⇒ TODAY'S VERSE

Philippians 4:6 -7 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.



■ FACES of **HAMILTON COUNTY**

What makes Greg Conner smile? "My kids and a packed Forest Park Aquatic Center on a hot sunny summer day," said the 39-yearold Noblesville resident, who was found at the Aquatic Center readying for the 91st summer season at the Noblesville pool. He invites folks to come out to the pool for movies this summer played on the Aquatic Center's new LED video board. The video board is believed to be the largest of its kind at an outdoor aquatics center in the country. Conner is president of the board of directors for Friends of Central Pool, a nonprofit that operates the pool and consists of dedicated volunteers like Conner. Conner was born and raised in Noblesville and graduated in 2001 from Noblesville High School and in 2005 from Purdue University. He was a competitive swimmer in high school. He met his wife, Lisa, at Purdue, where she attended on a swimming scholarship. At Purdue, he was involved in student government, wrote sports for the Purdue Exponent and was a member of Theta Chi fraternity. He and Lisa have four kids, Blake, 13; Bryce, 10; Drew, 9; and Nora, 4. "Our family loves outdoor activities, especially golf and swimming. He said, "Growing up in Noblesville, my summers were spent at the Forest Park Aquatic Center, training and competing as a member of the Noblesville Swim Club. Our community is incredibly fortunate to have such an amazing amenity. Honestly, there are only a handful of outdoor facilities of its caliber in the United States." Growing up, he was lifeguard, head guard, assistant manager and director of operations at the Noblesville pool and is also on the Noblesville Adult Swim Team Inc. He is vice president of corporate development and marketing for Carmel-based Bastian Solutions (a part of Toyota Industries Co.), where he started as a project engineer after college, was in outside sales and part of the management team and later invited to be an owner of the company. Forest Park Aquatic Center is open for the summer pool 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 new donor-level memberships available. The Aquatic Center, this season for the first time, offers free sunblock daily. "There are not many communities like ours that can say they have had a public pool since 1931."The Flix and Float movie nights are select Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m., featuring "The Water Horse," sponsored by Church, Church Hittle & Antrim, on July 16; "Encanto," sponsored by Buddenbaum & Moore, July 22; "The Shallows," Rated PG-13, sponsored by Holt Legal Group, on July 30; "Goonies," sponsored by Sign Craft, on Aug. 13; "Dog," sponsored by Lew's Plumbing, on Aug. 20; and "Top Gun," sponsored by Troy and Alicia Tricker, on Sept. 30. Admission is \$5 per person but included with pool membership. Visit https://www.forestparkpool. org/

And Another Thing...

Governor Eric J. Holcomb is directing flags in the State of Indiana to be flown at half-staff in honor and remembrance of former Prime Minister of Japan, Shinzo Abe.

Per President Biden's order, flags should be flown at half-staff immediately until sunset, Sunday, July 10. Gov. Holcomb is asking businesses and residents in Indiana to lower their flags.

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Boomer Bits Ask Rusty - About Working While Collecting Early Benefits

Dear Rusty: How much would be withheld from my social security benefits? I am 62 and can claim about \$1,900 a month now. I'm still working, making about \$75K per year. How much of my benefits would I get? What would be withheld from me and when would I get it back? And would there be any penalty? Signed: Eligible but Working

Dear Eligible: In the scenario you describe, you will not be eligible to collect Social Security retirement benefits at this time because your earnings are too high. Here's how that is

By John Grimaldi

The statistics show that a

growing number of senior citi-

zens are becoming tech savvy.

Perhaps the isolation protocols

accept computers as a means of

keeping in touch with friends

and relations and as a way to

The FandomSpot website,

focused on Internet content,

recently conducted a survey

of 1,000 computer users aged

shop online.

of the pandemic have helped

encourage the elderly set to



Social Security Matters

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Seniors Gambling on

Getting Tech Savvy

• At age 62, you are subject to Social Security's "earnings test" which limits how much you can earn while collecting early benefits. The earnings limit applies until you reach your full retirement age (FRA),

65-plus and found that most of

them, 76%, go online because

The poll also found that nearly

half of those who took part in

the survey had spent \$500 or

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"Old people don't just want

to sit on the porch and watch

leaves fall, they want to have

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fun. This study might even

more on computer parapherna-

Celatti told the New York Post,

it helps to stimulate their brains.

which for you is 67.

• Your penalty for exceeding the earnings limit now would be \$1 for every \$2 you are over the limit. At your current salary of \$75K per year, you will be over

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Retirees Are Back to Work

By John Grimaldi More senior citizens are

saying, "I'm too young to retire." Some simply can't afford to retire; others remain in the workforce because it makes them feel productive. In fact, the Bureau of Labor Statistics says that by 2028, nearly one in four seniors 65 years old and older will be working. They'll be staying on the job or they'll come out of retirement in search of work that can give them a sense of accomplishment.

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Sunrise/Sunset RISE: 6:23 a.m. SET: 9:14 p.m.

> High/Low **Temperatures** High: 81 °F Low: 65 °F

Today is... Fashion Day

• Call of the Horizon Day • National Sugar Cookie

What Happened On This Day

Day

• 1877 The first Wimbledon Championship is held

• 1962 Andy Warhol's iconic Campbell's Soup Cans make their debut

• 1981 Donkey Kong is released by Nintendo

Births On This Day • 1932 Donald Rumsfeld

American politician, 13th & 21st United States Secretary of Defense

• 1947 O. J. Simpson American football player, actor, author

Deaths On This Day

• 1797 Edmund Burke Irish politician, philosopher

• 1850 Zachary Taylor American general, politician, 12th President of the **United States**

Charlie Jones was First Black NPD Officer, a Well-Loved Public Servant



BETSY REASON The Times Editor

Charlie Jones was a public

servant who loved his commu-

nity. And everybody who knew

Stars of 4-ly

him loved him.

He was the first black police officer to work for the City of Noblesville, hired at the Noblesville Police Department on Jan.

"For over four decades, Charlie was a humble and dedicated public servant who touched the lives of countless residents and fellow officers. Our sincere thoughts and prayers are with the Jones' family," NPD posted in a statement on Facebook this week.

Charlie Jones' oldest son, Mark Jones, who the commu-

Alex Arnold

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Photo courtesy of the City of Noblesville

Concerts at the Commons Going Strong

Enjoy Concerts at the Commons 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on select Saturdays through September at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville. Tonight's Concert is 16 Candles ('80s variety) (above).

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It's Saturday. It's July. How much better can things get?



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⇒ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Eating quickly can triple your chance of becoming overweight - put the fork down between bites and allow your stomach to realize it's full.Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at www.thetimes24-7.com.



OBITUARIES

None



TODAY'S QUOTE

"And how should we behave during this apocalypse? We should be unusually kind to one another, certainly. But we should also stop being so serious. Jokes help a lot. And get a dog if you don't already have one."

- Kurt Vonnegut

□ TODAY'S JOKE

Why did the duck holler "Bang"? Because he was a real firequacker!







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The Nickel Plate Express rolls through Hamilton County on the 4th of July.

Ride the Rails with Nickel Plate Express Next Saturday

Experience summertime views from the historic Nickel Plate Express (NPX) train. NPX will offer 2 unique train rides on Saturday, July 16.

The family-friendly Patriotic Express returns to the Nickel Plate Express schedule for a 2 p.m. adventure. Passengers will enjoy the sites and sounds of the historic train ride while dining on apple pie and lemonade. Enjoy a 65-minute ride through Northern Hamilton County countryside on this fun, patriotic ride. Tickets for this ride range from \$22-\$34 per person.

For those looking for an adult excursion, the ever-popular Uncorked Express will depart on July 16 at 3 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. This 90-minute, adult-only, ride will feature

wine from local winery Blackhawk Winery. Each passenger will be guided through a tasting of 4 different wines each paired with a different cheese and chocolate. Additional glasses of wine will be available after the tasting for passengers to sit back, unwind and enjoy riding in a 1950s train car. Tickets for the Uncorked Express

All rides will board from the newly renovated Hobbs Station at Forest Park Depot.

start at \$52.

For information about the variety of NPX excursions - from the Patriotic Express to special dining experiences and holiday-themed rides in 2022 - visit: nickelplateexpress.

The City of Noblesville and Noblesville Parks

Department are going all out to ensure your experience at Forest Park is the best it can be. Through its fun, exciting and educational rail excursions, Nickel Plate Express is pleased to be a partner in that creating that exciting experience.

Nickel Plate Express is a program of the Nickel Plate Heritage Railroad, a charitable nonprofit that operates the historic Arcadia Depot and offers entertainment and educational excursions on historic train equipment out of Forest Park, Noblesville. The 12.5 miles of Nickel Plate track is owned by the Hoosier Heritage Port Authority and runs from Noblesville through Cicero and Arcadia to Atlanta, Ind., in northern Hamilton County.

Divorce Care Program, Contemporary Worship at Noblesville First UMC

Noblesville First United Methodist Church is offering a 13-week program called Divorce Care to help those in need of healing from separation and divorce.

The program will begin Tuesday, Aug. 23, 2022, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. and will run for 13 weeks, but people can join at any time.

