p.m.; Kids Craft Activities, 2 p.m.; Extension Homemakers' Food & Craft Show, 3 p.m.; Hedgehog Hannah, 4:30 p.m.; 4-H Cat Show, 5 p.m.; 4-H Dog Drill Team Demonstration, 5 p.m.; 4-H Horse & Pony Contesting Show, 6 p.m.; Homemade Ice Cream Contest, 6:30 p.m.; Walk-A-Llama, 7

p.m.; Youth Swine Exhibition, 7 p.m.; and deejay Charlie Van Wieringen, 8 p.m.

Sunday -- 4-H Sheep Wool Judging, 9:30 a.m.; Worship Service, 10 a.m.; 4-H Horse & Pony Hunter & Jumper Show, 10 a.m.; 4-H Sheep Show, 10 a.m.; 4-H Pocket Pet Show, 10 a.m.; Caravan Classes Kids' Crafts, noon to 4 p.m.; 4-H Lawn & Garden Tractor Contest, 1 p.m.; Walk-A-Llama, 1 p.m.; Stone's Crossing live music, 1 p.m.; Youth Pedal Tractor Pull, 2 p.m.; 4-H Parents' Llama Show, 2:30 p.m.; Kids Craft Activities, 3 p.m.; Young Sheep Exhibition, 4:30 p.m.; Antique Tractor Parade, 5 p.m.; 4-H Food and Microwave Auction, 5 p.m.; Pet Parade, 6 p.m.; and Farmer Olympics, 5 p.m.-7 p.m.

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

Tuesday -- 4-H Livestock auction, 5:30 p.m.

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# Attorney General Todd Rokita And Team Take Strong Actions Against Robo-Callers

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita and his team have continued a months-long crackdown against illegal robo-callers responsible for billions of calls nationally and tens of millions to Hoosiers.

As part of this effort, Rokita's team has collaborated with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and other law enforcement partners nationwide — including attorneys general from all 50 states and the District of Columbia — in a national sweep the FTC has dubbed “Operation Stop Scam Calls.”

“All Hoosiers, my wife and I included, hate these unwanted automated calls that disturb our peace and interrupt our routines,” Rokita said. “But these calls are more than mere annoyances. Quite often, they're part of elaborate scams aimed at stealing people's money and identities. We're working to stop these criminal acts and hold perpetrators accountable.”

The national sweep targets telemarketers and the companies that hire them — as well as lead generators who deceptively collect and provide consumers' telephone numbers to robo-callers. These deceptive lead generators falsely represent that consumers have consented to receive calls.

Operation Stop Scam Calls also targets Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) service providers who facilitate tens of billions of illegal robo-calls every year, which often originate overseas.

Over past months, Rokita's team has taken the

following actions:

- In April of 2023, Attorney General Rokita's team finalized settlements with Startel Communication LLC, Wanda Hall, and Rapid Eagle Inc. — doing business as VoIP Essential Inc. These companies allegedly helped robo-callers make over 4.8 million phone calls to Hoosiers and hundreds of millions of calls to other states across the United States. The alleged robo-calls included a variety of scams, including IRS and Social Security Administration imposter scams, legal action or arrest scams, Apple support scams, and Amazon subscription scams. The settlements included civil penalties and injunctive terms. Rapid Eagle Inc. LLC agreed to follow state and federal laws on telephone privacy and pay \$150,000 to the State of Indiana. Startel Communication LLC and Wanda Hall agreed to leave the robo-calling and telecom industry forever.

- In March of 2022, Attorney General Rokita's team settled with Piratel LLC — a California telecommunications company whose clients included the aforementioned Startel Communication LLC. The settlement resolved allegations that Piratel LLC had accepted money to essentially “look the other way” rather than act upon its knowledge that Startel facilitated robo-calls. Piratel LLC agreed to follow state and federal laws on telephone privacy and pay \$150,000 to the State of Indiana.

- In April of 2023, Attorney General Rokita's

team settled with Greg Sheppard doing business as Connected Leads out of Chicago, Illinois for allegedly sending at least seven robo-calls sent to Hoosiers on the Indiana Do Not Call List. The settlement included a judgment of \$30,000 and other injunctive terms.

- In August of 2022, Attorney General Rokita announced that his team was leading The Anti-Robo-call Multistate Litigation Task Force. The Task Force is a 51-state-member collective, led by the Attorneys General of Indiana, North Carolina, and Ohio, which is focused on actively investigating and pursuing enforcement actions against various entities — currently, VoIP providers — in the robo-call ecosystem that are identified as being responsible for significant volumes of illegal and fraudulent robo-call traffic routed into and across the country.

- On behalf of the Anti-Robo-call Multistate Litigation Task Force, Attorney General Rokita's team in November of 2022 filed a petition to enforce a Civil Investigative Demand issued earlier that year to One Eye LLC. In May of 2023, the court ordered that One Eye LLC, its ownership group, and its successive company One Owl Telecom Inc. stop transmitting calls to: 1) phone numbers on the National Do Not Call Registry; 2) phone numbers on the Indiana Do Not Call List 3) phone numbers with an Indiana Area Code; and 4) Indiana residents.

- Co-leading a 49-at-

torney-general coalition, Attorney General Rokita filed a civil lawsuit in May of 2023 against Michael D. Lansky LLC — doing business as Avid Telecom — and others alleging violations of various state and federal telephone privacy and telemarketing laws. The complaint alleges that Avid Telecom sent or transmitted more than 7.5 billion calls to telephone numbers on the National Do Not Call Registry. This was the first enforcement action that arose out of the investigative efforts of the 51-member Anti-Robo-call Multistate Litigation Task Force. As of July 2023, the case remained pending.

- Attorney General Rokita and his team, along with six other states, prepare for trial in August of 2023 against Health Advisors of America Inc., Michael T. Smith and Scott Shapiro for their alleged role in one of the United States' largest robo-calling schemes. The complaint alleges defendants made 25 million calls to Hoosiers in 2019 and 2020, which included more than 13.5 million calls to people whose numbers were on the Do Not Call Registry and 5 million calls to Hoosiers on the Indiana Do Not Call List. In March of 2023, the Attorney General settled with John Spiller and Jakob Mears.

“Collaboration is a key component in investigating and prosecuting illegal robo-callers,” Rokita said. “We will continue working with state and federal partners to combat this criminal activity and achieve positive outcomes for Hoosiers.”

# Realtors® Release June Central Indiana Housing Data

New housing data issued by the MIBOR Realtor Association for June 2023 shows no change in median sales price and decrease in active inventory compared to June 2022.

The median sales price remained the same in June compared to June 2022, and remained the same compared to May 2023. New listings decreased 27.7 percent in year-over-year comparison. Active inventory decreased 3.5 percent in year-over-year comparison and increased 1.0 percent compared to last month.

Pending sales decreased 12.8 percent in year-over-year comparison. Closed sales decreased 20.9 percent compared to last year.

“Home prices in central Indiana held steady at the all-time high of \$300,000 in June, unchanged from last month and the same as last June. Year-over-year closed sales of 2,988 were down 20.9%, the largest year-over-year drop since January, although sales rose slightly compared to last month. Pending sales are about 13% below last year, while new listings were down 27.7%. Similar to what we are seeing on a national level, the lack of inventory in central Indiana continues to keep home prices high and despite higher interest rates, the market remains solid,” said Shelley Specchio, CEO of MIBOR REALTOR® Association. “Median days on market have remained relatively steady, with June at 8 days, compared to 7 days in May 2023 and 5 days in June of 2022. While the market has slowed from the rapid pace of 2020 – 2022, the market continues to show resiliency.”

Dr. Elliott Eisenberg, an internationally acclaimed economist and public speaker says, “The chronic lack of new listings due to mortgage lock-in continues to suppress inventory levels, and as a result, the market remains tight and in a ‘wait-and-see’ mode. Because of high rates, buyers are much more interest rate-sensitive than they were a year ago. A half-point move in interest rates in the current environment will result in larger swings in market activity than in the past. Until we have a downward movement in interest rates, it's unlikely that we will see inventory rising. At the national level, year-over-year home prices continue to be relatively stable, showing that this remains a very strong market. In this cycle, despite rapid and steep interest rate increases, prices have barely budged because of the lack of inventory. And while many experts predicted that prices would decline more than they have, instead, seasonally adjusted year-over-year prices are starting to rise, and it's likely that the worst may be behind us.”

