

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.



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What makes Lexi Blackburn smile? "Playing outside on our playset in the backyard." What makes Jenna Blackburn smile? "Doing funny jokes." Lexi was 3 years old, and Jenna was 5 years old, and they were found in 2021 watching the Noblesville Fourth of July Parade on Logan Street with brother, Brooks, then 1, and parents, Adrienne and Skylar Blackburn. The sisters were both dressed in red, white and blue tulle skirts and Disney-themed tops. Favorite part about the parade? "I like when they throw out candy," Jenna said. Their favorite candies? "Tootsie Rolls." Favorite summer pastime? "Playing outside on our playground in our backyard," Lexi said. "I swim in my grandma's pool," Jenna said. Favorite songs? "Dance Monkey," Jenna said. "The Backwards ABCs," Lexi said. Favorite movies? "My Little Pony," Lexi said. "Bluey," Lexi said. Favorite Disney movie characters? "Elsa" (from "Frozen,") Jenna said. "Jasmine," Lexi said. Fun plans for last summer? "I'm doing swim lessons, and so is she (at Stony Creek Swim Center)," said Jenna, who was then also starting dance classes at Farber's Tumble, Dance & Cheer in Noblesville. During the 2021-22 school year, Jenna was a kindergartner at Hinkle Creek Elementary, where Lexi was in the Little Millers preschool program. The family attended the Noblesville Fireworks Festival at Forest Park that evening. This year, Noblesville Fireworks Festival and Parade are on Monday, with the parade at 4:30 p.m. through downtown Noblesville, and the Fireworks Festival 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Forest Park, where fireworks will be displayed at 10 p.m. Admission is free, with free trolley stops taking folks to the park all evening.

And Another Thing...

Outdoor Indiana magazine's July/August issue features a cover article on all things kites, a feature on ice cream, and a story about the French Heritage Corridor. The French Heritage Corridor is a Midwest movement to kindle, rekindle, or nurture the inherent French-ness of Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Michigan, Wisconsin, and Minnesota. Outdoor Indiana is available now at most Barnes & Noble stores in Indiana for \$4. Subscriptions are \$15 for one year (six issues, a 38% savings off cover) and \$28 for two years (12 issues, a 42% savings off cover). Subscribe at ShopINStateParks.com or by calling 317-233-3046. To read article excerpts, go to OutdoorIndiana.org.

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Ask Rusty – I'm Getting Spouse Benefits – What Happens to My Own?

Dear Rusty: I was born in late 1951. When I retired 5 years ago, I was made aware that my own Social Security benefit was less than half of my husband's SS Benefit. So, I chose to take half of his. What happens to my undispensed SS dollars? On the off chance the balance increases beyond the amount I am now collecting, can I eventually switch to my own full SS amount? *Signed: Curious Senior*

Dear Curious Senior: Much depends on exactly how you



ASK Rusty
Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters

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claimed your SS benefits five years ago and your age when you claimed. Because you were born in 1951, if you had reached your full retirement age (FRA) of 66 when you claimed SS five years ago and your husband was

already collecting his benefits, you had the option to file a "restricted application for spousal benefits only" which would have enabled you to collect

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CenterPoint Warns Customers Not to Get Zapped by Utility Service Disconnection Scams



CenterPoint Energy is alerting customers of reported increases in door-to-door, phone call and text message scams. Reports of individuals impersonating CenterPoint Energy have employed various tactics, including requests to check electric meters at customers' homes and spoofing company phone numbers to threaten service disconnection. CenterPoint Energy will never

call a customer and demand payment over the phone to avoid immediate disconnection. The company would never ask customers to make payments with a pre-paid debit card, gift card, any form of cryptocurrency, or third-party digital payment mobile applications. Furthermore, all CenterPoint Energy technicians and contractors will have a company badge to display when performing work. "We encourage customers to remain on high alert as we

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Hair Gone Gray? Four Tips to Keep It Looking Great

(StatePoint) Sponsored by L'Oreal Paris. The pandemic led many women to confidently embrace their silver hair, not only as a practical move, but as a stylish statement. With elegant stars like Helen Mirren and Andie MacDowell proving that gray is glamorous, (and younger stars even dyeing their hair gray to get in on the trend) you may be feeling empowered to show off your naturally silver strands. Experts say that there are a few things to know that can help you make the transition gracefully.

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Fadness Names Jake Reardon McSoley as New Director of Recreation and Wellness



Mayor Scott Fadness announced yesterday his appointment of Jake Reardon McSoley as the Director of Recreation and Wellness for the City of Fishers. Reardon McSoley comes to the City from the Fishers YMCA where he served for 17 years with the last seven as Executive Director.

"My administration has been very focused on growing our business community, diversifying our tax base, and creating a sustainable economy for the last several years," remarked Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness. "We're looking ahead to the next chapter of Fishers and my vision centers around building a culture of health within our city – one that embraces recreation, wellbeing, and wellness. Jake's



Jake Reardon McSoley

longstanding leadership in Fishers lays a perfect foundation for these efforts and I'm excited to continue to move Fishers forward with his experience."

Reardon McSoley comes to the City with a wealth of experience in serving the Fishers community both as the Executive

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NHS Teacher Kevin Cole Was One of the Good Guys



BETSY REASON
The Times Editor

Noblesville High School Spanish teacher Kevin Cole couldn't imagine teaching anywhere else.

He was supposed to go on a recent school trip to Costa Rica. He was fluent in Spanish, as well as sarcasm, he would say.

Cole was one of the good guys. A teacher who loved to teach and to watch students learn. He loved Noblesville sports and was the voice of No-



Kevin Cole

blesville basketball games. Honest. Reliable. Hardworking. Humorous. Dependable. These were words used to describe Cole in an October 2019 story on millermedianow.org, the student-run online publication for Noblesville High School and the online home of the Mill Stream, NHS's student newspaper. In the article, he

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➔ **HONEST HOOSIER**

Before I take a break for a couple of days, here's a tip of the seed corn cap to Uncle Sam and Lady Liberty – one of my most favoritest of couples! (And don't forget that on July 4, 1800, Congress created the great territory of Indiana!)



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➔ **TODAY'S QUOTE**

"Our obligations to our country never cease but with our lives."
- John Adams

➔ **TODAY'S JOKE**

What kind of tea did the Colonists crave?
Liber-TEA!

➔ **OBITUARIES**

Mildred Louise Dickey

➔ **TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

To improve sleep, keep your bedroom cool, dark and quiet. 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.



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OBITUARIES

Mildred Louise Dickey August 10, 1924 - June 29, 2022

Mildred Louise Dickey, 97, of Fishers, passed away on Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at IU Health Saxony Fishers.

She was born on August 10, 1924 to Vance and Rudy (Ramsey) Mitchell in Clay, Kentucky.

Mrs. Dickey graduated in 1942 from Tech High School and worked for Allison escorting visitors in and out of the building prior to WW2. She married Jack Dickey in September of 1944. She was a Sunday School teacher at Brightwood Christian Church and a high school youth leader at North Tacoma Christian Church. Mrs. Dickey was a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church and was awarded a 50-year pin as a member of the Order of Eastern Star where she held chair of Ruth from 1959-60. She enjoyed Churchill Downs races, playing euchre and poker, and going to Florida in the winter. She was also Brownie, Girl Scout and Cub Scout leader and a baseball mom. She enjoyed their lake house on Lake Shafer, boat rides with her grandkids, and taking them to Indiana Beach. Most of all, Mrs. Dickey loved her family and her God.

Survivors include her two children Jack W. (Dee) Dickey Jr. and Kathy J. (Bruce) Howe; son-in-law Nick Knepple; four grandchildren Jack W. (Kim) Dickey III, Michelle (Ryan) Bartlett, Ryan (Amy) Howe and Amy (Preston) Myers; four great-grandchildren, Jack W. Dickey IV, Nicole Dickey, Gavin Dickey and Kira Howe; as well as many nieces & nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Jack W. Dickey Sr.; daughter Beverly Knepple; two grandchildren Janette and Daniel Knepple; and three siblings Ann Little, William Mitchell and Bette Carter.