Child care may be provided with three-day

advanced notice. Enter Door #1 and the group will meet in the parlor of the church, 2051 Monument St., NoblesNoblesv lle

More information can be found at: noblesvillefirst.com/divorcecare or https://www.divorcecare.org/groups/search

The church's Contemporary Worship in Celebration Hall (Door 2 and 7) is offered every Sunday at 11 a.m. and features high-energy contemporary praise music from the

LIVE Praise Band, scripture readings, a sermon message, with engaging prayer time, and weekly Holy Communion, prayer rails, and candle lighting. Everyone is welcome to join in each Sunday.

For information on the church, visit https:// www.noblesvillefirst. com/

Meeting Notes

Westfield Washington Schools **Board of Trust**ees

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Westfield Middle School, Large Group

Instruction Room 1. Call Meeting to Order

A. Determine if Quo-

rum is Present B. Welcome Public to

Meeting

C. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance 2. Public Comment on

Agenda Items

A. Public Comment

3. Consent Agenda A. Approve Board

Minutes B. Approve Accounts

Payable Vouchers C. Approve Payroll

Vouchers

D. Personnel Report E. Motion to approve Consent Agenda as pre-

sented 4. Business Update

A. Mileage

B. Programmatic Facility Study Recommendation C. MTES Athletic Field Bids

D. Resolution 2022-11 Renewal of Operating Referendum, Tax Levy

Resolution

5. Operations Update A. Construction Update

6. Curriculum Update

A. Textbook Rental B. Second Reading/

Approval of 2022-2023 Student/Parent Handbooks

C. Joint Service Agreement of the Hamilton County Center for Career Achievement

7. Communications Update

8. Board Members and Superintendent Success **Stories**

A. Success Stories

A. August 16, 2022 10. Adjourn

9. Next Meeting

🗅 Letters -

Former HSPA Director Thanks Tony Cook for Work on Behalf of News, the Public

EDITOR'S NOTE: Steve Key is the retired executive director and general counsel for the Hoosier State Press Association. Each year, Mr. Key writes legislators and thanks them for the work they did this year on behalf of both the general public and the newspaper industry. This is one of the letters that went to a Hamilton County lawmaker.

Dear Rep. Cook:

On behalf of the Hoosier State Press Association, I'd like to thank you for working with us on H.B. 1134, which you authored. This was the controversial critical race theory education bill. It contained a provision that required school districts to post classroom materials on their websites with an accompanying provision that would allow school districts to deny records requests for that information if the citizen had access to a computer. HSPA opposed the concept of allowing a government unit to deny a records request on the basis that Hoosiers could find the information on a website.

HSPA raised its concern with you and you explained that the language was worked out by the state Attorney General's office and House policy attorney Danny Kelley. You suggested HSPA talk to Kelley, which we did to register our opposition while appreciating that the website postings would increase transparency, Kelley said the intent was to relieve school officials from the burden of complying with what could be voluminous requests.

H.B. 1134 was passed by the House Education Committee, chaired by Rep. Bob Behning, R-Ir dianapolis, with an 8-5 vote. It was passed by the House, 60-37.

Sen. Linda Rogers, R-Granger, told HSPA that the offending change to the Access to Public Record Act would be eliminated in her committee amendment to the bill. With 200 people signed up to testify on H.B. 1134, HSPA did not need to testify on its concern.

The bill was passed out by the Senate Education and Career Development Committee, chaired by Sen. Jeff Raatz, R-Richmond, with an 8-5 vote. The bill died though when it was not called down for

a vote in the Senate. I'd also like to thank you for your support of H.B. 1130 during the 2022 Indiana General Assembly. This is the legislation that gives the public the right to comment at public school board meetings.

It was introduced by Rep. Tim O'Brien, R-Evansville. The House initially had two other bills introduced on the right to speak at public meetings - H.B. 1080, authored by Rep. David Abbott, R-Rome City, or H.B. 1290, authored by Rep.

Ryan Lauer, R-Columbus. Rep. O'Brien said there was a decision among House Republicans to move his bill, rather than the other two options.

O'Brien's bill was approved by the House Government and Regulatory Reform Committee, chaired by Rep. Doug Miller, R-Elkhart, with an 11-0 vote. The House then passed H.B. 1130 with a 93-0, including your "aye" vote. Co-authors for H.B. 1130 were Reps. Jake Teshka, R-South Bend; Steve Bartels, R-Eckerty; and Michelle

Davis, R-Whiteland. HSPA testified on the bill during its Senate **Education and Career Development Committee** hearing, chaired by Sen. Jeff Raatz, R-Richmond. HSPA pointed out the bill did not include charter schools. HSPA also pointed out that the language didn't tie the right to comment to specific agenda items, which would open the door for a school board to hold comments until the end of a meeting after final action had been taken.

The Senate Committee did approve the bill, but it added a three-minute limit per person on public comment. The committee vote was 10-1. Sen. Jim Buck, R-Kokomo, was the bill's sponsor. The co-sponsors were Sens. Vaneta Becker, R-Evansville; Mark Messmer, R-Jasper; Erin Houchin, R-Salem; and John Crane, R-Avon.

A second reading amendment by Sen. Buck was approved that eliminated the three-minute limit. The Senate then passed the bill, 34-11.

O'Brien concurred and the House approved that motion, 91-1, again with your "aye" vote.

HSPA also appre your support of S.B. 83, which was passed after H.B. 1130 and added a couple of legislative improvements in our view. The final version added charter and virtual school boards to the provision allowing public comment. It also added language to provide that the public had the right to speak on an agenda item prior to any final action taken on that item. Both changes reflected testimony by HSPA when the Senate Education and Career Development Committee held its hearing on H.B. 1130.

S.B. 83 was authored by Sen. Jean Leising, R-Oldenburg. The bill was filed with a drafting error, making code citation references to the Access to Public Records Act, rather than the Open Door Law. HSPA brought the error to Sen. Leising's attention and she fixed the error with an amendment during the bill's hearing before the Senate Education and Career Development Committee hearing, chaired by Sen. Jeff Raatz, R-Richmond.

Rather than testify on the technical correction, HSPA's testimony turned into an explanation of an amendment offered by Sen. Linda Rogers, R-Granger, that involved three separate sections of the Open Door Law. While Sen. Rogers' amendment died with a tie vote, the bill was passed, 8-4. The committee discussion led to a 2nd reading amendment that HSPA supported clarifying that executive sessions would not be subject to public comment. S.B. 83 was passed by the Senate, 45-4. The co-authors were Sens. Veneta Becker, R-Evansville; and Kyle Walker, R-Indianapolis.

HSPA testified for the bill during its hearing before the House Education Committee, chaired by Rep. Bob Behning, R-Indianapolis, who also was the bill's sponsor. HSPA did suggest a change to allow public comments be tied to specific agenda items to avoid a school board putting public comments at the end of a meeting after final actions had been taken. The bill was held a week for an amendment to be prepared to improve the bill.

Rep. Behning said he was working with Rep. Vernon Smith, D-Gary, on the amendment. Rep. Smith gave Legislative Services Agency permission to share the draft with HSPA. HSPA suggested a change so that citizens would not be limited to only three minutes to speak during a school board meeting. The committee pared the bill down to allowing public comment in public school board meetings with no time limits. This version passed 10-0.

On the House floor, Rep. Ed Delaney, D-Indianapolis, successfully amended the bill to add charter and virtual school board to the public comment right. The bill was then passed by the House, 94-0 with your "aye" vote. The House co-sponsors were Rep. Tim O'Brien, R-Evansville; and J.D. Prescott, R-Union City.

Sen. Leising did file a dissent, but the conference committee report primarily aligned the bill with previously passed H.B. 1130. The conference committee report was approved by the Senate, 39-11, and the House, 93-0 with your positive vote.

On a personal note, the 2022 Indiana General Assembly marked the 30th session that I worked for HSPA and my last as executive director and general counsel. It's been a privilege for me to work with the state's legislators and I fully appreciate the hard work that the legislature performs.

As my role and life changes, I want to wish you all the best in your future.

Respectfully,

Stephen Key **Executive Director and** General Counsel



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Greg Conner President Friends of Central Pool, Inc.



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When: August 13th/14th - October 1st/2nd, 2022...7 game season &

single-elimination tournament to be played on Weekends. 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.

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

How Do I Register? www.noblesvillebaberuthbaseball.com

Questions? Please contact:

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Nickel Plate Arts to Feature Works from Three Artists

This July Nickel Plate Arts focuses on three of their showcase artists: Michael Jack on display at Four Day Ray Brewing in Fishers, John Dierdorf in the Stephenson House on Nickel Plate Arts campus, and Marianne Glick in the 2nd Floor Gallery at Meyer Najem in Fishers.

Michael Jack's love of the Palouse region of Washington state in the Summer, and Maine in the Winter, are just two reasons that his upcoming Four Day Ray exhibit is so aptly titled, "Around the USA."

An avid learner who loves to travel, Michael is continuously striving to improve his photographic skills, which are already pretty amazing. As he refines his craft, he finds that upon returning to a favorite location, weather conditions change, the environment changes and his vision changes. "As a landscape photographer, I am inspired by the immense variety and beauty of landscapes across the US.

