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**TODAY'S VERSE**

John 16:33 I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.



**FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY**

People who call our community their own.

What makes Daniel Shock smile? "My wife, Audra's laugh. My kids' laughter," said the Noblesville resident. He was found playing the role of Winnie-the-Pooh in Improbable Fiction Theatre Co.'s children's play, "The House at Pooh Corner," with performances at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. today and 2 p.m. Sunday at The Ivy Tech Auditorium in Noblesville. Does Pooh smile in the show? "Yes, he is smiling at the beginning when he talks about singing with Piglet. He smiles when he talks about counting his honey jars. He smiles at the hope of Christopher Robin never leaving. He smiles when his friends are happy." Shock, who has identified with the honey-loving Pooh since he was "a skinny kid" -- not only puts on the costume, he does the walk, the mannerisms and "the voice" of Pooh. "I have watched the Disney Pooh cartoons so many times. I know how Pooh moves and talks. He has a wobble because he doesn't have knees. He does not try to hide his tummy. I am often doing whatever I can to make my tummy look smaller ... (but) now it's all out there ... loud and proud," he said. Paxton, 11, a Noblesville West Middle School student, plays alongside his dad, as Late (Rabbit). Shock, born to a United Methodist preacher and a registered nurse, both who were in school plays, got his first taste of acting in elementary school, then eventually high school and college. He has performed in more than 50 theatrical productions in Indiana, North Carolina and Oklahoma. "There was a time when I thought I wanted to do it professionally, but I've come to find community theater is a perfectly balanced place to find friendship and to have artistic experiences that would just not be possible as a pro." Besides son, Paxton, who wants to be an actor in Hollywood, Shock has a wife, Audra, who he attended high school with and was in some of the same musicals. Daughter, Madelyn Merrell, a 2018 Hamilton Heights High School graduate and Singing Hoosier, is graduating from Indiana University in music education this year; and daughter, Gloria Merrell, a 2020 graduate, played Scout in "To Kill a Mockingbird" at The Belfry Theatre and has directed and played in shows at her high school. Shock's hobbies and interests? "Aside from theater, I love movies, especially science fiction. I love having a show to watch with each of my family members. Paxton and I watch a lot of cartoons together. We enjoy an episode of 'Malcolm in the Middle' or 'The Goldbergs' before bed."

**And Another Thing...**

The Farmer's Bank Noblesville Office will be hosting a free community shred day on Saturday, April 23 between 9 - 11 a.m. They ask that you do not bring shed items in plastic bags; rather use standard size cardboard boxes or paper bags. The shred event will end once the shred truck is full, so make sure to get over early with anything you've been wanting to shred!

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ASK Rusty  
Social Security Advisor

**Social Security Matters**

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- 6.2% is for Social Security and 1.45% is for Medicare Part A. Your employer pays an equivalent amount on your behalf. This is a standard amount that all American workers pay,

which - after enough credits are earned - enables you to collect Social Security benefits when you retire and permits you to

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### Being Tired and Experiencing Fatigue Are Two Different Things

by John Grimaldi

Are you tired? Or are you suffering from fatigue? They are two different conditions that require different treatments. If you are tired, all you need is a good night's sleep. But sleep is not going to do much if it's fatigue or exhaustion that is holding you down.

According to WebMD, "Medically speaking, tiredness happens to everyone -- it's an expected feeling after certain activities or at the end of the day. Usually, you know why you're tired, and a good night's sleep solves the problem ... Fatigue is a daily lack of energy; unusual

or excessive whole-body tiredness not relieved by sleep. It can be acute (lasting a month or less) or chronic (lasting from 1 to 6 months or longer). Fatigue can prevent a person from functioning normally and affects a person's quality of life."

If you believe you are suffering from physical or mental fatigue, it's a good idea to have a visit with your healthcare provider. He or she can help determine the cause and provide a specific method of dealing with your condition.

Dr. Nisha Jackson is a func-

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### The Truth About Alzheimer's

by John Grimaldi

In the first decade of the last century a young German psychiatrist discovered a new disease. But it took the worldwide medical community some seven decades to fully acknowledge the devastating impact of Dr. Alois Alzheimer's diagnosis. As a result the "A-word" now has a particularly scary connotation for senior citizens. Perhaps it is because it is normal to experience memory loss as we age.

But the news about the correlation between age and memory loss is not as bad as

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### Tri Kappa Bingo Night Sells Out



BETSY REASON  
The Times Editor

I grew up playing Bingo at family reunions. But it's nothing like the Bingo game I attended on Monday night at the Noblesville Moose Lodge.

Bingo players are serious. They own their own Bingo daubers, which are specialized markers to mark the Bingo card numbers. They watch a flash-board for the Bingo patterns required to win. And they play a different Bingo card for every game.

For many, playing Bingo is exciting. It brings people together. And sometimes, players are lucky enough to win a little money.

I don't think I've ever met anyone who doesn't like to play Bingo. And Noblesville Tri Kappa sorority's Beta Epsilon Chapter was banking on that very notion when members decided to have a Bingo fundraiser.

The first Noblesville Tri Kappa Bingo Night is tonight at the Noblesville Moose, and the \$30-per-ticket 250-seat benefit has been sold out for days.

There will be lots of door prizes, a Stearman biplane ride raffle, a 50/50 raffle and several basket giveaways. The fundraiser benefits the chapter's many Noblesville High School scholarships and support for Noblesville Schools, Prevail, Noblesville Township Trustees Office, Riley Children's Health and more.

And what better way to raise funds and bring awareness to the sorority than to have a Bingo Night, said Jennifer Warner,

whose goals as president include increasing community awareness of Tri Kappa.

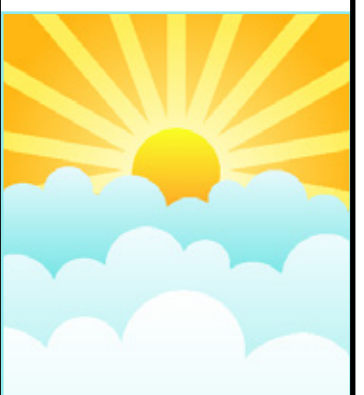
While learning more about Tri Kappa Bingo Night, I had the opportunity to go and watch a couple of Tri Kappa sorority sisters -- Noblesville's Kristen Garber and Sandy Kern -- who love to play Bingo Monday nights at the Noblesville Moose.

"It's a fun game of chance," said Garber, 52, a six-year member of Tri Kappa and former board member and treasurer of four years. She's known of Bingo since childhood but didn't play regularly until she started going to the Moose on Monday nights about a year ago. Even her husband, Dave, attends and plays a few games. (They were married at the Moose in 2015.) She even has her own brightly colored Bingo dauber bag, which has pockets for storing daubers for her and her friends.

What's the Bingo fascination? "I enjoy games, but the lure is seeing my friends and spending time with them each week,"

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## The Daily Almanac



**Sunrise/Sunset**  
RISE: 6:54 a.m.  
SET: 8:30 p.m.



**High/Low Temperatures**  
High: 84 °F  
Low: 60 °F



- Wacky Holiday Today**
- German Beer Day
  - International Nose Picking Day
  - Record Store Day



- What Happened On This Day**
- 2005 The first YouTube video is posted
  - 1985 Coca-Cola releases New Coke
  - 1984 The discovery of the virus causing AIDS is announced



- Births On This Day**
- 1791 James Buchanan American politician, 15th President of the United States
  - 1928 Shirley Temple American actress, singer, dancer

- Deaths On This Day**
- 2007 Boris Yeltsin Russian politician, 1st President of Russia
  - 1616 William Shakespeare English playwright, actor-seum

**HONEST HOOSIER**

Happy Birthday Eve to Noblesville's Golden Boy, David Boudia!



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**TODAY'S QUOTE**

"A few harmless flakes working together can unleash an avalanche of destruction."  
- Justin Sewell

**TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Eating whole grains instead of refined white starches results in less belly fat. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at www.thetimes24-7.com.



**OBITUARIES**  
Eunice May Stephenson

**TODAY'S JOKE**

Have you heard about the chocolate record player? It sounds pretty sweet.



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## OBITUARIES

### Eunice May Stephenson

July 23, 1925 - April 20, 2022

Eunice May Stephenson, age 96, of Lebanon, passed away on Wednesday afternoon, April 20, 2022, at Home-wood Health Campus in Lebanon, Indiana.

She was born on July 23, 1925 in Spencer County, Indiana, the daughter of the late Chester Omer and Rosie (Hall) Harris.

Mrs. Stephenson was a 1944 graduate of Michigantown High School. She married Bennie J. Stephenson on October 29, 1948.

She worked as a cook in the cafeteria of the Marion Township Elementary School in Boone County. She retired after 25 years of service to the Marion-Adams School District (now Sheridan Community Schools). Not long after retirement, Mrs. Stephenson decided she'd had enough of the cold, and frequently long, Indiana winters. She and her husband Bennie became snowbirds and flew south, stopping when they hit Port Aransas, Texas.

Mrs. Stephenson never let the grass grow under her feet, unless she was fiddling around in the garden. She loved fussing over her flowers and taking care of her property; she was still doing her own yard work until recently. She also loved going on adventures with her friends. Whether it was a quick trip into town, a drive through the country, or an honest-to-goodness road trip, Mrs. Stephenson never gave it a second thought - she was ready to go. She enjoyed sewing when she had a little down time. She was a talented seamstress, making clothes for her children and quilts for friends, family, and acquaintances.

Mrs. Stephenson's strong faith served her well throughout the years. She was a member of Christian Liberty Church where she was an active member of the Ladies' Aid.

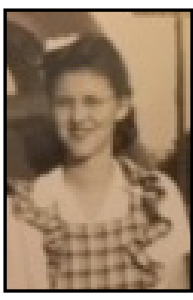
Family was a very important part of her life.

