# **⇒ TODAY'S VERSE**

Job 27:6 My righteousness I hold fast, and will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach me so long as I live.



FACES of HAMILTON COUNTY

People who call our community their own

What makes Kim Hirschfeld smile? "My family," said the Noblesville resident. She is past president of the board of directors for the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville and was found in 2018 attending the unveiling of one of the Club's new vans with new van wrap sponsored by Indiana Farmers Insurance. Today's feature is a look back at one of The Times' previous Faces of Hamilton County. She has been involved with the Boys & Girls Club for more than 25 years, through the auxiliary and on the board, because "it's such a great place. And it's a hidden gem. People have no idea that for \$55 a year you have a really safe, creative, passionate place to send your children all year long. It's not \$55 a week or a month, but it's the entire year. What you get is just amazing. I think it's a great place, and I think the staff is our biggest asset." She got involved because her sister was in the auxiliary, and Kim "saw the great work that they did." The Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville's 36th annual Auxiliary Auction, themed '80s Prom style," is 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Harbour Trees Golf Club, sponsored by the Tocash Family, at \$175 per person, and live music by Greta Speaks and hors d'oeuvres buffet, proceeds to the club, with reservations required. Hirschfeld, who works for Suburban Indy Shows, promotes home shows in the area. Her husband, Jon Hirschfeld, is a Realtor for F.C. Tucker Co. She likes to spend time with her three children and her grandchildren. What else makes her smile? "I make special trips to drive by the club to see the kids outside playing football or on the outdoor equipment. It makes

## And Another Thing...

me happy."

Governor Eric J. Holcomb is directing flags in the State of Indiana to be flown at half-staff in remembrance of the one million American lives lost to COVID-19. Per President Biden's order, flags should be flown at half-staff immediately until sunset on Monday, May 16. Gov. Holcomb is asking businesses and residents in Indiana to lower their

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# **Boomer Bits**

# **Ask Rusty - Will Paying the IRS Quarterly Raise My Social Security?**

Dear Rusty: I waited to sign up for Social Security until I turned 70 last month so I would qualify for the maximum benefit. I have been the pastor of a small church for the last 15 years & they didn't take out deductions, so I paid in quarterly at the advice of my accountant so I would have an amount built up when the time came for me to sign up for Social Security. I received my first SS payment in March for \$1757.00 after Medicare was deducted. I have been told that once you turned 70 you get the maximum SS benefit, but my accountant thought

According to the 2021 BBB

Risk Report, online purchase

percent of all reports filed in

2021. Roughly 75 percent of

consumers reporting an online

purchase scam to BBB Scam

Tracker indicated a financial

online consumers, taking

Scammers preyed on these

advantage of the hard-to-find

and substandard products and

offering them at "too good to

be true" prices. Sometimes con-

items by creating fake websites

scams accounted for nearly 38



**Scam Alert: Online** 

**Purchases Remain** 

Top Reported Scam

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that I can still pay in quarterly to boost that \$1757. I don't want to pay in anymore if it's not going to increase my amount (other than cost of living increases), so what do I tell my accountant? He's waiting to hear from me be-

sumers find what they ordered

is not what they get. Many ads

cute merchandise, or items with

pop up with enticing gadgets,

a subliminal "I got to have it"

messages, making it irresist-

ible to click and check it out.

Unfortunately, some of these

companies or private sellers

aren't quite what they seem.

order is placed, the company

not of good quality

Consumers report that once the

doesn't send the product, or it is

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fore he completes my income tax return. Signed: Inquisitive **Pastor** 

Dear Inquisitive: By "pay in quarterly" I assume you mean

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# **Gene Editing** to Prevent **Heart Attacks**

**By John Grimaldi** 

The coronavirus killed some 460,000 Americans last year, heart disease killed nearly 700,000 people in the U.S. in the same period. The fact is that heart attacks are the number one cause of death in America and throughout the world. So, the announcement that scientists are testing a way to prevent heart attacks with a single injection may sound like a life-saving game-changer, particularly for seniors over the age of 65 who, according to the National Institute on Aging, are much more likely than younger people to suffer a heart attack.

Verve Therapeutics describes



Sunrise/Sunset RISE: 6:29 a.m. SET: 8:51 p.m.

High/Low **Temperatures** High: 81 °F Low: 62 °F

### Today is....

- "The Stars and Stripes Forever" Day
- National Miniature Golf Day
  - Windmill Day

### What Happened On This Day

- 1796 The first smallpox vaccination is administered
- 1948 Israel becomes an independent state
- 1955 The Warsaw Pact is established

### **Births On This Day** • 1977 Roy Halladay

American baseball player

• 1984 Mark Zuckerberg American computer programmer, businessman, co-founder of Facebook

### **Deaths On This Day**

- 1998 Frank Sinatra American singer, actor
- 2015 B.B. King American singer-songwriter, guitarist, producer

itself as a biotechnology company created with a singular focus: to protect the world from heart disease. Over the next three years the company says

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# **Tailors Keep Busy** This Prom season



**BETSY REASON** The Times Editor

It's the first prom season since the pandemic that Ana Shull has been busy with prom dress alterations.

There were no proms in 2020, there were proms with lots of

Covid guidelines and rules in 2021, so a lot of kids didn't go to prom.

But this year, the proms are on," said Shull, who's been busy "hemming dresses, shortening straps and taking in waists" on dresses in all colors.

With Noblesville High School's Jr.-Sr. Prom tonight at the Children's Museum of Indianapolis, the "red carpet dresses" are coming out.

"I'm just happy that the kids get to go to prom," said Shull, of Noblesville, as she kept working, sewing on a brown prom dress on one of two Bernina sewing machines at Village Tailors, a shop that's been in her family since 1986, duly noted on a sign in the front room.

So what's popular in the red-carpet dresses this year?



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Jessica Roth, 18, Fishers, a senior at Fishers High School, tries on her prom dress in front of the mirror for Village Tailors owner and seamstress Ana Shull after having the dress hemmed for Fishers prom, which was May 7 at the Children's Museum of Indianapolis, the same location where Noblesville High School prom is tonight.

"Sequins, long, slits," are among the characteristics of this year's prom dresses, she said. "Some are very full. Some are very form-fitting. Lots of

colors." And shoes? "Some just wear Converse," Shull said. "Some

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## HONEST HOOSIER

I stand with Ukraine!

James Claghorn

**Steve Hoskins** Peter B. Kahlo

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# TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you're over 60, talk to your doctor about getting a shot to prevent shingles. 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



The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank JACOB G. DOLL for subscribing!

# TODAY'S QUOTE

"It's no use going back to yesterday, because I was a different person then."

- Lewis Carroll

## TODAY'S JOKE

Want to hear a construction joke? Sorry, it's still a work in progress.





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# **OBITUARIES**

**James Claghorn** 

January 24, 1971 - May 10, 2022 James Claghorn, 51, of Nobles-

ville, passed away on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 after fighting leukemia for over 13 years. He was born in Madison, IN on

January 24, 1971 to the late Larry and Annamary (Dryden) Claghorn.

