

➤ TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 23:1-6 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.



➤ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY
People who call our community their own.

What makes Aubrey Skinner smile? "My friends and my faith," said the 18-year-old Fishers resident, a Hamilton County Junior Leader who was found volunteering last Wednesday at the Junior Leader Shack. She served up pizza, hot dogs, chips, water and soft drinks during the Hamilton County 4-H Fair which continued over the weekend. She is a member of Fishers Showstoppers 4-H Club and has been a Junior Leader since seventh grade. What does she enjoy most about 4-H? "The community and the people." Favorite fair activity? "I love working at the Junior Leader Shack." Favorite food at the Fair? "I really like the corn and the milkshakes." The daughter of Kevin and Jennifer Skinner, she is a 2023 graduate of Fishers High School and plans to attend Taylor University in the fall to double major in Social Work and Psychology with a minor in Counseling. "I'm very, very excited. I felt called to go there." What else? "I love to go on walks with my dog." She has one sister, Sydney, 25, a 10-year 4-H'er who attended Purdue University and is now a vet tech. Her mom was also a 10-year 4-H'er. The last event of the 4-H Fair is a livestock auction at 5:30 p.m. today at the Fairgrounds in Noblesville, with the Junior Leader Shack open 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. today and the Joint Producers Barbecue open 4 pm. to 9 p.m.

And Another Few Things...

1. State Representative Ryan Lauer Endorses Suzanne Crouch for Governor

Indiana State Representative, Ryan Lauer, has pledged his endorsement for Suzanne Crouch for Governor. Of Crouch, Lauer said, "I heartily endorse our Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch to be our next Governor. I'm excited for Hoosiers to have my friend Suzanne, a dedicated public servant with the right experience and a strong conservative leader, running to lead our great state. She will do an incredible job, and I encourage all Hoosiers to support Suzanne!" Ryan Lauer has served in the Indiana House of Representatives since 2018. He represents District 59 which includes a portion of Bartholomew County.

2. LANE CLOSURES - 146th Street between Greyhound Pass and Cool Creek Commons

Please be advised, beginning on or after Monday, July 31, 146th Street between Greyhound Pass and Cool Creek Commons will be under lane closures for pipeline and curb work. The estimated project completion date is by the end of the day Monday, August 21.

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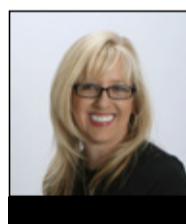
Hamilton County 4-H'er Wyatt Rood, 11, Sheridan, was found washing his pigs just outside the Swine Barn at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair in Noblesville. While it's his fourth year in 4-H, this is his first year showing pigs. He also shows sheep and dairy goats.



Photo courtesy of Amber Willis

Hamilton County 4-H'ers, Westfield Cloverleaves 4-H Club members, Gabe Willis (from left), Ava Lee, Jackson Davis, Ben Wiggins, Ella Huff, Ava Willis and Luke Huff enjoy relaxing together on a living room sectional under a set of three matching pop-up tents next to the Swine Barn during the 4-H Fair, which closes today with a livestock auction at 5:30 p.m.

4-H Swine Families Bond In 'Pop-up' Community



BETSY REASON
From The Editor's Desk...

For Hamilton County 4-H families, working together, supporting their kids and being together at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair is what it's all about.

Just take a look outside of the Swine Barn, where families are camped out during the fair.

It's become a community.

Pop-up tents have popped up everywhere around the barn. Families not only bring their lawn chairs and electric fans but also baby pools and even their sectional sofas that make hanging out at the fair pretty comfortable, despite the heat and rain.

Families are there every day. "The Swine community all helps each other and are passionate about their project," said Erin Rood, mom of Wyatt Rood, an 11-year-old Sheridan

4-H'er who was found washing his pigs just outside the Swine Barn at the 4-H Fair. While it's his fourth year in 4-H, this is his first year showing pigs. He also shows sheep and dairy goats.

The Roods are among dozens of 4-H families who set up camp during the fair.

"Everyone brings a variety of items to the Fair and different levels of experience, especially at the county fair," Erin Rood said.

The Roods bring a popup tent. "A lot of time, we sit with friends and chat, catch up and spend time together."

She said, "Many families do a pitch-in on show day. Each day, we bring coolers for drinks and food for the kids and parents to make sandwiches."

During the five days of the 4-H Fair, the Roods arrive each day at feeding time, around 7 a.m., and they don't leave until the evening when feed time is over around 7 or 8 p.m.

They did every day, from swine check-in Wednesday

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2023 Kroger Symphony On The Prairie Going Strong

Buy tickets to 3 or more concerts and automatically receive a 10% discount!

The sounds of summer are in full swing at Kroger Symphony on the Prairie, and you're invited to experience a concert at Conner Prairie Amphitheatre.

Upcoming season highlights include the popular Face2Face with the music of Billy Joel and Elton John, The Marshall Tucker Band, TUSK: the Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band, two nights of Queen with Gary Mullen and the Works, and much more! There's something for everyone with 15 concerts left to choose from.

Buy a ticket and can't attend? No problem! The ISO offers a flexible ticket exchange policy up until the start time of the concert. Just email iso@IndianapolisSymphony.org before the 8 p.m. start of the concert and indicate which performance you'd like to exchange your ticket into (subject to availability). Buy tickets now on the ISO's website. Tickets may also be purchased at central Indiana Kroger stores, at the Hilbert Circle Theatre Box Office at 45 Monument Circle, Indianapolis, or by calling the Box Office at 317-639-4300. Purchase tickets to three or more concerts and automatically receive a 10% discount! No code needed. Discount calculated at checkout.

2023 Kroger Symphony on the Prairie schedule

*Denotes concerts featuring the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra

July

• July 28-29: Face2Face: A Tribute to Billy Joel & Elton John

August

• Aug. 4: Greatest Love of All: A Tribute to Whitney Houston (not associated with the Estate of Whitney Houston)

• Aug. 5: Tusk: The Ultimate Fleetwood Mac Tribute Band

• Aug. 11: The Fab Four: The Ultimate Tribute

• Aug. 12: Here Come the Mummies with Rock E Bassoon (featuring musicians of the ISO!)

• Aug. 18: Marshall Tucker Band

• Aug. 19: Unforgettable Fire: U2 Tribute Show

• Aug. 25-26: One Night of Queen with Gary Mullen and the Works

September

• Sept. 1: Aeromith: The Ultimate Aerosmith Tribute Experience

• Sept. 2: Pyromania: The Def Leppard Experience

• Sept. 3: Voyage - The Ultimate Journey Tribute Band

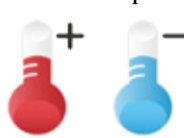
Know before you go:

Gates open at 6 p.m. and concerts begin at 8 p.m.

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 6:38 a.m.
SET: 9:10 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 91 °F
Low: 66 °F



Today is...

- Feast of Saint James
- National Carousel Day
- National Wine and Cheese Day

What Happened On This Day

- 1984 Svetlana Savitskaya becomes the First Woman to Walk in Space.
- 1978 World's first test tube baby is born.
- 1976 The famous Face on Mars photo is taken.

Births On This Day

- 1951 Jack Thompson American lawyer, activist
- 1750 Henry Knox American general

Deaths On This Day

- 1997 Ben Hogan American golfer
- 306 Constantius Chlorus Roman Emperor

Fatal Crash In Fishers

The Fishers Police Department is investigating a fatal crash that occurred Saturday evening.

At approximately 6:30pm on July 22nd, Fishers police officers responded to a motor vehicle crash near the intersection of 116th Street and Spyglass Ridge Drive. Upon their arrival, emergency crews located two vehicles, a 2007 Yamaha YZRF1 Motorcycle and a 2008 Ford F350 Truck. The motorcyclist was transported to an area hospital where he succumbed to his injuries. The driver of the Ford remained on the scene.

The Fishers Police Department Crash Reconstruction Team responded to the crash. Based on evidence collected at the scene and witness statements it appears the Ford was in the process of turning westbound onto 116th Street, from Spyglass Ridge Drive, when the Yamaha, traveling eastbound, collided with the Ford. This crash remains under investigation.

