### **⇒** 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 Mya Ponto smile? "Being around my friends and hanging out with people from school," said the then 14-yearold Noblesville resident. Today's feature is a look back at one of The Times' previous Faces of Hamilton County. She is a freshman at Noblesville High School and, before that, she attended Noblesville West Middle School. She was found in summer 2021 working a summer job at the concession stand at Forest Park Aquatic Center, which celebrated its 90th anniversary in June 2021. Over the summer at the pool, she worked concessions, checked in guests and sold memberships. Her favorite job duty? "I like doing the concessions. I get to make people's food and give it to them." Favorite food to make and eat? "I like making pretzels a lot." She is the daughter of Matt Ponto and Amy Ponto and has a then 10-year-old brother, Camren. Pets? "I have one dog and two cats." Her dog is an English bulldog named Stella. When she wasn't working, she said she loves to swim and hopes to become a lifeguard there. Over the summer, she had plans to camp at Starve Hollow State Recreation Area in Indiana. Forest Park Aquatic Center is open for the season noon to 8 p.m. Saturdays, noon to 6 p.m. Sundays and noon to 7 p.m. weekdays. Admission is \$6, with memberships and donor-level memberships available. To read more about Friday's Forest Park Aquatic Center ribbon-cutting ceremony for a new video board, thanks to private donations, read more in an upcoming edition of The Times. For more about the pool, visit https://www.forestpark-

### And Another Thing...

pool.org/

The Nickel Plate Arts Maker Faire will showcase the works of our talented local artisans and makers on the downtown Noblesville Courthouse Square. Fishers Maker Playground will be represented at this event with a booth space of our own as well as spaces for some of our maker members. The event will take place on Saturday, June 18th from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. In part due to the work of the Hamilton County Community Foundation, this year all Kid Entrepreneurs-makers ages 17 and under-will have their booth fee waived. This event will happen in conjunction with St. Michael's Strawberry Festival, a beloved (and delicious!) annual event! Come snack on a delicious strawberry shortcake while perusing a variety of handmade goods, including wood items, handmade books, pottery, bath and body items, craft art, jewelry, home decor, and more. Don't miss this family-friendly event!

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**Boomer Bits** 



### Ask Rusty - I'm a Widower with 3 Minor **Children - What About Social Security?**

Dear Rusty: My wife passed away a few days ago and I have three children - ages 15, 11, and 10. Is there anything I need to do? Signed: Suddenly Widowed

**Dear Suddenly Widowed:** We are so sorry to hear of your wife's passing; please accept our condolences for your loss. Here's what you need to know about Social Security:

• Your wife's minor children will all be eligible for a survivor benefit, which will be based upon the Social Security benefit

The vast majority of seniors

say that they want to spend their

so-called "golden years" in their

those who want to socialize with

own homes. Assisted living

facilities are not an option for

neighbors, family and friends,

are able to get around on their

their own homes.

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A poll conducted by Capi-

provider of elder health, and the

online health website, WebMD,

tal Caring Health, a nonprofit

by John Grimaldi

Social Security Matters

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amount your wife had earned up to the month she died. The children can collect their survivor benefit until they are 18 years old (or 19 if they are still in high

found that "88% of people be-

tween the ages of 50 and 80 said

it was very or somewhat import-

ant to them that they live in their

homes as long as possible." But

the reality is that not all of them

'Aging in place is trend-

ing due in part to the fact that

as it used to be," says Gerry

Hafer, Executive Director of

the AMAC Foundation, the

growing old is not as debilitating

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are prepared.

 The standard minor child benefit amount is 75% of your wife's "primary insurance amount" (or PIA, which is the

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### **Are the Places You Spend Time Asthma Friendly?**

(StatePoint) Asthma is a lung disease that makes breathing difficult for over 24 million Americans. While there's no cure, there are steps you can take to help control it so you can lead a normal, healthy life.

This is why the American Lung Association's Promoting Asthma Friendly Environments through Partnerships and Collaborations Project is

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Sunrise/Sunset RISE: 6:14 a.m. SET: 9:13 p.m.

High/Low **Temperatures** High: 79 °F Low: 59 °F

### Today is...

- The Belmont Stakes
- Corn on the Cob Day World Gin Day

### What Happened On This Day

- 1817 The first predecessor of the bicycle is demonstrated
- 1938 China launches the 1938 Yellow River flood
- 1955 More than 80 people die in the Le Mans car race disaster

### **Births On This Day** • 1933 Gene Wilder

- American actor
- 1956 Joe Montana American football player

### **Deaths On This Day**

- 1936 Robert E. Howard American author
- 1979 John Wayne American actor, director, producer

### **Theater Director Helps Youth Have Fun in CCP Summer Play**

Are You Curious if an Assisted

Living Facility is Right for You?



**BETSY REASON** 

The Times Editor

Knowing how difficult rejection can be as an actor, Tanya Haas doesn't want that rejection to discourage a young person just starting out exploring being on stage.

That's why she only directs shows that are "no-cut." The policy allows students who might never get to be on stage otherwise to participate in shows, she said.

"I love working with the students, both first-timers and those with some experience under their belts. I somewhat selfishly enjoy helping to mold young actors, encouraging those with little or no experience,

challenging those with more experience," Haas said.

While she considers herself an actress first, she gets "a different kind of satisfaction leading young actors through the course of putting on a production."

She's currently directing 15 youth, ages 11-18, who hail from in and around Hamilton County, in Carmel Community Players' Rising Star production, "A Medley of Murders," which opened Friday and continues through June 19 at Carmel Friends Church.

The two-hour show features three one-act humorous murder mysteries -- "Cheating Death," "Murder at the Art Show" and "Death of a Dead Guy" -- the first two shows making up the first act, the third show making up the second act, and there will be at 15-minute intermission. Tickets are still available.

Haas, 49, of Carmel, a stayat-home mom who has been involved with CCP for 14 years and is a former board member, directed CCP's Rising Star production, "Back to the '80s," in 2016, and experienced great success with the youth. So she was asked to direct again. While

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### NPD Therapy Dog Luna to Serve as 2022 July 4th Parade Grand Marshal

Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen has selected Noblesville Police Department Therapy Dog Luna as the grand marshal of this year's Fourth of July Stars & Stripes Forever Parade sponsored by Gaylor Electric. The 1-year-old black lab joined the police force earlier this year. Luna's job is to comfort and love people. She helps police officers, firefighters, first responders and community members dealing with stress or trauma.

"The Fourth of July is about celebrating our freedom and independence and Luna helps members of the community regain their own freedom from mental health issues. Luna's presence helps to calm and de-escalate stress and emotions in people who are having a bad day and need help," said Jensen. "Therapy dogs help break down barriers to communication. By combining emotional support and therapeutic interventions, such as nuzzling and laying on the lap of someone in crisis, Luna helps reduce anxiety and stress, in addition to biological

stressors like heart rate, blood pressure and breathing.

Officer Ben Lugar is Luna's primary handler. They both went through training together and Lugar and will join her in the parade. Luna's first day on the job was in February and on that same day, she was deployed to her first call.

"The child was just going through a pretty stressful environment and home life. The child was in crisis mode and just hearing that Luna was out there helped instantly calm that child down so we could get the family connected to resources. Luna helped the child know that we are here to support you," Lugar

Luna is part of Noblesville's NobleAct created in 2020 by Mayor Jensen. The initiative is meant to help victims in need from substance abuse to homelessness and even those dealing with mental health issues. Adding therapy dog's into public safety is a newer concept and Luna is the first in Hamilton

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### HONEST HOOSIER

On this date 21 years ago, Timothy McVeigh was executed as punishment for his role in the Oklahoma City Bombing.

**OBITUARIES** 

Valerie Lee Rihm Janet Carson Sietsma

**Betsy Vest** 



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### TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Cut 250 calories a day from your diet to lose a half a pound a week. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at www.thetimes24-7.com.



### TODAY'S QUOTE

"If you work on something a little bit every day, you end up with something that is massive."

- Kenneth Goldsmith

### 🗢 TODAY'S JOKE

Jack said he can converse with his vegetables. So that means Jack and the beans talk.







