

# G Stephenie Gookins For JUDGE

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## TODAY'S VERSE

Ecclesiastes 3:14 I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it.



## FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

People who call our community their own.

What makes Linda Behrends smile? "Family, helping my veterans, mostly family. I'm very big on family, and we're a big family up here" said the 42-year-old Noblesville resident, who was found bartending an evening crowd at the Ralph Lehr VFW Post 6246 in Noblesville and facilitating a meeting for today's VFW Loyalty Day Parade in Noblesville. "They come in for drinks, coffee, just somebody to talk to," said Linda, president of the VFW auxiliary. "I enjoy the interaction with the veterans and hearing their stories and what they've done in their life." Before working at the VFW, she was a certified nursing assistant for 22 years. "I'm just helping people in a different way now." When she's not at the VFW, she likes to spend time with her children. "We do a lot of activities, go to the pool...parks..." She has a husband, Eric, a disabled U.S. Army veteran and two kids, ages 20 and 19, and she takes care of her nieces, ages 6 and 8. She has lived in Noblesville since she was 5 years old and graduated in 1999 from Noblesville High School. Linda is coordinator of the VFW's Loyalty Day Parade that steps off at noon today through downtown Noblesville. To join the parade, call 317-773-9956 or just show up at 11 a.m. today during the staging of the parade. Behrends, who will reign as Loyalty Day Parade Queen in today's parade, wasn't told of her selection until four days ago. So she had to pick out a new red dress which she will wear with her queen's crown. She said any little girls who want to be Loyalty Day princesses can ride with her in the parade. "The queen's court are all of the little girls who come to the VFW."

## 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 truck is full, so make sure to get over early with anything you've been wanting to shred!

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## Boomer Bits



### Ask Rusty - I'm Working, so Why Hasn't My Social Security Benefit Increased?

Dear Rusty: I will be 72 in July. I started taking my Social Security at age 64 after a job loss and other items that came up. So, my plan to wait past 68 evaporated, but I have continued to work since that time at a considerably smaller amount. I have contacted Social Security about increasing my "entitlement" since my earnings of late are considerably more than my first few years of earnings. Using the formula of the highest earnings over the last 35 years divided by 420 my monthly increase would be about \$500.



#### Social Security Matters

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I've contacted Social Security several times about this. Their standard reply is that they evaluate all accounts every October and if any adjustments are to be made, they will be made in March of the follow-

ing year. Nothing has changed with regards to this as I've continued to work. Does the fact that I claimed my benefit at age 64 take me out of the

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### An Overview of NTM, a Progressive Lung Disease

(StatePoint) Did you know that everyone inhales nontuberculous mycobacteria (NTM) into their lungs as part of daily life? NTM is a group of over 200 types of bacteria. While most of these types of bacteria do not cause harm in humans, some do. The most common type of NTM lung disease is MAC or mycobacterium avium complex. Naturally found in soil and water, for most people the organisms do no harm. However, in a small number of vulnerable

individuals, NTM can infect airways and lung tissue, leading to disease. As of 2012, more than 86,000 people are likely living with NTM lung disease nationwide.

NTM lung disease is a progressive disease, so the sooner you speak to your doctor and receive a correct diagnosis, the sooner you can discuss treatment options with them.

To help individuals better un-

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The Times photo by Betsy Reason

John Bundy smiles for a photo in the former Bundy Grill at Cabela's in Noblesville.

### Remembering John Bundy & His Famous Duck Decoys

You might say John Bundy always had all of his ducks in a row.

And he probably already knew every play on words when it came to ducks.

I remember the first time I visited John Bundy at his Strawtown Avenue home and workshop where he carved wood into duck decoys of all sizes and shapes and colors.

He didn't carve any duck decoys quite alike. They were all

one-of-a-kind, very unique. And each was branded as an original.

Bundy, who became famous around the world for Bundy Duck Decoys, handcrafted his duck decoys from wood locally sourced, handpicked by Bundy, for more than 40 years, since 1980.

He didn't make any duck decoys quite alike. They were all one-of-a-kind, unique, and

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### Vacationing in the COVID Era

by John Grimaldi

To say that the coronavirus pandemic disrupted our lives is an understatement if there ever was one, and the current respite - albeit potentially short-lived - is a welcome glimpse of a return to normalcy. For example, in the good old days of a virus-free world many of us would be planning summer vacations right about now. It's a nice idea but it begs the question: is it safe?

Dr. Sara Suliman, at University of California San Francisco, has a background in immunology and infectious diseases, and

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### Apologies and an Explanation

Hello, my name is Joe LaRue. Many of our regular readers know that I am the managing editor here at The Times. For those more sporadic readers, it is nice to meet you. I have not written a column before, though you will occasionally see my byline pop up on news stories. So, a column from me is certainly unusual. I am writing this in response to something that happened this week.

Before I address that, I need to offer an explanation. As part

of each edition of The Times, we have a daily almanac that appears on the front page. It includes, among other things, a section called wacky holidays. Typically, these are exactly what that heading entails: national cucumber day, international day of puppy chow and so on.

But on certain days with major holidays, I will put a non-wacky holiday simply to remind

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### Rokita Invites Hoosiers to Clean Out Medicine Cabinets as Part of National Drug Take Back Day

Noblesville is taking part in a state-wide initiative today to encourage Hoosiers to drop off their expired, unused and unwanted medications to disposal sites across the state as part of National Drug Take Back Day.

Residents can drop off those medications at Riverview Hospital between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.

"It is critical to do all we can to protect Hoosier families," Attorney General Rokita said. "Leftover medications lying around the house pose a serious threat and create an unnecessary risk to our children, friends, and family members. Clear out the medicine cabinet this week

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## HONEST HOOSIER

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



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## TODAY'S QUOTE

"The elevator to success is out of order. You'll have to use the stairs, one step at a time."

- Joe Girard

## TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Exercise is one of the best ways to treat stress.

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

What kind of shoes do ninjas wear?  
Sneakers!



