

TODAY'S VERSE

Proverbs 1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.



FACES OF **HAMILTON COUNTY**

What makes Sue Jourdan smile?

"Taking something old and freshening it up, repurposing it. I love working with painting and antiques and doing things on the creative edge," said the 67-year-old Noblesville resident. She founded and is co-chair with Jennie Auble of the Red Geranium Artisan Market, in its sixth year in 2021 and which raises money for charities. She lives in Old Town Noblesville. "My husband, Bill, and I have lived in Noblesville for about 30 years. We love old houses, so we're on our second restoration, (this time) on Harrison Street." In 2021, their home was on the Noblesville Preservation Alliance Historic Home Tour. She was born in Columbus, Ohio, and raised there for a short time and then moved to Detroit because her dad transferred his job. Bill and Sue moved here in 1986 from Detroit when Bill joined the Noblesville Police Department. She's an interior designer and graduate of Wayne State University in Detroit and has been in the design business for more than 30 years. They have two children, Jennifer and Christine, and one grandchild, Spacely Finister, a third-grader at North Elementary, where her aunt Jennifer attended for the first two years of elementary school. And yes, if you wondered, her granddaughter's name came from Spacely Sprockets on The Jetsons' popular animated television sitcom from the early 1960s. Sue is on the schedule to sing carols with friend Claudia MacRae and pianist Kim Keim during tonight's NPA Holiday Home Tour from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at NPA's Preservation Hall. Tickets are still available for tonight's Holiday Home Tour, which is 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., available online, at any of the tour houses and at Preservation Hall beginning at 5 p.m.

And Another Thing...

No need to look for a way around a road closure at 191st Street between Cyntheanne Road and Prairie Baptist Road. It's now open to all traffic. There may be some incidental work ongoing so please use caution. The nice folks at Hamilton County told us to let you know they appreciate your continued patience during construction. Safe travels!



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Boomer Bits

Ask Rusty - How and where do I apply for Social Security Benefits?

Dear Rusty: I would like some advice concerning Social Security. In January I will be 62.5 years old. I was laid off two years ago and have not had a steady income since (though I still have bills to pay). I also did not qualify for unemployment. Therefore, what little I had for "retirement" is now gone. For this reason, I have been seriously considering applying for Social Security as soon as I'm able. I remember reading something that said I should begin the "paperwork" three months ahead of time. I'd like to begin that process, but don't know where to begin. Could you guide me to the right place?

Signed: Ready to Claim Benefits

Dear Ready to Claim: Sorry to hear of your loss of employment and your current financial

Who gets what and when?

It's that time of year when a lot of people - especially Boomers - do the kind and considerate thing and offer tips and presents. The dilemma is knowing what is appropriate and what is not.

This week, Sharon Schweitzer, a cross-cultural and international etiquette expert to current and future leaders within Global 2000 and Fortune 50 companies, shares some thoughts and guidelines on what to do, and what not to. She has appeared on CBS, NBC, ABC, FOX, and BBC News as an expert in the field of cross-cultural business and global etiquette,

Guidelines

- Budget: Calculate how much you're willing and able to spend. Remember, holiday tipping is not an obligation. Below, we list alternatives to big spending to soften that January blow to the bank balance.
- Priority List: Make a list of those you wish to tip, placing those who help most frequently at the top. Keep in mind local and regional customs, service quality and frequency, and relationship length.
- Cash or Cashless? A cashless society may be in our future;

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Social Security Matters

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struggle, but the Social Security benefits you earned from a lifetime of working are there for you. Here's what you need to know about applying for Social Security:

Since you are already 62 years of age, you can apply for your Social Security at any time now. The process is fairly simple, especially if you apply online, which you can do at www.ssa. gov. Just click on the "Retirement" icon and you'll see a link to the online application. You simply fill out the application,

save it if you need more time to work on it, and later when you're done submit it online to Social Security. Before you do that, however, you'll need to create your personal "my Social Security" online account, which is easy to do at www.ssa.gov/ myaccount. Once you have your online account set up you can fill out and submit the online application. Of course, you can also apply via telephone by calling either the national Social Security

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Holiday season brings out Elder Fraud scammer, warns AMAC

by John Grimaldi

Editorial contributor for the Association of Mature American Citizens

Tis the season to be jolly and for seniors to beware of fraudsters who target the elderly this time of the year. What makes older folk more susceptible to becoming targets for scammers during the holiday season? The consensus is that the older we get the more charitable we become, says the Association of Mature American Citizens.

The National Institutes of Health calls it "positivity bias." It's a condition that makes "older adults draw more positive affect from both the planning and outcome of monetary donations and hence benefit more from engaging in monetary charity than their younger counterparts."

According to the FBI, scammers target seniors "because they tend to be trusting and polite. They also usually have financial savings, own a home, and have good credit—all of which make them attractive to scammers ... Additionally, seniors may be less inclined to report fraud because they don't know how, or they may be too ashamed at having been

About AMAC

The 2.4 million member Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC] www.amac. us is a vibrant, vital senior advocacy organization that takes its marching orders from its members. AMAC Action is a non-profit, non-partisan organization representing the membership in our nation's capital and in local Congressional Districts throughout the country.

scammed."

The phone rings and the caller identifies himself or herself as representing a charitable organization that helps needy kids or disadvantaged families. He or she asks for an over the phone credit card donation. There are variations of this particular scam. For example, the caller may say that a relative is in trouble and needs money and gets an elderly "mark" to wire

And then there are the con artists who prefer the person-to-person approach. They'll

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Heights team turn pink for breast cancer

Put on your pink and plan to attend the Hamilton Heights Girls' Basketball 2nd Annual Pink Out Tuesday, when the Huskies play host to the Bishop Chatard Trojans.

Pink Out for Breast Cancer is designed to help raise awareness and money for those battling breast cancer. One in 8 U.S. women (about 13%) will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of their lifetime. In 2021, an estimated 281,550 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in women in the U.S. About 2,650 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in men this year.

During half time of the varsity game, nine local breast cancer survivors will be honored and recognized. In addition, back by popular demand is the Chuck a Duck event (\$5

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NPA's Holiday Home Tour will be tonight

If you love old homes and enjoy the nostalgia of Old Town Noblesville homes decorated for the holidays, then tonight's Noblesville Preservation Alliance "Together Again!" Holiday Home

Tour is for you.

Four historic homes in Old Town Noblesville -- decorated for the holidays -- will open their



doors for NPA's first holiday tour since 2018.

NPA's Preservation Hall -- a former Trinity House of Worship church-turned Logan Street Sanctuary, which the NPA purchased in October 2019 from John Gilmore and renamed Preservation Hall -- will also be decorated for Christmas with some of the vintage decorations that adorned the historic Hamilton County Courthouse in earlier decades.

A few years ago, NPA sponsored the effort to save these

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HONEST HOOSIER

Christmas is two weeks away. One of my favorite memories was the year my grandma bought one of those aluminum foil trees, and my grandpa put it on the porch and chopped down a real one for inside the house.



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Learn to read food labels and watch for ingredients that end in -ose, that means it's a form of sugar. 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.





□ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Peace on earth will come to stay, when we live Christmas every day." Helen Steiner Rice

🖚 TODAY'S JOKE

What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire? Frostbite!

THREE-DEGREE GUARANTEE

Weatherby says the high today will be 47 °

If Weatherby is off by more than 3 degrees, e-mail us at weatherby@thetimes24-7.com and let us know. Include your name and phone number. Each month those who called in and caught Weatherby will be entered into a drawing for a prize.



OBITUARIES **NONE**



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WEEKEND, DEC. 11-12, 2021

NFD responds to residence fire





Photo courtesy of Noblesville Fire Department Just before 6 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 10, 2021, the Noblesville Fire Department (NFD) responded to a residence fire at 708 St. James Place. Crews were met with heavy smoke and fire extending from the home. Firefighters were able to make an aggressive interior attack and quickly extinguish the fire. The homeowners were not home at the time. Hamilton County Communications dispatched the fire after a citizen driving by saw smoke coming from the home. There were no injuries to citizens or firefighters. The cause and origin of the fire are still under investigation. NFD was assisted by the Noblesville Police Depart-

Meeting Notes

Carmel Plan Commission

City Of Carmel Dec. 21, 2021 | Meeting Agenda

Location: Council Chambers Time: 6 p.m.

Carmel City Hall, 2nd Floor (Doors open at 5:30 p.m.)

One Civic Square, Carmel, In 46032

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- swagit.com/views/1 AGENDA:
- A. Call Meeting to Order B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Roll Call D. Declaration of Quo-
- rum E. Approval of Minutes
- F. Communications. Bills, Expenditures, &
- Legal Counsel Report 1. Plan Commission

Resolution PC-12-21-21-a: CRC Resolution 2021-24 proposes to amend the Declaratory Resolution and Development Plan for the Merchants Square Economic Development Area to 1) remove an area from the

Merchants Square Allocation Area, 2) designate this area as a separate allocation area to be known as the "Market East Carmel Allocation Area," and 3) adopt a supplement to the Plan.

G. Reports, Announcements & Department Concerns

- 1. Approval of 2022 Plan Commission and Committee Calendar
- 2. Outcome of Projects at Committees:
- a. Commercial: i. Docket No. PZ-2021-00164 DP/ADLS: Guidepost Montessori - Ap-

proved 3-0

- b. Residential: Cancelled due to no items to review. H. Public Hearings
- 1. Docket No. PZ-2021-00160 CA: West Main St. Block C2, Commitment Amendment.

The applicant seeks to amend commitments associated with Ordinance Z-611-16. The site is located at the southeast corner of Main Street and 4th Avenue SW. The properties are zoned R-2/Residence and C-2/ Mixed Use District within the Old Town Overlay. Filed by the Department of Community Services on behalf of the Carmel Plan Commission.