Visitation is scheduled to run from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with services scheduled to begin at 1 p.m., on Saturday, July 9, 2022 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 4780 East 126th St, in Carmel. Dr. Brian White will officiate. Private family burial will be at Oaklawn Memorial Gardens in Indianapolis.

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

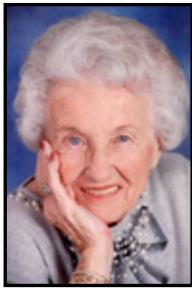


Photo courtesy of Senator Todd Young's Office

Senator Young (center) poses with local students interning in his office for the summer. Those students are (from left to right) Alex Kukura, Jared Smith, Sui Len Par, Rachel Hudson, Andrew Murry and Alaina Kalin.

Senator Young Recognizes Local Students Interning in Washington for the Summer

Yesterday, U.S. Senator Todd Young (R-Ind.) recognized Hoosier students who participated in the first session of his summer internship program in Washington, D.C.

The students assisted legislative and communications staff with daily activities and special projects. The intern class included Alex Kukura, a junior at Indiana University from Westfield; Jared Smith, a recent graduate of Taylor University from Upland; Sui Len Par, a junior at Indiana University from Indianapolis; Rachel Hudson, a recent graduate from Fishers; Andrew Murry, a recent graduate of Indiana University; and Alaina Kalin, a senior at

Indiana University.

"I admire Senator Young's stance on certain issues and I hope to work on [Capitol Hill] one day. I hope to learn more about how the Senator interacts with his constituents and how policies form," said Sui Len Par from Indianapolis. "My journey as a refugee from Myanmar piqued my interest."

"I applied to serve and gain experience in the U.S. Senate as I look to work in government after college. Economic development, at home and abroad, is a passion I have that connects to the Senator's mission in Washington," said Jared Smith from Upland. "The Senator's USICA bill -

the U.S. Innovation and Competition Act - piqued my interest in the government's ability to spur strategic innovation as the U.S. seeks a generational advantage over China."

"I have such a passion for government and a connection to Indiana, so this internship seemed like the perfect fit," said Rachel Hudson from Fishers. "I really want to learn the day-to-day work of a staffer on Capitol Hill and also to get experience on the legislative side of government."

"[I wanted] to see firsthand how Congressional offices function and the more detailed aspects of the legislative process that you can't really see from

the outside," said Alex Kukura from Westfield.

Senator Young's office offers internship opportunities year-round, in both his Washington and Indianapolis offices. The internship program offers students the opportunity to experience the legislative branch of government and serve Hoosiers.

Students interested in applying can visit Senator Young's internship webpage or call (202)-224-5623 to learn more.

Senator Young released a video to provide more information about the internship program, which can be viewed at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=23PF0v1D-IA&feature=youtu.be>.

Independence Day Closures Around Hamilton County

With the Fourth of July approaching, The Times has compiled a summary of office and school closures around the county.

Hamilton County government offices, including the Judicial Center in downtown Noblesville, as well as many of the extension offices around the county, will be closed on the Fourth. The Sheriff's office will remain available to respond to emergencies. For questions about any closure exemptions, call the office in question directly. Contact information is available on the county website at <https://www.hamilton-county.in.gov/847/visit-us>.

The City of Noblesville offices will be closed on Monday, as well as Fishers City Hall, Westfield City Hall, Carmel City Hall and Sheridan Town Hall. City emergency services, including Police, Fire and EMT, will still be available.

All Post Offices around the county will also be closed on Monday.

All Hamilton County Library locations, including both East branches and both North Branches, along with Carmel Clay Public Library, will be closed for the Fourth of July.

All Hamilton County BMV locations will also be closed on Monday.

Independence Day Fireworks Shows, Festivals All Over Hamilton County

With Independence Day right around the corner, The Times has compiled a list of some of the major celebrations and fireworks around Hamilton County. Make sure to get out and celebrate Lady Liberty on her 248th birthday!

Noblesville:
1. 2022 July 4th Parade & Fireworks Festival - Monday, July 4, 2022

a. **Where:** Downtown Noblesville

b. **What:**
i. Parade presented by Gaylor Electric starts at 4:30 p.m.

ii. Festival at Forest Park from 6-10 p.m.

iii. Festival presented by IDI Composites International (Hairbangers Ball will perform 7:30-9:30 p.m.)

iv. Fireworks at 10 p.m.

Fishers:
1. Celebrate Independence Day with fireworks around the city on Monday, July 4 at approximately 10 p.m.

a. Nickel Plate District: View this show throughout downtown and the Nickel Plate District! Fireworks will be launched from Holland Park, which will be closed for safety. Be sure to arrive early to catch Fool House on the NPD AMP stage starting

at 7 p.m.

b. Cyntheanne Park: View this fireworks show from the Cyntheanne Park or HSE Intermediate/Jr. High parking lots! Fireworks will be launched from Cyntheanne Park. NOTE: There is no viewing or fireworks launching from Geist Waterfront Park.

c. Geist Reservoir: View this fireworks show on the water! While no viewing will be permitted from Fall Creek Bridge or Geist Marina, find a great spot on the water in a boat or from a nearby residence. Fireworks will be launched near the south end of the Fall Creek Bridge, from a barge in Geist Marina. The bridge will be open to traffic, but the pedestrian walkway on the bridge will be closed for safety. Learn more at <https://playfishers.com/529/July-4th-Fireworks>.

Westfield:
1. Westfield Rocks the Fourth, presented by Citizens Energy Group - Sunday, July 3 and Monday, July 4 from 5 - 10 p.m. both days.

a. **Sunday, July 3**
i. Main Stage Entertainment
• Jennie DeVoe from 5 - 7 p.m.

• DJ from 7 - 8 p.m.

• Toy Factory from 8 - 10 p.m.

ii. Kids Stage Entertainment
• Mik the Music Man from 5 - 6:30 p.m.

• Master Yoo's Tae Kwon Do Demonstration from 6:30 - 7 p.m.

• Mik the Music Man from 7 - 8:15 p.m.

• Magic Show from 8:15 - 8:45 p.m.

• Mik the Music Man from 8:45 - 10 p.m.

b. Monday, July 4
i. Main Stage Entertainment:
• Barometer Soup from 5 - 7 p.m.

• Hot Dog Eating Contest from 7 - 7:30 p.m.

• Remarks & Honor Guard from 7:30 - 8 p.m.

• Barometer Soup from 8 - 10 p.m.

ii. Kids Stage Entertainment
• Mik the Music Man from 5 - 6:30 p.m.

• Master Yoo's Tae Kwon Do Demonstration from 6:30 - 7 p.m.

• Mik the Music Man from 7 - 8:15 p.m.

• Magic Show from 8:15 - 8:45 p.m.

• Mik the Music Man from 8:45 - 10 p.m.

iii. Fireworks Display at approximately 10

p.m. Schedules, tickets and event details can be found at <https://www.westfieldwelcome.com/westfield-4th>.

Carmel:
1. CarmelFest at Carmel Civic Square presented by Carmel Rotary - Sunday, July 3 and Monday, July 4

a. This annual festival celebrating the 4th of July is the highlight of summer in Carmel. Festivities include a parade, live entertainment, food vendors and a spectacular fireworks display. Activities are available for all age groups, making it a fun event for the entire family. More information on schedules and performers can be found at <https://www.carmelfest.net/>.

Cicero:
1. Lights Over Morse Lake - July 1-4

a. Morse Lake and downtown Cicero

b. Celebrate Independence Day with fireworks, a parade, carnival, craft and food vendors, live music, talent show, classic car cruise in and more.

c. Fireworks: Monday, July 4 at 10 p.m.