The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank Robert Wendell Locke for subscribing!



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## OBITUARIES

### Robert Wendell Locke

January 30, 1931 - April 26, 2022

Robert Wendell Locke, 91, of Fishers, Indiana, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday April 26, 2022 at Hamilton Trace of Fishers.

He was born on January 30, 1931 to Charles Dewey and Mary Gladys (Amburn) Locke in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mr. Locke proudly served his country in the United States Army. He was stationed in France during the Korean War. He spent the majority of his career as an insurance agent.

Mr. Locke was an avid gardener, and was very involved in the Hamilton County Republican Party.

Survivors include his son Bob (Carrie) Locke II; three daughters Kathy McCrady, Cindy Johnson and Lori (Randy) Seefeldt; six grandchildren Brian McCrady, Jennifer Kail, Michael McCrady, Allison Nelson, Dylan Seefeldt and Quinn Seefeldt; and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy Locke.

Private family services will be held.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Kidney Fund, 11921 Rockville Pike, Suite 300, Rockville, MD 20852 (www.kidneyfund.org); or American Diabetes Association, PO Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023 (www.diabetes.org/donate).

Online condolences may be made at www.randallrob-erts.com.



## Noblesville Resident Joins Duke Energy's Economic Development Team in Indiana



Katy Preidt

Duke Energy has promoted Noblesville resident Katy Preidt as the company's newest economic development manager

with a focus on recruiting and supporting companies in Duke Energy's Indiana service territory. Preidt will be based in Plainfield, Ind., and will work closely with local and statewide economic development professionals as well as the site selection community.

Preidt joined Duke Energy in October 2016 as a geographic information systems technician. Prior to assuming her new role, she served as a senior engineering technologist. Preidt has been active in many Duke Energy employee programs,

including serving as the community outreach chair for the New 2 Duke employee resource group and serving on the programs committee for the company's Leadership Development Network.

She earned a bachelor's degree in earth/space science education and a master's degree in geographic information systems from Ball State University.

Duke Energy's economic development team is committed to the economic vitality of the communities it serves. The company's engagement includes active project

management, electrical infrastructure solutions, and the Duke Energy Site Readiness Program. Since 2010, Duke Energy has worked with state and local leaders to help create an estimated 34,000 new jobs and more than \$9 billion in capital investment to Indiana.

Duke Energy Indiana, a subsidiary of Duke Energy, provides about 6,300 megawatts of owned electric capacity to approximately 870,000 customers in a 23,000-square-mile service area, making it Indiana's largest electric supplier.

## Meeting Notes

### Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety

Meeting Agenda  
Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 10 a.m.

Council Chambers City Hall, One Civic Square

1. Meeting Called to order

2. Minutes

a. Minutes from the April 20, 2022, Regular Meeting

3. Performance Bond Release / Reduction Approval Requests

a. Resolution BPW 05-04-22-05; The Grove at Legacy, Section 5; Paving and Street Signage; PM Development Holdings, LLC

b. Resolution BPW 05-04-22-06; Bear Creek, Section 2; Erosion Control; Pulte Homes

4. Contracts

a. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; American Structurepoint, Inc.; (\$362,596.00); 20-ENG-02 - 106th Street and College Avenue RAB - Construction Engineering - 2020 Road Bond; Jeremy Kashman, Director of Engineering

b. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; CC&T Construction, Inc.; (\$30,000.00); 126th Street and Terrace Drive - Concrete Road Panels; Lee Higginbotham, Street Commissioner

c. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; A&S General Construction; (\$1,540.00); Carmel Data Center Project; CO #2; James Crider, Director of Administration

d. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Frederick's, Inc.; (\$20,970.00); Carmel Data Center Project; CO #2; James Crider, Director of Administration

e. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; HIS Constructors; (\$24,534.71); 20-SW09 & 17-SW-14 - Pennsylvania and City Center Roundabout; CO #2; Jeremy Kashman, Director of Engineering

f. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; CIM Audio Visual, Inc.; (\$304,377.00); AV Package - Fire Admin Building; Additional Services Amendment; Chief David Haboush, Carmel Fire Department

g. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; JAF Property Services, Inc.; (\$34,350.00); Carmel Data Center Project - Access Control; James Crider, Director of Administration

h. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Midwest Distribution Group, LLC d/b/a Midwest Golf & Turf;

i. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Nelson Alarm Company; (\$8,734.00); Carmel Data Center Project - Fire/Burglar Alarm System; James Crider, Director of Administration

j. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Pyrotechnico Fireworks, Inc.; (\$79,500.00); Fireworks Display on July 4, 2022; Nancy Heck, Director of Community Relations

k. Resolution BPW 05-04-22-01; A Resolution of the City of Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety Acknowledging Agreement Between City and Vendor; Golf Complete, Inc. d/b/a FOREUP; (\$21,170.00); Advertising and Service Plan; Addendum to Agreement; Bob Higgins, Brookshire Golf Club

l. Resolution BPW 05-04-22-02; A Resolution of the City of Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety Acknowledging Agreement Between City and Vendor; Smock Fansler Corporation; (\$67,230.00); Hanover Fountain Repair; Lee Higginbotham, Street Commissioner

m. Resolution BPW 05-04-22-03; A Resolution of the City of Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety Acknowledging Agreement Between City and Vendor; Volkert, Inc.; (\$5,115.00); 20-ENG-03 - 560 3rd Ave SW Parcel 1 - Appraisal 2; Additional Services Amendment; Jeremy Kashman, Director of Engineering

n. Resolution BPW 05-04-22-04; A Resolution of the City of Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety Acknowledging Agreement Between City and Vendor; Volkert, Inc.; (\$2,000.00); 20-ENG-02 - 106th & College RAB - Parcel 10 - Appraisal #2; Additional Services Amendment; Jeremy Kashman, Director of Engineering

o. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Ram Construction Services of Michigan, Inc.; (\$470,183.00); Keystone Bridge Deck Overlay and 106th/126th Over Keystone Bridge Rehabilitation; Lee Higginbotham, Street Commissioner

p. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc.; (\$62,743.00); 126th Street Over Keystone Parkway - Bridge Repair; Lee Higginbotham, Street Commissioner

q. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; TouchPhrase

Development d/b/a Julota; (\$4,526.00); Software as a Service License Agreement; Chief David Haboush, Carmel Fire Department and Chief Jeffrey Horner, Carmel Police Department

r. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Traliant Holdings, LLC.; (\$4,798.36); Culture of Diversity Equity and Inclusion Program; Chief Jeffrey Horner, Carmel Police Department

s. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Rieth-Riley Construction Co., Inc.; (\$3,330,287.43); 2022 Paving Program - Resurfacing; Lee Higginbotham, Street Commissioner

