

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Romans 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.



➔ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY  
People who call our community their own.

What makes Maddy Higgins (right) smile? "Cows and pigs." What makes Lilly Higgins (left) smile? "My cows." The 11-year-old twin sisters from Arcadia are third-year Hamilton County 4-H'ers and were found Thursday volunteering at the Farm Bureau Milkshake Tent at the 4-H Fair in Noblesville. "My mom's friend invited us to come help," Maddy said. Her job at the Milkshake Tent? "I make them, and I give the people straws sometimes." Both were doing similar jobs. They are both members of Heartland 4-H Club and each take the same 12 projects, including, Garden, Sewing, Electric, Cake Decorating, Foods, Floriculture, Woodworking, Photography and "cows and pigs." They live on a farm and are the daughters of Bryan and Nikki Higgins and also have a brother, Jack, 9, and a sister, Olivia, 12. Favorite food at the Fair? "Slushies," Maddy said. "I like the corn-on-the-cob," Lilly said. Favorite activity at the Fair? "Showing cows," Maddy said. "Showing my cow," Lilly said. Biggest thing they've learned in 4-H? "Sportsmanship," Lilly said. "Everything," Maddy said. Favorite milkshake flavor at their tent? "Cookies and Cream," Lilly said, but Maddy said, "I like the vanilla."

And Another Thing...

Indiana's housing inventory continued to climb in June, with 12,042 new listings – a 5.8 percent increase versus June 2021 – and monthly inventory reaching 10,550 homes, marking the first time monthly inventory has broken 10,000 since December 2020. Closed home sales (9,202) fell 7.8 percent versus last June, but still finished above monthly totals from 2019 and 2020. Over the first half of 2022, new listings are 4.7 percent above 2021 while closed sales are down 2.4 percent year-to-date.

Median sales prices were \$250,000 for June, rising 13.6 percent year-over-year; this represents a modestly slower year-over-year rate than May (14.8 percent) and year-to-date growth (15.5 percent).

Indiana Association of REALTORS CEO Mark Fisher commented on the fluxuating housing market, saying, "After two years of surging demand chasing fewer homes for sale, increasing inventory is good news for Hoosier homebuyers. Sellers are still benefiting from rising prices, but June certainly shows a more balanced market than last summer."

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## Boomer Bits

### Ask Rusty – I'm 78 And Still Working; Should I Apply For Social Security?

**Dear Rusty:** I am 78, still working, have a good health-care plan and I make a nice salary. Can I still get my Social Security check since I paid into it all these years? **Signed: Still Working in My 70s**

**Dear Still Working:** You not only can get your Social Security check now, I recommend you apply for it as soon as possible. Regardless of your current earnings, you'll not suffer any penalty because you are still working. That's because you stopped being subject to Social Security's "earnings test"



ASK Rusty  
Social Security Advisor

#### Social Security Matters

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when you reached your full retirement age (FRA) of 66 some years ago. Indeed, your Social Security benefit continued to grow until you reached 70 years of age, at which point it reached your maximum benefit, which

is 32% more than your benefit would have been at age 66.

Since your benefit reached maximum some years ago at age 70, and since working

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## Homeschooling Is On The Rise Throughout The Country

By John Grimaldi

The numbers of parents opting to homeschool their kids is on the rise in the U.S. for a variety of reasons, not the least of which is to provide religious or moral instruction. The Census Bureau reports that in the spring prior to the onset of the pandemic about 3% of children were being homeschooled, by the fall the numbers rose to 11.1%, and as covid self-isolation routines began to be relaxed, the rate of homeschooling has remained at high levels.

Aiding the movement are a growing number of online resources such as PragerU Resources for Educators & Parents (PREP) and PragerU Kids

whose Director of Outreach, Jill Simonian, says part of the reason homeschooling is on the rise is the Leftist political motivations of teachers and school officials. As she told Rebecca Weber, CEO of the Association of Mature American Citizens, during a recent interview for AMAC's Better for America podcast, "our education system is being overtaken by Marxism and socialist movements."

Simonian says her mother and her sister were both school-teachers and that she has always had respect and affection for formal schooling. "I was under this false impression. I was

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## BBB Scam Alert: Phishing Emails Targets Shoppers

Prime Day may be over, but scammers probably aren't calling it quits yet. Con artists have been known to send phony emails and texts that look like messages from major retailers, instructing you to redeem the reward points accrued during your shopping days. Just hit delete on these phishing messages!

#### How the scam works

You receive an unsolicited email or text message appearing to be from a major retailer. (BBB has seen scammers use the names of Amazon, Kohls and Costco... but any company

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## Are You Planning For Your Future Healthcare Needs?

**(StatePoint)** If you haven't spent time considering what your healthcare needs will be in the years or even decades from now, you're not alone.

Recent research suggests that many aging Americans aren't aware of the full range of options available to them. As we age, our healthcare needs intensify, and experts say that the U.S. healthcare system will need to embrace home healthcare options to meet the demand of an aging population.

The new national survey, titled "Aging in Place: Assessing Senior's Understanding of Home Healthcare Options," conducted by Bredin on behalf

of Cross Country Workforce Solutions Group, shows that while most people aged 50-79 years old would prefer at-home care as they age, 91% of respondents have not proactively researched the care they may need as they grow older. Further, 34% have not thought about their care needs, and awareness of existing managed-at-home care programs was low among the survey respondents.

"By living at home, seniors can maintain their independence and be close to their loved ones and community, and by and large, that is what they want to do. At-home care can both meet the needs of those

requiring long-term care, while alleviating some of the mounting challenges faced by hospitals and healthcare systems," says Pamela Jung, president of Cross Country Workforce Solutions Group, a division of Cross Country Healthcare, the nation's leading provider of in-home clinical and non-clinical care for aging seniors.

As you explore your options, consider the following tips:



#### • Leave no stone unturned:

From transportation to medical appointments to help with household tasks, consider what your potential needs might be

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**Stars of 4-H**

**Josie Taylor**  
10-Year Member



Josie Taylor is the daughter of JD and Stephanie Taylor and a ten year member of Forest Hill. She has served as recreation leader and worked many dog wash fundraisers with her club. Josie has completed more than 50 projects including Floriculture, Foods, Garden, Junior Leaders, and Sewing. She has earned many state fair entries and participated in the Champion Foods Auction. Josie graduated from Noblesville High School with an honors diploma. She was a cadet teacher her senior year and played four years of varsity soccer. Her team won three consecutive sectional championships and two consecutive regional and state championships. As the starting goal keeper for the Millers, she was selected to the 2021 first team All-Conference, first team All-District, first team All-State and the All-Regional team

**Stars of 4-H**

**Ezekiel Scott**  
10-Year Member



A ten year member of Forest Hill, Ezekiel Scott is the son of George and Selena Scott. Ezekiel started out in Mini 4-H and has had many project interests such as Beef Barbecue, Beekeeping, Chicken Barbecue, Dog Obedience, Model Tractor Pull, and Photography. Ezekiel is a graduate of Noblesville High School. Ezekiel's honors include being an officer of S.T.A.R. Club, holding the office of Marshal and Seneschal for The Knights of the Holy Temple, Reserve Grand Champion Model Tractor Pull, and Grand Champion Beef Barbecue. He is in the Army National Guard and will attend Ball State University to study computer science and be a member of ROTC.

**Stars of 4-H**

**Katie Waitt**  
10-Year Member



A ten year member of Sheridan Ag, Katie Waitt is the daughter of Kenny and Michelle Waitt. Katie has completed ten years in eight projects as and experimented with others, giving her more than 100 projects over her tenure. Katie has served as a Day Camp Counselor, Mini 4-H officer with Junior Leaders, and an Ag Day presenter. She has built friendships that will last a lifetime, and the 4-H community has helped Katie become the person she is today. Katie is a part of the Teen Blast leadership team, helping bring teens together to learn about Christ. Her dogging team has traveled and competed in several states and won a National Championship in 2020. They have won several overall championships, the Tipton County Talent Show, and competed at the Indiana State Fair. Katie plans to earn her business degree from Ivy Tech while continuing her training to become a master dog groomer.