Additional central Indiana year-over-year comparisons (June 2022 vs. June 2023)

- Pending sales decreased 12.8 percent to 3,059

- Current median sales price: \$300,000

- Months supply of inventory: 1.2 months

- Total active listings: 3,491

The attached MIBOR

REALTOR® Association (MIBOR) Market Insights Report provides a market analysis of the 16 central Indiana counties within the MIBOR service area by creating a single, timely, reliable source of data. The report analyzes both month-over-month and year-over-year to give a view of the trends occurring in the central Indiana market.

Effective immediately, issues of the MIBOR Market Insights Report will include new market information to gain further insight into local market performance. In addition to Average Days on Market data, the report will include Median Days on Market. Additionally, each reporting metric for all MIBOR data now has its own full page and a new chart has been added for each metric to compare it across all counties. Lastly, the name for the Absorption Rate metric has changed to Month Supply of Inventory.

“In 2021, we began including the median for days on market because the housing market was changing rapidly, and the average was not adequately reflecting the pace of the marketplace. While we are no longer in the supercharged environment of 2020 and 2021, the median still provides a better measure for how long the typical home is on the market. Consider that the average days on market may be skewed by a handful of properties that are on market significantly longer than most listings. This could make the days on market appear greater than what a typical listing might experience. The median, being the midpoint (50 percent above and 50 percent below), is less prone to these outliers and provides a more reliable measure for days on market.” - Brad Coffing, MIBOR Research Analyst

Consumers will also have access to specific county information for the 16 counties included in MIBOR's Broker Listing Cooperative® (BLC®) listing service area: Bartholomew, Boone, Brown, Decatur, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Jackson, Jennings, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, Morgan, Putnam, and Shelby counties.

To coincide with the MIBOR Market Insights Report, MIBOR provides a consumer tool to allow members of the public to view a number of market metrics such as number of units sold, median sales price, number of new listings and more. The metrics are shown graphically to show the trends in the marketplace. To view the Market Insights tool, visit [www.mibor.com/marketinsights](http://www.mibor.com/marketinsights).

This information has been provided by MIBOR REALTOR® Association, the professional association representing central Indiana's REALTORS®. MIBOR serves the needs of over 10,000 members in Boone, Brown, Decatur, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, Morgan, and Shelby counties. MIBOR also supplies the BLC® service to REALTORS® in Bartholomew, Jackson, Jennings, and Putnam counties. MIBOR's archive of housing data can be found at [www.mibor.com/marketinsights](http://www.mibor.com/marketinsights).

# More Than 19k Federal Student Loan Borrowers In Indiana Approved For Loan Forgiveness

The Biden-Harris Administration has approved 804,000 borrowers for \$39 billion in federal student loans for automatic discharge this summer. Eligible borrowers will not have to take any action to receive this income-driven repayment (IDR) forgiveness.

In Indiana, 19,470 borrowers will receive \$932.80 million in IDR forgiveness in the coming weeks.

Below is a statement President Joe Biden released on Friday (in the press release linked below, a statement from Education Secretary Miguel Cardona is included and a statement Vice President Kamala Harris is linked):

“I have long said that college should be a ticket to the middle class - not a burden that weighs down on families for decades.

“My Administration is delivering on that commitment. Starting today, over 800,000 student loan borrowers who have been repaying their loans for 20 years or more will see \$39 billion of their loans discharged because of steps my Administration took to fix failures of the past. These borrowers will join the millions of people that my Administration has provided relief to over the past two years - resulting in over \$116 billion in loan relief to over 3 million borrowers under my Administration.

“But we're not stopping there. My Administration has worked hard to secure the largest increases to Pell Grants in a decade,

fixed broken loan programs such as Public Service Loan Forgiveness, and created a new income-driven repayment plan that will cut undergraduate loan payments in half and bring monthly payments to zero for low-income borrowers. And, when the Supreme Court made the wrong decision, I immediately announced a new plan to open an alternative path to relief for as many borrowers as possible, as soon as possible.

“Republican lawmakers - who had no problem with the government forgiving millions of dollars of their own business loans - have tried everything they can to stop me from providing relief to hardworking Americans. Some are even objecting to the actions we announced today, which follows through on relief borrowers were promised, but never given, even when they had been making payments for decades. The hypocrisy is stunning, and the disregard for working and middle-class families is outrageous.

“As long as I'm in office, I will continue to work to bring the promise of college to every American.”

More information about these discharges can be found in the full press release here: <https://www.ed.gov/news/press-releases/biden-harris-administration-releases-state-state-data-39-billion-loan-forgiveness-804000-borrowers-result-fixes-income-driven-repayment-plans>

## Additional Background

An IDR plan sets a borrower's monthly student loan payment at an amount intended to be affordable based on that borrower's income and family size. IDR plans also offer forgiveness of any remaining loan balance after borrowers make 240 or 300 monthly payments, which corresponds to 20 or 25 years. The number of required payments depends on when a borrower first took out the loans, the type of loans they borrowed, and the IDR payment plan in which the borrower is enrolled.

Before the Biden-Harris Administration's improvements to the IDR forgiveness program, qualifying payments that should have moved borrowers on IDR plans closer to forgiveness were not counted properly. Inaccurate payment counts have resulted in borrowers losing hard-earned progress toward loan forgiveness. Some borrowers were steered into forbearances and other statuses instead of toward IDR in ways that ran counter to our policies. Now, the Department is ensuring all borrowers have an accurate count of the number of monthly payments that qualify toward IDR forgiveness and is discharging the loans of borrowers who have met the requirements.

The Department has begun notifying eligible borrowers about their discharges. The emails from Federal Student Aid inform borrowers their

discharges will start 30 days from the notification date. The emails also explain that borrowers who wish to opt out of the discharge for any reason should contact their loan servicer during this period. Borrowers will be notified by their loan servicer after their debt is discharged. Those receiving forgiveness will have repayment on their loans paused until their discharge is processed; borrowers who opt out of the discharge will return to repayment once payments resume this fall.

The Department is taking steps to help borrowers access affordable payments going forward, including recently creating the most affordable payment plan ever—the Saving on a Valuable Education (SAVE) IDR plan. The SAVE plan will cut payments on undergraduate loans in half compared to other IDR plans, ensure that borrowers never see their balance grow as long as they keep up with their required payments, and protect more of a borrower's income for basic needs. Borrowers can visit [StudentAid.gov/save](http://StudentAid.gov/save) for details about this plan.

Will you help spread the word about IDR forgiveness to federal student loan borrowers in Indiana? Members of your audience may find it valuable to know about IDR plans and forgiveness and understand how they could benefit. Please encourage borrowers to visit [StudentAid.gov/idr](http://StudentAid.gov/idr) to learn more.

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**BETSY** From Page A1



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**Volunteer Steve Brown of Westfield works the grill for the Producers' Tent during the 2022 Hamilton County 4-H Fair. This year's 4-H Fair opens today and continues through Monday at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Noblesville.**

5 p.m. today in the Producer's Tent near the Small Animal Barn.

There are always lines. So I suggest getting out to the Fair before the lunch or dinner hour. Today, besides the Husky 4-H'ers grilled cheese, the Joint Producers' Barbecue offers menu items from the Beef Producers, Sheep Producers and Pork Producers, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Each day, during the Fair, a different producer offers barbecue items from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Rabbit and Poultry producers on Friday, Pork Producers on Saturday, Sheep Producers on Sunday and Beef Producers on Monday. A Joint Producers Barbecue returns from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. daily, Friday-Monday, plus 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday.

If you're wondering what other foods are returning this year and what's new to the Fair, you're in luck. Because I have the inside scoop.