2. Docket No. PZ-2021-00195 DP/ADLS: Matriarch Birth Center.

The applicant seeks site plan and design approval

for a new medical health center, to be located south of the existing building at 520 N. Rangeline. It will be a two story, 7,000 sq. ft. building. The overall parcel size is 0.5 acres. 23 parking spaces will be provided. The site is located at 510 N. Rangeline Road. It is zoned B-5/Business and is located in the Old Town Overlay - Historic Rangeline Subarea. Filed by Justin Moffett of Old Town Companies.

3. Docket No. PZ-2021-00197 PPA: Reserve at Springmill, Replat Lots 69C-70C.

4. Docket No. PZ-2021-00226 V: UDO Sec. 2.06 35 ft. Minimum Front Yard Setback, 22 ft. requested

5. Docket No. PZ-2021-00227 V: UDO Sec. 2.06 10 ft. Minimum Side Setback/25 ft. Minimum Aggregate,

5 ft. Side Setback/10 ft. Aggregate requested

The applicant seeks primary plat amendment approval and 2 variances to reconfigure 2 lots into 6 lots on 2.7 acres. The site is located at 340 Sanner Ct. and is zoned S-2/Residence. Filed by Duane Sharrer of Weihe Engineers, Inc on behalf of Steve Pittman,

6. Docket No. PZ-2021-00204 PUD: Flora on Springmill PUD Rezone.

The applicant seeks PUD

rezone approval to allow a new subdivision consisting of townhomes, duplex homes, and single-family homes. The site is located at 9950 Spring Mill Rd. and is zoned S-2/Residence. Filed by Jim Shinaver and Jon Dobosiewicz of Nelson & Frankenberger on behalf of Pittman Partners and Onyx and East, LLC.

7. Docket No. PZ-2021-00205 DP/ADLS: 11335 N. Michigan Rd. Apartments.

The applicant seeks site plan and design approval for a new development with 4 future outlots and an apartment complex (244 units). The site is located at 11335 N. Michigan Road. It is zoned B-3/Business & Residential and is located within the US 421 Overlay zone. Filed by Ryan Wells of REI Real Estate Services, LLC.

I. Old Business 1. Docket No. PZ-2021-00134 Z: GOAT Rezone.

The applicant seeks B2/ Business rezone approval. The site is located at 220 2nd St SW in Frank Hawkins Addition Lot 1. It is currently zoned R2/ Residence and Old Town Overlay, Character Subarea. Filed by Dave Coots of Coots, Henke & Wheeler, on behalf of Tomahawk Holding LLC, owner.

J. New Business K. Adjournment

Home sales and prices continue to increase in our Hamilton County

While half of central Indiana counties saw housing inventory increases in November, the seller's market continued with both home sales and home prices increasing. Monthly real estate statistics from F.C. **Tucker Company** revealed that November 2021 pended home sales increased 6.9 percent compared to November 2020. Year-todate home sale prices increased 12.2 percent, and central Indiana housing inventory decreased 18.4 percent overall compared to this time last year.

The residential real estate markets in Noblesville and Hamilton County saw a quieter November, fueled by continued inventory decreases.

According to F.C. Tucker Company, the average home sale price in Noblesville continued to increase, up 18.9 percent to \$386,619. Homes in Noblesville stayed on the market longer compared to November 2020, selling 4.5 percent slower. Noblesville closed home sales decreased slightly during November, down 9.2 percent compared to this time last year.

Hamilton County home prices continued to increase, up 13.4 percent to an average sale price of \$419,195 - the highest average sale price of all central Indiana counties in the 16-county area. Available housing inventory continued to decrease significantly, down 51 percent compared to November 2020. Hamilton County home sales decreased slightly, down 3.7 percent compared to this time last year.

· The average November 2021 home sale price for the 16-county central Indiana region was \$288,685, an increase of 11.3 percent.

· Pended home sales increased, up 6.9 percent compared to this time last vear.

· Available housing inventory continued to decrease, down 18.4 percent compared to November 2020.

In November 2021, 3,478 central Indiana homes were purchased, up 6.9 percent from the 3,253 sold in November 2020. Specifically:

· Brown County showed the greatest increase in pended home sales with 66.7 percent growth compared to November 2020.

 Bartholomew County pended sales had the greatest decrease with 8.3 percent fewer homes sold in November 2021 compared to this time last

The year-to-date sale price of homes in central Indiana continued to increase:

Johnson County recorded the highest average year-to-date home sale price increase at 20.9 percent.

· Hamilton County had the highest average home sale price in the region at \$419,195.

· Homes sold in 18 days on average, 43.8 percent faster than in 2020. Putnam County homes left the market 29 days faster than in November 2020 - the greatest decrease



of the 16-county central Indiana area.

Central Indiana experienced an 18.4 percent decrease in available home inventory in November 2021. That represents 588 fewer homes available for sale than in November 2020. Unlike previous months, however, only six counties continued to see inventory decreases in November, while eight counties actually saw increases.

· Brown County had the largest inventory increase - up 57.7 percent compared to November 2020.

· Hamilton County inventory continued to experience the greatest decrease in central Indiana - down 51 percent - compared to this time last year.

"The increase in available inventory in some counties is providing additional opportunities for central Indiana residents looking to purchase a home," said Jim Litten, CEO of F.C. Tucker Company. "However, we're still experiencing a strong residential real estate seller's market with home prices continuing to increase. I anticipate we'll see this trend continue through the end of the year and into 2022."

Of the pended home sales in the region last month, two (2) were priced \$2,000,000 or higher; 32 were priced \$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999; 260 were priced \$500,000 to \$999,999; 891 were priced \$300,000 to \$499,999; 1,042 were priced \$200,000 to \$299,999; 1,022 were priced \$100,000 to \$199,999; and 229 were priced at \$99,999 or less.

Founded in 1918, F.C.

Tucker Company is Indi-

ana's largest independently owned comprehensive real estate firm with more than \$5 billion in annual sales, more than 40 offices, and more than 1,500 sales associates throughout Indiana and select markets in Kentucky. F.C. Tucker's family of businesses includes a full range of real estate services—mortgages, title insurance, relocation services, a full line of insurance products, auctioning and homeowner warranty products. We have earned a reputation for our exceptional service, experienced sales associates and "Golden Rule" commitment to clients and employees. In 2021, F.C. Tucker formed a partnership with Pittsburgh-based Howard Hanna Real Estate Services, the nation's largest independently owned real estate brokerage firm, furthering each company's ability to provide best-inclass service and enhance the real estate experience for clients by providing best-in-class agents, products and services. For more information, visit

talktotucker.com.

American Red Cross offers preparedness tips for severe storms

The National Weather Service (NWS) is predicting severe storms throughout today that have the potential to produce damaging winds and isolated tornadoes. The Indiana Region of the American Red Cross stands ready to assist communities that may be impacted by the

Here are tips to plan and prepare for severe weather:

- Prepare an emergency kit. Items that should be in the kit can be found here.
- Develop a communications plan with family and friends
- Have a way to receive emergency alerts. Download the Red Cross Emergency app



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- Know the difference between a watch and a warning. Details on watches and warnings are here.

 Make an emergency plan. Learn how to make a The Red Cross stands

ready to respond to disasters that might displace families. Local Red Cross volunteers provide emotional support, emergency financial assistance and recovery help to guide them through their next steps. During COVID-19, volunteers can deliver certain support virtually by working with

the local fire American department and emergency management to connect with affected residents by

phone or video call. To learn more about becoming a Disaster Action Team volunteer, visit redcross.org/dat.

About the Indiana Region of the American Red Cross: The Indiana Region serves 104 counties across Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, and Illinois through its six-chapter areas: Central, Northeast, Northwest, Southeast, Southwest, and Greater Indianapolis (Regional Headquarters). For more information on the Indiana Region: www.redcross.org/ indiana. Follow the Indiana

Region on Twitter at: @ INRedCross, on Instagram at: @indianaredcross or www.facebook.com/INRedCross.

About the American Red Cross:

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or cruzrojaamericana.org, or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

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Weekend, Dec. 11-12, 2021 Holcomb on this 'pandemic of the unvaccinated'

"Disastrous."

That's Indiana University -Northwest Economics Prof. Micah Pollak's forecast for a second COVID perilous winter, mostly among the 50 percent of Hoosiers who are unvaccinated. Pollack added that that state and local leaders need to be "shouting from the rooftops" about the need for people to get vaccinated.

Gov. Eric Holcomb found himself facing the pandemic in February 2020. Last October, he told me that the only pandemic playbook on state government shelves was one for the flu.

After shutting the state down for nearly six weeks, then gradually reopening through the summer, Holcomb's modus operandi was always to "manage" his way through the crisis. A year ago, Holcomb and nearly 7 million Hoosiers, appeared to be anticipating the vaccine developed and approved under the Trump administration.

Today, he is confronted with a fifth surge of patients filling up hospital ICUs, while about



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half of all Hoosiers have rejected taking the vaccine. At this writing, IU Health is appealing for National Guard deployment to help deal with this latest surge.

During my annual

year-end interview with Holcomb, I observed: During 2020, you had the weekly Zoom press conferences, and you were given high marks for transparency and focus. After you gave what I call the "light at the end of the tunnel" speech in late March, you pulled back and stopped having them. You're a graduate of the "Mitch Daniels School of Using Your Political Capital." Why didn't you barnstorm the state urging people to vaccinate and protect themselves and their communities?