On the walls of Four Day Ray, you'll see photography capturing color-rich landscapes and cityscapes that pull you in to savor the details. Drop



in any day of the week to grab a local brew, a delicious meal, and enjoy Michael's work now through Sep. 29. You're invited to meet Michael in person at his public reception on Monday, July 11 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in the Brewery at Four Day Ray. Four Day Ray is located at 11671 Lantern Road in Fishers.

Head over to Noblesville to check out John Dierdorf's latest exhibit. John first picked up a paintbrush in college while studying fine arts and discovered the limitations of realism. He felt restrained. "If I wanted to take a picture, I'd take a picture." Inspired by Monet, Pissarro, and other Impressionists, he began developing his own expressions.

The foundational skills John developed propelled him into architecture.



John Dierdorf

Between his career and family, he wouldn't actively pursue painting again till later on in life. And when he did, he became both an artist and arts advocate.

His style has recently taken a more nuanced tone, shifting further from realism. The goal is to provide "a two-fold impression" of his subject matter. Thin layers and bright colors give the viewer one impression while standing back, and then another once the viewer approaches it closer. John's showcase feels more like a garden than a gallery this July!

Step into the Stephenson House on Nickel Plate Arts campus Wednesday-Friday Noon-5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 5



Marianne Glick

p.m. to be enveloped in a "Floral Explosion" now through July 30. We welcome you to meet John in person at his free public reception, Friday, July 22 from 5-8 p.m. on the Nickel Plate Arts campus. Nickel Plate Arts is located at 107 S. 8th Street in Noblesville.

Back over in Fishers, Marianne Glick is taking her paintings beyond the usual materials. Her showcase on the 2nd Floor Gallery of Meyer Najem displays the "Layers and Patterns" she's been excitedly exploring.

After retiring in 2005, Marianne became an avid art buyer through eBay. She gravitated towards abstract expressionist pieces and soon amassed an impressive collection.



Michael Jack

It was her husband who suggested she start painting her own pieces instead of buying. That winter, when the natural world turned bleak and gray, Marianne signed up for her first art class. She started with watercolor but quickly found that acrylic suited her vibrant and bustling style better.

This past winter, Marianne began experimenting with different supplies. She started painting on wood panels instead of canvas and sticking layers of collage and other mixed media on top. Once dry, an orbital sander thins the collage down and creates "rich, deep layers". Her bold abstract expressionist style has remained consistent with

older works. Expect to see vivid hues, lively subject matter, and highly textured surfaces!

Meet Marianne in person at her free, public reception on Friday, July 29 from 5-8 p.m. in the Meyer Najem building in the 2nd Floor Gallery. Her exhibit will be on display on the 2nd floor at Meyer Najem through the end of September and can be seen Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Meyer Najem is located at 11787 Lantern Road in Fishers.

Details about all of these exhibits and receptions can be found at NickelPlateArts.org/ Exhibits

Nickel Plate Arts is an umbrella nonprofit organization that creates and coordinates arts and cultural experiences across communities in eastern Hamilton County and the surrounding areas to improve the quality of life for residents, strengthen local economies and enrich experiences for visitors. Nickel Plate Arts is a project of Hamilton County Tourism, Inc. Visit us at 107 S. 8th Street in Noblesville, online at nickelplatearts. org or call 317.452.3690.

Songbook Academy Concerts to Feature Five Local Students

Five Hamilton County students are among the twelve Indiana students named as national finalists who will perform in three upcoming public events during the Great American Songbook Foundation's annual Songbook Academy.

From hundreds of applicants in 19 states, only 40 were selected to attend the weeklong music intensive at the Center for the Performing Arts, where entertainment industry professionals and leading arts educators school them in the history and performance of timeless popular songs, jazz standards and classic show tunes. This year's entertainment industry mentors will include Songbook Foundation Founder Michael Feinstein, Broadway/TV actor Shereen Ahmed, jazz and blues singer Nicole Henry, Broadway performer James T. Lane, jazz singermusician Aubrey Logan and crossover singer Anthony Nunziata.

Now in its 13th year, the Songbook Academy is returning to an in-person format after two seasons online. In addition to the many classes, workshops and activities for the students, this year's schedule includes the return of three public events that have become perennial favorites for local audiences. For the first time, fans can choose to enjoy the performances in person at the Palladium concert hall or online from the comfort of home.

Tickets are on sale now at TheCenterPresents. org, (317) 843-3800 or

the Fifth Third Bank Box Office at the Palladium. The events are:

1. Public Masterclass

 Ten randomly selected participants will perform and receive realtime critiques from artists Michael Feinstein and Nicole Henry.

• 2-5 p.m. Wednesday, July 20, at the Palladium and online

• Free (On-site tickets and livestream registration are paywhat-you-can with no minimum price. Proceeds support the Great American Songbook Foundation.)

2. Songbook Showcase • Each of the 40

national finalists will have a turn in the spotlight to perform a selected song.

2-5 p.m. Thursday, July 21, at the Palladium and online

• Free (On-site tickets and livestream registration are paywhat-you-can with no minimum price. Proceeds support the Great American Songbook Foundation.)

3. Songbook Academy in Concert

• 7 p.m. Saturday, July 23, at the Palladium and online

• On site: Tickets from \$25

• Livestream: \$10 (pay-what-you-can, \$10 minimum)

The July 23 concert will be an expanded multimedia production featuring all 40 singers in solo and ensemble performances to celebrate their growth over the course of the week, including a tribute to late Broadway icon Stephen Sondheim led by emcee Michael Feinstein.

Awards and honors will be presented throughout the evening, and a giant video screen will display interview clips and behind-the-scenes footage from this year's academy. A performance by 2013 Songbook Academy alumna Melinda Rodriguez - winner of the annual Ella Fitzgerald Jazz Vocal Competition and competitor on Season 17 of NBC's The Voice - will welcome the new class to the Songbook Alumni Network.

The 2022 Songbook Academy finalists from Indiana are:

Ayaan Abbasi, Carmel, Indiana; Carmel High School graduate, incoming freshman at Indiana University

• Emmaline Colvin, Carmel, Indiana; rising junior at Carmel High School

• Seth Jacobsen, Carmel, Indiana; rising senior at Carmel High School

• Lauren Sciau one, Westfield, Indiana; rising senior at St. Theodore Guerin High School

 Sarah Warf, Carmel, Indiana; Carmel High School graduate. incoming freshman at Indiana University

• Ian Brooks, Avon, Indiana; rising senior at Avon High School

• Izzy Casciani, Zionsville, Indiana; rising junior at Zionville Community High School

• Jonathan Grimes, Avon, Indiana; Avon High School graduate, incoming freshman at

Indiana University Gemma Rollison,

rising senior, homeschooled • Maxwell Rutherford, Mooresville, Indiana;

Indianapolis, Indiana;

Mooresville High School graduate, incoming freshman at IUPUI Cooper Trigg, Monrovia, Indiana; rising

senior at Avon High School Meghan Warmuth, Indianapolis, Indiana;

rising senior at Avon

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Spartz Requests President Biden to Brief Congress on Ukrainian **President Zelensky's Chief of Staff**

Yesterday, Congresswoman Spartz sent a letter to President Biden requesting a briefing on oversight procedures performed relating to President Zelensky's Chief of Staff, Andriy Yermak.

Based on a variety of intelligence, actions taken by Mr. Yermak in Ukraine and his alleged dealings in connection with Russia, Congress needs to obtain this information urgently to confirm or deny various serious allegations. Considering our material involvement in this conflict, we owe this level of rigor and accountability to the American people as Ukraine urgently

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needs increased levels and speed of security assistance, which unfortunately have not been prioritized by the Biden Administration.

Additionally. Congresswoman Spartz brought President Biden's attention to the fact that Mr. Yermak appointed Mr. Oleg Tatarov as his deputy for law enforcement to combat corruption who instead, as well-known by President Biden, has been delaying the appointment of an independent anticorruption prosecutor for over a year, rendering the Specialized Anti-Corruption Prosecutor's Office and the National Anti-Corruption Bureau (NABU) dysfunctional.



Rep. Victoria Spartz

Mr. Tatarov was under investigation by the NABU in 2020 before his appointment where his case was allegedly inappropriately transferred to a regular prosecutor and closed. Mr. Tatarov was also a top police official under former President

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As President Zelensky works very hard to build alliances with the west and our country, it is our responsibility to inform him if we might have any concerns with key people around him. This is also our obligation to the brave Ukrainian soldiers and strong Ukrainian people fighting this fight for freedom and international order for us

To read a redacted version of the letter, visit https://spartz. house.gov/sites/evosubsites/spartz.house. gov/files/evo-mediadocument/Spartz%20 Letter % 20 to % 20 Biden Yermak %20 red.pdf

Meeting Notes

Noblesville Common Council

Meeting Agenda Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 7 p.m.