There is food fare for just about any palate. Hamilton County 4-H Junior Leaders serve pizza, hot dogs, chips and drinks at the Snack Shack 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. today through Monday and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday. Silvernotes make their amazing Elephant Ears. First Christian Church sells corn dogs, sloppy Joe's and breadsticks, and shrimp and chicken nuggets. Fishers United Methodist Church has tenderloin and fruit cobbler and ice cream. Husky Dawg Wrestling has walking tacos. Fishers Baptist Church has gyros and lemon shake-ups. Ice Guys has snow cones. Noblesville H & H has novelty candy. North Circle Church has funnel cakes and dill pickles.

Interestingly, corn-on-the-cob, which is always

highly popular, will be sold in the Producers Tent this year. (Hopefully, there will be an express line just for folks who want the corn.)

Farm Bureau's milkshakes and milk hit the spot on a hot day.

One booth that I didn't see on the list, that we will really miss, is the Westfield Cloverleaves 4-H Club food stand, which traditionally offered a Fruit Slush for a dollar, one of the best bargains of the fair, plus healthy fruit, including apples and bananas.

Selecting Fair favorites from an array of food booths, it's always nice to be able to dine outdoors on the picnic tables in the Centennial Pavilion gazebo or under the shade trees, which there are fewer and fewer.

One more thing. If you like home cooking and you want to get out of this week's heat, or today's chance of rain, depending on the day, you might venture into the air-conditioned Exhibition Hall, where Hamilton County Extension Homemakers staff the kitchen and serve breakfast, including biscuits and gravy, plus daily specials, taco platter today (no spaghetti and meatballs this year), chicken and noodles on Friday, meatloaf on Saturday and beef and noodles on Sunday. Hours are 7-10 a.m., 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today through Sunday. The final meal will be breakfast, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Monday.

See you at the 4-H Fair!

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**BGCN** From Page A1

competed in the event to support our youth programs," said Tony Eslamirad, BGCN Community Center Director. "Those who attend not only have the opportunity to network and relax on a Friday afternoon under the shade of Forest Park, but they are making a difference in the lives of thousands of local kids that utilize the Club's services. In the past seven years, the event has raised over \$65,000 to support

affordable after school programs for our local Club Kids."

The registration fee per team of two will be \$80 with all proceeds benefiting the Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville. Teams may register online at [www.bgcni.org](http://www.bgcni.org). For more information, contact the Tom & Soni Sheehan Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville at (317) 773-4372 or email [teslamirad@bgcni.org](mailto:teslamirad@bgcni.org).

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# Facts & Fun



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1. What percentage of people live in Madison?  $\geq$
2. How old is Jefferson County?  $\leq$
3. How many live in the county, but not in Madison?  $\geq$
4. What is the population density of the county?  $\leq$

Answers: 1. About 36 percent 2. 208 Years 3. 20,788 People 4. 90/sq. mi.  $\div$

## Did You Know?

- Jefferson County was formed in 1811
- It was named for Thomas Jefferson, principal draftsman of the Northwest Ordinance and President of the United States from 1801 through 1809
- On May 20, 2009 the county courthouse caught fire
- The population in 2017 was 32,565 with 11,777 residing in the county seat, Madison
- According to the 2010 census, the county has a total area of 362.89 square miles (939.9 km<sup>2</sup>), of which 360.63 square miles (934.0 km<sup>2</sup>) (or 99.38%) is land and 2.26 square miles (5.9 km<sup>2</sup>) (or 0.62%) is water

## Got Words?

What cultural impacts do you think come from being named after Thomas Jefferson? How might it factor into the culture and other elements of the community?

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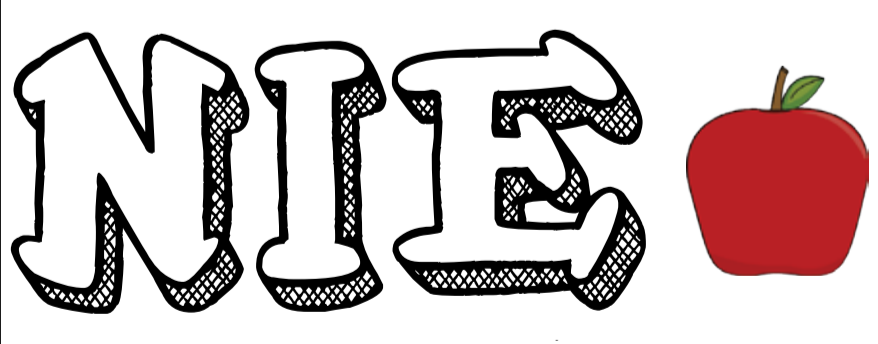
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## Word Scrambler

- Unscramble the words below!
1. FFEEJORNS
  2. NOSMDAI
  3. RIFE
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  5. DENSPREI
- Answers: 1. Jefferson 2. Madison 3. Fire 4. Courthouse 5. President

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### Amplified Sciences Receives \$400,000 NCI Grant To Improve Early Detection Of Pancreatic Cancer

Health care providers and their patients could know with greater confidence whether pancreatic cysts are benign or potentially malignant, and if surgery is required to remove them, by using a new diagnostic test currently in development.

Amplified Sciences, a clinical-stage life sciences diagnostic company that licenses Purdue University innovations, has received a Phase I Small Business Innovation Research, or SBIR, grant of approximately \$400,000 from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to develop the test. The company focuses on accurately detecting and categorically assessing the risks of debilitating diseases.

CEO Diana Caldwell said the incidental detection rate of cystic pancreatic lesions has increased significantly due to the aging population and advances in clinical imaging technologies. However, there is a lack of definitive diagnostics to accurately assess if a cyst is benign or potentially malignant.

"Health care professionals need better tools to help them manage these patients and identify individuals most at risk for pancreatic cancer," Caldwell said. "Pancreatic cysts are a window to early detection and represent an important risk factor in identifying pancreatic cancer early."

Caldwell said clinicians must balance the risk of missing a potentially malignant cyst with taking unnecessary surgical action to remove a benign cyst. She said retrospective studies have found almost one-fourth of surgeries to remove pancreatic cysts



Photo courtesy of Purdue Research Foundation

**Purdue University researcher V. Jo Davison and CEO Diana Caldwell are the founders of Amplified Sciences, a clinical-stage life sciences diagnostic company that focuses on accurately detecting and categorically assessing the risks of debilitating diseases. The National Cancer Institute has awarded Amplified Sciences a grant of approximately \$400,000 to develop a test to determine if pancreatic cysts are benign or potentially malignant.**

are unwarranted. "However, previous studies have also revealed that when clinicians use a wait-and-see approach to monitor the development of pancreatic cancer, up to a quarter of patients receive surgery too late," Caldwell said. "The dual-edged nature of this process highlights the need for better early-stage diagnostic tools."

Caldwell said the NCI grant will help fund important technical and clinical validation milestones, including the procurement of banked patient samples and clinical trials.

The company's pancreatic cancer diagnostic products are based on technology invented by V. Jo Davison, professor of medicinal chemistry and

molecular pharmacology in Purdue University's College of Pharmacy and a faculty member of the Purdue Institute for Drug Discovery. Davison serves as the chief scientific officer of Amplified Sciences.

"This award recognizes the strength of our scientific team, the potential of our chemistry platform and the National Institutes of Health's interest in supporting early-stage diagnostics in this disease state," Davison said.

The state of Indiana is also supportive of startups earning SBIR grants. Through a program managed by Elevate Ventures, the company is eligible for a Phase I grant match of up to \$50,000.

Amplified Sciences licenses Davison's intellec-

tual property through the Purdue Research Foundation Office of Technology Commercialization.

**About Amplified Sciences**

Amplified Sciences is a clinical-stage life science diagnostics startup focused on detecting and preempting the risks of debilitating diseases, thus providing health providers the ability to treat patients earlier with better outcomes. The company's ultrasensitive chemistry platform leverages technology licensed from Purdue University, and its headquarters is in West Lafayette, Indiana. Their lead assay has published clinical evidence in pancreatic cancer. To learn more about Amplified Sciences, visit [amplified-sciences.com](http://amplified-sciences.com).