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➤ HONEST HOOSIER

Did you know it was World Snake Day recently? Really? We needed a day for that? But on the bright side, pretty sure the folks at Hallmark didn't come up with that one!



➤ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Kids work harder in school when their parents are involved in their education. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and on-line at www.thetimes24-7.com.



➤ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Family is not an important thing. It's everything."
-Michael J. Fox

➤ TODAY'S JOKE

What do you call a sweaty puppy?
A hot dog, of course.

➤ OBITUARIES

Lucia Ysidra Beck (Buffington)

The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **Valerie Howard** for subscribing!



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90 HOTTER SETS STORMS	66-91 HOT STRAY STORM	71-93 HOT & HUMID	73-94 HOT & HUMID	75-95 HOT, 25% CHANCE	73-92 HOT, 25% CHANCE	68-90 SOME RELIEF!
MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN

➔ OBITUARIES

Lucia Ysidra Beck (Buffington)

Sunday, July 9, 2023

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

Lucy was the devoted wife of William "Dave" Beck for 22 years and always the brightest smile in the room. She was a wonderful and loving wife and mother who gave her all to her family, always their biggest cheerleader and constant supporter.

Lucy was a strong woman who faced every challenge in her life with courage and dignity, truly an inspiration to us all.

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

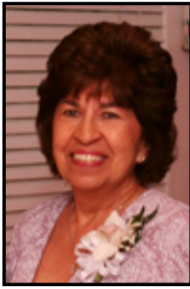
Lucy was predeceased by her parents, Camilo and Louise Alonso; her sister, Marie Ernst and son, Curt Buffington.

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

Lucy requested a Celebration of Life to be held in her honor. We request all of Lucy's friends and loved ones to join us in celebrating her beautiful life on July 28, 2023 for Visitation at 3 pm with Celebration of Life to follow at 4 pm at Open Door Church, 20545 Riverwood Avenue, Noblesville.

Lucy truly loved fresh flowers and Samaritan's Purse charity. (Floral deliveries accepted at Church July 28 10am-2pm.)

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



Noblesville Lions Work Street Dance Cleanup



Photos courtesy of Noblesville Lions

On Saturday evening, July 22nd the local Noblesville Lions Club kept the trash containers clean for the Street Dance. Quite a few Lions came out to help, and support the Main Street event. The Lions provided help from 5PM to 9PM. Left Photo: A few Lions caught taking a break; Lions Gene Beck, Dave Marsh, Joe Arrowood, Walt Scheid, and Steve Morgan Right Photo: Second shift taking time for a photo; Lions Dale Unger, Joe Arrowood, Cheryl Helton, Mark Bachar, Vicki Neddenriep, and Steve Shaw

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- 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
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2023 Mercedes-Benz Glc300 Crossover Finds Its Vibe On The Hoosier Bourbon Tour

Among my passions are cars, surfing, and... bourbon. Fortunately, I have a fun group of friends who appreciate all of those except, well, surfing. I can surf on my own, but have truly enjoyed our multiple bourbon runs to Kentucky in cars equal the challenge. This time, though, we decided to narrow our imbibing closer to home – traveling to three Indiana distilleries. To and fro, we responsibly sample a 2023 Mercedes-Benz GLC300.

Indianapolis Motor Speedway to Starlight Distillery in Borden, Indiana: 114 Miles

After a quick breakfast at Charlie Brown's Steak and Pancake House, a Speedway institution, we set wheels towards Starlight Distillery in Borden, Indiana just north of Kentucky off I65. Navigation clocks a mite under two hours, just enough time to make our 10:30am tour.

We quickly settle into a downsized version of the S-Class sedan's interior, dominated by flat screen gauges, tablet-style touchscreen, and dash with textured black wood veneer. Metal weave console trim adds allure. Seats are made of MB-TEX, a hard-wearing vinyl that will likely out-live Earth, and the front ones are heated. So is the leather-wrapped steering wheel. Rear legroom is a little tight, but four and their luggage fit.

Some may disagree, but I find the infotainment

2023 Mercedes-Benz GLC300 4MATIC Five-passenger, AWD Crossover

Powertrain: 2.0-liter T4, 9-spd
Output: 255hp/295 lb.-ft. torque
Suspension f/r: Ind/Ind
Wheels f/r: 19"/19" alloy
Brakes f/r: disc/disc
0-60 mph: 6.2s
Fuel economy city/hwy: 23/31-MPG
Assembly: Bremen, Germany
Base/As-tested price: \$47,100/\$56,650

LIKES

- Rich interior
- Refined performance
- Quiet cruising

range. Whether cruising at spirited speeds or dispensing 0-60 mph in 6.2 seconds, there's adequate scoot. We make our tour time.

Starlight is produced by Huber's Orchard & Winery, a purveyor of delights including a fresh produce market, bakery, winery, and family-style restaurant. For much of its founding in 1843, Huber's was a family farm and orchard, which explains why many of its spirits are laced with fruit. It's too early to eat, but not to sip. Let the tour begin!

It's hands-down the most experiential bourbon tour we've enjoyed. We start by sampling wines and spirits, then proceed through the barrel room, production, bottling, and stillhouse. We taste "white dog" coming out of the copper still and wake double-oak bourbon still resting in its barrel. Huber began selling brandy in 2004, expanding into bourbon ten years ago. Bottles range \$30-\$80. The Farm to Glass Tour cost \$24.99 and took about an hour - well worth it! Go to Starlightdistillery.com for more.

Starlight Distillery to Hard Truth Distillery in Nashville, Indiana: 81

DISLIKES

- Blend-in styling
- No head-up display
- Tighter rear legroom

Miles

Cargo hold filled with Starlight's finest, we target Hard Truth in Nashville, Indiana – about an hour away. I fully expect nav to send us back to I65 for another quiet cruise, but instead plots through wood, dale, and corn fields. It's raining hard, but that's no challenge for the GLC.

Unlike fancier Mercedes with air suspension that wallow like 1970s American luxury boats, the GLC's was a model of precision. We cross narrow backroads that require finesse from the helm as the chassis twists and pivots over hills and curves that are more Kentucky than Indiana. On straighter roads, the heavy feel and hushed ride are classic 'Benz. The Dynamic Select modes adjust steering weight and throttle response from Eco to Sport.

We arrive at the Big Woods Pizza Co. in downtown Nashville for lunch. Big Woods began distilling upstairs in 2015, but now has a 325-acre property nearby. Selling under the Hard Truth brand, it's famous for Maple Bourbon Cream and Toasted Coconut Rum, but also a full line of bourbons in the \$30-75 range. The welcome center includes a

restaurant, gift shop, and even a live performance stage. Go to hardtruth.com for info.

Hard Truth Distillery to Hotel Tango in Indianapolis, Indiana: 58 Miles

With stomachs full and more hooch under the hatch, we're rolling again. It's a quick drive back to I65 North for Indy. My friend's wife soon falls asleep in the back seat – and she sleeps peacefully protected by a safety suite including lane keep assist, active blind spot intervention, and automatic emergency braking. Drivers must keep hands on wheels, but the vehicle traces its path and changes lanes automatically with the click of a turn signal.

Miss Snoozy wakes as I sponge the brakes into downtown Indianapolis and the Hotel Tango carpark. I've been here before and always enjoy sitting in the relaxed lounge, by the fireplace in winter, ingesting a range of beverages and pretzel sticks with vodka cheese. Beyond HT's two bourbons, regular and Reserve, spirits include vodka, gin, lemoncello, and the toasted marshmallowy bourbon-based Shmallow. Prices range \$30-75. Check hoteltangodistillery.com for details.

Admiring the GLC when I return to grab my phone, it's not flashy. Sure, there's a big Mercedes grille star up front, and cues like the arching



CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

roofline and thin wrap-around taillamps echo the brand's EVs, but it's an understated tailored design over 19" wheels. I like the vehicle, but would choose a more distinguished color than Polar White.

We chill for an hour before heading back to Speedway. During a long day of heavy driving and light tasting, the GLC300 found its vibe on our Hoosier bourbon tour. Like the quality of distillates, we found in unlikely places, the GLC was a pleasant surprise – a very competent and luxurious compact crossover that would be a delight to sip daily.