"It was absolutely counter to what I heard as I got around the state," Holcomb responded. "I don't pretend to be a know-itall or have a crystal ball. All I know is I was tethered to all 92 counties and what was going on on the ground. I'll be in Fort Wayne tomorrow, I'll be in Upland on Friday, I was in Oldenburg last Saturday. That is my focus group. Those interactions are what I hear. And what I heard when the vaccine came on the scene and we started having the ability to manage this ourselves and that is the answer. We absolutely have to make sure the resources are available as a state.

Holcomb and state government did that. They provided three free vaccines, opening up hundreds of vaccination and testing sites. They've made boosters available. Yet the adult population is just above the 50 percent vaccination rate.

"When you look at about any measure, hospitalizations, death rates, it is all 70 percent to 80 percent unvaccinated, week after week after

week," Holcomb told me on Tuesday. "These stories are real that I pick up on a daily basis, people who are taken from us prematurely, who say, 'I just didn't think it would happen to me."

According to Indiana State Department of Health statistics, since the start of the pandemic, unvaccinated Hoosiers account for 97.7 percent of COVID-19 infections; 99.96 percent of COVID-19 hospitalizations; and 99.98 percent of COVID-19 deaths.

As for "breakthrough" cases involving the fully-vaccinated, the state reports 84,210 of them, or 2.4 percent of fully vaccinated people, with more than 80 percent of them among people 65 years old and older, resulting in 1,691 hospitalizations (.049 percent of the total) and 903 deaths (.026 percent of the total).

"Getting there, long way to go." Holcomb said in extending the public health emergency for another 30 days. Holcomb now calls it a "pandemic of the unvaccinated," adding, "I'm just shouting from the

rooftop, 'Get vaccinated.' This is the answer."

Gov. James Goodrich, who held office during the Spanish Flu Pandemic of 1918-19, played virtually no role in the government response to that pandemic which killed an estimated 10,000 Hoosiers. It was local health officials who mandated masking while suspending public gatherings.

While Gov. Goodrich confronted the 1918-19 pandemic with a handsoff approach, Holcomb has watched this pandemic claim more than 17,000 Hoosier lives, making it the most lethal health sequence in state history.

He has created the Governor's Public Health Commission that will reassess what has happened over the past year and what changes should be made. "This coincides perfectly with one of the reasons that came out of this, we've gone decades without major attention on our local health departments, and the state and local health delivery models," Holcomb said. "That's what this Governor's

Public Health Commission is all about. It's structure, delivery, funding."

Now with the General Assembly overriding his vetoes last session and is poised to pass employer mandate bans in its upcoming session, Holcomb has decided to allow local health and school boards to determine masking policy.

I have a 9-month-old granddaughter and she's the only one in our family who is unvaccinated. So we have this concept of "individual freedom' colliding with "personal responsibility" and half of the population doesn't appear to care about the impact on their community. What are your thoughts on that?

"That's the rub," Holcomb said. "What do liberty and freedom mean when it affects others, adversely, maybe fatally? Those are the discussions we will have in these halls in our state, and I think rightly should be made in this state."

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

Meeting Notes

Board of Public Works and Safety Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2021 - 10 a.m. Council Chambers City

Hall, One Civic Square MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 1. MINUTES

a. Minutes from the

- Dec. 1, 2021, Regular Meeting 2. BID/QUOTE
- **OPENINGS / AWARDS** (3 ITEMS) a. Request to Reject Sophia Square Waterproofing Bids; Lee
- Higginbotham, Street Commissioner b. Request to Proceed with Rebid Process; Sophia Square Waterproofing; Lee
- Higginbotham, Street Commissioner c. Bid Award for Path Preservation; Lee Higginbotham, Street

Commissioner

- 3. PERFORMANCE **BOND RELEASE** / REDUCTION APPROVAL REQUESTS (3 ITEMS)
- a. Resolution BPW 12-15-21-01; Napleton Kia Compensatory Storage; Erosion Control; EFN North Indy Properties,

- b. Resolution BPW 12-15-21-02; Jackson's Grant Section 1A; Erosion Control; Jackson's Grant Real Estate Company,
- c. Resolution BPW 12-15-21-03; Jackson's Grant Section 2; Erosion Control; Jackson's Grant Real Estate Company, LLC
- 4. CONTRACTS (14 ITEMS)
- a. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Leach & Russell Mechanical Contractors; (\$5,236.00); HVAC Annual Inspection; Additional Services Amendment; Lee Higginbotham, Street Commissioner
- b. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; College Avenue Design, LLC d/b/a Sweet Event Planning: (\$16,200.00); Event Planning; Additional Services Amendment; Nancy Heck, Director of the Department of Community Relations
- c. Resolution BPW 12-15-21-04; A Resolution of the City of Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety Acknowledging Agreement Between City and Vendor; OfficeWorks Services; (\$19,090.53); Office Furniture; Jon Oberlander, Interim

- Corporation Counsel d. Request for
- Purchase of Goods and Services; Ertel Roofing; (\$40,400.00); Data Center Roofing; James Crider, Director of Administration
- e. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Lacy Construction Group, Inc. d/b/a/ The New Group; (\$22,400.00); Data Center - Weather Barriers; James Crider, Director of Administration
- f. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Roberts Glass & Service: (\$4,100.00); Data Center - Front Doors; James Crider, Director of Administration
- g. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Bowen Engineering Corporation; (increase \$240,930.00); Contract 100 WWTP; CO #4; John Duffy, Director of the Department of Utilities
- h. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; CrossRoad Engineers, P.C.; (\$130,000.00); 21-ENG-06 - On-Call Plan Review 2021-2022; Additional Services Amendment #21; Jeremy
- i. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; CrossRoad Engineers, P.C.; (\$210,000.00); 21-ENG-05 - City Center Drive & Veterans Way

Kashman, City Engineer

RAB - Preliminary Engineering; Additional Services Amendment #22; Jeremy Kashman, City Engineer

j. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; GAI Consultants; (increase \$88,330.00); 20-ENG-13 – 106th Street and Westfield Blvd RAB - Design; Amendment to Professional Services Agreement; Jeremy Kashman, City Engineer

k. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Mammoth, Inc.; (decrease \$45,000.00); Contract 19-02; CO #1; Bob Higgins, **Brookshire Golf Course**

1. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; **Facility Commissioning** Group; (\$73,030.00); Carmel Police Dept Headquarters and Court BOT – Commissioning; James Crider, Director of Administration

m. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; H W C Engineering; (\$212,500.00); 21-ENG-03 - Orchard Park Drainage; Jeremy Kashman, City Engineer

n. Request to Acknowledge Completion Date Adjustment; White Construction, LLC; Increase Project Time; Contract 16-SW-85; CO #1; Jeremy Kashman, City Engineer

5. REQUEST TO USE CITY STREETS/ PROPERTY (2 ITEMS)

a. Request to Use Civic Square Gazebo; Wedding Ceremony; May 28th, 2022; 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Indonesia Johnson

b. Request to Use / Close City Streets; Ghosts and Goblins 5k/2k Walk/ Run; Oct. 22, 2022; 7 a.m. - 11 a.m.; Jennifer Penix, Carmel Education Foundation OTHER (12 ITEMS)

a. Request for **Temporary Construction** Entrance; Asherwood Subdivision – 9990 Ditch Road; Jonas Lewandowski

b. Request for Curb Cut; 12 Woodland Circle; Brad Hill, Brad Hill **Custom Homes** c. Request for Lane

Restrictions / Sidewalk Closure / Open Pavement Cut; Civic Square Parking Garage - SE Corner of Monon Green Boulevard and Veterans Way; Joe Ferraro, F.A. Wilhelm

d. Request for Lane Closure / Sidewalk Closure; Garden Table Restaurant – 350 Monon Boulevard - Along Elm Street; Tom Mayer, Boaz Construction e. Request for Lane

Restrictions / Open Pavement Cut; Lakeside Apartments - 147 West

Carmel Drive; Duke Energy f. Request for Waiver

of BPW Res. No. 04-28-17-01 / Lane Restrictions / Pavement Cut; 13000 North Meridian; Telecom Placement g. Request for Lane

Closure / Sidewalk Closure; 350 Monon Boulevard - Along Veterans Way; Ken Woods, ISF Signs h. Request for New

Curb Cut / Curb Cut Vacation; 510 2nd Avenue NE; Joe Logan, Timothy Homes i. Request for Storm

Water Technical Standards Waiver; Jackson's Grant Section 8 - 116th Street and Springmill Road; Brian Brown, Stoeppelwerth

j. Request for Storm Water Technical Standards Waiver; Our Lady of Mt. Carmel -14598 Oak Ridge Road; Karen Collins, A&F Engineering

k. Request for Storm Water Technical Standards Waiver; Windsor Building -Carmel Clay Center; David Huffman, Circle Design Group 1. Request for

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Chamber survey: 'Great Resignation' real, workers unaware of skills needed for career

While a newly-released survey shows Hoosier workers are relatively confident in the security of their current jobs, nearly a quarter (24%) of those who felt secure still expect to search for new job opportunities in the next year. This underlines the reality of the "Great Resignation" period sweeping varied industries across the nation.

The takeaway is among the key findings from the first worker survey commissioned by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, its Institute for Workforce Excellence and Indiana Chamber Foundation. For the last 14 years, the Indiana Chamber has done an annual employer workforce survey – the most recent issued in late September. The emphasis



of the worker survey was on employment, the economy and the future.

"Job security does not always equal contentment for individuals. Having purpose at work, flexibility and a competitive salary are all big factors, with the first two becoming increasingly important for workers since the pandemic began," offers Indiana Chamber President and CEO Kevin Brinegar.

"People quitting a job

- with or without another one lined up – is on the rise and according to the respondents who were unemployed, it's now the most common reason why they are out of work."