Survivors include her three sons Glen Keith Stephenson of Columbus, Richard Kevin Stephenson of Lebanon and Charles Craig Stephenson of Mechanicsburg; two daughters Carol Ferry of Greenwood and Kathy (Dayle) Boyt of Westerville, Ohio; five grandchildren; one step granddaughter; two great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; grandson Matthew Stephenson; two daughters in law Janet Stephenson and Mary Ellen Stephenson; four brothers Tom, Clifford, Carl and Norman; four sisters Jean, Della, Louise and Elaine; and by her loving husband, Bennie J. Stephenson on February 14, 2001.

Graveside Services are scheduled to be held at 12 p.m. (noon) on Monday, April 25, 2022, at Elizaville Cemetery, 5745 N. 500 E., Lebanon, Indiana.

Eunice's former Pastor, Dan Ferren will be officiating. Memorial contributions may be presented to Boone County Senior Services, 515 Crown Pointe Drive, Lebanon, Indiana 46052, or to Christian Liberty Church, c/o Holly King, 2225 E. 75 N., Lebanon, Indiana 46052.



## Town of Sheridan to Complete Monon Trail with State Grant Money

The Sheridan Town Council announced the approval of grant funding from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources' Next Level Trails program to extend the Monon Trail. The grant funding will help fully complete the popular and much-used Monon Trail. Once completed, trail users will be able to travel from downtown Indianapolis to the Town of Sheridan continuing to the western most border of Hamilton County on one continuous trail route.

"We are pleased and excited to receive this funding from the State of Indiana," said Sheridan Town Council President Si DeVaney III. "The Monon

Trail is not only an outdoor element to our quality of life; it also serves as a critical piece to our economic development. Soon, trail users will be able to enjoy our Main Street and witness firsthand the renaissance of our town."

Construction of the Monon Trail Extension Project is expected to commence in 2023 and take approximately a year to complete.

The Sheridan Town Council thanked the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Hamilton County Parks, Banning Engineering, Integrated Search Technologies and Taft Law for their role and support in bringing this project to life.

## Gov. Eric Holcomb Makes Appointments to Various Boards and Commissions

A Noblesville woman and three people from Carmel were appointed by Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb to serve on various boards and commissions.

Melissa Justice of Noblesville, the chief trust officer with The Arc of Indiana Master Trust, was reappointed to the ABLE Board of Directors for a term that ends March 31, 2026. Carmel's Gordon Homes, Jr., a financial planner and special care planner with WestPoint Financial Group was also appointed to that board. His term will also end March 31, 2026.

Cathy Langham of Carmel, who is president and CEO of Langham Logistics, was appointed to the Board of Trustees of Indiana University for a term that ends June 30, 2025.

Anne Valentine of Carmel, chief of staff for Lt. Governor Suzanne Crouch, was reappointed to the Indiana Arts Commission for a term ending June 30, 2025.

The governor made two other reappointments to the ABLE Board of Directors, with all terms ending March 31, 2026:

- Jason Breaux (Indianapolis), financial advisor with Edward Jones
- Anastasia Demos-Mills (Indianapolis), attorney with Demos Mills Law

The governor made three

other reappointments to the Indiana Arts Commission, to a term ending June 30, 2025:

- David Haist (Culver), former COO of Do It Best Corp. and former chair of the board of Parkview Health
- Walter Knabe (Indianapolis), renowned Hoosier artist
- Laurie Burns McRobbie (Bloomington), former first lady of Indiana University

The governor also made one new appointment to the commission, to a term ending June 30, 2025:

- Rena Bradley (Fort Wayne), community development director for Bridge of Grace

The governor made four reappointments to the, to a term ending March 1, 2026:

- Colonel Marjorie Courtney (Greenwood), INARNG (Retired)
- Brigadier General Ronald Henry (Knightstown), INARNG (Retired)
- Master Sergeant Donivan Mahuron (Salem), INARNG (Retired)
- Colonel Timothy R. Warrick (Linton), INARNG (Retired)

The governor also made one new appointment to the State Armory Board, to a term ending March 1, 2026:

- Brigadier General Michael Kiefer (Indianapolis), INARNG (Retired)

## Meeting Notes

### Noblesville Common Council

Meeting Agenda  
Tuesday, April 26, 2022  
- 7 p.m.

City Hall - Council Chamber

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Executive Session Memorandum: April 12, 2022
5. Approval of Minutes: April 12, 2022
6. Approval of Agenda
7. Petitions or Comments by Citizens Who Are Present
8. Council Committee Reports
9. Approval of Claims
10. Previously Discussed Ordinance

a. #20-04-22 - Council To Consider Ordinance #20-04-22, An Ordinance Authorizing The City of Noblesville to become a member of the Central Indiana Regional Development Authority pursuant to IC 36-7.7, and Resolution RC-21-22, A Resolution adopting a preliminary Strategic Economic Development Plan for The Central Indiana Regional Development Authority pursuant to IC 36-7.7 (Mayor Jensen)

11. New Ordinances for Discussion  
a. #21-04-22 - Council to consider Ordinance #21-04-22, an ordinance amending Ordinance #30-09-20, Changes To The Civilian Employee Personnel Handbook (Holly Ramon)

b. #22-04-22 - Council To Consider Ordinance #22-04-22, an ordinance amending the Salary Ordinance for Appointed Officials and Employees of the City (Holly Ramon)

12. Miscellaneous  
a. Council to consider Resolution RC-17-22, a resolution approving (1) a declaratory resolution and Economic Development

Plan of the City of Noblesville Redevelopment Commission establishing the Noblesville Innovation Mile Economic Development Area, which also removes certain property from the Bergen-Tegler Economic Development Area, and (2) the order of the City of Noblesville Plan Commission (Andrew Murray).

b. Council to consider Resolution RC-18-22, a confirmatory resolution designating property as an Economic Revitalization Area and authorizing a tax abatement for Texon Properties LLC (Chuck Haberman)

i. Public Hearing for Resolution RC-18-22

c. Council to consider Resolution RC-19-22, a confirmatory resolution designating property as an Economic Revitalization Area and authorizing a tax abatement for Texon Properties II LLC (Chuck Haberman)

i. Public Hearing For Resolution RC-19-22

13. Transfers

a. Council to consider Transfer TA-09-22, an appropriation transfer in the General Fund to allocate funding for restructuring and position reclassification in the Office Of Finance and Accounting (Sam Beres)

b. Council to consider transfer TA-10-22, an appropriation transfer in the General Fund to reallocate funding for the move of an administrative position from the Planning Department to the Economic Development Department (Sam Beres)

c. Council to consider transfer TA-11-22, an appropriation transfer in the General Fund to allocate funding for a position reclassification in the Planning Department (Sam Beres)

14. Council Comments  
15. Adjournment

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## State Funding Worth \$2M Green Lights New Hamilton County Road Improvements

Hamilton County communities will receive more than \$2 million in state matching grants for road and bridge improvement projects, according to area lawmakers.

Area grant recipients include Hamilton County, which will receive \$1 million, Cicero, which has been granted \$910,623 and Sheridan, which will receive \$145,836.

House Speaker Todd Huston (R-Fishers) said 223 towns, cities and counties across the state will receive more than \$107 million in state funding through the Community Crossings Matching Grant Program.

"In Hamilton County, our population and our local businesses continue to expand, and it's exciting to see all of the economic development," Huston said. "The quality of our roads must keep up with this momentum. The Community Crossings program is a great example of how our local communities and the state work together to improve our infrastructure and make a difference for Hoosiers."

State Rep. Tony Cook (R-Cicero) said funds, awarded twice a year, are for road and bridge preservation, road reconstruction, intersection improvements, guardrail replacements and signage, and can cover material costs for chip sealing and crack filling operations.

"Every dollar counts, and many communities don't have the resources to fully fund larger projects," Cook said. "Partnering with the state really helps locals maintain our roads and bridges without stretching budgets beyond their means."

According to State Rep. Chuck Goodrich (R-Noblesville), as part of the grant program, established in 2016 and expanded through laws supported by local lawmakers, smaller municipalities provide a 25 percent match in local funds, while large communities provide a 50 percent

match.

"Indiana's economy remains strong and the quality of our infrastructure plays a big part in that success," Goodrich said. "Continuing to improve our roads and bridges in communities large and small, means Hoosiers, visitors and businesses will reap the benefits."

State Rep. Chris Jeter (R-Fishers) said state law requires 50 percent of the available matching funds be awarded annually to communities within counties with a population of 50,000 or fewer.

"Investing in our infrastructure also adds to our quality of life," Jeter said. "Through this program, we're paving the way for projects without passing debt to future generations while ensuring our roads are safe and functioning for years to come."

State Rep. Donna Schaubley (R-Carmel) said to date, Hoosier communities are on the receiving end of more than \$1 billion in Community Crossings Matching Grants.

"Our roads help drive our state and local economy, which is why it's encouraging to see these investments in local infrastructure," Schaubley said. "Many of the projects funded through Community Crossings would not have been possible without these matching grants."

According to State Rep. Jerry Torr (R-Carmel), the Indiana Department of Transportation, which oversees and awards the grants, will issue its next call for projects in July.

"These grants help tackle critical infrastructure projects that keep residents, businesses and visitors safe on our roads, and moving more efficiently," Torr said. "It's great to see our local communities take advantage of these state grants year after year, and deliver tangible results."

More information can be found at [in.gov/indot/communitycrossings](http://in.gov/indot/communitycrossings) or by emailing [LPAQuestions@indot.in.gov](mailto:LPAQuestions@indot.in.gov).