### Duke Energy Foundation Gives More Than \$200,000 To Hunger Relief Programs In Indiana Communities

The Duke Energy Foundation is awarding more than \$200,000 in grants to local food pantries and community organizations to feed Hoosier families in need. The grants will support the purchase of canned goods, fresh produce and essential supplies to address food insecurity across the company's Indiana service territory.

"Too many Hoosiers struggle with economic instability and food insecurity," said Stan Pinegar, president of Duke Energy Indiana. "When people don't have enough food to meet their needs or are uncertain of where their next meal might come from, it weighs heavily on families and communities. With these funds, we hope to curb the number of Indiana families experiencing hunger and support local organizations extending a helping hand to their neighbors in need."

The Center for Lay Ministries is the recipient of a \$6,000 Duke Energy Foundation grant to support Clark County, Ind., residents who struggle with food insecurity. Each month, the nonprofit organization provides food for more than 1,100 individuals and their families.

"These funds will allow us to meet the increased needs of local families this summer while kids are home from school and food costs are rising," said Kara Brown, executive director of the Center for Lay Ministries. "The support of partners like Duke Energy is instrumental in helping us continue to serve our clients with compassion, dignity and respect."

Grants were awarded to the following organizations:

- Anchor House (Jackson County) – \$5,000
- Center for Lay Ministries (Clark County) – \$6,000
- Clay County YMCA (Clay County) – \$7,000
- Food Finders Food Bank (Benton, Carroll, Cass, Fountain, Fulton, Howard, Miami, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Tipton and Warren counties) – \$29,000

- Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana (Statewide) – \$10,000

- Good Samaritan Network of Hamilton County (Hamilton County) – \$10,000

- Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition (Hendricks County) – \$5,000

- Henry County Community Foundation (Henry County) – \$5,000

- Hoosier Hills Food Bank (Brown, Lawrence, Martin, Monroe, Orange and Owen counties) – \$22,000

- Hope Center (Fayette County) – \$5,000

- Hope Southern Indiana (Floyd County) – \$6,000

- Knox County United Way (Knox County) – \$12,000

- The Princeton Salvation Army (Gibson County) – \$10,000

- Putnam County Emergency Food Pantry (Putnam County) – \$5,000

- The Rescue Mission (Huntington, Kosciusko and Whitley counties) – \$5,000

- The Salvation Army of Southern Indiana (Clark, Crawford, Floyd, Harrison, Scott and Washington counties) – \$10,000

- Second Harvest Food Bank of East Central Indiana (Blackford, Delaware, Grant, Henry, Jay, Madison, Randolph and Wabash counties) – \$3,000

- Shelby County Boys & Girls Club (Shelby County) – \$10,000

- South Madison Community Food Pantry (Madison County) – \$2,500

- United Way of Bartholomew County (Bartholomew County) – \$12,000

- United Way of Clinton County (Clinton County) – \$7,000

- West Vigo Community Center (Vigo County) – \$5,000

- Western Indiana Community Foundation (Vermillion County) – \$5,000

- Westfield Washington Schools (Hamilton County) – \$15,000

- YMCA of Morgan County (Morgan County) – \$7,000

### Indiana Launches South Korea Office In Support Of Increased Relationships With Future-Focused Korean Industries

Indiana Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers announced this week the opening of a new Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) office in Seoul to build on the growing industry ties and economic momentum between Indiana and South Korea. The office, which officially opened July 1, marks the IEDC's second new office expansion this year and its eighth international office, reinforcing the state's commitment to global engagement.

"Indiana's new Seoul office underscores the importance of the state's deepening relationships with Korean companies and their increased interest in a dynamic Hoosier workforce and economy," said Sec. Chambers. "With over \$6 billion of recently announced capital investment from Korean companies and their JV partners, an IEDC office in Korea is a further commitment to building high-tech, future-focused investments and job opportunities to the Hoosier state. After visiting with government and industry leaders in Seoul twice over the past

year, I'm confident that Indiana and South Korea share similar visions for our futures and that investing in our growing partnership will deliver mutually beneficial results in industry and innovation."

The IEDC's Seoul office, which will be managed by Narai Kim and Max Kim, will focus on attracting new foreign direct investment in future-focused sectors, such as energy, mobility, hard tech, advanced manufacturing and life sciences, and building on the industry and innovation partnerships between Indiana and South Korea. The Seoul office will be led by director Narai, a 15-year veteran in international business-to-business, business-to-government and government-to-government projects in the advanced manufacturing sector. She has experience collaborating with governmental organizations around the world to support the technology transfer and licensing programs with a focus on the battery, materials and aerospace sectors. Narai

will be joined by manager Max whose background stems from the manufacturing and energy sector with experience in market research and project management for global companies.

Today's news builds on the growing economic relationship between Indiana and South Korea, following two state-led economic development trips to Korea within the last year. In August 2022, Gov. Holcomb and Sec. Chambers traveled to Seoul to target opportunities for investment in energy and electric vehicles, and in March 2023, Sec. Chambers led a delegation to Seoul to participate in the InterBattery Conference – Korea's leading battery exhibition. Indiana was one of eight states invited by the U.S. Embassy in Seoul to exhibit within the conference's U.S. pavilion.

Indiana is home to 14 South Korea-based companies – a number that continues to grow with recent investment announcements from companies like Jaewon Industrial, which is establishing its first U.S. location in Kokomo to

support chemical recycling for lithium-ion battery manufacturers; Soulbrain MI, a tier one supplier for the EV industry that is investing \$76.5 million to establish operations in Kokomo; and Samsung SDI, which is investing in two major joint ventures to build new EV battery manufacturing facilities with Stellantis in Kokomo and with General Motors in New Carlisle. Additionally, South Korea hosts operations of six Indiana-based businesses.

At the IEDC, Narai and Max join a robust team of business developers in Indiana and globally, focused on creating the economy of the future in Indiana by advancing high-tech sectors, such as agbiosciences, industry 4.0, life sciences, semiconductor fabrication and design, and electric vehicles. In 2022, the IEDC secured \$22.2 billion in new industry investments, including \$15.5 billion from companies establishing new operations – either as a startup company or as an established business investing in Indiana for the first time.

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## **Reader's Choice 2023 Special Section**

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 was founded, we created this fun and good-natured promotion that features local businesses, people, products and more and gives you, our readers, the opportunity 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.

This is our special section showcasing all of the results for Readers' Choice 2023. We hope that you find it handy when you are looking for goods and services.

Lastly, we encourage you to pay attention to the many businesses who are saying thank you with their ads. Without those supporters, local news and specifically your daily edition, wouldn't be here.

# Readers' Choice Awards 2023



**Accountant**  
**WINNER:**  
 Katz, Sapper and Miller  
**Runner Ups**  
 Hamilton Tax & Accounting  
**Honorable Mentions:**  
 •Corey Sylvester / Edward D. Jones  
 •Resler Tax Service  
 •Lehman & Co.  
 •Platinum Accounting  
 •Susan Hall & Assoc.  
 •Daryl Petry, PC  
 •H & R Block  
 •John Johnston  
 •Heffelmire Tax  
 •Jane Wetzle  
 •Erwin CPA  
 •Greg Dickos / Edward D. Jones  
 •Long & Associates  
 •Pendergrass

**Animal Shelter**  
**WINNER:**  
 Humane Society of Hamilton County  
**Runner Ups**  
 Little Paws on the Prairie  
**Antique Store**  
**WINNER:**  
 Logan Village Mall  
**Runner Ups**

Noblesville Antiques on the Square  
**Honorable Mentions:**  
 •Randy's Toy Shop  
 •Midland Arts and Antiques Market  
 •Main Street Shoppes  
 •The Mix  
 •Westfield Antique Marketplace  
 •Thistle & Thyme Home Store  
 •The Velvet Plum Vintage and Consignments  
 •Apple Butter Barn Country Store  
 •Logan Village Mall  
 •Carmel Old Town Antique Mall  
 •Lakeview Court  
 •Noble Manor  
**Apartment Complex**  
**WINNER:**  
 Millstone of Noblesville  
**Runner Ups**  
 Pebble Brook Village  
**Honorable Mentions:**  
 •Lantern Woods  
 •Bridgewater  
 •Cumberland Pointe  
 •Flats at 146  
 •Greystone of Noblesville  
 •The Retreat at Carmel