**Stars of 4-H**

**Jacob Thifault**  
10-Year Member



Jacob Thifault is the son of Chris and Carrie Thifault and a ten year member of Friends Forever. His favorite project is Aerospace and he has exhibited ten years in that project. His most memorable experience was participating in the 2021 4-H Rocket Launch with friends and family while sharing his favorite hobby. Jacob has learned many leadership skills, time management skills, and trades in 4-H. He plans to continue his education at Liberty University Online while learning trades in the workforce.

➔ HONEST HOOSIER

No Street Dance today, but a Beatles tribute band is playing at Federal Hill Commons. All you need is love!



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

If you're trying to lose weight, keep a food diary and calculate what you're actually eating each day – there are apps for that! 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](http://www.thetimes24-7.com).



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➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"The greatest ethical test that we're ever going to face is the treatment of those who are at our mercy."  
- Lyn White

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

Hey Jett, why can't basketball players take summer vacation? Gee Grandpa, I don't know, why? They get called for traveling!

➔ OBITUARIES

**Thomas J. Gartland**  
**Irma Jean Myers**  
**Anna Marie (Green) Martin**

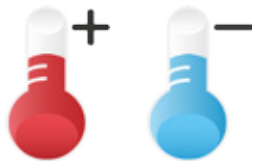


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High/Low  
Temperatures  
High: 95 °F  
Low: 72 °F



#### Today is...

- Hot Enough For Ya Day
- Peanut Butter And Chocolate Day
- National Drowning Prevention



#### What Happened On This Day

- 1982 International Whaling Commission bans commercial whale hunting
- 1972 Landsat 1 launched
- 1995 Comet Hale-Bopp discovered



#### Births On This Day

- 1989 Daniel Radcliffe English actor
- 1980 Michelle Williams American singer-songwriter, producer, actress

#### Deaths On This Day

- 2011 Amy Winehouse English singer-songwriter
- 1885 Ulysses S. Grant American general, politician, 18th President of the United States

**13 WTHR** **7 DAY FORECAST**

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## OBITUARIES

### Thomas J. Gartland

January 14, 1952 - July 15, 2022

On Friday, July 15, 2022, Thomas J. Gartland, loving father and Papa, passed away in his sleep at the age of 70 in the comfort of home with his family.

He was born on January 14, 1952 in Marion, IN to Constance and Francis X. Gartland, Jr.

Mr. Gartland was a man of strong values, committed to faith, family and friends, a motivator with a contagious laugh and the life of every party. His compassion, dedication, patience, and enthusiasm made him a wonderful son, father, friend, businessman, coach, and golfer. He was actively involved in the Catholic church, serving as an altar boy at St. Paul's Church in Marion and as a eucharistic minister at Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Patrick's churches in Arizona.

A proud graduate of the University of Arizona and member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, Mr. Gartland carried on the family legacy in the foundry business out in Arizona where he could play golf year-round. He worked for Porter Warner Industries for 35 years - known for dedication to his teams, clients, friends and showing up for anyone who needed him. A member of the American Foundry Society, Mr. Gartland was also the Chapter Chairman of the Desert Chapter.

He was the most devoted, amazing, and loving father. He took so much pride as the guiding light in raising his two daughters, Ashley and Molly. His deep love for them was evident as he always put them first and supported them in their every pursuit, believing in them more than they believed in themselves. Mr. Gartland loved coaching Ashley in softball and Molly in basketball, participating in every Dad's Club, and attending every father-daughter event he could. As a coach and organization leader for the Arizona Hotshots Softball teams, he impacted countless lives daily leading to DI scholarships for many young women, including Ashley. He genuinely cared about each community his girls were involved in and always made others feel comfortable in who they are.

Survivors include his two daughters Molly Gartland and Ashley (Chris) Medlock; their mother Tina Mills Gartland; two grandchildren Declan Medlock and Sloane Medlock; four brothers Michael (Victoria) Gartland, Francis "X" (Judee) Gartland III, Patrick (Janice) Gartland and Joseph (Melissa) Gartland; and sister Mary (Ron) Vielee.

He was preceded in death by his father Francis X. Gartland, Jr. and his mother Constance Carter Gartland.

We hope you will join us in resort casual dress to celebrate Thom's life and legacy on Thursday, July 28th, 2022:

Funeral services will be at Holy Spirit Parish at Geist (10350 Glaser Way, Fishers, IN):

- Visitation is scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m.
- Funeral mass is scheduled for 11:30 a.m.

• Lunch will be provided immediately following in the Social Hall

A Celebration of Life is scheduled to be held on the same day at River Glen Country Club (12010 Clubhouse Dr., Fishers, IN) from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. to gather in fellowship to share stories and memories.

Mr. Gartland fought hard against Parkinson's disease and Lewy body dementia, defying odds in his later years and was an active member of the Rock Steady Boxing and Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center communities. Please join the family in donating to Parkinson's and Lewy Body specific research at IU neurology here: <https://www.myiu.org/one-time-gift> and in the gift box area type "Alzheimer's Disease Research in Neurology". Once you click through, please note it in memory of Thom Gartland. For memorial donation by mail, send to IU School of Medicine, PO Box 7072, Indianapolis, IN 46207-7072 (payable to IU Foundation - IU School of Medicine and in the memo line please write: Alzheimer's Disease Research in Neurology - in memory of Thomas Gartland.

Online condolences may be made at [www.randallrob-erts.com](http://www.randallrob-erts.com).

### Irma Jean Myers

April 14, 1934 - July 21, 2022

Irma Jean Myers, 88, of Noblesville, passed away on Thursday, July 21, 2022 at Riverview Health in Noblesville.

She was born on April 14, 1934 to Granger and Melissa (Gailey) Wilson in San Diego, California.

In the words of Mrs. Myers' sister, "Irma Jean, passed away this evening. She leaves an empty place in my heart that no other can fill. She was attended by her loved ones, including her daughter, Sharon, and her first and only love, Gene. Irma Jean lived a life of love and adventure. She traveled the back roads of America behind Gene on a motorcycle. She never let the crippling effects of polio deter her from fulfilling her desires. Life was a challenge and she met it head on. She was a loving wife and mother, she was an accomplished musician (guitar and voice), she was a skilled seamstress, she was a graceful water skier, she was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and taught many different classes during her lifetime, she was an avid genealogist and served two home missions in family research and history."

"Paradise has received a treasure this day! I will miss her, but I am sure we will visit from time to time."

Survivors include her husband of 69 years, Gene Myers; daughter Sharon (Robert) Eup; son Mark (Nancy) Myers; sister Verla Gerry; grandchildren Lisa (Tom), Melanie (Brad), Cory (Kim), Steven and Jacob; great-grandchildren Sara, Evan, Savanna, Sam, Sophia, Scarlett, Skyler and Noah.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her siblings Le Gran Wilson, Alden Wilson and Ruth Wilson.

Services are scheduled to be held at 12 p.m. on Friday, July 29, 2022 at Riverside Cemetery in Noblesville, Indiana

Online condolences may be made at [www.randallrob-erts.com](http://www.randallrob-erts.com).

### Anna Marie (Green) Martin

April 13, 1923 - July 20, 2022

Anna Marie (Green) Martin, 99, of Jamestown, Kentucky, passed away on July 20, 2022, in TJ Sampson Community Hospital in Columbia, Kentucky.

She was born April 13, 1923 in Noblesville, to Leo and Emma (Bo-lander) Green.

Mrs. Martin was a nurse's aide at Noblesville Hospital. She was a member of Fishersburg Wesleyan Church. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

Survivors include her two children Bonnie (Jim) Reynolds of Jamestown, KY and Fredrick (Janice) Martin of Alexandria, IN; five grandchildren Andrea (Shane) Womack, Wendy (Steve), Gail, Diana (Tim) Chapman and Scott (Lyndi) Martin; nineteen great-grandchildren; several great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

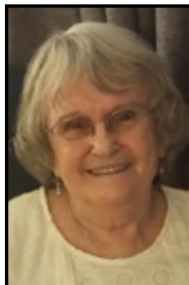
She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred William Martin; her parents; sister Emma Lou Fulton; and brother Willis "Wid" Green.

Graveside services are scheduled to be held on Monday, July 25, 2022, at Brookside Cemetery with the Rev. Gary Klinger officiating.

Burial will be in Brookside Cemetery in Lapel.

Hersberger-Bozell Funeral Home has been entrusted with Anna's care.

Online condolences may be made at [www.hersberger-bozell.com](http://www.hersberger-bozell.com).