Get more information at <https://www.visithamilton-county.com/event/lights-over-morse-lake/66026/>

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• Weekday games may be scheduled based on interest or in the event of rainouts
• Single-elimination tournament played October 1st & 2nd

Where: Noblesville Babe Ruth Facility - Logan Field Forest Park, Noblesville

Who: Everyone - 7th-8th Grade and 9th-12th Grade
• 7th - 8th Grade League
• 9th - 12th Grade League
• Due to construction scheduled on Emmerson Field, Fall Ball teams and player registrations will be limited.
** **Please Note:** There will NOT be a Travel division for the 2022 Fall Ball season.

Cost: \$80 per Individual registration - \$900 per full-roster team registration
** **Note:** Credit card and processing does apply and will be added at checkout

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Hamilton County Receives \$10M-Plus in Grants from State Department of Education

Hamilton County Groups on Friday received a total of \$10,157,069.72 across nine separate grants as part of the Indiana Department of Education's (IDOE) Explore, Engage and Experience (3E) grant program. The grants will aid Indiana's schools and local partners as they work to strengthen, expand and create effective career pathways throughout students' K-12 learning.

The IDOE awarded 97 schools and community partners with a total of more than \$57 million in 3E grant funding.

A full list of school districts and partners receiving the grant to implement in the 2022-2023 school year can be found online at <https://media.doe.in.gov/news/3e-grant-recipients.pdf>.

"Throughout students' 13 years in K-12, we must do everything possible to ensure students are empowered to develop the knowledge and skills needed to pursue their purpose, whether that leads to employment, enrollment, or enlistment leading to service," said Dr. Katie Jenner, Indiana Secretary of Education. "In order to do this, in elementary and middle

school we must make sure students can read, are immersed in STEM, and are provided opportunities to explore and engage in a variety of careers. Then empowered by these foundational skills, students must have access to earn postsecondary credentials of value and complete high-quality work-based learning while in high school."

Funding for Indiana's 3E grant is allocated as part of the state's federal Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief III plan. Originally slated for \$25 million, the total grant funding was expanded to more than \$57 million due to an overwhelming response in strong applications from across the state.

The grant focuses on increasing the number of students experiencing work-based learning and earning high-value credentials while in high school, such as the Indiana College Core, an associate degree, or a career and technical education industry certificate. The grant also encourages schools to expand access to career exploration and engagement opportunities for students in elementary and middle school.

To support these



goals, schools, nonprofit organizations, education service centers, higher education institutions and employers were encouraged to collaborate on plans to implement locally-driven, strategic career pathways for their students. These plans identified positive, measurable outcomes for students, including increased access, enrollment and completion of a Next Level Program of Study, the Indiana College Core or a Graduation Pathway high-value credential.

Research shows a direct link between a student's educational attainment and their quality of life, civic engagement, health, employment, and living wage.

A full list of grants for Hamilton County can be found below:

- 1. Central Indiana Educational Service Center** - \$3,931,800.00
a. **Community Partner Organizations:** Region 8 Education

Service Center, Ivy Tech Community College and Empower Schools

b. **Counties served:** Allen, Hamilton, Hendricks, Marion, Ripley and Whitley

2. **Eman Schools, Inc.** - \$40,000.00

a. **Community Partner Organizations:** Ivy Tech and Project Lead the Way (PLTW)

b. **Counties served:** Hamilton and Marion

3. **Hamilton County Economic Development Corporation** - \$2,487,520.00

a. **Community Partner Organizations:** Ivy Tech Community College, Riverview Health and Telemon

b. **Counties served:** Hamilton, Marion and Tipton

4. **Indiana Construction Roundtable Foundation, Inc.** - \$715,697.00

a. **Community Partner Organizations:** Indiana Builders Association, Indiana Subcontractors Association and Builders

Contractors Association of Northeast Indiana

b. **Counties served:** Allen, Cass, Clark, Daviess, Dekalb, Elkhart, Fountain, Hamilton, Howard, Madison, Marion, Lake, Posey, Putnam, St. Joseph, Tippecanoe, Vigo and Wayne

5. **Junior Achievement of Central Indiana** - \$864,223.50

a. **Community Partner Organizations:** Eli Lilly and Company, OneAmerica and Republic Airways/LIFT Academy

b. **Counties served:** Blackford, Boone, Hamilton, Madison and Marion

6. **Perry Central Community School Corporation** - \$760,000.00

a. **Community Partner Organizations:** Ivy Tech Community College, Junior Achievement and Education Elements

b. **Counties served:** Dubois, Hamilton, Parke, Perry, Posey and Warren

7. **The Independence Academy of Indiana** - \$56,666.50

a. **Community Partner Organizations:** HANDS in Autism and 1st Maker Space

b. **Counties served:** Boone, Hamilton, Hendricks and Marion

8. **The Westfield Washington Education Development Foundation** - \$63,208.80

a. **Community Partner Organizations:** Presley's Produce, RE317 and P and P Edible Gardens

b. **Counties served:** Hamilton

9. **Trustees of Indiana University-IU Kokomo** - \$1,237,953.92

a. **Community Partner Organizations:** Four local school corporations - Community Schools of Frankfort (LEA 1), Maconaquah School Corporation (LEA 2), Northwestern School Corporation (LEA3), and Tipton School Corporation (LEA 4) - are community partners for the Tomorrow's Workforce: Partnerships for Broadening College and Career Pathways project.

b. **Counties served:** Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fulton, Grant, Hamilton, Madison, Miami, Tippecanoe, Tipton and Wabash

Indiana American Water Encourages Safe Use of Fireworks to Reduce Water Pollution

Although fireworks displays are an important part of the Independence Day holiday weekend for many of us, they can contaminate our lakes and waterways if not handled properly.

Indiana American Water, the state's largest investor-owned water utility, encourages everyone lighting off fireworks this weekend to keep them away from local water sources to help reduce the amount of contaminants entering Indiana's waterways. Recent studies have shown that many fireworks and the waste they create, may contain certain hazardous compounds that can contaminate water supplies and present health concerns. This is especially important for Hoosiers, since Indiana is one of more than two



dozen states that allows the sale and use of most all types of consumer fireworks.

Although there have been many developments to create newer, greener pyrotechnics, most fireworks still contain a cocktail of chemicals that can make their way into local streams, lakes and rivers and negatively impact water quality.

"We want all of our residents to have a great holiday experience and enjoy fireworks displays, but we are also

encouraging everyone to be aware of the steps they can take to prevent harmful compounds from threatening our water resources," said Indiana American Water President Matt Prine. "If you are planning to light off fireworks as a part of your celebrations, make sure you are aware of your surroundings, keep clear of waterways, and clean up fireworks waste to help ensure Indiana's water supplies are not negatively impacted."

Indiana American

Water asks that people do their part to lessen environmental pollution by:

- Immediately cleaning up firework debris since the shells and debris can contain numerous pollutants that, when left on the ground, can transfer the compound into drinking water sources,

- Disposing of malfunctioning fireworks properly—avoid injury by containing any possible ignition of a 'dud' using water in a container to ensure runoff is not lost into the ground,

- Using low-perchlorate fireworks or participating in eco-friendly activities like laser shows

- Implementing Disney World's practice of using compressed air to launch fireworks, eliminating the use of gunpowder,

- Attending public fireworks displays where professionals are trained to deal with the potential danger and waste from these displays.

Prine added, "In addition to everyone doing their part this holiday, we encourage residents to look for opportunities throughout the year to help keep our waterways clean and help ensure quality water from the source to their tap."

For more information on what you can do to protect watershed resources, visit us online at <https://amwater.com/inaw/water-information/watershed-protection>.

Indiana American Water, a subsidiary of American Water (NYSE: AWK), is the largest investor-owned water utility in the state, providing high-quality

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Attorney General Consumer Alert: List of Products Recalled in June

Attorney General Todd Rokita reminds Hoosiers to be aware of products that were recalled in June. Consumers should take full advantage of the solutions available for those who purchased the recalled items.

“Hoosiers have the right to know if items bought have the potential for danger and should be able to find a solution to replace the recalled product. This month, there are several over the counter medications you will want to check your medicine cabinet for,” Attorney General Rokita said. “Consumer protection is one of my office’s top priorities. If you have difficulty finding a solution, call my office for help.”