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# Fishers Announces Mayoral-Appointed Members for Advisory Committee on Disability

The City of Fishers has announced the nine Mayoral-appointed members of the newly codified Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability.

The committee will further assist the City's efforts of becoming a community where persons of all abilities are recognized as a key component to our vibrancy; where persons with disabilities are recognized as vital members of the community; and to establish priorities and strategies to address the various challenges and needs facing the disability community.

The committee is charged with providing strategic direction and guidance of the annual March Disability Awareness Month celebration and the Fishers ADA Transition Plan, along with providing feedback on the City's current services, policies, and practices. They will also work in partnership with local area employers and community partners to increase employment and meaningful work opportunities of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the city.

The Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability met for the first time in this new capacity on Tuesday, April 14, 2022, where Cecilia Coble and Kelly Hartman were elected Co-Chairs for 2022-2023. The committee also approved funding for an Accessible Housing Study to be completed later this year.

"I am proud of what the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability has accomplished while working informally with the City of Fishers and our community partners," said Coble. "The codification to formally establish the committee is being celebrated by the disability community because it reflects the City's commitment to disability inclusion, awareness, and the advancement of the quality of life for people with disabilities in Fishers."

"I am so honored to serve the community of Fishers with the support of visionary City leadership," said Hartman. "Reading the ordinance brought tears to my eyes—I'm so proud to live in a city that strives

to include all people as vital members of the community."

The Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability Mayoral Appointment Committee Members for 2022 - 2023 include:

**Cecilia Coble, City of Fishers Councilwoman**

Coble has served on the Fishers City Council since 2015, where she currently serves on the Non-Profit and Finance Committees. In January 2020, Coble made history as the first woman to serve as Fishers City Council President. Coble is a special-needs parent and strong advocate for the disability community, serving as Co-Chair the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability. She also serves on the Fishers Arts and Culture Commission.

Coble received her B.A. from the University of Arizona and holds a J.D. from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in Indianapolis. After law school, she worked as a Government Relations Representative for Bank One Consumer Lending Group, and as a Project/Account Manager for Pangea Lingua Translations & Communications in Indianapolis. She currently serves on the boards of the Accelerate Indiana Municipalities and the Thrive Social Club. Coble is an associate member of the Christamore House Guild and a former member of the Junior League of Indianapolis. She is also a former Co-Chair of the Indiana Chapter of The Autism Community in Action (TACA), and a former board member of the Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities, and the Bev Hartig Huntington's Disease Foundation.

Coble has been married to her husband, Mike, for 28 years. They have two daughters, Capri, a college junior and Crysta, a high school student with developmental disabilities. She enjoys the performing arts and traveling with her family.

**Kelly Hartman, MA, Insights Consulting, Inc., President & CEO; Outside the Box, Inc., Co-Founder/ Board Member; Professional Liaison at Indiana Association of Behavioral Consultants**

Hartman has been working with people

with intellectual and developmental disabilities for more than 32 years. As the President & CEO of Insights, she is a leader in the industry known for innovation and passionate advocacy. Insights provides residential, behavioral, and music therapy services to more than 1,100 people statewide. While she wears many hats, here at home she currently serves as the Co-Chair of the Fishers Advisory Council on Disability with City Councilwoman, Cecilia Coble. Kelly is also the Co-Founder of Outside the Box, Inc. (OTB), a curriculum-based program that focuses on skill development, job training and expressive arts through small, peer matched groups. OTB supports more than 350 individuals who have intellectual and developmental disabilities at their Indianapolis campus, but are planning to expand their programming into the Fishers community.

**Darcy Keith, Award-Winning Public Speaker**

Keith has experienced brain injury for over 30 years. As the only backseat survivor in her fatal car crash, Keith, a 22-year-old Ball State senior, had to learn how to begin life again - mentally, physically, emotionally, and financially - from injuries she sustained. Over the years, Keith has overcome her many life-altering experiences with success and has emerged as an expert on surviving and thriving through life's challenges and trials. Keith is a national award-winning keynote speaker for seminars, conferences, and meetings for corporations, non-profits, and associations, as well as for the Indianapolis Colts and Baltimore Ravens rookies as part of the NFL's Rookie Success Program. She is also on the Brain Injury Advisory Council for the Brain Injury Association of America.

Keith resides with her husband and daughter in Fishers.

**Stacey Oldham, Author, Resident and Past Co-Chair of the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability**

Oldham has been a resident of Fishers for 28 years. Her passion for helping those with physical and intellectual

disabilities stems from her 37-year battle with Multiple Sclerosis. She co-chaired the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability with Cecilia Coble from 2016-2018. In these early days the committee received the 2017 Champions of Inclusion Award from the Governor's Council on Disability. In her role on the committee, Oldham will work closely with City employees and committee members to identify projects related to the city's infrastructure. She will also spearhead those working on a solution for accessible transportation. Oldham and her subcommittee are excited about the current pilot program for driverless transportation among many other initiatives set to increase the freedom of mobility for residents with disabilities. Her motto is, "I don't have a Bucket List. I have a To Do List for others." She believes the Fishers Advisory Committee is on the verge of some fantastic projects and opportunities that showcase the City of Fishers as a model for inclusion.

**Chrissy Pogue, Transition Specialist for Hamilton Southeastern Schools**

Pogue's responsibilities include working with both high school programs and overseeing Hamilton Southeastern School's four transition programs. She has four job coaches on her team that help find volunteer and paid positions for students within the city. Pogue has been in this role for almost 11 years when it started with one transition program/classroom and an off-campus site. From there, it has evolved into four different programs/classrooms servicing over 40 young adults. She enjoys helping families prepare for life after high school in whatever way is most meaningful for the young adult. Integrating all four programs within the community in various ways throughout the week and helping Fishers continue to be an inclusive city continues to be her goal every day. Pogue conducts parent trainings as well as training for other district employees throughout the year. She is currently on the board at Janus Developmental Services, co-facilitator

for the Central Indiana Transition Cadre, and co-facilitator for the Inclusion in the Workplace Networking Group. She has been involved with the Fishers Disability Council since 2017, specifically within the employment subcommittee. Prior to her current position, she was a Life Skills teacher at Hamilton Southeastern High School.

In her free time, she enjoys being with family and friends, watching the Colts, running, and traveling to warm destinations. Pogue is married, has four children, and has lived in Fishers since 2002.

**Wilbur E. Sutton, Advocate and Resident**

Sutton has more than 52-years of experience with Patterson Dental Company in Dental Equipment Sales and Management. He is now retired from working with clients in Indiana and Illinois on new office designs and expansions. Sutton currently serves on the Board of Directors for Family Promise of Greater Indianapolis, a homeless family housing program, on the Hamilton County Housing Coalition, and serves on the Fishers Advisory Council for Disability Awareness with a focus on accessible and affordable housing. Sutton is an active member of Fishers United Methodist Church.

**Michelle Steltz, Financial Controller for Opportunities for Positive Growth, Inc.**

A Fishers resident since 2003, Steltz is married with a teenage daughter who attends HSE schools and dances. Steltz grew up in Central Indiana and graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Industrial Management. Currently she is the Financial Controller for Opportunities for Positive Growth and she also serve as The ESOP Association Indiana Chapter President. She has been involved with the Fishers Advisory Committee on Disability for several years and have enjoyed learning more about the City through the process. In her free time, she enjoys attending Purdue Football and Basketball games, watching her daughter dance, and enjoys historical documentaries, podcasts and books.

Steltz resides with her husband and daughter in

Fishers.

**Shelby Slowik, Associate Vice President of Human Resources for Conner Prairie**

Slowik is the Associate Vice President of Human Resources at Conner Prairie Museum. Her role includes overseeing employee relations, recruitment, payroll, training and volunteer and internship programs. She has been with Conner Prairie for seven years working with some of the most talented and diverse humans. Working with and connecting "Prairie People" to their passions is a position she plans to enjoy until retirement. Slowik has over 30 years of human resources experience, predominantly in healthcare and nonprofit organizations. Prior to joining Conner Prairie, she worked for 17 years at St. Vincent Medical Group in various leadership roles. She holds several certifications in the human resources field. Slowick is a long-term Hamilton County resident and has served on the Fishers Advisory Council on Disability and its employment subcommittee since established.

**Ross Hilleary, Asst. Director of Planning & Zoning and ADA Coordinator for the City of Fishers**

Hilleary currently serves as the Assistant Director of Planning and Zoning and is the ADA Coordinator for the City of Fishers. A native of central Illinois, Hilleary moved to Fishers in 2017. He has a passion for looking at ways to improve the built environment and the community we live in today through sustainable measures, smart growth practices, and community design standards. Hilleary believes that public art and cultural programming are essential for a vibrant community and quality of life. In 2021, Hilleary was awarded the Nickel Plate Arts Emerging Arts Champion. He has a bachelor's degree in Urban Planning and Development from Ball State University and is CNU-Accredited.

Hilleary resides with his husband in Fishers. Learn more about the committee and their full list of roles and responsibilities at fishers.in.us/DisabilityCommittee.

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## Jensen Picks Bret Richardson, Megan Wiles to Lead Bicentennial Committee

The City of Noblesville has created a committee to plan the city's Bicentennial Celebration in 2023, the 200th anniversary of Noblesville being platted.

Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen has appointed Bret Richardson and Megan Wiles to serve as the honorary chairs of the Noblesville Bicentennial Committee. The two will oversee the planning and programming of the celebration, while residents will help provide input and volunteer at the events.

"The goal is to showcase 200 years of community contributions, achievements and milestones," said Jensen. "We aim to encourage the widest possible involvement of the people of Noblesville in the Bicentennial celebration, so that all citizens feel a sense of participation and civic pride in the commemoration of our rich history and bright future."

