

**➤ TODAY'S VERSE**

Isaiah 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.



**➤ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY**

People who call our community their own.

What makes Dave Barker smile? "My family," said the 66-year-old Noblesville resident. He and his wife, Rhonda, have been married 40 years and have three sons, Daniel Barker and Victor Barker, and the late Jeremy Barker; and eight grandchildren, ages 5-19. He is a deacon at Clarksville Christian Church. Barker is semi-retired and working as a farmhand at Flanders Amazing Grain. He is a 24-year volunteer firefighter/EMT at White River Township Volunteer Fire Department and retired in January 2022. He is past president of Wayne-Fall Lions Club, which is having a Ham and Bean Dinner from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Club at 11940 E. 191st St., at DeShane Avenue and Victory Chapel Road in Noblesville. The menu features ham and beans, combread, cole slaw, desserts and drinks and hot dogs, all for a donation for Lions Club Christmas for families in this area who need assistance. The club is about three miles east of Indiana 37, across the street from Union United Methodist Church at 191st Street and Deshane Avenue. Read more things to do in the Betsy Reason column in today's edition of The Times.

**And Another Thing...**

**1. LANE RESTRICTION – 146th Street and Allisonville Road Project**

Please be advised, beginning on or after Wednesday, November 1, between 9am and 3pm, the northbound and southbound lanes of Allisonville Road at 146th Street will be restricted, and at times will experience short-duration stoppages, one lane at a time. Flaggers will be in place during this work. This restriction will allow for saw cutting the pavement for the upcoming closure of Allisonville Road on November 3. Please use extreme caution while driving through this construction zone.

**2. Halloween Fun For The Whole Family**

The First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville would like to invite our community to a free Trunk-or-Treat event in the church parking lot. \* Bring your little ghouls and goblins and enjoy lots of treats, a make-n-take craft, music, movie and a brown bag hotdog dinner. Bring the whole family and wear your costumes! October 28 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville 1207 Conner Street. \*In the event of inclement weather, festivities will be inside our fellowship hall.

**3. You're Invited!**

Join Chamber Partners and Community Leaders on Wednesday, November 1, for a Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony at COMO Aesthetics in Westfield. At COMO Aesthetics, they offer a modernized space with innovative products and non-invasive aesthetic services. Their team of highly skilled nurses and licensed aestheticians specialize in taking the time to fully understand each guest's individual concerns and provide them with educated treatment options. The guest and COMO team will create a customized treatment plan together to get the desired results. This event is open to all the Chamber's Partners, Members, and the public. Advanced registration is not required.

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## Noblesville Fire Department Responds To Business Fire



Photo courtesy of Noblesville Fire Department

Workers at Abrasive Water Jet of Indiana noticed smoke and flames coming from the filter housing of one of their machines. Workers used multiple fire extinguishers and a water hose to try to put out the fire but were unsuccessful. All the workers were able to safely exit the structure and call 911. The fires began shortly after 8 a.m. on Tuesday, October 24th. Hamilton County Communications dispatched fire and EMS units from the Noblesville Fire Department (NFD) as well as units from the Noblesville Police Department. The first units to arrive could see smoke coming from the building and marked the fire as working. Crews were able to quickly enter the business and locate the seat of the fire. The fire was marked out a short time later. There were no injuries to civilians or firefighters. NFD was assisted by the Noblesville Police Department. The cause of the fire has not been released at this time.



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Visit Noblesville High School Theatre's Trunk or Treat night 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday in the parking lot at Noblesville High School, where high school theater students will play host to this evening for all little ghosts and goblins.

## Zany Comedy, Last Headless Rides, Live Music, Ham 'N' Beans, Trunk-Or-Treat, More



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

Halloween is around the corner with many fall and Halloween activities in and around Noblesville. So here's The Times' list of 25 things to do this weekend and beyond:

1. Bob Zany -- well known from Bob and Tom, Dry Bar Comedy and a slew of national TV appearances -- will perform at 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday at The Cat in Carmel. Nationally known comedian

Dave Dugan of Carmel, who will open for Zany on Friday night, tells us this is a rare chance to see Zany in an intimate setting at a great theater. "Cannot recommend this show enough," Dugan said. Saturday night opener to be announced. For tickets, visit <https://thecat.biz>

2. Explore nature and history in new ways in 1836 Prairietown as the outdoor areas are open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily through end of October. Tickets are available for the 40th anniversary of Headless Horseman outdoor Halloween program just now through Sunday at Conner

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## Nickel Plate Trail Extends In Noblesville, Makes Connections Across HamCo

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the city of Noblesville today opened the recently completed Nickel Plate Trail.

The 2.7-mile asphalt multi-use trail was constructed by Noblesville with help from a \$3.1-million Next Level Trails (NLT) grant. The award was announced by Gov. Eric J. Holcomb in April 2022 as part of the third grant round of NLT.

"As a regional trail tracking through central Indiana, the Nickel Plate Trail is an excellent example of how we can connect people and communities through trails," said Dan Bortner, DNR director. "This nearly three-mile trail segment is helping us blaze new connections, and it is an excellent example of the impact Next Level Trails is having across the state."

The new 12-foot-wide trail extends from 146th Street to Pleasant Street near downtown Noblesville. Included within the project was the restoration of a historic bridge over Allisonville Road, as well as a bridge over Stony Creek. At 146th Street, the trail connects to the northern terminus of the existing Nickel Plate Trail in Fishers, which extends more than 7 miles south to Hague Road, connecting the two cities. The northern segment of the project will ultimately connect to the Midland Trace Trail, a regional trail that connects Noblesville to Westfield.

When completed, the Nickel Plate Trail will stretch more

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## The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset  
RISE: 8:09 a.m.  
SET: 6:53 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures  
High: 78 °F  
Low: 64 °F



Today is...

- American Beer Day
- Frankenstein Day
- Navy Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1991 Turkmenistan Declares Independence from the Soviet Union. The Central Asian country had been a separate republic of the USSR since 1925. Saparmurat Niyazov, the head of the country under the Soviets, continued ruling the country under the title of President for Life until his death in 2006.
- 1904 New York City Subway Begins Operations. The oldest underground subway system in the United States, construction of the transit system began in 1902.
- 1682 City of Philadelphia Founded. The historical city in the State of Pennsylvania was founded by English entrepreneur, William Penn. Penn received the land as a payment to fulfill a debt that King Charles II owed to Penn's father.



Births On This Day

- 1932 Sylvia Plath American poet
- 1858 Theodore Roosevelt American politician, 26th President of the United States, Nobel Prize laureate

Deaths On This Day

- 2013 Lou Reed American singer-songwriter, guitarist, producer
- 1975 Rex Stout American author

**➤ INSIDE TODAY**

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**➤ HONEST HOOSIER**

I think for Halloween I'm going to trick or treat as Donald Trump. That means I can call anyone I don't like names, act like a spoiled brat, exaggerate (or just lie) about everything and yet still be the lesser of two evils.



**➤ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

In addition to keeping track of what you eat, also determine how and why you eat to try and find ways to cut back. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at [www.thetimes24-7.com](http://www.thetimes24-7.com).



**➤ TODAY'S QUOTE**

"Charlie Brown is the one person I identify with. C.B. is such a loser. He wasn't even the star of his own Halloween special."  
-Chris Rock

**➤ TODAY'S JOKE**

Why don't monsters eat popcorn with their fingers? They eat fingers separately.

**➤ OBITUARIES**

None

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**WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST**

64/78 BALMY, BFD, RAIN & STORMS FRI	55/62 RAIN LIKELY LATE SAT	54/58 RAIN AT MIDNIGHT, POSSIBLY TOGETHER SUN	37/47 EARLY MORNING RAIN, COOL & CLOUDY MON	28/45 CHILLY HALLOWEEN TUE	27/43 A.P. SNOW FORECAST POSSIBLE WED	28/50 BRIGHT AND CHILLY THU
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## HHSC Celebrates Principals As Part Of National Principals Month Part 2 Of 3

October marks the celebration of a special group of leaders in our community – our school principals. These dedicated individuals play a pivotal role in shaping our students' futures and the trajectory of our education system. This month-long celebration is an opportunity to recognize and thank our principals for their unwavering dedication, exceptional leadership, and remarkable impact on student success.