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in June:

- Lidocaine Topical Anesthetic Cream from Mohnark Pharmaceuticals
- Walgreens Brand Acetaminophen from Aurohealth
- Kroger Brand Aspirin and Ibuprofen from Time-Cap Labs
- Kroger Brand Acetaminophen from Aurohealth
- Kroger Brand Acetaminophen from Sun Pharma
- Microwavable Bowl Holders from DEMDACO
- Refrigerators from Frigidaire and Electrolux
- Pajama Sets from Target
- Aflac Plush Promotional Ducks from Communicorp
- Children’s Toys from Jungle Jumperoo
- Activity Loops Toys from The Manhattan Toy Company
- Electric Bicycles from Brompton Bicycle
- Black Light Fixtures



Attorney General Todd Rokita

- from Spirit Halloween
- Treadmills from Nautilus
- Intimidator and Mahindra Utility Vehicles from Intimidator
- Bottom Freezer, French Door Refrigerators from Hisense USA
- Backcountry Access Avalanche Transceivers from Elevate Outdoor Collective
- Wood Baby Activity Push Walkers from Asweets
- Children’s Robes from Joey

- Egg Chairs from TJX
- Children’s Sleepwear from Loulou Lollipop
- Electrical Panels from Schneider Electric™
- Children’s Desks and Chairs from Times Tienda
- Wooden Xylophone Toys from Primark
- WarmWave and Hunter Ceramic Tower Heaters from Sienhua Group

If you believe you purchased a recalled product, stop using it and check its recall notice. Follow the notice’s instructions, including where to return the product, how to get the product fixed, how to dispose of the product, how to receive a refund for the product, or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.

To view recalls issued prior to June, visit the Consumer Protection Safety Commission website.

Happy Fourth of July – We Can Figure It Out



GLENN MOLLETTE
Columnist

America has always been a land of hard work and struggles but always with the hope and dream of success and prosperity.

On the 4th of July we celebrate our Declaration of Independence which was ratified by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776. The Second Continental Congress declared that the thirteen colonies were no longer subject and subordinate to the monarch of England King George the III and were now united, free, and independent states. The Congress voted to approve our independence on July 2 and adopted the Declaration of Independence two days later.

Benjamin Franklin is reported to have said, “Aye, I know there shall be no nation on earth that works harder than the great and powerful United States, and so I dare say that the celebration of July 4th should be a day on which none shall work and instead all will refrain from exerting themselves in any way.”

Historians have said that when John Hancock signed the Declaration of Independence, he did so in a bold hand, in a conspicuous manner, and rose from his seat, pointing to it, and said, “There, John Bull can read my name without spectacles, he may double his reward and I put this at defiance.”

“Independence Day: freedom has its life in the hearts, the actions, the spirit of men and so it must be daily earned and refreshed – else like a flower cut from its life-giving roots, it will wither and die.” – Dwight D.

Eisenhower
Our freedom was won by the sheer will power of an early generation who determined to do whatever was necessary for our freedom. We had to fight. Our earliest generation determined whatever it took was worth it to separate from the authoritarian rule of England.

Freedom is never easy. Most Americans at that time had sacrificed everything to pursue freedom of worship, to develop our ideas, businesses and personal interests. It took years for Americans to begin to experience some prosperity and most never did.

Our earliest generation sacrificed, worked and battled diseases with little to no medical care. They had no financial or social security. There were no government handouts, bail outs or insurance companies covering their losses. Early Americans were on their own and helped each other as best as they could.

More than ever before we must make whatever is necessary to run this country from chips to run our cars and technology to growing our food and producing sufficient energy. Depending on foreign nations for anything is a poor plan for maintaining our freedom. We become dependent instead of independent.

This is why we must have a mix of energy. Relying only on one source is not a plan for independence. Trade with other countries is good for America because we want other nations to buy our products. Many businesses in America would die if they could not export to other countries. The main idea is that we produce enough to have enough as we need it in America.

I love America. We have a great a history. We have some problems, but who doesn’t? Together we can figure it out.

- Hear Dr. Glenn Mollette each weekday morning at 8:56 and 10:11:30 AM EST.

Applications Now Being Accepted for 2022-23 ASA Corteva Agriscience Young Leader Program



If you’re passionate about agriculture and ready to hone your skills and network to become a leader in the industry, the American Soybean Association and Corteva Agriscience are looking for you to apply for the next class of ASA Corteva Young Leaders!

The Young Leader program, sponsored by Corteva Agriscience and ASA, is a two-phase educational program for actively farming individuals and couples who are passionate about agriculture. The men and women who participate in this program will be the leaders that shape the future of the industry.

Phase I of the 2022-23 Young Leader program will take place Nov. 29-Dec. 2, 2022, at Corteva’s Global Business Center in Johnston, Iowa.

The program continues March 7-11, 2023, in Orlando, Florida in conjunction with the annual Commodity Classic Convention and Trade Show.

“As a member of the Class of ‘09, I can tell you that this program is important and has had a real impact on not only the soybean industry, but all of agriculture,” said ASA President Brad Doyle, an Arkansas soybean grower and graduate of the program. “By identifying growers who are interested in stepping into leadership roles and then providing them with top-notch training, the Young Leader program has enabled industry success by providing us with strong, informed and connected leaders. The program also gave my wife, Joyce, and me the opportunity to build meaningful relationships with other soybean growers from across the country. We still chat with

some of our classmates regularly. We are grateful to Corteva for their long-term support of this program.”

Soybean growers, both individuals and couples, are encouraged to apply for the program, which focuses on leadership and communication, agriculture trends and information, and the development of a strong and connected network. Interested partners, even if not employed full time on the farm, are encouraged to attend and will be active participants in all aspects of the program.

ASA and Corteva Agriscience will work with the 26 state affiliates and the Grain Farmers of Ontario to identify the top producers to represent their states as part of this program.

“America’s farmers are working hard every day to provide food and agricultural products that meet the growing needs of people everywhere. It’s critical

for governments, society and other stakeholders to hear farmers’ voices as they shape policies and programs that support agriculture and rural communities,” said Matt Rekeweg, U.S. Industry Affairs Leader, Corteva Agriscience. “We are proud to continue our support for the ASA Corteva Agriscience Young Leader Program, which is developing the next generation of grower leaders and advocates for agriculture.”

Applications are being accepted online now. Interested applicants should click here for additional information and to apply.

The American Soybean Association (ASA) represents U.S. soybean farmers on domestic and international policy issues important to the soybean industry. ASA has 26 affiliated state associations representing 30 soybean-producing states and more than 500,000 soybean farmers.

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To Date, USDA Has Issued \$33.5M in Emergency Relief Payments to Indiana Agricultural Producers

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack recently announced, agricultural producers nationwide have already received more than \$4 billion through the Emergency Relief Program (ERP), representing nearly 67% of the more than \$6 billion projected to be paid through this phase of the program. Eligible producers in Indiana have received \$33.5 Million in funding to date. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) mailed out pre-filled applications in late May to producers with crop insurance who suffered losses due to natural disasters in 2020 and 2021. Commodity and specialty crop producers have until July 22 to complete applications.

“Over the course of the past two years, natural disaster events in Indiana have resulted in catastrophic production and property losses for our agricultural producers,” said SED Julia A. Wickard, State Executive Director for FSA in Indiana. “Although these payments will not make these producers whole, they will help alleviate some of the financial stressors brought on by these severe and devastating weather events.”

USDA is implementing ERP as a two-phased program, with the first phase utilizing existing claim data to provide relief expediently, and the second phase focusing on ensuring producers not covered by other programs receive assistance. For phase one, USDA used crop insurance and Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) claim data.

Both ERP and the previously announced Emergency Livestock Relief Program (ELRP) are funded by the Extending Government Funding and Delivering Emergency Assistance Act, which President Biden signed into law in 2021. The law provided \$10 billion to help agricul-

tural producers impacted by wildfires, droughts, hurricanes, winter storms and other eligible disasters experienced during calendar years 2020 and 2021.