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WEEKEND, JUNE 11 - 12, 2022

### **OBITUARIES**

Valerie Lee Rihm

August 17, 1960 - June 8, 2022

Valerie Lee Rihm, 61, of Noblesville, passed away on Wednesday, June 8, 2022 at Riverview Health in Noblesville.

She was born on August 17, 1960 to Rocky Cummings Sr. and Patricia (Stafford) Cummings in Noblesville, Indiana.

Mrs. Rihm worked for Goodwill, Wendy's and Janus Developmental Services. She loved cats, doing puzzles, going camping, watching movies, and being with

her family. Survivors include her husband Michael Rihm; moth-

er Patricia Cummings; sister Bernadette (Ben) Cox; two brothers Rocky (Stacy) Cummings Jr. and Rodney Cummings; several nieces & nephews and great-nieces & great-nephews; and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father Rocky Cummings Sr.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., with services scheduled to start at 11 a.m., on Thursday, June 16, 2022 at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, 9900 East 191st Street, in Noblesville. The Rev. Clayton Thompson will officiate.

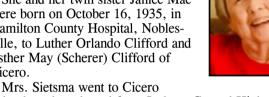
Memorial contributions may be made to Humane Society for Hamilton County 10501 Hague Road, Fishers, IN 46038 (www.hamiltonhumane.com).

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

### **Janet Carson Sietsma** October 16, 1935 - May 31, 2022

Janet (nee Clifford) Carson Sietsma, 86, of Tampa, Florida, passed away on May 31, 2022, at St. Joseph's Hospital in Tampa.

She and her twin sister Janice Mae were born on October 16, 1935, in Hamilton County Hospital, Noblesville, to Luther Orlando Clifford and Esther May (Scherer) Clifford of



Schools and graduated from Jackson Central High School with the Class of 1953. She attended Bethel Lutheran Church in Cicero. She married John C. Carson on September 25, 1955,

and in time they welcomed two children, John Ivan and They later divorced, and on June 8, 1978, Mrs. Siets-

ma married William (Bill) Sietsma. She began her insurance career in Noblesville, at Hiatt & Ramsey Insurance and later at Charlie Howard Insurance. After moving to Florida in 1978, she was employed by Allstate Insurance, where she worked until retiring.

Although Mrs. Sietsma left Indiana, she never forgot her Hamilton County roots and cherished her family and lifelong friends in the state.

Survivors include her son John Ivan Carson of Clermont, Fla.; daughter Vera Ann Carson and partner Tim Jenkins of Buckeye, Ariz.; two sisters Mary C Waltz of Arcadia and Carole K. Meyer of Fishers; and several nieces and nephews, many of whom live in Central

She was preceded in death by husbands John and Bill; parents Luther O. and Esther M. Clifford; twin sister Janice M. Wiles; sister Martha J. Land; and brother Robert E. Clifford.

Per her wishes, there will be no public services. John and Vera have planned a special family gathering of remembrance in Indiana.

Memorial donations can be made in Mrs. Sietsma's name to the American Heart Association.

### **Betsy Vest**

October 25, 1961 - June 8, 2022

Betsy Vest, 60, passed away on June 8, 2022, in Anderson.

She was born October 25, 1961, in Noblesville, to Jimmie Males and Patricia (Teeters) Males.

Mrs. Vest was a graduate of Lapel High School. She retired from Juno Lighting in Fishers after several years. After retirement she worked at several restaurants as a server and bartender.

She was a member of the IBEW Local 481. Mrs. Best attended Ford Street United Methodist Church. She was a member of the Lapel American Legion and a charter member of the Lapel Eagles. She enjoyed spending her

winters in Florida and traveling. Survivors include her husband David Vest of Anderson; two daughters Jessica (Chris) Ricci of Perkinsville and Kamesa King of Anderson; two stepchildren Amanda Bondand David (Sarah) Vest; six grandchildren Caitlyn, Sophiya, Olivia and Kingston Ricci, Izabelle Swisher and Lillyan McDole; and four step-grandchildren Jacob and Mason Bond and Maddix and Novalynn Vest.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and sister Teresa (Males) Wilson.

A funeral service is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, June, 14 2022, at 1 p.m. at Ford Street United Methodist Church with Pastor Glenn Knepp officiating. Visitation is scheduled to run from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday at the church.

Memorial donations can be made to Lapel American Legion, Lapel American Legion Riders or the Lapel

Online condolences may be made at hersbergerbozell.

### Meeting Notice

### **Cicero Town** Council

The Cicero Town Council will hold a special

### Sheridan Com**munity Schools Board of School**

**Trustees** Monday, June 13, 2022 at 5 p.m.

Sheridan High School Conference Room

24185 Hinesley Road, Sheridan, Indiana

meeting on June 16, 2022 at 6 P.M. at Red Bridge Community Building, 697 W Jackson Street, Cicero, IN to review 2023 budgets.

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An Executive Session will be held in accordance with Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-6.1b for the following purpose:

• (11) To train school board members with an outside consultant about the performance of the role of the members as public officials.

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### **2022 Indiana State Fair Featured Farmers Unveiled; Hamilton County** Farmers are the First to be Featured

The Indiana State Fair and Corteva Agriscience are proud to unveil the highly anticipated 2022 Featured Farmers that will be honored at this year's Indiana State Fair. In its seventh year, this program celebrates and helps put a face on Hoosier agriculture by connecting consumers with fellow Hoosiers who grow the food they eat. These 18 farm operations represent all regions of the state, showcasing different agricultural products throughout the 18-day State Fair, July 29-August 21.

Sheller Family Farms, located just to the northeast of Noblesville, will be the first featured farmer in the series, showing off the always-vital corn they grow.

Our Featured Farmers program connects fairgoers to Hoosier farmers daily during the State Fair with opportunities to learn more about where their food comes from," said Cindy Hoye, executive director, Indiana State Fair Commission. "These farmers have incredible stories to tell,

and we are proud to hon-

or and celebrate them." Visitors to the Indiana State Fair can attend a live chat at 2:30 p.m. in the Glass Barn with a Featured Farmer every day of the Fair, in addition to many other opportunities to talk with that day's Featured Farm family and learn about their operation. To learn more about the farmers, visit IndianaStateFair.

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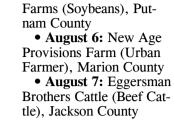


is pleased once again to be the presenting sponsor of the Featured Farmer program at the Indiana State Fair. During the past seven years of sponsoring the Featured Farmer program, we have been able to honor farm families from across the state and provide an opportunity for fairgoers who are consumers to meet these farmers who spend their days working to feed all of us," said Susan Carney, Strategic Marketing Communications Leader, Corteva Agriscience.

Here is the complete list of featured farmers, farm products and their home counties:

- July 29: Sheller Family Farms (Corn), **Hamilton County**
- July 30: Martin Family Farms (Swine), Warren County • July 31: Red Frazier
- Bison Ranch (Bison), Greene County • August 3: Goin's
- Blueberry Lane (Blueberries), Starke County • August 4: Gutwein Popcorn (Popcorn), Pu-
  - August 5: Hodgen

laski County



• August 10: Salomon Farms LLC (Corn/Soybeans, Custom baling), Whitley County • August 11: Coun-

tryside and Apple Hill Orchards (Apples), Vanderburgh • August 12: Wagler

Dairy (Dairy Cattle), **Brown County** 

• August 13: Dutch Valley Growers (Tomatoes & Onions), LaPorte County

• August 14: Superior Dairy (Dairy Cattle), **DeKalb County** 

• **August 17:** 3D Vallev Farm (Maple Syrup and other farm delicacies), Harrison County

• August 18: Mark & Peggy Jones (Hardwoods), Orange County

• August 19: Bourbon Bound Farms (Whiskey/ Corn/Cover Crops), Jackson County

• August 20: Lick Creek Flower Company (Flowers), Madison County • August 21: Scott

Farms (Wheat, Corn & Soybeans), Cass County The Indiana State

Fair is the state's largest multi-day event celebrating the Hoosier spirit and agricultural heritage. These 18 days bring all communities together to celebrate all things Indiana and promote it to hundreds of thousands of people across the state. and beyond. Nationally recognized for offering

showcasing youth and interactive agriculture educational programs, premiere facilities and a variety of unique, fun foods, the Indiana State Fair has been an annual attraction for generations of Hoosiers since

great entertainment.