JARROD MASON

**A:** I love the people... students, staff, and community. I don't struggle to get out of bed to come to work. It's pretty good to see the progress people make every day, and being a part of that makes it easy to get out of bed.

**Q:** What is at least one attribute that makes you successful in your role?

**A:** I will give you two things... First, I am real... I don't try to be something I'm not. Second, I don't think I know everything. We are smarter together.

**Whitney Gray, Assistant Principal, Hamilton Heights High School**

**Q:** Why did you want to become an assistant principal?

**A:** I love working in a school, especially a high school! I loved the idea of being able to help develop teachers and support them from behind, while they are making all the difference with our kids.

**Q:** What is your end goal in your role?

**A:** To show our teachers and students how successful they can be, no matter what they want to do.

**Q:** What are some of the other hats you wear in your role that people may not know?

**A:** I am responsible for our Unified Sports program.

**Q:** What gets you motivated and out of bed each day?

**A:** We have a great team and they're a lot of fun to work with.

**Q:** What is at least one attribute that makes you successful in your role?

**A:** Being patient and flexible.

**Mitch Street, Assistant Principal/Dean of Students, Hamilton Heights High School**

**Q:** Why did you want to become an assistant principal?

**A:** When I was growing up, I had several teachers who were heroes to me. One of those heroes taught and then moved into

administration, so I went into education with that as my plan of action. Ultimately, this role is still about giving back to kids and hopefully playing a part in making a positive difference in the lives of kids and the school community as a whole.

**Q:** What is your end goal in your role?

**A:** Honestly, I don't know that I have an end goal. I try to live in the moment, and I feel like in this moment, this is where I'm supposed to be. I just want to do the best that I can in this role.

**Q:** What are some of the other hats you wear in your role that people may not know?

**A:** I think people just assume that I am involved solely in discipline. However, I have been blessed to really expand my duties here at Heights and remain at a place that I feel called to be. I work with our teachers in the evaluation process. I'm involved in our PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) and RTL (Response to Intervention). After coaching football for a decade at HHHS before stepping down. After a few years out of coaching, I have spent the last three years coaching Unified Flag Football and assisting with the varsity boys' basketball team as well.

**Q:** What gets you motivated and out of bed each day?

**A:** Like anything there are good days and bad days, but, as I mentioned above I got into education to give back and hopefully make a difference in the lives of kids. I had many educators who were heroes to me. Hopefully, I am able to provide some of the things that those people provided to me.

**Q:** What is at least one attribute that makes you successful in your role?

**A:** Hopefully, I am successful, but if I had to pick something, I would say that I am pretty even keeled and stay poised through most situations.



MITCH STREET

## Mayor Scott Fadness Announces Historic Investment In Neighborhood Vibrancy For 2024

Investments include expanded Neighborhood Vibrancy Grants & pilot program to revitalize key neighborhoods

Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness has announced a groundbreaking \$11.5 million in investments for the upcoming year to bolster the vibrancy of the city's neighborhoods. The 2024 City budget includes major funding boosts for various community initiatives, notably an increased allocation for the Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant program and the launch of the innovative new Neighborhood Vibrancy Initiative pilot program.

"Investing in our neighborhoods is investing in the heart of Fishers," said Mayor Scott Fadness. "Through these significant investments we are enhancing community spirit, championing sustainability, and ensuring that Fishers remains a vibrant place for all residents to call home."

### Expanded Neighborhood Vibrancy Grants for 2024

The City of Fishers will accept applications for its 2024 Neighborhood Vibrancy Grant beginning November 1 to provide funding for creative and innovative projects that make the community a more beautiful place to live. With the adoption of the 2024 City budget, the grant's allocation has seen a significant jump from \$100k in previous years to \$750k for 2024. The City of Fishers will now also fund 80% of the project cost up to \$25,000, requiring participants to contribute just 20% of the total. This marks a substantial

shift from the previous 50/50 split of funding.

Homeowners' associations or neighborhood groups within the City's limits are encouraged to submit applications at fishers.in.us/Grants. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis with funds distributed quarterly. This is also a change from last year when grants were only administered annually in the spring. The expanded timeline opens up opportunities for year-round vibrancy efforts. Deadlines to apply for the 2024 grant are January 31, April 30, July 31 and October 31.

Grants can be used to fund a wide range of projects, from entrance landscaping and green-space preservation to creating community spaces within residential areas. Community engagement initiatives, like community gardens, playgrounds, and communal gathering hubs, are also eligible for funding.

The City encourages residents to consider projects with an environmental impact that promote sustainability, incorporate native species within their landscaping, and provide support for local ecosystems. Previous projects include the transformation of common areas with native landscaping, the installation of new playground equipment and benches, and repurposing pastures into native prairies to enhance biodiversity. A dashboard of past projects is available at map.fishers.

in.us/grants/. Previous grant winners are eligible to apply.

Additionally, the City of Fishers continues to welcome applications throughout the year for its Stormwater Grant Program, which seeks to better local water quality and drainage systems.

To apply, visit fishers.in.us/Grants.

### Neighborhood Vibrancy Initiative Pilot Program

The City of Fishers has also launched an innovative Neighborhood Vibrancy Initiative pilot program to revitalize, enhance, and invest in key areas and neighborhoods throughout the city. This year's projects include installing new entrance signage for the Sunblest neighborhood—Fishers' first modern subdivision—designed and created by the Fishers Maker Playground; significant parking lot and trail improvements in the heavily traveled Cheeney Creek Natural Area connecting Heritage Meadows to the park and Fishers Pointe Blvd.; and enhancements within the Brooks Chase neighborhood including a refurbished gazebo in the common area and sidewalk repairs. While most projects are scheduled for completion this fall, sidewalk repairs in Brooks Chase are set for 2024.

To learn more about Fishers' investments in neighborhood vibrancy, visit fishers.in.us/Neighborhoods.

We are taking the opportunity to share an up-close look at the extraordinary individuals serving at the helm of Hamilton Heights High School. Thank you Jarrod Mason, Principal, Whitney Gray, Assistant Principal, and Mitch Street Assistant Principal/Dean of Students for setting high expectations for our students and educators. In your roles you have shaped the conditions for our teachers and students to learn and succeed. We are forever grateful for your impact at #ThankAPrincipal #WeAreHuskies

### Jarrod Mason, Principal, Hamilton Heights High School

**Q:** Why did you want to become a principal?

**A:** I felt I could have a larger impact on more students as an administrator than I could in the classroom.

**Q:** What is your end goal in your role?

**A:** I want students to reach their goals. If I can help them earn their diploma and find their perspective and purpose along the way, I am going to be happy with that.

**Q:** What are some of the other hats you wear in your role that people may not know?

**A:** What I don't think people realize about our role is that you're never really "off duty." Our work is literally 24-7 and it never stops.

**Q:** What gets you motivated and out of bed each day?

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# Remembering A Tragedy In Boilermaker History



**KENNY THOMPSON**  
Columnist

There are very few reminders on the Purdue University campus today of the greatest tragedy in Boilermaker athletics history.

A plaque inside the entrance to Felix Haas Hall, located just a short drive north on University Street from Ross-Ade Stadium in West Lafayette, lists 17 names. Twelve players, an assistant coach, a trainer and three fans were killed in a train collision with a coal train on the outskirts of Indianapolis on Oct. 31, 1903.

More than 100 others, including future Indiana Gov. Harry G. Leslie, were injured. Leslie's injuries were so severe that for a brief time it was thought he had perished as well.

Until that day, Oct. 31 was remembered as the birthday of university founder John Purdue.

The day was supposed to be a celebration of the annual game between Purdue and Indiana. This was long before the Old Oaken Bucket was introduced into the rivalry.

Nearly 10,000 fans were expected to witness "one of the greatest (games) ever played on Indiana soil," the Lafayette Journal front page declared.

The Big Four Railroad provided a private, wooden car for the team. The traveling party consisted of more than 50 players,

coaches and local businessman Newton Howard, who was invited as a tribute for his support. Twelve more cars would carry the band, students and adult fans - 964 people in all.

Protocol at the time called for the players to ride in the first passenger car behind the locomotive and the tender. That custom would prove fatal.

The 14-car train left Lafayette at 8 a.m. and was scheduled to make the 60-mile trip in two hours. The journey ended 15 minutes early.

A switching mistake sent seven coal cars - made of steel - toward a collision course with the Purdue train. Traveling at 25 miles an hour on the outskirts of Indianapolis, the Purdue train rounded a curve at 18th Street, next to a gravel pit.

