

➔ TODAY'S VERSE
1 Corinthians 15:57-58 "But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain." (NIV)



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What makes Nicole Amsler smile? "Friends and family walking through my front door," said the 51-year-old Noblesville resident. She works remotely as a marketing manager for CareerShare, a technology education platform for OSHA training. She's a mother to three Noblesville graduates. Her daughter, Delaney, graduated from IU Bloomington and is a fifth- and sixth-grade English and Social Studies teacher at Stony Brook Intermediate. Her son, Spencer, is finishing his final year in Jeffersonville at Mid-America College of Funeral Services. Her bonus daughter, Krista, graduated from Indiana Wesleyan University and lives and works in Noblesville. She loved having "theater kids" visit when her kids were in high school. Now, she spends much of her free time doing community theater. She's currently directing The Belfry Theatre's first show of the 59th season, the comedy, "How the Other Half Loves," through Sunday at Arts for Lawrence's Theater at the Fort. She won the Encore Association's award for Best Stage Manager of a Play for "Rumors" at Basile Westfield Playhouse in 2022. She is a playwright and directed one of her short plays, "Holiday Cards" which she directed in December 2022 at Westfield Playhouse. She produced "Around the World in 80 Days" for The Belfry Theatre in Winter 2023 and directed Hyperion Players' "God of Carnage" in Spring 2023. Nicole has "Carpe Diem" tattooed on her ankle, and her next tattoo will be "Die Interesting." She said, "That's my goal: a big, juicy, creative, wild life."

And Another Thing...

1. Volunteers Needed:
The Westfield-Washington Historical Society is in need of volunteers to host the opening of the Museum and Barker Cabin. The Museum and Barker Cabin are open Saturdays from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM. For those who have not volunteered for one or the other, training will be provided. Please consider helping the Historical Society by volunteering to be a Museum or Barker Cabin host. We need two volunteers for Saturday 23rd immediately. Text Jeff Beals at 317-460-4844 or email jbeals@whws.us to be scheduled.

2. Open House TODAY To Celebrate O.V. Winks
Purdue Extension Hamilton County will have an O.V. Winks and Annex Farewell Open House on Thursday at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 E. Pleasant St., Noblesville. The community is invited to celebrate more than 70 years of the Annex and O.V. Winks buildings, open house-style, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided.
The O.V. Winks Building was named after O.V. Winks, who was county agriculture agent and extension administrator from 1939 to 1966, and was the first building built at the 4-H Fairgrounds. The O.V. Winks and Annex buildings will be demolished, and a new 8,000-square-foot Bicentennial Pavilion events center, known as Silos@37, will be built in its place, as part of a \$65 million construction project to update the Fairgrounds.

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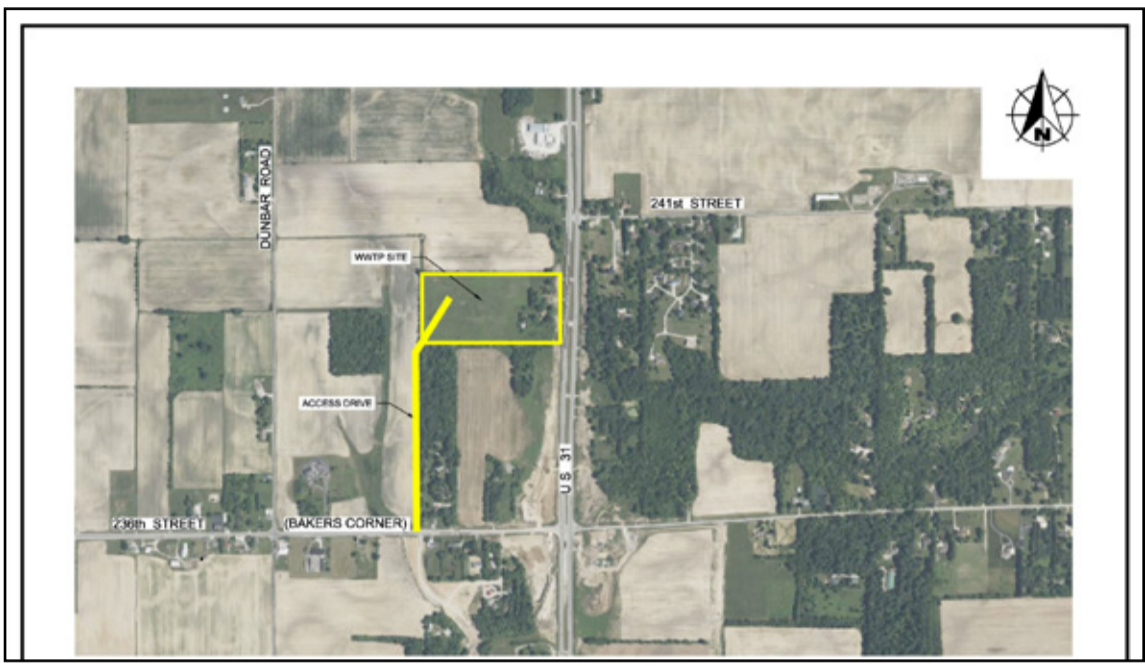


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Directions to the wastewater treatment plant site.