A total of 43% of the

unemployed respondents said they had quit as opposed to 38% who were terminated or laid off. Only 15% of those laid off were due to a business closure. Among the unemployed, 70% were currently looking for work and 26% were not. Over half of the unemployed have been without a stable job with a living wage for more than six months.

The survey also illustrated the existing disconnect over the skills and education level needed to have a thriving career in the state. Nearly one third (32%) of Hoosier workers believed that a high school diploma is all they need. Minority workers were more likely to consider a college degree necessary.

"It's alarming that so many still believe a high school diploma will provide them the type of

prosperity to sustain them throughout life," Brinegar asserts. "Unfortunately, their perspective just doesn't match up to the realities of the modern workforce."

In March 2021, for example, 916,000 jobs were added to the U.S. economy. Of those, less than 1% or just 7,000 jobs were for people with only a high school diploma.

But the good news is that most in the survey did recognize the importance of more education or training - with 58% of Hoosier workers considering pursuing career development in the past year or two. The vast majority of those (74%) contemplating enhancing their skills already hold a post-high school diploma credential or industry certification.

Separately, over three-quarters (78%) of workers acknowledge their lack of education is a barrier to job opportunities and would be willing to get more training if their employer encouraged them to do so.

"For their best interests and that of their workers, more employers should begin to look at growing the workforce they need. Whether that's via formal tuition reimbursement or training programs, or simply through encouragement or access to resources," Brinegar says. "This will be one of the most effective ways to fill the existing talent

shortage."

Compensation was another survey focus. Somewhat surprisingly, more employed Hoosiers indicated that their incomes actually increased since the onset of COVID-19 than those who reported a decrease: 29% vs. 21%. The remainder said their incomes were not affected much at all. What's more, nearly half (48%) of Hoosier workers believe their overall compensation is fair and satisfactory for the work they do.

Of those not satisfied with what they are making, 56% said they intend to search for new job opportunities in the next year. And back to the Great Resignation trends, 30% of workers satisfied with their compensation still plan to look for new job opportunities.

Similar to employers in that survey, Hoosier workers were generally optimistic about their own financial situations over the next few years. A total of 54% of workers believed their household finances would improve during that time; only 18% feared it would worsen.

The 2021 Indiana Chamber employee survey was conducted during the third quarter and completed by 602 Hoosiers statewide who were employed, under-employed or unemployed. Their ages ranged from 18 to 60 and were not business owners or considered

upper-level management. Full results are available at www.indianachamber. com/survey.

The Indiana Chamber's Institute for Workforce Excellence is dedicated to helping businesses attract, develop and retain skilled employees by bringing together tools and resources to assist in building that talent pipeline. The Institute's scope is being expanded to fill existing gaps in the workforce system for both employers and employees. A key piece is the Indiana Talent Resource Navigator, which will be launched in early 2022.

The Indiana Chamber Foundation commissions practical policy research, initiates actions and seeks solutions that positively impact Indiana's economic future and enhance the quality of life for all Hoosiers. Most notably, it includes the Indiana Vision 2025 long-range economic development plan for the state, as well as its supporting biannual report cards on how the state is progressing. Earlier this year, the Foundation launched Accelerating Indiana: Vision 2025 + .

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decorations which needed to be rewired. Once rescued and restored, these decorations became the inspiration for "Lights Over Seminary," a popular December First Friday event, a partnership of NPA, the City of Noblesville and Noblesville Parks & Recreation Department. Preservation Hall is now the new home of the vintage choir of angels.

Hours are 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. for the tour of homes, so plenty of time to see the four homes. But also, be sure to leave some time to visit NPA's Preservation Hall, which will be open 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., an extra hour, with live music and hors d'oeuvres, sides, beverages and desserts.

The menu at Preservation Hall, served downstairs, will include hot wassail (wine) served Colonial Williamsburg-style, and cold alcohol-free Christmas punch, shrimp cocktail, two varieties of hot meatballs and a variety of other hors d'oeuvres. There will also be desserts made from Dave Letterman's mom Dorothy's cookbook.

"It will be a feast," NPA president Sandy Stewart said this week.

It will be a festive holiday event that the community won't want to miss.

The theme is "Together Again!" Celebrating good times together after three years since the last Holiday Home Tour.

The 2020 NPA Historic Home Tour was canceled due to the pandemic. This year's home tour returned and was quite popular, with masks optional and required only at one tour stop.

For tonight's Holiday Home Tour, face masks are available but not required, and sanitizer will be available.

"We were waiting for a time when it was possible," said Stewart, who is thrilled about tonight's tour.

Four homes are on the tour: Bell residence, 398 N. Ninth St.; Doudt residence, 354 N. 10th St.; Richardson residence, 1083 Logan St.; and Coyle residence, 1436 Clinton St.

Requirements to be on the tour? "They have to live in an historic home and have to be willing, in



Sandy Stewart

such a busy season, to open their home," Stewart said. "These are really devoted NPA supporters, who are proud of their homes. Most of us who own historic homes feel a responsibility to share their homes. People who are passionate about their historic homes want to share.'

What else is required? "They have to clean their house and decorate it," Stewart said.

And each home has been lavishly decorated.

The Matt and Jen Doudt home, an American Foursquare, was built by Judge John F. and Lydia Neal between 1916-20. The home is owned by photographer Matt Doudt and wife Jenn, and was featured in the Christmas edition of Flea Market Decor magazine, with their style described as "Granny Chic." They Doudts during the holidays enjoy making baking cookies and treats. A Christmas tree tells the history of their family.

The Rick and Susan Thacker Bell house is a beautiful Queen Anne home, built by Joseph and Amanda Klotz in 1897 and is perfect for entertaining family and friends and playing host to gatherings of Calvary Baptist Church, for which Rick Thacker is pastor. The wrap-around porch was altered in the 1940s and a three-story octagonal tower was removed by 1914 after being damaged by lightning. The Bells remodeled the kitchen with adjoining four-season room. All rooms, old and new, are lavishly decorated for the holidays.

The Bret and Tammy Richardson home, a magnificent Prairie/Arts & Crafts-style home, was built in 1911 by Fred and Cora Heylmann, Bret Richardson's great aunt. Fred and his father operated a huggy and wagon huginess at 10th and Conner (now



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

The Bret and Tammy Richardson home, 1083 Logan St., is a magnificent Prairie/Arts & Crafts-style home, built in 1911 by Fred and Cora Heylmann, Bret Richardson's great aunt.



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The Matt and Jen Doudt home, 354 N. 10th St., an American Foursquare, was built by Judge John F. and Lydia Neal between 1916 and 1920.

Want **TO GO**?

What: Noblesville Preservation Alliance "Together Again!" Holiday Home Tour.

When: 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. today. Self-guided tours 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., with Preservation Hall open 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Where: Four historic homes, Bell residence, 398 N. Ninth St.; Doudt residence, 354 N. 10th St.; Richardson residence, 1083 Logan St.; and Coyle residence, 1436 Clinton St.

How much: \$30.

Where to buy tickets: https://preservationhall.org/ or at the door at any tour home and at NPA's Preservation Hall, 1274 Logan St. In-person purchase of tickets require exact change, personal check or Venmo digital wallet.

Good to know: Caroling and fellowship at NPA's Preservation Hall from 6 to 9 p.m., with hors d'oeuvres, sides, beverages and desserts served.

a screen-print business). The matching carriage house was added in about 1920. The home has four floors with fireplaces in the master bedroom and living room, where stockings are hung by the chimney with care. The Richardsons, during the holidays, enjoy baking cookies, making a

gingerbread house, watching Christmas movies and decorating their home with Christmas trees and poinsettias.

The Donny and Amy Coyle home is a vernacular Victorian-style home built before 1898. A wide side porch and flat-roofed front living area were added after Their kids each receive an



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

The Donny and Amy Coyle home, 1436 Clinton St., is a vernacular Victorian-style home built before 1898.



Photo courtesy of Noblesville Preservation Alliance

Noblesville Preservation Alliance's Preservation Hall decorated for Christmas with some of the vintage decorations that adorned the historic Hamilton County Courthouse in earlier decades -- will be open for food and caroling tonight during the NPA's Holiday Home Tour.



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

The Rick and Susan Thacker Bell home at 398 N. Ninth St., is a beautiful Queen Anne home, built by Joseph and Amanda Klotz in 1897.

1905. The home has wide plank hardwood floors on the first floor, with darkstained wood window trim and stair railings. Their simple holiday decor includes precious ornaments from Amy Coyle's childhood, as well as her collection of Annalee dolls

ornament of their own each year, for their first tree when they have homes of their own.

Stewart said, "To me, it's always fun to see how they interpret the holiday in their homes."

-Contact Retsy Reason at betsy@thetimes24-7.com.

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for three ducks). Guests will have the opportunity to chuck their way to a chance to win four different gift cards kindly donated by local businesses. Special thanks to Big Dog's BBQ, Pizza House and 10 West in Cicero for their donations of \$50 gift cards and to Jennifer Jacobi for \$25 gift card for Chantilly Crepes. The ducks can be purchased at the game, or through a player or player parent.

All proceeds will be donated to the IWIN Foundation, based in Indianapolis. IWIN has been supporting individuals statewide receiving treatment for breast cancer by relieving emotional, physical and financial burdens for more than two decades. The basis of the IWIN Program is to give these courageous individuals the strength to endure treatment, empower them to continue their fight against breast cancer and place them on the path to survivorship.

Junior varsity action tips off at 6 p.m. and the varsity contest gets going at 7:30 p.m.



Photo courtesy Hamilton Heights

The Heights girls' basketball team asks everyone to wear pink and come out in force in support of breast cancer

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service center at 1.800.772.1213 or your local Social Security office to make an appointment to apply but applying online at www.ssa.gov is by far the most efficient way.