City Hall, Council Chamber 1. Call Meeting to

Order 2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call 4. Approval of

Executive Session Memorandum: June 28, 2022

5. Approval of Minutes: June 28, 2022

6. Approval of Agenda 7. Petitions or Comments by Citizens

Who Are Present 8. Council Committee Reports

9. Approval of Claims 10. Previously Discussed Ordinances A. #31-05-22

Council to consider Ordinance #31-05-22, an Ordinance of The City Of Noblesville, Indiana providing for redistricting in compliance with Indiana Code 36-4-6-3 (Steve Unger)

11. New Ordinances For Discussion

A. #43-07-22 Council to consider **Ordinance #43-07-22**, an Ordinance approving additional appropriations in the **Downtown Development** Fund for crosswalk enhancements, and establishing a Public Hearing (Jeffrey Spalding)

B. #44-07-22 Council to consider Ordinance #44-07-22, an Ordinance approving additional appropriations in the **Downtown Development** Fund for the East Alley Gateway Arch, and establishing a Public Hearing (Jeffrey Spalding)

C. #45-07-22 Council to consider Ordinance #45-07-22, an Ordinance annexing approximately 63 acres north of 171st Street, south of the Midland Trace Trail, east of Mill Creek Road, and west of Willowview Road, known as Midland Overlook Planned Development in Noblesville Township;

establishing a Public Hearing; and Resolution RC-35-22, adopting a Fiscal Plan (Joyceann Yelton, Steve Unger)

D. #46-07-22 Council to consider Ordinance **#46-07-22**, an Ordinance changing the Zoning District from Residential to Downtown for approximately 0.6 acres at 1094 Conner Street (Joyceann Yelton, John Morris)

E. #47-07-22 Council to consider **Ordinance** #47-07-22, an Ordinance amending the Corporate Campus Planned **Development District** regarding a waiver for Lot 3 in Washington Business Park, Phase 1, in the 15050 - 15160 Block of Cumberland Road, West Side (Joyceann Yelton, Nathan Winslow)

F. #48-07-22 Council to consider **Ordinance** #48-07-22, an Ordinance amending the Corporate Campus Planned **Development District** regarding waivers for Lot A in Washington Business Park, Phase 2, in the 9600 - 9700 Block of East 153rd Street, North Side (Joyceann Yelton, Nathan Winslow)

G. #49-07-22 Council to consider Ordinance #49-07-22, an Ordinance changing the Land Use Category and Subdistrict Category for approximately 17.42 acres in the Corporate Campus Planned Development District, and a Cut and Fill for the Flood Hazard District south of East 141st Street and west of Brooks School Road (Joyceann Yelton, Steve Hardin)

H. #50-07-22 Council to consider **Ordinance #50-07-22**, an Ordinance adopting a Preliminary Development Plan and Ordinance within the Corporate Campus Planned Development District for approximately 17.42 acres south of East 141st Street and west of Brooks School Road (Joyceann Yelton, Steve Hardin)

12. Council Comments 13. Adjournment

Chill Out at the Hamilton County 4-H Fair Homemade Ice Cream Contest and Purdue Extension

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Meeting Notes

Each team (2-4 people)

Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safetv

Meeting Agenda Tuesday, July 12, 2022

City Hall, Council Chamber 1. Call Meeting to

Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance 3. Petitions or Comments by Citizens

Who Are Present 4. Approval of Agenda

5. Consent Agenda

6. For Approval A. Approval of

Minutes: June 28, 2022 B. Board to consider

temporary closure of East Alley for Moonshot Games sidewalk sale (René Gulley)

will have 40 minutes to

make their favorite ice

will be awarded in youth

and adult categories for

electric freezer and hand

Participants using

cream recipe. Prizes

crank freezer.

C. Board to consider acceptance of warranty deed for Parcel 15 for Little Chicago Road pedestrian bridge over Morse Reservoir (EN-312-03) (Jim Hellmann)

D. Board to consider dedication of land for permanent right-of-way for Pleasant Street Project (Jayme Thompson)

E. Board to consider acceptance of performance bond for erosion control for Westmoor at Noble West, Section 7 (Sacha Lingerfeldt)

7. Contracts/Purchases Under \$50,000

A. Agreement with Policy Analytics, LLC for TIF District Financial Analysis (Amy Smith)

B. Agreement with Itpipes to provide software for the Utilities Camera Truck (Jonathan Mirgeaux)

8. New Items for Discussion

A. Board to consider award of contract for the 2022 asphalt crack sealing (Patty Johnson)

B. Board to consider special purchase of two concrete leveling machines (Patty Johnson)

C. Board to consider temporary road closure on Brooks School Road for Hyde Park Development (Jim Hellmann)

D. Board to consider funding agreement with Hamilton County for 2022 Community Development Block Grant (EN-357-01) (Andrew Rodewald)

E. Board to consider award of construction contract for 2022 Community Development Block Grant (EN-357-02) (Andrew Rodewald)

F. Board to consider temporary closure of John Street to install storm sewer for Federal Hill Apartments, Phase 1, and extension of Nixon Street closure (Odise Adams)

9. Adjournment

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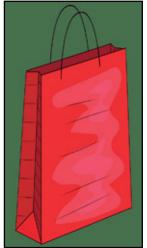


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Teter Organic Farm Awarded \$52,000 by Indiana Get Your Heart Pumping and **Department of Health to Address Food Insecurity**

Teter Organic Farm announced yesterday it received a grant totaling \$52,000 from the Indiana Department of Health to address food insecurity as part of the state's Health Issues and Challenges program, which was established by the Indiana General Assembly in 2021 with funding from the American Rescue Plan Act.

Teter Organic Farm is a not-for-profit organization in Hamilton County growing produce for Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank, area pantries, meal programs, and neighbors in need in order to improve food security. This grant provides the funds for the farm to build two additional high tunnels and will help lengthen the growing season and increase production. In 2019, Feeding America reported Hamilton County had more than 27,000 food insecure residents, a number that has increased during the pandemic.

"People eat year round and the health benefits of fresh produce, as well as the consequences of poor



nutrition, reverberate for a lifetime. There's a huge need. These tunnels allow us to produce more, longer," explained Katy Rogers, who manages the

Teter Organic Farm is one of more than 150 entities to receive funding for the Health Issues and Challenges program, which focuses on the following priority areas: tobacco use, food insecurity/obesity, lead exposure, hepatitis C, chronic disease, public health prevention programs, and substance use disorder and community health workers. Priority was given to applicants that demonstrated high need and high impact in their grant proposals.

The state awarded more than \$35 million statewide in the initial round of funding.

a Summer Blood Shortage The American Red

Give Blood to Help Prevent

Cross and Discovery are partnering for Shark Week and invite people to dive in to help save lives by giving blood in July. The Red Cross saw a steep drop in blood and platelet donations last month, and donors are asked to make appointments now to prevent a blood shortage this

summer. In June, the Red Cross collected approximately 12% fewer blood donations than needed - one of the largest monthly blood donation shortfalls in recent years. Here in the Indiana Region, nearly 14% less donations were made than expected. When less people answer the call to donate, the blood supply shrinks - and that could mean blood products aren't ready for hospital staff to reach for in emergencies.

Thanks to Discovery, all who come to give blood in July will automatically be entered for a chance to win an exclusive Shark Week merchandise package that includes:

- Beach bike
- Smokeless portable fire pit
 - Paddle board Kayak
- \$500 gift card to put toward accessories

Those who come to give July 21-24 will get an exclusive Shark Week T-shirt from Discovery, while supplies last. Details are available at rcblood. org/sharkweek.

Blood drive safety The Red Cross follows a high standard of safety and infection control. The Red Cross will continue to socially distance wherever possible at blood drives, donation centers and facilities. While donors are no longer required to wear a face mask, individuals may choose to continue to wear

a mask for any reason.

The Red Cross will also adhere to more stringent face mask requirements per state and/or local guidance, or at the request of blood drive sponsors. Donors are asked to schedule an appointment prior to arriving at a drive. How to donate blood

Simply download the

American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org, call 1-800-733-2767 or enable the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age in most states (16 with parental consent where allowed by state law), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

Amplify Your Impact -Volunteer!

Another way to support the lifesaving mission of the Red Cross is to become a volunteer blood donor ambassador at Red Cross blood drives. Blood donor ambassadors help greet, check-in and thank blood donors to ensure they have a positive donation experience.

Volunteers can also serve as transportation specialists, playing a vital role in ensuring lifesaving blood products are delivered to nearby hospitals. For more information and to apply for either position, contact redcrossrecruitsin@redcross.org or visit https://www.redcross. org/volunteertoday.

Central Indiana Residential Real Estate Market Experiences Significant Increases as Prices Continue Their Upward Climb

June 2022 was a promising month for central Indiana home buyers with all 16 central Indiana counties experiencing yet again, significant increases in available housing inventory. Monthly real estate statistics from F.C. Tucker Company revealed that central Indiana housing inventory increased 61.3 percent compared to this time last year, while pended home sales decreased 6.4 percent compared to June 2021, and yearto-date home sale prices increased 14.4 percent.

Hamilton County continues to see an active residential real estate market. According to F.C. Tucker Company, Hamilton County saw a 12.0 percent decrease in homes sold in June 2022 compared to this time last year. Housing inventory increased significantly, up 90.8 percent compared to June 2021.

Home sale prices increased, up 14.7 percent, year-to-date, to an average sale price of \$471,004.