Bret Richardson is a sixth generation

Noblesville native and his family history in the area dates back to 1821 when his great, great, great grandfather moved to the area before Hamilton County and the city were formed. Richardson and his wife, Tammy, live in a home on Logan Street in the historical district built by his great aunt, Cory Heylmann, who was in the buggy and wagon business in downtown Noblesville in the early 1900s. Richardson is semi-retired and owns two buildings on the historic square. In his free time, Richardson serves as a board member of the Noblesville Preservation Alliance and Noblesville Schools Educational Foundation and is a committee member of Noblesville Main Street. He previously attended Noblesville's sesquicentennial celebration 50 years ago.

Megan Wiles is the executive director of Riverview Health Foundation. She has served in that role since March 2015.

Her responsibilities include working with the Riverview Health Foundation Board of Directors and community members to raise charitable dollars for the benefit of patients and their families of Riverview Health, the county hospital for Hamilton County. Wiles also is in her second term as a member of the Noblesville Common Council and is currently serving as council president. She has previously served as council vice president, chaired the Economic Development Committee and Finance Committee and created the Downtown District Committee.

Conner and Josiah Polk laid out what is now downtown Noblesville in 1823, which was designated as the Hamilton County seat in 1824 and incorporated in 1851.

Those interested in helping with the event can email [bicentennial@noblesville.in.us](mailto:bicentennial@noblesville.in.us) for more information.

## Executive Director of Hamilton County Communications Resigns; Leaves for Job with State of Indiana



Jeff Schemmer

Jeff Schemmer, Executive Director of Communications for Hamilton County, has resigned. He has accepted a job as Executive Director at the Indiana Statewide 9-1-1 Board, a quasi-state government agency.

"It has been a pleasure to be part of such a well-respected and forward-thinking emergency communications team,"

Schemmer says. "It will be hard to say goodbye because I have such an incredible team here. They are like family."

Schemmer came to Hamilton County in February 2019 from Bloomington, where he served as Communications Director for the Monroe County Emergency Dispatch Center. At his new post, Schemmer will oversee the operation of the statewide 911 network, implement innovative technology, and collect surcharges from all communication service providers to be distributed to local units of government.

"There is no other job I would consider leaving my current position for," Schemmer adds. "The Indiana 911 program has been recognized as one of the most advanced emergency services

inter-networks in the United States. So, this new position will allow me to make a difference on a larger scale. I find comfort in knowing I still get to look after Hamilton County, just from a higher perch."

Steve Dillinger, president of the Hamilton County Commissioners, says Schemmer has been instrumental in his leadership position as Director of 9-1-1 Communications. "Public safety is a top priority in Hamilton County," Dillinger says. "Jeff has always been driven to be the best and provide outstanding service to our citizens. We wish him well in his future endeavors and thank him for his service."

Schemmer's last day with Hamilton County will be May 6, 2022. A nationwide search for his successor is underway.

## Inaugural Lantern Days Event Looks to "Shed Light on Westfield's Past," "Illuminate Its Future"

Westfield Welcome will host their inaugural Lantern Days event presented by Stacey Sobczak with Compass Realty at Grand Junction Plaza on Friday, May 6th and Saturday May 7th. This will be the first large scale event at Westfield's recently opened Grand Junction Plaza in the downtown district. Lantern Days is set to "shed light on Westfield's past and illuminate its future" as Westfield celebrates their 188th birthday on May 6th.

"We are excited to showcase Grand Junction Plaza with this brand-new event that aims to celebrate our history and embrace what is to come," stated Mayor Andy Cook. "We are looking forward to seeing families take full advantage of all the park has to offer."

Festivities will kick-off on Friday, May 6th with a concert featuring

The Fun Factor Band beginning at 6:30pm. On Saturday, the event will feature food vendors, retail vendors selling handmade and/or vintage items, crafts stations, games and a petting zoo. Actors from our local Main Street Productions will provide historical re-enactments of several of Westfield's founding members. Guests can also take part in self-guided walking tours throughout downtown Westfield and learn more about the significance of several buildings and landmarks.

Another major attraction of Lantern Days will be the Lantern Story Stations. These stations will highlight prominent buildings and organizations within the city and representatives will provide information on their historical significance.

The event is free to attend. Event information can be found at

[westfieldwelcome.com/lantern-days](http://westfieldwelcome.com/lantern-days).

Public parking for the event is available in the gravel lot directly east of Grand Junction Plaza, in the parking lot at the southwest corner of Poplar Street and Park Street, at Union Bible College (434 S Union Street) and in designated on-street spots. A courtesy golf cart shuttle will be available for attendees at the Poplar and Park Street lot as well as Union Bible College both days. A parking map can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/2p9av5db>.

Westfield Welcome focuses on community engagement and hospitality for residents, businesses and visitors. As a department of the City of Westfield, Westfield Welcome hosts more than 25 annual events and provides hundreds of volunteer opportunities each year.

## Tax Tip: Taxpayers Should Open, Carefully Read Any Mail from IRS

The IRS mails letters or notices to taxpayers for a variety of reasons including:

- They have a balance due.
- They are due a larger or smaller refund.
- The agency has a question about their tax return.
- They need to verify identity.
- The agency needs additional information.
- The agency changed their tax return.

If a taxpayer receives an IRS letter or notice, they should:

- Not ignore it. Most IRS letters and notices are about federal tax returns or tax accounts.
- The notice or letter will explain the reason for the contact and gives instructions on what to do.

Not panic. The IRS and its authorized private collection agencies generally contact taxpayers by mail. Most of the time, all the taxpayer needs to do is read the letter carefully

and take the appropriate action.

Read the notice carefully and completely. If the IRS changed the tax return, the taxpayer should compare the information provided in the notice or letter with the information in their original return. In general, there is no need to contact the IRS if the taxpayer agrees with the notice.

Respond timely. If the notice or letter requires a response by a specific date, taxpayers should reply in a timely manner to:

- Avoid delays in processing their tax return
- Minimize additional interest and penalty charges
- Preserve their appeal rights if they don't agree

Pay amount due. Taxpayers should pay as much as they can, even if they can't pay the full amount. People can pay online or apply online for a payment agreement, including installment agreements, or an Offer in

Compromise. The agency offers several payment options.

Keep a copy of the notice or letter. It's important that taxpayers keep a copy of all notices or letters with other tax records. They may need these documents later.

Remember there is usually no need to call the IRS. If a taxpayer must contact the IRS by phone, they should use the number in the upper right-hand corner of the notice. The taxpayer should have a copy of their tax return and letter when calling.

Typically, taxpayers only need to contact the agency if they don't agree with the information, if the IRS requests additional information, or if the taxpayer has a balance due. Taxpayers can also write to the agency at the address on the notice or letter. Taxpayer replies are worked on a first-come, first-served basis and will be processed based the date the IRS receives it.

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**BETSY** From Page A1



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**Noblesville Tri Kappa Beta Epsilon chapter members Kristen Garber (left) and Sandy Kern get some practice playing Bingo on Mondays at the Noblesville Moose Lodge, where tonight they'll be volunteering and playing Bingo at the first Noblesville Tri Kappa Bingo Night, which is sold out.**

Garber said.

Players have to pay close attention. The caller reads Bingo numbers quickly. And players mark the numbers on their "boards." The Moose Lodge Bingo hall has "special pattern" games that require players to "bingo" with a special design, a straight line, a diamond or some other pattern, to win a game.

Before I went to the Moose, Garber had already earlier in the evening won a Bingo game and some cash, which

is paid out to winners throughout the night.

Garber said she'd be volunteering at her sorority chapter's Bingo Night fundraiser today, and she has many family and friends who'll attend. Men and women, ages 18 and older, will be at tonight's Bingo Night. (Bingo is considered gambling and in Indiana players must be age 18 or older to play.) Players at the Moose pay \$25 each Monday night to get in on the games.

Sorority sisters Garber and Kern were sitting



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**Kristen Garber and Sandy Kern of Noblesville play 12 Bingo cards on a board at once, so they have to pay close attention, during Bingo on Monday at the Noblesville Moose Lodge, the venue for the first Noblesville Tri Kappa Bingo Night, which is sold out for tonight.**

together playing Bingo on Monday night at the Moose. They've known each other since grade school, both graduated in 1988 from Noblesville High School, where they were in marching band together but didn't become great friends until they were adults and Garber joined Tri Kappa under Kern as a sponsor. Kern is a Tri Kappa of more than 22 years, actually joining in 1988, her senior year of high school, with her Tri Kappa mom, Flora Richard, but wasn't active for eight years when she was first married and was living out of state. She is a past president of Tri

Kappa.

Kern and Garber sit together with other friends every Monday night to play Bingo.

During one game, they played 12 cards on a board at once, so they had to pay close attention. But they only marked the called Bingo numbers that are in the "special pattern" game they were playing at the moment. "I had to learn all of this from her," Kern said, pointing at Garber, who sat next to her. "Be sure you come with someone who is experienced," said Kern, who has been playing Bingo at the Moose for only two months.



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**Bingo players watch a Noblesville Moose Lodge flashlight (above) for Bingo patterns required to win Bingo games.**

"Some people mark everything, but once you start learning it, it's easier not to," said Garber.

They could also buy extra Bingo "boards" if they wanted.

They have their own strategy to keep track of all of their Bingo cards and the pattern for each game, Garber said, "But really, it's a game of chance, if you have the numbers in the right place." And if you call out "Bingo" before anyone else.

They play three hours each Monday, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., and they continue each game until there is a winner. "They won't stop until somebody calls a 'Bingo,'" Garber said. Sometimes there are multiple winners at the same time, and they'll split the cash winnings. But once there is a winner, the game stops, and moves on to the next Bingo game. Garber said tonight's Tri

Kappa Bingo Night fundraiser will be similar but will have nine games with special patterns. "It's for anybody. It'll be slower paced," she said. "Only four boards instead of 12." She said they decided to do the Bingo Night this year as something different.

