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➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 16:8 I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.



➔ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

People who call our community their own.

What makes Sgt. 1st Class Jeffrey Rigel smile? "Noblesville football," said the 37-year-old Noblesville resident. He is a recruiter for the Noblesville U.S. Army recruiting station and was found with other Army recruiters attending the final Noblesville Millers home varsity football game on Friday night at Beaver Materials Field. He recruits for the active Army and the Army Reserve. "We decided to sponsor the football game tonight. So we wanted to come out and show our support for Noblesville, both the high school and the football team and for the community itself." The Army recruiters' presence at the game is to "remind the community that we're here and we're here to help and do more than just recruit." The Noblesville Army recruiting station and Army Career Center is at 17033 Mercantile Blvd., next to Papa John's Pizza. Sgt. Rigel was born and raised in Bismarck, Mo., and "graduated high school there with 18 people." He then joined the Army, with boot camp in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and then went to Hunter Army Airfield in Georgia, then Fort Campbell, Ky., with a Special Forces group, then to Fort Richardson in Anchorage, Alaska, and taught at the officer academy for two years, then to Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, Colo. "I very specifically wanted to go and see things," said the chemical biological radiological and nuclear specialist for the Army. He will celebrate 16 years in the Army on Oct. 15. He and his family -- wife, Brittney, and kids, Adalaide, 7, and Ameliah, 5 -- have lived in Noblesville for two-and-one-half years. He retires in about years.

And Another Thing...

Dusty Boots Media Tour of Geist Waterfront Park, 12/9. The City of Fishers invites local media for an exclusive tour of the Geist Waterfront Park, a new 70-acre waterfront park currently under construction at 10811 Olio Road in Fishers.

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Boomer Bits

Ask Rusty – Social Security's WEP is unfair – I want my money back!

Dear Rusty: How can a foreign company pay into the U.S. Social Security system? I worked in Barbados before I immigrated to the USA and earned a pension there. Now my U.S. Social Security benefits are reduced because I receive a pension from Barbados. One has nothing to do with the other and I want my money back!

Signed: Angry Immigrant

Dear Angry: Foreign companies don't pay into the U.S. Social Security system, and neither do residents of other countries working in their home country. But a resident of a foreign country who earns a pension in their home country, and who later moves to the U.S. and earns an additional U.S. Social Security pension, will have their U.S. Social Security benefit



ASK Rusty
Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters

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reduced by a provision of U.S. law called the Windfall Elimination Provision (WEP). WEP was enacted by Congress in 1983 to eliminate what was viewed as "double dipping" – where someone with an extra pension (such as your Barbados pension earned without contributing to US Social Security) had their U.S. Social Security (SS) benefit computed in the same way as a U.S. resident who had no such extra "non-covered" pension. The 1983 WEP rule created a

special formula for those entitled to both a U.S. Social Security benefit (earned by contributing to the U.S. program) and another pension earned without contributing to Social Security. Though you are adamant that one has nothing to do with the other, U.S. law says otherwise. WEP reduces the U.S. Social Security benefit of anyone with a "non-covered" (e.g., foreign) pension so that their U.S. Social

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How urinary symptoms may lead men to avoid activities

From: Family Features
Men with urinary symptoms common with an enlarged prostate, also known as benign prostatic hyperplasia or BPH, may anticipate and plan for urgent and frequent bathroom needs and even avoid events and activities they enjoy because of their urinary symptoms. Whether they

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Conversation is critical for loved ones diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease

by John Grimaldi
Editorial contributor for the Association of Mature American Citizens

More than six million Americans have been diagnosed as having Alzheimer's Disease and that number is growing at too fast a rate; the projection is that the numbers of Alzheimer's patients will more than double by 2050. According to the Alzheimer's Association, 11.2 million Americans are volunteer caregivers for loved ones with the disease. In fact, family members and friends account for 83% of all Alzhei-

mer's caregivers. The pros are trained to know what to do, but "civilian" helpmates may need help.

"Three of the main reasons [novice] caregivers provide assistance to a person with Alzheimer's or another dementia are: (1) the desire to keep a family member or friend at home (65%), (2) proximity to the person with dementia (48%) and (3) the caregiver's perceived obligation to the person with dementia (38%). Care-

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Principal: No discrimination against club at Noblesville H.S.

I'm writing in response to the guest column that ran in the Times (Friday) accusing Noblesville High School of discriminating against a student's request to start a pro-life club.

The community should know that NHS supports students forming clubs they're passionate about and we maintain dozens of student-led clubs that represent a wide range of interests, activities, and beliefs.

We have had pro-life clubs in past years, and in fact this student's club was approved, sponsored by high school faculty,



CRAIG MCCAFFREY
Guest Column

and recruiting students this year.

It was recently suspended – not because of the beliefs of the student or mission of the club – but due to multiple

instances of disregard for school protocols.

All student special interest clubs must be initiated and led by students – they cannot be directed or controlled by school staff or others in the commu-

nity. This ensures compliance with state laws and school policies.

We're currently working with this student to ensure compliance and expect this club to be reactivated soon.

I invite and encourage community members to contact me directly when they have questions about Noblesville High School to ensure they have a complete view of a situation. While I'm not always able to share confidential details, providing accurate information to the public is a high priority

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HONEST HOOSIER

Christmas is three weeks away. One of my favorite memories is going to grandma and grandpa's house and enjoying the freedom and wonder that only a child can have.



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you work the night shift, put on your sunglasses before going out into the sun until you get home and go to bed. 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.



OBITUARIES

Marie Browning

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TODAY'S QUOTE

"Keep your eyes open and try to catch people in your company doing something right, then praise them for it."
Tom Hopkins

TODAY'S JOKE

What did the stamp say to the Christmas card?
Stick with me and we'll go places!

THREE-DEGREE GUARANTEE

Weatherby says the high today will be 47°

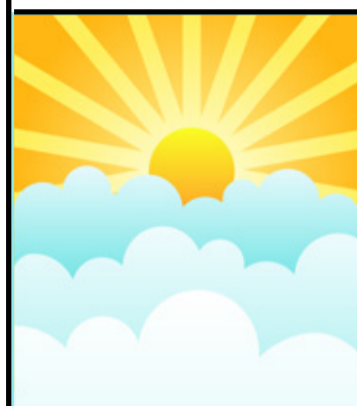
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The Daily Almanac



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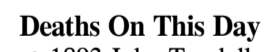
Wacky Holiday Today
• Santa's List Day
• National Dice Day



What Happened
On This Day
• 1791 First Sunday paper published
• 1980 Led Zeppelin disbands



Births On This Day
• 1892 Francisco Franco Spanish general
• 1949 Jeff Bridges American actor



Deaths On This Day
• 1893 John Tyndall British physicist
• 1993 Frank Zappa American singer-songwriter

⇒ OBITUARIES

Marie "Charlene" Browning

Jan. 26, 1940 - Nov. 30, 2021

Marie "Charlene" Browning, 81, Noblesville, passed away Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 5:08 p.m. in Riverview Hospital, following complications with pneumonia. She was surrounded by family.

Mrs. Browning was born Jan. 26, 1940 in Saint-Leonard, New Brunswick, Canada to Geraldine Akerley, now deceased.

She was baptized and confirmed Catholic in 1949. She was raised by her aunt and uncle, Patricia and Donald Akerley of New Brunswick, Canada, who also preceded her in death. She married and immigrated to the United States in 1961, where she lived in Cicero, Ind. until her divorce. She worked at Carter Lumber for sixteen years, before leaving to pursue other interests.

She loved country music, Bingo and playing cards. She was involved in community bowling and was an integral part of the Stardust Bowling Alley family until it changed its name and location. She continued to bowl and in 2012, she was inducted into the USBC Hall of Fame of Greater Hamilton County. She and her teammates won a multitude of trophies and accolades through the years. She was an avid sports fan, but especially loved her Colts and Pacers.

First and foremost, Charlene loved her family. She was known as Nanene and Nene to her family and until her passing, drove every day to help take care of "her babies" at a daycare. She will be deeply missed by all.

Survivors include her daughter-in-law, Cheryl Lahey of New Brunswick, Canada; a grandson, Travis Michael Akerley of Ontario, Canada; a niece, Rikki (Browning) Sigler of Westfield, Ind.; and a great-niece, Emsley Hope Sigler of Westfield, Ind.

She was preceded in death by her son, Michael "Smog" Akerley of New Brunswick, Canada in 2020.

No public memorial service will be held in preference to Mrs. Browning's final wishes. Online condolences may be offered at www.IndianaFuneralCare.com

City of Fishers to host Winter Wonderland celebration

Saturday's event will include a tree lighting by Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness

Fishers Parks will host its annual Winter Wonderland celebration, presented by Centier Bank, on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 4-7 p.m. at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater.

This free, family-friendly event features a tree lighting and remarks by Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness; carriage and train

rides; fire pits and s'mores; cookie decorating; live ice carving; the Fishers Arts Council's Winter Wonderland of Art exhibit inside City Hall; food; music; and more. Learn more at playfishers.com/WinterWonderland.

WHEN: Saturday, Dec. 4 / 4-7 p.m. Tree lighting with Mayor Fadness at 6 p.m.

WHERE: Nickel Plate District Amphitheater 6 Municipal Drive, Fishers

Giving Back in Communities: Local Farmers Make Donations Possible

More than \$35,000 in charitable donations has been presented to local food banks and pantries just this season alone thanks to the enthusiasm and dedication of local residents who make their living in production agriculture. The donations were given through Ceres Solutions, and were made possible by local farmers and customers who have done business with the company in the last year.