Hamilton County To Break Ground On Regional Utility District

Water & Sewer Service Expected to Spur Development in Bakers Corner Area

Hamilton County Commissioners and Councilors will break ground on the Bakers Corner/US31 Infrastructure Investment Project on Wednesday, October 4 at 11:00 a.m. The \$45 million project will extend sewer and water utilities to the Bakers Corner area, east and west of U.S. 31 between 236th and 276th streets.

"If you don't know where Baker's Corner is, you soon will," says County Commissioner Mark Heirbrandt. "This project has the potential to reshape

Northern Hamilton County. Bringing water and sewer to this area could spur growth and economic development all the way up U.S. 31 to Kokomo."

The Indiana Economic Development Corporation has already designated 80 acres of land in the area for agricultural



MARK HEIRBRANDT



MARTY WESSLER

businesses. And Hamilton County has fielded calls from a slew of homebuilders, mixed-use developments, and manufacturers interested in expanding in the area.

Marty Wessler, CEO of Indianapolis-based Wessler

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The cast of Hyperion Players' "Waiting for Godot" features Mason Yeater (Boy, from left), David Johnson (Vladimir), Matt Hartzburg (Estragon), Adam Phillips (Pozzo) and Aaron Budde (Lucky), whose rehearsals took place at Allisonville Christian Church with the show to run today through Sunday at The Switch Theatre in Fishers.

A Lot Happens In Hyperion Players' 'Waiting for Godot'



BETSY REASON
From The Editor's Desk...

I remember a year ago when Hyperion Players was kicking off its first season.

"For the 10 members who founded Hyperion, a lot of the evolution has been figuring out our individual strengths and weaknesses and how to apply them to Hyperion's needs," Noblesville's Ian Hauer told me. He started the theater with his

childhood friend, Adam Fite. "We've done a good job of that, but we still have work to do," he had said.

Now, Hyperion Players is getting ready to kick off its second season.

"Waiting for Godot" Samuel Beckett's classic, opens tonight and continues through Sunday at The Switch Theatre in Fishers.

"There is never a wrong time to produce this play because the nature of it is such that it can be perceived or interpreted hundreds of ways," said director Molly Bellner. "It really is apro-

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Photo courtesy Noblesville Chamber

She says growing up in Noblesville akin to Camelot.

Julia Kozicki, A Force For Good



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

A casual observer might think Julia Kozicki is a woman who has it all. Born to a prominent family, she has found success at almost every stop in a life well lived. She grew up in a sleepy little community of 5,000 and describes Noblesville at that time as Camelot. She won a state championship in high school athletics and was on the BrainGame team (a precursor to her appearance and victory on Jeopardy). She was a sorority girl at IU before going to law school in Chicago. She clerked for a U.S. District Judge. She won elected office on her hometown school board (before it became controversial to serve on school boards) and ended up having the second-lon-

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➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP
Chill out – people who are aggressive appear to be at greater risk for heart attacks and strokes. 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
"Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts."
-Winston Churchill

➔ OBITUARIES
None

➔ HONEST HOOSIER
Hey media junkies, here's a fun fact. On this date in 1951, CBS opened sales to the first color televisions. However, less than a month later, they dropped them. Hey, who needed living color anyways?



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2024 Noblesville City Budget Introduced To Common Council

The Noblesville 2024 Civil City budget was introduced to the Common Council at its Sept. 26 meeting. The budget will be eligible for adoption at the Oct. 24 council meeting. The 2024 proposed Civil City budget totals \$116,108,606, with an operational budget of \$97,326,759 which excludes bond payments.

Mayor Chris Jensen's budget aligns spending with revenue trends to keep taxes low while serving a growing community, continues to focus on all four of his Policy Pillars, and maintains continued focus on government modernization, cost containment, and proactive preservation of taxpayer-owned assets.

"Our city is growing and with that growth comes increased revenues and expenses to meet the needs of the ninth largest community in the state," said Jensen. "This proposed budget maintains cash reserves as contingency to address needs that may arise in the future, while allowing the city to continue executing the goals and framework

developed in the city's 10-year Capital Improvement Plan."

Jensen's 2024 proposed budget continues strategic investments that prioritize public safety, road and infrastructure improvements, efficient and effective city services, economic and tourism development, preserving and enhancing our historic downtown, and quality of life for our residents. It also emphasizes return on investment and value proposition principles to justify expenditures of taxpayer funds.

"This budget prioritizes the demands of our growing city and focuses on the current and long-term goals the council and administration have for Noblesville," said Common Council President Aaron Smith. "This budget efficiently balances inflationary pressures and costs to keep the city in a strong financial position."

Like 2023, the budget continues to spend down a portion of the city's reserve balances while maintaining a property tax rate of \$1.10 per \$100 of assessed value, which

the city has held for five consecutive years. The 2024 budget includes \$7.5 million in one-time spending.

"2024's revenues are projected to exceed ongoing expenses by \$7.5 million," City Controller Jeff Spalding said. "The certified net assessed value growth for 2024 was strong again at 10.25 percent, which tracks with the average growth that we have experienced under Mayor Jensen's leadership and provides opportunities for smart investments that are reflected in this proposal."

The proposed budget includes \$11.1 million in major road improvement projects. This amount does not include the \$4.5 million in state and federal funding the city has received for the Little Chicago Road Pedestrian Bridge and more than \$7.8 million for road projects like Pleasant Street Phases II and III, and a roundabout at 141st and Promise Road. It also includes a 5 percent cost-of-living adjustments for civilian employees and 8 percent for most sworn

police/fire personnel.

