

**➤ TODAY'S VERSE**

Psalm 23:1-6 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.



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**What makes Ka'Lena Cuevas smile?** "Only the worst cliches come to mind when trying to answer this question, but it reminds me of one of my favorite Shakespeare plays: 'The robbed that smiles, steals something from the thief,'" said the 34-year-old Fishers resident, who is often found producing local community theater productions. She earned Encore Association's award for Best Production of a Comedy for the Basile Westfield Playhouse's 2019 "Lie, Cheat and Genuflect." She is currently acting in Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission's 30th annual free Shakespeare in the Park, with the final performance at 8:30 p.m. today at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville. Cuevas was born and raised in New York City (Chelsea, Manhattan) and when she was a teenager moved with her family to Oahu, Hawaii, until she left for college, "which is what brought me here (to Indiana)," said Cuevas, who graduated from DePauw University. After finishing grad school on the East Coast, she moved to Indianapolis, then Fishers. By day, she's a communications analyst at MISO, an electric-utility company in Carmel that manages the power grid across much of North America. "Before that, I was a technical writer and specialist in Medicare, and before that, I was a high school English teacher. I still love teaching and I continue to tutor high school students privately for the SAT and ACT (Contact her if you're interested!)." Hobbies and interests? "I love working both onstage and backstage for community theater (since 2016)." She volunteers on the marketing committee at The Belfry (which currently has Disney's Frozen Jr. through Sunday at The Ivy Tech Auditorium) and serves on the board for Main Street Productions (Basile Westfield Playhouse), which currently has the youth production, "30 Reasons Not to be in Play," through Aug. 7. Why theater? "I've always loved theater. My parents would take my siblings and me to Broadway and Off-Broadway shows growing up in NYC, and I still remember those," said Cuevas, who took acting and playwriting classes in college and majored in English. "So I read a ton of plays." What else? "Besides that, I am a major foodie, unapologetic wine/cocktail snob, and avid reader. I love learning and creating. I love interesting conversations and people who I can laugh with and who challenge me to do better."

**And Another Thing...**  
Holland Park will transform into a waterpark today as Monsoon Madness returns! Filled with giant waterslides, mechanical rides, obstacle courses, and more, there's something for all ages and abilities. The event is free and begins at noon. Early access check-in begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday at Holland Park.

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## Boomer Bits

### Ask Rusty – How Do We Apply for My Wife's Spousal Benefit?

**Dear Rusty:** I am 70 years old and just started receiving my Social Security benefits about 4 months ago and I get close to \$3700 per month. My wife is 65 years old and worked sporadically over the years so is entitled to her own benefits. If we applied under her account, she would get around \$300 a month. If she applies under the spousal benefits, she should get a lot more, but we are not exactly sure how to apply for spousal benefits under her existing account. Can you help guide us? *Signed: Uncertain How to Proceed*



ASK Rusty  
Social Security Advisor

**Social Security Matters**  
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can apply for both her own SS retirement benefit (from her own lifetime work record) and her spousal benefit from you, at the same time. In fact, when she applies for her own Social Security benefit, since you are now collecting your benefits she will be automatically deemed to be filing also for her spousal

benefit from you.  
Your wife's Social Security payment will actually consist of two elements – her own earned benefit and a "spousal boost" to bring her to her spousal entitlement. So, when she applies for her own SS benefit, she will

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## Braun Introduces Bill Aimed at Maximizing Retirement Funds

Earlier this week, Indiana Sen. Mike Braun, along with seven colleagues, introduced legislation to build a stronger retirement system for Americans by clarifying the fiduciary duty of plan administrators to select and maintain investments based solely on financial factors. Recently, the Biden Administration Department of Labor proposed a rule that would essentially coerce workers and businesses into supporting corporations deemed "woke" through ESG (environmental, social and governance) funds.

return. In comparison to other investment plans, ESG investors generally end up paying higher costs for worse performances.

"At a time when energy costs are soaring and Hoosiers are grappling with record high inflation, Democrats are politicizing American retirement funds and targeting companies that invest in energy sources that could help alleviate these soaring costs. The Biden Administration should not be sacrificing the retirement savings of thousands of individuals to promote liberal policy objectives."—Sen. Mike Braun

A number of studies have shown that ESG investing policies have worse rates of

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## BBB Scam Alert: Not Every Social Media Ad is Legit

If you are on social media, you've seen the uptick in ads for amazing deals. Retailers know this generates a lot of insights and are flooding social media with their offerings. However, consumers need to be aware that not every retailer advertising on social media is legitimate.

Complaints, negative customer reviews and BBB Scam Tracker reports across the country find issues with placed orders from social media ads. Consumers allege everything from non-delivery of orders to poor material quality, wrong sizes, or no labels.

A consumer in Wolcott, Indiana reported to BBB Scam Tracker that stated they placed an order with a cosmetic compa-

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Photo courtesy of Noblesville Schools

**The entrance to Beaver Stadium, the new home of the Noblesville Millers football team, track team and marching band. Beaver Stadium is also slated to play host to a wide range of other activities, including the Back to School BASH held yesterday.**

## Beaver Stadium Dedicated, New Home of Miller Athletics Now Open

Noblesville Schools officially dedicated the new Beaver Stadium Friday morning with a breakfast, dedication remarks, ribbon cutting and tours. Noblesville Schools superin-

tendent Dr. Dan Hile, Noblesville High School principal Dr. Craig McCaffrey and Noblesville Deputy Mayor Matt Light

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## City of Fishers to Celebrate 150 Years with Yearlong Celebration



The City of Fishers is celebrating its 150th birthday with a Sesquicentennial Year celebration. Through June 2023, the community will celebrate the founding of Fishers in 1872, then called Fishers Switch, by showcasing what it means to be uniquely Fishers.