Ceres Solutions Cooperative, based in Crawfordsville, Indiana, serves more than 37 counties in Indiana and Michigan with agronomy services, fuel, and propane gas. Every year, the company strives to give back in each local community through several core initiatives: FFA, 4-H, Soil and Water Conservation, academic scholarship and alleviating hunger. Many charitable donations made by Ceres were matched dollar-for-dollar from one of the company's regional partners. For example, Land O'Lakes Cooperative, based in Minnesota, participated in



Photo courtesy of Ceres Solutions

Local Farmer Director Rob Versprille and Third Phase Director Sandra VanDenBerg

among the most fortunate in the world, and we happen to believe those who are raising families in the Midwest are especially fortunate," says Ceres Solutions CEO Jeff Troike. "Our partners at Land O'Lakes and the customers who do business with us make these donations possible. It is an honor to provide the funding to help support local mobile food pantries, backpack programs and other hunger programs that benefit children."

mouth MI) and a donation was also made to Feed My Starving Children, which is a global ministry which local employees, farmers and directors support.

These donations are made possible by local farmers: we thank them! We encourage all residents to continue to remember foodbanks throughout the Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

For more information about Ceres Solutions, follow social media and also visit www.ceres.coop.

⇒ Meeting Notes

Hamilton County Airport Authority

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION
Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(4), the Ham-

ilton County Airport Authority will meet in Executive Session at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 in Conference Room 1A of the Hamilton County

Government and Judicial Center, 1 Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Ind. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss negotiations with a commercial prospect.

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Mike Pence, Roe v Wade and 2024



BRIAN HOWEY
HOWEY POLITICS

He urged the high court to throw the Roe v. Wade decision to the "ash heap of history," a phrase that has echoed throughout his congressional and vice presidential career sequences.

Pence has been in a political purgatory since he resisted President Trump's coup d'etat on Jan. 6, surviving the mobs chanting his name in the shadow of a gallows erected on Capitol Hill, then moving to certify the Electoral College victory of Democrat Joe Biden after the insurrection was quelled. He was the only Trump administration official to attend Biden's inauguration, and has been the subject of frequent barbs from Trump via emails to supporters and quotes in a hail of tell-all books describing the chaotic and seditious end to the Trump presidency.

Polls show Trump with a huge early advantage over Pence and the rest of a possible GOP field. A YouGov poll conducted in November showed Trump leading Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis 44 to 21%, with Pence at 4%.

As we all know, Donald Trump reached out to Pence about joining his ticket in April through July 2016, finally settling on the Indiana governor over New Jersey Gov.

Chris Christie for two key reasons: 1. Pence looked like a vice president according to the constantly screen testing Trump. 2. He brought along the GOP's evangelical voting bloc that had been uncomfortable with Trump's history of womanizing while straddling the Roe v. Wade political divide.

It was Pence who articulated the importance of the Federalist Society's SCOTUS list of potential nominees, with their willingness to overturn Roe. It was Pence who was the driving force behind President Trump's nominations of Justices Gorsuch, Kavanaugh and, finally, Notre Dame's Amy Coney Barrett, that have set in motion the most ardent challenge to Roe which was heard on Wednesday.

"President Trump had me interview all of the finalists for the Supreme Court," Pence told Christian Broadcast Network News on Wednesday. "I was able to spend time with Justice Brett Kavanaugh and Justice Amy Coney Barrett and Justice Neil Gorsuch before they were appointed. I will tell you that they are men and women of integrity and conviction and I'm just going to be joining a great chorus of Americans that will be praying that they have the courage to seize this moment for life."

Should the Supreme Court strike down Roe, or set in motion a state-by-state recalibration of fetal viability, it will not only change the political dynamic in dozens of state legislatures, but it could also revive Pence's political muscle with evangelical voters, creating

a viable lane to the 2024 nomination, particularly if Trump's brand fades and he decides not to risk a second embarrassing loss.

As NBC's Meet The Press Daily asked on Wednesday, does the new six-to-three conservative court rule against a constitutional right for women to have abortions in this country? And two, if so, what does American politics look like in a post-Roe world? Especially in these hyper-polarized times?

"For nearly the last 50 years, Roe has provided stability to an uncomfortable and controversial issue," the MTP analysis observed. "But if you get rid of Roe, every single state will need a position on fetus viability, weeks when you can/can't have an abortion, parental notification, sonograms and possible exceptions (like on rape, incest or threat to the mother's life). And every single primary and general election could be dominated by those specific positions - all in a nation where a majority of Americans believe that abortion should be legal in all or most cases, and where even more say they support Roe v. Wade."

While Trump has been focused on his "Big Lie" on the "stolen" 2020 election and a plethora of teeming "RINOs" that need to be eradicated from the Republican Party, he has been virtually silent on perhaps his most profound impact as president, which is setting up SCOTUS for this very moment.

The columnist is publisher of *Howey Politics Indiana* at www.howeypolitics.com

Student loan payments to resume next year

Student-loan borrowers have had a reprieve from making payments during the pandemic, set to end in 2022. Starting in February, the pause on federal student-loan payments will be lifted for the first time since the pandemic began in March 2020.

Bill Wozniak, vice president of marketing for the nonprofit INvestEd, said with a couple of months between now and the restart, it is important to prepare for those payments and for the interest to accrue on the debt.

"When this begins, it's going to be a bit of a jolt for some people who, for over a year-and-a-half, have not had that payment to make,"

Wozniak cautioned. "Making a payment of \$300 or \$400, or whatever it is per month, that's significant."

Nearly nine in ten fully employed student-loan borrowers say they don't feel financially secure enough to start making those payments again, according to the Student Debt Crisis Center. An estimated 900,000 Indiana borrowers owe an average of about \$30,000, both in federal and private loans.

Wozniak pointed out it is also important to check your repayment plan. If your financial circumstances have changed since March 2020, you may qualify for a different one. He noted there is a simulator

on the studentaid.gov portal where borrowers can answer questions to make sure they're on the right plan.

"If they find out that simulator a better plan, they can reach out to their loan servicer, and then their loan servicer can get that plan set up," Wozniak outlined. "And that could make a really big difference depending on the situation that the borrower is in."

Wozniak also recommended making sure your contact information is up-to-date, if anything has changed. He added if you're able to, you can get a quarter-point interest rate reduction by setting up auto-debit or autopay.

Joe Manchin joins vaccine mandate challenge, expected to pass next week in U.S. Senate

Senator Mike Braun released the following statement last night following Senator Joe Manchin of West Virginia's announcement that he has cosponsored the disapproval resolution under the Congressional Review Act for President Biden's vaccine mandate for private businesses.

With Senator Manchin's support and all 50 Senate Republicans who have already signed on to this challenge to the vaccine mandate for private businesses, the resolution is expected to pass the U.S. Senate.

Senate Republican Leader Mitch McConnell confirmed Thursday on America's Newsroom that a vote on the disapproval resolution will likely come next week.

"President Biden's unconstitutional vaccine mandate for private businesses

is not a partisan issue: it jeopardizes the freedoms and livelihoods of Americans in all 50 states, and I hope that more Democratic Senators and Representatives will follow Senator

Manchin's strong lead and stand up against this federal overreach that will wreak havoc on our recovering economy and trample on the rights of millions of Americans." - Mike Braun



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April 30, 2022 (16-18)

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DAR chapter celebrates Native American heritage month

Horseshoe Prairie Chapter at its November meeting shared with its members the Proclamation signed by Hamilton County Commissioners declaring November as "American Indian Heritage Month" in Hamilton County. Chair of the American Indians Committee, Sharon McMahon, presented the Proclamation to Julia Melander, Regent of the Chapter. Chapter members also signed holiday cards for the Chemawa Indian School and heard a report by McMahon on the history of Native American inhabitants of Hamilton County and the removal of the Lenape and other tribes by the Treaty of St. Mary's in 1820.

The NSDAR American Indians Committee is entrusted to the continuing education of the history and culture of this community as well as the support of the educational and cultural pursuits of its citizens.



Photo courtesy of NSDAR

Sharon McMahon, Chair of American Indians Committee, NSDAR, reads from the Proclamation declaring November as "American Indian Heritage Month" signed by the Hamilton County Commissioners. The Proclamation was approved and accepted by Horseshoe Prairie Chapter Regent Julia Melander shown in the photo with McMahon.

DAR members further those objectives by educating themselves and the general public, promoting cultural activities and providing financial and material assistance to the DAR supported schools, American Indian Youth Summer Camps and through the DAR Office

of Development. Grants to qualifying Native American projects are considered each year.

The national committee offers five American Indian scholarships, the Francis Crawford Marvin scholarship and Anne Trevarthan Memorial scholarship administered by the College of

William & Mary, Virginia. In addition to these scholarships, the committee provides scholarship funding to Bacone College, Chemawa Indian School, and Indian Youth of America for summer camp. This year the committee awarded more than \$57,000.

McMahon states, "Hamilton County and the surrounding area owes much to our Native American settlers and this committee dedicates itself and all DAR members to honor and serve the original inhabitants of this land."

Founded in 1890, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is located in Washington, DC. For more information go to the Indiana DAR website, www.darindiana.org or the national website: www.dar.org or contact local Chapter Horseshoe Prairie at: horseshoeprairiedar@gmail.com



Photos courtesy of Primrose School

The students donated to Gleaners Food Bank

Primrose School donates food

Students at Primrose School at West Carmel are celebrating the holiday season by learning about compassion and generosity through their annual, unique take on a traditional food drive, the Caring & Giving Food Drive. The students donated a collective 748 food items to Gleaners Food Bank this year.