Less than half the cars had rounded the curve when engineer W.A. Schumaker saw the coal cars rapidly approaching. Unable to avoid a collision, Schumaker and fireman Harry Van Tuyl jumped for their lives.

Steel met wood. The results were catastrophic.

The locomotive was demolished on impact. The tender was overturned, burying Van Tuyl beneath a heap of coal. He only suffered slight injuries.

The players' coach was splintered in two, with the bottom half underneath the tender.

Nine players plus assistant coach E.C. Robertson, trainer Patrick McClaire, Howard and students Wilbert Price and George Shaw died

instantly. A tenth player, Joseph Coates, died two hours later at City Hospital.

The death toll reached 16 when player Thomas A. Bailey, a freshman from New Richmond, died the next day. A 12th player, Harry O. Wright, would pass away 30 days afterward in St. Vincent's Hospital.

Leslie would be reminded of the accident every day for the rest of his life. A compound leg fracture left him with a permanent limp. Leslie also suffered multiple jaw fractures but somehow regained his health in time to serve as manager for the 1904 team.

One of the players, I.S. Osborne, described the moment of impact to the Lafayette Journal.

"My feet shot from under me and I was plunged forward," Osborne said. "I have no distinct recollection of what happened, but from the crashing of glass I must have shot through one of the car windows.

"It seemed as if the fall would never end. I struck the ground and someone fell on top of me. After that I do not remember anything."

Teammate F.M. Hawthorne of Wingate was also launched through a window.

"I only know I felt myself flying through the air. It seemed to me I was five minutes on the way. I found myself lying across the ditch when I came to. I was about 30 feet from where I started. I can't shut my eyes now, though, without feeling that sickening sensation

of going through the air in the darkness."

The second car, carrying the band, jumped the track and rolled down an embankment. All of them survived.

The third car soared over the players' coach and landed on one of the coal cars.

An investigation cleared the Purdue train crew of wrongdoing. A dispatcher in Kankakee, Ill., failed to notify the Indianapolis yardmaster about the Purdue train.

The Big Four Railroad settled with the families of the deceased for between \$2,500 and \$3,000 apiece. That computes to nearly \$105,000 per family. The Big Four also contributed \$15,000 toward Memorial Gymnasium.

The Lafayette Journal launched a \$50,000 (more than \$1.7 million today) public fundraising campaign to build a memorial to the players. Memorial Gymnasium opened five years later with 11 steps, a landing and six more steps to represent the deceased.

John Wooden was among the Boilermakers to play basketball in Memorial Gymnasium, Purdue's home until Lambert Fieldhouse was completed in 1938. The facility became home to the women's gymnasium until 1985, when the building was remodeled to accommodate the Department of Computer Science. The building was renamed for Haas, a former dean and provost, in 2006 after the computer science department moved across University

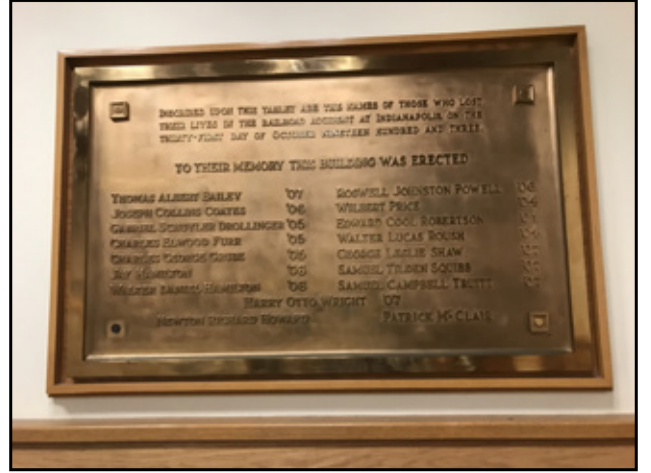


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## The plaque inside the entrance of Felix Haas Hall.

Street to Lawson Computer Science Building.

As a postscript to the tragedy, the Boilermakers posted a 9-3 record in 1904. Among the nine victories were a 27-0 win over Indiana at Indianapolis and 36-0 against Notre Dame in West Lafayette.

That record stood as Purdue's best until the 1929 Big Ten Conference champions finished 8-0.

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### Noteworthy

Purdue safety Dillon Thieneman has been selected to The Athletic's Midseason Freshman All-American team.

The former Westfield standout leads all freshmen and was second in the Big Ten through six games with 62 tackles. Thieneman also leads all freshmen with three interceptions. ...

Another notable Westfield product, Purdue sophomore guard Braden Smith, is projected as one of five "breakout" guards for the 2023-24 season by The Athletic's Sam Vecenie.

"The next leap for

Smith will be just becoming entirely comfortable when guards play particularly high pressure against him defensively," Vecenie wrote. "I think that comes this year, and we see Smith as something like a 14-point, six-assist per game guy who knocks down shots and leads what should be one of the 10 best offenses in the country." ...

Purdue center Zach Edey, the reigning National Player of the Year in college basketball, was the only unanimous selection Monday when the Associated Press released its Preseason All-America Team.

Edey was joined on the team by former Michigan center Hunter Dickenson, now at Kansas; Armando Bacot of North Carolina, Kyle Filipowski of Duke and Tyler Kolek of Marquette.

- Kenny Thompson is the former sports editor for the Lafayette Journal & Courier and an award-winning journalist. He has covered Purdue athletics for many years.

## Meeting Notes

# Carmel Board Of Public Works And Safety Meeting

Wednesday, November 1 - 10 a.m.

Council Chambers City Hall, One Civic Square MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

### 1. MINUTES

a. Minutes from the October 18, 2023, Regular Meeting

### 2. PERFORMANCE BOND REDUCTION APPROVAL REQUEST

a. Resolution BPW 11-01-23-05; Bond Release for 708 & 714 Adams Street; Erosion Control; DB Klain Construction, LLC

b. Resolution BPW 11-01-23-06; Bond Release for Village of West Clay Block D Parking Lot; Erosion Control; DB Klain Construction, LLC

c. Resolution BPW 11-01-23-07; Bond Release for The Reserve at Springmill; Erosion Control; Pittman Family Real Estate Investors, LLC

d. Resolution BPW 11-01-23-08; Bond Release for Woodside of West Clay; Erosion Control; Snap II Properties, LLC

e. Resolution BPW 11-01-23-09; Bond Release for Magnolia Condominiums; Storm Sewer, Interior Curb,

Signs; Magnolia Condos, LLC

### 3. CONTRACTS

a. Request for Goods and Services; BGI Fitness; (\$54,602.01); Fitness Equipment; Chief Dave Haboush, Carmel Fire Department

b. Resolution BPW 11-01-23-03; A Resolution Requesting Financing, Construction and Dedication of Certain Infrastructure or Other Impact Zone Improvements in Lieu of and as a Credit Against the Payment of Parks and Recreation Impact Fees ("PRIF") and Approving a PRIF Credit Agreement; Pedcor Community Development Corporation - Penn One Eleven; (\$4,706,248.00); Henry Mestetsky, Director of the Department of Redevelopment

c. Resolution BPW 11-01-23-04; A Resolution Requesting Financing, Construction and Dedication of Certain Infrastructure or Other Impact Zone Improvements in Lieu of and as a Credit Against the Payment of Parks and Recreation Impact Fees ("PRIF") and

Approving a PRIF Credit Agreement; Carmel Corner Project Partners, LLC - The Corner; (\$860,390.00); Henry Mestetsky, Director of the Department of Redevelopment

d. Request for Goods and Services; College Avenue Design, LLC d/b/a Sweet Event Planning; (\$2,500.00); Event Planning Services - Shop Carmel; Additional Services Amendment; Nancy Heck, Director of the Department of Community Relations

e. Resolution BPW 11-01-23-02; Request for Acknowledgement of Contract between City and Vendor; RJE Business Interiors; (\$1,134.73); Furniture for City Hall CRED Office; Nancy Heck, Director of the Department of Community Relations

f. Resolution BPW 11-01-23-10; Request for Acknowledgement of Contract between City and Vendor; PleinAir; (\$4,245.00); Advertising Agreement; Nancy Heck, Director of the Department of Community Relations

g. Request for Goods and Services; Wilkinson Brothers, Inc.; (\$55,000.00); City of Carmel Advertising and Event Promotion; Additional Services Amendment; Nancy Heck, Director of the Department of Community Relations

h. Request for Goods and Services; 3D Company, Inc.; (\$10,222.54); 20-ENG-02 106th Street and College Avenue RAB; CO #4; Jeremy Kashman, City Engineer

i. Request for Goods and Services; RQAW Corporation; (\$102,200.00); 22-ENG-11 Carmel Path - 141st Street from West Road to Springmill Road - Phase 2 Design;