•The Woods of Britton  
 •The Levinson  
 •Harbourtown  
 •Union 32 Apartments  
**Appraiser**  
**WINNER:**  
 Jim Sparks  
**Runner Ups**  
 Larry Baker  
**Honorable Mentions:**  
 •Moore Appraisal  
 •Vicki Licklitter  
 •Mead Appraisal  
 •Branch Appraisal  
 •Knight Appraisal Services in Fishers  
**Architect**  
**WINNER:**  
 Peterson Architecture/  
 Darren Peterson  
**Runner Ups**  
 Nathan Althouse  
**Honorable Mentions:**  
 •Main Architects  
 •MD Architects  
 •Curran Architecture  
 •KRM Architects  
 •Professional Engineers/  
 Mike Marinaro  
 •Stair Associates  
**Armed Services**  
**WINNER:**  
 U.S. Marines  
**Runner Ups**

Army  
**Honorable Mentions:**  
 •Navy  
 •Air Force  
 •National Guard  
**Artsy Places**  
**WINNER:**  
 MyArt  
**Runner Ups**  
 Carmel Arts and Design District  
**Honorable Mentions:**  
 •Geoff Davis  
 •Nickel Plate Arts  
 •Hamilton County Artists Birdie Gallery  
 •Kiln Creations  
 •Painting with a Twist  
 •Caravan Classes  
 •uPaint Pottery Studio  
 •Wandering Peacock  
**Assisted Living / Nursing Home**  
**WINNER:**  
 Harbour Manor & The Lodge  
**Runner Ups**  
 Wellbrooke of Westfield  
**Honorable Mentions:**  
 •Magnolia Springs  
 •Sanders Glen  
 •Prairie Lakes Health Campus  
 •Hamilton Trace

•Carmel Senior Living  
 •The Barrington of Carmel  
 •Maple Park Village  
 •Riverwalk Village  
 •The Barrington of Carmel  
 •Heritage Woods  
**Attorney**  
**WINNER:**  
 Steve Crell  
**Runner Ups**  
 Church Church Hittle & Antrim  
**Honorable Mentions:**  
 •Cook & Cook  
 •Stephen Cook  
 •Bruce Boje  
 •Thomas Aycock  
 •Kincaid & Kincaid  
 •James Crum  
 •Adler Attorneys  
 •Ray Adler  
 •Julia Kozicki  
 •Jerry Barr  
 •William Webster  
 •Aaron Culp  
 •Stacy Ambler  
 •Carol Jean Romine  
**Auctioneer**  
**WINNER:**  
 Don Baker  
**Runner Ups**  
 Burgess Auction  
**Honorable Mentions:**

•Brian Bailey  
 •Don Bailey  
 •Larry Baker  
 •Chaudion  
 •Family Man Auction  
 •Jim Bailey  
 •Aaron Williamson  
 •Halderman  
**Audiologist**  
**WINNER:**  
 Northeast Otolaryngology  
**Runner Ups**  
 Dr. Charlotte Dugan  
**Honorable Mentions:**  
 •Indiana Hearing Aid  
 •Beltone Hearing Care Center  
 •Total Hearing Solutions  
 •Whisper Hearing Center  
**Auto Body Shop**  
**WINNER:**  
 Talent Auto Body  
**Runner Ups**  
 Renner Nixon  
**Honorable Mentions:**  
 •Millers  
 •Hamilton Co Collision  
 •Story Collision Center  
 •Gerber Collision  
 •Collision Solutions  
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 •Harvey's Collision Center

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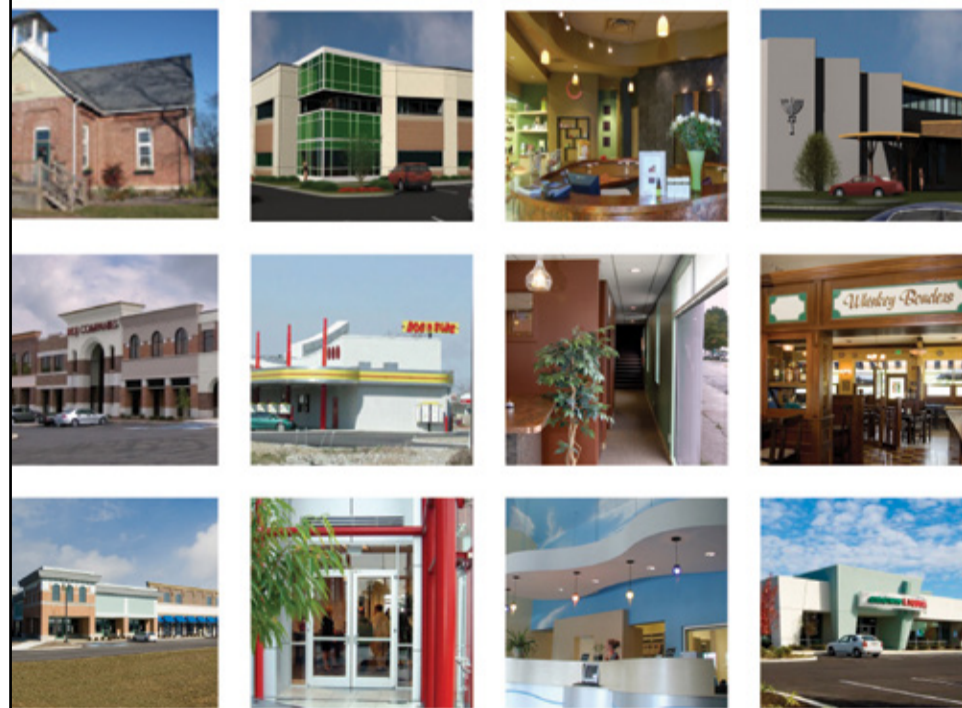
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- Gift Shop**  
**WINNER:** Adriene's Flowers & Gifts  
**Runner Up:** Logan Village Mall  
**Honorable Mentions:** Living Truth, Linden Tree, Gallery 116, Mercantile on Main, Little Gypsy Boutique, 3 Rusty Nails
- Wild Bohemian Boutique**  
**Runner Up:** Persimmon Avenue, Thistle & Thyme
- Golf Course**  
**WINNER:** Purgatory  
**Runner Up:** Bridgewater, Forest Park  
**Honorable Mentions:** Harbour Trees, Fox Prairie
- Bear Slide**  
**Runner Up:** Prairie View, Pebblebrook, Sagamore
- Green House**  
**WINNER:** Gatewood Vegetable Farm  
**Runner Up:** Heartland Growers  
**Honorable Mentions:** Hood's Gardens
- Grocery Store**  
**WINNER:** Kroger  
**Runner Up:** Aldi's  
**Honorable Mentions:** Meijer, Cicero Market, Fresh Thyme, Harbour Market, Market District, Trader Joe's, Walmart
- Whole Foods**  
**Runner Up:** Nancy Myers, Twisted Sisters  
**WINNER:** Kiss Kiss Bang Bang  
**Honorable Mentions:** Ciao Bella, Hair Doctor, Flirt, HG Salon
- Hair Salon**  
**WINNER:** Sugar Salon  
**Runner Up:** Viva
- Hardware Store**  
**WINNER:** Ace Hardware  
**Runner Up:** Sullivan's  
**Honorable Mentions:** Menards, Keevers, Lowe's, Home Depot