You can apply for your SS benefits up to 4 months before the month you wish your payments to start. On the application you will tell them which month you want your benefits to begin so you can apply before you want to start benefits. Since you're applying before your full retirement age of 66 years and 10 months, there are a couple of things to keep in mind:

• By claiming at age 62 ½ your benefit amount will be permanently reduced by about 29%. You only get your full benefits if you wait to claim until your full retirement age (FRA) which for you is 66 years and 10 months; claiming any earlier means a permanently

reduced benefit.

 If you claim before your FRA and you return to work, you'll be subject to an "earnings test" which limits how much you can earn from working while collecting early SS benefits. The 2022 earnings limit is \$19,560 and if that is

exceeded SS will take back \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit (half of what you exceed the limit by). The earnings limit will apply until you reach your full retirement age, and the allowable earnings are more in the year you reach FRA.

Applying online for

Social Security benefits is a reasonably easy process, and if you have even moderate computer skills you shouldn't be intimidated by the thought. But if you are, simply call Social Security and request an appointment to apply. They will walk you through the application process.

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however, it hasn't arrived just yet. If you're giving cash, obtain clean crisp banknotes from your financial institution. Otherwise, consider contactless apps Cash App, Google Pay, Venmo, or Zelle.

- Monetary Alternatives: Consider a heartfelt card, retail or pre-packaged holiday delivery, or a gift card with a value of at least two specialty coffees.
- Handwritten Note: A handwritten thank-you note is a genuine way to demonstrate gratitude and express your appreciation for loyalty.
- Local Artisan Pieces: Consider essential oils, embroidered face coverings, votive candles, tea towels, organic soap, and pre-packaged coffee or tea blends.
- Stimulate Childhood Imagination: Children enjoy drawing unique cards and papers for au pairs, babysitters, coaches, nannies, and teachers. Pair this with a contactless gift, gift card or monetary bonus.
- Homemade Food: The CDC and medical experts advise when food safety considerations are followed, gifting homemade goods is very likely low

Who & What to Tip? Business & Organizations (Check Corporate Policy):

- Assistant: Bonus based on relationship length. Avoid anything too personal.
- Colleagues: Discreetly give a dining or gift card.
- Clients: Business gift baskets of chocolate, fruit, nuts, cheese, wine, artisan baked treats (investigate food allergies), and non-logo items.
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- Service (USPS): USPS employees may accept gift cards from customers for use at specific stores for merchandise or services, or restaurants, that are valued up to \$20 per occasion. Gift cards for each employee cannot exceed \$50 per calendar year. Giving food, homemade goods or refreshments as gifts to USPS employees is prohibited. Gifting cash, VISA, MasterCard, or any gift cards that may be used as cash is prohibited per the Employee Tipping and Gift-Receiving Policy.
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- to \$75 may be accepted. • UPS: All gifts and entertainment, other than infrequent items of nominal value, must be disclosed and approved by the appropriate manager. The difference between an appropriate and an inappropriate gift is not always easy to determine. The **UPS** Code of Business Conduct includes a section on Gifts and Entertainment on page 23. This section also directs customers to the UPS Guidelines for Gifts and Gratuities on the Corporate Compliance and Ethics website to determine whether a gift is appropriate. If in doubt, UPS employees are advised to decline the gift.
- Amazon Delivery:

Amazon Customer Service advises us that the carriers making deliveries are third party contractors. For this reason, there is not an official Amazon policy regarding holiday tipping. These gratuities are determined by the customer.

- Meal Delivery: GrubHub, DoorDash, PostMates, UberEats, Seamless: Holiday tipping guidelines are unavailable. Consider 25-30% for food deliveries.
- Personal Shoppers: Instacart, Shipt, Favor, goPuff, Delivery.com: Depending on the platform, a gratuity may be included. Adding a holiday tip of 25-30% reflects gratitude.
- Education (Check **School District Policies** and include handwritten
- University Professor: Holiday card, no gift
- Principal: Holiday card and retail goods
- School Teacher: Group gift with pooled funds along with child's handwritten note
- Multiple Teachers: Group gift with pooled funds
- Assistant /Aide: Group gift card and possibly pooled funds
- School Secretary:
- Café gift card or small gift School Nurse: Café
- gift card or small gift • Tutor or Private Music Instructor: Café gift card and handwritten
- thank-you • Child Care Services (Check Policies and in-
- clude handwritten note) • Live-in nanny or au pair: Depends on relationship and service length
- Babysitter: Depends on relationship and service length
- Day Care Center Staff: Depends on relationship and service length

Personal Services (Check Policy and include handwritten note of appreciation):

- Hair Stylist, Manicurist, Pedicurist: Depends on relationship and service length
- Barber: Depends on relationship and service length
- Massage Therapist: Depends on relationship and service length
- Personal Trainer, Yoga, or Pilates Instructor: Depends on relationship and service length - some personal trainers may be offended by a monetary holiday tip. Review their fees, and determine if you want to offer a bonus, a handwritten card, or a verbal thanks. Avoid unhealthy food gifts such as candy,
- cheese, or wine. • Salon/Spas: Depends on relationship and service length. At an all-inclusive salon such as Jackson Ruiz, tipping may be prohibited because it is against salon policy.
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- Golf or Tennis Pro: Depending on the club or facility policies and organizational culture, cash or monetary gratuities may be prohibited. Salaried employees don't expect a tip. Club members tend to disregard these guidelines and discreetly provide club employees and caddies with tips and holiday bonuses.
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- Housekeeper: Depends on relationship and service length • Gardener: Depends on
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Pet care: (Include a paw print note from your pet)

- Groomer: Depends on extra duties, relationship, and service length • Walker: Depends on
- relationship, extra duties, and service length • Sitter: Depends on
- relationship, extra duties, and service length Healthcare & Medical
- Providers (Check Policy and include handwritten note):
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- Home Health Employee: Depends on relationship, extra duties, and service length. Maybe a generous gift basket of holiday treats (follow policy)
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length. Maybe a gift basket of holiday treats for all (follow policy).

- There are numerous reasons, including financial restrictions, medical ethics, and legal ethics that prohibit and prevent tipping certain people such as auditors, government employees, police officers. A partial list is included below. To express your gratitude, consider sending e-cards from Paperless Post, or Jacquie Lawson.
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- Landlord Lawyer
- Members, Board of Directors or Trustees
 - Nurse
 - Physical Therapist Plumber
 - Police Officer
- Professor Psychiatrist
- Realtor/ Real Estate Agent
- Red Cross volunteer or worker
- Seamstress
- Security Guard Sheriff/Deputy
- Sheriff Tailor
 - Veterinarian

Our U.S. federal law also prevents all U.S. persons from giving payments to foreign government officials to assist in obtaining or retaining business.

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hand around the mall looking for gray hair and when they spot a likely victim, they will simply approach him or her, recite a well-rehearsed spiel tale of need and ask for a handout. A variant of this approach is a bit more theatrical. For example, they will dress for the occasion and represent themselves as an authorized solicitor working

for the Salvation Army or a relief organization collecting funds for families displaced by a recent disaster such as a fire, flood or storm, for example.

The Internet has facilitated these types of ripoffs. With more and more seniors becoming tech-savvy and learning how to use a computer, swindlers have

yet another way to separate a kind seniors from their money. Email solicitations are growing in popularity among these seasonal thieves. The holidays allow them to stalk the World Wide Web with seemingly personal messages from organizations and companies that seem very honest. They can make email messages look very real by

mimicking the actual logos of legitimate charities and retailers. This technique allows them to get your money via a phony charitable contribution or get you to make a fake holiday purchase online.

Gerry Hafer, Executive Director of the AMAC Foundation, says that AMAC has long been focused on the issue of elder

fraud. The Foundation, AMAC, Inc., itself, and its advocacy subsidiary, AMAC Action, have joined forces to create an Elder Fraud Initiative to aid in development of an instructional approach to help seniors protect themselves. The initiative aims to provide a guide for online protection, a

sort of how-to protocol for defending against fraud. Hafer reports, "Our website blog page already presents a variety of News & Info posts associated with elder fraud and will soon provide a comprehensive guide for online protection that our tech folks are in the process of preparing."



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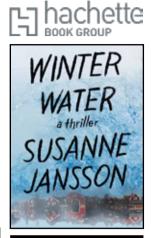








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One January weekend, when Martin is distracted by a ringing phone, he discovers that in those few moments, his young son has gone missing and his little red bucket is bobbing in the waves. Though his body is never found, it's ruled an accidental drowning. Martin's grief is all-consuming as he falls into a deep depression, withdrawing from his family and community.

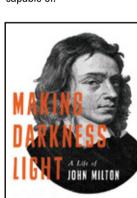
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When former police
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learn the hidden truths of
this town and the locals who
have always mythologized the

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Light, Oxford professor Joe
Moshenska rediscovers a
poet whose rich contradictions confound his monumental image. Immersing
ourselves in the rhythms
and textures of Milton's
world, we move from the
music of his childhood
home to his encounter
with Galileo in Florence
into his idiosyncratic belief
system and his strange,
electrifying imagination.

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place of his writings in his
life, and his life in history.
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Milton's place in our
times: about our relationship with the Western
canon, about why and
how we read, and about
what happens when we
let someone else's ideas
inflect our own.





Quick **READ**Title: The Replacement Wife
Author: Darby Kane
Genre: Thriller
On Sale: Dec. 28, 2021
Price: \$16.99
Page Count: 416
ISBN: 9780063117808

The #1 International bestselling author of Pretty Little Wife returns with another thrilling domestic suspense novel that asks, how many wives and girlfriends need to disappear before your family notices?