But as far as Bingo goes, anytime, Garber said, "I like to play games, so it's a fun thing to come and hang out with my friends."

Noblesville's Beta Epsilon chapter is among three Tri Kappa chapters in Hamilton County and was chartered in March 1915. The chapter celebrated 107 years this month. Other chapters are in Carmel and Fishers.

To learn more about Noblesville's Tri Kappa chapter, visit <https://www.trikappa.org/>

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**RUSTY** From Page A1

enroll in Medicare Part A for free when you're 65. If you are self-employed, you pay a "self-employment tax" on your net earnings instead of a FICA tax, and you must pay both the employee and employer portion of the tax (15.3%). The only exception to this is that certain U.S. states have opted out of participation in the Federal Social Security program, thus exempting some state employees from paying the Social Security portion of the FICA tax (they must still pay the Medicare Part A portion). These percentages are set by Congressional legislation and will not change unless Congress enacts future legislation to do so.

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**ALZHEIMER'S** From Page A1

you might think, although a new proposal by the Biden Administration's Centers for Medicare [CMS] would seek to restrict the cost of coverage for the first FDA-approved Alzheimer's treatment, Aduhelm.

According to Harvard professor Dennis Selkoe and Dr. Jeffrey Cummings, professor of brain sciences at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, it would limit coverage "only for the tiny subset of people with early-stage Alzheimer's disease who choose to enroll in CMS-approved clinical trials of the drug."

In an Opinion article published in the medical journal, STAT, Selkoe and Cummings wrote: "CMS arguably overstepped the bounds of its authority. Its decision is a huge blow to millions of Americans living with Alzheimer's and their families. They are the losers in CMS's decision, not only from the severe restriction on access to Aduhelm but also from its chilling effect on the development of other disease-modifying agents for people with Alzheimer's. If CMS won't pay for a treatment after the FDA legally approves it, why should a company bother pursuing this pathway? CMS's decision will affect the exploration for new treatments for Alzheimer's for years, just at the time when new drugs appear to be making progress against this terrible disease."

Meanwhile, the Alzheimer Society tells us that about "40% of us will experience some form of memory loss after we turn 65 years old. But even if we experience memory loss, chances are still unlikely that we have de-

mentia. For the most part, our memory loss is mild enough that we can still live our day-to-day lives without interruption."

In fact, it is estimated that about 5% of people between the ages of 64 and 74, nearly 14% of those between 75 and 84, and nearly 35% those 85 years old and older have Alzheimer's Disease

Nevertheless, according to the National Institute on Aging [NIA], changes in brain function do take place as we grow older. "For example, some older adults may find that they don't do as well as younger individuals on complex memory or learning tests. However, if given enough time to learn a new task, they usually perform just as well. Needing that extra time is normal as we age. There is growing evidence that the brain maintains the ability to change and adapt so that people can manage new challenges and tasks as they age."

The NIA points out that on the other side of the spectrum there are some 80 and 90 year olds out there that they call "super agers." Memory tests show that they have cognitive performance levels comparable to men and women 20 to 30 years younger.

In a report titled The History of Alzheimer's Disease, Dr. James M. Ellison at Swank Center for Memory Care offers this piece of optimistic news: "Although the number of people with AD [Alzheimer's Disease] continues to increase daily, our time is a brighter era in the history of AD and other dementias. More than a hundred new medications are now being tested and many nonpharmacologic

interventions, some of them preventive, are being explored. Even if the damage of later stages of AD are impossible to cure or reverse, current investigations offer the hope of arresting or slowing the disease's effects - and perhaps identifying and preventing progression at an earlier, even asymptomatic stage."

A hundred years ago people were lucky to live to be as old as 47 years of age. Thanks to science and medicine our kids and grandkids are very likely to live to be 100 years old.

The majority of elder deaths generally are caused by chronic conditions such as heart disease, cancer, stroke, diabetes, and Alzheimer's disease. During the 20th century these chronic diseases replaced acute infections as the major causes of death. These days about 42% of men and 32% of women succumb to heart disease, 30% of men and 25% of women die of cancer, 40% of men and 60% of women die of strokes and 27% of men and about 17% of women die from diabetes.

According to the Centers for Disease Control [CDC], it is difficult, at best, to identify death caused by Alzheimer's versus the death of an individual suffering from Alzheimer's who dies from a secondary condition. Thus, unless a death certificate identifies Alzheimer's as the cause of death, the deceased may have died from some other condition. Thus, the CDC simply reports that, "61% of those with Alzheimer's dementia are expected to die before age 80 compared with 30 percent of people without Alzheimer's dementia."

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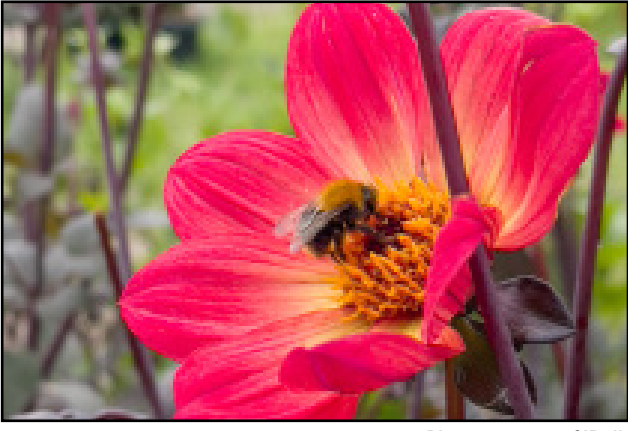


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Dahlia 'HS Flame'

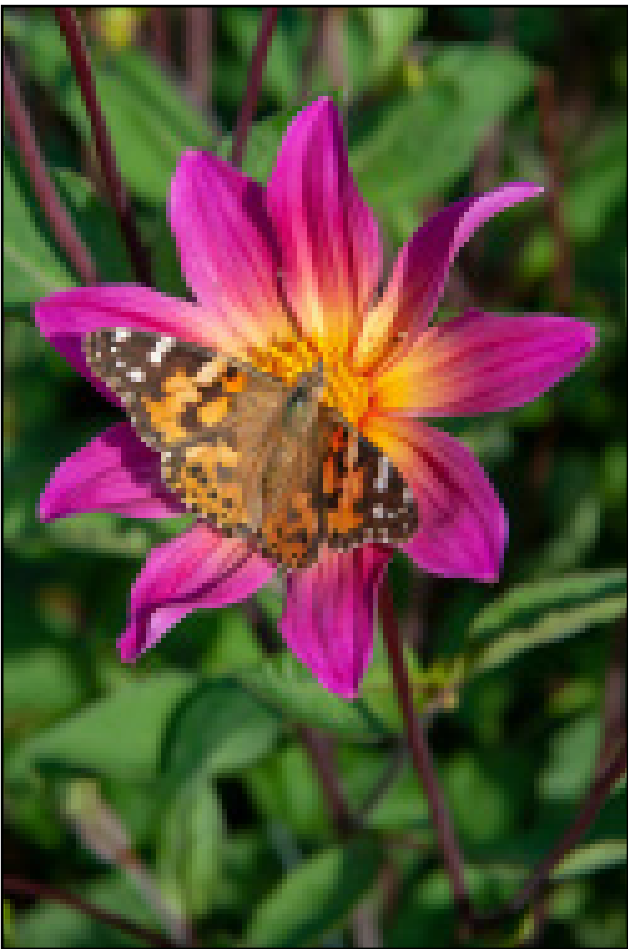


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Dahlia 'Bright Eyes'

## Increase Biodiversity with Summer Bulbs

The gardening season brings the growth and flowering of many flowers. But flowers aren't just for our enjoyment; they are also very useful for insects.

Extra  
Flowers add immense ornamental value to your garden. You will greatly enjoy a colorful sea of flowers. We may enjoy looking at flowers, but insects, such as bees and butterflies, need them for sustenance. The pollen and nectar serve as food. So, plant extra flowers in your garden. Summer bulbs are true flower producers and you can never have too many of them.

Summer bulbs  
Summer flower bulbs are champions at producing lots of flowers and supplying nectar and pollen. Your best choice is blazing star (*Liatrix*). Abyssinian gladiolus (*Gladiolus callianthus*), *Crocsmia* and open-hearted dahlias. With the masses of buzzing bees and fluttering butterflies, your garden will be a joy for the insects and for you.

Variety  
Just like humans, not all bees and butterflies eat the same things. That's why it is important to make sure that there is a variety of

food in the garden, in the form of nectar and pollen. You can provide this with a 'flowering arch'; a varied range of plants with different flowering periods. Summer bulbs are an excellent addition to the diversity. This will ensure that food is available year round.

Dahlias  
The Dahlia is a summer bulb that provides insects with food for a very long period. This is because they continue to bloom until the first frost, in other words, well into the fall. Dahlias produce new buds if you deadhead them. Once a flower has wilted, remove it so that new flowers and new food can grow.

Balance  
Biodiversity simply means diversity of life forms. No fish without plankton, no monkeys without trees, and no bees without flowers. The different varieties of animals and plants keep each other in balance. Combined, they form a living and productive nature. Together, we can help improve biodiversity, starting in the garden. Will you join us?

Do you want to find out more about summer bulbs? Then take a look at [www.flowerbulbs.com](http://www.flowerbulbs.com).



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A garden of hostas beneath a Burr Oak tree.

## Plant and Protect Trees in Honor of Arbor Day

by Melinda Myers  
Celebrate National Arbor Day, the last Friday in April, by planting new trees and caring for established ones in your landscape and community. This special holiday was first celebrated in 1872. Arbor Day celebrations continue to recognize the important role trees play in our environment and more recently their impact on our mental and emotional well-being.