A \$47,100 base price rose to \$56,650 as-tested, making it tough competition for the BMW X3, Audi Q5, Lexus NX, Cadillac XT4, Lincoln Corsair, and Genesis GV70.

Storm Forward!

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Hoosier Republicans Splinter Overcrowding At National Parks

Over Support For Ukraine



BRIAN HOWEY
Howey Political Report

In past generations, it was the accumulation of American body bags that forged domestic anti-war efforts.

Last week, Indiana U.S. Reps. Jim Banks and Erin Houchin joined 68 fellow Republicans in voting to end U.S. military aid to Ukraine during debate on the FY23 National Defense Authorization Act.

"Notwithstanding any provision of this or any other Act, no federal funds may be made available to provide security assistance to Ukraine," read the one-sentence amendment. It was defeated by a 358-70 margin, with all Democrats and a majority of Republicans (including U.S. Reps. Jim Baird, Larry Bucshon, Greg Pence, Victoria Spartz and Rudy Yakym) opposing the measure.

"My amendment is going to lose overwhelmingly when it is put up for a vote," said U.S. Rep. Matt Gaetz, the Florida Republican who authored the amendment. "But the American people will see who wants to represent them, and who wants to represent Crimea."

It sets up a divide within the ranks of the Indiana Republican Party, where major figures are still advocating support for Ukraine to repel the Russian invasion that began in February 2022.

Banks and Houchin say that they are motivated by fiscal concerns rather than the slaughter of Ukrainian civilians.

Banks, the probable Republican U.S. Senate nominee in 2024 from Columbia City, said in a statement to Howey Politics/State Affairs Indiana, "President Biden, the weakest commander-in-chief ever, embarrassed our country in Afghanistan and has since reduced our critical munition stockpiles to dangerously low levels. We cannot lead abroad while we are so weak at home."

Houchin, a freshman from Salem, said, "We cannot continue down this path of tens of billions

of dollars being spent in Ukraine with no accounting of where the money is going and no plan for a resolution. I heard resoundingly from my district prior to the vote, and I share my constituents' concerns. My votes on these amendments to the NDAA reflect the views of the majority of 9th District Hoosiers."

Banks voted against a \$40 billion Ukraine aid package in May 2022. He told WOWO's Pat Miller after that vote, "I've heard from our listeners from Northeast Indiana loud and clear. They're saying, 'Enough is enough. We can't give a blank check to Ukraine without solving problems at home first.' I've always said America can't lead around the world when we're so weak at home."

U.S. Sen. Mike Braun said in May 2022, "Ukrainians are amazing. We were slow to help them out of the gate. But I'm going to always ask a question: How are we paying for it? And when I found out we're borrowing every penny of it, and we're not offsetting anything, that turned it into a no vote for me."

Other Hoosier Republicans are backing Kyiv.

U.S. Sen. Todd Young, a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, has insisted from the beginning of the war that the United States must back Ukraine. "Vladimir Putin is attacking the democratic, rules-based order that has benefitted countless Americans and millions around the globe since World War II," Young said on Feb. 24, 2022. "The stakes extend beyond Europe, as China is watching us and clearly has the same ambitions for Taiwan. It is essential that America sends an unequivocal message: invading sovereign, democratic nations will never be tolerated."

Former vice president Mike Pence has also consistently advocated for supporting Ukraine. He told Fox59 last weekend, "The war in Ukraine is not a territorial dispute. It was a Russian invasion by Vladimir Putin. As the leader of the free world,

it's absolutely essential to provide the Ukrainian military what they need to repel the Russian invasion for this reason. I'm someone who believes in that old Reagan doctrine that if you're willing to fight our enemies on your soil we'll give you what you need to fight them there so men and women in uniform aren't going to have to face them someday defending our interests and our allies."

Other congressional Republicans are supporting Ukraine. On Feb. 24, 2022, Rep. Bucshon said, "Russia's actions are a savage violation of international law that have put countless innocent lives at risk. The United States and our allies must stand firm and protect the freedom and sovereignty of Ukraine, and Putin's actions must be met with swift and severe consequences."

Rep. Yakym told Ink Free News last October, "We cannot allow nations to bulldoze other nations."

Rep. Pence said in a Feb. 24, 2022 statement, "Ukraine is an ally of the United States and I believe it is our duty to stand with our allies."

And then there is Rep. Spartz, who began the period after the Russian invasion to rally Republicans to the cause of her native land. She then shocked both Republicans and Democrats with "intense criticisms" of President Zelensky a year ago. In July 2022, Politico reported: "Inside the House GOP Conference, there's a widespread fear that her posture is damaging U.S.-Ukraine relations at the worst possible time — and that she's being played by forces that aim to weaken the Western alliance."

Since then, Spartz flirted with a U.S. Senate candidacy, then announced she would not seek reelection. She has issued relatively few statements on Ukraine since then, as more and more Republicans peel away their support for the war effort.

-Brian Howey is senior writer and columnist for Howey Politics Indiana/State Affairs. Find Howey on Facebook and Twitter @hwypol.

EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk: Are some of the newfangled entrance restriction tactics to reduce overcrowding at U.S. national parks having the desired effect?

A timed entry system at Arches National Park has worked wonders in terms of keeping overcrowding to a minimum there. Credit: NPS.

With each passing day we grow more aware of our environment and its beauty. The U.S. has seen this newfound appreciation in the form of a high influx in visitors to national parks across the country. In the past year, visitors to U.S. national parks have increased by five percent—and since 1976, visitation has increased overall by some 75 percent. In 2022, two of the busiest national parks—Yellowstone and Yosemite—began to require reservations for entry for the first time in the history of the National Park Service (NPS). Increased awareness of our natural world is wonderful, but overcrowding creates detrimental effects, from the songbirds in the trees to the employees at the parking lot.

Environmental luminary John Muir once said, "The mountains are calling and

I must go." And now Americans are heeding this call like never before. To wit, some 312 million trips were made to national parks in the last year, with 12 parks breaking previous attendance numbers. Concentrated in tight weekend windows and school breaks, this trend has overwhelmed these tranquil sanctuaries of nature.

Making matters worse is that national parks weren't initially developed to accommodate massive crowds. Combine the narrow roads, limited parking and lack of public transport with an impatient mob of visitors waiting to get their share of nature and you come up with a generous serving of chaos.

Yosemite National Park's experimentation with requiring reservations in order to pass through the gates did help reduce Yosemite's notorious overcrowding as much as rangers didn't like turning people away. Zion National Park now disallows cars beyond the visitor center parking lot just inside the park gates. Visitors instead now rely on an efficient shuttle bus system which moves everyone right along between stops and hiking trailheads throughout the park's main artery. Zion also offers visitors

options like renting e-bikes and e-scooters for those who would rather skip the shuttle bus.

Arches National Park has implemented a timed-entry program that may be the secret sauce to figuring out overcrowding. Through the first three months of 2023, visitor numbers were down when compared to the two previous years. Innovative solutions like driverless shuttles and other sustainable technologies will only improve with time. It's been a long journey for our parks over the last few years, but rays of optimism shine through the trees. While our parks aren't exactly back to their peaceful, serene states yet, they sure are on the right trail back.

-CONTACTS: Arches National Park may have found a magic bullet for overcrowding. Could it work at other parks?

A Visit to the National Park of the Future: Innovative transportation and emerging mobility to maximize sustainability and visitor experience
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Spartz Gives Update On Legislation And More



VICTORIA SPARTZ
Guest Column

Lack of Fiscal Oversight This week, Rep. Spartz sent a letter to Speaker McCarthy expressing her

discontent with the lack of progress on fiscal oversight. Roughly 70% of spending is not being reauthorized by Congress - over a thousand programs.

The DOJ and FBI have not been authorized for over a decade and are still getting funded. Therefore, the Congresswoman will not support any Republican rule vote until we start governing and at least have a plan for next

year at this point.

Rep. Spartz joined Morning in America on NewsNation to discuss the need for action, not talk, from Congress.

Legislative Update

This week, the House passed H.R. 3935 - Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) reauthorization legislation. The Congresswoman voted "no" on the bill as Republicans engaged in "four corners" leadership deals again with no amendments allowed by rank-and-file members. Unfortunately, Congress is back to business as usual.