Key features of the 2024 Civil City budget include:

Public Safety

- The police and fire departments account for 50.1 percent of the operating budget, including eight new sworn police officers and two civilian positions along with a new ambulance to support demands and quicker response times in a growing community.

- Site preparation and design for a new police station to replace the outdated facility that has been in use since the 1992.

- Further expansion of the Noble Act program, including an in-house licensed clinical social worker to work alongside police and fire personnel who are assisting individuals with mental health, substance abuse, and other needs.

- Equipment and training support for the 15 new firefighters whose base compensation is being funded by the federal SAFER grant program.

Road and Infrastructure Improvements

- Continued investment in the Reimagine Pleasant Street east-west corridor project. Phase 1 of the project is on schedule and within budget. Phases 2 and 3 will commence in early 2024.

- Preliminary engineering for widening Boden Road and Olio Road.

- Additional resources to clear snow off of city neighborhood streets quickly and safety after snow events and an additional tree arborist position to help maintain the 32,000+ trees in city right-of-way and on public properties.

Economic and Tourism Development

- Continued investment in Innovation Mile, the master planned 600-acre business district near I-69 and Exit 210 that will anchor economic and business growth on Noblesville's east side.

- Resources to ensure timely completion and high-quality delivery of mixed used projects at the Village at Federal Hill, East Bank and Midland

Pointe.

- Resources to finalize design and manage construction of the Noblesville Events Center that will be the new home court of the Indiana Pacers G League franchise starting in 2025.

Quality of Life, Downtown and Recreation

- Public purpose grants for Noblesville Main Street, Nickel Plate Arts (Noblesville Creates), Noblesville Preservation Alliance, Noblesville Youth Sports Alliance, Keep Noblesville Beautiful and the Indiana Peony Festival.

- Design and site mobilization for further activation of Finch Creek Park, including trails, greenspace and possible outdoor sports fields and related amenities.

- Funding for the Midland Trace Trail, which will connect with the Riverwalk Trail and Nickel Plate Trail to create a 40-mile trail loop in Hamilton and Marion counties, and a trail connection between Federal Hill Commons and Forest Park.

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Why Do Environmentalists Hate Fracking?

EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk: Why do environmentalists hate fracking so much?

Fracking, short for hydraulic fracturing, is a method of extracting natural gas. It was invented in the 1940s, but gained popularity in the past two decades, particularly in the U.S. This is because most conventional natural gas reservoirs that can be extracted using traditional methods have been depleted. In 2001, 25 percent of U.S. natural gas was extracted via fracking. By 2022, this grew to almost 80 percent.

Let's delve into the fracking process. Initially, a deep shaft is drilled into the ground, typically hundreds of meters, until it reaches shale rock formations where natural gas and petroleum are trapped in small pockets. Then, a horizontal hole is created throughout the shale. In an typical fracking operation, some four million gallons of fracking fluid—freshwater, sand and numerous chemicals—is driven through the hole using high-pressure pumps to fracture the rock and release the natural gas. After the natural gas is collected, the used fracking fluid, known as flowback, is removed and stored in an underground well.

Flowback fluid is extremely poisonous. It consists of hundreds

of chemicals, including lubricants, acids and disinfectants, as well as numerous toxins and carcinogens, such as benzene, radium and heavy metals. The water used cannot be recycled, exacerbating water scarcity. The true toxicity remains unknown due to drilling regulations allowing the concealment of chemicals as Confidential Business Information.

Nonetheless, the impacts are evident. Livestock and pets die due to wastewater exposure; marine wildlife suffer when the fluid enters water bodies. A series of ProPublica reports showed a link between fracking and drinking water contamination in Pennsylvania, Colorado, Ohio and Wyoming. An experiment in West Virginia revealed severe harm to vegetation, killing most plants and half the trees in the tested area.

Fracking emissions, such as methane, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide and particulate matter, are linked to severe health issues like nausea, migraines, birth defects, low birth weights and weight gain. A study in Yale's Environmental Health Perspectives reported that young Pennsylvania children (ages two to seven) residing near fracking sites faced a two to threefold higher risk of being diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia compared to those living farther away.

Fracking is much more

polluting than conventional drilling, which does not require the use of fluids to crack rock layers. "As much as eight percent of the methane in shale gas leaks into the air during the lifetime of a hydraulic shale gas well—up to twice what escapes from conventional gas production," Robert Howarth of Cornell University estimated. To put this into perspective, methane exhibits a greenhouse gas potency 105 times greater than that of carbon dioxide.

Let's hope scientists find new ways of making renewable energy more accessible so society can begin moving away from natural gas and other fossil fuels.

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Hamilton Heights Superintendent Named IAPSS Superintendent Of The Year For District V

The superintendent of Hamilton Heights School Corporation, Dr. Derek Arrowood, has been named 2024 Superintendent of the Year for District V by the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents (IAPSS).

Winners are selected by other superintendents in their district who consider the qualifications and accomplishments of area colleagues and their instructional leadership in a time of limited resources.

"I am humbled and honored by this recognition," said Dr. Derek Arrowood. "It is a high honor considering the caliber and talent among my colleagues in the other District V schools."

Dr. Arrowood has been a respected leader of education in Hamilton County for many years, and on a variety of levels. He has an impressive resume that touches on all aspects of leadership. Dr. Arrowood has served as superintendent at Hamilton Heights School Corporation since 2014 and is currently the longest-serving school superintendent in Hamilton County.