Across the rest of Central Indiana, the numbers look positive as well:

- The average June home sale price for the 16-county central Indiana region was \$339,489 an increase of 17.8 percent compared to June 2021.
- Pended home sales decreased, down 6.4 percent compared to this time last year.
- Available housing inventory increased, up 61.3 percent compared to

June 2021. In June 2022, 4,109 central Indiana homes were purchased, down 6.4 percent from the 4,391 sold in

June 2021. Specifically: Montgomery Coun-

ty showed the greatest increase in pended home sales with 25.5 percent growth compared to June 2021.

• Johnson County pended sales had the greatest decrease with 17.7 percent fewer homes sold in June 2022 compared to this time last year.

The year-to-date sale price of homes in central Indiana continued its upward climb:

- Decatur County recorded the highest average year-to-date home sale price increase at 31.1
- Boone County had the highest average year-todate home sale price in the region at \$476,403.
- Homes sold in 18 days on average, which is 18.2 percent faster than in 2021. Homes in Shelby County left the market 9 days, or 31.0 percent, faster than in 2021 - the greatest decrease of the 16-county central Indiana

Central Indiana experienced a 61.3 percent increase in overall available home inventory June 2022, with 1,393 more homes available for sale than in June 2021. All 16 counties saw an inventory increase in June 2022.

• Putnam County had the largest inventory increase – up 178.9 percent

compared to June 2021. "Inventory has increased yet again in June as more new listings enter the market," said Jim Litten, CEO of F.C. Tucker Company. "Although home prices are still higher than this time last year, we should start to see some stabilizing trends in the coming months signaling a more even-keeled market with even more available inven-

tory and homes spending

more time on the market." Of the pended home sales in the region last month, five (5) were priced \$2,000,000 or higher; 39 were priced \$1,000,000 to \$1,999,999; 427 were priced \$500,000 to \$999,999; 1,284 were priced \$300,000 to \$499,999; 1,250 were priced \$200,000 to \$299,999; 904 were priced \$100,000 to \$199,999; and 200 were priced at \$99,999 or less.

Founded in 1918, F.C. Tucker Company is Indiana's largest independently owned comprehensive real estate firm with more than \$5 billion in annual sales, more than 40 offices, and more than 1,500 sales associates throughout Indiana and select markets in Kentucky. F.C. Tucker's family of businesses includes a full range of real estate services-mortgages, title insurance, relocation services, a full line of insurance products, auctioning and homeowner warranty products. In 2021, F.C. Tucker formed a partnership with Pittsburgh-based Howard Hanna Real Estate Services, the nation's largest independently owned real estate brokerage firm, furthering each company's ability to provide best-inclass service and enhance the real estate experience for clients by providing best-in-class agents, products and services. For more information, visit talktotucker.com. Editor's Notes:

 All statistics were compiled by F.C. Tucker Company from a report drawn from BLC® statistics on July 7, 2022. Because of delayed processing through other agencies or boards, these numbers are subject to change.

• Effective April 7, 2019, data from MIBOR only reports on single family homes and excludes condo sales. F.C. Tucker will continue to include

- condo sales in this report. • "Pending" means the sales contract has been signed, but the transaction has not closed. According to the NAR, pending sales typically are finalized within a month or two of signing.
- "Active Listings -Inventory" is a snapshot frozen in time at the end of the stated month. Per MIBOR, effective April 1, 2018, "Active with Contingency" no longer is a status in the BLC® listing service in order to present a true picture in advertising and marketing. Those listings that were in the "Active with Contingency" status have been moved from the "Active" status to the "Pending"
- For this report, F.C. Tucker tracks the following counties: Bartholomew, Boone, Brown, Decatur, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Jackson, Jennings, Johnson, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, Morgan, Putnam and Shelby. The first report tracking Jackson County data was pulled August 7,

Federal Court Rules on Dismemberment Abortions

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita this week announced a historic legal win in his work to protect the lives and liberty of the unborn.

After the Supreme Court's Dobbs decision, Rokita filed a motion to lift the current injunction on dismemberment abortions. which occur well after the unborn baby is fully developed. A federal district court granted that motion Thursday.

"The court's ruling this week vacating its earlier injunction that permitted this gruesome procedure to continue is an exciting battle victory in our war to defend the unborn and protect women," Rokita said. "My office will continue to take all necessary steps to limit abortion, assist mothers, empower families to choose life, and ultimately protect the lives of the unborn." In a separate case, Roki-

ta filed a motion Friday with the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals to reestablish the parental notice requirement for minors to have an abortion. A district court ruled yesterday that it did not have jurisdiction to consider that motion.

"Indiana has a long history of defending life," Rokita said. "I'll continue to do everything in my power to protect unborn children and the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of their moth-

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the 2022 annual earnings limit of \$19,560 by \$55,440, which means you would owe Social Security \$27,720. Since your age 62 benefit amount is about \$1900 per month (\$22,800/year), your annual SS benefit would be insufficient to offset the penalty for exceeding the earnings limit, thus you would not be entitled to a Social Security benefit because of your current earnings. You will again be eligible to collect SS when your earnings are substantially less, or when you reach your full retirement age, whichever

occurs first. Social Security's earnings test affects everyone who works and earns when collecting benefits before reaching full retirement age. Each year, Social Security sets a limit for how much can be earned before benefits are affected (the 2022 limit is \$19,560; it increases slightly each year). Those who exceed the limit pay a "penalty" of \$1 for every \$2 they are over the limit, which must be paid to SS either in a lump sum, or by having benefits withheld for enough months for SS to recover what is owed. If your Social Security benefit isn't enough to offset the penalty for exceeding the earnings limit, no benefits will be paid.

Those collecting early benefits who earn only slightly more than the annual earnings limit can collect some benefits each year because their penalty is small enough. For example, someone earning \$25,000 per year would exceed the 2022 earnings limit by \$5440 and, thus, incur a penalty of \$2720. That would probably mean about 2 months of withheld benefits, enabling

them to get benefits for the remaining 10 months of the year. Social Security will withhold benefits for enough months to recover whatever the beneficiary owes for exceeding the limit.

The rules surrounding Social Security's earning test are somewhat complex. For example, there is a "first year rule" which exempts salary earned prior to claiming SS from counting toward the earnings limit. When someone first claims Social Security mid-year they are, instead, subject to a monthly limit (\$1630 for 2022) for the remaining months of the calendar year. If the monthly limit is exceeded, no benefits are payable for that month. The earnings limit no longer applies when full retirement age is reached but is still in effect in the months of that year prior to attaining FRA. The earnings limit during those months is much higher and the "penalty" for exceeding it is less.

Social Security prefers that those working and collecting early benefits contact them in advance to withhold benefits for as long as needed to offset the expected penalty. Doing so will avoid an Overpayment Notice being issued in the following year when your earnings amount is received from the IRS

After full retirement age, Social Security will adjust the beneficiary's payment to account for months benefits were withheld and increase the monthly amount accordingly. That will result in some, or perhaps all, of the withheld benefits being recovered over time (depending on longevity).

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The senior living company, Provision Living, conducted a survey of more than 1,000 seniors between the ages of 65 and 85 who were working full time or part time. The poll found that 47% of respondents wished they could retire but were still working to make ends meet. Meanwhile, 53% said they chose to stay on the job, full time or part time, because they could. Among the old timers who were still working, most of them -- 45% -- said they enjoy it, 18% said they would be bored were it not for their jobs and six percent work for social engagement.

A more recent poll conducted last month by CNBC focused on men and women who quit or lost their jobs during the height of the pandemic, among them a significant number of retirees. It found that 94% of them would consider getting back to work but only for the right job and the right pay. Meanwhile, 68% of retirees who participated in the survey said they would consider getting back to work for the right pay and a flexible work schedule.

There was a time when older workers found it hard to find a job. These days, however, hiring

seniors seems to be a trend. The Great Senior Living website reports that "many employers now actively look to hire seniors. More and more of them are starting to recognize that experienced and mature workers often have strengths that some younger workers lack. For example, many older workers exhibit strengths like loyalty, a strong work ethic and a good attitude."

The online job site, Indeed.com offers advice for seniors who are deciding to go back to work. "If you're returning to work out of a desire to keep busy, interact with your community or explore a new career field, your job out of retirement may look different from your previous career. This can be an exciting opportunity to discover new occupations or develop existing hobbies. If you're an avid gardener, you could explore parttime employment at a local gardening center. If you're a golf enthusiast, consider applying to a sporting goods store or golf course ... Those with extensive experience in an industry may even choose to capitalize on their background and begin an independent venture. Starting your own business can be an exciting opportunity."

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encourage more senior citizens to give gaming a go for some of the benefits

cited by their peers." That's all well and good, but there is a sinister side of online gaming when gaming is a synonym for gambling. Rethinking65.com, an online resource for financial advisors, warns that "As [online] gambling platforms multiply, some people in or near retirement might be tempted to roll the dice on their wealth accumulated over a lifetime. And financial advisors may find themselves on the front line of helping clients for whom casual gambling becomes a compulsion that could

drain their savings. For some seniors gambling might be a stimulant but for others it could be all about the appeal of socalled "easy money," especially for those on fixed incomes. "But gambling also can numb the pain of chronic health problems and provide an escape from lifestyle issues. It can distract from anxiety," says Felicia Grondin,

executive director of the

Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey. And she told Rethinking65, "the proliferation of new casino locales and of heavily advertised online gaming sites can be a siren call to those filling emotional needs."