How the Caring & Giving Food Drive works: Preschool and pre-K students in the 455 Primrose schools across the country participate in this annual act of kindness. Children don't simply drop cans into a donation bin – they learn and practice positive character traits by experiencing what it means to give. Students are asked to earn donations by completing age-appropriate chores at home. In the classroom, they count their collective donations and develop a



Photo courtesy of Primrose School

The students donated to Gleaners Food Bank

shopping list of healthy food items. Students then shop at "Primrose Pantries," bringing in their favorite canned goods from home or sending teachers to the grocery store with shopping lists created and funded by the students in the classroom. In the days that follow, the children and teachers discuss how food banks and shelters help people in their community. Each activity supports the lessons at the heart of the Caring & Giving Food Drive: compassion, citizenship and giving without expectation.

11th consecutive tuition freeze announced for Purdue

Approval of no increase in room and board rates among Purdue trustees actions; 11th consecutive tuition freeze announced.

Purdue University's Board of Trustees on Friday (Dec. 3) approved housing rates for 2022-23, including a 10th consecutive year with no increase in University Residence Hall rates on the West Lafayette

campus.

Trustees also ratified six professor positions and approved a Doctor of Technology degree at Purdue University Northwest, as well as the naming of the Electrical Engineering Building on the West



Lafayette campus. Also Friday, university officials announced a series of benefits for

students, faculty and staff at its West Lafayette campus, including an 11th consecutive year of tuition unchanged at 2012-13 levels; an appreciation award for faculty, staff and graduate student staff; and a 4% salary merit pool for faculty and staff for the fiscal year that begins July 1, 2022.

Meeting Notes

Carmel Plan Commission

COMMERCIAL COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Dec 7, 2021 Department Report 2. Docket No. PZ-2021-00164 DP/ADLS: Guidepost Montessori.

The applicant seeks site plan and design for a new daycare facility. The site is located at 10216 North Michigan Road within West Carmel Commons Subdivision, Lot 3. It is zoned B-2/Business and is located within the US 421 Overlay Zone (as part of original development 11120029 DP/PP).

Filed by Chris Horney of Murphy Real Estate Services.

*Updates to the Report are written in blue Project Overview:

The Petitioner proposes to construct a new childcare facility. The two parcels to the east and part of this commercial subdivision (Outback Steakhouse and First Merchants' Bank) are zoned B-2/Business and are within the US-421 Overlay. To the west is a detention facility and vacant land, platted as part of Park Northwestern commercial subdivision. To the south are I-1/Industrial zoned properties, with wooded land, parking lot, RCI office building, and an Olive Garden restaurant. The parcel to the north is zoned I-1/Industrial and is within the US 421 Overlay (Terry Pool Co., Inc.). Please see the Petitioner's Information packet for more details.

Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Standards this project MEETS:

US 421 Overlay Zone:

- Permitted use: Day Nursery/Day Care Facility
- Architectural Design Theme: complementary to Georgian style
- Building Offsets – 8' required at intervals of 60' if wall is 90' long or greater, this is provided
- Building materials chosen – brick, stone, wood siding, glass, shingled roof proposed
- Minimum site acreage for DP: 3 acres required; 4.52 acres proposed through overall DP for site (Docket No. 11120029 DP/PP)
- Minimum Lot Area for a Day Care use (UDO Article 5.49): 1 acre required; 1.71 acres provided
- Vehicular parking: 37 spaces required; 41 spaces provided
- Minimum side yard: 20' required, 65.8' north proposed and 60.74' south proposed
- Minimum rear yard: 15' required, 43.27' proposed west
- Minimum gross floor area: 2,500 sq. ft. required; 10,985 sq. ft. provided
- Lighting plan meets 0.3 footcandle maximum at property lines
- Trash Enclosure design to match principal building
- B-2/Business:
 - Minimum Lot width: 50' required, 298' provided
 - Maximum Building Height: 35' allowed, 16' 4.25" (mean height) proposed
 - Bicycle parking: 6 spaces required & 12 provided
 - Maximum Lot Coverage: 90% allowed, 50.9% proposed
- UDO Standards NOT MET, therefore variances are required:

- Minimum building height: 20' (mean height) required, 16' 4.25" proposed
- Bufferyard landscaping reductions: North – short 5 shade trees and 8 shrubs
- Bufferyard landscaping reductions: West – short 7 shade trees and 10 shrubs
- Site Plan, Parking and Engineering: This is the remaining parcel within the West Carmel Commons commercial subdivision, which was originally approved in 2012. At that time, Retail Parkway was extended west to the edge of the RCI property (parcel immediately south of the subject petition). The Thoroughfare Plan calls for Retail Parkway to continue to the west and then turn south to connect to Mayflower Park Drive. However, RCI currently owns the land where these improvements would be constructed. Until they make changes to their building or site, these improvements are not likely to be constructed. Therefore, the vehicular entrance for this rear parcel is on the bank's property, with a dedicated easement to allow access. This was part of the original development plan. The Petitioner proposes to extend the south driveway to enter their parcel and create a loop of parking and site circulation. At the north end of the parking lot, there is another location to connect to the adjacent parking area. The Petitioner has now reestablished this vehicular connection.
- Active Transportation: There is an existing path along Retail Parkway that dead ends into this site. The Petitioner will

continue the 10' wide path along their property line to connect to a sidewalk that will lead to the front door of the building and all around the building. The path has now been extended west to the end of their property. Another sidewalk will be provided through the center of the site, to partially line up with the sidewalk provided through the center of the two sites to the east. The Petitioner has now added a new sidewalk connection in the planting bed to direct people safely to the sidewalk to the east. Six bicycle racks are provided to the south of the front door, which can house 12 bikes.

Architectural Design: The design of the building is complementary to the Georgian architectural style. Some of these features are formal stone quoins of the columns, enhancement of the window headers and window muntin (pane) patterning, cornice line and frieze board detail (adjacent to the roofline), and dormers in line with windows below. The building will be constructed of brick (red/brown color) with a decorative stone as the base in the "country blend" color. A limestone sill is proposed between the decorative base stone and the brick. Siding will be an accessory material used on the dormers and fronts of the gables in a silver color. The roof will have asphalt shingles on the main roof in a gray color.

The height of the building is 16' 4.25". Because of the pitched roof, the height is measured at the mean of the eave and the ridges.

The overall building height is 23' to the top of the mechanical screen. 20' is the minimum height requirement per the US 421 Overlay zone, so a variance will be required. The dumpster enclosure is located at the northeast corner of the site. It will be constructed of stone and brick to match the building. The gates will be constructed of cedar boards.

No other accessory buildings are located on the site.

Lighting: Decorative lantern style wall sconces will be provided at the entry on the east side of the building, as well as the bump out just north of the entry. Architectural wall sconces (down lights) will be provided over all exit doors around the sides and rear of the building. The parking lot will be lit by 2 pole lights placed around the site at 24' tall, which is the maximum height allowed. The photometric plan is in full compliance with the maximum 0.3 footcandle limit at the property lines.

Landscaping: The Petitioner has been working with the Urban Forester on the landscape plan. One request the Petitioner has made is to have fewer plantings along the rear (west) and side (north) of the parcel, which is adjacent to a retention pond and wooded/vacant areas. The reason for the request is to allow the maximum area for playground area and equipment for the children to play. Variances will be requested for these shortages (13 shade trees and 18 shrubs) and the Department will be supportive of that request. The Urban Forester is ready to stamp the

Landscape Plan approved, subject to variance approval for reductions requested.

Signage: One wall sign is proposed over the front entry to the building. It will be flush mounted and internally illuminated. It is about 21 sq. ft. and appears to be about 49% of the height and 71% of the width of the spandrel panel area. A previous building façade was used for the signage specification sheets, so those will need to be updated to ensure compliance. A ground sign for the complex is currently installed along Michigan Road, and there is a place for a tenant panel for this petitioner on that sign. Sign permits will be required prior to installation.

DOCS Remaining Comments/Concerns: none.

November 16, 2021 Public Hearing Recap: The Petitioner gave an overview of the project. No members of the public spoke in favor or against. Plan Commission members had questions about pick up and drop off procedures, the path along the south property frontage, protecting the trees adjacent to that path, the proposed fence surrounding the playground areas and ensuring people know how to get to the property. It was referred to the Commercial Committee meeting on December 7, 2021 with the Committee having final voting authority.

Recommendation: The Department of Community Services recommends the Commercial Committee votes to approve this item this evening.

Meeting Notes

Carmel Plan Commission

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE

Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2021 Meeting Agenda REVISED

LOCATION: COUNCIL CHAMBERS TIME: 6:00 PM CARMEL CITY HALL, 2ND FLOOR (DOORS OPEN

AT 5:30 PM) ONE CIVIC SQUARE, CARMEL, IN 46032
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The Comprehensive Plan Review Committee will meet to review the following item:
 1. Docket No. PZ-2021-00177 CP: Carmel Clay Comprehensive Plan Update.
 The applicant seeks to update and reform the Carmel Clay Comprehensive Plan. Filed by the Department of Community Services on behalf of the Carmel Plan Commission.