Mr. Claghorn graduated from Madison Consolidated High School in 1989 and joined the Indiana Army National Guard the summer before his senior year to take advantage of the college benefits. He earned a Bachelor's Degree from Indiana University in 1996 and his Master's Degree from Oakland City University in 2005.

Mr. Claghorn married Dawn (Brown) Claghorn on December 9, 1995 while both were seniors

at Indiana University. After several years and several moves with their civilian employment, he went on active duty with the Indiana Army National Guard and retired at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel after serving over 30 years with two deployments to Bosnia and one deployment to Iraq during his time in service.

He enjoyed traveling the world, going to concerts, and spending time with his wife and daughters. Mr. Claghorn cherished his daughters and among many of his memories with them were the Mickey Mouse "Dad You Are My Star" coffee mugs he received from them on the same day during their elementary school fair and the "father-daughter trip" he took with both girls before each left for college (and he cried the day both left for college).

Mr. Claghorn and his wife were able to travel to many states and countries with their daughters during their marriage. One of their favorite memories was when Dawn, the girls and he were able to see Bruce Springsteen in concert in Trieste, Italy while on vacation.

Mr. Claghorn wished he could have survived at least another 30 years and will miss his family more than they will ever know. He will miss spending time with his friends from his hometown (Brian, Eddie, Troy and others), college (Pete, Wease, Billy, Mark, Greg and Brian) and the military (Bob, Bill, Jim, Danny, Greg, Gary, Matt and others) and thanks them for their friendship

Survivors include the love of his life, and best thing that ever happened to him, Dawn (Brown) Claghorn; the best two daughters a dad could ever ask for, Mary Claghorn and Madison Claghorn; step-mother Annabelle Claghorn of Madison, IN; step-sister Tina (Jason) Linker of Fort Wayne, IN; and step-sister Anita Bunch of Madison, IN.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his Nana Martha Carlock; his step-brother Tim Bunch; and his brother Joey Claghorn.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville. Services and burial are scheduled to be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 20, 2022 at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1415 Madison State Hospital Lane, Madison, IN 47250.

Mr. Claghorn requested donations be made to the USO in support of our service members and their families. United Service Organizations, Inc., 2111 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1200, Arlington, VA 22201 (www.uso.

Online condolences may be made at www.randallroberts.com

# **Steve Hoskins**

October 4, 1953 - May 13, 2022

Steve Hoskins, 68, of Noblesville, passed away on Friday, May 13, 2022 at his home. He was born on October 4, 1953 to the late Charlie and Loretta (Stewart) Hoskins in Franklin, Indiana.

Mr. Hoskins worked as an auto mechanic. He loved cars, motorcycles, NASCAR, and drag racing. He enjoyed boating and working on motorcycles. Mr. Hoskins was also an artist.

Survivors include his daughter Brittany Hoskins; son Kyle Hoskins; brothers Mike Hoskins and Ronnie Hoskins; sister Vickie Hessman; and his grandchildren Sylas, Autumn, Stella, Lavla and Rowan.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with services scheduled for 1 p.m., on Thursday, May 19, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, in Noblesville. The Rev. Stanley R. Sutton will officiate. Burial will be at Highland Cemetery in Fishers.

Online condolences may be made at www.randallroberts.com.

# Peter B. Kahlo

July 21, 1928 - May 9, 2022

Peter B. Kahlo, 93, of Noblesville, passed away on Monday, May 9, 2022 at Wellbrooke of Westfield.

He was born on July 21, 1928 to Bruno and Martha (Schmidt) Kahlo in Zerbst, Germany.

Mr. Kahlo was the founder and president of Kahlo Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram dealership in Noblesville. He was a member of the Noblesville Masonic Lodge and the Shriners, and

was a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite. He also served on the Indianapolis Horse Patrol and Color Guard. Survivors include his son Kevin (Becky) Kahlo;

daughter Kari (Carl) Wright; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; step sister-in-law Joyce Keys; two nephews; his special friend & caretaker Maria Galvez; along with several other family members in Germany from his sister Ruth Rudloff.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Donna L. Cundiff Kahlo; son Kurt Kahlo; and his sister Ruth Rudloff.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., with services scheduled for 5 p.m., on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center, 1685 Westfield Road, in Noblesville. Pastor Kevin Long will officiate. Entombment will follow at Hamilton Memorial Park Cemetery in Westfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to Alzheimer's Association, 50 East 91st Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240 (www.alz.org/indiana).

Online condolences may be made at www.randallrob-

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# **Ivy Tech in Hamilton County Celebrates 200+ Graduates at 1st Commencement Ceremony**

Ivy Tech Community College in Hamilton County will hold its first commencement on Saturday, May 21.

**Ivy Tech Hamilton** County, which became the official 19th campus of Ivy Tech Community College July 1, 2021, has confirmed a total of 43 students will walk across the commencement stage and participate in the very first official commencement ceremony for the Hamilton County campus. A total of 218 students will receive credentials in areas such as business, building construction, education, general studies, healthcare, human services, and IT.

"Graduation is a significant life event, and we couldn't be prouder of our graduates as they celebrate this significant milestone," said Dr. Stacy Atkinson, chancellor of Ivy Tech Hamilton County. "We cherish our students' journeys and achievements and look

forward to seeing what they accomplish next."

The College will also recognize several individuals for distinguished awards and honors, including Indiana State Senator Luke Kenley, who will receive the Honorary Degree of Associate of Science in College and Community Service. Kenley, who was instrumental in opening the site that is now the Hamilton County campus, is a Noblesville High School graduate who was elected to the Indiana State Senate in 1992 and served as a Noblesville City Court Judge for 15 years. Kenley will also serve as the campus' first

commencement speaker. "I would like to personally recognize Senator Luke Kenley for his work to establish and full support of our Hamilton County campus," said Sue Ellspermann, president of Ivy Tech. "His lifetime of service to Indiana and Hoosiers, in addition to his dedication to the Ivy Tech community, demonstrate an unparalleled model of public service and advocacy for

high-quality education." Other individuals who will receive recognition at this year's commencement include Outstanding Faculty Award recipient, Nicol Bradberry, and Outstanding Adjunct Faculty Award recipient, Kevin R. Jowitt. The student commencement speaker who will address her graduating Class of 2022 will be Helen Paola Lizano Herrera, a Costa-Rican American and graduate of Westfield High School. During the ceremony, graduates will also hear from Provost of Ivy Tech Community College, Dr. Dean McCurdy.

"I am excited to participate in Ivy Tech Hamilton County's first commencement ceremony," said McCurdy. "Graduating from college is a major milestone, and our Hamilton County graduates will always be able to say that

they were the first to do so at our newest campus. I am eager to share that moment with them and the Hamilton County team, and to celebrate their success.'

Ivy Tech Community College is Indiana's largest public postsecondary institution and the nation's largest singly accredited statewide community college system, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Ivy Tech has campuses throughout Indiana and serves thousands of students annually online. It serves as the state's engine of workforce development, offering associate degrees, shortterm certificate programs, industry certifications, and training that aligns to the needs of the community. The College provides seamless transfer to other colleges and universities in Indiana, as well as out of state, for a more affordable route to a bachelor's degree.