The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health [CAMH], Canada's largest mental health teaching hospital, says that gambling is not a problem for most people, including seniors. CAMH provides a list of things to look for that might signal that it has become or is becoming a problem:

- spending more on gambling than intended feeling bad, sad or
- guilty about gambling
- placing larger, more
- frequent bets not having enough money for food, rent or
- bills after gambling loss of interest and participation in normal
- activities with friends and family • placing a high priority
- on gambling being secretive about the amount of time and

money spent gambling.

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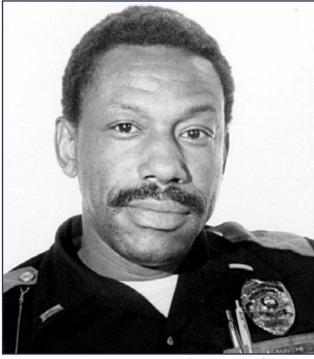


Photo courtesy of Mark Jones

Charlie Jones was the first black police officer to work for the City of Noblesville, hired at the Noblesville Police Department on Jan. 1, 1971.

nity knows as the roller-skating Uncle Sam every year at the Noblesville Fourth of July Parade, on Monday afternoon wore a black sash, with his dad's Noblesville Police badge, and a black elastic ribbon over it, in honor of his dad, who passed away on that very morning of July 4. Charlie Jones was 84.

Mark Jones said his dad always worked during the Noblesville Parade at one of the street corners making sure everybody was safe.

"Dad loved the community and always wanted to be in the community. That's where I got my life skills from," said Mark Jones, 60, Noblesville, a 1980 NHS grad, during an interview Wednesday afternoon, when I caught up with him at the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville, where he used to go as a kid after school. "He always worked hard

... One job wasn't enough, and he would have two and possibly three -- just to make ends meet, to always be working. That was something that he instilled in us, in our family. Work hard, and you could get to where you needed to be. I've worked four jobs myself at a time, and my son and my daughter (work, too), so his grandkids are picking up that legacy. They know that working hard makes you feel good about life.

Charlie Jones Jr. was named after his grandpa. Born in Indianapolis on March 5, 1938, his mother died when he was young. So he was raised by his Uncle and Aunt Sam and Pauline (Field) Sublett. (Pauline's birthday was on July 4.)

"He was a little ornery growing up," Mark Jones said, telling a story. "My grandpa (who worked third shift at the gas company) used to have to sit with him (Charlie) in class (at school) to make him

Charlie Jones graduated from Cathedral High School in 1955. He served in the U.S. Air Force. He came to Noblesville in 1959. Then he got married in 1960 to Constance (Holman) Jones. (Interestingly, Mark's mother, and Melinda's mother, Jackie Haskett, knew each other at NHS.) At age 24, Charlie Jones started having kids, Mark, born in 1961; Alicia, born in 1962; and David, born in 1963. "So that started the Jones legacy," Mark Jones said.

To support his family, Charlie Jones worked multiple jobs, making castings at Noblesville Foundry (ID Castings), changing tires part time at Quality Farm & Fleet (now Tractor Supply) and working at Curtis-Dyna, maker of professional insect-control

foggers in Westfield. But by about 1967-68, he decided he wanted to be a police officer. He was on the NPD Reserves for a while, then he went to Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in Plainfield and graduated in 1970.

'We have a picture of him in the graduating class from the Academy. Your dad is the only black person in the picture who had graduated," said Melinda Jones, who sat in with her husband, Mark, during

this interview. Then in 1971, Charlie Jones was hired as the first black police officer in Noblesville, and racial

barriers were broken. The City (which had a population of just less than 8,000, according to Stats Indiana, the state's public data utility) had never hired a person of color before. "They didn't need any people of color on their police force (since Noblesville was incorporated in 1851) and didn't need any now," according to the then Noblesville City Council, Mark Jones recalled history.

Melinda Jones, who also grew up in Noblesville and is a 1975 NHS grad, said, "There was more of a discontent in City Hall than with the people living in the community, because everybody knew him."

And while some people saw Charlie Jones as someone different than themselves, Charlie didn't see a difference in people. "He had no uncomfortable zone," Melinda Jones said.

That's part of what made Charlie Jones a good public servant.

"He just loved people. He loved the community. He loved to talk, when he did talk. He didn't talk very often. He loved Noblesville and wanted to keep everybody safe. He knew everybody in town," Mark Jones said.

Charlie Jones worked under 11 Noblesville police chiefs from 1971 to 2014. He was hired on NPD under police chief Joseph Bay (Aug. 1, 1967-May 2, 1974). He then worked under NPD chief Ralph McMillan (May 3, 1974-Dec. 31, 1975), Robert Bever (Jan. 1, 1976-May 18, 1979), Lynn Gang (May 19, 1979-Jan. 31, 1980), Norris Cook (Feb. 1, 1980-April 13, 1984); Tim Garner, (April 14, 1984-July 14, 1984); David Crose (July 15, 1984-Dec. 1, 1988), Tim Garner (Dec. 2, 1988-Aug. 31, 1995); Michael Robbins (Sept. 1, 1995-Dec. 31, 1995); Dick Russell (Jan. 1, 1996-Jan. 30, 2009); Curtis Kinman (Jan. 31, 2009-May 25, 2009); Kevin Jowitt (May 26,

2009-Dec. 31, 2019). Mark Jones said, "Dad spent 30 years on the Noblesville Police Department working his way up from patrolman to lieutenant. (During the first year of his career, he worked security in 1971 for the KKK march

through Noblesville.) But he found out he loved the kids of this town so much that he became a juvenile officer but had to take a drop in rank to get that. He was a juvenile officer for years, knew everybody in town and knew

where everybody lived.' Being an ornery kid himself, he understood kids who got into trouble, and "why they were doing

what they did.' Mark Jones said being a police officer's son, he learned a lot. "I can remember when he brought the suitcase home, the patrolman's suitcase that had every drug known to man, paraphernalia of the period of the '70s, and he just kind of flipped it up, and said, 'All of this, you stay away from; it's not good." His dad lit up marijuana, and said, "If you smell this anywhere, you better go the other way, because it's not good." Charlie Jones told his son, "I'm going to become a police officer in Noblesville, and please do not do anything to tarnish my name. If you do something bad, and I know you've done it, I'm not



Photo courtesy of Mark Jones

Noblesville Police Officers Charlie Jones and Wiley Thompson chat with then Noblesville Police Chief Ralph McMillan (May 3, 1974-Dec. 31, 1975) in a photo published in the Noblesville Ledger newspaper.



Photo courtesy of Mark Jones

Charlie Jones Jr. retired March 7, 1997, but continued his career as a Community Service Officer for the City of Noblesville (in uniform above) until he fully retired from the force in January 2014.

helping you. If somebody says you did something bad and you didn't do it, I'll help you out. Those were the words of wisdom from my dad."

Mark Jones said his dad gave a lot of warnings, and wouldn't take you to jail unless it was the last straw. "He gave a lot of people a lot of chances."

Charlie Jones, before retiring, went back into patrol work and was often seen sitting in his patrol car along Eighth Street clocking radar and writing speeding tickets.

He retired March 7, 1997, but continued his career as a Community Service Officer for the City until he fully retired from the force in January 2014.

"The City came to him and said, 'Hey Charlie, we're starting this new division; it's called Community Service Officer. It's everything a police officer would do without arresting powers." He would flag traffic at car accidents, catch dogs and help with flat tires. "'If there was something to do, he did it. If there was nothing to do, he didn't do it.' That was his quote," Mark Jones said of his dad, who held the Community Service Officer job for 16 years.

"He wanted to go 50 years working for the City of Noblesville, because he loved the community, loved the people," Mark Jones said.

His dad stayed busy. "He loved to help out any way he could ... He always worked two or three jobs," Mark Jones said.

While Charlie Jones was a police officer, he also operated Noblesville Cab Co. "We were the Noblesville Cab Co., me (at age 21) and my brother (David, then 19) and my dad...," Mark Jones said (referring to a Noblesville Ledger newspaper article from 1982). "When we had the cab service, there was no cab service in Noblesville.

He told his kids, "Hey guys, I've got a job for you. I'm buying a car and we're going to turn it into Noblesville Cab Co. and try to help out the community," Mark Jones said. "He was always wanting to help out."

Charlie Jones also worked security for Walmart, and he worked security for Shorewood Corp., when South Harbour was just getting built, and kit home packages

that were dropped during the day would be stolen at

night. When he wasn't working, which wasn't often,

he loved pool, NASCAR racing, fishing and hunting, and watching wrestling and hanging out with wrestlers, including the Bruiser, at the Eighth Street Bar. Mark Jones said his

dad not only taught him work ethics and how to treat others, but also how to fish and how to swim (after many times getting too close to the banks of the White River). He grew up attending church with his family at the First Baptist Church at Fifth and Cherry streets, the oldest black Baptist church in Hamilton County and now the home of Hamilton County Artists' Association Birdie Gallery. And Mark and his dad both made a lot of great memories in Boy Scouts, at the Pinewood Derby "was a great time with Dad,' and trips to Louisville, the Falls of Ohio and a ride on the Belle of Louisville with Noblesville Troop 105, and at a cold, winter campout. Charlie Jones was a proud volunteer dad with the troop, and proud of his son, who reached First Class Scout, which means he learned all of the basic camping and outdoor

skills. The Charlie Jones Hustle award was also given out when he started raising funds and organizing bowling tournaments for Prevail, Hamilton County's victims' assistance

Mark and Melinda Jones said he was always doing something for the community. "He was going to do his best for the world."