Elisa Wright is a mom and wife, living a nice, quiet life in a nice, quiet town. She's also convinced her brother-in-law is a murderer. Josh has one dead wife and one missing fiancée, and though he grieved for them he starts dating someone new. Elisa fears for that woman's safety, and she desperately wants to know what happened to her friend,

Josh's missing fiancée.
Searching for clues means investigating her own family.
And she doesn't like what she finds. A laptop filled with incriminating information.
Other women.

But when Elisa becomes friends with Josh's new girlfriend and starts to question things she thinks are true. Elisa wonders if the memories of a horrible incident a year ago have finally pushed her over the edge and Josh is really innocent. With so much at stake, Elisa fights off panic attacks and a strange illness. Is it a breakdown or something more? The race is on to get to the truth before another disappearance because there's a killer in the family...

or is there?



Quick **READ**Title: A Virgin River
Christmas
Author: Robyn Carr
Genre: Holidays
On Sale: Now
Price: \$9.99
Page Count: 304
ISBN: 9780778311805

Return to Virgin River for the holidays in this uplifting tale from the beloved series by New York Times bestselling author Robyn Carr. Now a Netflix series!

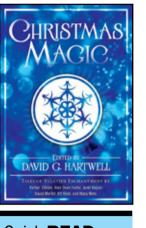
Last Christmas Marcie
Sullivan said a final goodbye
to her husband, Bobby. This
Christmas she's come to
Virgin River to find the man
who saved his life and gave
her three more years to love
him.

Fellow marine lan
Buchanan dragged Bobby's
shattered body onto a medical transport in Fallujah four
years ago, then disappeared
as soon as their unit arrived
stateside. Since then, Marcie's letters to lan have gone
unanswered.
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Marcie tracks Ian to the tiny mountain town of Virgin River and finds a man as wounded emotionally as Bobby was physically. But she is not easily scared off. As Marcie pushes her way into his rugged and reclusive life, she discovers a sweet but damaged soul beneath a rough exterior.

lan doesn't know what to make of the determined young widow who forces him to look into the painful past and, what's worse, the uncertain future. But it is, after all, a season of miracles and maybe, just maybe, it's time to banish the ghosts and open his heart.





Quick **READ**Title: Christmas Magic Author: David Hartwell Genre: Holidays
On Sale: Now
Price: \$31.99
Page Count: 496
ISBN: 9780765315809

Collected by award-winning anthologist David G. Hartwell, here is a stockingful of classic Christmas fantasies

Wonders abound at Christmas, and never more so than in this delightful collection of holiday stories by some of today's most gifted writers of fantasy and science-fiction. In this volume, Harlan Ellison, Alan Dean Foster, Kit Reed, Howard Waldrop, Donald Westlake, and many other science fiction and fantasy stars present their unique visions of Christmas.

Toys come to life for one miraculous hour. A little girl sets forth on a quest to join Santa's elves. Talking animals, away in a manger, bring two lovers together, and a small boy discovers the secret of Santa's tenth reindeer. These and other stories raise Christmas spirits to fantastic new heights, and find unexpected twists and surprises in even the oldest of holiday traditions.

Sorcery comes gift wrapped this year, and just in time for Christmas Magic.



Quick **READ**Title: Shadow
Author: James Swallow
Genre: Thriller
On Sale: Feb. 2, 2022
Price: \$9.99
Page Count: 528
ISBN: 9781250750808

New York Times bestselling author James Swallow's The Marc Dane series continues with Shadow

A ruthless far-right terrorist has broken out of captivity. A mysterious bio-scien-

tist with a terrible secret is abducted.

A lethal virus threatens

millions of lives across
Europe and the Middle
East.

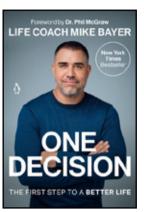
Ex-MI6 officer Marc Dane and his partner, Lucy Keyes, are bound together in a desperate search for the sinister organization plotting the release of a deadly virus on the world. In their frantic race against time, Dane and Keyes will be tested more than ever before as they seem to find themselves one step behind at every turn. It will take everything they have to expose the evil forces lurking in the shadows and put a stop to this unstoppable pathogen ... and even everything might not be enough.

What price would you pay to stop a global catastrophe?





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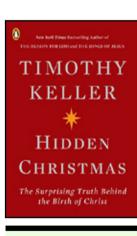


Quick **READ**Title: One Decision
Author: Mike Bayer
Genre: Self-Improvement
On Sale: Dec. 28, 2021
Price: \$17
Page Count: 304
ISBN: 9780593296035

It is estimated that we make 35,000 decisions every day. Right now, at least one decision we make will have a powerful ripple effect across all aspects of our life. But One Decision isn't about taking one overwhelming big step; it's about starting with a single, important choice we can make every day: the decision to be authentic. It is the decision to know who you are, to be who you are, and express yourself authentically.

Whether you find yourself up against a new challenge, deciding on a change in direction, or in need of a total reinvention, Coach Mike has created a powerful blueprint to help you connect with your authenticity so that your life reflects who you truly are. With the tools in this book, you can transform what the obstacles in your life into new opportunities. He shows you how to stop constantly over-thinking the "big" decisions and reconnect with your gut instincts and make all of your decisions with confidence and peace of mind. And, this book helps you navigate the forces that routinely drive your decision making, ensuring that you're motivated by facts instead of fears, clarity over confusion, and evidence over emotion.

One Decision is an inspiring and practical action plan to help you improve your life, find your purpose, improve your mental health and relationships, work on your physical health, and even make more money. Drawing on twenty years of experience helping individuals from all walks of life make real and lasting change, Coach Mike has a refreshing approach for motivating you to take a risk, be bold and take real action toward a better life.



Quick **READ**Title: Hidden Christmas
Author: Tim Keller
Genre: Holidays
On Sale: Now
Price: \$16
Page Count: 160

ISBN: 9780143133780

From pastor and New York
Times bestselling author
Timothy Keller comes the
perfect gift for the Christmas holiday—a profoundly
moving and intellectually
provocative examination of
the nativity story
Even people who are not

practicing Christians think they are familiar with the story of the nativity. Every Christmas displays of Baby Jesus resting in a manger decorate lawns and churchyards, and songs about shepherds and angels fill the air. Yet despite the abundance of these Christian references in popular culture, how many of us have examined the hard edges of this hiblical story?

this biblical story?
In his new book Timothy
Keller takes readers on an
illuminating journey into the
surprising background of the
nativity. By understanding
the message of hope and
salvation within the Bible's
account of Jesus' birth,
readers will experience the
redeeming power of God's
grace in a deeper and more
meaningful way.



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Quick **READ**Title: Apparently There
Were Complaints
Author: Bernadette
Watts
Genre: Biography
On Sale: Now
Price: \$27
Page Count: 320
ISBN:
9781501125959

Emmy Award¬-winning actress Sharon Gless tells all in this laugh-out-loud, juicy, and touching memoir about her five decades in Hollywood, where she took on some of the most groundbreaking roles of her time.

time.
Anyone who has seen
Sharon Gless act in Cagney
and Lacey, Queer as Folk,
Burn Notice, and countless
other shows and movies,
knows that she's someone
who gives every role her
all. She holds nothing back
in Apparently There Were
Complaints, a hilarious,
deeply personal memoir
that spills all about Gless's

five decades in Hollywood. A fifth-generation Californian, Sharon Gless knew from a young age that she wanted to be an actress. After some rocky teenage years that included Sharon's parents' divorce and some minor (and not-so-minor) rebellion, Gless landed a coveted spot as an exclusive contract player for Universal Studios. In 1982, she stepped into the role of New York Police Detective Christine Cagney for the series Cagney and Lacey, which eventually reached an audience of 30 million weekly viewers and garnered Gless with two Emmy Awards. The show made history as the first hour-long drama to feature two women in the

leading roles.

Gless continued to make history long after Cagney and Lacey was over. In 2000, she took on the role of outrageous Debbie Novotny in Queer as Folk. Her portrayal of a devoted mother to a gay son and confidant to his gay friends touched countless hearts and changed the definition of family for millions of viewers.

Apparently There
Were Complaints delves
into Gless's remarkable
career and explores Gless's
complicated family, her
struggles with alcoholism,
and her fear of romantic
commitment as well as her
encounters with some of
Hollywood's biggest names.
Brutally honest and incredibly relatable, Gless puts it
all out on the page in the
same way she has lived—
never with moderation.



Quick **READ**Title: 1,001 Ways to
Celebrate Christmas
Author: Collection
Genre: Holidays
On Sale: Now

Genre: Holidays On Sale: Now Price: \$16.95 Page Count: 336 ISBN: 9781604339888

There's more to Christmas than presents. There's more to Christ-

mas than presents. The fun and thoughtful ideas in 1,001 Ways to Celebrate Christmas instill how to keep others in mind, especially those for whom the holiday season can be difficult. From homemade cards to cookie recipes and ideas about how to give back to your community, readers of all ages will be encouraged to create joy and good tidings, and be reminded why the holiday season is special.

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Plant a terrarium for a unique winter garden or gift

Create a garden under glass to enjoy or give as a gift to new, experienced, and even reluctant gardeners. This self-contained system makes it easy to be a successful gardener with minimal care.

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Purchase a terrarium or repurpose something hiding on a shelf in the basement, garage or shed. Even a cool glass container, cloche or bell jar turned open side down and placed on a shallow planting tray will work. Just glue a decorative doorknob or handle on the top for easy access.

Make it more festive for the holidays. Visit the ornament aisle in your favorite craft store. Create a mini terrarium from DIY Christmas orbs for holiday decoration or the perfect hostess gift.

Use closed terrariums like this when growing tropical plants. They thrive in the high humidity and

moist soil.

Leave the top off or use

open containers like glass vases, or mason jars for cacti and succulents. Use a cacti and succulent mix for these drought tolerant plants. They prefer the lower humidity and drier soil that open terrariums and cacti potting mix provide.