# Former Marion County Detention Deputy, Noblesville Resident, Imprisoned for Assaulting Restrained Inmate

Jorge Alberto Mateos, 26, of Noblesville, Indiana, a former detention deputy with the Marion County Sheriff's Office in Indianapolis, was sentenced today to 18 months in federal prison for assaulting an inmate. Mateos had previously pleaded guilty to a felony civil rights offense for his unreasonable use of force against an inmate in his

According to court documents, on the evening of September 9, 2021, Mateos was on duty as a Detention Deputy at the Marion County Jail. During the shift, deputies ordered an inmate at the facility to remove his jail-issued shoes. The inmate kicked off his shoes and sat in the corner of his cell. In response, Mateos entered the cell and told the inmate something to the effect of, "When a deputy tells you to do something, you need to do it." Mateos then struck the inmate in the face multiple times, during which time the inmate did not try to resist or fight back. Mateos continued to strike the inmate after he fell to the ground. According to court documents, other detention deputies attempted to deescalate

the situation, separated the inmate and Mateos, and placed the inmate in handcuffs. After the inmate was handcuffed, Mateos struck the inmate several additional times. As a result, the inmate sustained bodily injuries.

"Law enforcement officers who violate their oaths and choose to assault persons in their custody will be held accountable," said Zachary A. Myers, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana. "Former Deputy Mateos chose to repeatedly attack an inmate who offered no resistance, an assault that continued even after the inmate was handcuffed. These crimes dishonor our profession and erode trust in the honorable law enforcement officers who risk their lives to keep the community safe. Abuses of the public trust are a special category of wrongs to be righted. The sentence imposed today demonstrates that this office, the Department of Justice, and our law enforcement partners will prioritize holding these offenders accountable."

"Former Deputy Mateos abused his authority as a law enforcement officer and betrayed the public's

trust when he violently assaulted an inmate in his custody," said Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke. "Law enforcement officials who commit violent assaults inside our jails and prisons are not above the law, and we will continue to vigorously prosecute those who commit civil rights violations."

"There is no acceptable level of abuse of power. The vast majority of law enforcement officers are professional, well-trained and honor the oath they took to protect and serve the community," said FBI Indianapolis Special Agent in Charge Herbert J. Stapleton. "The FBI and our law enforcement partners will continue to hold accountable those who violate that oath and the civil rights of those they are sworn to protect.'

Marion County Sheriff Kerry Forestal stated "deputy sheriffs and detention deputies take an oath. So have I. If you use unnecessary force against someone in your custody, you must be held accountable."

The Federal Bureau of Investigation investigated this case. The Marion County Sheriff's Office provide valuable assistance. The sentence was

imposed by U.S. District Chief Judge Tanya Walton Pratt. As part of the sentence, Judge Pratt ordered that the defendant be supervised by the U.S. Probation Office for 1 year following his release from prison. Judge Pratt also ordered that the defendant remanded to begin serving his sentence immediately. At the conclusion of the hearing, Mateos was taken into the custody of the United States Marshal.

U.S. Attorney Myers thanked Assistant U.S. Attorneys Bradley P. Shepard and Kelsey L. Massa, and Trial Attorney Katherine G. DeVar of the Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division, who prosecuted the case.

Individuals who believe they may have been a victim of a civil rights violation can learn how to report violations to the Department by visiting the Civil Rights Reporting Portal located at civilrights.justice.gov.

Individuals who believe they are the victim of a criminal violation of their civil rights, such as misconduct by law enforcement officers, a hate crime, or human trafficking, should contact their local FBI office.

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# Meeting Notes

# **Carmel Board** of Public Works and Safety

Meeting Agenda Wednesday, May 18 2022 - 10 a.m.

Council Chambers City Hall, One Civic Square Meeting called to order

- 1. Minutes a. Minutes from the May 4, 2022, Regular
- 2. Quote Openings and Awards
- a. Quote Opening for Carmel Data Center Painting of Garage; Timothy Renick, Director of Information and **Communication Systems**
- b. Bid Opening for Project 22-STR-02 -Sophia Square Plaza Waterproofing Repairs; Lee Higginbotham, Street Commissioner
- 3. Contracts
- a. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Applied Concepts, Inc.; (\$26,580.00); Dual - 2 Antenna Radar System; **Additional Services** Amendment; Chief Jeffrey Horner, Carmel Police Department
- b. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Blue & Co., LLC; (\$5,000.00); Medicaid Cost Reporting; Agreement for Professional Services; Chief David Haboush,

Carmel Fire Department c. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Blunk Safety Systems, Inc.; (\$196,878.85); Vehicle Emergency Lighting kits, Utility Cabinets, and K-9 Kennel; Additional Services Amendment; Chief Jeffrey Horner, Carmel Police Department

Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; ERMCO, Inc.; (\$5,540.00); Carmel Data Center; CO #1; Jeremy Kashman, Director of Engineering

e. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Frederick's, Inc.; (\$5,162.65); Carmel Data Center; CO #1; Jeremy Kashman, Director of Engineering

f. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Calumet Civil Contractors, Inc.; (\$174.00); 16-ENG-37 - Two Roundabout Improvements - 116th Street and Medical Drive at Range Line Road; CO #2; Jeremy Kashman, Director of Engineering

g. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Biancofiori Masonry, Inc.; (\$1,830.24); Carmel Data Center; CO #3; Jeremy Kashman, Director of Engineering

h. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; CTW, Inc.; (\$10,136.73); Multiconductor Wiring; Chief Jeffrey Horner, Carmel Police Department

i. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Indiana University Health; Renewal/Amendment of Agreement; Chief David Haboush, Carmel Fire Department

j. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Kausal Oy; (\$18,000.00); Climate Action Services; Addendum to Service Agreement - ongoing; Mike Hollibaugh, Director of the Department of **Community Services** 

k. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Knauss Property Services, LLC; (\$31,746.00); Cleaning Services for City-Owned Parking Garages through December 31, 2022; Lee Higginbotham, Street Commissioner

1. Resolution BPW 05-18-22-01; A Resolution of the City of Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety Acknowledging Agreement Between City and Vendor; Hagerman Construction Corp.; (\$32,600.00); City Center Stair Well and Wall Stone Repairs; Lee Higginbotham, Street Commissioner

m. Resolution BPW 05-18-22-02; A Resolution of the City of Carmel Board of Public Works and Safety Acknowledging

Agreement Between City and Vendor; Traynor & Associates, Inc.; (\$2,000.00); Appraisal Report - Parcel 2; 20-ENG-02 - 116th Street and College Roundabout; Jeremy Kashman, Director of Engineering

n. Request for Purchase of Goods and Services; Stop Stick, LLC: (\$10,925.00); 9 Foot Stop Stick Kit; Chief Jeffrey Horner, Carmel Police Department

o. 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

4. Request to use city streets/property

a. Request to Use Midtown Plaza and Stage; Allied Solutions Career Fair / Informational Event; May 24, 2022; 3:30 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.; Emma See, Allied Solutions, LLC

b. Request to Use Carter Green / Close City Streets; Bolt for the Heart Thanksgiving Family 5K Walk / Run; November 24, 2022; 6 a.m. - 12 p.m.; Pierre Twer

c. Request to Use Midtown Plaza and Stage / Close City Streets: Brews on the Boulevard; Tent Only: July 29, 2022 at 8 a.m. - August 1,