Additional Services Amendment; Jeremy Kashman, City Engineer

Lisa Hartz, Director of Human Resources

1. Request for Goods and Services; KBSO Consulting, LLC; (\$16,000.00); Tarkington Garage - EV Charging Stations Project; Matt Higginbotham, Street Commissioner

m. Resolution BPW 11-01-23-01; Request for Acknowledgement of Contract between City and Vendor; Catbun Studios; (\$6,000.00); Painting Services for Christkindlmarkt; Matt Higginbotham, Street Commissioner

### 4. REQUEST TO USE CITY STREETS/PROPERTY

a. Request to Use City Hall Caucus Room; Administration/Coaches Meeting; November 28, 2023; 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM; Grace Schott, Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference

### 5. OTHER

a. Request for Secondary Plat; Five-Ten Subdivision; Tom Lazzara, Custom Living USA -

TABLED on 10/4/23  
b. Request for Waiver of BPW Resolution No. 04-28-17-01, Replacement of an

Existing Pole; 1684 Lodgetree Cove; Duke Energy

c. Request for Grant of Perpetual Storm Water Quality Management Easement; BJ's Wholesale Club - 14400 Lowes Way; Connor Strege, Kite Greyhound, LLC

d. Request for Consent to Encroach and Variance; 12950 Old Meridian Street; Edward Rose Development Carmel, LLC

e. Request for Consent to Encroach and Variance; 3180 Driftwood Court; Aaron & Kyle Monke, Property Owners

f. Request for Secondary Plat; Jackson's Grant Village, Sections 1 & 2; Republic Development

g. Request for Storm Water Technical Standards Waiver; LEO at Carmel - 14575 James Dean Drive; Weihe Engineers

h. Request for Replat; Waterfront of West Clay, Section 5B; Duane Sharrer, Weihe Engineers

i. Request for Replat; Woodland Golf Club, Lots 37 & 38; Joe Logan

6. ADJOURNMENT

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Funny Bone

Like most of you, I still receive little packets of coupons in the mail. I don't need my deck painted or my ducts cleaned out, but I am on the lookout for a good restaurant deal.

Not because I am cheap...okay that's part of it, but mainly because for the first time I want to feel like I actually saved money using one of these offers. Most of the coupons just sit in the kitchen drawer. I either forget them when we leave for dinner or they're for a restaurant 25 miles from the house. And it hardly seems worth the effort for a free Bloomin' Onion. (Excuse my Australian.)

Typically, coupons give you several options, requiring some crafty figuring in order to know how to most efficiently use them, which is why we brought along our adult son who has a year of college calculus under his belt. I just wasn't sure how much stayed in his head.

"It looks to me," began my wife eyeing the coupons, "that we can get a free burger as long as someone else also orders a burger, two for one."

"Great," I said. "Brett and I will each have a burger."

"Hold it, Dad. I don't want a burger. I eat them all the time. I thought you didn't want me to eat so much red meat?"

"Look, we just have to work together as a family. Okay, Mary Ellen, how about this? If one of us gets an Asian salad, the other gets a salad at half price, as long as the second salad is the same or a lesser value. Which salad do you want?"

"I don't like the salads here. I want the fish and chips dinner."

"You can't have a fish and chips dinner, Mary Ellen. There's no discount for a fish and chips dinner."

"Why are we eating out if we can't get something we like?"

"Because once, just once, I want to show these restaurants that I am not a fool. They are NOT going to snare me into their trap. WE WILL SAVE MONEY. I don't care if we hate every morsel."

"Hey, Dad, if Mom gets the \$14.95 Cobb salad, this coupon says we get a free appetizer."

"No, that's exactly what they want us to do. That won't save us a penny, because we never order an appetizer. So, we don't gain anything."

"Okay, Dad. Here's a coupon for a 99-cent draft beer. But you have to order the John Wayne Sirloin for 39.95."

I was tempted, I sensed growing dissension around the table.

"Here, Dick," said Mary Ellen, "this part of the coupon says we can get \$10 off the check if we spend at least \$50.00. Then we can order what we want. And what a concept—you know, enjoying what you eat."

"No, that would make the final bill \$40.00 and I want to keep dinner under forty."

"Why?"

"I have no idea. It's just a personal goal I set."

Twenty minutes later, the waitress finally dared approach.

"We'll have two spinach salads, one of which one is free. And a tenderloin for my son, who was a consultant on this project."

"You know, Dick," said Mary Ellen, "I changed my mind. I think I'll have the fish tacos."

The bill was \$62.00. I didn't speak to Mary Ellen the rest of the evening. But I can't blame the expensive dinner on her. The coupon had expired.

*- Dick Wolfisie spent his career sharing his humor, stories and video essays on television, radio and in newspapers. His columns appear weekly in The Paper of Montgomery County. E-mail Dick at Wolfisie@aol.com.*

# Westfield Youth Assistance Program Raises \$140k At Yellow Tie Gala Thanks To Community Support!

On Saturday, October 7, the Westfield community gathered at The Bridgewater Club for the annual Yellow Tie Gala, presented by Taft. The annual fundraiser raises money for the Westfield Youth Assistance Program (WYAP). The evening included a live auction, silent auction, games, food, and entertainment from the band The FlannelTones. Through generous donations from sponsors, corporate ticket package purchasers, and the general community, WYAP raised \$140,000 that will go towards continuing their mentoring and tutoring services, as well as connections with mental health counseling, camps, enrichment activities, and more.

The Gala honored Mayor Andy Cook, who was integral in the foundation of WYAP. The program was born from Mayor Cook seeing a need for a preventative service for youth facing challenging life circumstances. WYAP was formed in 2009, early in Mayor Cook's role as Mayor of Westfield.

The 2023 Yellow Tie Gala was Mayor Cook's last Gala as the Mayor of Westfield, a position he has held for the past 15 years. Two new initiatives were announced at the Gala, both geared toward continuing the legacy started by Mayor Cook. WYAP introduced a new Mayor Andy & Barb Cook Camp Fund and Mayor Andy Cook Impact Awards.

"Legacy is not built on bricks and mortar, but on the hearts of those uplifted by selfless service. Mayor Andy Cook and Barb's dedication to Westfield's youth has forged a path to success for future generations. Their impact echoes through the halls of education and resonates in the triumphs of thriving careers. Their legacy is an enduring beacon of inspiration and was worthy of our recognition," said WYAP President Steve Latour. "The WYAP Board of Directors was unanimous in creating both the award to recognize Mayor Cook and the Camp Fund to honor him and his wife Barb, who

has contributed her own time and energy to ensure that Westfield was a strong community for youth and their families." \*\*\*

## Introducing the Mayor Andy and Barb Cook WYAP Camp Fund

The Mayor Andy and Barb Cook WYAP Camp Fund is an initiative to ensure Westfield's youth can embark on unforgettable camp experiences during the summer and during school breaks. Money raised for the Camp Fund will go towards the cost of attending these camps and providing the youth attending camp with essentials like toothbrushes, towels, sheets, etc. \*\*\*

## Celebrating Civic Engagement with the Mayor Andy Cook Impact Award

The Mayor Andy Cook Impact Award will become a distinguished honor presented annually at WYAP's Youth Recognition Breakfast. It will serve to commend the exceptional civic engagement of two outstanding community members, with one recipient under 18

and the other 18 years and over.

In addition to the two announcements from WYAP, Mayor Cook was also recognized for his dedication to the Westfield Community. In a fitting tribute to his years of devoted service, Mayor Andy Cook received House Concurrent Resolution No. 45 from the State of Indiana, by Indiana State Representatives Donna Schaibley (Republican-District 24), Jerry Torr (Republican-District 39), and Indiana State Senator Jim Buck (Republican-District 21). This prestigious acknowledgment underscores Mayor Cook's unwavering dedication to the betterment and prosperity of the Westfield community.