The 150th-anniversary celebration includes an interactive Sesquicentennial Trail scavenger hunt, community time capsule, podcast series, photo archiving, and more.

"Fishers and its residents have grown into the smart, vibrant, and entrepreneurial community that we can all affectionately call our hometown. In the last 150 years it has evolved from a small farming town to a bedroom community to a bustling and innovative city," said Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness. "Our Sesquicentennial is not only a time to honor our history and the people and traditions that have made our community what it is today, but also a time to look toward the future as we enter Fishers' next chapter."

Fishers residents can take part in celebrating the Sesquicentennial in several ways:

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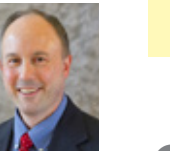
## ➤ HONEST HOOSIER

Sure seems like family reunions aren't as common as they used to be.



## ➤ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Kids work harder in school when their parents are involved in their education. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at www.thetimes24-7.com.



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## ➤ TODAY'S QUOTE

"The world breaks everyone, and afterward, some are strong at the broken places."  
- Ernest Hemingway

## ➤ TODAY'S JOKE

What's brown, hairy and wears sunglasses?  
A coconut on summer vacation!

## ➤ OBITUARIES

**Karen J. Bowman**  
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## ⇒ OBITUARIES

### Karen J. Bowman

January 31, 1943 - July 29, 2022

Karen J. Bowman, 79, of Fishers, passed away on Friday, July 29, 2022 at Sugar Fork Crossing Assisted Living Community in Anderson.

She was born on January 31, 1943 to Myron and Jessie (Thomlinson) Steinmetz in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mrs. Bowman worked as a salesperson for Smith Jewelers in Noblesville for 12 years. She was a past member of White River Christian Church and sang in the choir at Britton Falls. She liked camping and traveling with Max and spending time with her grandchildren.

Survivors include her daughter Kim (Tom) Gilles; step-daughter Lisa Sharpton; two grandchildren Sarah (Joe) Loza and Ryan Wilson; two step-grandchildren Christopher (Lora) Gilles and Chloe (Dylan) McKenney; and three great-grandchildren Camellia Loza, Jensen Loza and Rose Gilles.

In addition to her parents, Mrs. Bowman was preceded in death by her husbands Lee Brown and Max Bowman; grandson Tyler Wilson; and great-granddaughter Ambriel Loza.

Visitation is scheduled to be held from 4-7 p.m. next Tuesday at Randall & Roberts Funeral Home, 1150 Logan Street, in Noblesville. Services are scheduled to be held at 11:30 a.m. next Wednesday at the funeral home, with the Rev. Richard D. Bell officiating. Burial will be at Crownland Cemetery in Noblesville.

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



# Fishers City Hall to Close Monday Ahead of Demolition, City Services Building to Host City Offices in Interim

The City of Fishers will close Fishers City Hall next Monday in preparation for the construction of the new arts center and city hall, set to open in spring 2024.

The City Services Building will continue to serve as a one-stop-shop for residents who need to conduct business with the City such as court and utility payments, zoning assistance, and public bids. The City Services Building will also take over existing functions of City Hall, including housing City mailboxes and the main information desk. The building is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Upon closure, Fishers City Hall will be used for public safety training for Fishers Police Department and Fishers Fire and Emergency Services. Through September, residents may see activity

in and around the building. The City will provide public notification prior to each training to reduce concerns related to the training activities.

Demolition of Fishers City Hall is scheduled for Oct. 2022, with construction to follow. The Fishers Farmers Market, concerts, and other community events will continue to be held at the Nickel Plate District Amphitheater and AMP lawn throughout the construction. The Nickel Plate District Pavilion, including a meeting room, public restrooms, and fountain, will also remain open.

During construction, the visitors to Fishers City Services Building will have access to limited visitor parking spots located immediately south of the building. The parking lots located north of City Hall will be used for construction staging and will not be



open for public parking. The public is encouraged to use ample parking located around Municipal Drive, as well as street parking. Limited spots will be available in the lot behind the City Services Building for guests conducting City business. ADA parking will be available just south of the City Services Building in addition to the parking lot directly north.

Beginning Monday, public meetings will primarily be held at Launch Fishers Huston Theater, including Fishers City Council, held on the third Monday of

each month at 7 p.m. Public meetings may be held in varying locations pending availability. Changes to this plan will be posted prior to each meeting at [www.fishers.in.us/AgendaCenter](http://www.fishers.in.us/AgendaCenter).

Fishers Arts Council's Art Gallery at City Hall will be temporarily located at the Hamilton County Community Foundation Community Hub.

For more information about the closure of City Hall, visit [fishers.in.us/CityHall](http://fishers.in.us/CityHall).

Learn more about the project at [fishers.in.us/ArtsMunicipalComplex](http://fishers.in.us/ArtsMunicipalComplex).

## ⇒ News Briefs

# HCSO Community Foundation to Support Local Kids

Next Tuesday, from 6-8 p.m., the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office Community Foundation will be hosting its third Annual Back-To-School Shop With Kids event. This community effort is aimed at making sure children have adequate clothing and supplies needed to start the school year off as successfully as possible.

Hamilton Heights Youth Assistance Program graciously supported 15

children, who will all meet at the COhatch, located at 13110 Harrell Parkway Suite #100 in Noblesville. Cohatch helps its members work, meet and live digitally across a growing community. Good Samaritan Network donated backpacks, which will be full of school supplies for the children. The group will enjoy some Marco's Pizza and then go on a shopping spree at Old Navy and DSW Shoes.