REVIEW TOPIC:
 Section 3: Street Typologies Street Typology Descriptions and Thoroughfare Plan Map Website: carmelcomprehensiveplan.com
 PDF: Pages 44-55
 Section 4: Streetscape Facilities Off-Street Facilities, Curbside Facilities, Mobility & Pedestrian Plan Map, Bicycle and Pedestrian Maps

PDF: Pages 56-68
 DRAFT PLAN VERSION: The Committee will work from the initial draft, which was presented at the public hearing, until it completes review. This approach will allow revisions to occur from the results of the public input received and the Committee review at the same time, minimizing confusion with the publication of multiple drafts

➔ Meeting Notes

Carmel Plan Commission

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN REVIEW COMMITTEE
 Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2021 Department Report
 1. Docket No. PZ-2021-00177 CP: Carmel Clay Comprehensive Plan Update.
 The applicant seeks to update and reformat the Carmel Clay Comprehensive Plan. Filed by the Department of Community Services on behalf of the Carmel Plan Commission.
DRAFT PLAN: The draft Comprehensive Plan is available as a Web App or as a PDF.
 Go to www.carmelcomprehensiveplan.com to:
 • View and navigate the propose Comprehensive Plan in website form
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 Information is also available on the City's website at www.carmeldocs.com.
REVIEW TOPICS:
 Section 3: Street Typologies PDF Pages 44-55
 Street Typology Descriptions and Thoroughfare Plan Map
 Purpose: To refresh the inventory of street sections for the potential improvement of existing streets, design guidance for new streets, and to secure right-of-way dedications alongside and within new developments.
 Minimum vs Augmented Standards: Each street typology

includes a minimum standard as well as an example of an augmented standard showing how the addition of a variety of streetscape facilities could be applied based on the context and needs of the street. This is intended to highlight and illustrate how the streetscape facilities in Section 4 work together with the street typologies to accommodate growth as well as provide the safe use of streets by pedestrians, cyclists, automobiles and trucks.
 Consolidation of larger street types: Since much of Carmel's street network has been improved and built out over the last two decades, many of the larger street typologies found in the existing C3 Plan have been consolidated into Arterial and Boulevard classifications. The US/State highways continue to be classified separately, and Keystone Parkway has been given its own label on the Thoroughfare Plan map.
 Introduction of small street types: Local streets are the smallest street type currently specified in the C3 Plan and continue to be the smallest street type specified on the Thoroughfare Plan Map. However, a variety of smaller street types have been proposed to the menu of options, including Yield Street, Shared Streets, and Paseos. With no specific placement on the map, they are

intended to provide guidance to new developments or redevelopments that wish to include these smaller, pedestrian-oriented streets. Alleys are also a proposed addition to the list. While not new to Carmel, alleys have not previously been included in the comprehensive plan.
 Section 4: Streetscape Facilities PDF Pages 56-68
Off-street Facilities, Curbside Facilities
 Mobility & Pedestrian Plan Map, Bicycle and Pedestrian Loops Map
 Purpose: To provide a menu of interchangeable street-side components that may be utilized to complement Street Typologies based on the needs in the surrounding context.
Off-street & Curbside Facilities: It is worth noting that Streetscape Facilities have been organized into two categories, based on their location either behind or between the curbs of a street. All facilities are intended to be within the right-of-way; however, off-street facilities, such as sidewalks, paths, stormwater planters and bioswales, are typically located beyond the back of the curb nearest the abutting property line. Curbside facilities such as on-street parking, delivery/pick-up areas, and mobility lanes are typically located inside the curb, nearest travel lanes.
 Mobility & Pedestrian Plan

Map: Similar to the Thoroughfare Plan Map you'll find that the Mobility & Pedestrian Plan Map only includes specific placement of certain types of facilities, including multi-use paths, mobility lanes, and sidewalks. Other facilities such as bike parking, bioswales, delivery/pick-up zones are options available depending on the context of the street.
 Grade-separated crossings are also identified on the map to indicate where bicycle and pedestrian crossings of busy streets should be considered above or below ground. Several examples of this have been accomplished, including the pedestrian bridges along the Monon Greenway at 146th Street and Carmel Drive, the tunnel carrying the Monon Greenway under 116th Street, or the inclusion of paths/sidewalks with the grade-separation of intersections along Keystone Parkway and Meridian Street/US 31.
 Bicycle & Pedestrian Loops Map: No changes have been proposed to this map, it is simply a graphic update from the format of the C3 Plan into this format. This map reflects the loops of the Carmel Access Bikeway, which is identified by signage and pavement markings around the community.
PUBLIC COMMENT

SPREADSHEET:
 The Department continues to receive and maintain a spreadsheet compilation of comments* received via the "Provide Feedback" form on the website.
 The spreadsheet is updated periodically and available for viewing in Laserfiche: PZ-2021-00177 CP: Carmel Clay Comprehensive Plan Update.
 *Note: Most of the comments have been entered into the spreadsheet verbatim; however, some have been separated into individual rows to help sort comments by specific topic.
FUTURE MEETINGS:
 This will be the final Comprehensive Plan Review Committee meeting in 2021. It is anticipated that the committee will need at least one more meeting, so staff is working to secure a January date. We will communicate any future meeting dates as early as possible.
 A Next Steps & Upcoming Dates section has been added to the Comprehensive Plan website. We will also continue to include meeting dates in the city's weekly newsletter and on the department's website (www.carmeldocs.com).
 Recommendations: The Department of Community Services recommends the Committee set a time limit and review Section 3: Street Typologies and Section 4: Streetscape Facilities as time allows.

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BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY

8:30 AM - EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL PURSUANT TO IC 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7)
 For discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute
 TUESDAY, DEC. 7, 2021 - 9:00 AM
 PROPOSED AGENDA
 CITY HALL
 Council Chamber
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 CALL MEETING TO ORDER
 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
 PETITIONS OR COMMENTS BY CITIZENS WHO

ARE PRESENT
 APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 BID OPENING: 146TH STREET LIGHTING REMOVAL (EN-347-01)
 BID OPENING: 2022 STREET REHABILITATION - CONTRACT I (EN-350-01)
 CONSENT AGENDA FOR APPROVAL
 #1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES: NOVEMBER 23, 2021
 #2 BOARD TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF EROSION CONTROL PERFORMANCE BOND FOR WESTMOOR, SECTION 5 (JAYME THOMPSON)
 #3 BOARD TO CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF WARRANTY DEEDS AND TEMPORARY HIGHWAY EASEMENT GRANTS FOR PLEASANT STREET PHASE 1 PROJECT (EN-231-13) (SACHA LINGERFELDT)
 CONTRACTS/PURCHASES UNDER \$50,000
 #4 PROPOSAL FROM STA-

TION AUTOMATION, INC. FOR THE PURCHASE OF FIVE YEAR LICENSE FEE AND IMPLEMENTATION FEE FOR SOFTWARE (FIRE DIVISION CHIEF JOHN O'NEAL)
 #5 AGREEMENT WITH TAYLORED SYSTEMS FOR INSTALLATION OF VERKADA CAMERAS AT THE LEVINSON PARKING GARAGE (JAMES YOST, POLICE ASSISTANT CHIEF BRAD ARNOLD)
 #6 PURCHASE OF APEX-SALT ADDITIVE FOR SNOW REMOVAL (PATTY JOHNSON)
 #7 QUOTE AWARD FOR SIDEWALK REPAIR PILOT PROJECT 2022 (EN-351-01) (TIM STOTTLEMYER)
 NEW ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION
 #1 BOARD TO CONSIDER A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH NOBLESVILLE SCHOOLS

REGARDING SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS (DEPUTY CHIEF SHANE GINNAN)
 #2 BOARD TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL LEAVE TIME ON BEHALF OF A CITY EMPLOYEE (HOLLY RAMON)
 #3 BOARD TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF EASEMENT FOR NEW SEWERS INSTALLED DURING PHASE V OF THE LONG TERM CONTROL PLAN (RAY THOMPSON)
 #4 BOARD TO CONSIDER AN ANNUAL LICENSE RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH CITYWORKS (MIKE MORRIS)
 #5 BOARD TO CONSIDER AGREEMENT WITH SHREWSBERRY AND ASSOCIATES, LLC FOR LEVEE TRAIL PHASE 2 DESIGN (EN-202-07) (ANDREW RODEWALD)
 #6 BOARD TO CONSIDER AGREEMENT WITH USI

CONSULTANTS FOR FINAL DESIGN OF 166TH STREET AND BODEN ROAD ROUNDABOUT (EN-338-04) (ANDREW RODEWALD)
 #7 BOARD TO CONSIDER SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACT WITH DLZ FOR DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (EN-332-01) (ANDREW RODEWALD)
 #8 BOARD TO CONSIDER INDOT/LPA AGREEMENT FOR COMMUNITY CROSSING MATCHING GRANT 2021-2 (EN-350-04) (ANDREW RODEWALD)
 #9 BOARD TO CONSIDER AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR 2022 STREET REHABILITATION - CONTRACT I (EN-350-01) (ANDREW RODEWALD)
 #10 BOARD TO CONSIDER AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR 146TH STREET LIGHTING REMOVAL (EN-347-02) (ANDREW RODEWALD) ADJOURNMENT

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 - IDI Composites, Noblesville, Silver
 - MSD of Lawrence Township, Indianapolis, Gold
 - OneAmerica, Indianapolis, Gold
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- The American Heart Association's Workplace Health Achievement Index is a free web-



American Heart Association.

looks at organizational best practices and aggregates employee health data to evaluate the overall quality and comprehensiveness of workplace health programs. Nationwide, more than 450 organizations completed the index assessment this year, which evaluated the time period of July 31, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Of the organizations that completed the Index assessment, nearly all earned gold (43%), silver (31%) or bronze (19%) status. Organizations are provided with free

which allow them to identify opportunities for advancement.