5. Request to Use City Streets/Property

a. Request Date Change of Previously Approved Midtown Plaza Use; Educational HandsFree CPR Event; Original Date - April 24, 2022; New Date - May 28, 2022, 2 p.m. - 6 p.m.; Tim Griffin, Carmel Fire Department

b. Request to Use Horseshoe Circle Roundabout in West Clay; Roundabout Drive for Cancer; May 11, 2022; 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Dave Dugan, Cancer Support Services

c. Request to Use Civic Square Gazebo; Indiana Wind Symphony Concert; June 10, 2022n and August 26, 2022; 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.; Charles P. Conrad

d. Request to Close Street; Main Street - From Range Line to Just East of 1st Ave NE; Street Party with Live Music Stage; October 1, 2022; 2 p.m. - 1 a.m.; Sondra Schwieterman, Late Night on Main / Carmel PorchFest, Inc.

e. Request to Use City Hall Caucus Room; City of Carmel Chinese Mooncake Festival Planning Meeting; May 26, 2022; 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.; Meg Osborne

f. Request to Use City Hall Caucus Room; City of Carmel Chinese Mooncake Festival Planning Meeting; June 24, 2022; 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.; Meg Osborne

g. Request to Use City Hall Caucus Room; City of Carmel Chinese Mooncake Festival Planning Meeting; August 26, 2022; 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.; Meg Osborne

i. Request to Use Midtown Plaza and Restrict Parking; Pedegopalooza - Pedego Carmel Customer Appreciation Event and Celebration

of Bicycles; Plaza - July 3, 2022, 8 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; Restricted Parking July 1, 6 p.m. - July 3, 2022, 5 p.m.; Janet Sharp Freedman and Kevin W. Whited

j. Request to Close City Street; Road Closure on Veterans Way; Unveiling of Public Art "Swing Me Higher Mama"; May 14, 2022; 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.; Ann O'Brien, City of Carmel

k. Request to Use Civic Square Gazebo / Japanese Garden; Wedding Ceremony; September 23, 2022; 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.; Kara Rowe

6. Other

a. Resolution BPW 05-04-22-07; A Resolution of the City of Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety Approving the Transfer and Presentation of Pistol and Badge for Master Patrol Officer Brian E. Schmidt; Chief Jeffrey Horner, Carmel Police Department

b. Request for Consent to Encroach and Variance; 14275 Gray Oaks Court; Douglas and Cari Dobson, Property Owners

c. Request for Dedication and Deed of Public Right-of-Way; 18-ENG-05 - Carmel High School Building Corporation; Jeremy Kashman, Director of Engineering

d. Request for Dedication and Deed of Public Right-of-Way; 11530 Illinois Street; Bank of America; Property Owners

e. Request for Grant of Perpetual Storm Water Quality Management Easement; 1717 West 136th Street; Chris Shradler, Drees Premier Homes

f. Request for Grant of Perpetual Storm Water Quality Management Easement; 10155 Ditch Road; Bharat Patel, Property Owner

g. Request for Lane Restrictions; 9696 Ditch Road; AES

h. Request for Path Closure / Open Pavement Cut; 10207 Ditch Road; Josh Delacruz, Wise Building Solutions

i. Request for Secondary Plat; The Courtyards of Carmel, Section 2; Brett Huff, KimleyHorn

j. Request for Street Closure; Portion of 3rd Avenue SW; Savor Restaurant - 211 West Main Street - Hosting IU Health Fundraiser; Property Owners

k. Request for Waiver of BPW Resolution No. 04-28-17-01; AT&T Small Cell Permit No. SC-2022-0004; 11103 Towne Road / 2893 West 116th Street / 10657 Towne Road / 10642 Ditch Road; Steve Carr, AT&T

7. Adjournment

## Noblesville Police Provide Update on Stolen Vehicle Arrest and Investigation



Layvonna

On April 28, 2022 at approximately 7:35 a.m., officers from the Noblesville Police Department (NPD) responded to the Speedway gas station, located at 3150 Conner Street (Noblesville), in regards to a possible stolen vehicle in the parking lot.

As officers were preparing to initiate contact with the driver, the vehicle in question, 2000 Toyota Camry and a 2014 white BMW fled from the scene. Officers pursued both vehicles as they went in different directions coming out of the parking lot.

The driver of the Toyota fled west on SR 32 and then turned northbound on SR 37. The driver lost control of the vehicle a short time later and crashed near the intersection of 191st Street and SR 37. The driver did not sustain any injuries and was immediately taken into custody. There were no other occupants in the vehicle no other vehicles were involved in the crash.

The driver of the BMW fled east on SR 32 and

was able to elude officers near the intersection of SR 38. Officers located the vehicle a short time later in the area of SR 32 and Cyntheanne Road. Officers pursued the vehicle south on Cyntheanne Road and lost sight of the vehicle near the intersection of 146th Street. NPD officers, as well officers from surrounding agencies, canvassed the area but were unable to locate the BMW or the occupants.