Once you have the container, you need to fill it with potting mix, plants, and other decorative items. Consider a layer of decorative stone, twigs, sea glass or sand at the bottom for added color and interest. Some gardeners include a layer of charcoal to help absorb any odor. The key is not overwatering as the decorative stone and charcoal won't prevent waterlogged soil from killing your plants.

Consider covering the stone layer with black landscape fabric to prevent the potting mix from filtering through and covering up these items. Cover this with a layer of

well-drained potting mix for tropical plants and cacti and succulent mix for drought tolerant plants. Add contours to the soil level if space allows for added interest.

Select a variety of plants of different heights, textures, and colors to create an attractive terrarium garden. Many garden centers now sell small specimens perfect for these mini gardens.

Low growing tropical plants such as baby's tears, creeping fig, moss, and ivies make excellent groundcovers. Small specimens of dracaenas, crotons, palms and podocarpus make nice upright features. Fill in the middle ground with ferns, nerve plants, polka dot plants and more.

Once assembled, terrariums are relatively easy to manage. Moisten the soil and cover. Crack the lid open if condensation builds up on the glass.

Then replace the cover and monitor the soil moisture and condensation. Add additional moisture carefully. A turkey baster is an easy way to water only the plants in need of a drink.

Place your terrariums in a bright location away from direct light. Heat can build up in this covered ecosystem and cook your plants when placed in a sunny location.

Now is the perfect time to gather or purchase fun glassware, planting and decorating supplies, and, of course, plants. Then take a break from the hectic holiday season to plant up a few holiday decorations and green gifts for your loved ones.

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 &

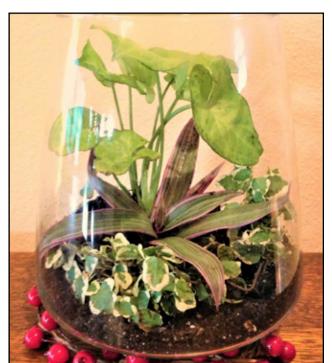


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Use open containers like glass vases for drought tolerant plants that prefer lower humidity and drier soil.

radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commis-

sioned 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 baubles; 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.ilsysays.com.



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

Gracious gifts that give back to others during the holiday season

(Family Features) If showing loved ones your appreciation with holiday presents is a tradition in your family, you can take that sign of affection a step further this year with gifts that give back to the world

around you.

These simple yet impactful gifts help support the Arbor Day Foundation and its mission to inspire people to plant, nurture and celebrate trees. With a vision to lead toward a world in which trees are a solution to some of the biggest problems facing the planet today - from air and water quality to climate change and more - the

foundation has more than 1 million members, supporters and partners that have helped to plant more than 400 million trees in neighborhoods, communities, cities and forests in almost 50 countries to ensure a greener and healthier future.

For each of these holiday gifts, the foundation will plant one tree in a United States forest to help ensure a greener and healthier future. Find more environmentally friendly gift ideas at arborday.org/giftideas.

A Warm Cup of Compassion

You can change the world one sip at a time by

gifting delicious Arbor Day Coffee this holiday season. Grown under the tree canopy in Central and South American rain forests, the shade helps protect an entire ecosystem while maintaining fertile soil and providing habitat for wildlife. Expect a rich taste that offers as much flavor as environmental support - for every bag purchased, one

tree is planted.

A Gift that Lasts a

Lifetime
Personalize gifts for
those in your life with
Give-A-Tree Cards. Each
card you purchase plants
a tree in honor of family, friends, customers or

associates, helping bring the nation's forests back to life. Plus, you can personalize the cards for free and they'll be sent to you to sign and deliver personally.

Arbor Day Apparel
No holiday gifting is
complete without thoughtful stocking stuffers. Share
your commitment to trees
with a loved one by giving
a t-shirt from the Arbor
Day Foundation. Made
from a 50/50 blend of recycled polyester produced
from plastic bottles and
organic cotton, each shirt,
available in adult and
youth sizes, is designed to
be soft and comfortable.

Produced using eco-friendly manufacturing processes, each t-shirt purchase also plants a tree in one of the nation's forests.

Bring the Outdoors In Give your loved one the gift of serenity with the smell of the great outdoors. This 9-ounce Arbor Day Foundation Soy Wax Candle provides an exclusive scent featuring a premium blend of plant-based and ethically sourced fragrance oils. Scent notes include fresh pine, berry, red currant, juniper, light musk, sage, pear and amber. The candle is hand-poured and 100% American-made.

Each candle purchased plants a tree.

Save the Environment with Stainless Steel

Show your love of trees with this 16-ounce vacuum insulated Klean Kanteen stainless steel bottle designed with versatility and portability in mind to create a water bottle, iced coffee mug, sport bottle and insulated cup all in one package. With a leak-proof twist cap and built-in reusable steel straw, you can say goodbye to single-use plastics and hello to reusable products. Each purchase plants a tree in a United States forest.



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AQUARIUS

Jan. 20 - Feb. 19

This is the worst time before Christmas for you Aquarius. You are truly intuitive so you have pretty much nailed what everyone is getting you – and besides, the better half can't keep a secret for anything. But hey, if you really want to have fun, find the hiding place and exchange your present for something you really want and then watch the surprise when you unwrap!



PISCES

Feb. 20 - March 20

Kindness and compassion are two of your stronger traits Pisces, and of course this is the season for kindness and compassion. So why is it that you turn into a raging monster the moment you pull into the mall parking lot and some idiot swipes the parking space you were heading for?



ARIES

March 21 - April 20

You know that goofy TV commercial with the two women driving a time machine? They squeal to a stop in front of a startled woman and tell her that two minutes from now she's going to be approved for a car loan. The woman admits she's temperamental. Well, Aries, you can be, too. And it's gift-buying season. Think about it.



TAURUS

April 21 - May 21

You are loyal and patient, Taurus. Which is good, because with some of the lines and grumpy customers in the stores this Christmas season, those traits are going to be tested. Good thing you are stubborn as well!



GEMINI

May 22 - June 22

Counting down the days to when Santa comes calling, eh, Gemini? Not to worry. You've been awfully good this year and the big fat man in the red suit is going to be exceptionally nice to you. Oh, we think Santa's going to treat you well, too.



CANCER

June 23 - July 23

When you come to think of it Cancer, you are one of the few people who always - and we mean always - cries at Christmas movies. Sure, the Hallmark Channel has been showing them for months, but really? Home Alone 3? You had to cry at Home Alone 3?



LEO

July 24 - Aug. 23

Stop and smell the holly, Leo! It's well known that Leo's tend to fixate on, well, Leo's. But this is the time of year to let the self-absorbed side of you take a break. Concentrate on friends and family. At the very best, you'll make them happy. At the worst, you'll observe all sorts of faults you can hit them with after Christmas!



VIRGO

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Wow, you are certainly organized, Virgo. The traits you are so well known for – organization, being a perfectionist (if a bit over the top with it) and perhaps a touch picky – all come into play with your sophisticated "Countdown to Christmas" calendar you've got by the tree. We just didn't know they made models that broke down to milliseconds.



LIBRA

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You absolutely love romance, so the great news Libra is that there is no more romantic time of year than Christmas! Those Hallmark movies were made for you and that someone special. So sit back, pop some corn and warm up that cup of hot cocoa. It's a perfect week for you! Then again with Hallmark Christmas movies, so is the entire month of July.



SCORPIO Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

Yes, you can be a bit possessive Scorpio. Perhaps a little jealous, too! But remember, when you are out doing Christmas shopping, it's OK for the better half to give you a wish list of presents that does not have you giftwrapped under the tree as the very first item.



SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 23 – Dec. 22

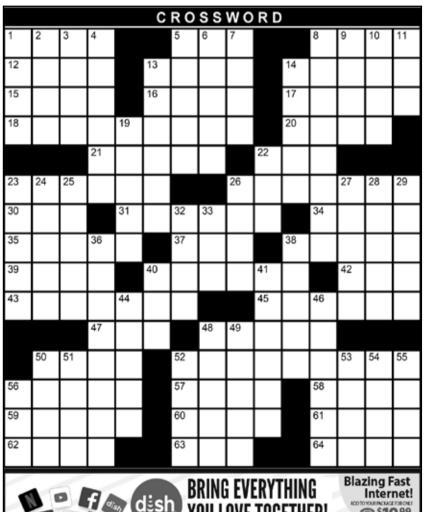
OK, your birthday may not be on Christmas day, but we have strong suspicions about you Sagittarius! You are jovial, independent, optimistic, adventurous and a little blunt. Do you have an alter ego? If you have a second home and it's up north (like the North Pole), we would not be surprised!

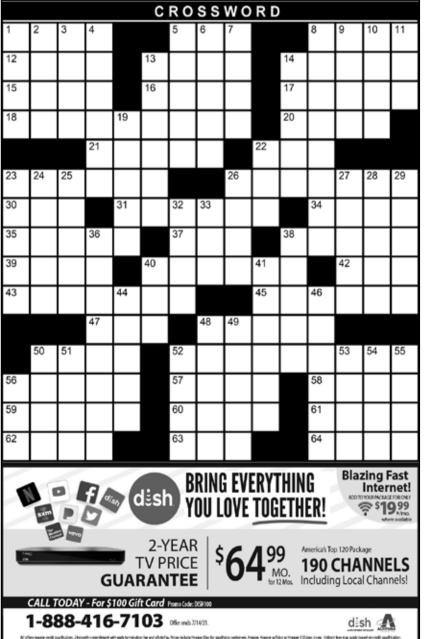


CAPRICORN

Dec. 23 - Jan. 19

Your friends know you are highly disciplined, responsible and fair, Capricorn. And your friends and family know that you are trying to drop a pound or two before the big company party. However, it's Christmas and one holiday cookie is not going to kill you. And be proud! Not many have the willpower to stop at one. You do and you will. You go!