Located in the northeast-

ern-most part of Hamilton County, Hamilton Heights is the heart and hub of Jackson and White River Townships which include the communities of Atlanta, Arcadia, Cicero. Hamilton Heights is deeply rooted in its community with storied history rich in tradition, community, and academic excellence more than a century strong.

This premier early childhood through grade 12 education institution has earned a respected reputation for its robust curriculum, student engagement, exceptional educators and staff, abundant extracurricular, enrichment and social activities, diverse career pathways, award-winning performing arts, and athletic opportunities and countless stories of secondary success. The district serves 2,242 students in three buildings.

Dr. Arrowood notes that "people over paper clips" is a statement often heard when making financial decisions. "The more efficiently we spend our allotted funds on things like paper clips, the more money we can push toward our most important instructional tool, our people," he said.

As an example, the district dug its own well and built its own solar field. The money the district was spending on water and electric bills is now being spent on classroom structures that impact students.

A partnership with the Central Indiana Education Services Center (CIESC) has allowed the district to add a third counselor at Hamilton Heights High School and expand training for its counselor team. It is also participating in the Ford Next Generation Learning (NGL) program. Dr. Arrowood, a 1986 graduate of Hamilton Heights High School, earned his Bachelor of Arts and Ph.D. degrees from Purdue University and his Master of Science in Education from Indiana University.

District V includes schools in Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Marion, and Shelby counties. One of the eight district winners will be named Indiana Superintendent of the Year for 2024 and will represent Indiana in the American Association of School Administrators National Superintendent of the Year program.

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VICTORIA SPARTZ
Guest Column

The number one function of Congress is budgeting and fiscal oversight - only money matters. This year, under Republican leadership with Speaker McCarthy, Congress is increasing the amount of unauthorized spending, the U.S. debt hit \$33T for the first time in history with no material solutions legislated as part of the debt ceiling debacle, no budget has been passed, there is a looming government funding debacle with only one out of 12 appropriations passing the house, with two not even passing committee yet, and 4 days remaining. September 30 did not move on the calendar. Congresswoman Spartz has been warning the Speaker to have a meaningful plan starting last year and proposed some solutions, but unfortunately leadership takes courage to challenge the status quo and corrupt D.C. swamp. Now, we will have to make a correction, at least for the next year, and must start now.

competition for value in health care, lowering costs, improving choice, and rooting out fraud and abuse to save promised Medicare for seniors. ***

Immigration Committee Update

As a member of the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Immigration, Rep. Spartz testified in last week's hearing on "Terrorist Entry Through the Southwest Border." As the crisis at the U.S.-Mexico border remains a national security issue, Republicans and Democrats must put politics aside and put an end to the out-of-control border chaos to ensure the safety of American families and communities.

Rep. Spartz also questioned Attorney General Garland about intimidation tactics used by the FBI against American citizens in a separate Judiciary Committee hearing this week.

Town Hall in Hamilton County

Full house and great discussion at the Westfield town hall this weekend. Please stay in touch for upcoming town halls later this year.

- 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.

Health Care Legislation

Rep. Spartz testified before the House Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce to present her health care legislation, focused on promoting

State Warns Consumers To Be Aware Of Romance Scams

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita urges Indiana consumers to be on the lookout for romance scams approaching the holiday season.

"Online dating is a popular route for a lot of people these days in their search for true love," Rokita said. "In some cases, innocent people are connecting with scammers who lie and cheat them out of their hard-earned money instead. Protecting Hoosiers from fraudsters is one of my office's top priorities."

In romance scams, perpetrators prey on unsuspecting matches by creating fake profiles to take advantage of victims online. They go to great lengths to pose as prospective romantic partners with similar interests to lure people into providing gifts, money, or personal information.

Just this year, a Westfield resident lost nearly \$100 million to a romance scam. This type of dupe can happen even in Indiana. According to the FBI, victims of romance scams lost \$1 billion in 2021 alone.

Here are a few warning signs that someone might be more interested in your money or personal

information than a relationship:

- Your new romantic interest sends a picture that doesn't look realistic. Rather, the person looks more like a model from a fashion magazine.
- The relationship is moving fast, and the other person quickly professes their love for you.
- The person attempts to isolate you from friends and family.
- The person requests inappropriate photos or financial information that could later be used against you.
- The person can't meet you in person or communicate on facetime.
- The person asks you for money to buy their ticket to visit you, help pay for medical expenses (for them or a family member) or invest in a business.
- The person tells you how to pay. He or she requires specific payment methods that are hard to recoup, such as a wire transfer, preloaded gift card, cryptocurrency, or money transfer app.

If you ever suspect a scam of any type, file a complaint at indiana-consumer.com or call Rokita's office at (800) 382-5516.

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Brown County Ranks Third Among Nation's State Parks For Fall Foliage

Brown County State Park, Indiana's largest, ranks third on New York Travel Guide's recently published list of its 15 best state parks for fall foliage.

To compile the list, the guide compared more than 600 parks in three categories, including reviews of fall colors, fall photography popularity, and each park's overall rating.

Last December, Brown County State Park ranked sixth on a list of most beautiful state parks in the country according to a study done by Travel Lens, which also ranked the park 13th among the country's "most Instagrammed state parks." In 2021, the park was added to the National Register of Historic Places, and it is a fixture on various "best of" rankings for its moun-

tain biking trails.

The park comprises nearly 16,000 acres, most of them heavily wooded.