- Health Club / Fitness Facilities**  
**WINNER:** Fishers YMCA  
**Runner Up:** Anytime Fitness  
**Honorable Mentions:** LA Fitness, Noblesville Athletic Club, Cross Fit Indy North, Gymmies, Bang!, Roundtrippers (baseball, softball, soccer training), Lifetime, Planet Fitness
- Williams Comfort Air**  
**Honorable Mentions:** Price Heating, Dial One, North Suburban, Appel, Hoff Agency
- Hobby / Toy Store**  
**WINNER:** Moonshot Games  
**Runner Up:** Mr. Muffin's Train Shop  
**Honorable Mentions:** Option 2, The Cultured Wall, Wood Crafts by Russ
- Home Builder**  
**WINNER:** Old Town Design Group  
**Runner Up:** Carl Abbott Jr.  
**Honorable Mentions:** Fischer Homes, Joe Reel, MI Homes, Randall and Chamberlain, Sobczak, Williams Custom Art Builders, Carl Abbott, Coffey Construction, Drees
- Hotel**  
**WINNER:** Embassy Suites in Noblesville  
**Runner Up:** Hotel Carmichael  
**Honorable Mentions:** Cambria Suites, Renaissance, Courtyard by Marriott, Drury Inn, Fairfield Inn, Hampton Inn
- Insurance Agency/Agent**  
**WINNER:** Angie Sutton State Farm  
**Runner Up:** Indiana Farm Bureau  
**Honorable Mentions:** Ellinger Riggs Insurance
- Pulte**  
**Runner Up:** Davis Homes, Lennar
- Hospital**  
**WINNER:** Community  
**Runner Up:** IU Health Saxony  
**Honorable Mentions:** St. Vincent Carmel, Riverview Health, Franciscan
- Jeff Whitman - All State**  
**Runner Up:** Farm Bureau, Gordon Marketing, Martin and Martin  
**Honorable Mentions:** Penwell Insurance, Cicero Insurance Agency, Hughes Insurance, Myers and Lapel
- Internet Service Provider**  
**WINNER:** Comcast  
**Runner Up:** AT&T  
**Honorable Mentions:** On Ramp, Frontier Communications, Net Zero
- Investment Broker**  
**WINNER:** Charles Schwab  
**Runner Up:** Paul Dickos  
**Honorable Mentions:** Corey Sylvester - Edward Jones, Bryce Adams Edward Jones, Edward Jones
- Jewelry Store**  
**WINNER:** Smith's Jewelers  
**Runner Up:** Moyer  
**Honorable Mentions:** Moser Jewelry, Hoffmeister, Jewelry Gallery
- Lawn Mower Dealer**  
**WINNER:** Reynolds Farm Equipment  
**Runner Up:** Campbell's Sales and Equipment  
**Honorable Mentions:** The Mower Shop, McGavic Outdoor Power
- Landscape/Lawn Care provider**  
**WINNER:** Noblesville Lawn Care  
**Runner Up:** Allisonville Nursery  
**Honorable Mentions:** Don and Kodi's, Green Vista, BAM
- Library**  
**WINNER:** Hamilton East, Noblesville  
**Runner Up:** Westfield  
**Honorable Mentions:** Sheridan, Carmel-Clay, Hamilton North, Cicero, Hamilton East, Fishers
- Liquor Store**  
**WINNER:** Mr. G's / Noble Wine & Spirits  
**Runner Up:** Big Red Liquors  
**Honorable Mentions:** 21st Amendment Liquor, Sheridan Pkg Liquors, Crown Liquors, Payless Liquors, Port Cicero, Vintage
- Lodge**  
**WINNER:** Noblesville Elks  
**Runner Up:** Noblesville Moose  
**Honorable Mentions:** American Legion, Noblesville, Masonic Lodge, Noblesville VFW

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**Paint Store**  
**WINNER:**  
 Sherwin Williams  
**Runner Up:**  
 Noblesville Ace Hardware  
**Honorable Mentions:**  
 •Lowe's  
 •Ace  
 •Home Depot  
 •Keeves Sheridan Hardware  
 •PPG Paint Store  
 •Keeves Sheridan Hardware

**Painting Service**  
**WINNER:**  
 TL Ballenger Painting in Noblesville  
**Runner Up:**  
 Tony Delph  
**Honorable Mentions:**  
 Richard Rigby

**Pest Exterminator**  
**WINNER:**  
 AAA  
**Runner Up:**  
 Terminex  
**Honorable Mentions:**  
 Kapps

**Pet Groomer**  
**WINNER:**  
 Noblesville Pet Grooming  
**Runner Up:**  
 PetSmart

**Honorable Mentions:**  
 •For the Love of Dogs  
 •Animal Arts  
 •Dog Dayz  
 •Beverly's Pet Resort-Kennel & Bark Park  
 •First Friend Canine  
 •Gussy Grooming

**Pet Shop**  
**WINNER:**  
 Pet Supplies Plus  
**Runner Up:**  
 PetSmart  
**Pharmacy**  
**WINNER:**  
 Kroger  
**Runner Up:**  
 CVS (Conner Street)  
**Honorable Mentions:**  
 •Meijer  
 •Sheridan Elliott  
 •Walgreens  
 •CVS in Cicero  
 •Wal Mart  
 •CVS (SR 37 & 146th)

**Physician**  
**WINNER:**  
 Noblesville Family Practice  
**Runner Up:**  
 Amy Banter  
**Honorable Mentions:**  
 •Kent Erb  
 •Walter Beaver  
 •Bill Kirsch  
 •Michelle Neff  
 •Randall Dermatology  
 •Brian Benjamin

•Charles Harris  
 •Glenn Leer  
 •Joy Cain  
 •Keith McEwin  
 •Lee Sredinski  
 •Marla Guzman  
 •Thomas Miller

**Photographer**  
**WINNER:**  
 Tenth Street Photography  
**Runner Up:**  
 Stacy Wolf  
**Honorable Mentions:**  
 •Andy Duvall  
 •Matt Doudt  
 •Nicholas Shotwell  
 •Kent Graham  
 •Studio Kate  
 •RDK Photography

**Playhouse**  
**WINNER:**  
 The Belfry Theatre  
**Runner Up:**  
 Basile Westfield Playhouse  
**Honorable Mentions:**  
 •Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre  
 •Nickel Plate Players  
 •Carmel Community Players  
 •The Switch Theatre  
 •The Attic Theatre  
 •Hyperion Players

**Plumber**  
**WINNER:**  
 L.E. Isley's & Sons

**Runner Up:**  
 Mark Plecker  
**Honorable Mentions:**  
 •Brian Hunter  
 •Jim Tittle  
 •Schuler  
 •Summers  
 •Mark Bush  
 •Chapman Heating, Air Conditioning, & Plumbing (Formerly Scott's)  
 •Express Services

**Police Department**  
**WINNER:**  
 Noblesville  
**Runner Up:**  
 Indiana State Police  
**Honorable Mentions:**  
 •Hamilton County Sheriff's Department  
 •Fishers  
 •Indiana State Police  
 •Sheridan  
 •Arcadia  
 •Carmel  
 •Cicero  
 •Westfield

**Politician**  
**WINNER:**  
 Victoria Spartz  
**Runner Up:**  
 Brian Ayer  
**Honorable Mentions:**  
 •Chris Jensen  
 •Darren Peterson  
 •Brad Beaver  
 •Sue Finkam  
 •Robin Ward

•Mike Davis  
 •Brian Bosma  
 •Mark Hall  
 •Scott Baldwin  
 •Chuck Goodrich  
 •Mark Heirbrandt  
 •Christine Altman  
 •Mark Boice

**Pool / Spa**  
**WINNER:**  
 Cicero Pool & Spa  
**Runner Up:**  
 Pools of Fun  
**Post Office**  
**WINNER:**  
 Noblesville  
**Runner Up:**  
 Westfield  
**Honorable Mentions:**  
 •Sheridan  
 •Cicero  
 •Fishers

**Preschool**  
**WINNER:**  
 Noblesville Methodist Preschool and PNO  
**Runner Up:**  
 Our Lady of Grace  
**Honorable Mentions:**  
 •Legacy Christian  
 •Noblesville Kindercare  
 •Legacy Christian  
 •Primrose  
 •Creative Campus  
 •Nature's Point