This week, Rep. Spartz also did transcribed FBI interviews as part of the oversight investigations

into the FBI's potential impeding of the Hunter Biden Investigation.

Helsinki Commission Update

On Tuesday, Helsinki Commission Commissioners met with Cardinal Matteo Zuppi, Vatican Special Peace Envoy.

The Commission also held a hearing examining Switzerland's key role in money laundering and evasion of sanctions.

-Rep. Victoria Spartz represents the Indiana 5th District, comprised of the north side of Indianapolis, Marion, Carmel, Anderson, Noblesville, Fishers and parts of Kokomo. She is the first Ukrainian-born person ever elected to Congress.

Indiana Farm Bureau Celebrates The Importance Of Agriculture At The 2023 Indiana State Fair

INFB's popular events and youth sponsorships to be held in brand new facility.

Indiana Farm Bureau will host educational events and sponsorships once again at the 2023 Indiana State Fair. The state's largest general farm organization is dedicated to protecting the future of agriculture, whether through its commitment to youth engagement or educating consumers about locally-grown foods.

INFB also is excited to partner with the state fair on the new Indiana Farm Bureau Fall Creek Pavilion, which is located on the site of the former Swine Barn and opens just in time for this year's fair.

"We are excited to continue the strong partnership between INFB and the Indiana State Fair with the development of this new building," said Randy Kron, INFB president. "The new structure is multiuse, but it also is a best-in-class livestock facility that I think will please livestock exhibitors across the state."

"INFB is a strong supporter of youth engagement and education throughout Indiana," Kron added. "This new facility helps us teach the next generation about agriculture."

Aside from extensive facilities for livestock shows, the building also will house other attractions, including a permanent educational agriculture exhibit created in partnership with INFB and the Indiana Pork Producers Association.

INFB programming and events will take place in the new INFB Fall Creek Pavilion, such as the 30th annual Taste From Indiana Farms, hosted by the INFB Women's Leadership Committee. At this popular, free event, which will take place Thursday, Aug. 10 through Sunday, Aug. 13 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., volunteers will pass out food and drink samples that contain ingredients Indiana farmers produce.

An assortment of commodities will be available for visitors to try, including lamb, duck, dairy, corn, soybean,

popcorn, apples and cucumbers.

"For 30 years, the INFB Women's Leadership Committee has shared the importance of agriculture to consumers who may not realize the wide variety of foods grown right here in Indiana," said Isabella Chism, INFB 2nd vice president and chair of the Women's Leadership Committee. "We are especially proud to be in the new INFB Fall Creek Pavilion this year. What better place to educate consumers about agriculture than in a building that is dedicated to Hoosier producers and ag education."

The INFB Women's Leadership Committee is committed to educating the public through programs and events that promote agriculture.

INFB will continue its support of the 4-H youth livestock competitions at this year's state fair as well. The organization will be the presenting sponsor of the Exhibitor Experience for livestock exhibitors, and all showmanship contests,

awarding a variety of prizes for all livestock species, as well as Supreme Showmanship.

INFB also will sponsor the 4-H Supreme Drive, which recognizes Indiana's supreme 4-H dairy cattle, Boer goats, breeding ewes and breeding gilts, and will take place Sunday, Aug. 13 at 4 p.m. in the Indiana Farmers Coliseum.

INFB's dedication to youth in agriculture extends beyond the fair. There are many opportunities for youth to be involved in INFB, with scholarships for graduating seniors and college students; Collegiate Farm Bureau chapters at Purdue, Huntington and Vincennes universities; FFA advocacy days and trainings; and leadership development events, competitions, awards and conferences.

The Indiana State Fair takes place Friday, July 28 through Sunday, Aug. 20, closed each Monday and Tuesday, at the Indiana State Fairgrounds and Event Center in Indianapolis.

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“A Supposedly Boring Life” Let’s Talk About Bursitis



CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

I’m writing this on my birthday and feeling more than usually grateful. “What do you want to

do?” my husband, Peter, asks, as he always does on my birthday.

Peter refuses to celebrate his own birthday, but he only applies the no-birthday rule to himself. I am free to celebrate any way I want—so long as I don’t expect any kind of surprise from him. I don’t.

And so I tried to think of what would make my day special, and it was hard. Because, these days, all my days are pretty darned special.

We just landed in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, the day before yesterday, and there are a lot of wonderful restaurants we could go to. There is a hot spring not far away. I could get a massage. But none of those things sounded like anything I wanted to do. When I was totally honest, what I wanted to do was to stay right where I was.

When we are in Mexico, we stay in a little one-bedroom apartment. The countertops and furnishings are very 1980s. The sheets are dried on the line on the roof, so

they are nice and crisp. The dishes don’t match. The bathroom is not luxurious. We love it.

When I thought about what a perfect day would look like, it would involve a little writing and a lot of vegetables—and cake. So that’s what I did.

I sat at my little green Formica desk in the apartment, and I wrote a few words. I’m working on a new novel, and it delights me. It’s different from anything I’ve written before, and it has a little girl named Lizzie in it. So I wrote a scene with Lizzie.

Then I went to the market. There is a giant open-air food market just a couple of blocks away from our apartment. My favorite fruit and vegetable seller, Veronica, was there. It’s the slow time of year in town, and she was happy to see me.

“What do you need?” she asked.

“I need everything!” I told her.

When I got home, I counted, and I had purchased exactly 12 different fruits and vegetables from Veronica. She always helps me pick out the nicest produce. Honestly, I might have bought more, but that was all that would fit in my three shopping bags.

Then, before I got back to the apartment, I stopped at the cake shop.

All they sell are cakes. I went in and bought myself one. It was a small cake with fresh strawberries on top.

When I got back to the apartment, Peter had already cooked garbanzo beans for my salad. He set to work cooking beets and carrots because, at this altitude, we pressure cook them, and Peter is the king of pressure-cooking. (Peter has many other specialized skills. Pressure cooking is just one of them.) Then I went for a walk. The clouds moved in, and the temperature dropped. I took pictures.

I suspect that there are more than a few people who would say I have a boring life, and I would not give them an argument. But I’ve had a few birthdays by now, and I feel very fortunate to know what I like. I like fresh fruit and vegetables. I like spending time with Peter. I like to write and to walk. And I like cake.

And I am very grateful because I know I am doubly lucky. I’m lucky to have a wonderful life, and I’m luckier yet to know what a wonderful life it is.

Till next time, Carrie



JOHN R. ROBERTS, M.D.
Hamilton Health

The joy of summer sports and activities has caused many people to complain of sore shoulders, elbows, hips and knees.

Most of these folks are suffering from bursitis. Most of you have probably heard the term, but what is it exactly?

Any time a medical term ends in the suffix “-itis” it indicates inflammation of the tissue or organ involved. In this case, bursitis is inflammation of a bursa sac around a joint (pleural bursae or bursas). Bursa is Latin for purse, a very good descriptor of what it looks like – a small sac made of connective tissue.

A bursa is lined by a specialized membrane that secretes fluid into the sac. This turns the bursa in to a little pillow filled with the slippery liquid that helps cushion structures around it while also allowing them to glide more easily over each other. You can demonstrate this by making your own model of a bursa. Put a little water in a small balloon and put an object like a book on top of it and roll it around on the table to get an idea of how bursas work.

Our bodies contain many bursas. The ones that cause the most problems are found around the shoulders, elbows, hips, and knees. These joints are fairly complex and have many bones, tendons, and ligaments that intersect and move against each other. Without the aid of bursas these structures would rub together

and cause a lot of pain as well as wear and tear.

All cases of bursitis have a common presentation. There is pain and tenderness around the involved joint, particularly with movement, often with associated swelling. There can be superficial redness and warmth as well. These are the four classic signs of inflammation: redness and swelling with warmth and pain.

The most common cause of bursitis is repetitive motion of a joint, especially in people who overdo things. Shoulder bursitis usually follows too much throwing (common in weekend warriors), pulling or pushing (yard work), or overhead activity such as painting a wall in an up-and-down or side-to-side motion using a roller or brush. The subacromial bursa is the one most commonly involved in the shoulder. It is found just under the outside end of the clavicle (collarbone).