1852. This year's Indiana State Fair will take place July 29th – August 21st (closed Mondays & Tuesdays). For information, visit [www.indianastatefair.com]www.indianas-

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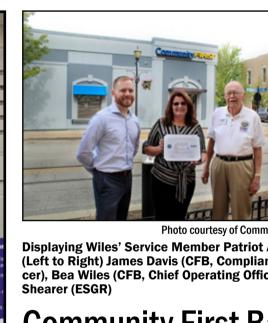


Photo courtesy of Community First Bank

**Displaying Wiles' Service Member Patriot Award:** (Left to Right) James Davis (CFB, Compliance Officer), Bea Wiles (CFB, Chief Operating Officer), David

### **Community First Bank's COO** Receives Service **Member Patriot Award**

Bea Wiles, Chief Operating Officer at Community First Bank of Indiana (CFB), has been honored with the Service Member Patriot Award for her support of CFB's Compliance Officer, James Davis, who is an active member of the Army National Guard. The award was presented on Wednesday, June 8 by David Shearer who represented Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), which is a Department of Defense agency that seeks to promote a culture in which all American employers support and value the military service of their employees.

"Having to take time away from work for military obligations can be stressful, but Bea and the bank make it easier than I ever expected. I really appreciate the entire team's willingness to cover my tasks and action items in my absence. I'm grateful to be encouraged to excel in my military career and share some of these skills with our team. I'm really honored to work for such a supportive company," said Davis. The Service Member

Patriot Award reflects the efforts made to support citizen warriors through a wide range of measures including flexible schedules, time off prior to and after deployment, caring for families, and granting leaves of absence if needed.

Wiles shared, "CFB supports all of our employees, especially our military personnel. I appreciate the values, leadership, and skills James brings to our organization. I feel that being supportive and flexible is a win-win for the Bank, James, and the Military." Community First Bank

(CFB) was chartered in 2003 in Kokomo, Indiana and is committed to keeping outstanding customer service, local decision-making, and relationship-building at its core. The locally owned and operated bank currently has branches in Indianapolis, Kokomo, Westfield, and Noblesville. CFB has been named as one of the Best Places to Work in Indiana for 8 consecutive years by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce. Additional information can be found at www.CFBIndiana.com.

### RE: Operating Referendum 6. Operations Update A. Construction Update B. Contract License

**Shamrock Springs Sports** Complex 7. Curriculum Update A. Career & Technical

Agreement with WYSI

Education (CTE) Presentation B. Textbook Rental

C. 2022-23 Student/Parent Handbooks 8. Communications Update

A. Website Platform Change

B. Rocks Media House -Year In Review

C. Shamrock Blast -

Year In Review D. Shamrock Academy

2022-23 9. Board Members and Superintendent Success

**Stories** A. Success Stories

10. Next Meeting A. July 12, 2022 - Westfield Middle School

11. Adjourn

A. Adjourn

**Obituary deadline** 

The Times publishes obituaries daily at www. thetimes24-7.com, and in its print product every day with the exception of Sundays and Tuesdays. All obituaries must come from a funeral home. A photo may be included and should be sent as a high-

resolution JPEG. Daily obituary deadline is 4 p.m. for the following

day's print publication. To read more obituaries, visit www.thetimes24-7.com.



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### **HOW MUCH?**

One of our folks filled up their tank this week and was shocked at the total price of more than \$150. According to gasbuddy.com, the average price per gallon in Indiana is now more than \$5.20.

### Meeting Notes

### Westfield Washington Schools **Board of School**

**Trustees** Work Session & Regular Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, June 14, 2022 Work Session from 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. to focus on Strategic Planning & **Board Development** 

Regular Board Meeting at 7 p.m. Westfield Middle School, Large Group Instruction

Room, 345 W Hoover St., Westfield, IN 46074 1. Call Regular Meeting to Order

A. Determine if Quorum is Present B. Welcome Public to

Meeting C. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

2. Special Recognition A. Presentation of Rocks Service Awards

3. Public Comment on Agenda Items A. Public Comment 4. Consent Agenda

A. Approve Board Minutes B. Approve Accounts Payable Vouchers (5/11/22

C. Approve Payroll Vouchers D. Personnel Report E. Motion to approve

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Consent Agenda as presented 5. Business Update

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### Scam Warning: New Sextortion Scam Making Its Rounds On Social Media, Preying On Teens



BBB Serving Eastern Michigan is warning against a new sextortion scam making its rounds on social media, preying on Michigan teens. BBB first heard of this scam in a news article where a seventeen-year-old from Marquette, MI, committed suicide after being the victim of the scam, which has now made its way to

the lower peninsula.

How does the scam work?

A teen receives a friend request from an attractive stranger on social media. They appear to be similar in age and have similar interests, so the teen accepts the request. What is really happening is the scammer

has first researched the teen by looking at their social media accounts and finding their interests, they then create a fake profile for another teen with similar interests. Once the victim friends the scammer, they create a relationship, eventually sending a nude photo of the fictitious teenager, asking for one in return. Once the scammer receives the nude photo, they then blackmail the victim, threatening to share the photo with friends and family if they don't pay. Once the victim pays, they ask for more money and the harassment continues.

According to the Daily Press, in the case of the Marquette teen, the scammers released the photos, once he stopped responding.

"This is a very scary social media scam that is affecting our youth," said Melanie Duquesnel, BBB president and CEO. "Once the photo has been sent, it's impossible to get back. These scammers are very savvy and use your interests against you to create a fictitious

person you can connect with. That's why it's so important to prevent scammers from finding as much information about you as possible."

BBB Serving Eastern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula has the following tips to help protect you from social media scams.

• Too hot to be true. Scammers offer up good-looking photos and tales of financial success. Be honest with yourself about who would be genuinely interested. If they seem "too perfect," your alarm bells should ring.

• Don't friend people you've never met. It is easy to want to accept every friend request that vou receive on social media, but scammers will often use social media to gain access to your personal information. Regardless of what a person's social media says, if you have mutual friends, went to the same school, etc. don't friend someone you have not met in person.

• Share with care.
Posts on social media last a long time. Consider

who will see the post, how it might be perceived by readers, and what information it might reveal about the individual posting it.

• Manage privacy settings. Check the privacy and security settings on web services and apps and set them to your comfort level for information sharing. Each device, application or browser used will have different features to limit how and with whom you share information.

• Implement twofactor authentication on accounts and devices. This adds another layer of security to your logins. Two-factor authentication sends a code to your phone or email to check the account owner is the one logging in.

• Consider a password manager. A written list works, but if you're worried about losing it, type up an electronic list and label it as something other than "PASSWORDS." Keep the list updated and organized as well as secretive. Avoid keeping the list on the device, as

it will only make it easier for the thief to access the apps and personal data

stored on it.

• Still not convinced?

Consider a reputable password manager to store your information.

These easy-to-access apps store all your password information and security question answers, in case you ever forget. However, don't forget to use a strong password to secure the information within your password manager.

 Personal info is like money: Value it. Protect it. Personal information, such as purchase history, IP address, or location, has tremendous value to businesses – just like money. Make informed decisions about whether or not to share data with certain businesses by considering the amount of personal information they are asking for and weighing it against the benefits you may receive in return.

• Look closely at the content. Scammers and spreaders of false information often fill their feeds with stock images, memes or other

recycled images that are not original. Scroll through and see how far back their posts go, if it is only a couple of days, that's a huge red flag. They may use profile pictures that are not of an actual person, or simply an avatar. Be wary of accounts with no original images. Posts that contain no written content at all, or written content with many spelling or grammatical errors, could be signs of a fake account as well.