These long-lived members of our landscapes and communities help combat flooding, shade our homes, reduce energy use, remove pollutants from the air and so much more. According to the USDA Forest Service, properly placed trees around buildings can help reduce air conditioning requirements by 30 percent and save between 20 to 50 percent on energy used for heating.

Trees also help improve water quality and reduce flooding. They lessen the impact of stormwater by intercepting rainfall, absorbing, and transpiring

moisture from the soil into the air. Their canopies intercept and slow rainfall's velocity before it hits the ground. This reduces runoff and erosion, allowing more water to be absorbed by the soil instead of overwhelming our storm sewers.

Spending time among the trees also helps boost our immune system. Studies reveal tree-filled landscapes help decrease domestic conflict, as well as aggression and violence at schools. A mindful walk through the woods, known as forest bathing, helps reduce blood pressure and stress. It increases focus, energy levels, improves sleep and much more.

When planting new trees make sure to select one that will fit in the space when mature and thrive in the growing conditions. Look for those that provide multiple seasons of beauty and support birds and pollinators as they deliver the many other environmental benefits.

Select a planting location away from overhead

and underground utilities to avoid future conflicts. Always call 811, a free underground utility locating service, at least three business days before putting the first shovel in the ground.

Water new plantings thoroughly when the top few inches of soil are crumbly and slightly moist. Use a soaker hose or drip irrigation to apply the water directly to the soil. Even established trees need to be watered during dry periods. Apply ten gallons of water for every inch of the trunk's diameter when the top four to six inches begin to dry.

Prevent hungry critters from dining on new and existing plantings. Apply an organic rain and snow resistant animal repellent like Plantskydd ([plantskydd.com](http://plantskydd.com)). This odor-based repellent deters animals before they take a bite out of your plants.

Protect new and existing trees from mowers and weed whips. Plant perennial groundcovers under

the tree or cover the soil with two to three inches of shredded bark or woodchips. Be sure to keep the mulch off the trunk of the tree.

Take time not only on Arbor Day but everyday to plant, tend and enjoy trees that provide beauty, shade and so many benefits to our daily lives and future generations. Get the whole family involved and help improve the tree cover in your hometown so everyone benefits.

- Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including *The Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything" DVD series* and the nationally-syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and was commissioned by *Tree World Plant Care* for her expertise to write this article. Her web site is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).



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## Leading Travel Insurer Releases Data Around 2022 Summer Travel Trends

Seven Corners, a leading travel insurance and specialty benefits company, has released data demonstrating how travelers are changing the way they think about and plan their summer vacations in 2022 compared to pre-pandemic times. The company shared relevant data highlighting changes in the number and length of summer trips, travelers' concerns about summer travel while coming out of a pandemic and preferences for traveling within or outside of the U.S.

Americans are planning more summer trips:

More than half of travelers are planning to take more trips this summer than they did pre-pandemic. COVID-19, however, continues to impact many of their decisions and concerns when it comes to travel.

Among the 58% of respondents who are planning to take more trips this summer than in the summers prior to the pandemic, most are making a modification to the way they traveled in the past. For example, close to 16% are taking trips in the summer instead of throughout the year, and close to 10% are traveling more in the summer

because of concerns that COVID-19 will return and restrict travel.

Approximately 10% of summer travelers are focusing on micro-cations for a change, and another ~10% plan to travel more this summer because they are tired of being at home due to travel limitations in place the past two years. This supports data from Seven Corners' 2021 travel trends research conducted in January, which found that, based on policies sold by Seven Corners, micro-cations grew in popularity in 2021. The company saw a 74% increase in these vacations lasting fewer than five nights compared to 2019 and a 66% increase compared to 2020.

Increasing travel costs concern American summer travelers:

For Americans who are planning to travel this summer, many of them — nearly 46% — plan to spend the same amount of money on travel as they typically did prior to the pandemic. Almost 39%, however, plan to spend more on travel this summer.

Of those planning to spend more, 26% said it was because of the increase in the cost of

travel. Only 16% said they'll spend more to treat themselves, while 11% said it's because they've saved money for travel and are ready to spend it.

When it comes to the cost of travel, 49% of those planning to stay in the U.S. and 14% of those planning to go abroad said their biggest concern this summer was increasing travel prices. Additionally, some domestic travelers specifically highlighted rising gas or fuel prices. The rising cost of travel far outpaced domestic travelers' other leading concerns: fear of contracting COVID-19 (20%) and flight delays (13%).

Travelers are divided on whether to travel internationally:

Close to half of respondents (49%) are planning to remain in the U.S. when they travel this summer. When asked if their choice of destination differs compared to before the pandemic, 31% said there was no difference. However, of those who did report a change in destination, 21% are planning to stay in the U.S. because they are not comfortable traveling abroad.

On the other hand, 13% of respondents whose destinations changed plan

to travel internationally because they couldn't during the pandemic. Of all respondents who plan to travel abroad, some of the leading concerns about going overseas were tied closely to COVID-19 and its various effects on travelers.

Following the rising cost of travel as the top concern for those planning to travel internationally, fear of getting stuck in another country if they test positive for COVID-19 (13%) and difficulties keeping up with and following COVID-19 testing requirements (9%) ranked second and third, respectively.

Travel insurance can increase travelers' confidence:

Although Americans are more willing and able to travel this summer than in the last two years, the concerns that remain can have a very real impact on travelers' financial investment and health.

Travel insurance can help protect the money spent for a trip, which may give travelers greater confidence when booking flights, hotels and excursions if they are concerned they might need to cancel or interrupt their

trip and don't want to lose money on nonrefundable items.

Travelers concerned about getting stuck in another country if they test positive for COVID-19 should choose travel insurance that includes quarantine as a covered reason. For example, Seven Corners' RoundTrip Choice plan can provide reimbursement for meals, local transportation and lodging (if not paid by a common carrier or other party) if someone insured is delayed at least six consecutive hours because they are quarantined. Travel insurance with COVID-19 coverage can also help with expenses related to medical care.

For those travelers whose travel decisions — if they should go and where — are impacted by fear of travel, Cancel for Any Reason (CFAR) coverage is an optional benefit worth adding to their trip protection plan. Cancelling due to a fear of travel is not a covered reason in trip protection plans; however, CFAR would provide reimbursement for a percentage of nonrefundable trip expenses should they need to cancel their trip due to fear of travel. Because

you can use CFAR to cancel for any reason you wish, it would also allow travelers to cancel their trip due to financial hardship, which could appeal to those concerned they may need to cancel their trip due to rising trip costs.

Optional Interruption for Any Reason (IFAR) coverage would also provide reimbursement for a stated percentage of trip expenses if the traveler chose to interrupt their trip and come home early for any reason they wished, including fear of travel or being uncomfortable with safety protocols at their destination.

Founded in 1993, Seven Corners, Inc. is an innovative and service-focused travel insurance and specialty benefit management company that serves a global market. Based in Carmel, Ind., the company offers a variety of customized travel insurance solutions to domestic and international travelers with award-winning customer service and leading-edge technology. Seven Corners also administers benefits for U.S. government programs. To learn more, visit [www.sevencorners.com](http://www.sevencorners.com).

## LANY Announces Summer Forever Tour plus Special Guests Surfaces at TCU Amphitheater on August 8

Today, Los Angeles superband LANY have announced they will be hitting the road with special guest Surfaces for their Summer Forever Tour. The 34-city tour kicks off in August and will make stops across North America including a stop in downtown Indianapolis at TCU Amphitheater at White River State Park on Monday, August 8, 2022 as part of the Jack Daniel's Concert Series. Tickets go on sale to the general public on Friday, April 15 at 10 AM local time at [www.livenation.com](http://www.livenation.com).

Nominated for Pollstar's 2021 "Best Pop Tour", LANY's global fan base continues to expand, with over +3.5 billion in streaming, 750 million in video views and +500,000 in worldwide tickets sales, this latest announcement continues LANY's forward momentum following their highly successful fall 2021 tour which included sold out Forum and Radio City dates and the release of their tremendously successful pop focused gg bb xx album in September 2021. This latest announcement also comes off the heels of Surfaces' Good 2 Be Back summer 2021 tour which coincided with their Pacifico album released last June.

In June of 2021, LANY released gg bb xx, their fourth consecutive studio album. gg bb xx showcased a return to their infectious pop sound collaborating with an array of notable songwriters

and producers including Andrew Goldstein (Maroon 5, Katy Perry, Lauv), John Ryan (Shawn Mendes, Charlie Puth, Harry Styles), David Hodges (Ed Sheeran, 5SOS, Blink 182), Tobias Jesso Jr. (Adele, Sia, HAIM), Dan Smyers of Dan + Shay and more. The albums lead track was the +5 million video views hit "dancing in the the kitchen"—which Uproxx says "showcases the group's knack for penning relatable pop tunes, emphasizing the importance of enjoying life's little moments over a joyous beat." These new songs follow LANY's first new music of 2021, "I Quit Drinking," a duet with country superstar Kelsea Ballerini which debuted with a live performance at this year's CMT Awards . gg bb xx's release immediately followed 2020's critically acclaimed mama's boy—which debuted at #7 on the Billboard 200 and #1 on the Alternative Albums sales chart with more than 300 million streams to date— LANY's breakthrough came with their 2017 self-titled debut, which built an international fanbase and led to sold out arenas across the world. The heartbreak anthems on their 2018 follow-up MalibNights cracked the Billboard Album Chart and connected in a huge way across the globe, with their 2019 collaboration with Lauv, "Mean It," garnering further attention. Fronted by

songwriter, lyricist and producer Paul Klein, LANY have a social media following of +9 million people, have sold more than 500,000 tickets worldwide and played sold-out shows from L.A.'s Greek Theatre to London's Brixton Academy. Their songs have been streamed over three billion times with more than 750 million video views to date.