The olecranon bursa in the elbow is also a common location for bursitis. You may have seen someone with swelling over the pointy part of the elbow. The point is formed by a protrusion of the ulna bone called the olecranon that has a bursa over it for the arm tendons to slide over. Bursitis in this location is usually the result of trauma from resting or rubbing the elbow on something or banging the elbow into things. Basketball players posting up in the paint are often afflicted from the constant elbowing they inflict.

Bursitis of the hip is not as common as bursitis of the shoulder or elbow.

It is four times more common in women and can occur at any age. It is usually associated with

direct trauma such as a fall and is also common in runners. The bursa involved is called the greater trochanteric bursa and is found over the outside of the upper thigh where a protrusion of bone (the greater trochanter) can be felt. Often these patients describe pain up and down the outside of the thigh and increased pain when lying on the affected side.

The bursa most commonly involved in the knee is the pre-patellar bursa that is positioned between the kneecap (patella) and the skin of the knee. Pre-patellar bursitis results in swelling over or above the kneecap and pain with bending the knee. Since the knee is subject to skin abrasions and the bursa lies directly under the skin, it can also become infected.

Pre-patellar bursitis is usually caused by direct trauma and is often seen in those who kneel frequently. It has the nickname “housemaid’s knee,” for it was frequently seen in women who used to crawl on their knees while scrubbing floors. Carpet layers are also at increased risk.

Treatment for all types of bursitis involves resting, icing and anti-inflammatory medication. Occasionally the fluid has to be drained and the bursa may need to be injected with steroid medication to reduce the inflammation. Antibiotics are prescribed if infection is suspected. Occasionally surgery is required to clean out, or even remove the involved bursa.

- Dr. John Roberts is a retired member of the Franciscan Physician Network specializing in Family Medicine.

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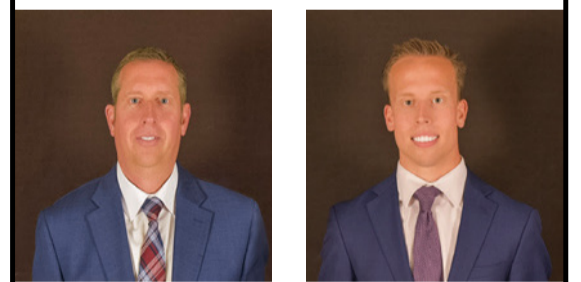


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morning until swine check-out Sunday night. The only exception was Swine Show day, which began at 8 a.m. Saturday, so they arrived by 6 a.m.

Check out is this morning for all other non-sale livestock that's not going to the 4-H livestock auction, which is 5:30 p.m. today in the Show Arena and the final event of the 2023 4-H Fair. (The last Joint Producers Barbecue is 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. today in the Commons Area.)

Even though it's always a lot of work for 4-H Swine project families, it's all worth it. Rood said, "It's always great to be the grand champion winner. But at the end of the day, it's the pride these kids have in taking care of their animals. It's the bond they have with them. It's learning to take care of something other than yourself and knowing something relies on you. As a parent, it's watching your kids learn and grow. It's also watching them help other 4-H'ers."

As I walked around to the opposite side, the east side of the Swine Barn, I found many more pop-up tents, a huge cluster of tents, where families relaxed while staying close to their 4-H'ers.

One particular setup that caught my eye featured a living-room sectional under three matching pop-up tents, where Aaron Sheller and other 4-H'er parents relaxed on Swine check-in night. He has two daughters, Hallie, a seventh-grader, and Davanee, a fifth-grader, who both show Swine at the 4-H Fair.

"For me, it's a generational community. My grandfather brought my mom here. Not everybody is that way, but a lot of us are," said Sheller, a seventh-generation farmer, a 2002 Hamilton Heights High School grad and a 10-year Hamilton County 4-H'er who showed pigs, sheep and goats at the 4-H Fair.

"(Chuck) Huff (sitting across from Sheller on the sectional chair) showed here a couple of years ahead of me, and while we didn't know each other really well in 4-H, we're coming to know that we knew a lot of the same people," Sheller said. "My wife didn't show in this county, but she showed in 4-H in Clinton County. The Robertses, I showed with Jared. Ben Lehman down there, I showed with Ben," Sheller said. "Some of my best friends that I hang out with out-

side of 4-H sit here."

Sheller admitted the setup is much nicer now than when he was a 4-H'er. "When we were in 4-H, it was more back of the pickup truck on a tailgate," he said. "But as things modernize and we get more into showing, we don't just show at the county fair, we show at multiple fairs. A lot of families go to State Fairs. (Sheller said not as many families went to the State Fair when he was a kid.) It becomes more and more about the kids. We're trying to have fun, but at the same time, we're trying to give our kids a great experience."

He said there's nothing inexpensive about being in 4-H anymore, from feeding strategy to teaching 4-H'ers how to show the animals.

One of the people sitting on the sofa under the tent with Sheller was Cole Webel, a 2022 Sheridan High School grad and 10-year 4-H'er, who helps Sheller's kids with their hogs. While Sheller is a 10-year 4-H'er, he doesn't know enough about showing and feeding pigs anymore, he said. It's Webel's first year out of 4-H. "He's helping our kids," Sheller said.

About that time, 4-H'er Luke Huff, 10, of Westfield Cloverleaves 4-H Club, sat down on the sectional sofa next to his dad, Chuck Huff, who set up the space. It's Luke's first year to show the Goat project which was among his 4-H projects that also included Swine. Other youth who gather at their pop-up tent area include Westfield 4-H'ers Gabe Willis, Ava Lee, Jackson Davis, Ben Wiggins, Ella Huff, Ava Willis, Addison Huff and Audrey Jackson, who are all Cloverleaves and who are part of a group of families raising pigs on Westfield resident Ben Davis' 20-acre farm in Sheridan. Their families hang out there, too.

"A lot of us show in multiple barns," Sheller said. "But this has become the hangout area, to some degree, for all of the barns. It's just a fun place where you can get together and converse." Sheller said, "He's going to end up making friends that he'll have for the rest of his life. He just doesn't know it yet."

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PRAIRIE From Page A1

Call the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Box Office at (317) 639-4300 for weather information on the date of the concert.

Date-specific tickets may be purchased via the official ISO website. Attendees must have tickets (mobile or hard copy) to enter each performance. Children two years old and under do not need a ticket.

In addition to purchasing online, patrons may scan a QR code at Central Indiana Kroger stores to receive a discount when they purchase tickets on the ISO website. Tickets are also sold at the ISO Box Office located on Monument Circle. Patrons are advised to use one of these three methods to purchase tickets.

Tickets can be downloaded to phones as mobile tickets for all ISO concerts at Conner Prairie. Likewise, patrons can print their tickets at home and bring them.

Table rentals, reserved seating, and tickets to the Huntington Bank Sunset

Lounge are available in limited quantities. Visit the ISO website for the list of shows that have reserved seating available.

Patrons may carry in their own food and beverages and purchase refreshments on-site including beer, wine, and spirits.

Three large LED screens enhance the stage view from every location on the lawn.

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Hamilton County 4-H Fair A Lot Of Fun



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Hamilton County 4-H'ers and their families cool down their pigs with watering hoses in an area outside the Swine Barn at the 4-H Fair.



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Hamilton County 4-H Junior Leader Aubrey Skinner waits on customers, serving up hot dogs and drinks at the Junior Leader Shack during the 4-H Fair.



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Hamilton County 4-H'ers show their animals during the Goat Show in the Show Arena at the 4-H Fair.



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Tom Younts (right), who helped in the Show Arena during the Swine Show at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair over the weekend, has been involved in the Hamilton County 4-H program for 35 years, volunteering with 4-H cattle, swine and sheep.



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Congresswoman Victoria Spartz (left) of Noblesville takes milkshake orders from customers at the Farm Bureau Milkshake Tent on Sunday during the Hamilton County 4-H Fair in Noblesville.



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Visitors to the Hamilton County 4-H Fair enjoy relaxing on picnic tables while a Fair event is going on in the Show Arena.

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7 ways to break away from your desk and boost morale

FAMILY FEATURES

When the sun is shining and comfortable weather is calling you outdoors, focusing on tasks at work can become a challenge. Workdays are often long and strenuous, making that blue sky and fresh air all the more tempting.