Besides Mark and Melinda Jones, Alicia Jones and David Jones, among the other survivors are wife, Sheila Kay Jones; and children, Regina (Michael) Mack, and Brandon (Heather) Jones; a brother and sister, and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at Randall & Roberts Funeral Center on Westfield Road in Noblesville, with services at 11 a.m. Monday, with Pastor Phil Tate officiating. Burial will be in Crownland Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Prevail.

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Managing Garden Pests With Pollinators In Mind 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 bene-

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 smaller 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.

Every garden season is filled with beautiful and tasty surprises along

By Melinda Myers

with a few challenges. One challenge gardeners face each year is managing insect pests while keeping the pollinators safe. Fortunately, only a very small percent of insects in our landscapes are harmful. The rest help pollinate plants, feed upon or parasitize bad insects, or help decompose plant

Proper identification of the plant-damaging culprit is the first step in managing problems. Often the insect that is most visible is not the one causing the damage. You can find lots of helpful information and images online. Look for websites hosted by your local University, extension service or botanical garden. They often provide timely tips on pests in your area.

Once identified, you will need to decide if control is needed. Some insect damage is just cosmetic meaning the plant's health and longevity are not adversely affected it just looks bad. In these cases, control is for us not the health of our plants. Consider tolerating the damage and masking it with nearby plantings or garden art.

In other cases, the damage is done, and the insect is no longer present. Revenge spraying may make you feel better but does nothing to fix the problem. Make a note on next year's calendar to watch for and manage the pest if you feel control is really needed. Finding pest problems early makes hand removal easier and may be all that is needed.

Often when we see the damage on our plants, control will not help. Many galls, unusual growths on plants, are caused by insect feeding. When we see the gall, the insect is either safely living inside the gall or it has fled to complete another stage of its life. At that point, control will not work and in most cases.



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An ecofriendly way to manage small populations of Japanese beetles is to knock them into a can of soapy water.

this is a cosmetic issue and control is not needed.

Work with nature to help manage pest problems. By tolerating some damage, you provide the food that attracts nature's pest controllers to the garden. Watch for aphid eating lady beetles and green lacewings that eat hundreds of these pests each day. Invite songbirds to your landscape with seed and berry producing plants and a clean, fresh source of water. Ninety six percent of terrestrial birds feed their young insects. And then there are those non-stinging, parasitizing wasps that lay their eggs in other insects. When the eggs hatch the young feed on the host. Avoid pesticides and provide water and shelter to attract and support insect

eating toads and frogs. Enlist help from the youngsters in your life. Try the pluck, drop, and stomp method. Teach young gardeners to identify problem insects, pick them off the plants by hand, drop them to the ground and stomp. What a great way to teach kids about nature and help them burn off some of

their excess energy. Handpicking or knocking insects like Japanese beetles into a can of soapy water is a great way to manage small populations of pests. A fellow horticulturist uses a small hand vacuum to capture Japanese beetles. Just be

sure to empty the insect filled vacuum contents into a can of soapy water before storing.

If you decide you need to lend nature a hand managing garden pests, look for more ecofriendly options. Barriers of floating row covers - fabrics that allow air, light, and water through – can keep cabbage worms, onion maggots, Japanese beetles, and some other insects from laying their eggs on their favorite plants. Cover the plants with the fabric at planting, anchor the edges and leave enough slack for plants to grow. No construction is needed.

Covering squash plants at planting until flowering begins can help reduce the risk of squash bugs and squash vine borers. Covering cucumbers at planting until ten days after flowering begins helps reduce the risk of cucumber beetles infecting these plants with the bacteria that causes wilt. The row covers also prevent birds from dining on the seeds and seedlings.

Cover late plantings of susceptible plants as needed this season. Then make a note on next year's calendar to enlist this method for controlling these types of pests for your first planting next year.

Enlist the help of the naturally occurring soil bacteria Bacillus thuringiensis (Bt) to protect plants from certain pests.

Different strains of this bacteria control different insects. Bt kurstaki only kills true caterpillars. Using this on members of the cabbage family won't harm other butterflies since these plants only attract the cabbage worm moths. Bt galleriae will control Japanese and other beetles.

Use a strong blast of water to dislodge mites and aphids. These pests suck plant juices and secrete a clear sticky substance called honeydew. Extensive feeding can cause distorted growth, speckling, yellowing, and browning of the leaves.

If more control is needed, look for help from one of the organic contact insecticides like Summit Year-Round Spray Oil, a lightweight horticulture oil. These products kill the insects they contact but leave no residue on the plants that can harm beneficial insects that visit the plants later.

Whenever using any product, even natural and organic, be sure to read and follow label directions. This will ensure the best control and least negative impact on beneficial insects and the environment.

Take a few notes on pests you encounter, any management strategies used and the results. This will help when encountering problems in the future. With minimal time and a bit of creativity you can keep your garden looking good all season

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4 tips for planting trees

rees are virtually everywhere you turn, from your own backyard to nearby parks and forests where you enjoy hiking. They provide shade and beauty, and some even bear fruit. Beyond all the immediate benefits, you may be surprised to discover trees are also a critical key to the future.

These facts and tips from the book "Now is the Time for Trees" offer practical insight on the importance of trees and how to nurture one from selection to planting and beyond. A compelling and ever-growing body of evidence generated by scientists, health care professionals, conservationists, humanitarians and both public and private corporations supports the critical importance of trees and their impact on the human condition. Trees filter pollutants out of the air and water and provide protection for people and communities from dangerous heat and flooding. They lower urban temperatures, reduce energy bills and sequester carbon to slow the rate of climate change.

When you plant a tree in your yard or neighborhood, that tree goes to work filtering out pollutants, intercepting stormwater and capturing carbon. With proper placement, that tree can also help lower household energy use by as much as 20%.

You can engage in the tree planting movement and make a difference by planting trees

around your home and surrounding community with these tips.

Consider the Growing Region

Choosing a tree that will flourish in your growing region is fundamental to becoming a successful tree planter. Start by getting familiar with the growing conditions of your planting site, including factors like sunlight, soil condition and room to grow.

The amount of available sunlight at your planting location will determine which tree species will be successful. Most trees require full sunlight for proper growth and flowering. Some do well in (or even prefer) partial or light shade, but few perform well

Before you plant, get your soil tested by a lab to evaluate what's happening underground. Test results, which are usually returned in a couple of weeks, provide a complete analysis of nutrients, possible contamination and pH (alkalinity or acidity), as well as directions for correcting problems.

Be conscious of overhead or underground utilities, pavement, buildings, other trees, traffic intersections and other factors that may impact your planting space.

Shopping for a Tree

When choosing which kind of tree to plant, be conscious of details like size, flowering, color (including how colors may vary through the seasons) and your view from inside the house. While shopping, you can rely on plant labels to learn details about a tree's growth pattern, sun requirements, watering needs and soil requirements

Two common styles of trees are container-grown trees, which spend their entire nursery lives growing in a container, and ball-and-burlap trees, which grow in the ground until they achieve a targeted size.

A well-tended container-grown tree has been carefully monitored and moved into larger containers as the plant grows. Be wary of a tree with roots that circle or twist within the container, which may cause roots to die. For a ball-and-burlap tree, look for a firm, securely tied root ball that is large enough to support the mature tree; it should be about 10-12 inches wide for every inch of trunk diameter.

Prepare Your Planting Site

Properly preparing your planting site is one of the best things you can do to get your tree off to a strong start. Before you plant, make sure your tree is thoroughly hydrated by watering the container or root ball several hours before proceeding. When planting a tree into a lawn, remove a circle of grass at least 3 feet in diameter where the tree will go to reduce competition between turf and fine tree roots.

Start Digging

Dig a broad, shallow planting hole with gently sloping sides 3-4 times wider than the diameter of the root mass and the same depth. Mound removed soil on a tarp for easy backfilling. Loosening the soil on the sides of the hole allows roots to easily expand and establish faster, but don't disturb soil at the bottom of the hole.

Once the tree is positioned, replace the soil while firmly but gently tamping the original soil around the base of the root ball to stabilize it. Create a water-holding basin around the tree by building up a ring of soil and water to settle roots. Spread protective mulch 2-4 inches deep in a 3-foot diameter around the base of the tree, but not touching

Find more tips to successfully plant and care for your trees at arborday.org.



The Power of Trees

From backyards to tropical rain forests, trees provide the necessities of life. Trees clean air and water, provide habitats for wildlife, connect communities and support human health.

- Trees are a proven affordable, natural way to pull carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere.
- Trees filter water and slow storm surge and flooding in cities.
- Trees provide shade, cooling cities by up to 10 degrees, which can help prevent heat-related deaths.
- Neighborhood trees can reduce stress, improve overall health in children and
- encourage physical activity. ■ Trees support wildlife and aquatic life by providing habitats and helping keep waterways healthy, which ensures ecosystem balance
- and promotes biodiversity. ■ Trees and other forest life work together to ensure a clean source of drinking water, buffer against extreme weather, provide medicines, offer outdoor recreation and enrich human culture.