Pre-filled applications: Eligible producers with eligible crop insurance claims have received pre-filled applications, which included eligibility requirements and payment calculations. Producers received a separate application form for each program year in which they experienced an eligible loss. Producers should check with the Farm Service Agency (FSA) at their local USDA Service Center to confirm eligibility and to ensure that all required farm program participation, adjusted gross income and conservation compliance forms are on file. Producers who have previously participated in FSA programs likely have these required forms already on file.

ERP provisions allow for a higher payment percentage for historically underserved producers, including beginning, limited resource, socially disadvantaged and military veteran producers. To qualify for the higher payment rate, individuals must have a Form CCC-860, Socially Disadvantaged, Limited Resource, Beginning and Veteran Farmer or Rancher Certification on file.

To receive a payment, producers must complete and submit their forms by the July 22 deadline. Once the completed ERP application for payment is submitted to and signed by the FSA, producers enrolled in direct deposit should look for their payment within three business days.

Additional assistance through Phase One: FSA will be sending pre-filled applications for about 9,000 producers nationwide with NAP coverage in mid-July.

The federal crop insurance data used to populate



ERP phase one pre-filled applications included claim data on file with USDA's Risk Management Agency (RMA) as of May 2, 2022. At that time, claim data for the Supplemental Coverage Option (SCO), Enhanced Coverage Option (ECO), Stacked Income Protection Plan (STAX), Margin Protection Plan (MP) or Area Risk Protection Insurance (ARPI) were not complete, so crop/units including these coverage options were not included in the pre-filled ERP application form. In late summer 2022, updated claim information will be used to generate a second pre-filled application for those crop/units on file with RMA not included in the first mailing.

More information: ERP covers losses to crops, trees, bushes and vines due to a qualifying natural disaster event in calendar years 2020 and 2021. Eligible crops include all crops for which crop insurance or NAP coverage was available, except for crops intended for grazing. Qualifying natural disaster events include wildfires, hurricanes, floods, derechos, excessive heat, winter storms, freeze (including a polar vortex), smoke exposure, excessive moisture, qualifying drought and related conditions.

All producers who receive ERP phase one payments are statutorily required to purchase crop insurance or NAP cover-

age where crop insurance is not available for the next two available crop years. Producers should contact their local Service Center if they have questions.

The second phase of both ERP and ELRP will fill gaps and provide assistance to producers who did not participate in or receive payments through the existing programs that are being leveraged for phase one implementation. Through proactive communication and outreach, USDA will keep producers and stakeholders informed as program details are made available.

USDA touches the lives of all Americans each day in so many positive ways. Under the Biden-Harris administration, USDA is transforming America's food system with a greater focus on more resilient local and regional food production, fairer markets for all producers, ensuring access to safe, healthy and nutritious food in all communities, building new markets and streams of income for farmers and producers using climate smart food and forestry practices, making historic investments in infrastructure and clean energy capabilities in rural America, and committing to equity across the Department by removing systemic barriers and building a workforce more representative of America. To learn more, visit usda.gov.

Public Admonition Of Former St. Joseph County Referee

The Indiana Commission on Judicial Qualifications has issued a Public Admonition of former St. Joseph Probate Court Referee Barbara Johnston. Johnston cooperated with the investigation, acknowledges she violated the Code of Judicial Conduct, and voluntarily retired from the bench on May 31, 2022.

The Commission admonishes Johnston for temporarily suspending a father's parenting time with his child based on ex parte information not authorized by law. Referee Johnston did not provide the father and his counsel with a copy of notes from a Guardian Ad Litem, nor did Johnston allow them to review the notes when requested. This is a violation of Rules 1.1, 1.2, 2.2, 2.5(A), and 2.9(A) of the Code of Judicial Conduct. Further details about the matter can be found in the Admonition.

The Commission recognizes that judicial officers confronted with difficult situations may wish to

modify certain court procedures to alleviate stress on children involved in the system. However, litigants must be afforded fair and impartial proceedings and judges must conduct proceedings in a manner that complies with the Code of Judicial Conduct.

The seven-member Commission that investigates alleged ethical misconduct by judges determined that formal disciplinary charges are warranted. However, Supreme Court rules allow for the judicial officer and the Commission to agree to a public admonition, instead of filing charges. Johnston—who is no longer on the bench and previously received a Public Admonition in 2012—will not be formally charged with ethical misconduct. She accepts the public admonition. Johnston is represented by attorney James Bell who can be reached at james@paganelligroup.com. More information about the Commission can be found at courts.in.gov/jqc.

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told his story of being diagnosed with colon cancer in March 2019, and how his own father and grandfather had dealt with the same disease, how he and his wife, Alison, would tell his students and their children, and also he talked about his love for teaching.

Señor Cole, as he was known, never failed to come to class with a positive attitude and a smile on his face, according to his students.

His Twitter handle was @srColeNHS. In November 2020, during the pandemic, he sent out the tweet: "For 27 years I have been proud to call myself a teacher. Thank you students, teachers and admins at Noblesville Schools for your love and support as I fight cancer and teach from home."

In his 29 years of teaching, 28 years at NHS, Cole was far from the average teacher. Students said he went above and beyond to teach them a different language and ig-

nite their passion to learn. Unfortunately, my daughter, who just finished her sophomore year, will never have the opportunity to have Mr. Cole as her Spanish teacher.

Sadly, I learned from a Noblesville Schools social media post last Saturday that Kevin Cole, a heart attack survivor, had died on Saturday, June 25, after fighting stage 4 colon cancer. He was 53.

Services are at 11 a.m. today at Noblesville First United Methodist Church with Pastor Jill Moffett officiating.

Cole was a 1986 graduate of Carmel High School, and earned a bachelor's degree from Indiana University and a master's degree from Indiana Wesleyan. He was a huge sports fan. He loved IU basketball and football, Cincinnati Reds and the Indianapolis Colts.

Every two years, Cole took a group of Spanish class students on a tour to a Spanish-speaking country. Ten years ago,

in 2012, he not only took five NHS students and two NHS teachers, but he took Alison and their daughter, Emily, and son, Alex, on the school's Costa Rica trip. What great memories they have.

Fellow NHS teacher Bill Kenley just days ago organized a Gofundme.com page "to show love and support in whatever way they could," for the Cole family in a time of need. As of Friday, there were 535 donations, a total of \$43,445, surpassing the \$30,000 goal, and messages pouring in, with prayers and thoughts for the family, and memories of Mr. Cole.

"Cole was a fixture in the Hamilton County High School Athletics scene as the Voice of the Millers," said Jim In-skeep, director of athletics for Carmel Clay Schools. "Mr. Cole left a terrific legacy and impact on students."

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only your spouse benefit while letting your own benefit continue to grow. But if you were not yet 66 when you claimed, the "restricted application" wasn't available to you, so you are now receiving your own benefit plus an additional amount to bring your payment to your spousal amount.

I expect that the latter is the case (that you didn't file a "restricted application"), which would mean that your current payment amount consists of two parts - your personal benefit (from your own lifetime work record) plus a "spousal boost" to bring your payment to your spousal entitlement. Except for the restricted application, Social Security always pays your own benefit amount first and then supplements

your own benefit with an additional amount to give you what you're entitled to as a spouse. Thus, your personal benefits aren't "undispensed" - you're already getting them, plus a spousal supplement.

Just to complete the picture, if you did file a "restricted application" at age 66, then your own benefit continued to grow until you were 70 (at which point it reached maximum). The growth amount would have been 8% per year additional benefit, so at age 70 your own benefit would have been 32% more than your FRA amount. If you know what your own FRA benefit amount was, then increase that by 32% to see if your own amount is now higher and, if so, contact Social Security to apply for your

own higher benefit.

If you don't know what your personal FRA amount was and/or are uncertain if you filed a restricted application, you'll need to contact Social Security directly to see if you're entitled to any additional amount based on your own lifetime work record. You can contact Social Security at either the national center (1.800.772.1213) or at your local office (find the number at www.ssa.gov/locator). If you are currently getting spouse benefits only under a restricted application and your personal benefit is now higher, since you'll soon be 71 you should request six months of retroactive benefits when you switch from the restricted application to your own benefit.