"The American Heart Association commends these organizations for their achievements in promoting a culture of health and well-being for their workforce. As employees continue to navigate balancing responsibilities at home and at work, it remains critically important to focus not just on the physical health of employees but mental well-being as well. We look forward to continuing our work

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TUESDAY, DEC. 7, 2021 - 7:00 PM
PROPOSED AGENDA CITY HALL
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ROLL CALL
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PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED ORDINANCES
#77-11-21 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE #77-11-21, AN ORDINANCE FOR A CHANGE OF ZONING FROM "R2 LOW TO MODERATE DENSITY SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL" AND "RMH RESIDENTIAL MOBILE HOME PARK" TO "R5 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL" AND "PB PLANNED BUSINESS" WITH THE "FH FLOOD

HAZARD DISTRICT" REMAINING AS IS FOR APPROXIMATELY 48 ACRES IN THE 7300-7700 BLOCK OF EAST 146TH STREET, NORTH SIDE (JOYCEANN YELTON, ATTORNEY MICHAEL RABINOWITZ)
#80-11-21 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE #80-11-21, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS IN THE PARK PROGRAMS FUND TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH AN INCREASE IN GOLF SALES (JEFFREY SPALDING)
PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE #80-11-21
#81-11-21 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE #81-11-21, AN ORDINANCE ELIMINATING THE PARKS CAPITAL FUND, AS AMENDED (JEFFREY SPALDING)
#82-11-21 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE #82-11-21, AN ORDINANCE MODERNIZING THE PARKS NON-REVERTING OPERATING FUND - ALSO KNOWN AS

PARK PROGRAMS FUND (JEFFREY SPALDING)
NEW ORDINANCES FOR DISCUSSION
#72-10-21A COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE #72-10-21A, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SALARY ORDINANCE FOR APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF NOBLESVILLE FOR 2022 (HOLLY RAMON)
#83-12-21 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE #83-12-21, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #41-10-17, CONCERNING HEALTH BENEFITS FOR CERTAIN RETIRED AND APPOINTED EMPLOYEES/ELECTED OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF NOBLESVILLE (HOLLY RAMON)
#84-12-21 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE #84-12-21, AN ORDINANCE FOR A CHANGE OF ZONING FROM "R5 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL", "PB PLANNED BUSINESS" AND "FH FLOOD HAZARD" TO "R5-PB-FH/PD RESIDENTIAL/

COMMERCIAL/FLOOD HAZARD PLANNED DEVELOPMENT" INCLUDING THE ADOPTION OF A PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN, ORDINANCE AND ASSOCIATED WAIVERS FOR APPROXIMATELY 48 ACRES IN THE 7300 TO 7700 BLOCK OF EAST 146TH STREET (JOYCEANN YELTON, ATTORNEY MICHAEL RABINOWITZ)
#85-12-21 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE #85-12-21, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #29-05-16 FOR APPROXIMATELY 41 ACRES KNOWN AS POTTER'S BRIDGE ESTATES IN THE 20200 BLOCK OF CUMBERLAND ROAD, WEST SIDE (JOYCEANN YELTON)
#86-12-21 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER ORDINANCE #86-12-21, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE #31-7-93 FOR APPROXIMATELY 199 ACRES KNOWN AS "THE MEADOWS" IN THE 10400 BLOCK OF EAST 191ST STREET (JOYCEANN YELTON)
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PRESENTA-

TIONS
#1 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION FOR A PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT ON APPROXIMATELY 30 ACRES CONTAINING 185 TOWNHOMES AND 36 COTTAGE HOMES ADJACENT TO THE NORTHWEST INTERSECTION OF GREENFIELD AVENUE AND BODEN ROAD (STEVE HARDIN, ATTORNEY)
#2 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION FOR A PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL PLANNED DEVELOPMENT ON APPROXIMATELY 5 ACRES CONTAINING 36 UNITS IN FOUR BUILDINGS AT 15680 AND 15720 HAZEL DELL ROAD (DAN O'TOOLE)
MISCELLANEOUS
#1 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NOBLESVILLE AND THE CITY OF FISHERS FOR SEWER SERVICES WITHIN NOBLESVILLE'S MUNICIPAL BOUNDARIES (LIND-

SEY BENNETT)
#2 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO 2022 MEETING SCHEDULE (EVELYN LEES)
#3 COUNCIL TO RECEIVE NOTICE OF 2022 APPOINTMENTS (EVELYN LEES)
TRANSFERS
#1 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER TRANSFER TA-12-21, AN APPROPRIATION TRANSFER IN THE GENERAL FUND FOR FACILITY MAINTENANCE NEEDS (SAM BERES)
#2 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER TRANSFER TA-13-21, AN APPROPRIATION TRANSFER IN THE PARKING METER FUND FOR UNBUDGETED PARKING SERVICES EXPENSES (SAM BERES)
#3 COUNCIL TO CONSIDER TRANSFER TA-14-21, AN APPROPRIATION TRANSFER IN THE PARKING METER FUND FOR INSTALLATION OF SECURITY CAMERAS AT THE LEVINSON PARKING GARAGE (SAM BERES)
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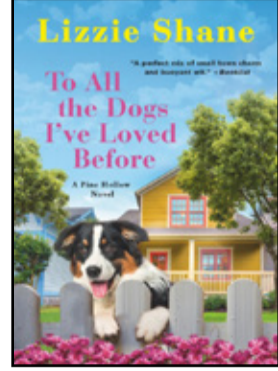
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Weekend, Dec. 4-5, 2021

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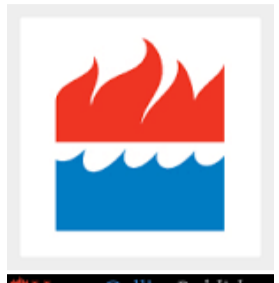
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As the kid who barely graduated—and still struggles to hide his dyslexia—Levi always believed that Elinor was way out of his league. Even though he ended their engagement all those years ago, Elinor still takes Levi's breath away whenever he sees her. But with a little help from a four-legged friend, Levi and Elinor may just get the second chance they deserve.

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Page Count: 304
ISBN: 9780778311263

What would make your Christmas perfect?

For Cassie Beaumont, it's meeting her perfect match. Cassie, at thirty-three, wants a husband and kids, and so far nothing's worked. Not blind dates, not the internet and certainly not leaving love to chance.

So she hires professional matchmaker Simon Dodson. He's very expensive and very choosy about the clients he takes on, but he's got a great reputation. Cassie's astonished when he agrees to work with her.

Simon assigns her three tasks to complete before she meets her perfect mate: being a charity bell ringer, dressing up as Santa's elf at a mall and preparing a traditional turkey dinner for her neighbors (most of whom she happens to dislike). Despite a number of mishaps, Cassie does it all—and she's finally ready to meet her match.

And he turns out to be a wonderful surprise, just like the perfect Christmas gift! "A sweet holiday treat from Macomber has become an annual staple for many readers, and this one doesn't disappoint." —RT Book Reviews



Quick READ
Title: A Family Christmas
Author: Caroline Kennedy
Genre: Holidays
On Sale: Now
Price: \$26.95
Page Count: 333
ISBN: 9781401322274

"When I began assembling [this] collection, I was skeptical that I would learn anything new about Christmas, but reading and reflecting on the history and spirit of Christmas brought back many memories, and taught me a great deal. . . . The literature of Christmas ranges from the miraculous to the tragic, the profound to the ridiculous, but always represents the connection to something larger than ourselves." —Caroline Kennedy In A Family Christmas, Caroline shares the Christmas poetry, prose, scriptural readings, and lyrics that are most dear to her, drawing on authors as diverse as Harper Lee, Nikki Giovanni, Martin Luther King Jr., Billy Collins, John and Yoko, and Charles Dickens. There are also many lesser-known gems throughout and personal treasures from her own family—including a young Caroline's Christmas list to Santa Claus and a letter from her father as President to a child concerned about Santa's well-being. This diverse and unique anthology will become a timeless keepsake, and will enrich your heart and mind with the spirit of Christmas. A Family Christmas includes selections from: Groucho Marx, Emma Lazarus, Mark Twain, Sandra Cisneros, Pearl S. Buck, Truman Capote, Gabriela Mistral, Ogden Nash, Clement Clarke Moore, Vladimir Nabokov, Marianne Moore, Calvin Trillin, E. B. White, and many more.



Quick READ
Title: Bright Burning Things
Author: Lisa Harding
Genre: Women's Literary
On Sale: Dec. 7, 2021
Price: \$26.99
Page Count: 336
ISBN: 9780063097148

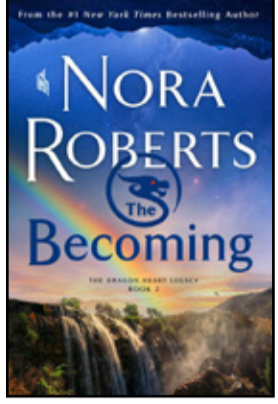
A rising international literary star makes her American debut with this visceral, tender, and brave portrait of addiction, recovery, and motherhood, as harrowing and intense as Shuggie Bain.

Sonya used to perform on stage. She attended glamorous parties, dated handsome men, rode in fast cars. But somewhere along the way, the stage lights Sonya lived for dimmed to black. In their absence, came darkness—blackouts, empty cupboards, hazy nights she could not remember.