Surfaces is a Texas-based duo comprised of Forrest Frank and Colin Padalecki. Forming in 2017, with Forrest manning vocals and production, and Colin handling writing and arrangements, they released their debut album later that year titled Surf. Quickly capturing the attention of fans, they followed in 2019 with the release of Where the Light Is, catapulting them into stardom with breakout smash "Sunday Best." The RIAA double-platinum certified track went on to surpass 2.5 billion streams, break into the Top 20 on Billboard's Hot 100, reach #9 at Pop Radio and led to performances on The Tonight Show with Jimmy Fallon, Late Night with Seth Meyers, The Late Late Show with James Corden, and The TODAY Show. The band continued their momentum with the release of Horizons, in early 2020, featuring "Take It Easy," followed by their collaboration with the legendary Elton John on "Learn To Fly" and, most recently,

the release of their 2021 album, Pacifico, featuring stand out singles "Wave of You" and "Come With Me" featuring Salem Ilese.

Now, Forrest and Colin focus on the next chapter of their musical career. Redefining their sound and perfecting their craft, the two isolated themselves in a house in Joshua Tree to experiment with new sounds and record. Inspired heavily by the likes of Tame Impala and Tom Misch. Kicking things off with "I Can't Help But Feel," the duo continue to carve their path and hint at more to come.

**Sponsors:** The 2022 concert series at the TCU Amphitheater at White River State Park is made possible through the generous support of its sponsors including TCU, Jack Daniel's, Coors Light and more.

**VIP Premium Seats:** Be a VIP and take your concert experience to the next level! With a full-service VIP Club & Restaurant, VIP parking and prime seats, it's the only way to see a show. For full and mini-season ticket information, contact: 317-829-5147 & [IndyPremiumSeating@livenation.com](mailto:IndyPremiumSeating@livenation.com)

**Tickets:** Tickets go on sale to the general public on Friday, March 25 at 10 AM local time at [www.livenation.com](http://www.livenation.com). All dates, acts and ticket prices are subject to change without notice. Ticket prices are subject to applicable fees.

## Indiana Humanities Will Host Best-Selling Author

Join Indiana Humanities and best-selling author Robin Wall Kimmerer on June 14 for a special INconversation event at the Eiteljorg Museum. Kimmerer is a scientist and award-winning author of Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teaching of Plants.

In her writings, Kimmerer brings both her scientific knowledge as botanist and indigenous wisdom as an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation to ask and answer questions about our relationships with the more-than-human world. Through these lenses, she asks readers to envision a more reciprocal relationship with the earth, grounded in listening and learning from the plants that surround us.

The evening will feature a reading, a moderated conversation with Felicia Ahasteen-Bryant, director of Purdue University's Native American Educational and Cultural Center, an audience Q&A and book-signing opportunity.

This program is presented by Natalie Clayton, co-founder & broker, Maywright Property Co. The discussion is part of Indiana Humanities' Unearthed programming, a multiyear initiative encouraging Hoosiers to discover and discuss their relationships with the natural world.

"We're excited to bring this opportunity to Hoosiers," said Megan Telligman, director of programs at Indiana Humanities. "Robin Wall Kimmerer's insights reveal the beautiful complexity of the natural world and help us envision new relationships with the plants and animals

that surround us.

This event is free and open to the public, but tickets are required. Tickets are available at [INconversationkimmerer.eventbrite.com](http://INconversationkimmerer.eventbrite.com). The program will also be live-streamed. ASL interpretation will be provided. The event is supported in part by the Eiteljorg Museum and the Religion, Spirituality, and the Arts Program of the IUPUI Arts and Humanities Institute.

Indiana Humanities connects people, opens minds and enriches lives by creating and facilitating programs that encourage people to think, read and talk. Learn more at [Visitwww.IndianaHumanities.org](http://Visitwww.IndianaHumanities.org). To learn more about their mission and future programs.

The Eiteljorg collects, conserves and exhibits outstanding Western art and Native American art and cultural objects. The Eiteljorg Museum is the only museum of its kind in the Midwest, and one of only two museums east of the Mississippi that explore both Native America and the American West. Visit [www.eiteljorg.org](http://www.eiteljorg.org) for more information and to see upcoming events and exhibits.

The Religion, Spirituality, and the Arts (RSA) is a program of the IUPUI Arts and Humanities Institute that brings together artists, religious leaders, religious communities, humanities experts, and a broad range of publics from diverse backgrounds and disciplinary perspectives for sustained study, analysis, and discussion of religious texts in a classroom environment. Visit <https://www.culturalecologies.org/rsa> for more information.

## Five Finger Death Punch Drop New Single 'AfterLife' and Announce Oct. 1 Show at Ruoff Music Center

Today, multi-platinum hard rock powerhouse Five Finger Death Punch released "AfterLife," the title track from their highly anticipated forthcoming new studio album. The band's longtime collaborator Kevin Churko (Ozzy Osbourne, Papa Roach, Skillet) helmed the producer duties of the ninth and arguably most diverse record of the band. The band also announced its 2022 summer tour that includes a stop at Ruoff Music Center on Saturday,

October 1 as part of the Coors Light Concert Series. "AfterLife" is now available to stream and download across platforms HERE.

The track's release coincides with the band's announcement today of their upcoming 2022 North American headlining tour presented by Live Nation, kicking off in Portland, Oregon on August 19th. The tour will span over 30 dates, closing out on October 15 in Salt Lake City, Utah. The band will be joined on tour by rock

icons Megadeth, with additional support from The HU, and Fire From The Gods, promising an intense multi-faceted night of heavy rock music. Tickets go on sale starting Friday, April 15th at 10am local time at [FiveFingerDeathPunch.com](http://FiveFingerDeathPunch.com). A portion of ticket sales will go to charity, for which further details will be revealed in the near future.

Coinciding with today's announcement, 5FDP is also launching the official Five Finger

Death Punch Fan Club. Fans joining will have exclusive first access to presale tickets before anyone else starting today at 10am local time. The Fan Club is available as a stand-alone app stores and is both a community for the most diehard fans, as well as the official one-stop shop for the latest 5FDP news. Premium Members of the Fan Club will receive numerous additional perks throughout the year.

## New Kids on the Block: The Mix Tape Tour 2022 Comes to Gainbridge Fieldhouse

New Kids on the Block are on their 2022 "The Mix Tape Tour" with Special Guests Salt N Pepa, En Vogue and Rick Astley, and they're visiting Gainbridge Fieldhouse in downtown. The show will fall on Thu., May 12 at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are on sale

now, so make sure to get yours and don't miss out on this once-in-a-lifetime trip down nostalgia lane. To purchase tickets, visit <https://www.gainbridgefieldhouse.com/events/detail/new-kids-on-the-block>. Visit [www.livenation.com](http://www.livenation.com) & [www.nkotb.com](http://www.nkotb.com) for more info.



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## WonderRoad Indy Announces Line-Up for June 11 and 12 Shows

Elevation Festivals, creators and producers of WonderStruck in Cleveland and the WonderBus Music & Arts Festival in Columbus, OH will present WonderRoad in Indianapolis on June 11-12, 2022. The brand new, multi-day music festival will be produced in association with the Indianapolis-based, independent concert promoter MOKB Presents.

WonderRoad will take place at Garfield Park utilizing three different stages and featuring a lineup including weekend headliners Vampire Weekend and Lord Huron, plus English band Bastille, Scotland's Chvrches, German group Milky Chance, Hippo Campus and many more.

A limited amount of Single-Day Festival Passes are on sale now at [www.WonderRoadfest.com](http://www.WonderRoadfest.com) or HI-FI box office located at 1043 Virginia Avenue in Fountain Square. Full weekend tickets, VIP passes and specially-priced kids (ages 3-10) tickets are also on sale. Children 2 years of age and under are admitted free-of-charge.

Additionally, a very limited amount of On-Site Parking Passes are now also on sale. Fans are encouraged to take advantage

of Indy's expansive public transit options, including Red Line Rapid Buses, Indianapolis Cultural Trail, Pleasant Run Trail and various Rideshare services. There will be a dedicated Rideshare pickup and drop-off area at the festival site.

For all additional festival information, including lineup and ticketing, click [www.WonderRoadFest.com](http://www.WonderRoadFest.com).

"We are excited at the opportunity to host WonderRoad in our city," said Mayor Joe Hogsett. "Indianapolis is known for its thriving arts community, as well as a tradition of musical excellence and innovation. WonderRoad is a great fit within that rich history, and we look forward to extending Hoosier hospitality to those attending from across the country and neighborhoods right here at home."

"Indianapolis is an important part of Elevation's history. Our company was built around music and motorsports and I am proud to say that we have been a part of two Indy 500 victories," stated Elevation president Denny Young. "As we continue our expansion of highly curated festivals that include top global acts, a

fan-friendly environment plus local artistic, civic and corporate involvement, Indianapolis is the best next market for us. MOKB's Dan Kemer is one of my closest friends, who happens to be the very best concert promoter in this region. To have Dan, Josh (Baker) and the entire MOKB team by our side is a massive advantage."

In addition to hosting the festival at Garfield Park, WonderRoad has announced a \$25,000 grant to Indy Parks. As a part of the festival launch, the grant will underwrite the 2022 Indy Parks Summer Concert and Movie series, an annual showcase of jazz, hip hop, funk, rhythm and blues, movies, and other performances in parks across the city.