## Congress Must Grow a Backbone, Zelensky Must Explain Andriy Yermak's Undemocratic Governance



**REP. VICTORIA SPARTZ**  
US Representative, IN-6

President Biden's approval rating has now fallen to 31%, but Congress refuses to reflect about our own institution. The approval rating for the U.S. Congress has fallen now to 16%, with an 82% disapproval rating. Let's think about this for a second - over 80% of Americans disapprove of the job Congress is doing. In fact, over the last decade, our job approval rating has never risen above the low 30's.

If Congress wants to build back its trust with the American people, we could use Ukraine as an example to strengthen that trust. Resolving the situation in Ukraine is in our national interest, but it cannot be done without proper leadership from the United States, or Ukraine will be turned into another Afghanistan. The only difference is that only Ukrainians are feeling the real pain so far where just their children are coming home in caskets by the thousands, but it might be just for now.

We know that results cannot be achieved without proper accountability. The following would help to stop this war in Ukraine and restore international order:

1) Congress must hold the Biden Administration accountable and be transparent with the American people. Nothing should preclude the Administration from publishing which agencies and officials within them are in charge of the funds, including amounts. They should also list amounts and all entities receiving these funds.

2) Congress should request streamlined logistics and oversight of lethal aid, as well as a joint task force to set up proper strategy - instead of ad-hoc procedures. The United States is sending serious weapons like javelins and stingers to a country with real threats of sabotage. Knowing this, why do we continue to leave our weapons at the border with Poland, not verifying they'll be delivered as intended? Better oversight of logistics will mitigate risks and also improve the speed of delivery of much-needed weapons to the Ukrainian frontlines. Actually, a current lack of these processes is what is contributing to delays - I have seen it firsthand.

3) President Zelensky should provide answers to the Ukrainian people as

to why Andriy Yermak is creating a per se dictatorship under the guise of the ongoing war. Is this what the Ukrainian people have been fighting for? Yermak has effectively taken control of all institutions and is threatening anyone speaking out against the government with criminal cases and jail as well as using his government powers to eliminate political opponents. I have heard many of these concerns in the US, Europe and Ukraine before but recently experienced them firsthand. It's one thing for them to smear me on their government-controlled TV channels - not the first time for me as a politician - but they have not stopped there. They decided now to attack people who were just "lucky enough" to meet with me at some point and are not their political puppets.

Under our recent pressure, Kyiv finally proceeded with an anticorruption prosecutor, which they have been stalling for almost two years. Although to compensate for this, Mr. Yermak is removing people who are not 100% compliant to him and could sabotage the prosecutor's effectiveness.

Whether the actions of Mr. Yermak are politically motivated, mercantile, or pro-Russian - it does not matter - they are a threat to the national security of Ukraine and our efforts there. President Zelensky must provide answers to Congress if he wants the American people to trust and support. I do not understand this notion that President Zelensky cannot be questioned. All leaders and presidents must be questioned - whether it's Biden, Zelensky or Putin. Otherwise, we create an opportunity for dictatorship. As Thomas Paine once said: "A body of men holding themselves accountable to nobody ought not to be trusted by anybody."

I continue to be attacked by foreign policy establishment elites, but all it takes is one look at their track record to see what "successes" they have achieved for the American people and the world - Afghanistan, Syria, China, Russia, Iran, Ukraine, Belarus, Georgia? - and the list goes on.

The fight for freedom is never easy, but I have full faith in the American people and the heroic Ukrainian fighters that together we will prevail.

*Rep. Victoria Spartz represents the Indiana 5th District, comprised of the north side of Indianapolis, Marion, Carmel, Anderson, Noblesville, Fishers and parts of Kokomo. She is the first Ukrainian-born person ever elected to Congress.*

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# ScreenBroidery Expands Leadership Team as Business Achieves Record Revenue Growth

ScreenBroidery adds Paul Simonetti, Sales and Marketing Manager, and Alec Witham, Creative Director, to its leadership team following record revenue growth in 2021.

Paul Simonetti joins the ScreenBroidery Team as Sales and Marketing Manager, overseeing both the sales and marketing teams. Simonetti holds an MBA in Marketing from the University of Toledo and brings over 20 years of sales and marketing experience to ScreenBroidery. Simonetti most recently served as the Senior Success Account Manager at KLaunch.

“We are thrilled to have Paul bringing new ideas and energy to our growing team,” states Tom Rector, Founder and CEO of ScreenBroidery. “His leadership will strengthen our teams as we continue to challenge the status quo and create a powerful customer experience.”

Alec Witham rejoins ScreenBroidery in an upgraded capacity as Creative Director, overseeing the creative and marketing team. Witham holds a B.F.A. in Design and Visual Communications from Ball State University, and previously served as the head of graphic design at ScreenBroidery and a brief interim as the Associative Creative Director at the Great States Corporation dba American Lawn Mower Co.

“Alec is an incredible asset to have back at ScreenBroidery,” Gabe Peters, Chief Operations Officer states. “He built the ScreenBroidery brand from the ground up for six years, and we’re excited to see the creative impact he’ll make headed into the future.”

These additions to the leadership team support ScreenBroidery’s record expansion in the past year, ranking #23 in Indianapolis Business Journal’s Fast 25 list with over 91% in revenue growth in 2021 and 2022

revenue scaling at record pace.

ScreenBroidery is an award-winning creative merchandise agency, headquartered in Noblesville. Specializing in branded apparel and promotional marketing products, ScreenBroidery adds value through product development teams, eCommerce analytics, and fulfillment programs.

Founded in 2008, ScreenBroidery has grown to be a multi-million-dollar organization partnering with all types of clients (large and small) across the country. Within 14 years of success, ScreenBroidery has been named the fastest growing company and one of the best places to work in the industry. As they continue to evolve and grow, we invest in new technologies and people to best fulfill our mission of bettering our customers, bettering ourselves, and bettering the world.

Find out more at [www.screenbroidery.com](http://www.screenbroidery.com)

# Indiana June Employment Report Shows Steady Job Growth, Unemployment Rate

Indiana’s unemployment rate in June stands at 2.4%, according to the Indiana Department of Workforce Development. By comparison, the national unemployment rate in June remains at 3.6%, holding steady from May.

In addition, Indiana’s labor force participation rate rose again, from 62.9% in May to 63.1% in June, remaining above the national rate of 62.2%.

Indiana’s total labor force, which includes both Hoosiers employed and those seeking employment, stands at 3,378,333 — an increase of 13,632 from the previous month. This is the highest level since February 2020.

“For the third time in four months, Hoosiers have set a new record for private-sector employment in Indiana,” said DWD Interim Commissioner Josh Richardson. “And, as a sign of Indiana’s strong economic growth, employers still have near record numbers of job openings.”

Private sector employment in Indiana increased by 5,000 jobs over the last month, translating to a gain of 108,300 jobs from this time last year. Total private employment now stands at 2,765,700. Industries that experienced job increases in June included:

- Leisure and Hospitality (+6,700);
- Financial Activities (+500); and
- Manufacturing (+100).

As of July 18, 2022, there were 156,813 open job postings throughout the state. The number of people in Indiana that received unemployment benefits during June was 14,757.

Individuals looking for work are encouraged to visit [NextLevelJobs.org](http://NextLevelJobs.org).