A huge thank you again to all of our sponsors, corporate ticket package purchasers, and Gala attendees. We are immensely grateful for all the community support that we have received. If you would like to learn more about our program or make a donation, please visit our website.

# Indiana FFA Students Competing On The National Stage

Hamilton County has four students from across the county competing at the National FFA Convention next week in a variety of Career Development Events and Leadership Development Events.

"I am incredibly proud of these hardworking students," said Lt. Gov. Crouch, Indiana's Secretary of Agriculture and Rural Development. "Being able to showcase their talents and skills at the 96th National FFA Con-

vention right here in their home state is extraordinary and I know they will make our Hoosier hearts proud."

Students will be competing in career leadership events such as Environment and Natural Resources, Forestry, Veterinary Science and Floriculture. Others will be competing in leadership development events such as Extemporaneous Public Speaking, Agricultural Issues Forum and

Creed Speaking.

"I know how stressful these events can be and how much preparation goes into making it to the national level- I am so proud of each of these students," said Don Lamb, Indiana State Department of Agriculture Director. "I also want to highlight each FFA advisor, mentor and parent that helped these students along the way; I also know how hard you work as well and how much you deeply

care for these students, thank you."

The following students will be competing at the 96th National FFA Convention:

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## Noblesville Lions Club Presents Gingers With AED



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On Wednesday, Oct 25th, the Noblesville Lions presented Gingers an AED as a thank you for service to the club. An AED, or Automated External Defibrillator, is a portable device that can help save someone's life during a sudden cardiac event. As a business serving the public, the club felt this could be a life-saving use if ever needed. Pictured, Lion Walt Scheid, President; Mikki Perrine, Ginger Owner; and Monica Wilbur, #1 Employee

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# Actors Theatre Of Indiana Announces Entertainment Line-Up For This Weekend's Greatest Hits Volume 2

Actors Theatre of Indiana is bringing you a special one-night-only showcase of powerful performances and fan favorites. This Saturday, October 28, at 7:30, ATI kicks off its 19th Season with ATI's Greatest Hits, Volume 2 at The Studio Theater at The Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel.



TIM HUNT

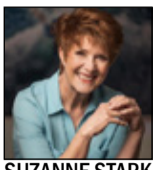


NATHALIE CRUZ

way Junior Collection (Fiddler on the Roof, The Music Man, Guys and Dolls). Tim is also an award winning wig designer, creating and styling for regional and collegiate theatre.



LIZZIE FARRELL



SUZANNE STARK

**Suzanne Stark** is delighted to recreate a moment as Mother Superior from one of her favorite shows, Nunsense. ATI audiences may also remember her as Lita Encore from their production of Ruthless and as the mother in the LabSeries Reading of Hollywood, Nebraska, but frankly, playing nuns is a habit she can't break! In 1978, Suzanne played a nun on stage for the first time in Sound of Music. Since then, she has been the SOM Mother Abbess three times and that failed-nun Maria Von Trapp twice and the stern and proper Mother Superior in Sister Act. Yes, she does play nuns, but in real life she has 3 children and 8 grandchildren! As an Equity actress for over 40 years, she has had the pleasure of inhabiting diverse leading roles, primarily at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre - most recently as Mrs. Peacock in Clue, Dolly Levi in Hello Dolly, Clairee Belcher in Steel Magnolias, Carlotta in Phantom, the aforementioned Mother Abbess and Mrs. Schubert in Shear Madness, to name a few - and now Suzanne is grateful to be back in the habit again! When she is not on the stage as an award-winning photographer and artist, she is also the owner/operator of Suzanne Stark Portrait Studio in Noblesville.

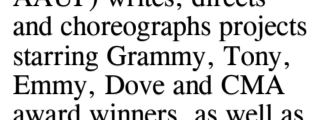
**Lizzie Farrell** is currently a Freshman at Indiana University, majoring in Psychology and Theatre. Credits include: Be More Chill (University Players), Mean Girls, Revue! (YAP Program-Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre), The Hunchback of Notre Dame (CHS), Beyond the Rainbow, Hollywood Nebraska (Actors Theatre of Indiana), Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat, and The Wizard of Oz (Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre). She has also made appearances at The Grand Ole Opry and Feinstein's. While attending CHS, Lizzie was a three-year member

of the competitive Show Choir, The Accents and the elite acapella group, Select Sound.

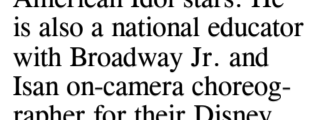
**Kenny Shepard** (AEA, SDC, AAUP) writes, directs and choreographs projects starring Grammy, Tony, Emmy, Dove and CMA award winners, as well as American Idol stars. He is also a national educator with Broadway Jr. and Isan on-camera choreographer for their Disney Collection used in theatres and classrooms worldwide. Kenny is a professor in the musical theatre and danced at Anderson and Ball State Universities and is a guest director, choreographer, actor and educator with Actors Theatre of Indiana, Beef and Boards, Booth Tarkington Civic Theatre, The Great American Songbook Foundation, The Gregory Hancock Dance Theatre Academy, The Phoenix Theatre and The Lilly Theatre at The Children's Museum of Indianapolis. He also choreographs for the Carmel and Anderson Symphony Orchestras and performed with the Indianapolis and Baltimore Symphonies in On Broadway with Kander and Ebb. Kenny performed in Mercedes Ellington's Off-Broadway hit This Joint is Jumpin', and in over 100 regional productions including Virginia Opera's Oklahoma! (dream ballet); CATS (Munkustrap); The Wizard of Oz (Scarecrow); LaCage Aux Folles (Hanna); A Chorus Line (Mark); Seven Brides for Seven Brothers (Ephraim); West Side Story (Action); and Hello, Dolly! (Ambrose). Other credits include NCL and RCL world cruise ships touring the Americas, Africa, Europe, Scandinavia, and Russia, and the Atlantic City and Branson companies of Legends in Concert. With Disney World/Hollywood Studios, Kenny appeared in Beauty and the Beast in multiple tracks including Belle's Prince in over 1,000 performances.



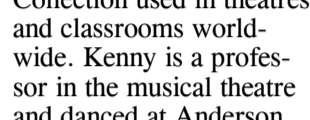
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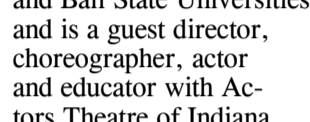
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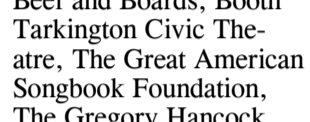
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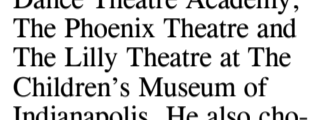
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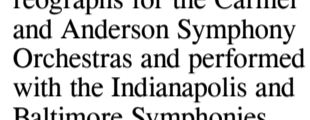
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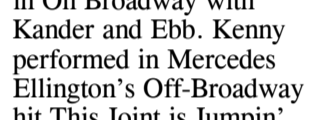
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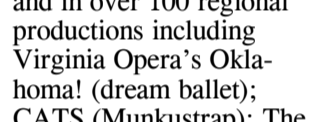
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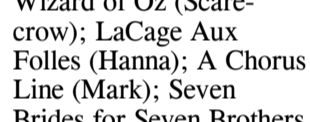
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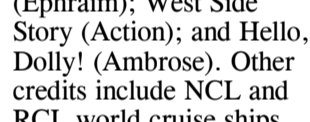
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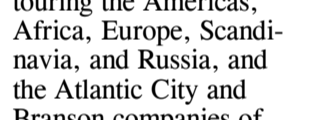
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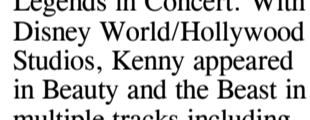
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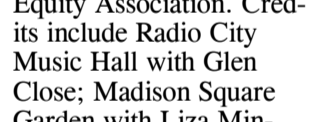
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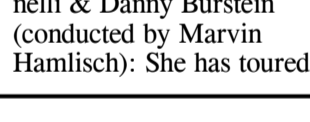
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ationally with Debbie Reynolds, Shirley Jones and Omar Sharif. Off-Broadway: Swingtime Canteen with Tony Award winner, Charles Busch at the Blue Angel; Placido Domingo's operetta VLAD at the Lamb's Theatre; Dodsworth with John Collum, George Lee Andrews and Dee Hoty at the York Theatre and the John Houseman Theatre; Irene at the Sylvia & Danny Kaye Playhouse; and Face the Music and That's The Ticket! with Tony Award winner, George S. Irving for "Musicals Tonight!" Other credits include Regional, Summer Stock, Dinner Theatre, Cabaret, and Symphony Concerts. Judy is one of the Co-Founders of Actors Theatre of Indiana. A native of Indiana and long-time resident of NYC, she currently resides in Carmel. For more information on Judy, visit:atistage.org.