"Parks are known for being welcoming places for people to relax, exercise, and enjoy activities and special events with their families and friends," said Phyllis Boyd, Indy Parks director. "We are thrilled to host WonderRoad as we invite park visitors to explore Garfield Park while enjoying an impressive display of artists and music."

Created in 2002 by former IMG senior execu-

tives Denny Young and Steve Lindecke, the Elevation Group is comprised of seven different companies operating in the United States, Canada, Australia, The United Kingdom and Ireland. Elevation is a recognized leader in music & sports event production, talent management, content development, experiential marketing tours and sponsorship activation. Elevation is based in Cleveland, OH.

Elevation Festivals is a partnership between the Elevation Group and investors Cliff Chenfeld (co-founder and former owner of leading indie record label Razor & Tie Music and Kidz Bop) and businesswoman/ philanthropist Michelle Wesley. The company owns Ohio's two largest contemporary music festivals - WonderStruck in Cleveland and the WonderBus Music & Arts Festival (Columbus). In a few short years, the company's music events have been recognized by The Cleveland Plain Dealer, Ohio's largest newspaper, as "the Midwest's (USA) top music festivals." Both festivals feature a wide variety of upscale culinary options, include robust artisan villages and showcase

the very best Alternative, Indie-Pop, Funk and Jam bands. Featured artists have included chart-toppers Kesha, AJR, Foster The People, Lewis Capaldi, Portugal. The Man, Walk the Moon, Hozier, Wilco and more. Grammy Award-honorees Sheryl Crow, Black Pumas, Brandi Carlile, Gary Clark Jr., Stephen Marley and Trombone Shorty have also performed at Elevation's festivals.

Since its inception in 2008, MOKB Presents has produced more than 2,500 of Indiana's top entertainment events. As Indiana's top independent concert promoter, MOKB Presents annually produces and consults over 300 events per year. In addition to producing events across the state of Indiana, MOKB Presents oversees operations for HI-FI Indianapolis, HI-FI Annex and LO-FI Lounge. As an exclusive talent buyer, MOKB Presents represents a variety of statewide venues including Nickel Plate Amphitheater (Fishers), The Pavilion at Pan Am (Indianapolis) and The Clyde Theatre (Fort Wayne). MOKB Presents has been instrumental in the development and resurgence of Garfield

Park as a viable concert venue with the creation of the MOKB Summer Concert Series and Holler on the Hill Music Festival. For over a decade, MOKB Presents has built its company on an artist development foundation by helping foster the careers of artists like The Lumineers, Alabama Shakes, Tyler Childers, Sturgill Simpson and Band of Horses. As a key contributor to the cultural and economic development of Indianapolis, MOKB Presents established the Indy Music Strategy (2018) and Indiana Independent Venue Alliance (2020) to help foster the national profile of the city's music sector.

Indy Parks connects communities by providing places and experiences that inspire healthy living, social engagement, and a love of nature. The parks department offers 212 parks, 11,258 acres of greenspace, 130 playgrounds, 153 miles of trails, and more. Indy Parks proudly serves 8 million people annually.

For additional festival information and updates, please follow or like us on Instagram, Twitter and Facebook at [@wonderroadfest](https://www.facebook.com/wonderroadfest) or visit [www.WonderRoadFest.com](http://www.WonderRoadFest.com).

## Make Your Dream Vacation a Reality with These Cost-Cutting Tips

(StatePoint) After more than two years of the pandemic, you're probably eager to get out and explore the world. But as desire and demand for travel skyrocket, so do the prices to get there. Here are some great ways to maximize your savings, so you can make your dream vacation a reality:

1. Be flexible: If your travel dates are not set in stone, being flexible with timing can help you save substantially. Traveling at off-hours or mid-week can trim your plane or train fare, as can avoiding holiday weekends. This same flexibility mindset can even help you at the airport. If a flight is overbooked, airlines often ask for volunteers to give up their seat in exchange for vouchers, credits and other perks.

2. Bank smart: Consider new online banking solutions, which can help you keep more money in your wallet. For example, T-Mobile MONEY is an FDIC-insured account that offers its customers zero account fees, (no monthly account fees, no minimum balance fees, no overdraft fees and no transfer fees) as well as industry-leading interest rates that can help you invest in the things you want and need, like plane tickets, gas and dining. Plus, customers receive 1.00% Annual Percentage Yield (APY) on all balances, which means more money back in your pocket and more savings for your next vacation.

Globetrotters will also appreciate access to over 55,000 Allpoint no-fee ATMs worldwide.

3. Book wisely: Look for exclusive travel deals available from T-Mobile MONEY to help you cut travel costs. Customers who use their T-Mobile MONEY card via the T-Mobile Travel site can get up to 50% off hotels and up to 45% off car rentals.

4. Do as the locals do: The areas of a town or region where tourists congregate tend to have the most expensive restaurants and stores. For higher-quality shopping and dining and more authentic experiences, do as the locals do. After seeing the must-see sights, be sure to get recommendations and insights from your hotel concierge, rental host, restaurant servers and other locals for the best ways to get off the beaten path.

5. Eat in: Depending on the type of travel you're doing, it may make sense to eat some of your meals in to save some money. If there is a small kitchen or grill where you're staying, make use of it. Visiting a nearby grocery store can actually be an interesting way to take in the local flair of your destination and sample some of the best food the area has to offer.

Don't let money matters wreck your travel plans. With a few smart strategies, you can take the summer vacation you imagined, affordably.

## Pink Droyd Live in Concert at Sweetwater Pavilion

Pink Droyd is bringing their A Tribute to the Sights and Sounds of Pink Floyd show to Fort Wayne, Ind. on Friday, September 23 at the Sweetwater Performance Pavilion. The appearance of Pink Droyd has become an annual event at Sweetwater complete with a laser light show and a night full of timeless Pink Floyd hits and deep cuts.

Tickets go on sale to the public this Friday, April 15 at 10 a.m. and can be purchased at the Sweetwater campus located at 5501 US Highway 30 West and online via [www.sweetwaterpavilion.com](http://www.sweetwaterpavilion.com) and [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

For more than four de-

acades, the amazing music and live concerts of Pink Floyd have entertained and mesmerized audiences around the world. Their live performances were both aurally astounding and visually brilliant. Today, Pink Droyd, a tribute to Pink Floyd, brings the look, feel, and sound of those shows to audiences both young and old around the country. Their show is both accurate to Pink Floyd music and visually stunning with their robotic, intelligent light show, digital video accompaniment (including the Pink Floyd traditional circular video screen) and amazing laser show.

Pink Droyd brings to

life the music of Pink Floyd by including theatrical performances of some of Pink Floyd's most memorable songs. From building "The Wall" to visiting "The Dark Side of the Moon," Pink Droyd spans the Pink Floyd catalog including the most memorable hits and some beloved obscure tracks. With a combined Pink Floyd tribute band experience of more than 50 years this all-star cast brings the music and experience of Pink Floyd to audiences at a time when the appreciation of Pink Floyd has never been greater!

For more information about Pink Droyd, please

visit [www.pinkdroyd.net](http://www.pinkdroyd.net).

The Sweetwater Performance Pavilion is a covered outdoor music venue, located on the south end of the Sweetwater campus in Fort Wayne, Ind. Features of the venue include: custom-designed, state-of-the-art sound system, free on-site parking, air-conditioned on-site restrooms and food, soft drinks, beer and wine available for purchase. The Sweetwater Performance Pavilion is located in the Southwest corner of the Sweetwater campus at 5501 US Highway 30 West in Fort Wayne, Ind. Visit [sweetwaterpavilion.com/](http://sweetwaterpavilion.com/) for more information.

## 6 Popular Hotel Amenities for 2022

(Family Features) If you haven't planned a trip in a while, you aren't alone. Many Americans haven't taken a proper vacation in almost three years. In that time, many travelers' preferences have changed.

"The pandemic impacted nearly every aspect of our lives, including how we search for our next hotel stay," said Mel Dohmen, senior brand manager at Hotels.com. "The amenities we love and are looking for in 2022 reflect everything we've felt and experienced over the past few years."

To identify some of the most in-demand (and out of touch) amenities so far this year, Hotels.com analyzed searches on its site and mobile app from the past three years as part of its 2022 Amenity Report.

When booking your next stay, be on the lookout for hotels with these amenities:

**Stress-Free Soaking**  
Hotels with bathtubs were the most-searched amenity during the peak of the pandemic. As travelers are looking for self-care options while on the go, searches for hotels with bathtubs and spas have grown more than 25%, compared with 2019.

**Prioritizing Time off the Clock**

While travelers prioritized properties with remote work amenities pre-pandemic, searches for hotels with free Wi-Fi and business facilities have fallen 40% or more so far this year compared with 2019.

**Focusing on Family Time**

Many families missed out on quality vacation time together the past several years. Looking to make up for lost time, searches for hotels with cribs, child care and connecting rooms have increased by double-digit percentages compared with 2019. Four-legged family members are also included, as interest in pet-friendly stays is up 35% this year.

**Bringing Back Breakfast**

Once one of the top amenities, free breakfast buffets fell a few pegs amid the pandemic in favor of pre-packaged grab-and-go items. This year, however, searches for hotels with free breakfast are up 75%.

**Working Out While on the Go**

Working out really wasn't a top priority for many travelers during the height of the pandemic. In 2021, searches for hotels with gyms were down more than 30% compared with 2019. However, in 2022, year-over-year searches for gyms increased by 65% as travelers are getting back into their wellness routines.

**Parking for Free**

As travelers continue to favor destinations within driving distance, searches for free parking are up 70% this year. For those who are taking to the skies, properties with free airport transfers are up 105%, as well.

To book your next stay and find a hotel with amenities that suit your travel preferences, visit [Hotels.com](https://www.hotels.com) or download the app.

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