# 146th Street Bridge Closure

Yesterday at 8 p.m., the 146th Street Bridge over US 31 closed for bridge maintenance as part of an INDOT project. The bridge will remain closed through the weekend and open back up to traffic on Monday at 6 a.m., weather permitting.

The official detour route for the East and West bound traffic on 146th

Street will be:

- Westbound traffic will head northbound of U.S. 31 to the 161st Street interchange then travel southbound on U.S. 31 to 146th Street.

- Eastbound traffic is being directed southbound of U.S. 31 to Clay Terrace Boulevard then head back northbound on Lowes Way to 146th Street.

## ⇒ Meeting Notice

### Noblesville Common Council

The City of Noblesville Common Council will hold

budget meetings on August 16, August 23 and August 30 at 4 p.m. in rooms A213 and A214 at City Hall, 16 South 10th St.



Photo courtesy of HHES

## Students Get Help With Reading from HHES, Duke Energy

Students who will be going into 1st grade at Hamilton Heights Elementary School are getting a boost in reading and social-emotional learning through its JumpStart program. The highly successful summer literacy program provides for a maximum of 30 students to participate in this interactive summer experience to help get their school year off to a great start. The program takes place three hours daily for 10 days prior to the start of the school on Aug. 9. The program is made possible, in part, through a generous contribution from Duke Energy.

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# Conner Prairie Working to Improve White River

Imagine if you could kayak in crystal clear water from downtown Noblesville to the southern tip of Indianapolis. Bike along a trail system that spans from Riverside Park to Strawtown Koteewi. Learn about the effects of shoreline stabilization from an education and ecology center on the banks of the White River. Thanks to the White River Vision Plan and a new partnership between Conner Prairie and The White River Alliance, all of these dreams could soon become a reality in Central Indiana.

This major milestone will help bring to life a 58-mile, multiorganizational approach to strengthen Central Indiana's most valuable natural resource through innovation, equity, and activation.

The pairing of these two organizations will provide year-round access for the White River Alliance to sample and study the water as well as the integration of river and water-focused programming at Conner Prairie. Cooperatively, the alignment will lead clean-up efforts and educational initiatives that will drive conservation



and sustainability. "The White River connects 10,000 acres of parks and attractions through Marion and Hamilton County," said Conner Prairie President and CEO Norman Burns. "We have a commitment to take care of and protect this resource as if our lives depend on it, because they do."

"I'm proud of the steps that we have taken, along with more than a dozen other community organizations, to improve the way people experience White River," commented Jill Hoffmann, Executive Director of the White River Alliance. "Our partnership with Conner Prairie will accelerate our ability to make a difference."

This new partnership is developing fun, hands-on ways for the public to learn more about the river and participate in its improvement. A River Assessment Field Team (RAFT) event, in which trained volunteers help conduct serious citizen science, is scheduled at

Conner Prairie tomorrow. Conner Prairie provides a stable, strategic hub to support water monitoring events on many of the northern tributaries that impact the White River's water quality. Data gathered from these events are being integrated into cooperative learning programs offered by both organizations and shared with state and local agencies. The pair is also hosting a river clean-up on Aug. 27 to remove trash and debris pollution from the water. Conner Prairie's lengthy shoreline and family-friendly atmosphere creates the perfect location for hosting such a largescale clean-up on this well-used and important stretch of the river.

As these opportunities continue to draw people to the river's banks, visitors are also met by thoughtful educational initiatives scattered around the grounds, including one of the 15 White River Art Canoes. The Art Canoes project is tied to a larger effort to raise



Photo courtesy of Conner Prairie

**Volunteers kayaking on the White River during the White River Clean-up Day Aug. 13, 2021.**

awareness about the value of water, particularly the White River. This effort includes a new podcast series (The Collective Tap) that explores, from a non-water-expert perspective, some of the many complexities that are woven into our daily use of this critical resource. Conner Prairie is the perfect canvas for the White River Alliance to share these connections and inspire thousands of visitors toward action.

This North River District area of the White

River Vision Plan, which includes Strawtown Koteewi, downtown Noblesville, and Conner Prairie, is taking shape with this new partnership at the helm. Activities and investments, including Conner Prairie's future White River Education and Ecology Center, will continue to focus on enhancing water and land use connections, inspiring conservation innovation, demonstrating best management practices, and providing training to help protect and improve

the region's water supply. More collaborative river activation and learning opportunities are on the way!

Learn more about Conner Prairie's commitment to the White River, the White River Education and Ecology Center, and its other sustainability efforts at <https://www.connerprairie.org/outdoor-at-conner-prairie/>. Learn more about the White River Alliance online at <https://thewhiteriveralliance.org/>.

## County Producers Must Submit County Committee Nominations by Monday

Farmers and ranchers have until Monday to nominate candidates to serve on the Tipton/Hamilton County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Committee. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) accepts nominations each year in certain Local Administrative Areas (LAAs) for individuals to serve on these locally led committees.

"The Aug. 1 deadline is quickly approaching," said Traci Merida, executive director for

FSA in Tipton/Hamilton County. "Committee members play a critical role in the day-to-day operations of the agency and are vital to how FSA carries out disaster programs, as well as conservation, commodity and price support programs. This is your opportunity to have a say in how federal programs are delivered in our county."

This year, Tipton/Hamilton County is accepting nominations for LAA #3, which includes

Madison and Wildcat Townships in Tipton County. Agricultural producers who participate or cooperate in a USDA program, and reside in the LAA up for election this year, may be nominated for candidacy for the county committee. A cooperating producer is someone who has provided information about their farming or ranching operation to FSA, even if they have not applied or received program benefits.