**Print Shop**  
**WINNER:**  
 Discount Copies

**Runner Up:**  
 UPS Store  
**Honorable Mentions:**  
 •Rowland Printing  
 •Staples  
 •Alpha Graphics

**Radio Station**  
**WINNER:**  
 WIBC  
**Runner Up:**  
 WZPL  
**Honorable Mentions:**  
 •WFMS  
 •WFBQ  
 •WHJE  
 •WFYI  
 •WXLW

**Real Estate Agency/Agent**  
**WINNER:**  
 FC Tucker / Peggy & Jennifer Deakynne  
**Runner Up:**  
 Century Twenty One (Sheetz)  
**Honorable Mentions:**  
 •Brian Ayer  
 •Dave Galt / Team Re / Max  
 •Tina Snodgrass  
 •FC Tucker / Hershfield  
 •Andy Sheets  
 •Westport Homes  
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# Readers' Choice Awards 2023



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| <p><b>Dine In Restaurant</b><br/> <b>WINNER:</b><br/>                 10 West<br/> <b>Runner Up:</b><br/>                 Grindstone on the Monon<br/> <b>Honorable Mentions:</b><br/>                 •Grindstone Public House<br/>                 •Ale Emporium<br/>                 •Ginger's Café<br/>                 •Wolfies<br/>                 •Matteo's<br/>                 •Erika's Place (Cicero)<br/>                 •CR Heroes<br/>                 •Texas Roadhouse<br/>                 •O'Charley's<br/>                 •Rosies Café<br/>                 •Chilis<br/>                 •Uptown Café<br/>                 •Copper Still<br/>                 •Lincoln Square<br/>                 •Logan's Road House<br/>                 •Syd's<br/>                 •Applebees<br/>                 •Bob Evans<br/>                 •Bru Burger<br/>                 •Courtney's Kitchen<br/>                 •Michaelangelo's<br/>                 •Olive Garden<br/> <b>Fast Food Restaurant</b><br/> <b>WINNER:</b><br/>                 Chick-Fil-A<br/> <b>Runner Up:</b><br/>                 Culver's<br/> <b>Honorable Mentions:</b><br/>                 •Hardee's<br/>                 •Burger King<br/>                 •Arby's<br/>                 •Mo's Southwest Grill<br/>                 •Jimmy Johns<br/>                 •Long John Silver's<br/>                 •Panera Bread<br/>                 •Penn Station<br/>                 •Q'doba<br/>                 •Sheridan DQ<br/> <b>Restaurant</b><br/> <b>WINNER:</b><br/>                 10 West<br/> <b>Runner Up:</b><br/>                 Grindstone on the Monon</p> | <p><b>Honorable Mentions:</b><br/>                 •Big Hoffas<br/>                 •Red Robin<br/>                 •Westfield Diner<br/>                 •Grindstone Public House<br/>                 •Jim Dandy<br/>                 •La Hacienda<br/>                 •Red Habanero<br/>                 •Ginger's Café<br/>                 •Logan's<br/>                 •Cracker Barrel<br/>                 •Culver's<br/>                 •Erika's Place<br/>                 •Wolfie's<br/>                 •Asian Grill</p> <p><b>Chinese Restaurant</b><br/> <b>WINNER:</b><br/>                 Kobayashi Sushi &amp; Asian Kitchen<br/> <b>Runner Up:</b><br/>                 Peking Garden<br/> <b>Honorable Mentions:</b><br/>                 •Asian Grill<br/>                 •Happy Dragon<br/>                 •Mark Pis<br/>                 •Panda Express<br/>                 •House of Chung<br/>                 •Wok &amp; Roll<br/>                 •Lucky Star Buffet<br/>                 •China Buffet<br/>                 •China Wok<br/>                 •King's Garden</p> <p><b>Coffee Shop</b><br/> <b>WINNER:</b><br/>                 Noble Coffee<br/> <b>Runner Up:</b><br/>                 Starbucks<br/> <b>Honorable Mentions:</b><br/>                 •Rosies<br/>                 •Cicero Coffee<br/>                 •Einstein's<br/>                 •Dark Side Roasters<br/>                 •The Remnant Coffee Shop</p> <p><b>Ice Cream Place</b><br/> <b>WINNER:</b><br/>                 Alexander's<br/> <b>Runner Up:</b><br/>                 Handel's<br/> <b>Honorable Mentions:</b><br/>                 •Graeter's</p> | <p>•Bubs<br/>                 •Culver's<br/>                 •Cold Stone Creamery (116th St.)<br/>                 •Sheridan DQ</p> <p><b>Italian Restaurant</b><br/> <b>WINNER:</b><br/>                 Matteo's<br/> <b>Runner Up:</b><br/>                 Michaelangelo's<br/> <b>Honorable Mentions:</b><br/>                 •Maggianno's<br/>                 •Puccini's<br/>                 •Mamma Carrolas<br/>                 •Olive Garden Exit 10<br/>                 •Greek's Pizzeria</p> <p><b>Mexican restaurant</b><br/> <b>WINNER:</b><br/>                 Red Habanero<br/> <b>Runner Up:</b><br/>                 Rio Grande<br/> <b>Honorable Mentions:</b><br/>                 •Chuy's<br/>                 •Maria's Mexican Grill<br/>                 •Samono's Mexican Food<br/>                 •Maya Riviera<br/>                 •The Toras<br/>                 •Q'doba<br/>                 •Cancun<br/>                 •Los Torros<br/>                 •Burrito's &amp; Beer<br/>                 •Chilis<br/>                 •Taxy Mexy<br/>                 •El Palenque<br/>                 •Tijuana Flats</p> <p><b>Pizza Place</b><br/> <b>WINNER:</b><br/>                 Greek's Pizzeria<br/> <b>Runner Up:</b><br/>                 Pizza King Noblesville<br/> <b>Honorable Mentions:</b><br/>                 •Bazbeaux<br/>                 •Puccinis<br/>                 •Pizza by the Harbour<br/>                 •Marco's<br/>                 •Monicals<br/>                 •Papa John's<br/>                 •Pizza House Cicero<br/>                 •Pizza Hut<br/>                 •Pizza Hut Noblesville</p> | <p>•Bella<br/> <b>Brew Pub</b><br/> <b>WINNER:</b><br/>                 Sun King<br/> <b>Runner Up:</b><br/>                 Upland Carmel Tap House<br/> <b>Honorable Mentions:</b><br/>                 •MashCraft Fishers<br/>                 •Field Brewing<br/>                 •Primeval Brewing<br/>                 •Four Day Ray Brewing<br/>                 •Union Brewing Co.<br/>                 •Brier Brewing<br/>                 •Grand Junction Brewing</p> <p><b>Best Bagel</b><br/> <b>WINNER:</b><br/>                 Big Apple Bagel<br/> <b>Runner Up:</b><br/>                 Noble Coffee<br/> <b>Honorable Mentions:</b><br/>                 •Einstein<br/>                 •Corner Bakery<br/> <b>Best BBQ</b><br/> <b>WINNER:</b><br/>                 Big Hoffas<br/> <b>Runner Up:</b><br/>                 Big Dog's Smokehouse<br/> <b>Honorable Mentions:</b><br/>                 •Famous Dave's BBQ<br/>                 •City BBQ<br/>                 •Zek's BBQ<br/>                 •Buffalo Wild Wings</p> <p><b>Best Burger</b><br/> <b>WINNER:</b><br/>                 Bru Burger<br/> <b>Runner Up:</b><br/>                 Five Guys<br/> <b>Honorable Mentions:</b><br/>                 •Culver's<br/>                 •Red Robin<br/>                 •Steak 'n Shake<br/>                 •Jim Dandy<br/>                 •Wolfie's<br/>                 •Burger King<br/>                 •Cracker Barrel<br/>                 •10 West<br/>                 •Applebee's<br/>                 •Hardee's<br/>                 •Logan's</p> <p><b>Best Chili</b></p> | <p><b>WINNER:</b><br/>                 Syds<br/> <b>Runner Up:</b><br/>                 Wendy's<br/> <b>Honorable Mentions:</b><br/>                 Jim Dandy</p> <p><b>Best Cookie</b><br/> <b>WINNER:</b><br/>                 Debbie's Daughters Bakery<br/> <b>Runner Up:</b><br/>                 Pat-a-Cake<br/> <b>Honorable Mentions:</b><br/>                 •Baker's Paradise<br/>                 •Panera</p> <p><b>Best Cupcakes</b><br/> <b>WINNER:</b><br/>                 Gigi Cupcakes<br/> <b>Runner Up:</b><br/>                 Heavenly Sweets<br/> <b>Best Cup of Coffee</b><br/> <b>WINNER:</b><br/>                 Noble Coffee<br/> <b>Runner Up:</b><br/>                 Starbucks<br/> <b>Honorable Mentions:</b><br/>                 •Erika's Place<br/>                 •Dunkin' Donuts<br/>                 •Ginger's<br/>                 •McDonald's<br/>                 •Wendy's</p> <p><b>Best Donut</b><br/> <b>WINNER:</b><br/>                 Titus<br/> <b>Runner Up:</b><br/>                 Rebellion<br/> <b>Honorable Mentions:</b><br/>                 •Jack's Donuts<br/>                 •Dunkin' Donuts<br/>                 •Big Apple Bagels</p> <p><b>Best French Fries</b><br/> <b>WINNER:</b><br/>                 McDonald's<br/> <b>Runner Up:</b><br/>                 Chick-Fil-A<br/> <b>Honorable Mentions:</b><br/>                 •Culver's<br/>                 •Red Robin</p> | <p>•Steak 'n Shake<br/>                 •Red Robin<br/>                 •Buffalo Wild Wings<br/>                 •Burger King<br/>                 •Grindstone Public House<br/>                 •Bru Burger</p> <p><b>Best Milkshake</b><br/> <b>WINNER:</b><br/>                 Steak 'n Shake<br/> <b>Runner Up:</b><br/>                 Dairy Queen<br/> <b>Honorable Mentions:</b><br/>                 •Hardee's<br/>                 •Jim Dandy</p> <p><b>Best Onion Rings</b><br/> <b>WINNER:</b><br/>                 Carey Tavern<br/> <b>Runner Up:</b><br/>                 Red Robin<br/> <b>Honorable Mentions:</b><br/>                 •Applebee's<br/>                 •Burger King<br/>                 •White Castle<br/>                 •Perkins</p> <p><b>Best Omelet</b><br/> <b>WINNER:</b><br/>                 Erika's Place<br/> <b>Runner Up:</b><br/>                 Rosie's Café<br/> <b>Honorable Mentions:</b><br/>                 •Ginger's Café<br/>                 •Uptown Café<br/>                 •Perkins<br/>                 •Best Bet<br/>                 •Cracker Barrel</p> <p><b>Best Tenderloin - breaded / un-breaded</b><br/> <b>WINNER:</b><br/>                 Grindstone Public House<br/> <b>Runner Up:</b><br/>                 The Nickel Plate<br/> <b>Honorable Mentions:</b><br/>                 •Britton Tavern<br/>                 •Chatham Tap Fishers<br/>                 •CR Heroes<br/>                 •Dooley O'Tooles<br/>                 •Local Eatery &amp; Pub<br/>                 •Muldoon on Main<br/>                 •Wolfie's</p> |
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**Retail Store**