Regardless of whether your social media is private, there are other ways scammers can gain access to your personal information. They can send you phishing links that, when you click on them, it downloads malware to your device, giving them access to anything on it, which is what has happened to other victims. If it's not something you want falling into the wrong hands, be wary about

storing it on your device.
For more tips on how to secure your social media and protect yourself from scams, visit bbb.org

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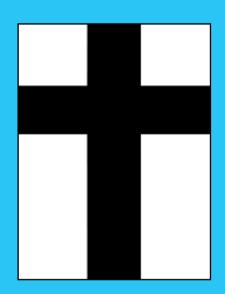
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**Photo courtesy of Carmel Community Players** 

Carmel Community Players' Rising Star production, "A Medley if Murders," three one-act plays, features 15 youth, ages 11-18, on stage weekends through June 19 at Carmel Friends Church.



Tanya Hass

she will also direct Basile Westfield Playhouse's youth production July 28-Aug. 7, Haas was able to "do some fancy footwork to make it all work," but she was glad to fit it into her schedule.'

She said, "While most of the cast had at least some stage experience, in a few cases quite a lot, several are acting on stage for the first time." Haas gets much joy from seeing the cast develop their skills over the course of the production.

"Everyone is nervous the first time they get up on stage no matter their

age, so I think being around their more experienced peers and seeing how they aren't afraid to get up in front of an audience and give their roles their all with no fear of judgment is extremely reassuring to the novice

actors," Haas said.
Auditionees simply had to read from the script so she could get an idea of their comfort level and ability to handle specific-sized roles. By the way, her son, Charlie Haas, 17, who is in the cast, is going into his senior year at Cathedral High School and won a Rising Star award for "Charlotte's Web" several years ago.

The show is family friendly, although there are a lot of jokes that may go over the heads of some younger viewers, she said. "There are a couple of comments made about the dating lives of a few characters, but there is no swearing, no actual violence and no sexual situations."

"Death of a Dead Guy" takes place in the 1940s and is a parody of the

old detective movies. In "Cheating Death," the Grim Reaper appears to a group waiting for their group therapy session in a mental hospital. In "Murder at the Art Show, a struggling art gallery is trying to save themselves by hosting a gala and owner of the gallery wants it to fail so he can tear it down and build a sports complex, then one of their peers goes missing.

"This show is all about having fun, for both the cast and the audience," Haas said. "The world is a very serious place right now and it's nice to have a couple of hours to escape most of our everyday worries and anxieties."

She said young casts particularly appreciate the support of audiences to affirm all the hard work they have put into a show. "While seeing seasoned professionals put on a flawless show is a wonderful experience, seeing kids who are laying it all out there knowing that they aren't perfect but confident that the audience is going to support them anyway is

a joy in and of itself."

Because CCP doesn't have its own theater space, actors rehearse in one venue and then move into the performance space the week of the show. So the set isn't too elaborate, although each act is a very different setting. And the lights and sound are fairly simple since the church doesn't have extensive light and sound equipment. The cast, under her supervision, acts as their own crew and helps get the scenes changed. CCP board member Lori Raffel is light and sound technician for the small amount of effects needed, Haas said.

Haas grew up in Cincinnati, She's been acting on stage for more than 35 years and has been involved in theater in this area since 2008.

While her oldest son, who is on the autism spectrum, was in high school, the mom had the idea to use theater for kids on the spectrum to learn about the nuances of reading facial expressions, tone of voice and body

### Want TO GO?

What: Carmel Community Players presents "A Medley of Murders," murder-mystery. comedy. When: 7:30 p.m. June 11, 17, 18; and 2:30 p.m. June

12 and 19. Where: Carmel Friends Church, 651 W. Main St., Carmel. How much: \$18 for adults, \$16 for students and 62 and

Good to know: Family friendly featuring ages 18 and

younger cast **Reservations:** https://carmelplayers.org/

### **Meet THE CAST**

Charlie Haas, Jayda Flynn, and Kaavya Jethava, all of Carmel; Mason Yeater, Owen Yeater and Quinn Yeater, all of Cicero; Joey Brandenburg of Westfield; Isabella Bardos of Noblesville; Camren Davis of Elwood; Emerson Bobenmoyer, Ava Button, Kathryn Kirschner, Lilliana Rondinella, Veronica Rondinella and Morgan Rusbasan, all of Indianapolis.

language, "something they often struggle with comprehending fully, said Haas, who didn't direct. She said, "We would perform shows for the other students in the very small school, and the kids soon learned that they could express themselves very freely when on stage, and didn't have to worry about criticism from their peers and teachers if they messed something up.'

Haas is always involved in a production, she said. She was cast in "The Odd Couple" her freshman year in high school and ended up being in every show her high school produced, including two musicals. At University of Notre Dame, she immediately auditioned for "Noises Off" and got a role, and went on to perform in four more productions in college. She and her husband, who was in the U.S. Navy, are raising

six children ...(including guardianship of a niece and nephew.

Overwhelmed as a stay-at-home mom with six kids, she needed something for herself. So after 13 years off stage, she decided to break back into the theater world. "It made sense that my two loves, the theater and working with kids would lead me down this path," she said.

Haas said, I am truly grateful for the opportunity to work in person again with eager young actors ... I would love to see the community come out to join the family and friends of the cast in supporting their efforts and letting them know that they always have people rooting for them, no matter what the world may throw their way."

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

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benefit she had earned until she died) but, since there will be three children collecting, the Family Maximum will apply. The Family Maximum limits total survivor benefits to between 150% and 180% of your wife's PIA. Typically, with 3 survivors, the Family Maximum should come out to about 175% of our wife's PIA. Social Security will determine these numbers when you apply for benefits for the children, which you should do by calling 1.800.772.1213, or making an appointment at your local SS field office (find it at www.ssa.gov/ locator). The funeral home which handled your wife's arrangements will send a copy of her death certificate to Social Security, but

SS will probably require vou to provide each child's Social Security number and birth certificate, and you may also need to provide your wife's death certificate if they ask for it. As each child becomes age-ineligible for minor child benefits, the benefit for each remaining minor child will automatically increase, up to their maximum 75% of your wife's PIA.

 Because your children are minors, you will need to act as their Representative Payee. Social Security will guide you through that when you contact them to apply for benefits for the children, but it essentially means that their benefits will be paid directly to you and you will be obligated to use that money on

behalf of the children. You can review Social Security's Representative Payee rules at this link: www.ssa. gov/payee/.

 Regardless of your age, as your wife's surviving spouse with minor children you could be eligible for a "child in care" surviving spouse benefit until the youngest child is 16, but you should be aware of the following:

o If you are working full time, you probably will be ineligible for childin-care spouse benefits because of your earnings. Social Security imposes an earnings limit for those collecting early spousal or survivor benefits.

o If you are eligible for child-in-care benefits and collect the same, it

would detract from the benefit amount each of your children will get because of the Family Maximum discussed above. In other words, the Family Maximum amount (which Social Security will determine based on your wife's PIA) is the total amount that can be paid out on your wife's record, regardless of how many survivors are collecting.

As your wife's spouse, you will also be entitled to a one-time lump sum death benefit of \$255, which you can request when you speak with Social Security. Once again, please accept our condolences on the loss of your wife. I hope the above information is helpful at this difficult

time.

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Photo courtesy of the City of Noblesville

Officer Ben Lugar (left), Luna's primary handler, pictured with Luna (center) and Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen.

County. She is on-call 24/7 and has made an immediate impact within the community and become a great resource for first responders.

"Luna is an invaluable asset for the Noblesville Police Department and Noblesville community. Her presence at the department with officers and staff always makes coming to work a joy for me and she has given me a renewed passion for policing," said Lugar. "When we are out in the public, community members always come up to see her and thank her. She really is the goal of Noble Act, to build those strong community connections so we all have the common goal of being healthy, happy

and safe.' This year's free festivities will take place on Monday, July 4 with the theme of "Stars and Stripes Forever in Noblesville." The fun begins at 4:30 p.m. with the downtown parade presented by Gaylor Electric. The expanded free fireworks festival sponsored by IDI Composites follows from 6 to 10 p.m. at Forest Park with activities for kids, teens and adults, food vendors and more. Hairbanger's Ball will perform on the Republic Services Main Stage from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Free trolley rides will be available from Noblesville High School's parking lot to Forest Park thanks to BJ's Wholesale Club throughout and after the festival. At 10 p.m., the annual fireworks display will begin from the Forest Park Golf Course. A Fireworks viewing area with nearby parking will be available at Federal Hill Commons for those wanting to just see the fireworks.