Nationwide, more than



7,700 dedicated members of the agricultural community serve on FSA county committees. The committees are made up of three to 11 members who serve three-year terms. Individuals may nominate themselves or others and qualifying organizations may also

nominate candidates. USDA encourages minority producers, women and beginning farmers or ranchers to nominate, vote, and hold office.

Producers should contact their local FSA office today to register and find out how to get

involved in their county's election, including if their LAA is up for election this year. To be considered, a producer must be registered and sign an FSA-669A nomination form. Urban farmers should use an FSA-669-A-3 for urban county committees. The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at [fsa.usda.gov/elections](https://fsa.usda.gov/elections).

Election ballots will be mailed to eligible voters beginning Nov. 7, 2022

## Ultimate Frisbee Ethos on Display at 2022 Elite-Select Challenge Invitational

A unique and defining element of the sport of Ultimate, "Spirit of the Game," places responsibility of fair play solely on the athletes by requiring each player to make their own calls without a neutral official. These principles, uncommon in contemporary

competitive sport, will be on display during USA Ultimate Club's Elite-Select Challenge, hosted by Indiana Ultimate Foundation, on August 20-21 at Grand Park Sports Campus in Westfield, Indiana.

As the sport's highest level of competition, USA Ultimate's Club

division represents the pinnacle of elite-level ultimate. Featuring North America's top athletes and teams, the competition structure equally highlights men's, women's and mixed-gender ultimate – a rarity for team sports. All matches are self-officiated and without the use of

referees under ultimate's Spirit of the Game ethos.

Elite-Select Challenge is part of the Triple Crown Tour, a high-profile, invitation-only showcase of five tournaments. The Elite-Select Challenge tournament gives 48 teams across three divisions an opportunity

to improve national rankings. Premier teams are invited from the bottom half of the previous year's national championship participants (Elite Flight) and those that narrowly missed out on qualifying for the National Championships (Select Flight), often leading to a shakeup in

the national rankings.

The event is open to spectators at no cost. All are welcome to attend and watch the athleticism, beauty and joy of playing the sport of ultimate. More details on the event schedule can be found at <https://play.usultimate.org/events/TCT-Elite-Select-Challenge-2022/>.

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## Indiana Region of the Red Cross Deploys Volunteers to Kentucky to Assist with Recovery After Flooding



### American Red Cross

The Indiana Region of the American Red Cross is deploying eight volunteers to eastern Kentucky to assist with recovery efforts after significant flooding earlier this week. More volunteers may deploy from the region in the coming days as Red Cross teams continue to identify needs across eastern Kentucky.

The volunteers will assist with mental health services, feeding assistance, shelter support

and more.

#### How to help:

- Visit [redcross.org](http://redcross.org), call 800 RED-CROSS or text the word REDCROSS to 90999 to make a \$10 donation. Donations enable the Red Cross to prepare for, respond to and help people recover from these disasters. This includes providing food, shelter, relief supplies, emotional support and other assistance.
- Eligible blood donors in parts of the country

unaffected by the flooding are encouraged to give blood to help ensure a sufficient blood supply. Through our national inventory system, the Red Cross can move blood around the country to wherever and whenever it is needed most.

- Red Cross continues to search for disaster action team (DAT) volunteers. As a DAT volunteer, you'll provide emotional support, financial assistance, and information to help families begin the process of recovery. Volunteers will be trained to respond to these emergencies. Those interested in volunteering can sign up at [redcross.org/dat](http://redcross.org/dat).

## Arts Commission Invests Nearly \$3M Statewide to Promote Art, Creativity

On Thursday, the Indiana Arts Commission (IAC) announced it has awarded \$2,904,102 to 413 nonprofits to fund arts projects and organizations around the state through the Arts Organization Support and Arts Project Support grant programs.

During its June 10 Quarterly Business Meeting, the Commission approved the funding recommendations for the two grant programs. Applications were reviewed by 85 Hoosiers from around the state with expertise in arts, community development, and finance.

"The projects and organizations that are receiving funding are improving the economic and educational climates of the state of Indiana," said Alberta Barker, Chair of the Indiana Arts Commission. "The Commission is delighted to support this investment in Hoosier communities. It is a privilege to uplift the impressive creative work being done around the state."

Following are examples of arts organizations receiving Arts Organization Support awards:

- In Lake County, Beachfront Dance School will be receiving Arts Organization Support Funding. Beachfront Dance School is a not for profit organization committed to providing young people of diverse backgrounds with an opportunity to receive high-quality training in classical ballet. The school's extensive programs strive to instill discipline and self-esteem to encourage creativity,

enabling students to develop to their fullest potential.

- In Dubois County, City of Jasper- Arts Department will receive support through the Arts Organization Support Program. More and more people are discovering all that Jasper has to offer through the work of Jasper Community Arts, its community partners, and the Thyen-Clark Cultural Center. The mission of Jasper Community Arts is to stimulate and encourage an appreciation of and participation in the arts. It is committed to its role as a catalyst for cultural and economic development in Jasper and Dubois County through promotion of, participation in, and enjoyment of the arts.

The commission also voted to distribute funds from the Arts Trust, which is supported by the sale of the Celebrate the Arts license plates. One Arts Project Support grant recipient from every county with a funded application has been designated as an Arts Trust Project. Their funding will be supported through the Arts Trust Plate funding. These beneficiaries were selected based on exemplary commitment to community, education, economy, and health.