Haunted by her failed career and lingering trauma from her childhood, Sonya fell deep into an alcoholic abyss. What kept her from losing herself completely was Tommy, her son. But her love for Tommy rivaled her love for the bottle. Addiction amplified her fear of losing her child; every maternal misstep compelled her to drink. Tommy's precious life was in her shaky hands.

Eventually Sonya was forced to make a choice. Give up drinking or lose Tommy—forever.

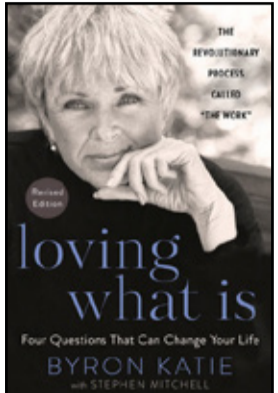
Bright Burning Things is an emotional tour-de-force—a devastating and nuanced look at an addict's journey toward rehabilitation and redemption.



Quick READ
Title: The Becoming
Author: Nora Roberts
Genre: Fantasy
On Sale: Now
Price: \$28.99
Page Count: 448
ISBN: 9781250272706

The world of magic and the world of man have long been estranged from one another. But some can walk between the two—including Breen Siobhan Kelly. She has just returned to Talamh, with her friend, Marco, who's dazzled and disoriented by this realm—a place filled with dragons and faeries and mermaids (but no WiFi, to his chagrin). In Talamh, Breen is not the ordinary young schoolteacher he knew her as. Here she is learning to embrace the powers of her true identity. Marco is welcomed kindly by her people—and by Keegan, leader of the Fey. Keegan has trained Breen as a warrior, and his yearning for her has grown along with his admiration of her strength and skills.

But one member of Breen's bloodline is not there to embrace her. Her grandfather, the outcast god Odran, plots to destroy Talamh—and now all must unite to defeat his dark forces. There will be losses and sorrows, betrayal and bloodshed. But through it, Breen Siobhan Kelly will take the next step on the journey to becoming all that she was born to be.



Quick READ
Title: Loving What Is
Author: Byron Katie, Stephen Mitchell
Genre: Self-Improvement
On Sale: Dec. 7, 2021
Price: \$17.99
Page Count: 400
ISBN: 9780593234518

Discover the truth hiding behind troubling thoughts with Byron Katie's self-help classic.

In 2003, Byron Katie first introduced the world to The Work with the publication of Loving What Is. Nearly twenty years later, Loving What Is continues to inspire people all over the world to do The Work; to listen to the answers they find inside themselves; and to open their minds to profound, spacious, and life-transforming insights. The Work is simply four questions that, when applied to a specific problem, enable you to see what is troubling you in an entirely different light.

Loving What Is shows you step by step, through clear and vivid examples, exactly how to use this revolutionary process for yourself. In this revised edition, readers will enjoy seven new dialogues, or real examples of Katie doing The Work with people to discover the root cause of their suffering. You will observe people work their way through a broad range of human problems, learning freedom through the very thoughts that had caused their suffering—thoughts such as "my husband betrayed me" or "my mother doesn't love me enough."

If you continue to do The Work, you may discover that the questioning flows into every aspect of your life, effortlessly undoing the stressful thoughts that keep you from experiencing peace. Loving What Is offers everything you need to learn and live this remarkable process, and to find happiness as what Katie calls "a lover of reality."



Quick READ
Title: Simply Christmas
Author: Tama Fortner
Genre: Holidays
On Sale: Now
Price: \$14.95
Page Count: 128
ISBN: 9780593233382

Between holiday baking, hunting for the perfect tree, decorating, preparing for visiting relatives, and making sure everyone gets the ideal gift, Christmas can be anything but peaceful for a busy mom. Too often, the stress and busyness of the season make it difficult to find time to just sit and reflect on the wonder of the Savior's birth.

If this sounds familiar, allow Simply Christmas to be your personal invitation to slow down and savor the beauty of the manger this year. These thirty-one devotions are not dated, so you're welcome to begin reading anytime—whether that's on December 1, Christmas Eve, the day after Thanksgiving, or the middle of July—without even a smidgen of guilt or shame.

Accompanied by seasonally inspired full-color photographs, this thirty-one-day devotional brings a bit of calm to each day through a short reflection and Scripture, together with points to ponder and fun ideas for simplifying your Christmas traditions



Quick READ
Title: Stories for Christmas
Author: Bernadette Watts
Genre: Holiday
On Sale: Now
Price: \$25
Page Count: 248
ISBN: 9780735844674

Eight heartwarming classic tales for the Christmas season—illustrated by Bernadette Watts—in one beautiful volume.

A beautiful Christmas collection that includes The Smallest Snowflake, The Little Drummer Boy, Shoemaker Martin, The Star Child, The Snow Queen, The Little Donkey, The Christmas Story, and Varenka, this collection of stories will get you in the Christmas spirit.

"Watts' watercolors overlaid with crayon-like texture are appealing and rustic." —School Library Journal

Praise for Little Red Riding Hood (illustrated by Bernadette Watts) "My what big talent she has! The old is new again here, and this is a welcome addition to the fairy-tale shelf." —Kirkus Reviews

"A master in choosing a palette to fit each story." —Eric Carle



Quick READ
Title: Greenwich Park
Author: Katherine Faulkner
Genre: Thriller
On Sale: Jan. 25, 2022
Price: \$27.99
Page Count: 384
ISBN: 9781982150310

"Gripping and haunting and gorgeously suspenseful. I couldn't put this thriller down and can't recommend it highly enough." —Zakiya Dalila Harris, author of The Other Black Girl

A twisty, whip-smart debut thriller, as electrifying as the #1 New York Times bestseller The Girl on the Train, about impending motherhood, unreliable friendship, and the high price of keeping secrets.

Helen's idyllic life—handsome architect husband, gorgeous Victorian house, and cherished baby on the way (after years of trying)—begins to change the day she attends her first prenatal class and meets Rachel, an unpredictable single mother-to-be. Rachel doesn't seem very maternal: she smokes, drinks, and professes little interest in parenthood. Still, Helen is drawn to her. Maybe Rachel just needs a friend. And to be honest, Helen's a bit lonely herself. At least Rachel is fun to be with. She makes Helen laugh, invites her confidences, and distracts her from her fears.

But her increasingly erratic behavior is unsettling. And Helen's not the only one who's noticed. Her friends and family begin to suspect that her strange new friend may be linked to their shared history in unexpected ways. When Rachel threatens to expose a past crime that could destroy all of their lives, it becomes clear that there are more than a few secrets layered beneath the broad-leaved trees and warm lamplight of Greenwich Park.

WEEKEND

In The Home

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Brighten someone's holiday season with Christmas cactus

The holidays have arrived and so has the Christmas cactus. Set this favorite holiday plant in a basket, decorative pot or foil wrap and it will be ready to give as a gift or add to your holiday décor. With proper care this holiday favorite can flower for four to eight weeks and grow for decades, becoming a family heirloom handed down from one generation to the next.

The plant sold as a Christmas cactus may actually be a Thanksgiving cactus. The true Christmas cactus blooms later and has small segments with rounded edges. The Thanksgiving cactus, though often sold as the Christmas cactus, has toothed or jagged segments and typically blooms prior to Christmas.

Fortunately, their growing requirements and care are basically the same so the plants will do fine no matter the name on the label. These, or hybrids of the two plants, flower with cool nights and

long uninterrupted dark periods. A third holiday plant, the Easter cactus, sets flowers in spring as the days start to lengthen.

Christmas and Thanksgiving cacti are epiphytes that naturally grow on trees in shaded and humid forests along the coast of Brazil. They all prefer bright indirect light, high humidity and a thorough watering when the top few inches of soil begins to dry. Don't over water but don't let the soil dry completely. Water a bit more often when the plant is in bloom.

Grow them in an organic well-drained potting mix for best results. Water thoroughly and pour off the excess that collects in the saucer to avoid root rot. Reduce maintenance and improve the growing conditions with the help of gravel trays. Place a layer of pebbles, decorative stones or marbles in the saucer or bottom of the foil wrap or basket. The pot will be elevated above any excess water that collects in the pebbles.

As the water evaporates, it increases the humidity around the plant.

Keep your flowering cactus in a cool bright location to extend its bloom time. Avoid drafts of hot and cold air, moisture stress and other changes in the environment that can cause buds and flowers to drop.

Fertilize with a dilute solution of flowering houseplant fertilizer once it has finished blooming and throughout spring and summer as needed. Grow your cactus in a north-facing window or set back from an east- or west-facing window where it receives bright indirect light throughout the year. Too much sun turns the leaf segments dark red.

Don't be anxious to move these plants to a bigger container. They prefer to be somewhat potbound and can remain in the same pot for years.

Encourage a new flush of flowers with cooler night temperatures around 55 to 60 degrees and slightly drier soil. An

uninterrupted dark period will also help promote flowering.

Start the dark treatment in early to mid-October for holiday flowers. Cover the plants or move them to a location free of any artificial light, indoors or outside, each night and provide bright indirect light each day. Any interruption in the dark period from outdoor, street or reading lights can delay or prevent flowering.

Many experts find providing the same dark treatment as poinsettias, 14 hours of dark each night, promotes flowering. Michigan State University recommends providing 16 hours of total darkness and eight hours of light for at least eight days to promote flowering.