Those interested in participating in the 2022 Noblesville July 4th Parade have until Wednesday, June 29 to submit entry forms, which are available online at http://noblesvillefireworksfestival. com. Registration is \$25. The City of Noblesville is waiving the entry fee to all nonprofits organizations that want to participate. For more information about the parade, contact Amber Mink at amink@ noblesville.in.us. Noblesville is the 10th

largest city in Indiana, home to more than 69,600 residents, and the county seat in Hamilton County, Indiana. Just north of Indianapolis, the growing city is known for its nationally recognized public schools, extensive public park system, Hamilton Town Center, and the outdoor music venue Ruoff Music Center.

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non-profit arm of the Association of Mature American Citizens. "The acceptance of healthier lifestyles and the benefits of modern medicine have helped to convince many seniors to stay at home.

There is a caveat, of course, says Hafer, and that means you need to make an assessment of what you are able to do by yourself and what you can't do. "The most critical issue you need to deal with is your health. Do you suffer from a debilitating illness? In fact,

making the decision may require a conversation with your doctor."

Here's a checklist courtesy of the National Institute on Aging [NIA]:

- Are you able to take care of yourself by your-
- Do you need help with

household chores?

- Are you able to prepare healthy meals on your own?
- Do you have the financial resources to age in place?
- Are you able to remember to take your meds

as required?

The NIA report also suggests that you "Be prepared for a medical emergency: If you were to suddenly become sick and unable to speak for yourself, you probably would want someone who knows you well to decide on your medical care. To make sure this happens, think about giving someone you trust permission to discuss your health care with your doctor and make necessary decisions. Learn about health care

advance directives. Talk

with your doctor about whether you should get a medical alert ID bracelet or

necklace." According to AMAC's Hafer, once you pass muster and become a candidate for aging in place, it's a good idea to take a tour of "your place" to make sure it's safe. He suggests making a room by room assessment as recommended by the AgingCare website to ensure that your home environment supports your lifestyle now and in the future.

### **O** ASTHMA

seeking to ensure more people live, work and go to school in asthma-friendly environments. Here's what to know:

1. Understanding triggers. Asthma triggers can cause symptoms and if left untreated, could lead to an asthma attack. Common asthma triggers include respiratory infections, allergens, irritants, exercise and emotions. Indoor triggers found at home, school and workplaces include tobacco smoke, dust mites, pests such as cockroaches and mice, pets, mold, cleaning chemicals, dust, gases, vapors and fumes. Common outdoor asthma triggers include pollen, wildfire smoke, ozone and particle pollution.

2. Reducing home triggers. People spend over 90% of their time indoors and most of that time is in their home. Whether you rent or own your home, you can make these changes to improve the quality

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of the air you breathe:

• Run the bathroom fan after showers and use the kitchen fan while cooking to control moisture and other air pollutants.

- Use vacuums with good filtration, such as a HEPA filter.
- Properly store food and other items that attract
- Make your home (and vehicle) smokefree.
- o Additional actions you can take include improving ventilation, maintaining HVAC systems and using integrated pest management. If you rent, some of these solutions would be the responsibility of the landlord. Learn more about how to improve the indoor air quality of your home as a tenant by reviewing the guide developed by the Environmental Law Institute found at eli.
- 3. Taking action for children. Children's respiratory systems are still

developing, making them particularly vulnerable to air pollution. However, 95% of American school buses are diesel-powered. To learn more about how to advocate for your school district to modify older diesel school buses or transition to zero-emission electric school buses, visit lung.org.

4. Healthier workplaces. About one is six cases of adult-onset asthma can be linked to the individual's occupation and about one in five adults with asthma experience worsening of symptoms because of where they work. Missed workdays and lost worker productivity due to asthma can be costly for individuals who live with asthma and employers. By establishing lung-friendly workplace policies and offering an employee asthma education program, employers can help

better manage their conditions and experience fewer symptoms. If you have asthma or are a caregiver for someone with asthma. consider speaking to your employer about instituting policies that promote a safe, healthy workplace.

5. Additional guidance. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Asthma Control Program developed "EX-HALE" a set of six strategies that help contribute to better asthma control. The strategies can help you and your loved ones have fewer asthma symptoms, prevent emergency visits to the hospital and help you avoid missing school or work. To learn the strategies and for additional resources, visit cdc.gov. You can also check out the range of asthma programs and initiatives offered by the American Lung Association that align with

the EXHALE strategies by

visiting lung.org/AFE.

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### **Hosting Tips For Backyard Summer Gatherings**

(StatePoint) It's the time of year for backyard bashes with friends and family. The best part about being the host? Creating relaxing summer vibes with great food and

Joe Welch and Zach Feinberg, good friends and co-founders of In Good Taste, a new kind of winery on a mission to make wine more accessible and less intimidating for the everyday drinker, offer these backyard party tips for warm weather

Summer Sips The best wines for summer are refreshing and feature high acidity, a light-to-medium body, and a dry flavor leading to a crisp finish. Think whites, rosés and light-bodied reds. To invigorate your guests and enhance the subtle tasting notes of

these wines, serve them at a slight chill. Be sure to consider your glassware, too. "Stemmed glassware keeps warm hands off cold wines and helps maintain the right temperature for longer," says Welch.

Pairing Tricks When pairing wine and cheese, an easy place to start is by looking for cheese from the same region where the grape first originated. While this works in most cases, these quick, additional rules that look at age, depth and complexity can help you take pairing a step further:

 Young and soft cheeses with silky textures and creamy body pair especially well with young and lively wines full of fruit, good acidity and spirited

• To stand up to the richness and in many

cases, sharpness of aged cheeses full of rich, fatty and savory flavor, choose old, bold and rich wines with good tannins that leave a tacky feeling on your tongue.

 Salty cheeses pair especially well with sweet wines, as the saltiness brings out the sweetness even more.

Take a Flight Anyone who has enjoyed a thoughtful wine flight knows that variety is the spice of life. Whether you're throwing the party yourself or need the perfect hostess gift, consider In Good Taste's flights, which are offered at every price point in the brand's patented 187 milliliter mini bottles, giving hosts the ability to put eight different wines on ice. Really delivering on those light, summery vibes is their Califor-

nia Wine Mixer tasting flight, which includes all the greats, including Rosé, Sauvignon Blanc and Chardonnay, along with some surprises. The brand makes snacks easy for hosts too, offering a premium selection of meat and cheese with Antonelli's Cheese Shop's carefully curated Cheese Meats Treats tray. To shop flights and gifts, book a virtual or in-person wine tasting with an expert, or for additional wine 101, visit ingoood-

taste.com. "You don't need to be a sommelier to get wine right at your backyard gatherings and other events," says Feinberg. "Wine is for anybody who enjoys it, and with a little bit of know-how, this aspect of summer hosting can be fun, not stressful."

### Rethink Your Lawn

(Family Features) Who has time to continuously care for that carpet-like, green grass almost everyone longs for? Nearly no one. Cultivating a lush, green lawn takes time, can be expensive and is a mainstay on weekend to-do lists spring through fall. Now that's a serious commitment.

Traditional turf lawns require a lot of maintenance. You must mow and remove weeds often, plus the amount of water usage can be staggering. The average American family uses 320 gallons of water per day, about 30% devoted to outdoor uses, according to the EPA. More than half of that is used for watering lawns and gardens. Nationwide, landscape irrigation is estimated to account for almost one-third of all residential water use, totaling nearly 9 billion gallons per day.

It's about time to rethink the obsession with turf grass lawns and take a page from the past; clover can help create a great-looking lawn. Several decades ago, clover was considered so essential for lawns that it was a standard component in lawn seed mixes and wasn't considered a weed. Clover was branded a weed when agricultural chemical companies created herbicides to rid lawns of broadleaf plants. The herbicides had no effect on grass, but killed everything else, clovers included, which is how clover became identified as a weed.

It's not too late to renovate your lawn and reintroduce the springy, soft, green carpet of clover back into your lawn. It's fluffy on the feet, aids in both weed and erosion control and, when used to overseed existing lawns, fills in bare spots fast.