A Handy Guide for **Planting Trees**

A rally cry against climate change, "Now is the Time for Trees" is an inspirational and informative guide that explains the important role trees can play in preserving

Author Dan Lambe, CEO of the Arbor Day Foundation, offers compelling reasons to plant more trees while providing simple, actionable steps to get involved, choose the right tree and achieve planting success. For each book sold, the foundation will plant a tree in a

Pick up a copy wherever books are sold or visit arborday.org/TimeforTreesBook.



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Indiana State Fair Unveils Automotive Programming Plans for 2022 Theme

The Indiana State Fair yesterday announced its robust plans that will incorporate their automotive focused theme that will celebrate Fun at the Speed of Summer - Celebrating Indiana's Automotive Excellence, presented by Tom Wood Automotive Group. The 165th Indiana State Fair will take place Friday, July 29 through Sunday, August 21 and will continue its long tradition as Indiana's favorite all-encompassing

summer destination event. Indiana's rich automotive tradition is a signature source of pride for Hoosiers, and the Indiana State Fair looks forward to celebrating Indiana's worldwide recognition for its automotive history and contributions to the industry. Fairgoers can expect to see iconic, celebrity cars from movies and books, in addition to world-class classic car collections showcasing Indiana-made vehicles, and so much more.

In addition to traditional fair favorites, guests can expect to be immersed in auto-themed experiences for the 2022 Indiana State Fair:

World of Speed presented by Subaru of Indiana Automotive, located in the Harvest Pavilion. Visitors will want to make a pit stop at the amazing, new exhibit World of Speed! presented by Subaru of Indiana Automotive. This attraction will be open daily and have multiple features, including: Celebrity Car Appear-

nces:

• The Batmobile

- The Scooby Doo
- Mystery Machine
 The Ghostbuster
 Ectomobile
- And more!

tion Exhibit.

Indiana Automobile Exhibit, in partnership with the Indiana Automotive Collective.

- A stunning curated collection of classic, early-20th century cars with roots in the Hoosier State! SPEED: Science in Mo-
- It's fast. It's fun. It's coming to the Indiana State Fair! SPEED: Science in Motion Exhibit arrives with exciting, hands-on exhibits to test attendees potential as a Formula One driver. Fairgoers will be put through their paces to experience what it is like to operate at high speeds through hands-on simulations that test peripheral vision, reaction speed, coordination, concentration and heart rate under

ress. Ford Model T Rapid



Assembly, located in front of the Indiana Farmers Coliseum

• Prepare to be amazed as a drivable 1926 Ford Model T is built in just under 10 minutes right before your eyes.

Indianapolis Motor
Speedway Museum Presents Traditions, located inside of the Farm Bureau building

building • This incredible exhibit displays the many iconic traditions of the month of May at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and at the Indianapolis 500. Traditions explores everything from tailgating and concerts to The Command and "Back Home Again in Indiana". Fairgoers can relive their favorite rituals and customs by exploring photography pieces, video displays,

music, and memorabilia on display.

Plus a daily car exhibit, located along Main

Throughout the summer as we gear up for the 165th Indiana State Fair, weekly NEW experiences will be announced to the public. For complete details and tickets to the 2022 Indiana State Fair, please visit: https://www.indianastatefair.com.

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 great entertainment, 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 1852. This year's Indiana State Fair will take place July 29 – August 21 (closed Mondays & Tuesdays). For information, visit www.indianastatefair.

Use These Tips to Secure a Sensational (and Safe) Summer

(Family Features) Longer days and lighter schedules make summer perfect for relaxing, having fun outdoors and spending time with loved ones. However, more physical activity and time spent in the sun can also translate to increased health and safety risks.

As you and your family enjoy the warmth and sunshine while swimming, biking, grilling, playing on the playground and more this summer, remember these precautions from the experts at the American Heart Association.

Watch for Signs of

Heat Stress On hot summer days, be alert for signs of heat illnesses, such as heat cramps, heat exhaustion or heat stroke. Even when it doesn't seem extreme, heat and humidity can take a toll. Some signs of heat-related illness include muscle pain, cramps or spasms; heavy sweating; paleness; dizziness; headache; nausea or vomiting; confusion; fainting or unconsciousness; high body temperature (greater than 100 F) with dry skin; and rapid pulse. If you experience any of these symptoms, take a break, drink some water and find shade or air conditioning

to cool off.

Stay Hydrated

Staying hydrates

Staying hydrated is important for optimal body functioning, especially during the hot and humid months. If you plan to spend a lot of time outdoors, frequently consuming water and foods with high water content - melons, lettuce and cucumbers, for example can help replace the fluids lost via sweat. In addition, be aware of the signs and symptoms of mild dehydration, including a dry or sticky mouth; dry, cool skin; headache; or muscle cramps.

ramps. **Learn CPR**

As summertime activities expose people of all ages to risks, it's important to be trained in CPR - or cardiopulmonary resuscitation - an emergency lifesaving procedure that is performed when the heart stops beating. If performed immediately, it can double or triple a cardiac arrest victim's chance of surviv-

al, according to the American Heart Association. However, only about 40% of people who experience out-of-hospital cardiac arrest receive help before professionals arrive.

Because about 74% of adult and 87.5% of child out-of-hospital cardiac arrests happen in homes, you will likely be trying to save the life of someone you love - a child, spouse, parent or friend - if called upon to perform CPR. Hands-Only CPR is recommended for members of the general public. Call 9-1-1, or send someone to do so, then push hard and fast in the center of the person's chest until medical assistance arrives. Use an AED, if available, following the prompts. Conventional CPR is the next step and involves chest compressions and mouth-to-mouth breathing but should only be used by health care professionals and those trained to perform it correctly.

Protect Skin from the

While it's easy to get caught up enjoying activities outdoors, remember to take steps to protect your skin from the sun's damaging rays. Limit your time in the sun, especially during the midday hours when the rays are strongest, and wear sunscreen to help reduce your risk of sunburn. Experts recommend sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher. Wearing sunglasses, a hat and cool, long-sleeved clothing can further limit exposure when outdoors for long periods of time.

Swim Safely Whether enjoying the pool, beach, lake or river, bodies of water can be dangerous if appropriate precautions aren't taken. In fact, drowning is among the top five causes of unintentional injury death in the United States, according to the CDC. Avoid swimming alone, especially in natural bodies of water that aren't clear and may present strong currents or underwater obstacles, and don't over-

For more tips on CPR and first aid, visit cpr. heart.org or download the Knowledge Booster app.

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Tips for Travelers to Save Money and Stay Connected This Summer

(StatePoint) After more than two years of pandemic-related restrictions, Americans are ready to break free and travel again. According to Expedia's 2022 Travel Trends Report, more than two-thirds of Americans say they're planning to "go big" on their next trip. But planning and budgeting for a trip can be stressful. With inflation rising, many people are watching their wallets more closely, so finding ways to save money and stay connected while traveling this summer is more important than ever.

Here are some of the latest travel tips to make your next getaway more

affordable:
 • Book Flights Like
a Pro: According to
NerdWallet, Tuesdays
and Wednesdays are the
best days to travel when
flying within the United
States. NerdWallet also
suggests booking domes-

tic airline tickets one to three months in advance. The more flexible you can be with your desired timeframe, destination, and airport, the better. Be on the hunt for exclusive partnerships that offer travel discounts, like T-Mobile TRAVEL with Priceline, a new site with travel deals of up to 40% off hotels and select rental cars, available exclusively for T-Mobile and Metro by T-Mobile customers.

• Bring it, Don't Buy it: If you're looking to save a few dollars while traveling, bring your own snacks and reusable water bottle. Many airports have refillable water stations available. Having a designated travel charging kit in your luggage with charging cables for your smartwatch, phone, computer and more will save you the added and often inflated cost of buying on the go.

 Maximize Your Phone Plan Internationally: When traveling overseas, purchasing a local SIM for that designated country will save you roaming charges and fees. An international SIM card is another option for those traveling to multiple countries for short periods of time. Make sure to check with your wireless provider for what's included in your plan. For example, T-Mobile customers get 5GB of free high-speed data each month with no international data-roaming charges, with up to 5G speeds where available, in more than 210 countries and destinations on the provider's most popular plan, Magenta MAX, and on the Business Unlimited Ultimate plan.

• Road Trip Smarter: Even though gas prices are soaring, those with large families, pets and a love for singalongs often still prefer to travel the open road when vacationing. Finding the best gas prices is easy with apps like GasBuddy and Gas Guru, which provide updated gas prices in your area. You can also save money at the pump leveraging other rewards programs, such as those offered by your phone provider. T-Mobile teamed up with Shell and the Fuel Rewards program to offer customers on qualifying plans an exclusive 25 cents off per gallon of gas this summer through the week of Labor Day via T-Mobile Tuesdays.

With the price of everything on the rise, you'll want to tap into benefits and cost-cutting opportunities where you can to stretch your dollar further, and take the amazing vacation you've been planning for so long.



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