2022 by 12 p.m.; Event: July 30, 2022 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Marissa Kay, City of Carmel

d. Request to Use Carter Green / Close City Street; Celebration for Equity in Education Event; CARE: Communities Allied for Racial Equity; July 17, 2022; 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.; Carmella Sparrow

e. Request to Use Carter Green / Midtown Plaza / Rolling City Street Closures; 2023 Carmel Marathon Weekend; April 8, 2023; 4 a.m. – 3 p.m.; Todd Oliver, Carmel Road Racing Group

f. Request to Use City Streets - Lane Closures; 16th Annual Donut 5K Holiday Run / Walk; December 24, 2022; 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.; Todd Oliver, Carmel Road Racing Group

g. Request to Use Midtown Plaza; Physique 57 Outdoor Fitness Classes; May 21, June 11, July 9, August 6, and September 10, 2022; 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. Each Date; Leslie Lupton

h. Request to Close City Streets; Lakes at Hazel Dell Neighborhood; 13th Annual Lakes at Hazel Dell Camp Out; May 27, 2022 at 3 p.m. - May 28, 2022 at 9 a.m.; Alyona Tellez, HOA Lakes at Hazel Dell

i. Request to Use

Reflecting Pool; Remote Control Submarine Club Event; August 13 -August 14, 2022; 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Chris Campbell, The Subcommittee

j. Request to Close City Street; IU Health Fundraiser; 3rd Ave SW; 211 W Main Street -Savor Restaurant; July 2, 2022; 3 p.m. - 11 p.m.; Property Owners

5. Other a. Request for New Curb Cut; 1042 Auman Drive East; Property

b. Request for Open Pavement Cut: 155 West Carmel Drive; Centerpoint Energy

c. Request for Replat; Fosters Addition Lots 7 & 8; Kevin Buchheit, Krieg DeVault

d. Request for Waiver of BPW Resolution No. 04-28-17-01; 808 N Range Line Road and 997 Village Drive East; Cluster #12 Node #39 and Node #30; Small Cell Permit #SC2021-00010; Steve Carr, AT&T

e. Request for Grant of Perpetual Storm Water Quality Management Easement; 4810 Northwestern Drive; Property Owner

f. Request for Consent to Encroach and Variance; 803 Rosemary Gardens; Old Town Design

6. Adjournment

# Meeting Notes

### **Noblesville** School Board

Meeting Agenda Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 7 p.m.

**Educational Services** Center Board Room 18025 River Road, Noblesville, Indiana

The items on this agenda are being addressed with the best interests of Noblesville Schools' students as the prime consideration.

Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance - Moment of

I. MINUTES

1. Approval of the minutes of the minutes of the April 13, 2022 special session and executive session, the minutes of the April 18, 2022 executive session, the minutes of the April 19, 2022 regular school board meeting, and the minutes of the April 28, 2022 executive

- session. II. RECOGNITIONS 1. Teachers of the
- Year 2021-2022 2. NS Best Community
- Music 3. Boys Soccer / NHS
  - 4. Cheer / NHS 5. Dance / NHS
- 6. Girls Basketball / NHS 7. Jazz / NHS
- 8. Band Color Guard / NHS 9. Band - Winter
- Percussion / NHS 10. Symphonic
- Orchestra / NHS 11. Band – Wind Ensemble / NHS
- 12. Girls Swimming /
- 13. Boys Swimming / 14. Wrestling / NHS

- 15. Boys Basketball /
  - 16. Hockey Team / NHS
  - 17. Journalism -Harvey Awards / NHS 18. Journalism – BSU
  - J-Day / NHS 19. Journalism -
  - IHSPA / NHS 20. Student Artwork /
  - ESC various art teachers 21. Hare Teachers of
  - the Month / NHS III. REPORTS
  - 1. Building Spotlight / Noblesville High School Craig McCaffrey,
  - Principal 2. Math Program Review Jennifer Walton, Lauren Smith Math Program Review
  - Committee IV. PUBLIC **COMMENT**
  - 1. The board provides an opportunity for

members of the public to address the board pursuant to Policy 0167.3 Public Participation at Board Meeting

V. CONSENT

1. By single motion, the board approves/ adopts the following items or actions which reflect application of Board Policy and Indiana Code. Any items marked "Consent" may be moved from the list at the option of a board member or the superintendent and acted

on separately. a. Contracts, Agreements, and **Sponsorships** 

- b. Donations c. Overnight Trips
- d. Personnel / Personnel Addendum VI. ACTION
- 1. By individual motions, the board

approves/adopts the following items or actions which reflect application of Board Policy and Indiana Code.

a. Resolution to Approve Waiver Application

b. Elementary Curricular Fees 2022-2023

c. Secondary Curricular Fees 2022-2023

d. Technology iPad Fees and MillerCare+ Protection Plan 2022-2023

e. NHS EL College Preparatory Day Camp f. Elementary

Student/Parent Handbooks 2022-2023 g. Secondary Student/

rent Handbooks 2022h. Milk and Related

Dairy Products Bid 2022-

2023

i. Authorization to Publish Additional Appropriation 2022 Budget

j. Policy Adoption VII. POLICY CONSIDERATION

1. Policy 1220, Employment of the Superintendent

2. Policy 1520, Employment of Administrators in Addition to the Superintendent (new)

3. Policy 2603, School Performance Internet Dashboard (new)

4. Policy 3220, Staff Evaluation VIII. COMMITTEE

REPORTS IX. CLAIMS

X. ADJOURNMENT 1. The school board president asks for a motion to adjourn.

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# **Centier Bank Named Among** the 'Best Places to Work' by **Indiana Chamber of Commerce**



Michael E. Schrage, CEO and Chairman of Centier Bank, is announced yesterday that the Indiana Chamber of Commerce has ranked Centier as the #6 "Best Places To Work in Indiana." The annual awards honored a total of 125 companies from across the state May 12 at the celebration held at the Indiana Convention Center.

Centier Bank continues its 16-year streak of being named a 'Best Place to Work,' and Schrage said he is proud and delighted by the news.

"Each year that we receive this recognition feels just as meaningful as the last," Schrage said. "We have learned a great deal from our associates at Centier Bank. They

are the ones who express what they need in order to thrive professionally. It's our priority to meet those needs and exceed expectations, which translates into a dynamic workplace, resulting in remarkable service to our clients and communities."

Schrage extended his congratulations to the other winners and pointed out an opportunity for future growth of Indiana businesses.

"My hope is that we, along with the other companies that were named a Best Place to Work, serve as an inspiration to CEOs and businesses across Indiana, so their employees feel as cared for and valued as ours do at Centier," he said.

Senior Partner overseeing **Human Resources** Development, said Centier Bank takes great pride in being recognized by the Indiana Chamber, and wants job seekers to know that there are companies like Centier Bank that work hard to uphold its reputation of being an award-winning place to

Chrisanne Christ,

"It's important to us that we provide desirable benefits, a fun environment, and opportunities for professional growth to all of our associates," Christ said. "Being a familyowned and operated bank, our associates become part of what we call 'the Centier family.' Through our core values of caring, loyalty, integrity, friendship, and fun, we aim to enrich their lives for however long they are here--whether that's a year or 30 years.'