Today, as interest grows in more natural, eco-friendly ways to care for grass, you might consider totally replacing your lawn with an option like Miniclover, which should not be confused with invasive white Dutch clover.

"Miniclover is about one-third to half the size of white Dutch clover. producing a thick, carpet-like appearance that blends well with turf," said Troy Hake, president and owner of Outsidepride.com, which offers

a multitude of seeds, including grasses, clovers, wildflowers, herbs and more. "It's especially attractive, cost effective, eco-friendly and can help you get that thick, lush, green lawn your neighbors will envy."

In addition to providing weed and erosion control, the fluffy lawn alternative offers a variety of benefits:

Nitrogen fixer. Miniclover takes nitrogen from the air and "fixes" it in your soil, eliminating the need to apply nitrogen plant food because it does the work for you, keeping lawns green and growing while adding natural nitrogen to the soil.

Drought tolerant. Miniclover has longer, deeper roots than turf grass, reaching down into the soil for the moisture they need, so you won't need to water as much during normal weather conditions. Plus, it stays green year-round and is resistant to drought and tolerates wet conditions.

Controls weeds. Its dense structure and growth habits help suppress existing weeds and the establishment of new weeds, as it grows via stolons (stems that grow horizontally along the ground).

Low to no maintenance. You can mow Miniclover – the more it's cut, the smallr the leaf size – or simply let it grow, as it only grows 4-6 inches tall and doesn't get unwieldy, making it an ideal lawn alternative or healthy addition to your lawn.

Thrives in sun to partial shade. Unlike some turfgrass types, Miniclover does well in partial shade that receives at least some direct sunshine daily.

Stands up to foot traffic. It has superior wear tolerance over turf grass, does well in compacted soil and fills bare spots quickly.

Makes great groundcover. Grow it alone or, because of its adaptability and ability to grow in a wide variety of conditions, combine it with other groundcover plants, like creeping phlox, ivy and thyme.

It's time to rethink typical lawn turf and try an ecofriendly alternative to replace or renovate your lawn. For more information, visit Outsidepride.

### **Boost The Beauty Of Spring Flowering Shrubs**

By Melinda Myers

Bring your overgrown lilacs, forsythia, mock orange, pieris and other spring flowering shrubs down to size while maintaining their natural beauty and spring floral display.

Prune spring blooming shrubs right after flowering for maximum flowering. These shrubs set their flower buds in summer so pruning at other times of the year reduces or eliminates the spring floral display. Major pruning on these shrubs can also be done in late winter. It's easier to see what needs cutting and the plants respond well to pruning at this time of the year. You'll just eliminate some of the spring flowers.

Summer blooming shrubs like potentilla, beautyberry, and Annabelle-type hydrangeas flower on new growth. Prune these, when needed, in late winter or early spring before growth begins or anytime during the dormant season.

Make sure you have the proper tools and safety equipment before making the first cut. Protect your eyes and hands with safety glasses and gloves. Then make sure your pruning tools are clean and sharp. Using

the right pruning tool for the job helps ease muscle strain and fatigue while making proper cuts that close quickly. This will reduce the risk of insects and diseases moving into

the plant. Use bypass pruners to cut small stems that are 1/2-inch diameter or less. These have two sharp blades, like scissors, and make clean cuts that close quickly. Employ a bypass lopper like Corona® Tools' ClassicCUT® SL15167 with soft grips that fit well and will cut limbs up to 1 ¾" in diameter. Loppers have long handles that give you greater leverage and extend your reach.

You will need a pruning saw when doing renewal pruning. A short-bladed saw makes it easier to access and cut larger stems to ground level. Look for a saw. like the RazorTOOTH Saw® RS16150, with a pull stroke cutting action and ergonomic handle. It makes fast and easy cuts and minimizes hand fatigue.

Once you have your tools, you are ready to start pruning. Reduce the height and leggy growth on overgrown suckering shrubs over the next three years. This type of renewal pruning is

better for the plant and most gardeners find it less stressful for them as

Remove one third of the largest and oldest stems to ground level each year for three years with renewal pruning. If your shrub has twelve stems, you will prune four of these back to the ground this year, four more the following year, and remove the last four older stems the third year. By the end of the three years, you have a smaller shrub with leafy stems from ground to tip and flowers at a level you can enjoy

Start by removing any crossed or dead branches. Disinfect tools with a 70% alcohol or disinfectant spray between cuts, if you suspect the plant is suffering from disease. This will help reduce the risk of spreading the disease throughout the plant.

You can stop pruning at this point and continue renewal pruning next year in late winter. If you decide to continue, remove a few more of the older stems to ground level. Taking these stems back to the ground encourages new growth at the base of the plant.

Minimize additional pruning at this point.

You can reduce the height on any wayward branches as needed. Make your cut on a slight angle above an outward facing bud or stem. This encourages growth away from the center of the plant, reducing the risk of crossing branches in the

future. Maintain the size and prevent leggy growth with regular pruning in the future. Just remove a few older stems to ground level every year or two. Investing a bit of pruning throughout the life of your plants helps boost their heath, beauty, and your enjoyment.

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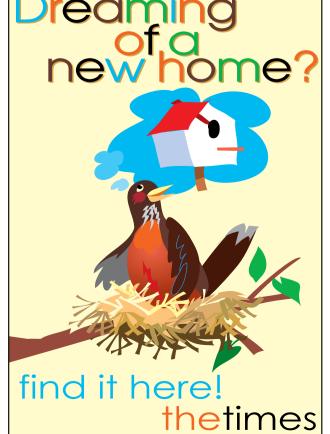
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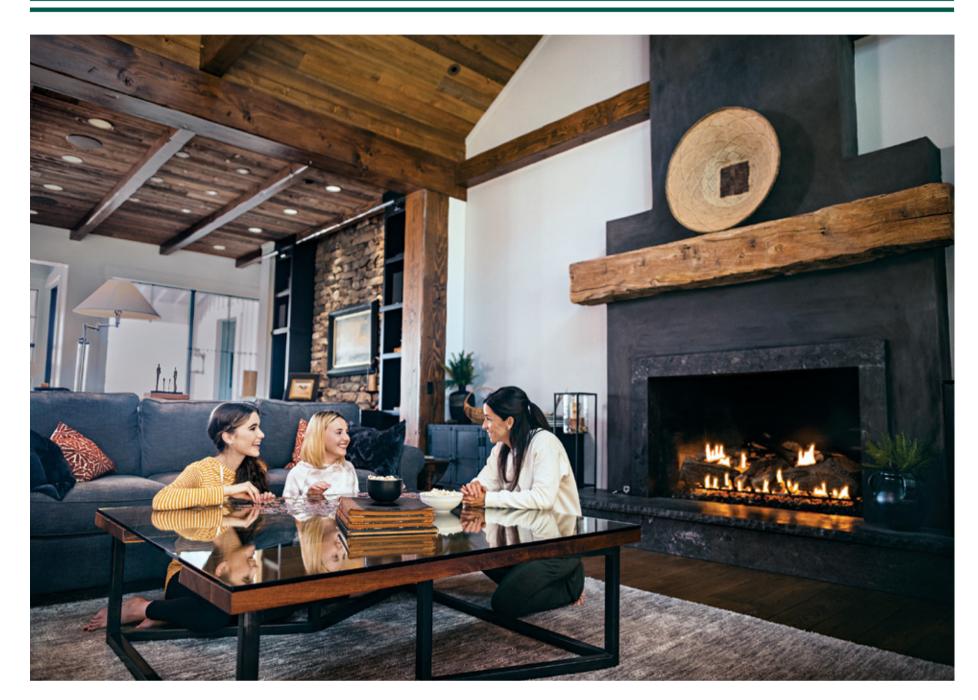
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### Actionable Environmental Impacts at Home



### Swap common household devices to curb your carbon footprint

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In every room of your home, you'll likely find numerous devices, appliances and fixtures that rely on the electric grid for power. Collectively, they affect your carbon footprint more than you may realize. Converting to lower carbon alternatives can help you be a better steward for the environment while reducing your reliance on electricity.