Don't let a full to-do list bog you down. In fact, taking a break from your desk and averting your eyes from the computer may actually help you mentally reset and increase efficiency through the remainder of the day.

Consider these popular ways to disconnect for a short while so you can take on busy days without feeling overwhelmed.

- 1. Stretch** – After hours of sitting, stretching from head to toe can be a good way to get physically active if you're short on time and stuck at your desk. Neck, shoulder, arm, back and leg stretches are all easy ways to stand up and disengage from the computer. Another trick: practice wrist exercises to avoid injury or strain from typing.
- 2. Go for a Walk** – If you have a few minutes to spare, leave the office or your desk at home entirely and head outside for a walk. A stroll through your neighborhood or the city sidewalks can provide the fresh air and physical activity your body craves.



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- 3. Take Five Outside** – On hot days when a mid-workday walk might not be the right refresh, skip it and simply find a shady spot to sit down. You can enjoy the benefits of fresh air and sunlight without getting too hot.
- 4. Rest Your Eyes** – Follow the rule of 20s. If you're working a computer job, eyestrain may be a serious concern. Give them a break by looking 20 feet away for 20 seconds every 20 minutes.
- 5. Enjoy a Favorite Snack** – Push that office chair away from the computer and treat yourself to a bite of something you enjoy. For example, Nestlé rallies nut butter bombs are a perfect cure for those back-to-back video calls, delivering a balance of permissibility and indulgence while helping you rally through your workday. Available in three craveable flavors – raspberry

peanut butter, brownie almond butter and salted cashew butter – the chilled delights combine decadent chocolate and smooth nut butter for a rich burst of flavor with no preservatives, artificial flavors or artificial colors.

- 6. Check in with Friends** – Squeeze in a midday chat to catch up with a friend or coworker. Socializing is a feel-good way to take your mind off work even for just a few minutes.
- 7. Sip an Afternoon Coffee** – If caffeine gives you that much-needed jolt to finish out the workday, head to your favorite local shop for a refreshing iced beverage. Pair it with a chilled snack like Nestlé rallies nut butter bombs for a perfect sweet and savory afternoon pick-me-up.

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Selfless ways to support community members in need

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FAMILY FEATURES

With hectic day-to-day schedules and varying dietary needs, many families face the dreaded daily question: "What sounds good for dinner?" In contrast, millions struggle to put food on the table each night, impacting about 1 in 8 children, according to Feeding America.

You can help support those in need through Safeway and Albertsons' "Fight Hunger, Serve Hope" cause program – an initiative to fight hunger in local communities during summer months when households with school-aged children face higher rates of food insecurity. The company's private label will donate one meal for every O Organics® product purchased, up to \$7 million and the equivalent of 28 million meals. Donations will be made to Nourishing Neighbors, a program of Albertsons Companies Foundation, to fund grants dedicated to providing healthy meals for at-risk youth throughout the summer.

"While summertime sparks excitement for countless students, it also marks the unfortunate reality that millions of children face when they lose access to school cafeteria lunches and breakfasts they depend on throughout the school year," said Jennifer Saenz, EVP and chief merchandising officer at Albertsons Companies. "As a company, we are committed to making a difference in the lives of children in need. For the first time, we are making it easier than ever for our customers to support this mission by connecting each purchase of our O Organics brand to hunger relief efforts in the communities we serve."

Following the campaign period, families looking to help in their communities can give back in a variety of ways.

Donate Canned Goods

Once school is in session, many classrooms participate in canned food drives for a variety of causes while serving a dual purpose: feeding those in need and teaching children the importance of giving back. Sending your students to school with canned goods can show them the value of helping others and instill a sense of responsibility.

Volunteer at a Food Pantry

Sharing valuable resources like canned goods helps make a difference in communities, but local food pantries also need willing volunteers to sort and distribute food, among other duties. It can provide a unique sense of perspective as you meet other volunteers, improve the lives of people in your community and gain new skills.

Promote the Power of Family Meals

Whether it's breakfast, lunch, dinner or all three, sharing a meal with neighbors can be a powerful moment. It provides an opportunity to connect while enjoying easy-to-make recipes like Ribeye Steak, Grape Tomato and Mushroom Kebabs; Grilled Chicken Salad with Goat Cheese, Fresh Raspberries and Pecans; and Mixed Berry-Lime Smoothie Bowl with Banana and Granola.

Find more meal ideas by visiting Safeway.com and Albertsons.com.



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Ribeye Steak, Grape Tomato and Mushroom Kebabs

Recipe courtesy of Safeway and Albertsons
Total time: 30 minutes
Yield: 4 cups

- 2 cloves garlic
- 1/2 small bunch Italian (flat-leaf) parsley
- 1/4 cup O Organics extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/8 cup red wine vinegar
- 2 teaspoons O Organics Dijon mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 3/4 pound O Organics ribeye steak
- 1/2 pint O Organics grape tomatoes
- 1/4 pound O Organics white mushrooms green pepper, sliced (optional)
- 1/2 medium red onion
- 6 skewers

Peel and mince garlic. Wash and dry parsley. Shave leaves off stems; discard stems and mince leaves.

In large bowl, whisk minced garlic, half the minced parsley (reserve remainder for garnish), olive oil, vinegar, Dijon mustard, salt and pepper.

Cut steak into cubes; transfer to marinade bowl and toss to coat.

Wash tomatoes, mushrooms and green pepper. Halve mushrooms. Add tomatoes, mushrooms and green pepper to marinade. Peel onion and cut into chunks; add to marinade. Toss beef and vegetables until well coated.

Heat grill pan, outdoor grill or skillet to medium-high heat.

Thread steak and vegetables onto six skewers.

Cook kebabs in batches until steak is browned and vegetables are tender, 3-5 minutes per side. Transfer to plate and repeat with remaining kebabs.

To serve, plate kebabs and sprinkle with remaining minced parsley.

Grilled Chicken Salad with Goat Cheese, Fresh Blueberries and Pecans

Recipe courtesy of Safeway and Albertsons
Total time: 20 minutes

- 3/4 pound boneless, skinless O Organics chicken breasts
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- 2 teaspoons O Organics extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 package (5 ounces) O Organics spring mix
- 1 package (6 ounces) O Organics blueberries (or desired berry)
- 1/4 cup O Organics pecan halves
- 3 tablespoons O Organics olive oil
- 1 tablespoon O Organics balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 log (4 ounces) O Organics goat cheese

Pat chicken dry with paper towels and place on cutting board. Cut chicken in half horizontally to

form thin cutlets. Season with salt and pepper on both sides.

Preheat grill pan, outdoor grill or skillet to medium-high heat.

Once pan is hot, coat with oil. Add chicken to pan and grill, turning once, until cooked through, 3-4 minutes per side.

Wash and dry spring mix. Place in medium bowl. Wash and dry blueberries. Add to bowl with mixed greens. Using clean cutting board, roughly chop pecans. Add to bowl.

Transfer cooked chicken to cutting board and cut into thin strips.

In bowl, mix olive oil and balsamic vinegar to create dressing.

Add chicken and dressing to salad bowl; toss to combine.

To serve, divide salad between plates or bowls and crumble goat cheese over top.



Mixed Berry-Lime Smoothie Bowl with Banana and Granola

Recipe courtesy of Safeway and Albertsons
Total time: 10 minutes
Yield: 3 cups

- 1 banana
- 1/2 package (6 ounces) O Organics blackberries
- 1/2 lime
- 2 cups O Organics frozen mixed berries
- 1 cup plain O Organics Greek yogurt
- 4 fluid ounces O Organics whole milk
- 1/8 cup O Organics honey
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 2/3 cup O Organics granola of choice

Wash and dry banana and blackberries.

Peel and thinly slice banana; set aside.

Zest and juice lime into blender. Add frozen mixed berries, yogurt, milk, honey and cinnamon. Blend on high speed until smooth, 1-2 minutes.

To serve, divide smoothie between bowls and top with banana, blackberries and granola.