Following are examples of Arts Project Support recipients selected as Arts Trust License Plate beneficiaries.

- Resounding Joy will provide Shine & Sing music therapy and Shine & Sing: Ukulele for Caregivers classes through a partnership with GiGi's Playhouse Indianapolis. These resources will offer accessible music



programming to children with Down syndrome and teach parents and caregivers how to enhance their child's development and reduce their own stress at home with music-making.

- The Japanese American Association of Indiana will present an array of Japanese cultural activities including music, art, and food at the Fort Wayne Cherry Blossom Festival. The 2023 festival will include an array of artists and performances including Japanese folk dancing, martial art demonstrations, a tea ceremony led by the local Japanese community, a storytelling/magic presentation, and others.

"Arts and creativity strengthen the fabric of Indiana's communities. They promote connection and cohesion, foster the entrepreneurial spirit communities need to thrive, and create the kinds of communities where people want to live," said Miah Michaelson, Executive Director of the Indiana Arts Commission. "In each of Indiana's 92 counties, public funding for arts and creativity continually proves to be a high-return investment that improves the quality of life of every Hoosier and drives economic development within our state."

## Versiti and Papa Murphy's Partner to Serve Up a Slice of Thanks for Blood Donors

Versiti Blood Center of Indiana is excited to announce a premier partnership with Papa Murphy's Take 'n' Bake Pizza to thank donors for lifesaving blood donations.

Through Aug. 14, all attempting donors will receive a coupon code for \$10 off their online order of \$20 or more while supplies last (the offer is available at select mobile blood drives and donor centers.)

Blood donation helps patients of all ages who are victims of traumatic accidents, needing organ

transplants, or fighting through diseases like cancer.

Blood drives at schools during the school year make up 20 percent of the blood collected by Versiti. During the summer months, many blood centers like Versiti experience a significant dip in blood donation as families take vacations and schools are closed.

As summer break winds down, Versiti encourages Hoosiers to consider donating blood, an action that can save up to three lives.

To schedule an appointment to donate blood, call 1-317-916-5150 or visit [versiti.org](http://versiti.org).

Anyone 17 or older who is in good health and meets eligibility requirements is encouraged to donate blood. Parental consent is required for 16-year-olds to donate. Appointments are preferred to ensure a quick and convenient donation, but walk-in donors are also welcome. The entire process takes about an hour. Donors should bring a photo ID that includes their birth date.

## Indiana Republicans Vote Down Amendment to Remove Rape and Incest Exception from Abortion Bill

By Casey Smith

Indiana lawmakers voted down a contentious amendment that would have removed exceptions for rape and incest from a Republican-backed bill that seeks to ban virtually all abortions in the state.

That was after more than two hours of heated debate on the proposal late Thursday night during a special legislative session.

Eighteen Republicans joined Democrats in voting against the measure, which failed in an 18-28 vote.

It was one of several vote tallies for the 62 amendments filed to the bill that lacked consensus from members of the GOP supermajority caucus. Overall, the abortion debate went five hours.

The full Senate will vote Saturday to determine whether to advance the bill to the House.

#### Exception for rape and incest remains

The amendment, authored by Sen. Mike Young, R-Indianapolis, sought to remove exceptions for abortions following instances of rape or incest.

Young said his amendment was "simple" and is about saving lives. He recently resigned from the Republican caucus amid disagreements over the GOP approach to abortion-restricting legislation. This allowed him to offer the amendment even if the GOP caucus didn't approve.

"Exceptions equal death," he said.

The original bill allowed abortions for pregnancies resulting from rape or incest up to 20 weeks conception, keeping in-line with current Indiana law that allows abortions — in any case — within that timeline.

Qualifications for those exceptions became stricter on Tuesday, however, after lawmakers adopted a separate amendment in committee to limit abortions performed in cases of rape or incest to 12 weeks for those under the age of 16. The limit drops to eight weeks for anyone aged 16 or older.

As amended Thursday, the bill also maintains narrow exceptions for miscarriages, ectopic pregnancies and cases when a fetus is not capable of supporting life. It does not not allow women to get an abortion after conception for any other reason.

Young maintained Thursday that even though his amendment would have completely stripped the exception, he thought survivors of rape or incest who are under the age of 16 should still qualify to get an abortion. He said on the Senate floor that he would support a separate amendment with that language, noting that girls under 16 are "too young to give consent."

"On this issue, we're going to take some lives of people who never had the opportunity to make that choice (to live)," Young said. "We have the opportunity and the

responsibility to protect those people who cannot talk to us."

#### GOP senators divided — and emotional

Five Republican senators spoke out explicitly Thursday evening during back-and-forth discourse on the amendment.

Republican bill author Sen. Sue Glick, of LaGrange, said simply that members of her caucus should not remove the exception.

"Give them that choice," she said, referring to survivors of rape and incest. "Don't foster that evil on them after the evil they've already suffered."

Another Republican, Sen. Ron Alting of Lafayette, also came to the mic to speak against the amendment. In his tearful remarks, Alting spoke about his 29-year-old daughter. He said — despite being "pro-life" — he would let her choose what she wanted to do if she was raped.

"That's not being liberal," he said about a "no" vote. "I think it's just trying to be a good dad."

Sen. Greg Walker, R-Columbus, additionally opposed the amendment, saying he couldn't imagine "how difficult the decision" is for sexual assault victims who become pregnant.

"We can save more unborn children — so they may experience life — with the exception than we can without," he said.

Five other GOP senators spoke outwardly in support of Young's amendment.

Sen. Jim Tomes, R-Wadesville, thanked Young for the amendment: "Two wrongs will never make a right."