## Meeting Notes

### Noblesville Board of Public Works and Safety

Meeting Agenda  
Tuesday, July 26, 2022  
at 9 a.m.  
Council Chamber, City Hall

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: July 12, 2022
  - B. Board to consider Temporary Street Closure of Merritt Pass for a Back To School Block Party (René Gulley)
  - C. Board to consider Temporary Street Closures and Traffic Restrictions for 2022 Fit Livin’ Thanksgiving Day Run/Walk (René Gulley)
  - D. Board to consider Temporary Street Closure of 8th Street West of Maple Avenue for Nickel Plate Arts’ August First Friday Event (René Gulley)

- E. Board to consider acceptance of the Replat for Lot 2 in Hood’s Meadows (Joyceann Yelton)
  - F. Board to consider release of Performance Bond for Common Area Sidewalk and acceptance of Maintenance Bond for Common Area Sidewalk for Brooks Farm, Section 2 (Sacha Lingerfeldt)
  - G. Board to consider acceptance of Performance Bond for Right-Of-Way Improvements for Marilyn Woods, Section 1 (Sacha Lingerfeldt)
  - H. Board to consider acceptance of Warranty Deed and Temporary Highway Easement Grant for Pleasant Street, Phase 1 Project (En-231-13) (Sacha Lingerfeldt)
  7. Contracts/Purchases Under \$50,000
    - A. Agreement with Luminat Indiana, LLC for economic development professional design services (Chuck Haberman)
    - B. Agreement with Republic Services for a cardboard recycling dumpster at the utility (Gene Stafford)
  8. New Items for
- Discussion
- A. Board to hear an update on The Village at Federal Hill Project (Shaun Barcelow)
  - B. Board to consider agreement with Bluesky For marketing development for the Economic Development Department (Chuck Haberman)
  - C. Board to consider temporary sidewalk and parking space closure at 2 North 9th Street for façade painting (René Gulley)
  - D. Board to consider a property swap agreement for the Pleasant Street, Phase 1 Project, Parcel 85 (Alison Krupski)
  - E. Board to consider permission to advertise for bids for the Pleasant Street, Phase 1 Project (Alison Krupski)
  - F. Board to consider permission to advertise for bids for the Levee Trail, Phase 2 Project (Andrew Rodewald)
  - G. Board to consider change Order No. 1 and project close-out for Herriman Boulevard, Phase IV Project (Andrew Rodewald)
  9. Adjournment

# Uplifting Greenwood Park Mall Shooting Victims

UpLift Johnson County is saddened and heartbroken by the horrific tragedy that unfolded at the Greenwood Park Mall on Sunday, July 17. UpLift was created to assist our community in times of crisis and need. This is, without a doubt, one of those moments. They are asking for donations to be used to support the victims' families with funeral arrangements and the ongoing needs a family faces following the tragic loss of a loved one. UpLift will match up to \$10,000 for these families.

Victor Gomez had worked tirelessly to start a successful business as a granite supplier/installer, and is described by those who knew him as a kind person who would give you the shirt off his back. He leaves behind a loving wife and three beautiful young children whose needs will extend far beyond just covering funeral expenses after losing their father at a young age.

Pedro Pineda and Rosa Mirian Rivera de Pineda were a married couple who emigrated from a small town in El Salvador to start a new life of promise and hope in the United States, and chose to make our wonderful community their home, only to be killed in an act of senseless violence.

These are our neighbors and friends. We know our community is one who loves and supports one another in good times and in bad, and now is our chance to make a difference in the lives of people who have endured an unimaginable tragedy that could have befallen any one of us who lives here. The smallest donation from each individual will add up to a huge blessing when we come together as a community, so don't hesitate to give, even if you can only spare \$20.

You have two simple ways of donating.

1. Visit [UpLiftJoCo.org](http://UpLiftJoCo.org) and click the DONATE ONLINE NOW! link and make your donation via PayPal.
2. Visit any Citizens Bank location to drop off your donation for UpLift Johnson County.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact them at [info@upliftjoco.org](mailto:info@upliftjoco.org).

Thanks for reading The Times, Hamilton County!

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now won't hurt your payment amount, you should claim your benefits immediately. You should also ask for six months of retroactive benefits. Although your benefit stopped growing at age 70 and you're now 78, Social Security will only pay up to six months of retroactive benefits, thus you have lost some of your benefits by waiting until age 78 to claim.

You can apply for your benefits either by calling SS at your local office or the national Social Security service center at 1.800.772.1213 to make

an appointment to apply, or you can apply online at [www.ssa.gov/retire](http://www.ssa.gov/retire). Applying online is by far the most efficient method, but you'll need to first create your personal "my Social Security" online account to do so (simply go to [www.ssa.gov/myaccount](http://www.ssa.gov/myaccount) and follow the instructions).

Since you're still working, and assuming you have "creditable" health-care coverage from your employer, you can delay enrolling in Medicare until you stop working ("creditable" coverage is a group plan with at

least 20 participants). If you haven't yet enrolled in Medicare and you've had creditable health-care coverage since you were 65, you will not incur a late enrollment penalty for enrolling in Medicare now, but you can also continue to defer enrolling in Medicare without penalty if your employer coverage is "creditable."

I strongly encourage you to apply for your Social Security benefits as soon as possible, because you will continue to lose money by delaying further. You will still get credit for your current

earnings even after you start your Social Security benefits and, if appropriate because of your recent earnings, your benefit amount will be automatically increased, so there is no reason to delay claiming Social Security any longer.

You earned your Social Security benefits, you aren't subject to a penalty because you're still working, and you'll continue to get credit for your current earnings while still working, so you should apply for your Social Security benefits as soon as possible.

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can be spoofed.) The subject line reads something like, "You Have a New Reward to Claim!"

You open the message, and it looks real. There's the company logo, colors and a link to claim the reward points or gift from your recent holiday shopping. As curious as you may be, don't fall for it. Scammers hide malware in these email links or attachments. When you click, they can gain access to your computer and steal your sensitive personal information.

BBB has also seen these phishing scams pop up during the winter holidays and other major shopping events.

**Avoid falling for email phishing scams**

- **Never click on links or download attachments from unknown emails.** Out-of-the-blue emails are often an attempt to download malware to your computer and steal your personal information.
- **Don't take unsolicited emails at face value.** Scammers often send out mass emails that contain little or no personal information. Be wary if the email doesn't mention you

or include any personal information.

- **Hover on links to see their destination.** Before clicking, place your mouse over links to discover their true destination.
- **Go to the source.** Whenever possible, use the customer service information provided when you made your purchase, rather than searching online.

Learn more about phishing scams at [BBB.org/PhishingScam](http://BBB.org/PhishingScam).

If you've gotten a phony email from a retailer, help others avoid the same pitfall by filing a scam report at [BBB.org/ScamTracker](http://BBB.org/ScamTracker).

The Better Business Bureau has empowered people to find businesses, brands and charities they can trust for over 110 years. In 2021, people turned to BBB more than 200 million times for BBB Business Profiles on 6.3 million businesses and Charity Reports on 25,000 charities, free at [BBB.org](http://BBB.org). Local, independent BBBs can be found across the United States, Canada, and Mexico, including BBB Serving Central Indiana, which was founded in 1916 and serves 46 counties.

**NEEDS** From Page A1

and research programs in your community to address them. While there are assistance programs available to help seniors age with dignity, the Cross Country Workforce Solutions Group survey found that the majority of older Americans are unaware of an important one: Programs of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE), a national program of comprehensive care for adults age 55 and over who would prefer to remain living at home rather than in a nursing facility. In some communities, PACE is known as Living Independently for the Elderly (LIFE). These programs can make living at home a safer and more affordable option than institutionalized care.

"This program has provided me with the best caregiver. She is a great person with a great heart, and she goes above and beyond during my home care services," says Luther Bell, PACE participant. "I feel like I have improved a lot in many ways because my caregiver meal preps for me, provides quality care,

and our daily interactions bring positivity to my life."

- **Start a dialogue:** Talk to your family and friends about your wishes and where you would like to receive care. Also, continue to have regular conversations with your doctors about your health.
- **Consider your budget:** While the average senior collects just \$18,000 annually in social security, 57% of survey respondents have not considered the budget they will need for aged care services and support. Take time to learn how much various aspects of care will cost, factoring in standard living expenses.

For additional survey results and information about home healthcare, visit [www.crosscountry-healthcare.com/aging-in-place](http://www.crosscountry-healthcare.com/aging-in-place).

"At a time when the burden on hospitals and health systems has at times compromised their ability to deliver quality care, living at home with support can provide optimized care and independence to seniors," says Jung.

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**LEGAL NOTICE OF PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND PRELIMINARY HEARING**  
**INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION CAUSE NO. 45736**

**VERIFIED PETITION OF INDIANA OFFICE OF UTILITY CONSUMER COUNSELOR FOR GENERIC INVESTIGATION INTO RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER ARREARAGE AND UTILITY SERVICE DISCONNECTION DATA AND REQUEST FOR ONGOING REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Notice is hereby given that the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission will conduct a public Prehearing Conference and Preliminary Hearing in the above-captioned Cause in Room 222 of the PNC Center, 101 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, commencing at 2:30 pm on August 17, 2022. This hearing is open to the public.