"Come experience and watch the fall colors explode over the rolling hills of southern Indiana's hardwood forests in Brown County State Park," said Terry Coleman, director of Indiana State Parks.

More about Brown County State Park is at on.IN.gov/browncountysp.

For ideas of other Indiana state park properties to go for fall colors that might be less populated, see on.IN.gov/stateparks. For those who prefer free entry with fewer amenities for fall foliage viewing, see on.IN.gov/dfwproperties, or on.IN.gov/forestry, or on.IN.gov/naturepreserves.

The Next PACT Act Deadline: Health Care Enrollment For Veterans Who Deployed To Combat Zones

Until 11:59pm local time on September 30, 2023, Veterans who deployed to a combat zone, never enrolled in VA health care, and left active duty between September 11, 2001 and October 1, 2013 are eligible to enroll directly in VA health care. This special enrollment period gives Veterans who served in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other combat zones an opportunity to enroll directly in VA health care without first applying for VA benefits.

VA encourages all of these Veterans to visit VA.gov/PACT or call 1-800-MYVA411 to learn more and sign up for VA health care before the deadline. Veterans who are enrolled in VA health care are proven to have better health outcomes than non-enrolled Veterans, and VA hospitals have dramatically outperformed non-VA hospitals in overall quality ratings and patient satisfaction ratings. Additionally, VA health care is often more affordable than non-VA health care for Veterans.

This special enrollment period is a part of the PACT Act, the largest expansion of VA health care and benefits in generations. Since President Biden signed the PACT Act into law on August 10, 2022, more than 378,000 Veterans have enrolled in VA health care and more than 4.4 million enrolled Veterans have been screened for toxic exposures.

"Are you a Veteran who deployed to a combat zone but never enrolled in VA health care? If you

left active duty between September 11, 2001, and October 1, 2013, you should sign up now," said VA Secretary Denis McDonough. "Even if you don't need this care now, you may need it in the future - and once you're in, you have access for life. But don't wait - the deadline is September 30 - so go to VA.gov/PACT and apply today."

VA is executing a nationwide outreach campaign to ensure that as many Veterans as possible enroll before September 30. In total, there are 1.78 million Veterans in this cohort, and 1.37 million of them are already enrolled in VA care. This month alone, we have sent letters, emails, and - for the first time in VA history - texts to the approximately 400,000 remaining Veterans encouraging them to apply. Thus far, this campaign has resulted in a 119% jump in this year's enrollments from this cohort since August 15, 2023. This is a part of the largest outreach campaign in VA history, which has one goal in mind: ensure that all Veterans - and their survivors - get the health care and benefits they deserve under the PACT Act.

More information on eligibility for the special enrollment period can be found at VA.gov/PACT. For more information about how the PACT Act is helping Veterans and their survivors, visit VA's PACT Act Dashboard. To apply for care or benefits today, visit VA.gov/PACT or call 1-800-MYVA411.

Noblesville Schools 'Driven to Give'



Photo courtesy of Marnie Cooke and Noblesville Schools

Noblesville Schools employee Melissa McDaniel gets ready to test drive a Lincoln on Tuesday afternoon during Noblesville Schools Education Foundation's "Driven to Give" fundraiser with Tom Roush Lincoln. The dealership invited the community, as well as school officials, teachers and staff, to test drive new Lincoln vehicles with the dealer donating \$30 to NSEF for each test-drive participant. About 100 "test-drivers" participated.



Photo courtesy of Marnie Cooke and Noblesville Schools

Test drivers Noblesville's Bret Richardson and Ron Fleming try out a Lincoln on Tuesday afternoon during Noblesville Schools Education Foundation's "Driven to Give" fundraiser with Tom Roush Lincoln.



Photo courtesy of Marnie Cooke and Noblesville Schools

Noblesville Schools Superintendent Daniel Hile takes a post-drive survey after a test drive in a Lincoln on Tuesday afternoon during Noblesville Schools Education Foundation's "Driven to Give" fundraiser with Tom Roush Lincoln. About 100 "test-drivers" participated.



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Noblesville High School principal Craig McCaffrey promotes Noblesville Schools Education Foundation's "Driven to Give" fundraiser with Tom Roush Lincoln at the NHS main gate.



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Noblesville Schools employees, including NHS teacher Jay Jasper (middle back) prepare to test drive a Lincoln on Tuesday afternoon during Noblesville Schools Education Foundation's "Driven to Give" fundraiser with Tom Roush Lincoln.



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Family always ranks at the top of her priority list.

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gest tenure in board history. Noblesville Schools honored her by naming her one of 25 Noble Millers at the school's 150th anniversary. She is a district governor for the Lions organization and serves in several other community leadership positions, including the board of directors at Conner Prairie. She's a wife to Jeff and mother to J.D. and Josh.

She is truly a nice person with a good head on her shoulders, and strong beliefs. Truth to tell, politics need her more than she probably needs politics.

A conversation won't venture too far into that topic though. She waves it off.

"Maybe," she says in answer to what she ever run for another office. She ran for mayor last time. "I don't know. It's not on the top of any list right now."

Instead, she seems happier to talk about family, growing up here and the things that are more important in life. She doesn't even talk much about her latest award and recognition.

"It's humbling really," she said of the WIN honor. "I just try to engage and help make things better in the organizations I'm involved with."

She quickly transitions to the bigger picture.