Rankings were revealed in four categories based on company size, and Centier placed sixth out of 24 companies in the Large Company category. Rankings are determined through employer reports and anonymous, comprehensive employee surveys.

For more information on the Indiana Chamber of Commerce's Best Places to Work list, go to indianachamber.com. For more information about Centier Bank's current job openings, go to our careers page.

# **Community Development Block Grant Updates**



**Duplication of Benefits** forms and ARPA as match for CDBG

In 2020 and 2021, many communities received federal stimulus funds from the American Rescue Plan, and other federal allocations. To determine if any duplication would occur, the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs required all applicants to complete and upload the Duplication of Benefits, also known as DOB, form and with applications for CDBG planning and construction grants.

Based on current guidelines, it has been determined that ARPA funds, at both the state and local levels, can be used as match for CDBGfunded projects.

Therefore, effective immediately, OCRA will no longer require applicants to submit DOB forms unless they will be using ARPA or other federal allocations as match for the project outlined in the application. Applicants who intend to use ARPA funds or other federal allocations as match will still need to submit the DOB form via eGMS with their

application. OCRA continues to encourage communities to take time to evaluate and plan the use of their local ARPA allocation. While this determination does make it possible to use these funds to match a CDBG funded project, communities are still recommended to engage in diverse and comprehensive planning and community engagement. This is to ensure the most impactful and transformative use of those funds.

### **New Income Survey** Information and Resources

The new Income Survey Policy draft has been uploaded to the CDBG policies page and can be accessed at in.gov/ocra/ cdbg/cdbg-policies/.

Public comments will be collected via an online survey. To avoid missing comments, all comments are required to be submitted via the survey. The public comment

period is open until 4 p.m. ET on June 14, 2022. At the end of the public comment period, OCRA will review any feedback, make revisions, if necessary, and then, with the approval of the executive staff, post them. Once posted, they are to be considered final and effective on the effective date noted in the draft.

From 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. ET on June 2 and June 3, the CDBG team will host workshops for Certified Grant Administrators who would like technical assistance on the development of Income Surveys and the new GMS process. Grant Administrators are eligible to receive one continuing ED credit for attending this workshop. Please note, these two in-person workshops will be available based on experience level. Please look at the descriptions below before registering to ensure the correct workshop is attended.

### **Beginner Income** Surveys - June 2 from 10 a.m.- 12 p.m.

This course will give a high-level review of Income Surveys. It will also give the opportunity to learn the basics of submitting Income Surveys in GMS. This course is for Grant Administrators with minimal experience completing Income Surveys and will help to answer basic questions about Income Surveys. Grant Administrators who attend this course will receive one continuing ed credit.

### **Advanced Income** Surveys- June 3 from 10 a.m.- 12 p.m.

This course will give an advanced overview of Income Surveys. This course will go over more in-depth concepts and Income Survey related topics. This course assumes attendees have experience with Income Surveys and would like to have more complex Income Survey questions answered. Grant Administrators who attend this course will receive one continuing ed credit.

To register for these sessions, visit https:// docs.google.com/forms/d/ e/1FAIpOLSfq039mVgcY tueQvyvURIIifWJFwt7T2 00iQWy1IWYGc3m1bA/ viewform. The deadline for RSVPs is 4 p.m. ET on Friday, May 20.

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The exact room location and parking details at the Indiana Government Center will be provided after the RSVPs are collected.

Note: Attendees MUST RSVP. No individuals will be permitted to participate in the workshop unless an RSVP has been submitted.

Only certified grant administrators are permitted to attend these workshops. Those not on the certified grant administrator list will not be able to attend.

Additional Resources OCRA will have a detailed pre-recorded overview of the new Income Survey process in eGMS available within the next few weeks.

Additionally, the eGMS Technical Guide will be updated with information on the new Income Survey process within the next few business days. This guide is located on the GMS Resources page.

Other CDBG Forms and Resources Updates

Reminder: In response to input received during the last GA update, Grant Services has revised several forms and checklists that can be found on the CDBG 'Handbook and Forms' and 'Resources' pages of OCRA's website.

### **Important Notes on** ER FORM 7

Grantees will now need to follow this process when dealing with **USFWS**:

- 1. Grantees will need to pull the iPaC map to generate endangered species list. \*In the past, the link has been provided, but the map wasn't required, however it will be now.
- 2. Grantees will consult USFWS Section 7 Guide to see if project activities require further review. \*The guide is linked in the updated form and contains a specific section on HUD water infrastructure projects.
- 3. If exempted based on the guide, DO NOT CONTACT USFWS. Instead, the CEO should sign a "no effect" determination letter to save in the ERR and upload to ER Status Report in lieu of the USFWS letter.
- 4. If not exempted, grantees do normal consultation and provide USFWS letter at ER Release.

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# **AG Rokita Defends Indiana Against Leftist Climate Change Overreach**



**Attorney General Todd Rokita** 

Attorney General Todd Rokita is defending Hoosiers against an attempt by Baltimore to use parochial state courts to impose climate change policy in Indiana as well as every other state across

the country. Baltimore sued numerous fossil-fuel companies, claiming the companies' activities contributed to global climate change and their activities constituted a public nuisance. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit recently ruled to send the case back to state court. This decision is now being challenged by Attorney General Rokita with an amicus brief asking the full court to rehear the

"No one state has the right to set policy in another state. By pushing this case back to state court, these federal judges are establishing a dangerous precedent, Attorney General Rokita said. "This issue affects more than just

Maryland—it affects all of us across the country. Hoosiers' concerns and values are my first priority, and I refuse to allow Maryland's state court to dictate how we do things here in Indiana."

Attorney General Rokita also has led multistate coalitions against similar efforts by several U.S. cities to use their own state courts to exclude other states from the climate-change policymaking process. Those cities include Hoboken, in New Jersey, and the cities of San Francisco and Oakland in California.

Attorney General Rokita will continue to fight for Hoosiers by backing the rule of law and preserving legal precedent.

# **Health Maintenance**



RIX QUINN **Quinn Summary** 

Did you ever have a perfect day, 24 hours when everything went right? I had one yesterday, and it scared me.

I woke up at seven, feeling great. That's crazy, because if I breathe normally before my morning coffee, something's not right.

My Dad lived a long life because he monitored his health constantly. He

insisted that "Feeling good is the first sign of

feeling bad."

When I was in my 20s, 30s, and 40s, every day was sunny with no chance of storms. At age 50, I began to look for tornadoes everywhere, including in my nose and throat.

I started dropping into a local coffee shop to check on neighbors who were a couple decades older. They appreciated my thoughtfulness...but mostly I was looking for what diseases might attack me next.

During my 51st year, I entered a nearby clinic and made appointments with every specialist there. I got a decent report from everyone but the obstetrician. He said, "You're a male, and you can't get pregnant. You don't need to come back

again."

One doc told me I needed exercise. A second one found tennis elbow. A third said I had athlete's foot.

So, today I just play tennis until either my arm hurts or my feet itch.