If an accommodation is required to allow an individual with a disability to participate, please contact the Office of the Executive Secretary of the IURC at 317.232.2701 or TDD 317.232.8556 at least 48 hours in advance.

INDIANA UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
317.232.2701  
BY: IURC – Loraine Seyfried, ALJ

DATE: July 13, 2022

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**HAMILTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING NOTICE**

Pursuant to IC 5-14-1.5-5 (a) the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners have called a special meeting with the American Rescue Plan Act Committee for Monday, July 25, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. The meeting will be held in Conference Room 1A located in the Hamilton County Government and Judicial Center, One Hamilton County Square, Noblesville, Indiana 46060. Purpose of this meeting is to discuss the allocation of ARPA funds. Meeting may be accessed virtually by dialing 1.219.225.8177 Conference ID 341690907#.

/s/ Robin M. Mills  
Hamilton County Auditor

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**2023 Drainage Board Meetings**  
**The meetings will be held in the Commissioners Court in the Government and Judicial Center.**  
**Hearings will be held the second meeting of the month**

Monday	January 09	12:00 PM
Monday	January 23	9:00 AM
Monday	February 13	12:00 PM
Monday	February 27	9:00 AM
Monday	March 13	12:00 PM
Monday	March 27	9:00 AM
Monday	April 10	12:00 PM
Monday	April 24	9:00 AM
Monday	May 08	12:00 PM
Monday	May 22	9:00 AM
Monday	June 12	12:00 PM
Monday	June 26	9:00 AM
Monday	July 10	12:00 PM
Monday	July 24	9:00 AM
Monday	August 14	12:00 PM
Monday	August 28	9:00 AM
Monday	September 11	12:00 PM
Monday	September 25	9:00 AM
Monday	October 09	12:00 PM
Monday	October 23	9:00 AM
Monday	November 13	12:00 PM
Monday	November 27	9:00 AM
Monday	December 11	12:00 PM

**The first meeting of each month is for administrative purposes.**  
**The deadline for items to be placed on the agenda will be 12:00 PM the Wednesday prior to the meeting.**  
Possible Executive Session to follow each meeting  
Approved by Drainage Board June 27, 2022

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**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Sheridan Civil Town, Hamilton County, Indiana, that the proper legal officers of the Town of Sheridan, at their regular meeting place at 300 East 6th Street, Sheridan, IN, at 6:00 P.M., on the 2nd day of August 2022, will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year:

GENERAL FUND FIRE DEPARTMENT 1101	\$55,705.60
Total	\$55,705.60

Taxpayers appearing at such meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance. The Department will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a certified copy of the action taken.

Elizabeth Walden, IAMC, CMO, CMC  
Clerk-Treasurer Town of Sheridan

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**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CONCERNING THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF UNOBLIGATED LOCAL INCOME TAX REVENUES BY THE SHERIDAN TOWN COUNCIL AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Notice is hereby given by the Sheridan Town Council (the "Council"), that the Council will consider the following appropriation of unobligated local income tax revenues on deposit in the General Fund which has been determined to be necessary and which is in addition to all appropriations provided for in the existing budget and levy. Such revenues will, pursuant to this additional appropriation, be utilized to amend the salaries of the firefighters with the Sheridan Fire Departments.

Notice is further given that the Council, on August 2, at the hour of 6:00 p.m. local time, in the Sheridan Community Center, 300 E 6th St, Sheridan, IN 46069, will receive and hear remonstrations from persons interested in or affected by the proceedings pertaining to the proposed appropriation of unobligated local income tax revenues and will determine the public utility and benefit of the proposed additional appropriation. At the time fixed for the public hearing, or at any time prior thereto, any person interested in the proceedings may file a written remonstrance with the Secretary of the Council. At such hearing, which may be adjourned from time to time, the Council will hear all persons interested in the proceedings and all remonstrances that have been filed. After considering this evidence, the Council will take final action with respect to such additional appropriation.

Dated: July 19, 2022  
Elizabeth A. Walden, IAMC, CMO, CMC  
Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Sheridan

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**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CONCERNING THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF UNOBLIGATED LOCAL INCOME TAX REVENUES BY THE SHERIDAN TOWN COUNCIL AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

Notice is hereby given by the Sheridan Town Council (the "Council"), that the Council will consider the following appropriation of unobligated local income tax revenues on deposit in the General Fund which has been determined to be necessary and which is in addition to all appropriations provided for in the existing budget and levy. Such revenues will, pursuant to this additional appropriation, be utilized to purchase land for the extension of the Monon Trail project.

Notice is further given that the Council, on August 2, at the hour of 6:00 p.m. local time, in the Sheridan Community Center, 300 E 6th St, Sheridan, IN 46069, will receive and hear remonstrations from persons interested in or affected by the proceedings pertaining to the proposed appropriation of unobligated local income tax revenues and will determine the public utility and benefit of the proposed additional appropriation. At the time fixed for the public hearing, or at any time prior thereto, any person interested in the proceedings may file a written remonstrance with the Secretary of the Council. At such hearing, which may be adjourned from time to time, the Council will hear all persons interested in the proceedings and all remonstrances that have been filed. After considering this evidence, the Council will take final action with respect to such additional appropriation.

Dated: July 18, 2022  
Elizabeth A. Walden, IAMC, CMO, CMC  
Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Sheridan

TL19308 7/23 1t hspaxlp

**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CONCERNING THE ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION OF UNOBLIGATED LOCAL INCOME TAX REVENUES BY THE SHERIDAN TOWN COUNCIL AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

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Dated: July 18, 2022  
Elizabeth A. Walden, IAMC, CMO, CMC  
Clerk-Treasurer of the Town of Sheridan

TL19307 7/23 1t hspaxlp

**NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION**

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GENERAL FUND 101	\$560,420.00
Total	\$560,420.00

Taxpayers appearing at such meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriations as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance. The Department will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a certified copy of the action taken.

Elizabeth Walden, IAMC, CMO, CMC  
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miseducated, if you will, that our public school system was still functioning in the way that it was maybe, you know, 50, 60 years ago." But it was during the covid lockdowns that her eyes were opened and she saw that her children were being indoctrinated "to hate America, to question themselves, to hate themselves, to think that America is a horrible place. I would see it happening firsthand, and I was shocked. I would see teachers and principals not wanting to do the Pledge of Allegiance."

Jill says that our education system is being hijacked nationwide as more and more schools embrace the so-called Critical Race Theory [CRT], which is designed "to divide and confuse, to weaken us as a society so that the government can ultimately have control."

Her advice to parents and grandparents is that it's time to wake up, to get involved at the school your children attend and

to ask questions. "Go to the school's website and look at its mission statement. Look at what type of words they are using on their school website to talk about what the district or the school is really trying to implement." And, she adds, be on the lookout for "dangerous code words that are linked to CRT, words such as diversity, equity, inclusion, and affinity groups. If you see anything about affinity groups listed anywhere on any of your schools or district, websites run the other way." Jill explains that affinity groups may sound great, they may sound like clubs, but they are not clubs. They are a way to separate students into factions based on race as a way to divide them.

Of course there is always the private school option available to some families, but Simonian warns that not all private schools are free of proponents of the CRT. That may leave you with only one option-- to join the growing ranks of homeschoolers.

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# WEEKEND

## In The Home

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Weekend, July 23-24, 2022

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## The Lily: A Natural, Unassuming Beauty

## Phlox Adds Color and Pollinator Appeal to the Garden All Season Long

If you are looking for versatility in flowers, lilies fit the bill. However you want to use them, they always have that wow factor – without being pretentious.

### Atmosphere

Lilies are flowers with large calyces in a whole spectrum of sizes, colors and color combinations. Some of these beauties are delightfully scented, others boast stunning pollen on their stamens and some have neither scent nor pollen. And did you know that some lilies are even double-flowered? What they all have in common, however, is that they immediately sparkle at the spot where you want them to shine.

### Modest

Although lilies have an enormous wow effect, they are symbolic of quite the opposite. In fact, they stand for

innocence, in the sense of ‘naive’. How modest is that? They have a genuine natural beauty but are unaware of the heads they turn! Flowers purely for your enjoyment!

### Care

Have you bought some lilies? Then you will certainly want to enjoy them for as long as you can. Remove any leaves low down on the stems that would otherwise be under the surface of the water in your vase. Use a sharp knife to trim the stems as diagonally as possible and put your lilies in a clean vase with lukewarm water and cut flower food straight away. Make sure that you change the water regularly so that it remains fresh and clear.