"As a father, husband, home builder and real estate agent, I think it's important to make smart choices for a cleaner today and greener tomorrow," said Matt Blashaw, residential contractor, licensed real estate agent and host of HGTV's "Build it Forward." "We all want to be good stewards of the Earth. I want people to think beyond planting a tree or recycling. The time is right now to choose a diverse, low-carbon energy mix to power our homes and businesses."

Consider these environmentally friendly upgrades from Blashaw and the experts at the Propane Education & Research Council (PERC) to help decarbonize Earth:

### **Smart Thermostats**

Programmable thermostats and smart plugs don't conserve electricity on their own, but they help you become more aware of your energy consumption and adapt your usage to avoid waste. The introduction of programmable thermostats made it possible to adjust the temperature in your home when you're not there or when you are sleeping.

Some smart thermostats take those adjustments even further by learning your household habits and adjusting the temperature to accommodate your usage patterns. You can also make adjustments remotely, and some models allow you to control specific zones or rooms independently so you're only using the energy you really need. When combined with low-carbon, efficient HVAC units, smart thermostats can help lessen the impact on the planet.

### **Motion Sensors**

Motion Sensors

Like programmable thermostats and smart plugs, motion sensors help manage your energy usage. Motion sensors ensure you're only drawing electricity to illuminate a space when it's in use or when the light quality falls below a certain threshold. You may be in the habit of turning on a switch when you enter a room whether you need the extra light or not. Relying on a sensor reduces the waste associated with that routine and helps ensure lights are turned off when they may otherwise be forgotten in an empty room.

### Appliances

You may be surprised to learn the difference it can make to swap appliances for a different energy source. According to PERC, propane appliances are more efficient and produce fewer greenhouse gases than electric appliances. For example, propane-powered clothes dryers generate up to 42% fewer greenhouse gas emissions compared to electric dryers. They also dry clothes faster than electric dryers, and the moist heat is gentler on fabrics and can even help relax wrinkles and static cling.

Similarly, propane-powered cooking ranges generate up to 15% fewer greenhouse gas emissions compared to electric ranges while also allowing for greater control of heat levels. In addition, their instant flame turnoff capabilities help them cool faster than electric stoves, which can remain dangerously hot after they have been

### **Energy-Efficient Windows**

Nearly one-third of energy loss in your home can be attributed to windows, especially if they're older or in poor condition. Even windows in good condition can be a source of energy loss if there's only one pane of glass or you have air leaks around the frame. Upgrading to double- or triple-pane windows can be costly but making more cost-efficient improvements like caulking and weatherstripping can reduce window-related energy loss. You can also rely on window treatments such as drapes or blinds, awnings or plant vegetation that provide shade to help manage how your windows contribute to your energy needs.

### Tankless Water Heaters

Traditional water heaters maintain a tank of heated water at all times. Heating and re-heating the same water over and over is inefficient and wasteful. Conversely, tankless water heaters warm water only when you need it, cutting your energy usage and saving you money. Because it heats water whenever you need it, you don't have to worry about running out of hot water. In addition, your water heater's energy source can produce even greater savings. Switching from an electric storage water heater to a propane-fueled tankless water heater can prevent more than 1 ton of greenhouse gas emissions from entering the atmosphere each year, the same amount produced from driving a car more than 3,000 miles, according to PERC.

### Ceiling Fans

You may think of ceiling fans as design elements and comfort features, but they also play a role in your home's energy use. Moving air feels cooler than still air, so not only does the circulation keep the air feeling fresh, but you can also keep your room temperature higher and still feel cool and comfortable. Opting for a smart ceiling fan can help you maximize savings by scheduling the fan to align with your normal routines rather than wasting energy by circulating air when you're not using the room.

### Solar Panels

Harnessing the sun's energy is often viewed as the ultimate use of renewable energy, but it can be costly to install enough panels to adequately power an entire home. Many homeowners find success in offsetting their traditional energy consumption rather than replacing it completely. Implementing other measures, such as installing propane appliances or updating windows, can reduce the amount of energy needed from the solar panels, making it a more practical environmental option for your household.

"The more diverse America's energy mix is, the more reliable it is," Blashaw said. "Propane can work alongside renewable energy sources like on-site solar power to create a more efficient, clean and reliable energy mix for homes across the country and help accelerate decarbonization."

Find more low-carbon solutions for your



### Put Propane Power into Practice

As an approved clean alternative fuel under the Clean Air Act, propane is a low-carbon energy source that produces significantly fewer greenhouse gas emissions than diesel, gasoline and electricity in a wide range of applications. Because it reduces carbon emissions at home, at work, on the road and on the farm, propane can help Americans meet their environmental goals equitably and affordably. Consider these low-carbon facts from PERC for your family:

- Propane is a versatile alternative fuel being used in nearly 12 million U.S. households for residential uses like home heating, fireplaces, water heaters, cooktops and whole-home backup power.
- America's farmers not only rely on propane to power their homes but trust it to operate their businesses too. Propane is used to irrigate fields, dry crops and heat buildings.
- Every day, 1.3 million children ride to school in 22,000 propane school buses across the country. Propane buses are currently in 1,000 school districts in 48 states.

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## **Indiana State Fair Announces First Wave Of Hoosier Lottery Free Stage Concerts**

Last week, the Indiana State Fair unveiled the first wave of its 2022 list of scheduled concerts as a part of the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage schedule, July 29 through August 21 (Fair is closed Mondays and Tuesdays). The Hoosier Lottery Free Stage has become a summertime staple for concert goers and music lovers. The lineup each year consists of some of music's most legendary acts and this year is no exception. All shows at the Hoosier Lottery Free Stage are free with paid fair admission and seating is first-come, firstserved. A limited number of premium section access tickets will also be made available at a later time. All shows start at 7:30 p.m., unless noted otherwise.

The first wave announcement for 2022 Hoosier Lottery Free Stage at the Indiana State Fair schedule includes:

KANSAS - Friday, July 29 (opening day) Chaka Khan - Wednesday, August 3

Zach Williams - Sunday, August 14

Happy Together Tour featuring The Turtles, Gary Puckett & The Union Gap, The Association, The Classics IV, The Vogues, The Cowsills - Wednesday, August 17

Carly Pearce - Friday, August 19

High Resolution Artist Images are Available by Request or By Visiting the State Fair Media Center Photo Gallery at www.IndianaStateFair.

Sarah M. Taylor, executive director of the Hoosier Lottery, noted, "The Hoosier Lottery has enjoyed a great relationship with the Indiana State Fair for many years. This year we are proud to sponsor the popular Free Stage that features a variety of outstanding talent. The Free Stage has become a 'winning ticket' for all fairgoers."

The 2022 Indiana State Fair is scheduled to open on Friday, July 29 and runs through August 21, when you can enjoy The Greatest 18 Days of Summer at this iconic Hoosier tradition. For more information, please visit www.indianastatefair. com or follow the Indiana State Fair on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. The 2022 Indiana State Fair will be Fun at the Speed of Summer with the theme of Celebrating Indiana's Automotive Excellence, presented by Tom Wood Automotive Group.

2022 Artist Bios: KANSAS:

This classic rock band from Topeka, Kan., nearing five decades in the classic rock scene, has become one of the most influential rock bands to date. Kansas, composed of Phil Ehart, Billy Greer, Ronnie Platt, David Ragsdale, Tom Brislin, and Richard Williams, appeared on the Billboard charts for more than 200 weeks throughout the '70's and '80's and played sold-out arenas and stadiums throughout the United States, Europe, and Japan. Their songs have appeared in many shows like "Supernatural," "South Park," "The Office," and "The Simpsons;" and with films including "Old School," "Anchorman," and "Happy Gilmore."

CHAKA KHAN: Singer, Songwriter, Actor, Activist - Chaka Khan is one of the world's most gifted and celebrated musicians, with a rich musical legacy, the 10-time GRAM-MY® Award-winner is looking forward to a celebration of a lifetime. A songwriter, actor, author, philanthropist, entrepreneur and activist, Chaka Khan has influenced generations of recording artists. She has the rare ability to sing in seven music genres, including R&B, pop, rock, gospel, country, world music and classical. Affectionately known around the world as Chaka, she is revered by millions of fans as well as her peers for her timeless, classic and unmatched signature music style and ability. The late, great Miles Davis often said, "She [Chaka] sings like my horn." And the Queen of Soul, Aretha Franklin says, '[Chaka] is a one- of- a -kind, premier vocalist."