Tomes, at one point raising his voice, recalled being called a "baby killer" after he returned from serving in Vietnam.

"I didn't kill no babies," he said. "And I'm not gonna start now."

Sen. Liz Brown, R-Fort Wayne, said she wanted the exception gone because "they're two human beings we're talking about — always."

Acknowledging that the amendment is "controversial," Sen. Mike Gaskill, R-Pendleton, said he supported the proposal, even though he and others might "face consequences" — like losing elections — for doing so.

"I love Jesus more than being in the Senate," Gaskill said. "I'm up here today to represent Jesus."

#### Other amendments adopted

Senators adopted a different amendment filed by Sen. Aaron Freeman, R-Indianapolis, which allows the Indiana attorney general to gain the authority to override a prosecutor's decision not to pursue abortion-related cases.

The language applies to prosecutors' policies not to pursue cases on any other topic, too.

Lawmakers have proposed multiple bills in recent years to give jurisdiction to the state attorney general in criminal cases "if the

prosecuting attorney is categorically refusing to enforce" the law. Those proposals have all been unsuccessful. Freeman's amendment passed Thursday in an oral vote.

When asked on the Senate floor by Democrats, Freeman did not deny that the amendment was aimed at Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears, who said last month that he would not prosecute abortion-related cases if the state legislature criminalized the procedure after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned the landmark Roe v. Wade opinion.

"The role of the prosecutor's office in the state of Indiana is to prosecute crimes — all crimes," Freeman said. "Their job is not to pick and choose which jobs they want to enforce."

An amendment authored by Sen. Liz Brown, R-Fort Wayne, narrowly earned approval from the chamber in a 24-23 vote, getting a "yes" from Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch to break the tie among senators.

The adopted proposal applies to women who were victims of incest or rape. While they would not be required under Glick's bill to go to the police in order to undergo an abortion, the women would have to provide the physician with a signed affidavit that must be signed under penalties of perjury — attesting to the abuse.

Brown's amendment stipulates that the affidavits must be notarized, and the documents would not be confidential. But Glick contends because the document is part of the medical chart it would be covered under privacy laws.

Two amendments offered by Democrats were also approved by the Senate.

That included one offered by Sen. Jean Breaux, D-Indianapolis, which directs a statewide maternal mortality review committee to study how changes to the state's abortion laws affect maternal mortality in Indiana. It passed in a 45-2 vote.

Another from Sen. Tim Lanane, D-Anderson, that passed unanimously, indicates that a pregnant minor doesn't have to get her parents' permission for an abortion if she's impregnated by her parent, legal guardian or custodian.

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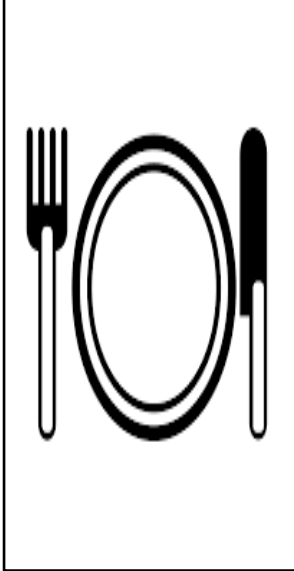
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“Retirement funds should be invested based on their long-term fiscal performance, not based on the political and social whims of the day. Employees in Wyoming are working hard, and they want to know that their investments are financially sound. They are focused on being able to retire and provide for their families, not on if their investments are woke or popular. The Biden administration should put more effort into righting our economy instead of bowing to progressive pressure.” —Sen. Cynthia Lummis

“Inflation is already crushing Kansans’ hard-earned retirement savings. This is largely driven by the Democrats’ out-of-control spending and drastically increased energy costs. The Biden Administration is now looking to further advance their war against American energy by forcing companies to make extreme commitments to climate change and social justice to be eligible for investments. I hear all the time how these radical policies are harming Kansas energy producers ability to gain access to capital and they will diminish the value of Kansans investment funds. I’m pleased to join Sen. Braun to fight back against this misguided and harmful policy.” —Sen. Roger Marshall

“Most Americans trust

their retirement plan administrators to look out for them and maximize their return on investments, but recent moves by the Biden Administration threaten to upend this longstanding system in favor of “woke” activism. Retirement accounts should be off-limits to the President’s politics.” —Sen. Roger Wicker

“Montanans’ don’t want to see woke CEOs play politics with their hard-earned retirement savings. Congress must ensure that folks’ retirement funds are being invested responsibly – not at the whim of President Biden’s far-Left agenda.” —Sen. Steve Daines

“Oklahomans are suffering the consequences of the Biden administration’s far-left policies. Even as we deal with record-high inflation, this administration continues to push for more extreme spending and radical policies that will only make the damage worse. They’ve proposed a rule that could coerce workers and businesses into supporting organizations that promote these radical ideologies, putting American retirement accounts at risk in the process. That’s why I am glad to join Sen. Braun in introducing legislation to protect our retirement system and ensure it is not undermined through outlandish rules like this.” —Sen. Jim Inhofe

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spoke at the event. Noblesville High School senior Maddux Morrison sang the national anthem.

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The high school’s previous facility was built in 1969 when Noblesville’s population was 12% of what it is today and had long been too small to accommodate the community’s needs.