Add a Christmas cactus to your indoor plant collection and share a few with friends and family over the holidays. These easy-care flowering beauties are sure to brighten the recipient's mood and holiday décor.



Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com

Christmas cactus is a general name given to a small group of cacti called Schlumbergera that are native to southeastern Brazil's coastal mountains.

Melinda Myers is the author of more than 20 gardening books, including *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* DVD series and the *Melinda's Garden Moment TV* &

radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by *Gardener's Supply* for her expertise to write this article. Her web site is www.MelindaMyers.com.

Color Christmas with bulb flowers

Are you looking forward to Christmas, and enjoying the Christmas atmosphere with your loved ones? Bulb flowers provide additional color during the holidays, creating that intimate, cozy atmosphere.

Extra dimension
Christmas is the perfect time to go all out in decorating your home. A Christmas tree, lights, garlands, candles, and bables; as long as it breathes Christmas. Did you know that flowers can add an extra dimension to your

Christmas decorations? Bringing nature into your home, with intense, deep colors, makes Christmas extra festive.

Pink
With their deep and radiant colors, flowers like amaryllis, tulips, hyacinths, and anemones are real eye-catchers. You don't necessarily need to go for red: why not try pink tones this year for a change? You will see that in between all the glitter and glamour, pink will bring an additional hint of cheer.

Show
To let cut flowers sparkle effortlessly, put them in a beautiful vase and combine them with lights or other decorations. Pre-forced bulbs are also spectacular! Their performance as they grow from bulb to flower is always a fascinating sight to behold! Whatever you choose, go for something that makes you happy.

If you want to find out more about bulb flowers and pre-forced bulbs, visit www.ilsaysays.com.



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Improve Your Home and Its Value

6 high-ROI ideas to increase the value of your house

FAMILY FEATURES

Home upgrades happen for different reasons but enhancing your home's curb appeal and value are often at the top of the list. These projects can make it easier to enjoy your home knowing they carry a return on investment of up to 92%, according to the Remodeling 2021 Cost vs. Value Report published in "Remodeling Magazine." Plus, you'll have the added benefit of knowing you're making a sound investment should you decide to sell down the road.

Stone Veneer

Stone veneer is an upgrade that adds warmth and texture with the look of natural stone, but without the expense. It's also a durable product that is low maintenance, so you don't have to worry about sealing or painting.

With the variety of styles and colors available, it's easy for homeowners to mix and match to create a custom look. Mortarless options like ClipStone are designed to be installed with screws and common tools, making them accessible options for both professionals and DIYers. With a built-in water management system, overlapping edges to minimize gaps, reversible outside corners and a variety of accessories, mortarless options allow homeowners to achieve the look of traditional masonry without the hassle.

Garage Doors

Exterior features often bring a big return on investment because a home with strong curb appeal can make a great first impression on potential buyers. The garage doors are no exception. If you think of your garage doors as a purely functional element of your home, you may be surprised to learn garage door replacement is actually the best home upgrade you can make, according to the report.

Garage doors aren't just functional; they can be a focal point of your home's exterior design, completely transforming the exterior. Depending on the style and features you choose, an updated garage door is also a smart strategy for managing climate and adding security to your home.

Windows

Windows are another smart investment for numerous reasons. Not only do they provide a sophisticated presence that can greatly enhance curb appeal, upgraded windows play a major role in energy conservation. Homeowners also rely on windows to make a bold statement. For example, Simonton black exterior windows and patio doors can help perfect a wide range of architectural styles including farmhouse, modern, industrial and contemporary designs.



This award-winning line of vinyl windows offers homeowners a variety of styles and colors to customize both their home's interior and exterior spaces. The windows are AAMA Gold Certified, passing some of the industry's most stringent quality assurance testing for air leakage, water penetration and wind pressure – resulting in low-maintenance windows with lasting durability, weather resistance and energy efficiency.

Deck Additions

Adding a deck is an easy way to improve your home's exterior appeal and increase your livable space. Wooden decks rank in the top 10 for ROI, according to the report. An attractive deck situated off the living room or kitchen can make those rooms feel larger, especially when you're entertaining, and guests can circulate freely between indoor and outdoor spaces. A well-constructed deck also serves as a transition point from the home to the backyard, where you may invest in even more outdoor living features.

You'll achieve the greatest ROI by designing your deck to integrate seamlessly with your home and landscaping and even stone accents. Also take functional features into consideration, including privacy and protection from the wind and sun. Depending on your climate, it may be beneficial to design a deck for maximum shade during the warm months or to make the most of sunlight during the cool seasons. Features like built-in kitchens, stone accents, TV mounts and access to water features all lend high-end custom touches that also boost ROI.

Siding

If you're considering updating your home's color and trim, re-siding is a great way to transform its curb appeal while also earning a hefty return on the investment and giving yourself (or a future owner) the gift of lower maintenance living.

With 15 different collections, Ply Gem Mastic has an array of solutions to help homeowners transform their living spaces such as board and batten, hand-split shake shingles, traditional Dutch lap siding and more. Each is available with detailed wood grain texture in a variety of rich, on-trend colors, including increasingly popular dark options.

Entry Doors

One of the simplest projects in the report, a new entry door can also make a big impact because it's one of the first things potential buyers see. Not only can a steel door help make a good first impression, it also serves as an updated security feature and can offer additional insulation, which makes for a good investment if you live in an area that experiences extreme weather.

Explore more high-ROI ideas and products for upgrading your home and its value at cornerstonebuildingbrands.com/residential.

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Sillyscopes and More

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Sillyscopes is intended for entertainment purposes only for readers of The Times. It is not intended to be used for practical advice (like anyone really would!).



AQUARIUS

Jan. 20 – Feb. 19

Ever notice how Indiana weather is like a giant tease for us? Just when you want snow to put you in the Christmas shopping mood, Mother Nature gives you spring-like temps. Then when you want spring to stick around, Mother Nature throws the winter switch back on. Sheesh!



PISCES

Feb. 20 – March 20

It appears the up-and-down weather is as indecisive as you are Pisces. That's OK, you are also nothing if not kind so you won't let this little short-sleeves vs. layers upon layers get you down. That's why everyone likes you.



ARIES

March 21 – April 20

Ah, the Christmas season is upon us. Of course that also means romantic nights by the fireplace with that someone special . . . or forget the human companionship and go for the four-legged furry friend and a warm cup of hot cocoa!



TAURUS

April 21 – May 21

Admit it Taurus, you can be a bit stubborn at times. However, it won't do you any good to be stubborn about the weather since you can't really control it. So how about showing some of that patience you are known so well for?



GEMINI

May 22 – June 22

You are notoriously sociable, Gemini. So let that great trait be your driving force and chat up all the friends you have! On one hand, you might help a buddy whose feeling down. On the other hand, it might make a difference when those same pals do their Christmas shopping . . . if you get our drift!



CANCER

June 23 – July 23

You are incredibly sensitive Cancer, which isn't necessarily a good thing at this time of year. The Lifetime Channel, Hallmark and other networks are overdosing on Christmas movies. At this rate you'll need to invest in a whole carton of tissues!



LEO

July 24 – Aug. 23

Christmas is the perfect season to make up for a few feelings you may have hurt this year, Leo. So think about it and loosen up those purse strings – or in other words, don't be cheap. Say you're sorry with a nice present!



VIRGO

Aug. 24 – Sept. 23

Virgo, you often wonder about people who read horoscopes, don't you? After all, there can't really be anything to this nonsense, right? Hard to believe some people live their lives through this, isn't it? And yet, here you are. Hmmm . . .



LIBRA

Sept. 24 – Oct. 23

If we told you the sky was blue, Libra, you'd say teal. If we said tomato you'd say . . . well, no thanks because you don't particularly like tomatoes. But the point is that you are too argumentative of late. It's Christmas. Lighten up!



SCORPIO

Oct. 24 – Nov. 22

You are the joker, aren't you, Scorpio? Well, just remember that when you play tricks on some of the folks who might be close to Santa, they can get the fat man to re-consider what he's leaving in your stocking on Christmas morning. Think about it!



SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 23 – Dec. 22

Was it really worthwhile to spend so much on the "deal-of-the-century" Cyber Monday? Now you're worried about cybertheft, cybercams and cybercons. Ah Sagittarius, you're pondering some of life's great mysteries. Deep. Very deep.



CAPRICORN

Dec. 23 – Jan. 19

Cheer up, Capricorn. Despite absolutely "knowing" that you are on the Naughty list this year, there's a better than fifty-fifty shot that Santa has you on the Nice list. So don't be pessimistic and keep a positively cheerful holiday attitude.

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 - Stravinsky's "The ___ of Spring"
 - Mine passages
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 - It goes with gin, according to Snoop Dogg
 - Mongolian desert
 - *COVID-19, e.g.
 - Poison ivy or Poison oak
 - International Civil Aviation Org.
 - Distinctive smell
 - House coat
 - Asian cuisine food thickener
 - Pelvic parts
 - Gallery display
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 - Count on
- DOWN**
- "Monty Python" broadcaster
 - Rioter's take
 - Cantina pot
 - Fasteners or holders
 - Cover story
 - *Suez ___, too tight for Ever Given
 - Like custard
 - Mythological ship
 - "High" time
 - Wayside stop
 - Thinly spread
 - Look forward to
 - * ___ Papers, leaked
 - Banana refuse, pl.
 - Exchange for money
 - Old World lizard
 - *January 20th honoree
 - Anti-elderly one
 - Those not in favor
 - Pita, alt. sp.
 - Take without asking
 - Gossiper, Yiddish
 - *Perseverance landing spot
 - Edible tuber
 - *Kabul's organization in power
 - *The Nobel ___ Prize was awarded to Ressa and Muratov
 - Snoop around
 - Snowmobile brand
 - Give the boot
 - *"Stronger" by Cindy McCain, e.g.
 - Southwestern hut
 - Sushi restaurant staple
 - ___ gum, food additive
 - Leave out
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 - Spot for a facial
 - *Actor Liotta, star in "The Many Saints of Newark"

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Cindy Williams to star in one-woman show, Me, Myself & Shirley

Cindy Williams will take The Tarkington Theater stage in her one-woman show, Me, Myself & Shirley for one night only: Wednesday, March 23, 2022. Tickets are on sale now and available at www.MeMyselfandShirley.com for \$48.00.