After further investigation, it was determined that both vehicles were reported stolen out of Marion County. The driver of the Toyota was identified and interviewed by detectives and booked at the Hamilton County Jail on the following preliminary charges:

**Name:** Layvonna R. Bennett  
**Residence:** Whiteland, IN

**Age:** 26  
**Charges(s)\*:**

- Theft: Possession of Stolen Property, I.C. 35-43-4-2 (Level 6 Felony)
- Resisting Law Enforcement, I.C. 35-44-1-3-1(a)(3) (Level 6 Felony)
- Criminal Recklessness, I.C. 35-42-2-2 (Class B Misdemeanor)
- Reckless Driving, I.C. 9-21-8-52(1)(A) (Class B Misdemeanor)

NPD detectives are working with detectives from the Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department as this remains an ongoing investigation.

*\*A charge is merely an accusation and the defendant(s) is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.*



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# HamCo Jury Finds Man Guilty of Neglect of Dependent and Battery in Death of Young Child

In the afternoon of April 22nd, a jury empaneled in Hamilton Circuit Court found 35-year-old Elijah Mills of Indianapolis guilty of neglect of a dependent resulting in catastrophic injury or death, battery resulting in serious bodily injury to a person less than 14-years-old, and battery resulting in death to a person less than 14-years-old following a five-day trial. The neglect charge is a Level 1 felony, which carries a sentencing range of twenty to forty years in prison with the advisory sentence being thirty years. The battery charge involving serious bodily injury is a Level 3 felony, which carries a sentencing range of three to sixteen years in prison with the advisory sentence being nine years. The battery charge involving the death of a child is a Level 2 felony, which carries a sentencing range of ten to thirty years with the advisory sentence being seventeen and one-half years.

The Hamilton County Prosecuting Attorney's Office brought the first two charges against Mr. Mills in November 2019 under cause number 29C01-1911-F1-009633 after first responders were called to his Noblesville apartment and found his son unresponsive on the living room floor.

The jury heard from twenty-seven witnesses, twenty-five of which were called to testify by the prosecution team. First responders described finding the victim, who was 4 years-old at the time, with bruises in various stages of healing over his body, which also appeared very small for his age. The child was rushed to Riverview Hospital and transferred to Riley Hospital for Children where

emergency neurosurgery was performed. Medical personnel described the child's extensive injuries, many of which were also in various stages of healing. The injury to the child's brain was described as neurologically devastating, and, while he survived his initial admission to Riley, he was not able to regain neuro-typical abilities to walk, talk, or eat. Overall, medical personnel classified his injuries as "consistent with non-accidental, inflicted trauma" - the strongest language typically used in a medical diagnosis of child physical abuse.

The third charge, battery resulting in death to a person less than 14-years-old, was added by the prosecution in August 2021, after a forensic pathologist reviewed the child's medical records, including those from a second admission to Riley in November 2020 after developing aspiration pneumonia, a known complication of the type of traumatic brain injury the child sustained. Tragically, due to the damage to his brain, the child was unable to recover and died on December 13, 2020. The forensic pathologist concluded that the cause of death was acute respiratory failure as a result of traumatic brain injury, and the manner of death was homicide - that is, death caused by another person.

In addition to the testimony of first responders and medical personnel, the jury heard from a former neighbor and former friends of Mr. Mills. The neighbor described sounds he heard from the apartment above him: Mr. Mills yelling at the child, and the child

crying out. When he saw police in the apartment building in August 2019, he asked to speak with them and expressed his concerns for the child's safety. A former friend described Mr. Mills bringing the child to her apartment, approximately three weeks prior to the November 2019 incident, and being so shocked and concerned by the child's appearance and Mr. Mills' behavior toward him that she contacted the Department of Child Services the following day.

"This tragic case demonstrates the importance of all members of our community doing their part to protect children. Without these fellow citizens raising their concerns, sharing their observations, and following through with law enforcement and trial testimony, holding Mr. Mills accountable through prosecution would have been even more difficult," said D. Lee Buckingham II, Prosecuting Attorney of Hamilton County. "My staff's efforts might not have been successful without fellow members of the community saying something when they saw something or without the dedication of so many fine first responders and medical professionals," he continued, referencing the mantra "see something, say something." Mr. Buckingham extends great appreciation for the tremendous efforts of his staff, especially lead trial prosecutor Jessica Paxson and her co-counsel, Lars Olson.

The Court accepted the jury's verdicts, entered judgments of conviction, and ordered Mr. Mills to be held at the Hamilton County Jail without bail pending the sentencing hearing set for May 19th

# Westfield Welcome Announces 'Painting in the Plaza' Summer Series with Kiln Creations



Westfield Welcome is pleased to announce special programming at Grand Junction Plaza. In partnership with Kiln Creations, Painting in the Plaza is a series of make-and-take painting projects. Kiln Creations will prepare canvases and bring all necessary supplies needed to finish the lesson.

Painting in the Plaza will be offered the second Tuesday of the month from May through August near the playground at Grand Junction Plaza (225 S.

Union Street) from 6 - 8pm. Tickets are \$30 per canvas.

"Community programs like these are another unique way to utilize Grand Junction Plaza", said Kayla Arnold, Director of Westfield Welcome. "We are excited about our partnerships and continue to look for ways to grow and enhance what we are able to offer."

Programming and ticket information can be found on Westfield Welcome's website at westfieldwelcome.com/gjp-programming.

Painting in the Plaza Themes

- May 10 - Fox painting
- June 14 - Sea Turtle painting
- July 12 - Antiqued

Mandalas on wood panels

- August 9 - Mushroom Fairy House painting

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 and in designated on-street spots. A parking map can be found by clicking the graphic at the top of the story.

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.



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- Only candidate with judicial experience
- Experience presiding over every case type that will be assigned to the new Superior Court 7
- Auxiliary Judge of Hamilton County Veteran's Court
- Committee member for the State Judiciary Protective Order Committee
- Former Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for Hamilton County

Darren was inspired to go into law after he was awarded the Purple Heart and medically retired from the 3/75 Ranger Regiment of the U.S. Army due to injuries received during combat. He began his legal career with the Hamilton County Prosecutor's Office in 1997, and continued to work in and around Hamilton County, including serving as Assistant County Attorney for Hamilton County and Assistant City Attorney for the City of Noblesville before he became an appointed Magistrate Judge.