Would you like to know more about bulb flowers? Take a look at [www.ilsysays.com](http://www.ilsysays.com).

## Easy DIY Summer Projects to Tackle Around the House

(StatePoint) Summer is the most popular time of the year for home renovations, with the great weather making indoor and outdoor fixes a breeze. From simple remodel ideas to budget-friendly outdoor updates, these are the top projects to tackle this summer, according to a DIY expert.

### Shake It Up

If you’re craving a modern aesthetic, but don’t want to take on an expensive and time-consuming renovation, updating cabinets, doors and lighting can make all the difference.

“During a recent bathroom remodel, I made shaker doors because they are easy to assemble yet give a nice style and modern look to cabinets,” says Mark Robertson, the DIYer behind Mark the Builder, who specializes in accent walls and bathroom and kitchen remodels. “To give plain cabinets the shaker look, we basically take a door frame and add raised panels to it.”

For this project, all you need is a cabinet door, wood panels found at your home improvement store, glue and paint or stain. Once you have all the materials, measure and cut the horizontal pieces to the length of the door and make the vertical rails two inches thick. Glue the panels together and then secure the molding to the cabinet door. For renters, Robertson recommends applying a peel and stick wallpaper over cabinets or doors for a quick refresh.

Under-the-cabinet lighting will help highlight your handy work and offer extra illumination at night. To easily install lighting without the hassle of hardware, Robertson suggests cutting small pieces of T-Rex Super Glue Tape and attaching them to LED light strips. The high-tack, double-sided tape offers super-glue-like adhesive strength for quick mounting and leaves no mess behind.

Combine Storage With Style

The best home updates not only look good, but

function beautifully, too. New shelves are an impactful way to add storage and enhance a room’s style.

It’s easy to find inexpensive shelving on resale websites—many just need a quick coat of stain or paint to look brand new. For those who want to build it themselves, Robertson recommends making an industrial pipe shelf using reclaimed wood—typically one to two inches thick—and a three-quarter inch industrial black pipe. Lay the piece of wood flat, trace the circular part of the pipe onto the wood and then drill two holes. Slide the wood over the pipe to assemble the shelf.

### Dress Your Walls

From indoors to out, options for accent walls are endless. However, Robertson follows these two design rules: stick with simplistic patterns in formal areas, such as a dining room or living room; and use abstract shapes in bedrooms, game rooms and offices. To achieve a perfect accent wall every time, Robertson uses templates instead of a tape measure.

“If you are making a wall with panels four inches apart, cut a piece of scrap to four inches and use it for all of the design,” he says. “You will get the same spacing for the entire project and everything will be symmetrical.”

### Create an Outdoor Oasis

Summer is the optimal time to fix up the backyard. From staining the deck to building a new fire pit, there are several projects that will make the area pop.

While working outdoors, Robertson suggests keeping T-Rex Waterproof Tape handy for quick fixes. The strong tape provides waterproof adhesion so you can easily patch a leak in a swimming pool, tape up a hole in a bucket, or repair a garden hose damaged from wear and tear.

After tackling these DIY projects, you’ll enjoy interiors and exteriors that look and feel as bright and fresh as the summer weather.

By Melinda Myers

Fill your gardens with color from spring through summer and even into fall with a variety of pollinator-friendly phlox. The beauty, diversity, and usefulness in the garden of this group of plants had the National Garden Bureau declare 2022 Year of the Phlox.

Start out the growing season with creeping phlox (*Phlox subulata*). This low growing phlox is perfect for rock gardens, as a groundcover or planted at the front of a perennial garden. Grow it in full sun with well-drained soil in zones three to nine. Once the flowers fade, shear the plants back halfway to encourage attractive new growth that will last all season long.

Woodland phlox (*Phlox divaricata*) is native to Midwestern woods and fields and hardy in zones three to eight. The periwinkle blue flowers add some welcome color to shady spots in spring. Grow it in moist rich soil and watch for hummingbirds and butterflies that visit the blooms.

The Garden Club of America named Blue Moon woodland phlox its Plant of the Year, awarding it with the 2022 Montine McDaniel Freeman Horticulture Award. This award is given to native underutilized plants with superior ecological and ornamental attributes. Their goal is to increase the use of these plants in gardens. Blue Moon is mildew resistant, long blooming and like the species is an early source of pollen for

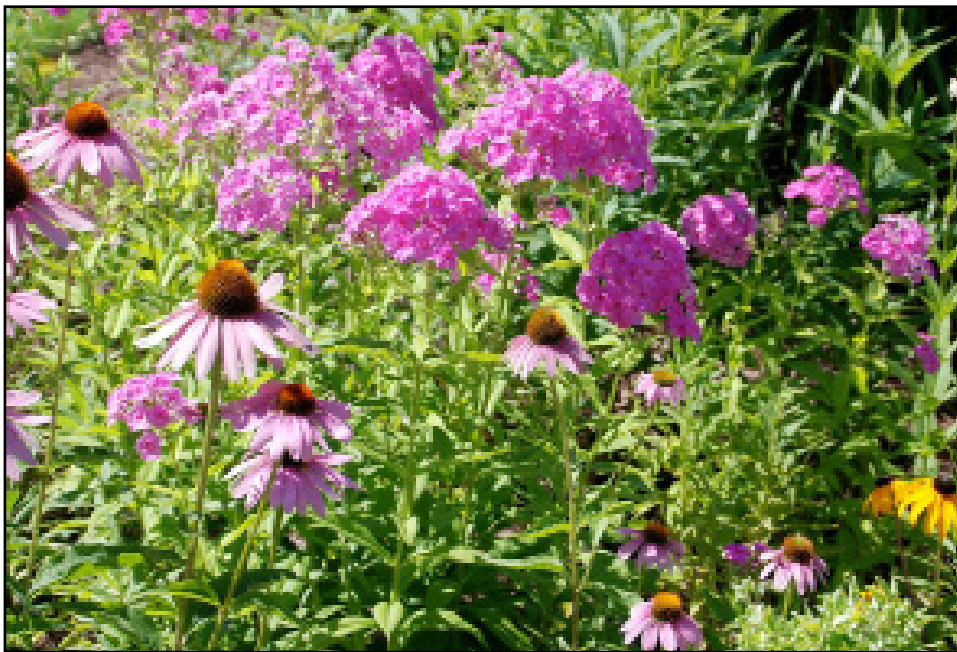


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**Phlox with Echinacea in full bloom in a summer garden.**

native bees, swallowtail butterflies and nectar for the hummingbirds.

Downy or prairie phlox (*Phlox pilosa*) is another North American native phlox that can be found in prairies and is hardy in zones three to nine. The pale pink to purple-pink blossoms appear in spring. Grow it in full sun with moist to well-drained loam or sandy soils. Like other phlox, it attracts and supports butterflies and hummingbirds.

Marsh phlox (*Phlox globerrima*) is native to wet prairies and open woodlands and thrives in moist soil and even damp clay. The intense magenta flowers appear June to July and are a hummingbird magnet. Grow this phlox in zones four to eight.

The North American native tall garden phlox has long been popular

with gardeners. It blooms mid-season, adding color and height to any garden bed or mixed border. The perfectly round flower clusters top each stem and come in a variety of colors from white to pink, purple, salmon and more. Grow these in full sun with moist, rich well-drained soil.

The flowers of many tall phlox varieties are fragrant, attract pollinators and make great cut flowers. Remove faded flowers and provide sufficient moisture and nutrients to encourage more blooms. The Fashionably Early series of tall phlox bloom early and for a long period with rebloom in fall.

Grow tall phlox in full sun, provide sufficient space and avoid overhead watering to reduce the risk of powdery mildew. Select mildew resistant varieties like LUMINARY,

Opening Act, Sweet Summer and Super Ka-pow to reduce the risk of this disease.

Consider adding a variety of phlox plants to your garden this season or next. You and the pollinators will appreciate the long season of beautiful flowers, pollen, and nectar.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener’s Handbook*, 2nd Edition and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses* “How to Grow Anything” DVD instant video series and the nationally syndicated *Melinda’s Garden Moment* TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and her website is [www.MelindaMyers.com](http://www.MelindaMyers.com).