**ZACH WILLIAMS:** GRAMMY® award winning Contemporary Christian artist Zach Williams aims to share his story of how he found his faith, with honesty and clarity into his troubled past. Zach is a Tennessee-based Christian singer that infuses outlaw country, the dirt-road grit of southern rock, and the contemporary roots music of alt-country into his sound to create a unique and special way to spread his passion for God, and share how he stays on the path of being Christian. He grew to popularity with his debut album "Chain Breaker," winning GRAMMY® award Best Contemporary Christian album, as well as the GMA Dove Awards 2017 New Artist of the Year and 2018 Artist of the Year.

HAPPY TOGETHER

TOUR:

The Happy Together Tour consists of six bands: The Turtles, Gary Puckett & The Union Gap, The Association, The Classics IV, The Vogues and The Cow-

sills. These bands that had their biggest hits in the 60's and 70's brought timeless sounds and songs like "Happy Together" by the Turtles, one of the most recognizable songs of that time period. These bands combined have multiple No. 1 hits with this tour starting in 1984. Since then the band has consistently knocked out 50 shows a year, making this tour an iconic homage to an era of music that has influenced many of today's artists. The tour has consisted of several different bands and artists throughout the nearly 40 years it has been running, with the only constant band being The Turtles. This group's members include: Howard Kaylan, Mark Volman, Al Nichol, Chuck Portz, and Don Murray. With the exception of Don, all original members are alive today, making this band's live songs truly original.

**CARLY PEARCE:** Carly Pearce is a young country singer on the rise, releasing her first album in 2017. Her Platinum-certified No. 1 song "I Hope You're Happy Now" with artist Lee Brice has earned CMA nominations for New Artist of the Year, Song of the Year and Video of the Year, and won Musical Event of the Year. She has exploded in the country scene touring alongside Blake Shelton, Rascal Flatts and Luke Bryan. The past two years this Kentucky native has won CMA awards for Female Vocalist of the Year in 2021 and Female Artist of the Year in 2022. She is now on her third studio album, "29: Written in Stone," and has been nominated 22 times for numerous awards since these three albums have been released.

# Explore Branson Launches "Gems Of The Ozarks" Virtual Pass Explore Branson has ing the prize be delivered

Explore Branson has launched "Gems of the Ozarks," a virtual passport that connects users to various points of interest within the Branson region in a new, innovative experience. The program launched on Friday, May 27.

This is a free program that all visitors can participate in, and it is the result of a partnership with Bandwango. There are 25 local businesses included in the passport, which showcases the best of the region in an easy, mobile-friendly way. After a user has checked in to at least 20 of the 25 points included along the trail, they will be eligible to redeem a prize by visiting the Branson Chamber/CVB at 4100 Gretna Road or requestvia mail.

About Explore Branson

Branson is a one-ofa-kind family vacation destination nestled in the lakeside beauty of the Ozark Mountains with dozens of live performance theaters, three pristine lakes, numerous attractions and museums. Historic Downtown district, a full range of dining options, and a host of hotels, motels, resorts, RV parks, campgrounds and meeting and conference facilities and sports venues. Branson is less than a day's drive for one-third of America's populace. Call 1-800-296-0463 for help planning your next vacation, convention, sports event, or reunion.

# Is Inflation Putting A Damper On Your Summer Travel? How To Save

(StatePoint) After two years of restrictions, summer road trips are top of mind for those looking to get out of town. With rising inflation showing no signs of braking, soaring automotive costs, including gas prices, repairs, rental cars and auto insurance, are threatening to put a damper on summer fun. This is why many consumers are preparing their budgets now to find ways to save

to find ways to save In a recent Experian survey, 76% of Americans say they are actively looking for ways to significantly trim expenses from their monthly budget. The same survey found that a third of Americans who have auto insurance feel their recurring bill hurts their wallet the most. And 28% who have auto insurance say it's a recurring bill that they've had to decide between paying or not paying to avoid going without basic necessities such as shelter, food,

electricity and utilities.
Reports show that
auto insurance rates are
expected to continue to
rise in 2022, meanwhile
gas prices are the most
expensive they've ever
been. It's no surprise
then that 34% of Americans say they're cutting
back on driving expenses
to save money during the
current period of inflation.

Proactively finding ways to reduce costs allows consumers to get ahead of rising prices before they break the budget, and research shows that many consumers are already thinking about reaching out to their insurance provider to see if they can ne-

gotiate a cheaper price on their auto insurance. Seventy-eight percent of Americans who have auto insurance report they are likely to contact their auto insurance provider in order to negotiate a better rate within the next three months. Meanwhile, 24% say they are trying to save money by using online price comparison tools.

"Inflation is hitting any consumer's bud gets and we encourage Americans to explore how to find ways to save on recurring bills. Make sure to keep your credit score high to obtain the best rates and terms on credit, and utilize all the resources available. Consumers can access their Experian credit score and report online for free and try our auto insurance shopping service to compare rates," says Rod Griffin, senior director of Public Education and Advocacy at Experian.

Experian's service can take the hassle out of finding better car insurance rates for your same coverage. It delivers multiple, tailored rates from more than 40 leading and well-established auto insurance carriers to consumers, potentially saving them more than \$900 per year. To learn more, visit www.experian.com/save.

As inflation continues to soar, finding ways to save money is becoming even more important. Reducing the cost of monthly expenses like auto insurance can go a long way in helping consumers keep more money in their pockets during their summer road trips and beyond.

### Keep Roads Safe: Use These Tips To Stop Driving Distracted

(StatePoint) Driving fatalities in the United States are at the highest point since 2008, yet new research reveals that many are unaware of the enhanced risk and are actively making choices that increase the danger

According to a new survey from Travelers, 57% of people think roadway safety is unchanged since before the pandemic. At the same time, over a third of drivers have experienced a near-miss because they were distracted while driving.

Our devices are a large part of the problem. One-third of respondents believe it is acceptable to use technology while driving and even more admit to doing so -- 79% say they have made or received a phone call while driving, 74% have looked at map directions on a cell phone and 56% have read a text message or

email. A growing number of drivers are also taking to social media, with 29% admitting to recording videos or taking photos using their smartphone, a number that's increased since 2019 along with the rise of TikTok and other

social media platforms. "When you're behind the wheel, every second matters, and anything that occupies your mind or vision is a distraction," says Chris Hayes, assistant vice president of Transportation and Risk Control at Travelers. "While it's tempting to use your phone, especially when it's alerting you to texts and calls, doing so is dangerous to you, your passengers and others on the road."

To help put a stop to distracted driving, Travelers is offering the following tips:

• Turn off notifications: Setting your phone to "do not disturb" before you begin driving

is a good idea, as it can help prevent you from being tempted to check your phone for new notifications.

• Prepare beforehand: Check directions or set your GPS before you begin driving. Put your favorite playlist or radio station on before you hit the road.

• Let it wait: Do not make calls, text or otherwise manipulate your phone while driving. Even hands-free calls can pull your focus from the road. If you need to text, email, make a call, or use your phone for any other reason, pull over first.

• Recruit a passenger: Rely on your passengers to handle technology-related tasks, such as checking GPS, changing the music or radio station, and answering calls

or texts.

• Speak up: Consider asking a distracted driver to put down their device. Eighty-seven percent of

consumers who use a phone while driving say they would be less likely to do so if a passenger spoke up.

• Beware of other distractions: It's important to make driving your number one priority when you're on the road, and keep in mind that not all distractions are tech-related. For example, don't wait until your commute to eat, brush your hair, or apply makeup. Take care of such tasks before you start the car.

For more tips and resources, including compelling stories about real-world victims of crashes due to distracted driving, visit travelers. com.

"There are more distractions than ever on today's roadways. Ultimately, making a concerted effort to change behaviors will help prevent injuries and save lives," says Hayes.

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