There's one guy in our neighborhood who decided he would feel better if he modeled his dog's lifestyle. So, he barks at anybody who comes to his front door, and occasionally rushes out into the yard to chase a slow-moving squirrel.

His wife finally insisted he quit this program, because last week he got banned from a local cafe for marking his territory in a drive-through line.

- What subject would you like Rix to talk about? E-mail him at rix@rixquinn. com.

## Meeting Notes

# **Carmel Public Art Advisory** Committee

Caucus Room, 1 Civic Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 6 p.m.

Agenda 1. Welcome / Call to

2. Approval of Minutes from the Tuesday, March 15, 2022 meeting

3. Presentation of

Monon Greenway Tunnel Mural Student Design -Jen Bubp, Carmel High School Art Department Chair

4. Adjournment a. Next Meeting – June 21, 2022, 6 p.m.

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# **UBETSY** From Page A1



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Village Tailors owner and seamstress Ana Shull sews a prom dress for one of the local proms. Noblesville High School prom is tonight at the Children's Museum of Indianapolis.

of them wear 3-inch heels. It's all different what they wear."

Dresses range from new off the racks, to thrift stores, borrowed or handed down from friends or family. Some are free. Anything goes.

Shull said besides prom dresses, she's also been getting more guys' dress suits, with lighter colors the most popular, mostly new, for alterations work.

During prom season, she stays later than store hours. "We gotta get done what we said we'd get done," said Shull, who works alongside longtime seamstress Tina Beaver

of Cicero, who has been an employee at Village Tailors since 1994.

"I just did one today that's all beaded and sequined and weighs a ton, and they needed it hemmed," Shull said. "But you couldn't cut it because the beads were all sewn on individually, so if you did, the beads would just all fall off. We folded it up and hand-stitched it around, so then afterward she could just take it out and resell it. Normally, we would sew them and cut them.'

After each alteration, they press out what they work on. But they don't

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won't factor into Social

Security's determination,

press the entire dress. "We direct all of that to Bolden's (Cleaners on Eighth Street)," Shull said.

They sifted through the array of prom dresses in various colors during my May 6 visit just before the May 6 Fishers High School prom, which also took place at the Children's Museum.

The seamstresses have also done prom-dress alterations for Hamilton Heights, Westfield, Elwood, Guerin, Tipton and Sheridan proms.

"Noblesville's our big one though," Shull said. Village Tailors is a more than 35-year-old



Village Tailors owner and seamstress Ana Schull (left) of Noblesville and seamstress Tina Beaver of Cicero look through prom dresses in an array of colors for this year's local proms. Noblesville High School prom is tonight at the Children's Museum of Indianapolis.

clothing alterations service in Noblesville. Shull has owned the business since 2008. Her mom, Maria Whiteman started the busi-

ness in 1986. "It's always been in Hamilton County. First, it was over by Lions Creek Apartments. Then Carmel. Then we've been in this location 22 years," Shull said of her alterations shop at 1110 S. Ninth St., located on the back side of Ginger's Cafe and the Dollar General buildings and accessible on Ninth Street, just south of Prevail and across the street from Bailey's Barbershop.

She doesn't do same-day

dresses, but sometimes she can turn around alterations for the next day.

Shull enjoys seeing and working on the variety of dresses. "It's fun seeing the girls come in, trying the dresses on, how excited they are. We always have one dress, we'll say 'this is my favorite.'

Village Tailors used to be open six days a week. But during the pandemic, the shop went to fewer hours, and Shull enjoyed it. Now, the shop is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays-Fridays and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, just 18 hours a week, and by

appointment, closed Sunday-Tuesday. "I'm kind of liking the shorter hours," she said.

"There's obviously more going on now than there was in 2021," Shull said. "If there's nothing going on, people aren't needing clothes altered. They're sitting around at home in their yoga pants. Obviously now there are more weddings and proms going on."

She loves her job because, she said, "You do something different everyday."

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

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that your earnings from the church are reported on IRS form 1099 and that you pay quarterly estimated income taxes to the IRS to avoid a penalty when you file your annual taxes. The primary reason to pay quarterly estimated taxes is to avoid an IRS penalty - paying your taxes quarterly doesn't matter to Social Security because they will use your annual income (regardless of when you pay the IRS) to see if your benefit should be increased. And whether your current income from the church will increase your Social Security benefit depends on your lifetime earnings history of paying into the Social

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Security program.

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# **ONLINE**

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received the product. **BBB** offers these tips when making online

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purchases: Know the advertiser. Some of the best deals are only available online but be careful. It's easy for a fake site to mimic a famous retailer's website, so make sure you are shopping with a legitimate site. If the site is missing contact information, that is a red flag. Check out retailers at BBB.org before

you shop. Check a site's security settings. If the site is secure, its URL (web address) should start with "https://" and include a lock icon on the purchase

or shopping cart page. Be a savvy shopper. When shopping online, be sure to take your time and read the fine print before submitting your order. Look for the return policy; although many online orders can be returned for a full refund, others have restocking fees. Some items cannot be returned; know before you buy.

**Protect personal** information. Read a site's privacy policy and understand what personal information is being requested and how it will be used. If a site doesn't have a privacy policy, that's a big red flag that it may be

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a scam.

Think before you click. Be especially cautious about email solicitations and online ads on social media sites. Many sketchy retailers advertise great deals or trendy clothing that don't measure up to the promotional hype.

Beware of too-good-to**be-true deals.** Offers on websites and in unsolicited emails may offer free or very low prices on hardto-find items. There may be hidden costs, or your purchase may sign you up for a monthly charge. Look for and read the fine print.

Beware of phishing. Phishing emails can look like a message from a well-known brand but clicking on unfamiliar links can place you at risk for malware and/or identity theft. One popular scam claims to be from a package-delivery company with links to "tracking information" on an order you don't remember making. Don't click!

Shop with a credit card. In case of a fraudulent transaction, a credit card provides additional protections; it's easier to dispute charges that you

didn't approve or to get your money back if there is a problem. Debit cards, prepaid cards or gift cards don't have the same protections as a credit card.

**Keep documentation of** your order. Save a copy of the confirmation page or email confirmation until you receive the item and are satisfied. Be sure to know and understand the return policy and keep this documented with your purchase records.

Keep a clean machine. Install a firewall, anti-virus, and anti-spyware software for network security. Check for and install the latest updates and run virus scans regularly on your computer, tablet, and smart phone.

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# **U** EDITING

it will be testing a radical gene therapy to permanently prevent the buildup of bad cholesterol with that single injection. Cardiologist, geneticist and CEO of Verve Therapeutics, Dr. Sekar Kathiresan, says "The therapy will be relevant, we think, to any adult at risk of a heart attack. We want this not only for people who have heart attacks at a young age because of a genetic disorder, but for garden variety heart attacks as well.'

Kathiresan resigned positions at Harvard Medical School and the Center for Genomic Medicine at Massachusetts general hospital to create Verve Technologies. "We really think we can turn the tide against coronary disease by moving from a chronic care model to [eradication with] a one-time treatment," he told The Guardian. Currently, blood thinners, statins to lower cholesterol levels and high blood pressure medications are the standard treatments for

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individuals with a risk of heart disease. But seniors in particular can be overwhelmed by the treatments and may stop complying with their doctors' orders. Or they may simply forget to take their meds.