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# WEEKEND

## In The Home

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## DIY Home Upgrades to Add *Style and Beauty*

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**H**ome upgrades are necessary for a variety of reasons, but many homeowners look to update their homes to add comfort and beauty. While a complete renovation can be appealing, it can also be costly and time consuming.

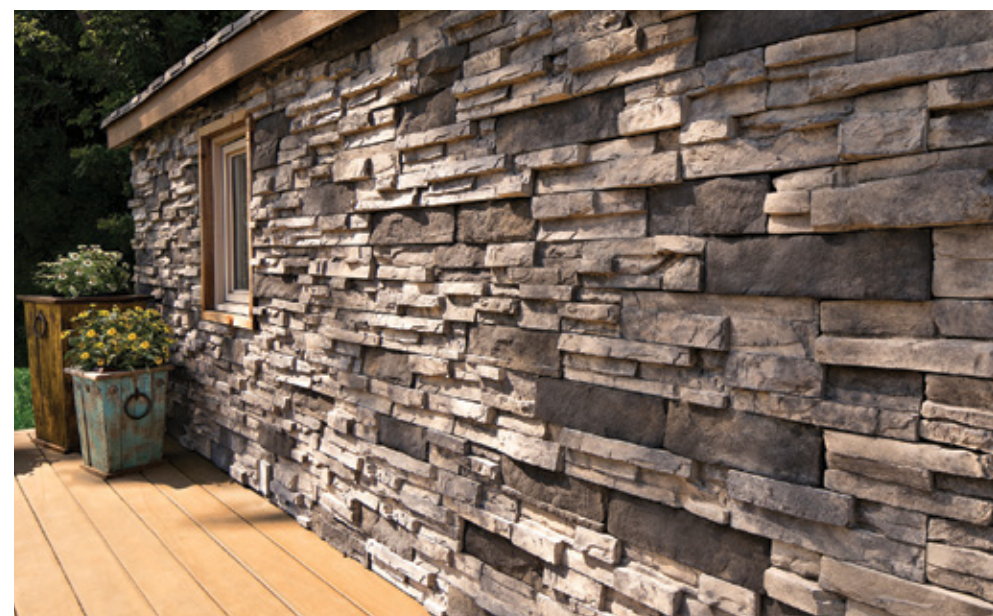
However, if you're willing to take on some of the work yourself, there are ways to upgrade your living spaces to add style (and value) without the assistance of a contractor. Consider these DIY ideas to spruce up your home's aesthetics and create a more attractive place to live.

### Freshen Up Paint

When it comes to simple DIY projects, a new coat of paint can drastically update your spaces without making major renovations. Light colors like gray, beige or white can make smaller spaces feel more open while darker shades like navy and purple can create a dramatic look. If you don't want (or need) to paint the entire room, adding a pop of color with an accent wall or touching up the trim are quick and easy improvements. Adding paint to a less traditional spot like the ceiling or refreshing cabinets with a new color can also help bring your spaces to life.

### Install Mess-Free Stone Accents

If you're looking to add warmth and texture, easy-to-install stone veneer can provide the look of natural stone without the expense. A mortarless option like ClipStone is designed to be installed with screws and common tools, making it easy to achieve the look of traditional masonry without the hassle and mess. Durable and low maintenance, you don't have to worry about sealing or painting and it's a perfect option for exterior or interior installation that can be installed in any weather conditions. Available in a variety of styles and colors, homeowners can mix and match to create a custom look. Plus, it features a built-in water management system, overlapping edges to minimize gaps, reversible outside corners and a variety of available accessories.



### Upgrade Window Treatments

Windows can often be overlooked or left with the simple paper shades or aluminum blinds the builder initially installed. Consider replacing them with plantation shutters, wooden blinds or drapes that better suit the style of the room. In addition to blinds, curtains provide another opportunity to add design elements that align with your tastes. From geometric panels to sheers, the possibilities are nearly endless. Or simply match the curtain panels to the color of your walls or an accent color for a look that can match almost any style.

### Update Accessories

Cabinet pulls, outlet covers, curtain rods, switch plates and doorknobs are easily ignored, but replacing them can be an inexpensive way to add small touches of elegance to your home. With a variety of designs and finishes to choose from, including bronze, brushed nickel, copper and stainless steel, updating worm pull handles and knobs can create an affordable look that appears expensive. The same is true

for metal switch covers and outlet plates. While decorative curtain rods may be on the pricier side, adding a coat of paint in a metallic finish could provide a cheaper alternative.

### Improve Curb Appeal

There are a multitude of inexpensive ways to give your home's exterior a makeover. Start by pressure washing your siding and windows, which can make your house look almost as good as a fresh coat of paint for a fraction of the time and money. Remember to also clean your driveway, patio and walkways to maximize your investment. Pulling weeds, trimming trees and bushes, and patching bald spots in the yard can also go a long way as can planting greenery in front of your home and making landscaping upgrades like adding mulch beds, water features or decorative edging. Another idea: replace your front door or give it a fresh coat of paint to add a pop of color to your porch.

Find more ideas for improving your living spaces at [myclipstone.com](http://myclipstone.com).

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## The State Of Travel: The “What Ifs” That Should Be Considered Throughout The Industry

**By Jeremy Murchland, president at Seven Corners, Inc.**

Generations upon generations have defined travel, inventing and re-inventing trends, top destinations, attractions and much more. From the classic family trip to solo travel and international travelers to road trip enthusiasts, we’ve seen just how peoples’ knack for adventure has evolved in more ways than one. Internally, we’ve also been witness to the transformations that have taken place for travel insurance providers. This is largely thanks to technological growth felt throughout the world as well as the diversification of product offerings and a greater emphasis on consumer awareness. Considering the travel insurance market grew from \$1.3 billion in consumer spend in 2006 to \$3.8 billion in 2019, the general expectation throughout the industry was that this growth would continue on a similar trajectory. Little did we know, at that time, the implications of the upcoming pandemic would both challenge and promote growth.

As I reflect over these innumerable changes, I am even more motivated to consider a number of “what ifs” that can or could have disrupted the travel industry as we know it. There were a number of questions that I’ve asked myself; however, I find that four key scenarios remain top of mind as their resulting impact would be particularly influential on the travel industry.

What if the pandemic had not occurred?

This “what if” is incredibly weighted as the pandemic affected the world in many negative ways. In terms of the state of travel, the entire industry was halted, and consumers and vendors alike found themselves in varying financial states. Consumers lost quite a bit of money that they had invested into their travel plans due to the pandemic. While the possibility of disruptions has always existed and impacted some travelers, many had never anticipated that can-

cellations, changes and interruptions would affect them. Now, travelers are finding themselves in the position of having to consider “What happens if I get sick or injured when I travel?” and recognize the potential dangers of being in that situation without the proper coverage. There was a portion of travelers that didn’t even realize that travel medical coverage existed; however, the pandemic generated greater consumer awareness and, in particular, a stronger awareness that domestic health insurance may not provide the coverage they need.

Over the last two years, I’ve interacted with a number of people that have come to me for guidance on their next trip because they had never purchased or even considered purchasing travel insurance in the past. These interactions have ranged from my friends, extended family and even one of my daughter’s teachers. Individuals who have lived and interacted with an executive in this industry for years are now finally recognizing the need for this coverage. Had the pandemic not occurred, it is very unlikely that this increase in consumer awareness would have been possible to achieve in such a short period of time.

On the flip side, what if something similar and/or unforeseen occurs again?

While the pandemic seems to be far from over with new cases and influxes being reported regularly around the world, it is important to consider how the industry would react to a new, similar situation. COVID-19 was impressionable on every generation, particularly for the younger generations that are just getting a taste of travel. Travel tips and suggestions that are currently standard to the industry will likely stick with them for years to come. In Seven Corners’ case, we saw the largest increase in Baby Boomer and Millennial purchases driven mainly by their desire for travel medical insurance and

coverage for interruptions or cancellations. I foresee the future of travel to be widely influenced by cost conscious consumers that are looking to protect their investment, no matter the duration of the trip.

As it relates to company operations, the pandemic forced organizations throughout the industry to build in stronger preparedness and crisis response plans. We’ve dealt with the initial panic and confusion surrounding drastic change; therefore, our future response to adversity will come from the lessons we’ve learned through this past experience.

What if we’re on the cusp of a recession?