- WINNER:**  
Hobby Lobby
- Runner Up:**  
Ace Hardware
- Honorable Mentions:**
- Wal Mart
  - Kohl's
  - Meijer
- Roofer**

- WINNER:**  
Gray's Roofing
- Runner Up:**  
Bone Dry Roofers
- Honorable Mentions:**
- Noblesville Roofing
  - Gollner Home Improvement
  - Elbert Construction
  - Taylor Home Improvement

**Seed Dealer**

- WINNER:**  
Beck's
- Runner Up:**  
Wallace Grain
- Sign Company**
- WINNER:**  
Logan Street Signs
- Runner Up:**  
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- Honorable Mentions:**
- Fast Signs
  - 185 Promotions
  - CSI Signs
  - Vector Signs Solution
- Spa**
- WINNER:**  
Massage Envy
- Runner Up:**  
Cloud Nine

- Honorable Mentions:**  
Dave and Mary
- Sporting Goods Store**
- WINNER:**  
Cabela's
- Runner Up:**  
Dick's Sporting Goods
- Honorable Mentions:**  
•Duluth Trading Com-

- pany
- Crazy Bear Leather
- Tanning Salon**
- WINNER:**  
A Total Tan
- Runner Up:**  
Sun Tan City
- Honorable Mentions:**
- Tan Zone
  - Aglow Spray Tanning

- Tattooing**
- WINNER:**  
Artistic Skin Design
- Runner Up:**  
Firefly Tattoo
- Honorable Mentions:**
- Carmel Tattoo
  - Phong Tattoo
  - Atomic Tattoo
  - Mystic Images
- Teacher**
- WINNER:**  
David Hartman
- Runner Up:**  
Rachel Dickover
- Honorable Mentions:**
- Landy Lockwood
  - Bill Kenley
  - Darlene Patterson
  - Janine Krent
  - Angie Duvall
  - Dave Kimmel
  - Melissa Jones
  - Nina Lechner
  - Joe Akers
  - Kelli White
- Thrift or Re-**

- Sale Shop**
- WINNER:**  
St. Vincent de Paul
- Runner Up:**  
Simply Chic
- Honorable Mentions:**
- Goodwill
  - Marilyn's Place
- Tire Store**
- WINNER:**  
Discount Tire
- Runner Up:**  
Belle Tire
- Honorable Mentions:**
- Best One (R&T)
  - Firestone (Noblesville)
  - Tire Barn
  - Westfield Tire & Auto
- Trash Service**
- WINNER:**  
Ray's Trash
- Runner Up:**  
Republic Services
- Honorable Mentions:**  
Noblesville
- Tree Service**

- WINNER:**  
Above & Beyond Tree Service
- Runner Up:**  
Dickie Small
- Honorable Mentions:**
- Green Tree Service
  - Engle's
- Trophy Shop**
- WINNER:**  
Logan Street Signs & Banners
- Runner Up:**  
AAA Trophy & Awards
- Honorable Mentions:**  
Option 2Noblesville Trophies
- Towing Service**
- WINNER:**  
Miller's Towing
- Runner Up:**  
Hamilton County Collision and Tow
- Honorable Mentions:**
- Boggs
  - Bannon & Son

- Automotive Specialist
- Paddack's Wrecker Service
- Veterinarian**
- WINNER:**  
Hamilton Crossing
- Runner Up:**  
Noblesville Vet Clinic
- Honorable Mentions:**
- Parkside Animal Hospital
  - Janssens
  - VIP Animal Clinic
  - Herrmann Vet Clinic
  - Parkside Animal Hospital
  - VCA Stoney Creek Animal Hospital
- Water Conditioning**
- WINNER:**  
Aquasystems
- Runner Up:**  
Kinetic
- Honorable Mentions:**  
Echo Water Systems
- Web Designer**

- WINNER:**  
•Deep Blue Computers
- Sharp Guys
- Runner Up:**  
Dan Neel of Sweet Briar Media
- Honorable Mentions:**
- Media fuel
  - Dan Neel of Sweet Briar Media
- Well Drilling Business**
- WINNER:**  
Rutledge
- Runner Up:**  
Beechler
- Window Replacement**
- WINNER:**  
Affordable Windows & Construction
- Runner Up:**  
Bee Windows
- Honorable Mentions:**
- Mr. Window
  - Champion Window

- Window World
- Winery**
- WINNER:**  
Urban Wines
- Runner Up:**  
Blackhawk Winery
- Honorable Mentions:**
- Spencer Farm Winery
  - Peace Water Winery
  - Sugar Creek Winery
- Youth Organization**
- WINNER:**  
Boys and Girls Club of Noblesville
- Runner Up:**  
Hamilton County 4-H
- Honorable Mentions:**
- YMCA
  - Girls on the Run
  - Roundtrippers
  - Girls Scouts
  - Boy Scouts
  - Belfry Apprentice Players
  - The Point Theater



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