"Community organizations are what make America great, what make America stronger," she explained. "I've seen some really small towns that have really great (organizations) and those hold the town together."

Kozicki, by trade, is an attorney and a partner at Church, Church, Hittle and Antrim. Her parents moved to Noblesville in 1966 and her father is a senior partner with the firm. Julia talks at length about Noblesville back then and the joy of growing up here.

"We lived at 317 N. 9th St.," she smiled. "We'd ride our bikes around. Noblesville was just starting to grow."

She went to Hinkle Creek and the junior high when it was on Field Drive.

Fast forward and she decided to go to law school in Chicago, but eventually, came back home.

"We live in a bubble in Hamilton County," she said. "There are so many communities not growing, why would we not want to live here? It's growing and people are engaged. We are just so fortunate to live (here). When you have the opportunity to go outside, it just reminds me every time how lucky we are to live in this place."

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

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pos of whatever is happening in the world or community."

The synopsis? In "Waiting for Godot," two wandering tramps, Vladimir and Estragon, wait by a lonely tree to meet up with Mr. Godot, an enigmatic figure in a world where time, place and memory are blurred and meaning is where you find it. The tramps hope that Godot will change their lives for the better. Instead, two eccentric travelers arrive, one on the end of the other's rope. The results are both funny and dangerous in this Draigicomic masterpiece.

"There was, quite famously, a production in 1957 performed in the San Quentin State Prison, to rave reviews and a standing ovation," Bellner said. Another remarkable United States production was in New Orleans soon after Hurricane Katrina, she said.

"Waiting for Godot" is colloquially known as "the play where nothing happens; twice." But that's not actually true," Bellner said. "A lot happens throughout the play, though the action unfolds in a nontraditional way. Many people have heard of 'Waiting for Godot' yet hardly anyone has seen it performed. We're looking forward to getting it in front of audiences so they can see how timely this piece of theater really is."

"'Waiting for Godot' is a play many folks have read, perhaps studied, or at least heard of, yet very few have seen it on the stage," she said. "My hope is the audience will show up with an open mind about what this play can be and what it can mean. It is a Roschach (psychological inkblot) test, of sorts. Whatever you want it to mean, it can mean. Depending on your background, your past experiences, your general mood that day, that will change the takeaway and meaning you lend to 'Waiting for Godot.'"

In terms of Hyperion Players' specific production, the show's stripped down an already fairly minimalist show with little crew. Hope Oetjen of Noblesville is stage manager.

"We've approached it, as I like to say, as entertainment," Bellner said. "It is five actors on a stage angling to entertain the audience. It's honestly theater in its purest form, no pretentiousness, no grand theatrics, no sleight of hand. Just theater, pure and simple. It's truly an experience like no other you'll have in the theater."

Want TO GO?

What: Hyperion Players, a Hamilton County-based theatrical nonprofit organization kicks off its second season with Samuel Beckett's classic, "Waiting for Godot," directed by Molly Bellner.

When: 7:30 p.m. today through Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

Where: The Switch Theatre at Ji-Eun Lee Music Academy, 10029 E. 126th St., Fishers.

How much: \$12.

Good to know: The show contains mild language, brief violence and discussions about suicide. Run time is just more than two hours with a 10-minute intermission.

Tickets: Online at <https://hyperionplayers.com/>, also cash or check only at the door.

Meet THE CAST

Vladimir, David Johnson, Plainfield; Estragon, Matt Hartzburg, Indianapolis; Pozzo, Adam Phillips, Westfield; Lucky, Aaron Budde, Noblesville; and Boy, Mason Yeater, Cicero.

"Waiting for Godot" is the first play of Hyperion Players' season, Sept. 28-Oct. 1 and will be followed by John Patrick Stanley's "Doubt: A Parable," directed by Daniel Maloy, Jan. 26-28, at The Switch; "Grand Horizons," directed by Nicole Amsler, March 15-24, at Arts for Lawrence's Theater at the Fort; and "I Love My Zombie," directed by Angela Staggs, June 6-9, 2024, at Theater at the Fort.

"I'm very excited to work with all four directors this season and help them bring their respective visions to life," Hauer said this week.

"We've got a good balance of shows this season, with each bringing something a little different to the table," Hauer said.

Hyperion is already taking director applications for the third season, and doubled the number of applications received for Season 2.

"We want to keep trying new things, keep expanding our artist and audience base and keep establishing partnerships. Venues are always tricky, but the new arts space in Fishers has promise," Hauer said.

He was nominated this year for Nickel Plate Arts' Artist Advocate of the Year. "I wasn't expecting to be nominated, especially so early in Hyperion's run," he said. "But I was honored to be included among the nominees, and grateful that people appreciate the work we're doing in Hamilton County."

-Betsy Reason writes about people, places and things in Hamilton County. Contact The Times Editor Betsy Reason at betsy@thetimes24-7.com.



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Matt Hartzburg (as Estragon), Adam Phillips (as Pozzo) and David Johnson (as Vladimir) rehearse for Hyperion Players' "Waiting for Godot," a tragicomedy in two acts, today through Sunday at The Switch Theatre in Fishers.



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Matt Hartzburg plays the role of Estragon in Hyperion Players' "Waiting for Godot," a tragicomedy onstage today through Sunday at The Switch Theatre in Fishers.



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In 2009, Forbes ranked the Fort Wayne metropolitan area 67th on its list of 200 metropolitan areas in the "Best Places For Business And Careers" report. Not too shabby!