**Jill O'Malia** enjoys an active life as a businesswoman, actor, singer and director. Her singing and acting go back many years on both professional and amateur stages. Jill studied dance and voice at an early age, which gave her scholarship opportunities. After studying Fine Arts at Butler and traveling the United States as 'Miss Indiana', she found herself entertaining, emceeding events and modeling for Seventeen Magazine and Glamour. Jill has been fortunate to have played several leading lady roles, including the title roles in Hello Dolly, Mame, Kiss me, Kate and Annie Get Your Gun. Some of her other favorite roles include Maria in The Sound of Music, Mama Rose in GYPSY, the Witch in Into the Woods, Velma in HAIRSPRAY, Tanya in Mama Mia and Paulette in Legally Blonde! She loves performing, but her favorite thing in life is enjoying family time with her husband, daughters and grandchildren.

**Diana O'Halloran** is thrilled to be back with ATI for this wonderful show. Previous credits include Jeannie Douglas in ATI's production of Mr. Confidential, the original production of Witness Uganda at the Rattlestick Theater and One of Us at the York Theatre Company in New York City. She will be playing Claire in American Lives Theatre's upcoming production of Natural Affection in January. Diana has a Bachelor's of Music degree from Manhattan School of Music and is a voice teacher in Carmel.

**Deborah Hill** A native Hoosier holds a Bachelor of Music Degree in Music Education from Anderson University and a Master of Music Degree in Vocal Performance from the University of Louisville. Deborah has performed with regional theatres and opera companies in Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio and Oregon. Favorite roles include: Ellie May in Showboat with Kentucky Opera, Grace Farrell in Annie Jr. with The Children's Theatre of Cincinnati, Martha in The Secret Garden with Opera Bend and Christine Colgate in Dirty Rotten Scoundrels with Actors Theatre of Indiana. Certified in Levels I, II and III of Somatic Voicework The Lovetri Method, Deborah is passionate about healthy vocal technique and integrating it into musical theatre and contemporary commercial music. With a focus on healthy singing and authentic storytelling, Deborah has worked with musical theatre students at Wright State University and Anderson University as well as private voice students pursuing auditions and careers in musical theatre. At Ball State, Deborah teaches Musical Theatre Voice, Intro to Singing Actor, Basic Musicianship and Acting. She resides in Fortville, IN with her husband Matt and their two children.

**Darrin Murrell** has worked as a professional actor, director, producer and educator for over 35 years with theatres all across the country including extensive work in Indianapolis, Chicago and Portland, Oregon. He has multiple credits as both actor and director at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre and Actors Theatre of Indiana where he has been seen in The Odd Couple, The Mystery of Edwin Drood, Cabaret, The Big Bang, and My Fair Lady. He is the multi-year recipient of the Indiana Arts Commission's Individual Theatre Artist Grant Award and served

as Artistic Director of Nettle Creek Players Summer Tent Theatre from 2015-2019 and again in 2023. He is also honored to serve as ATI's Associate Artistic Director.

**Cynthia Collins** is a proud member of Actors Equity Association since 1991. Her credits include: Off-Broadway, National & International Tours, Regional, Summer Stock, Cabaret, Dinner Theatre, Cruise Lines, Film and TV. She has had the pleasure of working with such artists as: Ben Vereen, Sandy Duncan, Claude Aikins, Comden & Green, Cy Coleman, Avery Schriber, Joel Grey, Cyndi Lauper, Fred Waring & His Famous Pennsylvanians, Chita Rivera, Sutton Foster, Jerry Michell, Diane Rehm, Billy Stritch, Patricia Wilson, George S. Irving, Sergio Trujillo, and Richard Riehle. Cindy is Co-Founder Emeritus of Actors Theatre of Indiana. A native of N.J. and long-time resident of NYC, she currently resides in Carmel.

**Carol Worcel** played in the National Broadway Tours of 42nd Street (lead dancer) and Anything Goes starring Leslie Uggams (Virtue). Regional credits include A Chorus Line (Cassie and Val), Annie (Lilly St. Regis), Godspell (Player), Hairspray (Velma Von Tussle), Swing! (principal singer), The ISO's Yuletide Celebration (singer/dancer) and the Kings Six USO Show (European Tour). ATI credits include Chicago (Go-to-Hell Kitty/Co-Choreographer, Gypsy (Electra/Director/Choreographer), Cole (singer/dancer/Choreographer) and I Love a Piano (Co-Director/Choreographer). Carol co-owns www.WorcelShepardProductions.com with directing/choreography credits including Sandi Patty's Le Voyage, the NBA Pacer's Pacemates, Norwegian Cruise Lines, Circle of Lights, Indy Fringe, Beef and Boards, The Indy 500, as well as regional theatres, tours and opening ceremonies for national clients.

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**BETSY** From Page A1



Photo provided by Bob Zany

**Nationally known comedian Bob Zany will perform at 7:30 p.m. today and Saturday at The Cat in Carmel.**

Prairie in Fishers. Take the haunted hayride to see the Headless Horseman, stroll the Trail of Terror in the corn field, enjoy the Magnificent Midway, Barrel Train Rides, Sleepy Hollow Marionette Show, fortune telling, live music performances, magic show, food, and more. Apple Store is open all month. Reserve hayride times and buy admission tickets in advance at connerprairie.org. Merry Prairie advance tickets are also available.

3. Take a hayride to the pumpkin patch at Russell Farms in Noblesville, open daily through Tuesday also with corn maze, petting zoo, miniature golf, kids activities, bounce houses, pedal tractors, country store and more. Admission is \$12.50-\$15. For schedule, visit <https://www.russell-farms.com>

4. Travel to the countryside to hear live music with Nora Reese at 6:30 p.m. today, Jeff Day at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Anne-liese & Ali at 7 p.m. Nov. 4, The Booze Hounds at 7 p.m. Nov. 11, Ciara Hasket at 7 p.m. Nov. 18 at Spencer Farm Winery in Noblesville. Visit [spencer-farmwinery.com](http://spencer-farmwinery.com).

5. Enjoy live music with Andy Schomburg at 7 p.m. today, Ghosts on Maple on Saturday, Jason Salyers on Nov. 3, Robert Folfe Feddersen at 8 p.m. Nov. 4, The Dead Squirrels at 7 p.m. Nov. 10 at Primeval Brewing in downtown Noblesville.

6. Enjoy live comedy with Emily Davis, Evan Frenz, Tennah McDonald, James Sanders at 8 p.m. today and Juan Avellano, Max Haddad, Val Werner at 8 p.m. Saturday, with host Mairead Thomas both nights, at The Brick Room Comedy Club on Maple Avenue and Ninth Street in downtown Noblesville. Visit [thebrickroom.cc](http://thebrickroom.cc) for tickets.

7. Hop aboard the

Nickel Plate Express for an array of excursions, including upcoming BBQ Express and Reindeer Express coming up.

8. Central Indiana Vintage Vehicles car club invites car buffs to show off their vintage vehicles on the Courthouse Square during the weekly Saturday afternoon and evening Cruise-in. Lawn chairs and old-car conversations invited.

9. Enjoy live music featuring Disagreeable on Saturday and Nov. 4, Craig Thurston on Nov. 2 at Grindstone Public House in Noblesville.

10. Dare to take the fourth annual Cicero Haunted Trail today and Saturday at Red Bridge Park, with kid-friendly hours 4:30-7:15 p.m. and frightening hours 7:30-10 p.m. All proceeds benefit Cicero Parks.

11. Enjoy Halloween Trunk or Treat at 5 p.m. today at Heritage Woods of Noblesville.

12. Ultimate Halloween Hits aficionados will want to attend Halloween Music Bingo at 7 p.m. today at Pinheads and Alley's Ale-house in Fishers. Prizes to win and free to play, with all ages welcome.