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"While I love this trend, it's true that the grow-out process can get a little dicey and create challenges," says Jonathan Colombini, celebrity hairstylist. "Like any other hair color, gray requires specific maintenance. It can be wiry, dull and brassy without intervention. But low-effort solutions can ensure you look great and help you confidently own that color."

To make a silver statement, consider Colombini's best kept secrets:

Fight Frizz

Gray hair can have a frizzier, more wiry texture than you may be accustomed to. Tame tresses by using a silk bonnet or silk pillowcase at night and by getting sufficient hair-healthy nutrients in your diet, including biotin, zinc and vitamin E. Be sure to also drink plenty of water. Staying hydrated promotes circulation and oil production of the scalp for healthier looking hair.

Add Shine

Counteract gray hair's natural tendency to get dull and brassy. Every seven to 10 days, use a toning gloss to enhance your hair's natural, gorgeous hue. While toning gloss is a ser-

vice typically performed in a hair salon, you don't need any special skills to achieve these results at home with Le Color Gloss by L'Oreal Paris. The line offers three shades of silver for all hair types and textures, helping you tone, color, boost shine and deeply condition, no matter what shade of gray you're rocking. Whether you're silver, silver white or silver opal, here's how to use the product effectively:

1. Evenly distribute Le Color Gloss through clean, damp hair all the way through the ends (use a wide-tooth comb for thicker curly hair textures).

2. Leave it on for 5-15 minutes. (Review instructions for specific development time for your shade and desired result.)

3. Rinse your hair thoroughly with water. If you're looking for even more color or want to build a deeper result, especially on non-color-treated hair, use again after seven days.

"I like this option because it's easy for anyone to use. It's also infused with coconut oil, so not only will it not damage hair, but it's also

super conditioning," says Colombini. "I recommend using it in the shower on your shampoo day."

Prime for Blow-Drying

Now that warm weather is here, you're likely going out more and styling your hair more. Remember though that gray hair can require a bit of extra TLC, making it especially important to protect your hair from all this extra heat. After towel drying your hair, apply Ever-Pure Weightless Blow Dry Primer. Providing up to 450 degrees F heat protection and up to 48-hour frizz control, this nourishing heat protectant will keep hair looking nourished, smooth and beautifully shiny, without weighing it down.

Be Confident

So much of rocking a look is the energy you bring to it. Radiate confidence in your decision and remember everything that your natural hue symbolizes: empowerment, wisdom, grace and experience.

"Gray hair isn't 'giving up.' Quite the contrary. It's a gorgeous color in itself," says Colombini. "It just requires maintenance."

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continue to see utility scams on the rise across our service territories," said Ashley Babcock, Vice President, Indiana and Ohio Gas. "Any customer who is approached with what they believe to be a scam should report the incident to CenterPoint Energy through our online Customer Service form."

CenterPoint Energy continues to identify opportunities, such as working with its phone vendors, to mitigate the risk of scam

calls to its customers. While scammers can spoof CenterPoint Energy's phone numbers, if the company's name is not displayed on the caller ID when receiving a call to a mobile device, it can be considered a scam call and the customer should hang up immediately.

If a customer needs to verify their account status, they may call customer service at the number listed on their bill or log in to their account on our

website. Customers should not send money in any form until their account status has been verified with Customer Service.

Depending on the particular scam, customers who believe they have been a victim can also take the following steps to report:

- File a report with the local police department.
- File a report with the FBI.
- File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission.

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Director of the Fishers YMCA and as an engaged community volunteer. During his tenure, the Fishers YMCA rose to the top as one of the most successful YMCA centers in the country which serves over 21,000 members and 35,000 residents annually.

"There is something special about serving the Fishers community, a place that my own family calls home," said Reardon McSoley. "In this new role, I have the chance to expand my purview and serve many of the same

individuals in a way I hope to be more impactful," said Reardon McSoley. "I can't wait to reconnect with residents in this new capacity as we build a culture of health and strengthen the community to further drive Fishers' vibrancy."

Reardon McSoley enjoys spending time with his wife, Jenn, and their two sons, Jackson and Jace. He likes to go camping with his boys, watch Indianapolis Colts games, attend both sons' cross-country meets and



Mayor Scott Fadness

play with their dog, Solomon. He and his family have been proud Fishers residents for 16 years.

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Composting Directly In The Garden

By Melinda Myers

Don't toss those imperfect lettuce leaves, onion tops and strawberry tops into the trash. Instead, convert them into compost right in the garden.

Worm and pile composting are great ways to manage these scraps. But if these methods aren't for you, try trench composting. This centuries old technique is low effort and effective. The process is basically invisible, eliminates the need to turn a pile of plant debris, requires minimal space and doesn't smell.

Simply dig a 12-inch-deep trench between the rows of vegetables, in the pathway, or in any vacant spot in the garden. Be careful not to damage the plant roots. Add about four to six inches of kitchen scraps, mix with soil and cover with at least eight inches of soil that you removed from the hole. Covering with this much soil helps prevent animals from digging. Repeat until the trench is filled with plant debris and covered in soil.

Just like other composting methods, use plant-based materials only. Do not add meat, dairy and fat that can attract animals and rodents. And this is no place for perennial weeds like quackgrass, annual weeds gone to seed, or invasive plants that can survive the composting and take over the



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Trench composting, a centuries old technique, is low maintenance, effective, eliminates the need to turn piles of plant debris, requires minimal space, and doesn't smell.

garden.

You can also trench compost one hole at a time. Just dig a hole in a vacant space in the garden, toss in the materials, mix, and cover with soil. I grew up with this method. After dinner or once we had a bowl full of kitchen scraps, we were sent to the garden to dig a hole, dump, and cover.

For those that want to rotate plantings as well as compost, you may want to try one of these two methods. Plant in wide rows and trench compost in the pathway. Next year, move the garden to the path location and

make last year's garden the path. You will be rotating your plantings while improving the soil.

Or designate separate adjacent areas for planting, paths, and composting. Next year, rotate so last year's composting area becomes garden, the garden becomes the path, and the path is the new section for trench composting. In three years, you will have rotated crops and improved the soil in all three areas.

Start by contacting your local municipality to make sure there are no restrictions on any type of composting. Then get out

the shovel and dig your way to healthier soil and a more productive garden.

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 instant video 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.com.

A Fresh Start With Summer Flowers

Are you ready for a 'fresh start'? Many people are experiencing an urge to start anew after a long period of negativity. Flowers are amazing at setting a fresh and uncluttered atmosphere.

Uncluttered

These days, we see our homes in a different light: the house is multifunctional and also serves as a place of relaxation. In our interiors, this is expressed in clear and uncluttered spaces. Restlessness makes way for relaxation. Summer flowers like lilies, dahlias or gladioli enhance the desired fresh look.

Flexible

We are more flexible than before in how we use our house. Apart

from being a place to live, we also use it to work, relax and exercise. How we use flowers in our homes is also changing; they move along flexibly with the changing space. It's a good thing that vases are easy to move!

Indispensable

Flowers are an essential part of a healthy indoor space. To emphasize the uncluttered and flexible atmosphere, opt for uncomplicated bouquets or bowls of water with floating flowers. Why not use an XL-sized bouquet as a natural room divider to separate two rooms?

Would you like to know more about bulb flowers? Take a look at www.ilysays.com.

Looking To Increase Your Home's Value?

(Family Features)

Whether you've purchased a new house or are just looking to invest in what is likely your largest asset, home improvements can make your living space more comfortable, functional and stylish.

Homebuyers are looking for practical home amenities that allow them to live, work and play – such as dedicated home offices, backyard retreats, home gyms and more – without having to worry about any potential future restrictions caused by the pandemic, according to a survey by Zolo of more than 3,300 new homeowners and potential first-time buyers in 2022.