Inflation greatly impacts travel insurers, which creates a domino effect throughout organizations as well as impacts the consumer. Trip protection products are priced based on trip costs; therefore, as trip costs go up, so does the cost of insurance for consumers. Additionally, insurance providers would likely need to increase compensation for resources across their company from sales to claims to customer service, which in turn would increase rates. This dips into all industries that are connected to travel. For example, the hospital and medical providers that provide services to those insured will now cost more, driving up claims cost and resulting in rate changes.

No company is immune to the impacts of global inflation, and it is certainly something that the travel industry is concerned about. This is one of the many reasons why companies like Seven Corners are focused on improving processes and incorporating greater technological reliance as it promotes efficiency and can help offset some of the costs associated with travel. For now, we’re monitoring the macro-economic trends closely and developing long-term forecasts for sales.

What if we fully bridged the gap between the consumer and the

travel insurance provider?

Organizations need to implement a wide range of improvements as they prioritize their relationship with customers. Increased flexibility, expansion of “non-insurance services” and modifications to travel insurance products are just the beginning. More travelers are purchasing insurance now, and insurers need to compensate for that increase by investing in technology and support teams to drive the best customer experience following each sale. Closing the gap and prioritizing customer relationships means placing more focus on educating consumers on offerings and simplifying policy language to make them much more consumer friendly. The movement of paper throughout the claims process also needs to be addressed as the complex jargon and excessive number of forms result in customer complaints that must be handled through time-consuming human interaction. Improving the claims process will provide a more positive experience and maintain a loyal customer base you’ve worked so hard to build.

For Seven Corners, investments in additional support staff for claims and customer service was a given. We’ve made significant investments into technology that encourages multi-channel communication with our customers. This includes our well-rounded mobile app, SMS/Text, WhatsApp and Sven, our chatbot for 24/7 policy questions and assistance. While these are just a few of the many internal and external changes we have incorporated, I am in the unique position of operating on a forward-looking mentality and searching for capabilities that will add to the travel experience. With each new trend or obstacle that comes our way, our main focus will remain the same - meeting the customer where they are and giving them the best possible service.

## Award-Winning Gospel Group, Greater Vision, to Grace the Stage at Myers Dinner Theatre

The popular Gospel-singing group, Greater Vision, comes to Myers Dinner Theatre on Thursday, July 31st for two shows. Since December of 1990, Greater Vision has inspired audiences around the world with their rich vocal blend and their effective ability to communicate the message of the gospel. They have established a firm place at the pinnacle of Christian music, becoming the most awarded trio in the history of Gospel music.

Greater Vision’s latest recording, “The Journey,” celebrates the group’s more than 30 years of ministry, with five new songs, penned by Rodney Griffin, Chris Allman, and Jon Epley, and completely new recordings of eight “Greater Vision Classics.” The new project was produced by Gerald Wolfe and Trey Ivey, and

is distributed by Daywind Records.

The group consists of Gerald Wolfe, Rodney Griffin, Chris Allman, and Jon Epley. More than 175 times every year, Greater Vision presents the Gospel, through music, in a way that has endeared them to audiences around the world.

Greater Vision will appear on Thursday, July 21 with the matinee seating for the meal at noon and the evening performance seating for the meal at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased by phone at 765-798-4902, ext. 2, or by visiting the MDT website at [www.myersdt.com](http://www.myersdt.com). The concert price is \$53 for dinner and show, not including taxes, handling fees, or gratuity. Myers Dinner Theatre is located at 108 Water St., Hillsboro, IN, and is handicapped-accessible.

## Monroe Lake Lights Up For The Moths

Do you hang out on the porch a lot? Do you notice all the moths flying towards the light? Well, instead of swatting at them and muttering about how much you need to get a screen for your porch, now you can learn about them! Monroe Lake will host a series of programs from July 23–31 to celebrate National Moth Week.

The highlight is Saturday, July 23, when Sawyer Scheid, an amateur entomologist, invites you to drop by to observe his ongoing insect survey work at the lake’s Fairfax State Recreation Area (SRA). He will be at the Big Oak shelter from 8 p.m. until midnight with a lighting setup to draw in moths and other insects and also will have his personal collection of silk moths on display.

Monroe Lake naturalist Jill Vance will offer a virtual program on Facebook Live on Thursday, July 28 at 11:30 a.m. This kid-friendly presentation will explore the differences between butterflies and moths and include some easy and fun ways to observe moths in your backyard. The program streams at [facebook.com/monroelake](https://facebook.com/monroelake) and will be available there afterward if you miss the live presentation or want to watch it again.

On Saturday, July 30,

the naturalist will be “sugaring” for moths from 9:15 to 10:15 p.m. in the Deer Run playground and shelter area at the lake’s Paynetown SRA. You can drop by to learn more about this method of attracting moths and see what species have been drawn in.

Moth-themed craft activities for children also will be offered at Paynetown SRA throughout the week: Magnificent Moths from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and Rosy Maple Moth Greeting Cards from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on July 23; Yarn Doll Luna Moths from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on July 27; Majestic Moths from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on July 30; and Moth Masks from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on July 31.

Program details are listed at [bit.ly/moth-week2022](http://bit.ly/moth-week2022). Questions should be directed to the Paynetown Activity Center at 812-837-9967 or [jvance@dnr.IN.gov](mailto:jvance@dnr.IN.gov).

All National Moth Week activities on site are included with property admission. The daily entrance fee at Paynetown and Fairfax SRAs is \$7 per vehicle with Indiana license plate (\$9 per vehicle with out-of-state plates). Indiana State Park Annual Entrance Permits are also accepted.

To learn more about Monroe Lake, see on.IN.gov/monroelake.

## MORE New Attractions Added to the State Fair

The Indiana State Fair unveiled yesterday new attractions fairgoers can expect to see at this year’s Fair. The 2022 Indiana State Fair opens Friday, July 29 and runs through Sunday, Aug. 21 (closed Mondays & Tuesdays). Fairgoers are encouraged to buy tickets early to save up to 40%. Tickets are currently available to purchase online at [IndianaStateFair.com](http://IndianaStateFair.com). Discounts end July 28 at 11:59 p.m.

NEW Attractions at the 2022 Indiana State Fair:

The Canine Stars Stunt Dog Show features world-class teams of dog trainers and their adopted dogs - as seen on AMERICA’S GOT TALENT! The Canine Stars Stunt Dog Show will be held at the MHS Family Fun Park from Aug. 3 through Aug. 21. Daily FREE shows

(with paid fair admission) at 12 p.m., 3 p.m., and 5:30 p.m.

Visit all the baby farm animals and their moms in Momma Town at the Expo Hall every day of the fair from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Pet all of your furry friends while visiting this new, educational exhibit.

Watch the craziest diving shows the Indiana State Fair has to offer: The Flying Fools High Dive show will wow fairgoers of all ages! Daily FREE show times are 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m., and 7 p.m.

Back by popular demand from the 2021 Indiana State Fair, STRONGMAN Mighty Mike returns to show off his mind-blowing strength! Watch the FREE (with paid fair admission) Mighty Mike show daily along Main Street at 1 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 6

p.m.

The Backyard Brats & Brews expands in 2022! This northside destination will double in size, adding more games, comfortable seating areas and entertainment! The Backyard Stage, presented by Universal Windows Direct, will feature daily bands & artists!

The USA Mullet Championships will take over the State Fair on Saturday, July 30 at 2 p.m. You won’t want to miss this first time event!

Back by popular demand, the State Fair Hot Air Balloon Night Glow, presented by PNC Bank, returns on Opening Day, Friday, July 29 at 9 p.m. This event is free with Fair admission. Don’t miss the magical sights of this great event.

The Hoosier Lottery Grandstand schedule is

packed full of fun events, including fairgoer favorites such as the State Fair Championship Rodeo, Demolition Derby, Harness Racing, and so much more! Check out the full schedule at [IndianaStateFair.com](http://IndianaStateFair.com)

State Fair Art Installations - check out the multiple NEW art installations throughout this year’s State Fair! Fairgoers will find a photo op at every turn to capture a favorite family memory!

Fairgoers can expect to see their favorite traditions as well, including visiting with all of the animals, enjoying the thrills of the midway rides and all of the unique exhibits such as Pioneer Village, Little Hands on the Farm...and so much more!

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