13. Come out to Grand Junction Plaza in Westfield for "Halloweentown" Movies in the Plaza at 7:30 p.m. today with free entertainment

14. Dare to enter Prime Car Wash in Fishers, which has been transformed into a Tunnel of Terror, 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. today and Saturday and 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday for \$20 per carload.

15. Board the Nickel Plate Express for Trick or Treat on the Rails vintage 1956 train at 2 p.m. Saturday in Forest Park. Embark on a 65-minute journey down the historic Nickel Plate Road while dressed in your Halloween costume. Children can collect candy from a few



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special characters during the ride. Tickets include a pumpkin donut and fresh apple cider. Visit [www.nickelplateexpress.com](http://www.nickelplateexpress.com).

16. Celebrate Halloween 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater during a Boo Bash with live music and entertainment, food trucks, games and activities for kids. Costumes encouraged.

17. Wayne-Fall Lions Club invites the community to attend a Ham & Bean Dinner 4:30-7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Club, at Deshane Ave., and Victory Chapel, featuring ham and beans, cornbread, cole slaw, desserts and drinks and hot dogs, all for a donation for Lions Club Christmas for families in this area who need assistance.

18. Visit Noblesville High School Theatre's Trunk or Treat night 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday in the parking lot at Noblesville High School, where high school theater students will play host to this evening for all little ghosts and goblins.

19. Visit First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville's free Trunk-or-Treat event 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday in the church parking lot. Kids are encouraged to wear costumes and enjoy trunk-or-treating and a make-n-take craft, music, movie and a brown bag hotdog dinner.

20. Several local musicians will perform their favorite murder ballads for your Halloween enjoyment when Noblesville Preservation Alliance presents "Murder in Noblesville" at 7 p.m. Saturday at NPA's Preservation Hall. Musicians include: John Gilmore, Gary Wasson, Mike Stewart, Molly Milton, Jamie Dumas, Tim Fike, Zoe Majors and Steve VandeWater. Tickets are \$10 at the door or online at [preservationhall.org](http://preservationhall.org)

21. Noblesville Cultural

Arts Commission presents the final show in a Vintage Film Series in The Lacy Arts Building, "The Shock" at 8 p.m. Saturday, with complimentary popcorn and beverages.

22. Come for trick-or-treating or decorate your trunk and bring candy to share during Noblesville First United Methodist Church's annual Trunk or Treat event 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at the church. Prizes for the most creative trunks. Sign up to decorate your trunk, volunteer or donate candy at [NoblesvilleFirst.com/trunk](http://NoblesvilleFirst.com/trunk)

23. Enjoy Halloween Bingo and wear your best costume at 8:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Noblesville Moose Lodge.

24. Noblesville American Legion Riders Post 45 invites the community to its third annual trunk-or-treat 5:30-8 p.m. Tuesday in the parking lot of the new Legion at 273 S. 8th St., Noblesville. Community invited to check out the Legion's new building. The Legion always has plenty of candy leftover that the Legion sends to troops via the Noblesville Police Department. The kids always enjoy trunk or treating with the motorcycles. Public welcome.

25. Join a Halloween Westfield Ghost Walk 8 p.m. to 9:45 p.m. Oct. 31 in downtown Westfield. Tour filled with stories of ghosts of the Underground Railroad and those who helped them escape mixed with modern day gangsters and mischief. Reservations required at [fareharbor.com](http://fareharbor.com)

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than 17 miles from the Indiana State Fairgrounds to downtown Noblesville. To date, NLT has invested more than \$12 million along the Nickel Plate corridor through Indianapolis, Fishers, and Noblesville. The final phases along the corridor include a pedestrian bridge over 96th Street as well as the 10 miles of trail within the city of Indianapolis.

"Whether walking, biking, or running, the Nickel Plate Trail opens up new opportunities for families and individuals to enjoy the outdoors and experience our community as never before," said Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen. "I appreciate Gov. Holcomb's continued quality-of-life investments throughout our state and how this regional trail allows us to be better connected to Fishers and Indianapolis."

As part of Gov. Holcomb's Next Level Con-

nections initiative, NLT is the largest infusion of trails funding in state history. The now \$180 million program is administered by the DNR and facilitates critical trail connections within and between Hoosier communities. Including the Nickel Plate Trail, 28 of the 75 NLT projects are complete, totaling more than 86 miles of trail built since the program's inception. An additional 12 projects are under construction, with many more slated to break ground this year.

In May, Gov. Holcomb announced details for the fourth round of NLT, which will dedicate an additional \$30 million to connect communities through more hiking, biking, and riding trails across the state. The DNR anticipates awards to be announced in December.

More information about NLT is at [on.IN.gov/NextLevelTrails](http://on.IN.gov/NextLevelTrails).

**Local Meijer Employee To Be Recognized By Westfield Fire Department**



Photo courtesy of Meijer

**On Saturday, the Westfield Fire Department will be recognizing Meijer employee Gemma Hartnett for her unwavering support and tireless commitment to the department. For the past two and a half years since the Westfield Meijer store opened its doors, Gemma has been the go-to helping hand for the Fire Department. She's been a constant source of support, directing special orders and assisting at various department events. In 2021, the FD struggled to find a reliable retailer that would help put massive food orders together for the firefighters. Gemma goes above and beyond to make their orders with special care from the platters, party trays and supplies. Gemma has worked as the Westfield Meijer's Deli/Bakery Team Leader for 16 years, radiating positivity and community spirit. In fact, during the pandemic when Meijer was giving extra pay, Gemma saved it all to give to her country in the Philippines to feed families.**

**State Beats Hell Out Of Satanic Temple Effort**

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita and his legal team achieved an important win for life and the rule of law this week by successfully securing the dismissal of the Satanic Temple's lawsuit challenging Indiana's landmark 2022 pro-life law.

"This lawsuit was ridiculous on its face, but this

court decision is important because it sustains a pro-life law that is constitutionally and legally sound," Rokita said. "We Hoosiers continue to build a solid culture of life whether satanic cultists like it or not."

Following the U.S. Supreme Court's overturn of Roe v. Wade in the

2022 Dobbs case, Indiana was the first state in the nation to enact a sweeping pro-life law.

Among other things, the Satanic Temple baselessly argued that Indiana's pro-life law violated the Religious Freedom Restoration Act by criminalizing the exercise of the satanic ritual of abortion.

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## Hoosiers, Travelers Vote Indy Airport Number 1

USA TODAY's 10BEST Readers' Choice Award has named the Indianapolis International Airport (IND) number one among the best large airports in the United States. The list results are determined by a nationwide public vote, with USA TODAY revealing 20 category nominees.

"Spending time at the airport is an inevitable part of most travel experiences, and the quality of the airport itself can make a big difference," said USA TODAY. "These 10 large airports have been voted as the best in the U.S. by our readers for their fantastic amenities, top-notch concessions, and the wealth of destinations they serve."

The Indy airport was chosen from readers because its "direct flights service a wide range of destinations including San Francisco and Toronto, and as an added bonus, the complex is loaded with cozy bars and restaurants that are perfect for a little pre-flight relaxation," USA TODAY said.

The Indianapolis Airport Authority expressed its gratitude to Hoosiers who voted for their hometown airport team and to the expanse of airport employees and business partners who work diligently daily to provide an excellent customer experience to Indy airport guests.

"We are very happy to be honored frequently with prestigious customer feedback awards based on the passenger experience at the airport," said IAA Executive Director Mario Rodriguez. "But we did unabashedly ask fellow Hoosiers to vote in this open-forum contest, and Hoosiers stepped

up and readily helped to put us at the top. And we -- all of us at IND -- are immensely grateful."

Condé Nast Traveler also recently included the Indy airport among its 2023 Readers' Choice Awards for best airports in the United States, a prestigious list the Indy airport has consistently been included in for the past decade. More than half a million readers participated in this year's annual survey.

"Indianapolis's airport has long been one of the top-scorers in our survey, and there's no secret why," Condé Nast Traveler said, pointing out travelers' praise of the Indy airport's convenient shopping and dining options, including local Indy favorites like Sun King Brewery and Tinker Coffee Co. "Even as it grew to accommodate nearly 10 million passengers a year—a sizable increase for this mid-sized facility—it has retained the qualities that have made it a perennial favorite."

Travel + Leisure also included the Indy airport earlier this year as the number-two ranking best domestic airport in its annual World's Best Awards. More than 165,000 readers were asked to rate airports based on access, check-in/security, restaurants/bars, shopping and design. The Indy airport has been included on this prestigious list for the past eight years.