Consider these popular upgrade ideas to create a space built for your family's needs that can also increase resale value down the line.

Home Office

At the height of the pandemic, many professionals found themselves working remotely – a trend that continued as restrictions were lifted. In fact, 46% of survey respondents listed a dedicated office space as a must-have when purchasing a new home. When creating this space, keep function

and efficiency top of mind. Build your home office around a desk – either standing or traditional – then consider additions like an ergonomic chair and keyboard, soft light desk lamp, mood-boosting plants and a white board to stay organized. Don't forget to add flairs of personality like artwork, knick-knacks or photos of loved ones to make it your own.

Skylights

By improving the overall look and functionality of dark spaces, such as home offices where natural light can improve creativity and productivity, an option like skylights can increase the value of a home, and 55% of new homebuyers rated skylights as desirable or essential, according to research from the National Association of Home Builders. For rooms that need brightening, skylights can free up wall space for storage while adding abundant natural light and increasing ventilation. An option like Velux No Leak Solar-Powered Fresh Air Skylights help rid indoor air of bacteria, volatile organic compounds and carbon dioxide.

Over the long-term, high-quality skylights can also help reduce carbon emissions and home energy consumption, saving money on household bills, according to Urban Grade. Remote-controlled models can be opened to bring fresh air inside, and with light-filtering or room-darkening shades homeowners have maximum control over the exact amount of light they want. Plus, solar-powered shades come in more than 75 colors and patterns, allowing homeowners nearly endless customization options. Learn more at whyskylights.com.

Backyard Retreat

Perfect for hosting friends, dining al fresco or simply relaxing with the backdrop of nature, 48% of survey respondents cited a backyard retreat as a must-have home amenity. Start with a deck or patio then customize your outdoor living space to meet your family's wants and needs. Weather-proof furniture can add comfort while features like outdoor kitchens, fireplaces, fans and lighting can create a connection to your indoor areas that add both style and function.

Walk-In Pantry

If you want to add a pantry in your kitchen, you're not alone. Walk-in pantries found their way onto 48% of respondents' lists of must-haves. To get started, consider your storage needs to determine the amount of space you'll require and remember to vary shelving heights to maximize space. Open shelving can also be combined with additional counter space, cabinets, pull-out organizers and other features to help match the design to the rest of your kitchen.

Home Gym

Another trend that rose in popularity amid the pandemic, home gyms can take on a variety of shapes and sizes, utilizing available space in the garage, basement, a spare bedroom or even the backyard. Providing more time to fit workouts into your schedule, home gyms can be customized with equipment most important for your lifestyle. From yoga mats, jump ropes and free weights to treadmills, ellipticals and benches and racks, your space, budget and goals can help in the creation or update of a dedicated, in-home workout space.

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7 On-Trend Kitchen Upgrades

FAMILY FEATURES

Designers from coast to coast are cooking up fresh ideas for kitchen upgrades. This year's hottest trends bring numerous fresh aesthetic approaches while functionality also plays a leading role in top design ideas.

If you are planning a kitchen upgrade, take inspiration from these on-trend elements spotted by the design experts at Wellborn Cabinet:

Unique Tile

In recent years, backsplash tile has taken a more prominent role in kitchen design and has continued to grow in popularity to the point where tile is now a full-stop focal point. From eye-catching colors and patterns to texture that brings new dimension, kitchen tile can make a big statement. In fact, bold tile is not just limited to the backsplash. Patterned tile is an on-trend option for adding character to your flooring and dressing up commonly under-designed spaces like the window jamb with a practical material, like tile, that is easy to clean and maintain.



Multiple Appliances

Function is front and center in residential kitchen design this year, and homeowners' growing demands to go big on appliances is proof. From double ovens to extra dishwashers, homeowners are committing to more useful features. There are even some kitchens that boast two refrigerators, which may be a nod to the way grocery shopping habits shifted during the pandemic, with fewer, but larger, trips to the store.

Walk-Through Pantries

Whether you are capitalizing on the mystique of a "hidden" room or attracted to the idea of a more seamless aesthetic, a walk-through pantry can be a stunning and functional solution. With a walk-through pantry, you can add extra space to an existing pantry to create a better flow to your floor plan. Available in a variety of widths and heights, Wellborn Cabinet's Walk-Through Pantry blends naturally into the rest of your cabinetry to create visual continuity. Integrated magnetic door catches add stability and keep doorways securely closed.

Wood Finishes

After years of painted cabinets and woodwork dominating kitchen design, wood grain finishes are making a comeback. The look is cozy and inviting, and with a wide span of stain options, it is equally possible to take the look ultra-modern or veer toward a more traditional style. Outside of cabinetry, there is plenty of room to incorporate the warmth of wood, such as butcher-block counters or exposed beams.

Green, Blue and Earth Tones

Jewel-inspired hues had their moment, but this season's color scheme is more about subtle shades that meld with neutrals for lighter, brighter spaces that feel airier and more spacious. Greens, in particular, pair well with an array of wood finishes, whether cabinetry, countertops or furnishings. Integrating greens, blues and other nature-inspired colors allows you to bring earthy serenity to a bustling and busy room, and this motif lends itself well to a design that creates a cohesive connection with adjacent outdoor living space.

Clever Storage Solutions

The kitchen is a busy place prone to clutter, and this season you will find multiple examples of practical solutions showing up in showcase kitchens. The features that can make your kitchen chores easier and neater come in all shapes and sizes. For example, discreet knife blocks tucked into drawers, drawer dividers for maximum customization and sliders that make it easy to empty the trash and recycling bins.

Marble Countertops

Marble is not necessarily a new trend, but this year's attention is on slabs of marble with eye-catching veins that make counters really pop. For a fresh take on marble, forgo the typical white, gray or black styles in favor of color. Standout gold veining or even full slabs with stunning greens, blues and reds can make a statement. If budget is an issue, or you are worried about too much of a good thing, consider using a bold slab on a smaller space, like the island, rather than outfitting the entire kitchen.

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Celebrate Diversity And Inclusion During The '22 Diversity Walk

On Saturday, Aug. 27, Terre Haute and surrounding communities will come together to celebrate diversity and inclusion during the eighth annual Diversity Walk.

The Diversity Walk is a free event in downtown Terre Haute that welcomes all people of varying ages, races, creeds, colors, orientations, and abilities. Join us as we "Walk the Walk" to unify our community and spread messages of respect and acceptance.

The 1.5-mile walk will begin and end at the corner of 6th and Ohio, in the First Financial Bank parking lot, in downtown Terre Haute. Registration will open at 9 a.m., and the walk will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Following the walk, participants are invited to stay for a brief program and an opportunity to come together in unity to celebrate the differences that make our community stronger. Over the past seven years, thousands have attended this important event, and the hope is that the 2022 event is even bigger than ever before.

You can register as an individual participant, and we have a new team registration option as well. Forming or joining a team is a great way to experience an event! The camaraderie and support you'll feel from the rest of your team is like no other. By forming a team during the registration process, you will become the designated team captain and will be in charge of rallying your team for the big day!

The Diversity Walk

brings together a diverse group of people to break down barriers, build relationships and show what's possible with the right access, opportunities, and support. Together, we "Walk the Walk" and celebrate the strides we're taking to educate the community about the value of diversity and inclusion and the positive impact that it could have on our region's socio-economic strength and quality of life for all.

About the Diversity Walk

The Diversity Walk was originally conceived in 2014 as part of a community-wide Terre Haute Tomorrow initiative. Melvin L. Burks, CEO of Hamilton Center, Inc., served as the chair of the Terre Haute Tomorrow Diversity/Socio-economic Committee, and the theme for the Committee was "building relationships and enhancing trust." The Committee focused its efforts on finding ways to educate the community about diversity and inclusion and the positive impact that it could have on our region's socio-economic strength and quality of life for all. The Diversity Walk was created as a result of these efforts, and it has grown to include more than 5,000 participants. Hamilton Center Inc., with a group of many dedicated community leaders meet throughout the year to plan the event, raise awareness, and help make diversity and inclusion a strategic priority for Terre Haute's tomorrow. For more information about the Diversity Walk, visit www.diversity-walk.org.