Darren has lived with his family in Fishers for 22 years, and is honored to live and work in such a wonderful community.



Darren was awarded the Purple Heart by President George H.W. Bush



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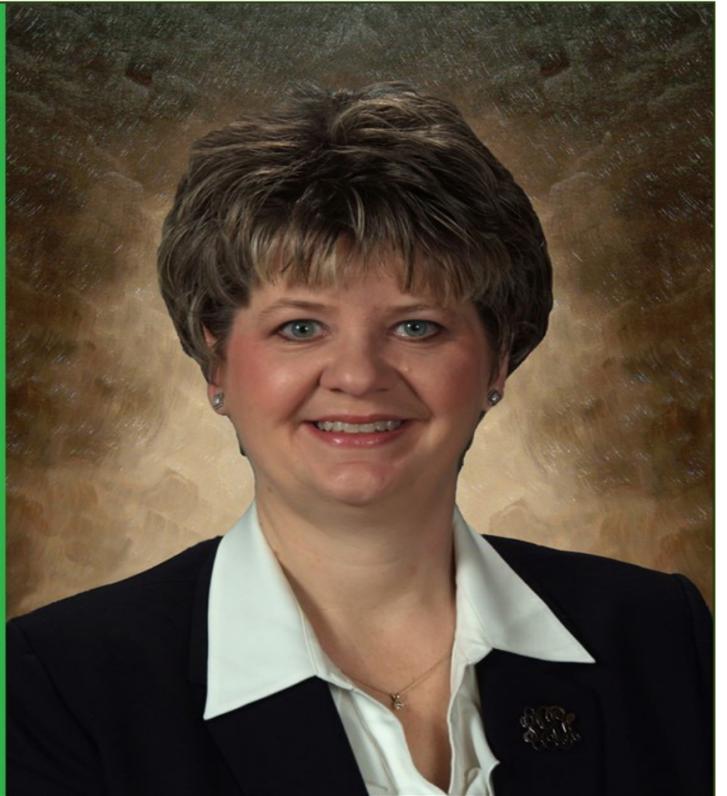



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## Residents Invited to Provide Feedback on New Thomas Marcuccilli Nature Park

Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation (CCPR) invites the community to participate in the first Thomas Marcuccilli Nature Park public open house on Thursday, May 5 from 6-8 p.m. The meeting will be held at Harvest Church, 14550 River Road, Carmel, IN 46033. The meeting can also be attended virtually. Individuals interested in participating virtually can register here.

To develop the Thomas Marcuccilli Nature Park master plan, CCPR and consultants from MKSK will gather input through

public open houses and focus groups. The master plan will help guide the ultimate design of the park over the next several years.

Thomas Marcuccilli Nature Park, located in northeast Carmel near 146th Street and River Road, was donated in 2021 and is comprised of approximately 63 acres of land. Additional public open houses, park visits, and online options will be offered throughout the master plan process. Stay tuned to CCPR's social media for more information.

# Finding Hope and Life Before Death



**GLENN MOLLETTE**  
Columnist

Most of us have wondered about life beyond the grave. Many today are in search of life before the grave. Given that many people traditionally believe about heaven, eternity and life beyond, it would certainly seem very valuable to think about a life beyond. However, what about life here?

The Ukrainian people wake up every day to fight, survive or hide an-

other day. They fight for life and freedom. Why? Life and freedom are worth something.

How much are life and freedom worth? What does it mean to you to hug your spouse or loved one? How much do you enjoy laughing with family, friends or at a funny tv show? How good does it feel to do something you enjoy? Cooking a meal, music, reading, your faith assembly, grandkids or enjoying a sunny or rainy day. Life is living and enjoying our living.

God didn't make us to be miserable. We make ourselves miserable. Sickness makes us miserable. Addictions destroy us and others. Death of the people we love zaps us and creates major voids in our lives. Yet, life can only be lived forward and often

this is where we get stuck. Too often we put our cars in park and start watching the world go by us. We look in the rear view mirror. Life is whizzing by and we can't seem to get our foot back on the accelerator to start moving again. This becomes a very stagnate and unhappy way to live. Actually, it's not a life at all.

Living before you die must have some routine. Go to work. Go someplace. Do something. It doesn't have to be exotic or glorious. Often routine is the same thing every day. There is some peace in routine. When our routine and entire lives are shaken, like what is happening in Ukraine, then every minute is about surviving another day.

Survival mode for you may be doctor's visits.

Making a plan for the next five years or year of your life. Reconnecting to some family or a friend or two. Making peace with the past and embracing today.

The key word for life is hope. Peace is another key word but peace doesn't exist without hope. If we have hope we can look forward to life. We hope we have enough health. We hope we have enough money. The people of Ukraine have hope they can overcome Russia. This keeps many of them going. Many have fled the country in search of hope.

Find the hope you need to embrace the rest of your life. Hope in family, friends, hobbies and much more is good. Just be very aware, even they may disappoint you. Mainly, find hope in you.

## DISEASE From Page A1

Understand the signs and symptoms of NTM lung disease and be empowered to get the help they need, the American Lung Association, supported by Inmed Incorporated through a collaborative sponsorship, is sharing these important facts about the condition:

What are NTM lung disease's most common signs and symptoms? The symptoms of NTM lung disease are similar to other lung conditions. Common symptoms include chronic cough that may produce mucus, fatigue, weight loss, fever and night sweats.

Who's at greatest risk? Although anyone can get NTM lung disease, some groups of people are at much higher risk, including those with lungs damaged from diseases such as bronchiectasis, COPD, cystic fibrosis, silicosis or a previous tuberculosis infection. Other high-risk groups include postmenopausal women and people over 65, as well individuals with a weakened immune system due to an autoimmune disorder, or from taking immune suppressing medications.