Phase one of field tests of Verve's procedure showed promise, according to a Bloomberg report. Monkeys were treated and within six months their cholesterol levels were reduced by 59%. It will be months before human testing will begin and years before Verve might have sufficient proof that the process is safe and that it works in order to seek government approval of its use.

Ultimately, says Bloomberg, the company "will face plenty of hurdles in its attempt to treat the masses. It's one of the first tests of using Crispr [a gene editing tool] to edit DNA inside the human body, and patients and doctors could be wary of making a permanent change without knowing

much about long-term safety, says Elizabeth Mc-Nally, director of the Center for Genetic Medicine at the Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine." McNally also pointed out that the "reluctance to take Covid-19 vaccines suggests some people may be loath to alter their DNA.'

And then there is the matter of cost. Effective cholesterol medications are available for as little as nine dollars a month while "Verve's therapy will cost from \$50,000 to \$200,000 per patient," according to Bloomberg.

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# **Increase Your Perennial Garden's Beauty**

By Melinda Myers Give your perennials a boost this spring with a topdressing of compost, aged manure, or other organic matter. It's a great way to revive tired gardens, improve a garden's overall health, and keep vibrant perennials healthy and blooming.

Research found topdressing your garden with compost every year or two provides most, if not all the nutrients that most perennials need. It feeds the soil, which in turn feeds your plants. Let a soil test report and your plant's performance determine if additional fertilizer is needed. Spring is a great time to add this as

When purchasing compost, it should appear light and fluffy. Take a whiff, it should not have a strong smell of ammonia, rotting food or another off odor. It should have a rich earthy smell and

not be covered in flies or maggots. If jumping worms are a problem in your area, ask your compost provider how they are managing the compost to avoid spreading this invasive pest.

Once you have the needed organic matter, vou are ready to get started. Pull the mulch back if needed. Keep it handy, so you can put it back in place once you finish amending the soil.

Topdressing is the first step in the process. Simply spread a one- to twoinch layer of the compost or other organic matter over the soil surface. Be careful not to bury the crown of your plants.

You can leave the compost sitting on the soil surface or lightly mix it into the top inch with a hand cultivator. The earthworms, ground beetles and other organisms will move it down into the soil and around the plant

roots where it is needed.

The second step is especially helpful for those with heavy or compacted soils. Once the compost is in place, do a bit of vertical mulching. Use an auger bit on your cordless drill. Simply drill holes into the soil between plants. This aerates the soil and pushes some of the compost into the soil further boosting your

Vertical mulching helps speed up the process a bit by getting the compost closer to the plant roots and soil organisms that will help incorporate it into the soil. The openings created in the soil allow air, water and fertilizer to penetrate the soil surface and travel to the root zone.

Then be sure to return the mulch you removed from the garden or add mulch if needed. Maintaining an inch or two of organic mulch on the soil surface not only conserves moisture and suppresses weeds; it also continues to improve the soil. As the organic mulch breaks down, it adds organic matter and nutrients to the soil.

Investing some time to create and maintain healthy soil goes a long way in making your garden a beautiful part of the landscape.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released 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 her website is www.MelindaMyers.

strategies come directly from two recent "Backyard Smart" episodes: Start With Seeds: Looking to add new flower bed? Try starting nurseries have limited species of mature plants

# **Garden And Make It Thrive** and vegetables you've

**Tips To Start Or Expand Your** 

(StatePoint) Starting a garden for the first time or expanding an existing plot is easier than you may think. With a little love and care, your green space will bloom and thrive.

"For anyone with the inclination, a beautiful lawn and garden is always within reach," says Jamie Briggs, director of marketing, Exmark, a leading manufacturer of commercial mowers and equipment for landscape professionals and homeowners with a lot of lawn

to cut. This is the driving idea behind "Backyard Smart," a free online video series. These short explainer videos are full of facts and relevant information to answer your most common lawn and garden questions. The following planting

plants to your garden and from scratch. While most to select from, there are literally thousands of varieties of seeds available at dirt cheap prices. A quick trip to the seed kiosk in your local hardware store offers the potential for you to enjoy flowers you've never seen never tasted.

"It's easy to be intimidated by the prospect of growing plants from seeds but the truth is that all you need is soil, just the right amount of water and lots of sunshine," says Briggs. "Nature will handle the rest."

• Practice "Companion Planting": Whether it's growing marigolds alongside tomatoes to block bad bugs or planting corn next so squash to provide shade, plants are kind of like people, they do better with a buddy. Companion plants help block weeds, prevent pests, create fertile soil, promote pollination and offer plants a place to climb. In fact, people have been practicing this technique for centuries to create vigorous gardens.

For more entertaining, easy-to-understand approaches to making the most of your outdoor spaces, check out the Exmark Backyard Life site at exmark.com/backyard.

If you've always dreamed of having your own, homegrown, fruits and vegetables in your cooking, or brightening your home with fresh-cut flowers, there is no better time than the present to pursue this dream. The long sunshiny days of summer are ideal for developing your green thumb.

# **Exterior Home Upgrades That Deliver Return On Investment**

(StatePoint) Want to make some serious exterior home upgrades that improve your safety and comfort, add beauty to your home and deliver a return on your investment? Here are five projects that do just that:

1. Install storm doors: Storm doors give you the option of letting in more light and ventilation on fair weather days, while protecting your entry door from harsh conditions and weathering. There are many ways to customize this upgrade to meet your aesthetic and functional needs. Options from ProVia include retractable screens at the top and bottom for more venting options, as well as stylish designs and colors for instant curb appeal. Families might want to consider storm doors featuring heavy-duty, non-removable stainless steel screens ideal for keeping children and pets safely inside.

2. Get summer-ready: Extend your home's outdoor living area just in time for summer -- plus

substantially increase your home value -- with the addition of a deck, patio or porch. Whether you add a small hibachi grill or get as involved as installing a full outdoor kitchen, be sure to include an area to prepare and enjoy meals. A few key touches, like string lights and potted plants, along with cozy furniture, can make the space feel homey.

3. Replace patio doors: If your patio doors are drafty or get stuck easily, it may be time for an ENERGY STAR-certified replacement. Endure sliding glass patio doors from ProVia come standard with ComforTech Warm Edge Glazing, a high-tech glass package that measurably improves thermal performance for greater efficiency and reduced interior condensation. These doors also have increased sound abatement and meet the most stringent industry standards for storm protection, ease of entry and forced entry. Additionally, options for interior woodgrain and exterior paint colors, varying internal grid styles and patterns, and multiple choices for decorative glass, internal blinds and hardware allow for customization to fit your personal aesthetic.

4. Lower bills: Did you know that you can lower vour bills and add natural beauty and privacy to your property by planting trees strategically? In summer, the shade that trees create can help keep your home cool. In winter, they can help block wind and prevent drafts. The Utah State University Forest Extension recommends locating trees no closer than 2.5 times their mature height to the south of a building to avoid winter shading. They also suggest knowing the size and other characteristics of a particular species before planting to avoid future problems, such as hitting power lines.