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### Sesquicentennial Trail Scavenger Hunt:

Residents are invited to embark on a self-guided tour of Fishers’ history, culture, and community favorites on the Fishers Sesquicentennial Trail! Beginning on Monday, participants can pick up an official Trail passport from various locations around the city and begin checking off destinations as they explore. From historic sites such as the Ambassador House and Conner Prairie to cultural destinations such as Holland Park and the Ignite Studio to local businesses celebrating with Sesquicentennial specials and menu items, the trail is the perfect way to celebrate what it means to be uniquely Fishers. A kids’ passport book is also available for our youngest explorers! All finishers will receive an official Trail t-shirt, while the first 150 finishers will receive a gift card to a Fishers small business. Learn more and find a list of passport pickup locations at [Thisisfishers.com/Fishers150](http://Thisisfishers.com/Fishers150).

### Community Time Capsule:

Fishers is partnering with Towne Post’s Fishers Magazine to curate a community time capsule that will be displayed at the new Fishers arts center and city hall, debuting in spring 2024. The capsule will be opened in 50 years, for the city’s Bicentennial in 2072. The community is invited to submit ideas for items that should be included in the capsule via an online form on the Towne Post website.

### Mudsock Handbook Book Signing at Fishers Arts Council’s Second Friday:

Fishers Arts Council presents Fishers & Hamilton County: A Historic Perspective. Meet the talented contemporary artists behind the works on display that feature the history of Fishers and Hamilton County. Larry Reynolds, a longtime Fishers resident and 1967 graduate of the original Fishers High School, will host a book signing. The Fishers Arts Council’s Second Friday art exhibition will be hosted Aug. 12 from 6-8 p.m. at the Collaboration Hub

at 11810 Technology Dr. Light refreshments and a cash wine bar will be available.

### Podcast Series & Blog Posts:

The City has partnered with Larry in Fishers’ Larry Lannan on a new bimonthly podcast series that explores Fishers’ history. Two episodes are now available at [LarryInFishers.com](http://LarryInFishers.com) and at [ThisisFishers.com/Fishers150](http://ThisisFishers.com/Fishers150). Special blog posts on [ThisisFishers.com](http://ThisisFishers.com) will also showcase Fishers’ history, the city’s unique residents, and more through community storytelling.

### Free Historical Photo Archiving:

Fishers residents can digitize their historical photos and items for free in partnership with Fishers-based Memory Ventures ScanCafe. Through this partnership, residents and individuals with historically significant photos, slides, films, and other mediums can have them digitally preserved, shared in the official City of Fishers Sesquicentennial Archives, and receive digital downloads of their files for safe keeping and personal archiving. Visit [ThisisFishers.com/Fishers150](http://ThisisFishers.com/Fishers150) for more information on how to take advantage of this offer.

### Sesquicentennial Community Mural:

Artist Jeannette Pomeroy Parssi will host a creating party on Aug. 13 and 14 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Conner Prairie for Fishers residents to participate in creating a community mural based on a historic painting from the Conner Prairie archives. The public is invited to participate in recreating a 12”x12” piece of the 10’x8’ mural using various mediums and materials. Together, the 12”x12” pieces will complete the full mural which will be publicly displayed as part of Fishers’ Sesquicentennial Celebration.

Additional programming will be announced as the celebration continues through June 2023.

Learn more about the Fishers Sesquicentennial Celebration at [Thisisfishers.com/Fishers150](http://Thisisfishers.com/Fishers150) and follow the City of Fishers on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for updates.

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

• **Know the advertiser.** Some of the best deals are only available online but be careful. It’s easy for a fake site to mimic a famous retailer’s website, so make sure you are shopping with a legitimate site. A red flag is if the site is missing contact information.

• **Check a site’s security settings.** If the site is secure, its URL (web address) should start with “https” and include a lock icon on the purchase or shopping cart page.

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### Extend Your Cilantro Harvest and Enjoyment Create a Dream Yard for Your Dog this Summer

By Melinda Myers  
Cilantro is a favorite ingredient in guacamole, tacos, rice dishes and of course salsa. But as summer temperatures climb, the cilantro quickly goes to seed. This can be frustrating but using all parts of the plant or growing a heat tolerant cilantro-flavored substitute can help.



Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com

Gardeners in cooler climates can sow seeds every three to four weeks throughout the summer for continual harvests. Those with hotter summers will have the best results growing cilantro in the cooler temperatures of spring, fall and even winter. Grow cilantro in full sun or light shade as temperatures climb and moist well-drained soil for best results.

Mulching the soil to keep the roots cool and moist will help delay flowering. Avoid overwatering that can lead to root rot.

Harvest the leaves when they are four to six inches tall and before the plants flower for the best flavor. Harvest as needed a third of the plant at one time to allow it to keep producing or cut the whole plant back to an inch above the ground and wait for it to regrow.

Store freshly cut leaves like a bouquet of flowers in a glass of fresh water. Place in the refrigerator to use for the upcoming week. Hang leaves upside down to dry or freeze. Just wash the leaves, pat dry and place in a freezer bag or air-tight container in the freezer. Or chop up the rinsed cilantro into

#### Cilantro ready to be harvested.

smaller pieces, place in ice cube trays and top with a splash of water before placing in the freezer.

As temperatures rise, the plant will flower and set seed. Do not discard it but rather look at utilizing the other parts of this plant. Enjoy the beauty and flavor of the lacy white flowers that also attract beneficial insects to the garden.

After the white flowers fade, green seeds appear. Wait for the plants and seeds to turn brown when using them as coriander. Cut off the seed heads, place in a paper bag, and allow the seeds to drop to the bottom. The seeds are ground and used in

bread, cakes, pickling spices, and Asian food. Store in sealed containers until ready to use.

Otherwise allow the seeds to drop to the ground in the garden and grow new cilantro plants to harvest and enjoy. Cilantro seeds sprout readily when soil temperatures are 55 to 68°F and the plants can withstand a light frost.