The legendary star of the iconic comedy series, Laverne & Shirley will share memories of her career and hilarious backstage tales from her lifetime in entertainment. Although best known for her role as Shirley Feeney, Cindy Williams is a versatile actress and comedienne who overcame a challenging childhood to pursue her love of acting and found stardom.

During Me, Myself & Shirley, Williams will chronicle the stories, the secrets, the embarrassing moments, and the highs and lows of her life in Hollywood. Her career includes working with Academy Award-winning directors Francis Ford Coppola, George Lucas, George Cukor, Roger Corman and Jack Nicholson and in several films including two nominated for the Best Picture Oscar: American Graffiti and The Conversation. Her friends and co-stars include Penny Marshall, Ron Howard, Harrison Ford, Henry Winkler, Richard Dreyfus, Gene Hackman, Dame Maggie Smith, Gene Kelly, Andy Kaufman and Robert Duval.

Me, Myself & Shirley creative team includes lighting design by Jose Santiago, video logistics by Josieu Jean, video designs by Declan Duggan & Zak Hudson, Justin

Want TO GO?

WHO: Actors' Repertory of Texas presents
WHAT: Cindy Williams starring in Me, Myself & Shirley, a one-woman show
WHEN: Wednesday, March 23 at 7:30pm
WHERE: The Tarkington Theater at the Center for the Performing Arts, 3 Carter Green, Carmel, IN 46032
TICKETS: \$48.00 at <https://www.MeMyselfandShirley.com>

Duggan as production associate, and production supervision by Charles H. Duggan.

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About Cindy Williams Born in Van Nuys, California, Cindy became interested in acting during high school. After graduation she attended L.A. City College where she majored in Theatre Arts. After leaving college, she landed her first television roles on Room 222, Nanny and the Professor and Love, American Style. Some guest-starring roles include Law & Order: SVU, 7th Heaven and 8 Simple Rules. Other appearances include starring in an episode of The Odd Couple for CBS, A Dream of Christmas for Hallmark Channel and Sam and Cat for Nickelodeon.

Cindy's stage credits include the national tour of Grease playing Miss Lynch, the national tour of Deathtrap with Elliott Gould, The Female Odd Couple with Joanne Worley, Steel Magnolias as Ouiser Boudreaux and, in 2007, she made her Broadway debut in the role of Mrs. Tottendale in the

award-winning musical The Drowsy Chaperone. She also appeared as Rev. Mother Mary Regina in Nunsense and Nunset Boulevard: The Nunsense Hollywood Bowl Show. Cindy appeared in Menopause: The Musical in Las Vegas for three years, then reprised her role at the Ogunquit Playhouse in Maine. She also co-starred in the premiere of Middletown with Don Most, Didi Conn and Adrien Zmed at The Smith Center for the Performing Arts in Las Vegas and at The Bucks County Playhouse in New Hope, Pennsylvania.

Cindy has enjoyed the privilege of working with extraordinary directors. Her first film was for Roger Corman in GAS-S-S with Talia Shire and Ben Vereen. She appeared in Travels with My Aunt with Maggie Smith, directed by George Cukor, and The Conversation with Gene Hackman, directed by Francis Ford Coppola. Next, she co-starred with Ron Howard, Richard Dreyfuss and Harrison Ford in American Graffiti directed by George Lucas, a low-budget film that went on to become a box office smash and film classic.

Among her favorite honors are her star on the



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During Me, Myself & Shirley, Williams will chronicle the stories, the secrets, the embarrassing moments, and the highs and lows of her life in Hollywood.

Hollywood Walk of Fame, her TV Land award for Fan Favorite as well as winning Best Actress at the L.A. Comedy Film Festival for the Indy film Stealing Roses. Cindy also garnered a BAFTA (British Academy of Film and Television Arts) nomination for best supporting actress in American Graffiti. Unfortunately, she was beat out by Ingrid Bergman. Cindy still wonders how the heck that happened. Cindy's book Shirley, I Jest!: A Storied Life was released to much critical acclaim and is available in paperback.

Charles H. Duggan (Producer) co-produced his first play on Broadway in 1983. Charles has produced the Greater Tuna comedies on Broadway, on continuous tours throughout the United States and has presented the shows at the White House at the invitation of George and Barbara Bush. He also produced the US tour and Broadway run of Joan Collins starring in Private

Lives and the national tour of Acting Shakespeare starring Sir Ian McKellen. From 1983 until 2009, Charles owned and operated the Marines' Memorial Theatre in San Francisco. He has produced on and off Broadway: A Tuna Christmas, If Memory Serves starring Elizabeth Ashley, K2, Private Lives starring Joan Collins, The Twilight of the Golds starring Jennifer Grey, and Feast of Fools. In London: Jeeves Takes Charge starring Edward Duke, and in most major US cities, working with, among others, Julie Harris, Sir Ian McKellen, Lynn Redgrave, Stacy Keach, Carol Channing, Luis Valdez, Cloris Leachman, René Auberjonois, Imogene Coca, Phyllis Diller, Sid Caesar, Peggy Lee, José Greco, Barbara Rush, Emlyn Williams, Barbara Cook and Sammy Cahn. Mr. Duggan served as the co-producer on the feature film version of The Twilight of the Golds starring Faye

Dunaway and Brendan Fraser.

Brian Zucker (Producer) has been involved with theater primarily in Texas as well as in London and New York. His most recent project was the UK tour of the John Cleese adapted comedy, Bang Bang. Other ongoing productions include the Bob Dylan inspired show Girl from the North Country currently playing on Broadway at the Belasco Theatre after a successful run off-Broadway and in London's West End. He is one of the backers for the two new Troubadour theater facilities in London's Wembley Park and Meridian Waters. For many years he was involved with the regional productions of Austin Musical Theater and Broadway Texas. Brian is thrilled to be touring Me, Myself & Shirley and hopefully bringing back many fond memories of a wonderfully talented actress for audiences across the country.



Photo courtesy of DNR

Spring Mill State Park is holding Christmas in the Campground on Dec. 3-4, the same weekend as its Holiday in the Village event.

Holiday light show their shine at DNR destinations

DNR destinations will present on-site holiday light shows in December.

Mounds State Park in Anderson hosts its inaugural Nights of Lights celebration Dec. 3-Jan. 1 on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday only, from 5:30-10 p.m. The show features more than 30 light displays in the campground. Cost is \$5 per vehicle for cash payment, \$6 if paying with credit card.

Lieber State Recreation Area will present its inaugural Wonderland of Lights show Dec. 3-5 and Dec. 10-12, from 6 to 9

p.m. The gatehouse, 10 campsites, and park buildings will be decorated. Donations will be accepted at the campground gatehouse.

Spring Mill State Park is holding Christmas in the Campground on Dec. 3-4, the same weekend as its Holiday in the Village event. Christmas in the Campground runs from 6-9:45 p.m. Visitors can drive through the campground for \$5 and vote on the best-decorated site. The winner gets two nights of free camping in 2022. The campground is full for this event.



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This is an evening not to be missed, bring the family, dance, sing and enjoy this special, holiday spectacular

A Motown Christmas at the Long Center in Lafayette

A Motown Christmas Monday, Dec. 6, 2021 Show: 8 p.m. Long Center for the Performing Arts Lafayette, Ind.

A Motown Christmas features a world-class vocal group comprised of past and present members of Motown's most legendary groups...The Temptations, The Miracles and The Capitols.

A Motown Christmas is a powerful family-oriented

show combining Motown's greatest hits with everyone's favorite holiday classics. This show features those famous Motown trademarks...dazzling choreography and unforgettable harmonies all performed in that memorable, soulful Motown style.

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Ouabache State Park (on.IN.gov/ouabache) is at 4930 E. St. Road 201, Bluffton, 46714.

Wonderland of Lights open in northern Indiana area

Come see Ouabache State Park like never before during its Wonderland of Lights, which runs nightly through Dec. 31. Wonderland of Lights

Wonderland of Lights runs from 6 to 9 p.m. each night. Admission is \$5 per car. Payment is by cash or check only for this safe and exciting way to celebrate the holidays.

This drive-through event features many lighted displays that can be seen from inside your car, including a synchronized light show at the Fire Tower Plaza and more than 40 displays in the campground. Gift certificates for entrance to the event are available for \$5 and are available at the gatehouse only during the

event times.

The Wonderland also provides an opportunity for children to mail letters to Santa and receive an answer. To participate, drop letters into Santa's mailbox and include a self-addressed stamped envelope. Santa's mailbox is available during event hours at the main gatehouse each night until Dec. 20.

Proceeds from this event go to Friends of Ouabache State Park to support park projects.

For more information, email friendsofouabache@gmail.com or call the park at 260-824-0926.

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