How does NTM lung disease affect one's health? The less progressive form of NTM lung disease, nodular bronchiectasis, causes inflammation, damage and scarring over time.

As the disease progresses, the damaged airways lose their ability to clear mucus normally, which invites recurring respiratory infections. The more progressive form, cavitary disease, causes scarring, fibrosis and the formation of cavities or pits in the lung tissue, which can lead to respiratory failure. Some NTM organisms can cause disease in other parts of the body, including the

lymph nodes, skin, soft tissue and bones.

When is it time to see a doctor? Consider asking your doctor about NTM lung disease if you're living with a chronic lung disease and your symptoms are getting worse or not going away.

How is NTM lung disease diagnosed? Diagnosis typically involves three different assessments: A clinical exam, a chest X-ray or CT scan, and a lab culture. It's important that diagnosis includes identification of which species of mycobacterium are causing the infection, since that will determine treatment options.

What are next steps after diagnosis? Treatment options vary depending on the type of NTM species involved, but typically include two or more courses of antibiotics for an extended period of time, as well as making healthy lifestyle changes. In some cases, surgery is an option. While NTM lung disease is treatable, it can be challenging to eliminate all of the bacteria so it doesn't continue replicating. Advocates encourage seeking a second opinion and following up with a pulmonologist or infectious disease specialist with specific experience treating NTM lung disease, particularly if symptoms persist after treatment.

"If you experience new or worsening symptoms, these may be clues about what's happening in your body," says Brian, a patient with a rare, genetic lung disease called Alpha-1 who was diagnosed with NTM lung disease after discussing with his doctor how his symptoms changed. "Don't be afraid to advocate for yourself."

More information can be found at Lung.org/NTM.

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**equation? Signed: Working Still at 72**

**Dear Working:** The Social Security representatives you spoke with told you correctly – they examine your recent earnings every year and will automatically adjust your benefit if it is appropriate to do so. But the dollar values they look at to see if you should get a benefit increase may not be what you think.

When you claimed your SS benefits at age 64, they computed your benefit using the highest-earning

35 years you had at that time, but they "indexed" those earnings (adjusted them for inflation) for the year you turned 60 and earlier. That means that to arrive at your age 64 benefit, they increased your historical earnings by an inflation percentage for each year, to pay your benefit in current dollars. For example, if your 1985 earnings were \$25,000, that would be about \$62,000 in today's dollars and that is the amount they used to compute your benefit. But that is also the amount

you would need to exceed today to have your current earnings increase your monthly benefit amount.

So, unless your most recent earnings exceed the inflated dollar amounts used to compute your benefit at age 64, your monthly benefit won't change. Keep in mind too that Social Security uses only the 35 years over your lifetime in which you earned the most, so years with lower earnings (for example, when you first started working) probably aren't

included in the computation.

In any case, rest assured that claiming at age 64 didn't disqualify you from getting a bigger benefit if you're entitled to one because your current earnings exceed the inflation-adjusted amounts originally used. Everyone who works and earns, even if they are already collecting Social Security, will have their earnings record reviewed every year to see if their current earnings entitle them to a bigger benefit. If so, it is automatically given.

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she offered the Boston Globe this piece of advice: "Since the pandemic is unlikely to disappear and life needs to continue, it may still be worth proceeding with personal travel plans, while taking advantage of all available protective measures. People should weigh the pros and cons of travel, and prioritize less risky travel modes, like cars, where possible."

In the same article, Harvard epidemiologist Dr. William Hanage suggested that if you are considering booking a vacation this year, "Book something you can cancel. Then reassess when your trip is closer. Remember, it's not only about the chance of being infected, but also the chance of restrictions being implemented whenever you are vacationing. It wouldn't be fun quarantining for a substantial

portion of your stay."

Another piece of advice is offered by Rebecca Weber, CEO of the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]: make sure your insurance is up to date. "In addition to making sure that your health insurance will cover you no matter where you travel in the U.S. and abroad, you might want to purchase travel insurance. It may also be wise to look into purchasing a travel assistance plan as well. There is a difference. Travel insurance covers monetary losses that you may incur while traveling. Travel assistance plans help pay for things such as an emergency medical evacuation and travel arrangements, a nurse escort, a traveling companion and other emergency costs you might encounter if you get sick or hurt while

traveling. It can even provide emergency cash advances."

As adventuresome as you might feel, it's a good idea to keep your travel plans as simple as possible and to do some research as regards the level of covid danger at your planned destination. For example, the Centers for Disease Control has an updated international list of destinations based on covid risk assessments on its website. Meanwhile, the non-profit Act Now Coalition offers an online resource that monitors domestic covid risk levels.

AMAC's Weber also stresses that it is above all the items on your travel check list that you are vaccinated against the covid virus and, of course, that you consult with your healthcare provider. He or she will tell you whether it is a

good idea, health wise, to go where you are planning to go and how you are planning to get there. At the least it will give you peace of mind and help ensure a very bon voyage.

One final thought. Arguably, among the safer vacation destinations that you might want to consider if you are planning a getaway is the Great Outdoors. Particularly for those seniors that wish to get out and enjoy fresh air and scenic beauty, there's no better deal than an annual National Park Pass for \$20 or a lifetime pass for \$80. Up to three additional people in a vehicle are admitted free with the cardholder. Passes may be obtained here.

As for the status of the pandemic, the master of the malaprop, Yogi Berra, once said "it ain't over until it's over."

## CLEAN

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to join the fight against drug addiction and overdose."