Chris Stapleton and Pilgrimage Festival Launch Fundraiser Sweepstakes

Acclaimed 8x GRAMMY Award-winning musician Chris Stapleton and Franklin, TN's Pilgrimage Music & Cultural Festival have partnered with Fandiem to launch a fundraising sweepstakes campaign to benefit Outlaw State of Kind. Founded in 2016 by Chris and his wife, Morgane Stapleton, the charitable fund supports a variety of causes that are close to the couple's hearts.

This special benefit campaign offers one lucky fan and a guest an all-expense-paid VIP trip to the 2022 Pilgrimage Festival in Franklin, TN, plus a signed Chris Stapleton Gibson ES-335 vintage burst guitar.

Starting at \$10, participants can "Donate To Win" this prize package, which includes:

- ☐ Signed Chris Stapleton Gibson ES-335 vintage burst guitar
- ☐ Two (2) 2-Day VIP Village Passes to Pilgrimage Music & Cultural Festival in Franklin, TN on September 24 - 25, 2022 including:
 - ☐ Express entry to the Festival
 - ☐ Stage-front viewing areas
 - ☐ Access to the VIP Village Pavilion
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- ☐ Round trip travel to

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- ☐ Ground transportation stipend to/from festival
 - ☐ Tour of the Gibson Garage and Exclusive Backstage Vault
 - ☐ Pilgrimage Music Festival Merch package
- The fan-sourcing fundraising sweepstakes is running until September 7, 2022, and fans can "Donate To Win" exclusively at www.fandiem.com/pilgrimage. The more fans donate, the more chances they have to win – and the more they support Outlaw State of Kind.

Founded by Better Than Ezra singer and Franklin resident Kevin Griffin, W. Brandt Wood and Michael Whelan, Pilgrimage is dedicated to supporting local creators of all kinds including chefs, artisans, jewelers, brewers and more. Beyond music, Pilgrimage Festival features historic music cities sharing their stories at the Americana Music Triangle Experience, local craftsmen selling their wares in Makers Village, a food truck park with 16 of the area's best culinary offerings on wheels, 30 beers on tap at the Craft Beer Hall and Pilgrimage Festival's Culinary Program, which boasts over 40 local and regional restaurants and cafes.

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Indianapolis Symphonic Choir Announces 2022-23 Season Featuring World Premiere Performance And Return Of Fan Favorites

One of the nation's most established symphonic choruses, the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir announces their upcoming concerts for the 2022-23 season, which will culminate with the highly anticipated world premiere of "Toward A Secret Sky", composed by the renowned Augusta Read Thomas who was commissioned by the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir in 2020.

The season kicks off with a free Community Sing at Sun King Brewery in Downtown Indianapolis, followed by the return of the popular Mood Indigo at Indiana Landmarks, a cabaret-style evening featuring jazz standards, the Great American Songbook, Broadway and more. The annual fan-favorite Festival of Carols performances will celebrate the holiday season at The Palladium in Carmel and, for the first time, Clowes Memorial Hall on the campus of Butler University. Gala Bel Canto in February will benefit the Symphonic Choir's education and community engagement programming. The April 2023 premiere of Thomas' work marks the third major commission for the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir in 20 years, following Kyle Gann's "Transcendental Sonnets" in 2002, and Mohammed Fairouz's "Zabur" in 2014, which the Choir subsequently performed at New York's famed Carnegie Hall and recorded via Naxos Records.

In addition to the Choir's self-produced performances, the season will feature collaborations with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra. For more information, visit www.indychoir.org.

Lineup Information
The 2022-2023 lineup includes the following Indianapolis Symphonic Choir self-produced concerts (tickets on sale Monday, August 1):

Community Sing
Monday, Sept. 26, 2022
FREE! 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Sun King Brewery, Downtown Indianapolis
An evening of communal singing, with the option to sing along with those around you or sit and enjoy as a listener.

Mood Indigo
Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022 at 2:30 p.m. & 5:30 p.m.
Indiana Landmarks, Cook Theater

The return of a popular favorite! Another entry point to choral music in a cabaret style featuring jazz standards, the Great



American Songbook, Broadway, and pop culture.

Festival of Carols
Wednesday, Dec. 14, 2022 - Clowes Memorial Hall

Friday, Dec. 16 - Sunday, Dec. 18, 2022 - The Palladium, Carmel

A family tradition filled with a variety of holiday favorites performed by the Choir and other guest artists, featuring baritone Michael Precely and the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra, Spotlight Choirs from Franklin Community High School and North Central High School, and of course Santa! Festival of Carols will continue to offer performances with sign language interpretation (ASL).

Gala Bel Canto
Saturday, Feb. 25, 2023 at 6 p.m.

Biltwell Event Center
Join the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir for its annual fundraising event benefiting education and community engagement programming. Includes complimentary valet, cocktails, silent auction, performance by the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir, seated plated dinner, and dancing.

In-CHOIR-ing Minds
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A FREE educational event, In-Choir-Ing Minds is an innovative initiative that the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir developed in an effort to make music feel more accessible to younger audience members and those members who haven't had the privilege of music education.

Sacred Masterworks: Toward a Secret Sky featuring soprano Christina Pier and the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra

Friday, April 28 & Saturday, April 29, 2023
Hilbert Circle Theatre
The world premiere of "Toward A Secret Sky" by Augusta Read Thomas with text by the 13th-century Persian poet Rumi will be paired with Francis Poulenc's "Gloria". This new choral-orchestral masterwork

was commissioned by the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir in 2020 as part of the organization's mission to create and perform new choral masterworks. "Toward a Secret Sky" is made possible with generous support from the Lilly Endowment and the Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation.

The season will also include the following collaborations with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra.

George Frideric Handel's Messiah
Friday, Dec. 23, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

The Palladium, Carmel
Mendelssohn's Midsummer Night's Dream
June 16 & 17, 2023
Hilbert Circle Theatre, Indianapolis

Symphony on the Prairie: ISO Classical Favorites
June 23-24, 2023
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Butler University student, Oberlin Conservatory alumna announced as new conducting fellow

The Indianapolis Symphonic Choir announces Kiki Porter as its newest conducting fellow for the 2022-24 academic years. Porter is an incoming master's student in choral conducting at Butler University, and recent graduate of Oberlin Conservatory with a Bachelor of Music degree in Vocal Performance. She was introduced to musicianship early in life as a member of the Metropolitan Opera Children's Chorus, where she sang in more than 250 performances in 16 different operas over seven years. Porter is Choir Director at Oberlin's First United Methodist Church. She also conducted spiritual and classical pieces with Oberlin College Choir and Chamber Singers and served as assistant director in Oberlin Opera Theater's production of Handel's Acis and Galatea. During the COVID-19 lockdowns, she virtually conducted and assembled a rendition of Brandon Ulrich's "A Heaven Full of Stars" with Dr. Gregory

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Focusing on large-scale choral-orchestral masterworks, the Conducting Fellowship is a collaborative initiative between the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir and Butler University. The two-year Fellowship provides full-tuition and stipend. Upon successful completion of the program, the student will have earned a master's degree in choral conducting from Butler University and gained practical and applied experience addressing the artistic and administrative needs of leading symphonic choirs. The Conducting Fellowship provides a 360-degree experience in the guidance of a premier symphonic chorus, including artist programming, development, communications, governance, and outreach initiatives. For more information on the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir Conducting Fellowship, visit indychoir.org/outreach/conducting-fellowship/.

The Indianapolis Symphonic Choir is currently accepting audition requests, with the next round of auditions scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 17. The audition consists of a solo work of the performer's choice (accompaniment provided), a predetermined vocal excerpt, and a sight-reading piece that is provided at the audition. The deadline to request an audition is Sept. 4, 2022. For more information and details on how to schedule an audition, or for the latest updates on our COVID policy, visit indychoir.org/auditions.

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