More recently, customer feedback put the Indy airport at the top of the J.D. Power list of best medium-sized airports in North America -- with the Indy airport getting high marks for its restaurant and

bars among consumers. The Indy airport was also named Best Airport in North America earlier this year by the Airports Council International-North America for the 11th year in a row

"These awards tell the story of how a culture of Hoosier Hospitality is winning hearts and minds among travelers across North America," said Rodriguez.

### About the Indianapolis Airport Authority

The Indianapolis Airport Authority owns and operates Indiana's largest airport system in the Indianapolis metropolitan area. In addition to the Indianapolis International Airport (IND), its facilities include the Downtown Heliport, Eagle Creek Airpark, Hendricks County Airport-Gordon Graham Field, Indianapolis Regional Airport and Metropolitan Airport. IND generates a \$7.5 billion total annual economic impact to the state of Indiana -- without relying on state or local taxes to fund operations. More than 11,000 people work at the airport each day, and nearly 54,000 jobs statewide have a connection to the airport. In 2022, IND served more than 8 million business and leisure travelers. IND is consistently ranked, year after year, as the best airport in North America and the nation, based on ease of use, passenger amenities, customer service, local retail offerings and public art. The airport is home of the world's second largest FedEx operation and the nation's eighth-largest cargo facility. For more information, visit IND.com.

## Purdue, IU To Collaborate On Analysis Of Indiana's \$500 Million Economic Development Efforts

The Purdue Center for Regional Development, as part of the Office of Engagement, and the Indiana University Public Policy Institute will collaborate on a multiyear project to examine the economic and community impact of Indiana's nationally recognized, \$500 million Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative.

Launched by Gov. Eric Holcomb, the READI program has awarded more than \$487 million of the initiative's original \$500 million to accelerate strategic investments in 17 regions that represent all 92 Indiana counties. These funds will match additional public, private and nonprofit dollars, totaling an expected \$12.2 billion invested in Indiana communities, talent and innovation.

The project will assess the first iteration of the READI program, from its inception in 2021 through December 31, 2026, to produce key performance indicators and other program insights, including population growth, per capita income and economic impact analyses, for the Indiana Economic Development Corp. (IEDC), which administers READI. The IEDC will allocate \$1.69 million over nearly four years to this project to monitor the state's growth in key areas that contribute to the quality of life of Hoosiers.

"When we announced the READI grant program, we knew it had the potential to have a generational impact across every region and further accelerate population and economic growth throughout Indiana," said David Rosenberg, Indiana secretary of commerce and CEO of the IEDC. "This partnership with Purdue and IU will put additional data behind these investments in quality of place, quality of life and quality of opportunity, highlighting the significance of each project and program and the state's unprecedented investment as a whole. Together, we can illustrate Indiana's commitment to and progress toward creating nationally recognized, vibrant destinations that retain and attract top talent."

The IEDC announced funding awards December 2021, allocating matching grants to 17 regions ranging in amounts from \$5 million to \$50 million. These funds will support 361

unique, shovel-ready projects and programs across the state to accelerate community, workforce and economic growth.

"These investments have the potential to really transform the regions of the grant recipients," said Roberto Gallardo, vice president for engagement and director of the Purdue Center for Regional Development. "In this case, the investment is so significant that I think we really need to go beyond dollars and cents. Community engagement in the program is key to its success."

Tom Guevara, director of the Indiana University Public Policy Institute, echoed Gallardo's sentiments, saying the joint research project will deliver tangible, data-driven insight.

"Our work, in partnership with the Purdue Center for Regional Development, will give state leaders and local communities detailed insights for the next several years on how these investments have worked to improve the quality of life and economic future for Hoosiers everywhere," Guevara said.

Gallardo said the Purdue and IU team will develop a survey to examine the community buy-in for the projects. The research will explore not only how the money is used in the development of capital projects and programs but also how those local efforts are improving the quality of life for residents.

"We want to know if residents are positive about this," Gallardo said. "With our contribution to the evaluation process, we'll be helping to tell a powerful story of the impact this program is having in regions throughout the state."

Gallardo said results will help provide transparency and accountability to state lawmakers, who authorized the \$500 million investment, and inform Indiana residents of what's being done to attract, develop and retain talent in Indiana through capital investments.

Gallardo and Guevara said both partners offer complementary skills and expertise that will allow them to synchronize data and generate creative analyses for the IEDC that, Guevara noted, "can be used for expanding growth and opportunity and providing policy insights that can help leaders make the best decisions for maximum return on public investment."

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## Israel Response Will Be Watched



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Don't know about you, but it's been a while since I've been to a concert. Been even longer since I was at one of those events held out in the open with acts coming and going over an extended period of time.

The last time was in another state and what felt like a lifetime or three ago. I do remember having more than a few cold beverages – and not sure how reliable the memory is after that.

Still, the day brings back a good memory. Good weather, good friends, good music.

Perhaps you have a similar memory?

If so, imagine that in

the middle of this pleasant experience you hear what sounds like a gunshot. Then another. And another. Soon, guys with guns are everywhere. People are being shot. Shot!

Imagine running for your life.

To no avail.

Pleasant turns to panic. Happiness to horror.

That's exactly what hundreds of mostly young adults in Israel went through during the opening moments of the invasion by Hamas.

To be clear, I am no expert on Israel. My wife and I were fortunate enough to be visitors there for a short period.

If you are a believer, a religious person, you know Israel is a special place. Even if you are not, the idea that all your neighbors want you dead should resonate deeply.

As of this writing, the world is waiting for the Israeli Defense Force to go into Gaza and begin rooting out the evil that is Hamas. I am sure that the media will report on story after story of how Israel

is now in the wrong. There will be innocent people who die. Cameras will be there to record the horrific events of war – and Israel will be blamed.

I believe we will hear a great deal about “proportional responses” and how Israel has gone overboard.

Poppycock. Did anyone talk about a proportional response after terrorists flew airliners into U.S. buildings a couple of decades ago? Would we have cared?

We made retribution for that dastardly act a mission that carried over into two presidential administrations – one Republican and one Democrat. What George W. Bush started, Barack Obama finished when Navy SEALs hunted down and killed Osama bin Laden.

God bless them.

How can there be a proportional response for people who indiscriminately kill families, who kill babies?

Have you seen the videos?

A terrorist swings a shovel repeatedly onto

the neck of a dead Israeli soldier in an effort to decapitate. Another shows a terrorist walking up to a wounded civilian lying helplessly on the ground and simply pointing their weapon at them and pulling the trigger. In Kfar Aza 40 babies were found murdered. Early reports indicated they were beheaded. That was later disputed. Does it matter? Forty babies were killed.

It's evil. Evil like the world has only seen a few times.

For those who are calling for a rapid and peaceful solution – well, from your lips to God's ears. But I fear that God isn't the only supernatural force in play here. People who kill families, who murder babies, don't understand God. And they certainly don't understand proportional responses.

Astoundingly, there are multiple pundits who claim that such atrocities are fake news. Forget the fact that there are videos. Forget the fact that soldiers, journalists and people who live there have

said they have seen the

bodies first-hand. Some are denying it. The only explanation I can come up with is that it doesn't fit their narrative.

The truth and painful reality is that Israel is a nation of 9 million people surrounded by enemies who want them dead.

Surrounded. By. Enemies.

And what some folks – those calling for Israel to back down, to ease up with military actions – will never understand is that there are times when you have to fight. There are times when turning the other cheek doesn't work. We would like to say, to believe with all of our hearts, that reason will prevail. We want to think that we can bring everyone to the negotiating table and find some sort of peaceful solution.

But how do you find peace when one side only wants to squash you out of existence?

There's a lesson for us here in the U.S., too. We have enemies who want what we have. We also have an open border where millions have

come into our country unchecked for a few years. Could what happen in Israel happen here?

And if it did, what would we do today? More than two decades ago, 9-11 galvanized us, brought all sides together. Would we unite again?

Answer this. Where is the outrage over the 29 Americans who were killed by Hamas? Where is someone like Bush or Obama telling Hamas that no matter what Israel does, we will hunt down those who killed our citizens and make them pay?

Where is our national will?

Again, as of this writing the world is watching and waiting to see what Israel does. Here's wishing them the very best in their mission.

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