Team members from the Office of the Attorney General are joining local law enforcement at collection sites around the state Saturday, April 30. Some of those sites include:

- Hamilton County Drug Take Back Day located at Riverview Hospital 395 Westfield Rd., Noblesville, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

- Crawfordsville Police Department Drug Take Back Day located at 311 N Green St., Crawfordsville, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- Valparaiso Police and Fire Departments Drug Take Back event located at 355 S Washington St., Valparaiso, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- DEA National Drug Take Back Site Ripley County located at 902 S Adams St., Versailles, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- Peru Drug Take Back Day located at 1451 N Eel River Cemetery Rd., Peru, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Indiana State Police and other law enforcement agencies are also participating in National Drug Take Back Day. Medications may be dropped off at any Indiana State Police post except the Toll Road Post.

Staff operating the drop-off sites will ensure the safe disposal of medications, including drugs in liquid and pill form. Vaping pens without batteries and vaping cartridges will also be accepted. Needles, new or used, WILL NOT be accepted for disposal. This service is free and anonymous with no questions asked.

## APOLOGIES From Page X

folks or make those who are unaware of it, aware. In the past, the almanac has included Good Friday, Valentine's Day and Arbor Day, among many other examples. I do not consider any of these holidays wacky, as I expect none of you do either. Even so, I choose to include them because, well, it would seem oblivious on our part not to mention them.

It's a big world, with lots of people and lots of holidays. This part of the almanac is a quick and easy way to offer people a reminder. And up until now, we have not had issues with it. That changed this week.

From late Wednesday night to Thursday night, Israel and the world observed Yom HaShoah,

or Holocaust Remembrance Day. It is an annual holiday, celebrated on the 27th day of Nisan, the first month of spring in the Hebrew and Babylonian calendars. As part of our daily almanac for Thursday's edition, I chose to include it under the wacky holidays section.

This was a mistake, and for that I sincerely apologize.

Yom HaShoah is not 'wacky' in any way, shape or form. It is a holiday meant to remind us of the terrible cost of hate and indifference when it is allowed to fester and go unchecked and unchallenged. It is also a reminder of the unimaginable death and destruction wrought by the very worst evil to visit humanity in

our history. And for Jews and non-Jews around the world, myself included, it is a solemn day to remember and reflect.

There is no justification, there is no explanation and there are no excuses I can offer. But I will say this: I spent Yom HaShoah at a high school in another part of the state listening to Holocaust survivor Frank Grunwald share his story with high school and junior high students. I also had the opportunity to meet him and his wife and ask some questions. It was an experience that humbled more than any I have had in my life.

For our fellow Sagamore News Media publication, the Paper of Montgomery County, I wrote a story about that experience that

was published yesterday. If you would like to read it, you can do so by going to this link: <https://the-paper24-7.com/2022/04/holocaust-survivor-speaks-to-southmont-students/>.

As a final note, I will say this: I am new to Noblesville, and very few of you know who I am. Certainly no one here knows me well. But those who do know one thing: the only thing I want to do is work in news.

I make my living telling stories and keeping people informed about the world. I am not perfect, nor am I an expert. I have made mistakes before and I will make them again. But I am incredibly fortunate that this is my passion. Very few jobs require public

feedback to inform and improve their work. This is one of them. To those of you who reached out and expressed your concerns, thank you. It was a mistake, you were right to point it out and we will adjust our 'wacky holidays' section header to say "Today is..." This is more encompassing and neutral and will prevent this from happening again.

To those I hurt, to those I offended and to those who I disregarded, I truly am sorry. I, and The Times, will do better. We must.

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## BETSY From Page A1



Photo provided by Hamilton County Tourism

**John Bundy holds one of his duck decoys, which were made on his Noblesville property for the past 40 years.**

original. And each was branded as an original.

Bundy, a Noblesville native who graduated in 1967 from Jackson Central High School in Arcadia, passed away on Sunday, April 24, just two days after his 73rd birthday.

While duck decoys were created to fool a duck so that hunters could capture wild ducks or other waterfowl, Bundy's duck decoys -- created in 28 steps -- were often used as novelty decorating items because of their beauty. "Intended for the mantle instead of the marsh," he had said. Yes, Bundy Ducks were called decoys because their shapes resemble real working decoys.

I remember the last time I talked to John Bundy.

I saw him when the new Cabela's opened in 2015 in Noblesville, where his ducks were on display -- but not for sale -- at the Bundy Grill inside Cabela's, a large retail store of hunting, fishing and camping supplies.

Yes, Bundy got his own restaurant named after him at Cabela's. The Cabela's partnership came naturally with Bundy, an outdoorsman, an avid hunter, fisherman and storyteller, who would attract visitors whenever he was in sight at the store.

Bundy's ducks are famous throughout the world. The duck decoys have traveled to destinations near and far, I'm told, and even belong to some dignitaries.

Bundy's most-prized duck decoys were made from a 150-year-old tree that fell in his yard. And King Abdullah of Jordan owns a Bundy Duck Decoy made from that fallen tree.

Other accolades? Bundy and his wife, Valarie, helped form White River Rescue 2000, and was president of the group, working with the Department of Natural Resources to rehabilitate and restock about 1 million fish, or 12 different types of fish, along 50 miles of the White River after a catastrophic chemical spill. He was named Sagamore of the Wabash for adding to the economic strength of the State of Indiana in the late 1980s. And

George was a member of the Indiana Artisan Group, showcasing his duck decoys often with the group for which Rosalyn Demaree, my former Daily Ledger editor, is the executive director and the friend who called me this week to share of Bundy's passion. The Indiana Artisan Marketplace's store in Carmel will delay opening today until 1 p.m. to honor Bundy at his Celebration of Life.

Bundy's service will be at 11 a.m. today, with visitation beginning at 10 a.m., at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center on Westfield Road in Noblesville.

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# WEEKEND

## In The Home

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## Simple Tips To Attract Hummingbirds To Your Yard This Year

(Family Features)

Throughout the warmer months, many backyards play host to a variety of birds, including hummingbirds. When you see flowers and trees begin to bud and bloom and other migrating birds, like warblers, that's nature's way of letting you know it's time to ready your yard for hummingbirds.