5. Protect your home: If you live in an area prone to extreme weather -- heavy rain, hail, driving wind, frigid temperatures, or scorching heat -- your

home needs protection against the elements. CedarMAX insulated vinyl siding provides defense against these harsh conditions and improves energy efficiency as well. The insulation contributes to the rigidity of the panel, increases durability, and provides five times greater impact resistance over hollow siding, protecting against damage by hail, high winds, or contact with your child's fastball. Color and beauty are also huge factors in this home improvement decision; CedarMAX offers many options to customize the look with both neutral and bold colors and coordinated accessories. It's resistant to fading, chalking, cracking, peeling, and thermal expansion and contraction, making it a sound invest-

ment for years to come. It's important to see a tangible return on larger home upgrades. The best projects to consider are those that increase your home value, save you money, and add beauty and comfort to your home.





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# Three Ways To Prepare For Travel **During This Year's Hurricane Season**

By Jeremy Murchland, Seven Corners President

With summer around the corner, many are looking forward to travel plans and summer vacations. While it's important to pack your sunscreen, it's also important to prepare for this year's hurricane season beginning in June.

According to a report from AccuWeather, this season will be an active year with a high volume of hurricanes and tropical storms. Additionally, AccuWeather meteorologists predicted the Accumulated Cyclone Energy (ACE), which measures intensity, will be within a normal range this hurricane season. Weather patterns, such as La Niña and elevated water temperatures could also contribute to an earlier start for storms this year around mid-May. In addition to the weather forecast, there are certain U.S. locations that are at higher risk for hurricane season, including the Gulf Coast cities (Houston, Texas; New Orleans, Louisiana; Mobile, Alabama; and Tampa-St. Petersburg, Florida), Miami, Florida, Southern Atlantic cities (Savannah, Georgia, and Wilmington, North Carolina), Honolulu, Hawaii, and Northeastern cities (Boston, Massachu-

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June 1 and Nov. 30, it is important to take steps for hurricane season — even if you are not traveling to or near the coast, your travel can still be impacted due to disruptions such as flight cancellations and delays as well as heavy traffic on major highways as a result of area evacuations. Seven Corners works diligently to provide you and your family options for the uncertainties of travel plans. The following tips can help you prepare for hurricane season as safely as possible.

1. Prepare for hurricane season with Trip Cancellation and Interruption benefits.

At Seven Corners, hurricanes are covered under our travel insurance plans through trip cancellation and trip interruption benefits. There are many reasons a hurricane could either cancel or abruptly interrupt a trip, so it is important to be aware of the ways travel insurance can offer protection. As of March 2021, Seven Corners RoundTrip Trip Protection has specific hurricane-related trip cancellation and interruption triggers for coverage.

2. Discover the best benefits for addressing uncertainties.

Seven Corners' plans offer several benefits to help prepare for hurricane season, including Trip

Delay and Missed Cruise or Tour Connection. You can also choose to add optional Cancel for Any Reason (CFAR) and Interruption for Any Reason (IFAR) coverage. Adding CFAR to your plan allows you to cancel your trip for any reason of your choosing, such as fear of travel if you're concerned about a potential weather event at your destination, while adding IFAR allows you to interrupt your trip for any reason. Trip Delay benefits help if a covered weather condition prevents you from reaching your destination, and the Missed Cruise or Tour Connection benefit helps if you miss your cruise or tour departure because a hurricane caused a delay. If you are concerned about possible complications specifically due to hurricanes, travel insurance is a secure option to prepare for uncertainties.

There are many unforeseen circumstances that can occur on a vacation, including adverse weather (hurricanes), medical emergencies and more. Travel insurance is a great option to protect trip costs when dealing with the unexpected. For example, Seven Corners' Travel Medical plans provide coverage related

3. Utilize Travel Insur-

ing reimbursement for accommodations, evacuation and repatriation, and trip interruption. Our benefits can reimburse you if you cannot stay at your planned destination location due to an evacuation, and our evacuation and repatriation coverage will help safely evacuate you and return you home if necessary. Our trip interruption benefit can reimburse you if you need to return home early because of serious damage to your residence from a natural disaster, such as a hurricane.

While travel insurance is an essential way to prepare for a possible hurricane during your travel plans, it is also important to know the signs and risks of hurricanes. If a hurricane threatens or interrupts your trip, be sure to evacuate in accordance with the local evacuation guidelines, keep a list of important phone numbers in case of an emergency and a copy of your travel insurance plan document and ID card so you can reference the coverage you have. Hurricanes can change course or become more intense without much warning, so it is

To learn more about how travel insurance and Seven Corners' plans can protect you during hurricane season, visit sevencorners.com.

crucial to be prepared.

# **Jurassic World Live Tour Returns To Indianapolis** On December 1 - 4

Jurassic World Live Tour, an exhilarating and unpredictable live, family entertainment experience that brings the wonder and thrills of Jurassic World to generations of fans returns to Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis from December 1 - 4.

Jurassic World Live Tour Preferred Customers can purchase advance tickets starting today, April 19, to get the best seats available before tickets go on-sale to the general public on April 26. Fans can still sign up to become a Jurassic World Live Tour Preferred Customer and get exclusive access to the pre-sale offer code.

With unrivaled arena production quality, Jurassic World comes to life against a backdrop of captivating scenery where dinosaurs from the iconic franchise, including fan-favorite Velociraptor Blue and a Tyrannosaurus

rex more than 40 feet in length, take center stage. The production features more than 24 film-accurate, life-sized dinosaurs, with scale, speed and ferocity, operated by animatronics and performers.

Jurassic World's unmistakable score combined with projection and practical scenery transforms the arena into the dense jungles of Isla Nublar, where real Gyrospheres roll through the valley and scientists work to unravel a corrupt plan and save anew dinosaur from a terrible fate. With pulse-pounding stunts and an original, authentic storyline, this show is guaranteed to make memories that will last another 65 million years.

All seats are reserved; tickets available through Ticketmaster.com or the venue Box Office. \*Ticket prices are subject to change; additional venue/ ticketing fees may apply.

# **Stevie Nicks Announces Additional Dates To Her Limited Engagement Tour**

Legendary Rock and Roll Hall of Famer, Stevie Nicks has announced the addition of four special amphitheater shows to her existing limited engagement tour this year. Produced by Live Nation, the additional 4 shows will include a stop at Ruoff Music Center in Noblesville, Indiana on Tuesday, June 21. These shows are in addition to her appearances at iconic Festivals including Bonnaroo and New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival.

TICKETS: Tickets go on sale to the general public beginning this Friday, April 29 at 10am local time at www.Live-Nation.com.

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TICKETS: Tickets are available at www.Live-Nation.com. All dates, acts and ticket prices are subject to change without notice. Ticket prices are subject to applicable fees.

# Make Your Dream Vacation A Reality With These Cost-Cutting Tips

(StatePoint) After more for vouchers, credits and Globetrotters will also tions and insights from than two years of the pandemic, you're probably eager to get out and explore the world. But as desire and demand for travel skyrockets, 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

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-lending 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.

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

to hurricanes and similar

natural disasters, includ-

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 recommendayour 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.

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