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- Allen County had an estimated population of 372,877 in 2017.
- At 660 square miles, it is the state's largest county
- Fort Wayne, the county seat, was founded in 1824
- Three rivers, the Maumee, St. Joseph and St. Marys, come together at Fort Wayne
- Fort Wayne is cited as having the highest Burmese refugee population in the United States, with between 3,000–3,500

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2. What percent of the population do the roughly 3,500 Burmese refugees make up?
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3. What is the population per square mile?
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4. The population in 2010 was 355,329. What percent of growth did the county's population see between 2010 and 2017?
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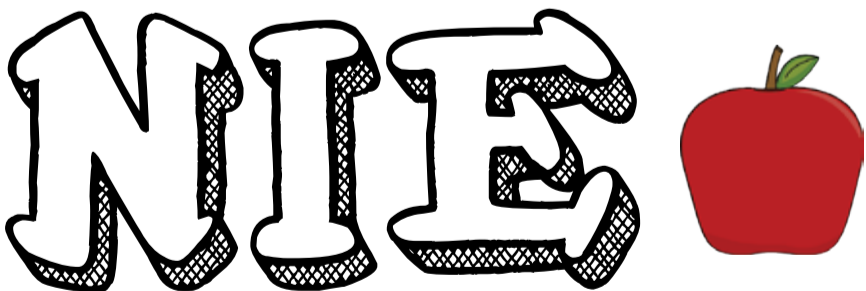
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J.D. Power Names Indy Airport Best For Customer Satisfaction A Sixth Time

For an impressive sixth time, J.D. Power has named the Indianapolis International Airport best in customer satisfaction among medium-sized airports in North America. This makes the fourth time in five years that the Indy airport has received the prestigious recognition in the J.D. Power North America Airport Satisfaction Study, and the sixth time overall*.

Recognition is ranked by J.D. Power based on customer ratings. This year's study is based on 27,147 completed surveys from U.S. or Canadian residents who traveled through at least one U.S. or Canadian airport. Travelers evaluated either a departing or arriving airport from their round-trip experience. The study was fielded from August 2022 through July 2023.

"This award demonstrates the dedication of our team and airport business partners to the community," said Mario Rodriguez, Indianapolis Airport Authority executive director. "The true magic is that our world-class team has a boundless capacity, year after year, to continuously improve the airport cus-

tomers experience."

The J.D. Power 2023 North America Airport Satisfaction Study is considered a reputable benchmark for measuring traveler satisfaction based on customer feedback. The survey looked at several factors associated with the airport customer experience. IND scored highest in the following categories: airport arrival/departure (getting to and leaving the airport), security check, terminal facilities (concourses, lounges, signage, restrooms and gate areas) and food/beverage and retail factors.

The Indy airport received an overall customer satisfaction score of 843 out of 1,000, which is the highest in the medium-sized airport category. Throughout the year travelers give the Indy airport top marks in various customer feedback surveys leading to award recognition, including the industry title of Best Airport in North America from Airports Council International – North America. The Indy airport has held this title for 11 years running. Travel + Leisure readers also recently named IND one of the world's best as a

Top 10 Favorite Domestic Airport – a title the airport has held for eight years in a row.

"Our customers experience the team's caring and pride in so many ways throughout their journey, and they only find that here at IND," said Rodriguez. "Our team is the best in the industry, which is why the Indy airport is ranked the best repeatedly."

Travelers repeatedly praise how well the Indy airport delivers on cleanliness, easy access to gates, efficient security check, variety of food and beverage and retail options, overall facility amenities and customer service.

The airport's award-winning concessions program features retailers and food-and-beverage providers that offer a mix of nationally renowned brands, such as Shake Shack and FAO Schwarz, along with local favorites, including Sun King Brewery and Tinker Coffee.

Over the past year, the Indy airport opened several new restaurants, including the Pacers Courtside Club, Bub's

Burgers & Ice Cream, Bento Sushi, HotBox Pizza, The Farmers' Market featuring Indiana Grown, Tinker Coffee Café, Ben's Soft Pretzels and Shake Shack. Also, two long-standing restaurants completed a renovation and expansion with Chick-fil-A and Harry & Izzy's, respectively.

Harry & Izzy's at IND was named one of the world's 10 best airport restaurants earlier in 2023, and stood out for its customer-service driven culture and sinus-clearing shrimp cocktail.

* Indianapolis International Airport received the highest numerical score among small airports (fewer than 10 million passengers/year) in the proprietary J.D. Power 2010 North America Airport Satisfaction StudySM and the highest score among medium airports (4.5 to 9.9 million passengers per year) in the J.D. Power 2016, 2019-2020 and 2022-2023 North America Airport Satisfaction Studies of customers' satisfaction with the airport they traveled through. Visit jdpower.com/awards for more details.

IDDC Updates New And Improved Indiana Arts & Culture Passport

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch, Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC) and Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) are updating and relaunching the Indiana Arts and Culture Passport, sponsored by Minnetrista Museum and Gardens. Current Indiana Arts & Culture Passport holders will need to sign up for a new passport following the re-launch on Sept. 25, 2023.

"From music venues and theaters, to museums and more, communities across Indiana are using art as a way to come together and build a sense of place," said Lt. Gov. Crouch, Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "All of these attractions reflect the values of Hoosiers and create an identity for residents to enjoy and visitors to experience."