It's enchanting watching hummingbirds – named for the humming sound of their fast-flapping wings – as their tiny size and speed make them natural wonders. Hummingbirds can fly 25-30 miles per hour, flapping their wings an estimated 70 times per second. They fly in every direction, even backwards, which only hummers can do, and float majestically in midair.

The birds get their brilliant color from the iridescence in the arrangement of their feathers, not color pigment. Plus, they have the fastest metabolism of any animal on Earth, burning 1-2 times their body weight in food daily. Hummingbirds draw nectar from its



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source into their mouths, lapping it up almost 12 times per second.

To increase your chances of observing these petite powerhouses at home, consider these tips from the experts at Cole's Wild Bird Products:

Be conscious of beneficial insects. Hummingbirds rely on insects, which provide essential protein, to complement the nectar they crave. To attract insects, try placing rotting fruit near feeders and leave it until insects arrive for hummers' easy eats.

Leave spiderwebs

alone: Hummingbirds use spiderwebs as construction material to hold their nests together and pluck insects caught in the webbing.

Offer a water mister: Hummingbirds adore bathing; a mister gives them the fine spray they prefer. Once soaked, they're off to find a preening perch.

Provide tiny perches. Leave small, sturdy, bare branches for hummingbirds, to perch on for rest, preening and hunting. Perches provide vantage points to see danger and launching pads to

swiftly pounce on insects. Once hummingbirds find a favorite perch, they'll use it repeatedly.

Hang hummingbird feeders first. Feeders are one of the most effective ways to consistently entice and encourage hummingbirds to come visit. However, not all feeders are created equal. For example, Cole's Hummer High Rise Feeder is scientifically designed with elevated perches to make hummingbirds feel safe and comfortable, which encourages their consistent return.

Although hummingbird

feeders can attract bees and ants, this feeder is uniquely designed to keep pests at bay. It doesn't drip, so large bees can't get to the nectar, plus it has a built-in ant moat to keep ants away from nectar when filled with plain water. Since birds drink from the moat, never use any repellents or additives.

Hummingbirds are territorial and not likely to share feeders, so hang multiple feeders far enough apart to attract more birds. To ensure a steady stream of birds, hang feeders in the shade to avoid fermentation of sugar-based liquids, check feeders bi-weekly to keep food fresh and clean feeders as needed with one part white vinegar to four parts water.

Plant flowers. Trumpet honeysuckle, bee balm and sage plants are particularly attractive to hummingbirds and provide rich nectar. Hummingbirds consume 1 1/2 times their body weight daily, eating every 10-15 minutes and visiting 1,000-2,000 flowers per day.

Choose the right nectar. Not all nectar is alike, and hummingbirds can taste the difference. Almost all commercial nectars contain one sugar source – sucrose – because it's cheaper to make. However, real flower nectar contains three sugar sources – sucrose, fructose and glucose – in varying amounts depending on the flower.

Researched and designed to attract the greatest variety of hummingbirds, Cole's Nature's Garden is a high energy, nutrient-rich nectar that combines all three types of organically sourced sugars North American hummingbirds love, with a spring water base. It closely mimics the sugar ratios they favor and provides a healthier, nutritious, all-natural alternative to table sugar.

Don't forget, hummingbirds have memories like elephants; once they discover your hummer-friendly habitat, they'll come back every year if there's a reliable food source. Learn more at coleswildbird.com.

## How To Set A Proper Budget For Your Home Remodel You've Been Wanting

(Family Features)

When you decide to renovate your home – whether to sell or make improvements for you and your family to enjoy – setting a budget can be a challenge. Knowing what you want to accomplish may be the easy part but avoiding the bad advice out there and determining what you can actually afford takes research and detailed planning.

Consider these tips from National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) member contractors to help build an appropriate remodeling budget.

Identify your project scope and ideal budget. Start by creating a list of everything you would

like to include in your renovation then separate your list into wants and needs. From there, determine a proposed budget for the project based on how much you're comfortable spending and your home's value.

"Get your bids after you know what the project is," said Michael Ansel, principal of OA Design+Build+Architecture.

Meet with remodelers. Set up a meeting with a local remodeling company and share your proposed scope of work and budget to see if it's feasible. An experienced, professional remodeler who is a member of an organization like NARI can share feedback on the costs in your area and

any challenges involved with your project based on experiences with homes like yours. Once you have a better understanding of the true scope of the project, meet with other contractors to gather a few estimates to compare.

"Are you hiring an installer or are you hiring an expert guide?" asked Barak Steenlage, co-owner of Anchor Builders. "The difference is worth the investment."

Beware of low estimates. When evaluating companies for your project, remember estimates you may find online don't typically account for regional variations, the cost of various types of labor and necessary permits.

"Cost estimates you find may be national averages that are lower than the costs in your city," said Bjorn Freudenthal, homeowner advisor at New Spaces. "Also, they may only account for the cost of the replacement materials, not other costs like changing the floor plan or updating electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems. They might also be missing the costs of removal of hazardous materials like asbestos and lead paint."

The COVID-19 pandemic has also caused some materials to rise in cost, so it's important to account for these increases.

"Bad contractor stories come from people cut-

ting corners and hiring unqualified people," Ansel said. "When you're paying bottom of the barrel, there's no bandwidth for the contractor to solve problems."

Ensure you have proper permits. Not all projects require permits, but it is important to determine if your project requires one from your city or county. Make sure you (or your contractor) obtain one, if necessary, to ensure the safety of the work and its compliance with building, construction and zoning codes.

"If a homeowner or contractor doesn't pull permits and something goes wrong, the homeowner is liable to fix the problem," Ansel said.

"This additional cost could be a large percentage of the original job, and maybe more."

Understand your timeline. The purpose of your renovation can impact the long-term value of the project. Making updates to prepare your home to sell, for example, is a more immediate cost than updating a space you will spend time in for years to come.

"When the homeowner is looking to stay 7-10 years or more, it impacts lifetime value because you can spread the cost out over a longer period of time," Steenlage said.

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