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- 50. Wood file
- 52. * Plunge
- 56. Secret stash 57. Damien's prediction
- 58. Not at work
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- 62. Moon pull
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- nition 33. *"But I heard him
- exclaim, ____ he drove out of sight..."
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- Vinci Code" 48. Young Montague
- 49. Decide at the polls 50. Jasmine of "Aladdin"
- 51. Turns blue litmus red 52. #42 Across, once
- 53. Cheese from Netherlands
- 54. Contributions to the poor 55. Stink to high heaven 56. *Arctic _____, snow-

mobile brand



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Grammy nominees in Indianapolis at MacAllister Amphitheater

On Saturday, Aug. 20 at 7:30 p.m., The Avett Brothers will be live in concert at MacAllister Amphitheater in Garfield Park in Indianapolis. These three-time GRAM-MY Award nominees quickly rose to the top of the charts following their 2009 debut, and they've been rocking crowds and selling out shows ever since.

Tickets go on sale Friday at 10 a.m. and will be available at https://fanlink. to/avett-brothers as well as the HI-FI Box Office in Fountain Square (1043 Virginia Ave). Pricing options include \$55 - \$95.

This is an all-ages show. The Avett Brothers made mainstream waves with their 2009 major label debut, "I And Love And You," which landed at No. 16 on the Billboard Top 200 & garnered critical acclaim. In 2012, The Carpenter hit No. 4 on the Billboard Top 200, followed by "Magpie And The Dandelion" in 2013,

About MacAllister Amphitheater in historic Garfield Park

MacAllister Amphitheater in historic Garfield Park is one of Indy's best-kept secrets. The outdoor atmosphere, welcoming neighborhood and scenic park provides the perfect setting for Summer concert experiences. Fans are treated to amazing live music performances, food trucks, adult beverages and great people; all in one of Indy's oldest city parks. A portion of the proceeds from our Summer Concerts at Garfield Park benefit the Garfield Park Farmers Market and Indy Parks Foundation, which supports future community and music programs at Garfield Park. Past Summer Concerts have included Father John Misty, The Revivalists, Greensky Bluegrass, BORNS and Houndmouth. Garfield Park has also played home to the annual Holler on the Hill Music Festival.

which debuted at No. 5 on Billboard's Top 200. In 2016, the band was inducted into the North Carolina Music Hall of Fame.

2017's documentary "May It Last: A Portrait of The Avett Brothers" (co-directed by Judd Apatow and Michael Bonfiglio) chronicles the process of writing 2016's True Sadness (which debuted at No. 1 on Billboard's Top Albums chart, No. 1 Rock Albums, No. 3 on the Billboard 200, and scored 2 Grammy noms). The film was released theatrically & on HBO to rave reviews & is now available on DVD/ Blu-Ray/VOD.

In 2019, the band released their 10th studio album, "Closer Than Together" feat. single "High Steppin,'" which reached No. 1 on the Americana Radio Singles Chart. Newest album "The Third Gleam" (August 2020) debuted at No. 1 on



Photo courtesy of MacAllister Amphitheater

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Billboard's Americana/ Folk Albums chart, No. 1 Rock Albums, and No. 1 Vinyl Albums. Single "Victory" hit No. 1 on the Americana Radio Singles Chart. Also in 2020, The Avett Brothers played 2

sold out drive-in shows at Charlotte Motor Speedway in the span of three months and ended the year on a high note with a livestream of their 17th annual New Year's Eve concert. An estimated 150,000 fans

watched the show, which featured a full-band performance and an impressive lineup of special guests. Coming in 2022: Swept Away - a musical inspired by & featuring the music of The Avett Brothers.

Indianapolis Symphonic Choir celebrates 85th season with Festival of Carols

The Indianapolis Symphonic Choir's Festival of Carols, is back for four performances in central Indiana. A Midwest family tradition filled with a variety of holiday favorites, the Choir will be joined by guest artists including Indianapolis native and world-renowned soprano Angela Brown, the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra, and of course Santa. Although the Symphonic Choir is best known for performing classical music, Festival of Carols features a selection of fan-favorite

About the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir

The Indianapolis Symphonic Choir, celebrating its 85th season in 2021-2022, is proud to be one of the nation's most established and dynamic musical institutions. Among the most active symphonic choruses in the United States, the Choir reaches more than 20,000 persons each season through performances and education & community engagement programs. The 150 volunteer singers demonstrate the Choir's commitment to musical excellence through their talent and dedication during each 10-month season. The Indianapolis Symphonic Choir was founded in 1937 at the request of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra to perform the great choral-orchestral repertoire. This continued partnership exhibits the best of collaborative ideals – two independent arts organizations combining their strengths to create beautifully lasting musical results. For more information, visit www.indychoir.org.

and traditional holiday music such as "Joy to the World," "Do You Hear What I Hear?" and Kenny Loggins' "Celebrate Me

Home." Timeless classics will be intertwined with holiday film favorites, a visit from Santa, and Handel's "Hallelujah Cho-

The first performance will be at the Warren Performing Arts Center on Wednesday at 7 p.m. The on Friday at 8 p.m. the choir goes to The Palladium in Carmel and will also be there on Saturday and Sunday for 3 p.m. performances.

Festival of Carols will also feature the world premiere of "Gather Round the Holy Manger," winner of the 12th **Annual Christmas Carol** Commission Competition, an initiative as part of the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir's ongoing commitment to the future of choral music. Composer Joyce Vickery, an Indianapolis native, is an alum-

Anna Kendrick and Justin

na of the International Hymn Writing Collective where she studied modern hymn writing with Matt Merker and Keith Getty. A homeschooling mother, Vickery finds great joy in writing songs for her local church and elementary music classes. She holds a BM in Composition from Indiana University, where she first studied choral composition with the renowned Swedish composer Sven-David Sandstrom. She currently resides in Indianapolis with her husband and six

Trolls LIVE! Tour coming to Old National Centre in downtown Indianapolis

Get ready for another hair-raising adventure when Poppy, Branch and all their Trolls friends come to life on stage in Trolls LIVE! Jam-packed with epic music, glitter, humor and happiness, Trolls LIVE! will visit the Murat Theatre at Old National Centre in downtown Indianapolis on Saturday and Sunday, February 26 and 27, 2022 for four Trolls-tastic performances. Tickets go on sale this Friday, December 10 at 10 AM local time and may be purchased at www.TrollsLIVE.com.

The journey begins when the Trolls' Hug Time is unexpectedly put at risk. Knowing the only way to save it is by doing what the Trolls do best, Poppy hosts a toe-tapping, Trolls-tastic show! Poppy, Branch, Cooper, Cloud Guy, Satin and Chenille, Smidge, Guy Diamond, Fuzzbert, Biggie and Mr. Dinkles invite you into the colorful world of Trolls Village for this interactive performance only the Trolls can create. This is one Trolls party you won't want to miss!

The world of the Trolls comes alive in this totally interactive, story-rich musical celebration of everything the Trolls love singing, dancing, rainbows, glitter and plenty of hugs. The extravaganza utilizes the latest in scenic projection, puppetry and media technology, and features a host of special effects and interactive surprises. Trolls LIVE! includes two acts with



an intermission and will enchant both children and adults alike with its popular Trolls show-stopping songs, as well as introduce audiences to all-new electrifying Trolls music and choreography.

What: Trolls LIVE! coming to Indianapolis! When: Saturday Feb. 26 10 a.m. & 2 p.m. Sunday Feb. 27 10 a.m.

& 2 p.m. Where: Old National Centre, located at 502 N. New Jersey Street, India-

napolis, IN 46204 Tickets: Tickets start at just \$15. Tickets are available at the Old National Centre box office, online at www.Ticketmaster.com and www. OldNationalCentre.com or by phone at 800-653-8000. Prices are subject to change. Additional fees and special offers may apply. A limited number of tickets are available for the Trolls LIVE! VIP Party, starting at \$125. VIP Party perks include premium show seating, a souvenir lanyard, and an after-show Meet & Greet

Poppy and Branch! For more information or to join Trolls Hair Mail for presale and other

with your favorite hosts,

exclusive offers, visit www.TrollsLIVE.com. Follow Trolls LIVE! on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @trollslive, and use #TrollsLIVE.

For information on the Old National Centre's COVID-19 policy, please visit www.oldnationalcentre.com.

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ABOUT DREAM-WORKS ANIMATION'S **TROLLS**

Since the launch of the DreamWorks Trolls franchise in 2016, audiences across the globe have been transported into the Trolls' joyful world, teaming with big hearts, hair-raising comedic adventures and award-winning music. Starring

Timberlake and featuring a dynamic cast of actors and some of the most acclaimed musical artists in the world, the Trolls films - 2016's Trolls and 2020's Trolls World Tour -- have sung and danced their way to blockbuster success, earning an Oscar® nomination for Best Original Song and fueling one of the largest and most beloved global entertainment brands. Exuberant and groundbreaking in its design, the franchise includes feature films, hit TV series (including 2020's Trolls: TrollsTopia, and a prime-time holiday special), original digital content, video games and much more. With its heartwarming humor, nonstop musical extravaganzas and stories and characters that champion diversity, inclusion and kindness, Trolls has inspired live-entertainment touring shows, Universal Studios Parks' attractions and experiential installations across the globe—as well as an unparalleled consumer-products campaign that welcomes kids and adults alike to step inside the Trolls' effervescent, kaleidoscopic world with high-fashion collaborations, toys, lifestyle collections and more. ABOUT UNIVERSAL

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