The passport encourages visitors to discover new places and enjoy some of Indiana's creative spaces. Sign up online for the passport and redeem prizes for visiting multiple destinations across the state. Visitors can check-in from a smartphone at all

designated passport locations to earn points. After accumulating enough points, participants can redeem custom prizes curated for the Visit Indiana Passports from an online marketplace within the passport.

"The updated passport includes almost 200 locations across the state of Indiana, so there is something for everyone to discover no matter what corner of the state they are in," said IDDC Secretary and CEO Elaine Bedel. "Many of these venues and displays are also public gathering spots, which encourages people to connect with each other and can even boost economic growth."

"Across the state, communities are utilizing art as a powerful tool for community and economic development," said IAC Executive Director Miah Michaelsen. "We are grateful for the opportunity to help spotlight public art, organizations and venues that are strengthening the fabric of Indiana communities."

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Cracking The Science Of Collagen In Bones

For over a century, the science around bones has been rooted only in whatever an X-ray image was able to reveal. Bone research solely focused on mineral content through radiation images, limiting the understanding about many other aspects of bone — collagen, water, fat — which don't show up on a scan.

Purdue engineer Joey Wallace is fracturing the decadeslong status quo in bone research. His findings may provide unprecedented clarity into the underlying causes of conditions like osteoporosis, diabetes and kidney disease, health concerns that impact millions of Americans.

"People look at bone and they think it's this static, inert thing that's just there to let us move, and it's the muscles, tendons and ligaments that are doing everything," said Wallace, the biomedical engineering chair and professor at Purdue University in Indianapolis. "But bones are crazy complex."

Early in his research of skeletal disease and mechanobiology —

mechanisms by which cells sense and respond to mechanical signals — Wallace learned that those complex elements of bone weren't being properly accounted for.

"It became immediately clear to me that some of the changes we were seeing in the mechanical properties of bone as it relates to fracture risk were happening in something that wasn't being reflected in mineral," Wallace said. "It wasn't showing up as changes in bone mass, either, and if it's not mineral, I knew I had to go down that rabbit hole to find out what it was."

As Wallace continued to study, he began focusing on collagen in bone.

"I didn't want to just see the collagen in normal tissues," Wallace said. "I wanted to quantify it."

That's exactly what Wallace did, building a new identification technique around atomic force microscopy — which had previously only been dabbled with observationally — to image collagen in bone tissue. He developed the innovative technique to process bone and dentin

samples to expose the underlying collagen, as well as quantify the nanoscale collagen structure.

Wallace then used those processes to investigate differences in collagen structure in bone from a model of osteoporosis, differences as a function of tissue type and differences that existed in a model of osteogenesis imperfecta, a disease in which bones fracture easily, often with no obvious cause.

Studying how collagen impacts bone disease was a springboard for Wallace, bringing new data to the forefront and remaining the focus of his research. The newly named dean of the Purdue School of Engineering and Technology continues to untangle the complexities of bone in the Bone Biology and Mechanics Lab, carrying that same intense focus on collagen.

At Purdue University in Indianapolis, Wallace's bone research has ventured into the role collagen in bone plays in diabetes and kidney disease. When collagen in bone is exposed to heat, it generates a reaction

that stimulates advanced glycation end products (AGEs). These AGEs form as cross-links in the collagen structure, inappropriately stiffening the collagen and preventing the normal sliding and ductility of the structure, causing an embrittling effect in bone.

Wallace's publications on artificially inducing AGEs in bone, the development of a model of diabetes and a model of combined diabetes and kidney disease laid the foundation for a recent Veterans Affairs grant. Awarded last January, that grant has placed Wallace as the principal investigator on a current study focusing on establishing diabetes and kidney disease models within the veteran population.

"Diabetes affects so many Americans," Wallace said. "Not that other disease models aren't important, but it's different from some of my past research. You're talking about something that impacts 35 to 40 million people versus 25,000 to 50,000, so I'm excited to go in that direction."



Photo courtesy of Purdue University

Purdue University President Mung Chiang samples the first cup of Boiler Chips ice cream, a new ice cream developed by Purdue food science students.

Purdue President Partners With Students To Create Official University Ice Cream

Purdue University will unveil its newly developed Boiler Chips ice cream and One Giant Scoop vanilla Saturday for football fans at the Sept. 16 game at Ross-Ade Stadium.

"It's no secret that I love a good scoop of ice cream and the Old Gold and Black," Purdue President Mung Chiang said. "This ice cream embodies the Purdue spirit. We are thrilled to reestablish the original Purdue Creamery vanilla recipe in One Giant Scoop, while also introducing the new Boiler Chips that was developed by the FEMI team in the College of Agriculture and tested by the Boiler Gold Rush students and group leaders. Thanks to all the Boilermakers involved. It tastes like victory!"

Students from the Food Entrepreneurship and

Manufacturing Institute (FEMI) in the College of Agriculture's food science department developed Boiler Chips, a new caramel chocolate chip flavor, and oversaw the production of One Giant Scoop, using the original vanilla recipe from the Purdue University Creamery, which closed in 1969. Partnering with Glover's Ice Cream in Frankfort, Indiana, FEMI students were able to assist in the mass-scale production of the eight-ounce retail cups.

A portion of Glover's proceeds from sales of the new ice cream flavors will provide funding to food science students for professional development opportunities. The ice cream will also be sold in the Purdue Memorial Union Boilermaker Market and through Purdue Food Co.'s catering operations.

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