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 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
 •Andy Mohr Collision
 •Harvey's Collision Center

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Auto Dealer New

WINNER:

Kahlo Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram

Runner Up:

Hare Chevrolet

Honorable Mentions:

- Don Hinds
- Andy Mohr
- Tom Wood
- Penske Hyundai
- Tom Roush
- Ed Martin Nissan
- Ed Martin Toyota
- Butler Kia of Fishers
- Dan Young
- Genesis

Auto Dealer Used

WINNER:

Honda of Fishers

Runner Up:

Westfield Motors

Honorable Mentions:

- Don Hinds
- Coast to Coast Imports
- Fritz
- Dan Young
- Andy Mohr Buick
- Cicero Motors
- Five Star Imports
- Hare's
- Lockhart Cadillac

- New Life Auto
- Terry Lee
- Unlimited Motors
- Mainstream Motors
- Noblesville Imports
- Picasso Imports
- Napleton Hyundai
- Westfield Imports
- Indy Motorwerks

Auto Parts Store

WINNER:

O'Reilly Auto Parts

Runner Up:

NAPA Noblesville

Honorable Mentions:

- Advance Auto
- AutoZone (Mundy Drive)
- Speedway Auto Parts
- NAPA (Westfield)
- Auto Zone, East Conner Street
- Automotive Specialists

Auto Repair Service

WINNER:

Talent Auto Body

Runner Up:

Millers

Honorable Mentions:

- Son Shine
- R&T Tire Pros
- Hamilton Auto

- J & D Machinery
- Automotive Specialists
- Esler's Auto Repair
- Car X
- Mufflers & More
- AVC Auto
- Kent's
- Alexander's Garage
- Kent's

Bank Financing

WINNER:

Farmers Bank

Runner Up:

Community First

Honorable Mentions:

- Forum CU
- Indiana Members Credit Union
- Huntington
- BMO Harris
- First Farmers Bank & Trust
- Chase
- Key
- PNC
- Fifth-Third
- First Merchants
- Regions

Band (High School)

WINNER:

Noblesville

Runner Up:

Westfield

Honorable Mentions:

- Sheridan
- Hamilton Heights
- Carmel
- Hamilton Southeastern
- Fishers

Band (Local)

WINNER:

Dave & Rae

Runner Up:

The Flying Toasters

Honorable Mentions:

- Wright Brothers
- Tone Lab
- The Rugged Brothers
- The Doo! Band
- Henry Lee Summer
- Jeremy Morris and Harvest Road
- My Yellow Rickshaw
- Noble Roots
- Sonsee Cloud
- David Hartman
- Greta Speaks
- The Bishops
- Andrew Young Trio

Banquet Facility

WINNER:

Ritz Charles

Runner Up:

The Mustard Seed

Honorable Mentions:

- Mill Top Banquet & Conference Center
- Forest Park Inn

- Noblesville Elks
- Logan Street Sanctuary
- Harbour Trees Golf & Beach Club
- The Bridgewater Club
- Saxony Hall
- The Ambassador House
- 502 East Event Center
- Noblesville Eagles
- Oak Hill Mansion
- Purgatory Golf Club

Bar and Grill

WINNER:

10 West

Runner Up:

Grindstone on the Moon

Honorable Mentions:

- Syd's
- Woody's
- Wings Etc.
- Wolfie's
- Eddy's Sports Pub
- Local Eatery & Pub
- Logan's Roadhouse
- Barley Island Brewing Co.
- Silver Dollar
- Buffalo Wild Wings
- Chili's
- Copper Still
- Carey Tavern
- Chatham Tap
- Britton Tavern
- Ale Emporium
- Aspen Creek Grill

Barber Shop

WINNER:

Don Bailey's Barber Shop

Runner Up:

Buck's Barber Shop

Honorable Mentions:

- Big League Barbers
- Purkeys
- Sport Clips
- Susan Yeager
- Yankie Clipper

Bed & Breakfast

WINNER:

The Prairie Guest House

Runner Up:

Old Town Carmel B&B

Honorable Mentions:

Ivy House B&B

Bike Shop

WINNER:

Recycle Shop

Runner Up:

Westfield Cyclesports

Honorable Mentions:

- The Bike Line
- Carmel Cyclery
- Motion Cycling & Fitness
- Loke Bicycles

Counseling Service

WINNER:

Pathways to Healing/
Kristen Boice

Runner Up:

Prevail

Honorable Mentions:

- Aspire
- Family Tree

Dance Studio

WINNER:

The Dancin' Place

Runner Up:

Laura Hayden

Honorable Mentions:

- The Pink Slipper
- Performers Edge
- Central Indiana Academy of Dance
- Enpointe Dance
- Five Star Dance
- Ballerinas Academy
- Ballerinas Dance Studio
- Wishes

Daycare Provider

WINNER:

Pebble Brook

Runner Up:

Noblesville First UMC Preschool

Honorable Mentions:

- Cross Light Christian
- Primrose
- Goddard School of Noblesville
- Kids on the Rock
- New Hope

D.J.

WINNER:

Sunny Moon & Assoc.

Runner Up:

Gene Ott

Honorable Mentions:

- Dr. Dance
- Jason Fritz
- Michelle Jenkins

Dentist

WINNER:

Pediatric Dentistry of Noblesville

Runner Up:

Chad Bailey

Honorable Mentions:

- Family Dental
- Robert Holloway
- Burns Family
- Joe Forgy
- David Mosset
- Chris Potee
- Kara Friedman
- Kluth Family & Cosmetic Dentistry
- Today's Dentistry
- Fishers Peds

Dry Cleaner

WINNER:

Bolden's

Runner Up:

Classic Cleaners

Honorable Mentions:

- Deering

Electrical contractor

WINNER:

Gaylor Electric

Runner Up:

Burtner Electric

Honorable Mentions:

- Williams Electric

Electrician

WINNER:

Burtner Electric

Runner Up:

Gaylor Electric

Honorable Mentions:

- Tony Herron
- Ashpal
- Staley Electric
- Technology Electric

Electronics Company

WINNER:

Best Buy

Runner Up:

Fryes

Entertainment

WINNER:

Ruoff Home Mortgage Music Center

Runner Up:

Conner Prairie

Honorable Mentions:

- Koteewi Range Sport & Target Archery Center
- Koteewi Run Seasonal Slopes Snow Tubing Adventures
- Pinheads
- K1 Speed
- Goodrich Hamilton 16 IMAX
- K-Trails Equestrian Adventures
- Lazer Flash
- Monon Center
- Carmel Ice Skadium
- Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre

Honorable Mentions:

- Skyzone
- Wafford Theater
- Wolfie's Grill

Excavating Service

WINNER:

Field Rubber Products

Runner Up:

SMC Corp.

Honorable Mentions:

- INDEX Corp.
- Dorsey's
- Biddles
- IDI Composites
- Indiana Mills & Mfg
- King Systems
- Noble Industries
- Field Rubber Products

Farm Equipment Dealer

WINNER:

Reynolds' Farm Equipment

Runner Up:

McGavic Outdoor Power Equipment

Honorable Mentions:

- Roudebush Equipment

Financial Planner/Planning Company

WINNER:

David McGill

Runner Up:

Chris Baker

Daryl Petrie

Honorable Mentions:

- Fidelity
- Corey Sylvester/Edward D. Jones

Honorable Mentions:

- Mark Maloof
- Shawn Taylor
- Bob Piley

Fire Department

WINNER:

Noblesville

Runner Up:

Fishers

Honorable Mentions:

- Sheridan
- Carmel
- White River Township
- Wayne Township

Firearms

WINNER:

Bare Arms

Runner Up:

His & Her Target Sports

Honorable Mentions:

- Cabela's
- Hoosier Armory

Flower Shop

WINNER:

Adriene's Flowers

Runner Up:

McNamara

Honorable Mentions:

- Seven sisters
- Add Love Flowers

Funeral Home

WINNER:

Randall & Roberts

Runner Up:

Flanner and Buchanan

Honorable Mentions:

- Fisher Family Funerals
- Hartley
- Kercheval

Honorable Mentions:

- Scott E. Hersberger
- Hamilton Memorial Park

Furniture Store

WINNER:

Godby Home Furnishings

Runner Up:

Cost Plus World Market

Honorable Mentions:

- Décor 4 Kids
- Long's Mattress
- Elwood Furniture
- Kittle's Express

Gas/propane Company

WINNER:

Schwartz Bait & Tackle

Runner Up:

Ace Hardware

Honorable Mentions:

- Co-Op
- Vectren
- Donahue's

Gas Station

WINNER:

Get Go

Runner Up:

Kroger Fuel Center

Honorable Mentions:

- Speedway
- Go Lo
- BJ's
- Leos
- BP
- Exxon on Maple
- Casey's
- Village Pantry
- Meijer's
- Farm Bureau

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- Gift Shop**
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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**
Honorable Mentions: Persimmon Avenue, Thistle & Thyme
- Golf Course**
WINNER: Purgatory
Runner Up: Bridgewater, Forest Park
Honorable Mentions: Harbour Trees, Fox Prairie
- Bear Slide**
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**
- Hair Salon**
WINNER: Nancy Myers
Twisted Sisters
Runner Up: Blown Away
Kiss Kiss Bang Bang
Honorable Mentions: Ciao Bella, Hair Doctor, Flirt, HG Salon
- Sugar Salon**
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
- Pulte**
Davis Homes
Lennar
- Hospital**
WINNER: Community
Runner Up: IU Health Saxony
Honorable Mentions: St. Vincent Carmel, Riverview Health, Franciscan
- 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
- Jeff Whitman - All State**
Farm Bureau
Gordon Marketing
Martin and Martin
Jeff Whitman - All State
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**
- 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 Deakne
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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- Dine In Restaurant**
WINNER:
 10 West
Runner Up:
 Grindstone on the Monon
- Honorable Mentions:**
 •Grindstone Public House
 •Ale Emporium
 •Ginger's Café
 •Wolfies
 •Matteo's
 •Erika's Place (Cicero)
 •CR Heroes
 •Texas Roadhouse
 •O'Charley's
 •Rosies Café
 •Chilis
 •Uptown Café
 •Copper Still
 •Lincoln Square
 •Logan's Road House
 •Syd's
 •Applebees
 •Bob Evans
 •Bru Burger
 •Courtney's Kitchen
 •Michaelangelo's
 •Olive Garden
- Fast Food Restaurant**
WINNER:
 Chick-Fil-A
Runner Up:
 Culver's
- Honorable Mentions:**
 •Hardee's
 •Burger King
 •Arby's
 •Mo's Southwest Grill
 •Jimmy Johns
 •Long John Silver's
 •Panera Bread
 •Penn Station
 •Q'doba
 •Sheridan DQ
- Restaurant**
WINNER:
 10 West
Runner Up:
 Grindstone on the Monon

- Honorable Mentions:**
 •Big Hoffas
 •Red Robin
 •Westfield Diner
 •Grindstone Public House
 •Jim Dandy
 •La Hacienda
 •Red Habanero
 •Ginger's Café
 •Logan's
 •Cracker Barrel
 •Culver's
 •Erika's Place
 •Wolfie's
 •Asian Grill
- Chinese Restaurant**
WINNER:
 Kobayashi Sushi & Asian Kitchen
Runner Up:
 Peking Garden
- Honorable Mentions:**
 •Asian Grill
 •Happy Dragon
 •Mark Pis
 •Panda Express
 •House of Chung
 •Wok & Roll
 •Lucky Star Buffet
 •China Buffet
 •China Wok
 •King's Garden
- Coffee Shop**
WINNER:
 Noble Coffee
Runner Up:
 Starbucks
- Honorable Mentions:**
 •Rosies
 •Cicero Coffee
 •Einstein's
 •Dark Side Roasters
 •The Remnant Coffee Shop
- Ice Cream Place**
WINNER:
 Alexander's
Runner Up:
 Handel's
- Honorable Mentions:**
 •Graeter's

- Bubs
 •Culver's
 •Cold Stone Creamery (116th St.)
 •Sheridan DQ
- Italian Restaurant**
WINNER:
 Matteo's
Runner Up:
 Michaelangelo's
- Honorable Mentions:**
 •Maggianno's
 •Puccini's
 •Mamma Carrolas
 •Olive Garden Exit 10
 •Greek's Pizzeria
- Mexican restaurant**
WINNER:
 Red Habanero
Runner Up:
 Rio Grande
- Honorable Mentions:**
 •Chuy's
 •Maria's Mexican Grill
 •Samono's Mexican Food
 •Maya Riviera
 •The Toras
 •Q'doba
 •Cancun
 •Los Torros
 •Burrito's & Beer
 •Chilis
 •Taxy Mexy
 •El Palenque
 •Tijuana Flats
- Pizza Place**
WINNER:
 Greek's Pizzeria
Runner Up:
 Pizza King Noblesville
- Honorable Mentions:**
 •Bazbeaux
 •Puccinis
 •Pizza by the Harbour
 •Marco's
 •Monicals
 •Papa John's
 •Pizza House Cicero
 •Pizza Hut
 •Pizza Hut Noblesville

- Bella
- Brew Pub**
WINNER:
 Sun King
Runner Up:
 Upland Carmel Tap House
- Honorable Mentions:**
 •MashCraft Fishers
 •Field Brewing
 •Primeval Brewing
 •Four Day Ray Brewing
 •Union Brewing Co.
 •Brier Brewing
 •Grand Junction Brewing
- Best Bagel**
WINNER:
 Big Apple Bagel
Runner Up:
 Noble Coffee
- Honorable Mentions:**
 •Einstein
 •Corner Bakery
- Best BBQ**
WINNER:
 Big Hoffas
Runner Up:
 Big Dog's Smokehouse
- Honorable Mentions:**
 •Famous Dave's BBQ
 •City BBQ
 •Zek's BBQ
 •Buffalo Wild Wings
- Best Burger**
WINNER:
 Bru Burger
Runner Up:
 Five Guys
- Honorable Mentions:**
 •Culver's
 •Red Robin
 •Steak 'n Shake
 •Jim Dandy
 •Wolfie's
 •Burger King
 •Cracker Barrel
 •10 West
 •Applebee's
 •Hardee's
 •Logan's
- Best Chili**

- WINNER:**
 Syds
Runner Up:
 Wendy's
- Honorable Mentions:**
 Jim Dandy
- Best Cookie**
WINNER:
 Debbie's Daughters Bakery
Runner Up:
 Pat-a-Cake
- Honorable Mentions:**
 •Baker's Paradise
 •Panera
- Best Cupcakes**
WINNER:
 Gigi Cupcakes
Runner Up:
 Heavenly Sweets
- Best Cup of Coffee**
WINNER:
 Noble Coffee
Runner Up:
 Starbucks
- Honorable Mentions:**
 •Erika's Place
 •Dunkin' Donuts
 •Ginger's
 •McDonald's
 •Wendy's
- Best Donut**
WINNER:
 Titus
Runner Up:
 Rebellion
- Honorable Mentions:**
 •Jack's Donuts
 •Dunkin' Donuts
 •Big Apple Bagels
- Best French Fries**
WINNER:
 McDonald's
Runner Up:
 Chick-Fil-A
- Honorable Mentions:**
 •Culver's
 •Red Robin

- Steak 'n Shake
 •Red Robin
 •Buffalo Wild Wings
 •Burger King
 •Grindstone Public House
 •Bru Burger
- Best Milkshake**
WINNER:
 Steak 'n Shake
Runner Up:
 Dairy Queen
- Honorable Mentions:**
 •Hardee's
 •Jim Dandy
- Best Onion Rings**
WINNER:
 Carey Tavern
Runner Up:
 Red Robin
- Honorable Mentions:**
 •Applebee's
 •Burger King
 •White Castle
 •Perkins
- Best Omelet**
WINNER:
 Erika's Place
Runner Up:
 Rosie's Café
- Honorable Mentions:**
 •Ginger's Café
 •Uptown Café
 •Perkins
 •Best Bet
 •Cracker Barrel
- Best Tenderloin - breaded / un-breaded**
WINNER:
 Grindstone Public House
Runner Up:
 The Nickel Plate
- Honorable Mentions:**
 •Britton Tavern
 •Chatham Tap Fishers
 •CR Heroes
 •Dooley O'Tooles
 •Local Eatery & Pub
 •Muldoon on Main
 •Wolfie's



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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-

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- 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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