Don't forget to harvest the roots and use them for seasoning Thai and Vietnamese food. These taste best when harvested in fall.

In the future, consider buying seeds of slow bolting cilantro varieties like Slow-Bolt, Leisure

and the 2006 All-America Selections award winner Delfino Cilantro.

Or try growing Papalo, also known as summer cilantro, in next year's garden. It has a similar but stronger flavor than cilantro with a hint of citrus and mint and thrives in hot weather. You will only need one or two plants as this annual grows up to five feet tall and several feet wide. Harvest young leaves for the best flavor and use only 1/2 or 1/3 the amount of cilantro called for in recipes.

You may need to start your own plants from seeds if none of the garden centers in your area sell plants. Start seeds indoors or directly in the garden once the danger of frost has passed and the soil is warm.

Extend your cilantro harvest and enjoyment by utilizing every part of the plant. Adjust your cilantro growing techniques as well as plant selection to help beat the heat.

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).

#### Create a Dream Yard for Your Dog this Summer

According to the AS-PCA, 23 million households in America – and 3.7 million in Canada – welcomed a new pet into their pack during the pandemic. People have been using their backyards more in recent years for everything from working and entertaining to vacationing and working out. But for dogs, this backyard business is old hat.

"No one loves the family yard as much as the family dog," notes Kris Kiser, President of the TurfMutt Foundation, an organization that advocates for the care for and use of green spaces, as well as pet rescue. "It's my rescue dog, Mulligan's, favorite place to be, so I do everything I can to make it safe and enjoyable for her, which ultimately makes it better for me, too."

Kiser and Mulligan have advice for creating a dream yard for your pets and the whole family this summer:

**Plant Real Grass**  
Plastic grass is uncomfortable on paws (and bare feet), gets very hot during the summer, is difficult to clean, and is worse for the environment since it requires water for cleaning and usually can't be recycled. The bottom line: real grass is the best option for pets, people and the environment.

**Select the Right Plants & Grasses**

Choose a type of turf grass that will withstand the "ruff" housing of your pet. Buffalo and Bermuda grasses can be a good choice, depending on your climate zone. For other plants and shrubs, check the ASPCA's list of toxic and non-toxic garden plants for advice before planting. You'll want soft, sturdy foliage near walkways. Save delicate, decorative flowers for elevated flowerbeds and patio pots. Pro tip: place plants close together in areas you want to designate as off-limits to your dog to create boundaries.

**Consider Pollinators & Other Wildlife**  
Nature starts in your

backyard, which provides habitat and food for birds, butterflies, bees and more. Each of these species help pollinate food crops and flowering plants, so take them into consideration, too, when you're selecting plants for your backyard.

**Plan for Fun**  
Add a splash pool, build a sandbox for digging or even create a canine obstacle course to provide hours of fun. After a day of play, your dog will need a place to relax so think of where you can plant trees or bushes that provide shade for snoozing.

Sign up for Mutt Mail, a monthly e-newsletter with backyarding tips and all the news from the TurfMutt Foundation. To learn more about creating the yard of your dreams, visit [TurfMutt.com](http://TurfMutt.com).

TurfMutt was created by the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute's (OPEI) TurfMutt Foundation and has reached more than 70 million children, educators and families since 2009.

Through classroom materials developed with Scholastic, TurfMutt teaches students and teachers how to "save the planet, one yard at a time." TurfMutt is an official USGBC Education Partner and part of their global LEARNING LAB. TurfMutt is an education resource at the U.S. Department of Education's Green Ribbon Schools, the U.S. Department of Energy, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Green Apple, the Center for Green Schools, the Outdoors Alliance for Kids, the National Energy Education Development (NEED) project, Climate Change Live, Petfinder and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

In 2017, the TurfMutt animated video series won the coveted Cynopsis Kids Imagination Award for Best Interstitial Series. TurfMutt's personal, home habitat is featured in the 2017-2020 Wildlife Habitat Council calendars. More information at [www.TurfMutt.com](http://www.TurfMutt.com).

### Keeping Pets Safe in the Garden This Summer

#### (Family Features)

If you have pets that enjoy spending time outdoors, it's important to make sure your yard is a safe place for them to be.

Consider these hazards that can negatively impact the well-being of your furry friends.

**Poisonous Plants** - Some common plants can be dangerous for animals, causing anything from mild oral irritations and upset stomachs to cardiovascular damage and even death. For example, these are some of the toxic plants the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (ASPCA) has identified as harmful for either cats or dogs:

\* Aloe - can cause vomiting, diarrhea, tremors, anorexia and depression

\* Azalea - can cause vomiting, diarrhea, hypersalivation, weakness, coma, cardiovascular collapse and death

\* Burning bush - can cause vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain and weakness, as well as heart rhythm abnormalities with large doses

\* Caladium - can cause burning and irritation of the mouth, tongue and lips, excessive drooling, vomiting and difficulty swallowing

\* Daylilies - can cause kidney failure in cats

\* Hibiscus - can cause vomiting, diarrhea, nausea and anorexia

**Mulch and Compost** - The decomposing elements that make compost good can be bad for pets, according to the National

Garden Society. Keep compost in a secure container or fenced off area so pets can't get to it. Cocoa mulch can be a particular problem for dogs. A by-product of chocolate production, cocoa mulch can cause digestive problems and even seizures in dogs. Shredded pine or cedar mulch is a safer choice.

**Fertilizer and Insecticides** - The chemicals used to get rid of pests or make your lawn lush can be toxic to pets. Some of the most dangerous pesticides include snail bait with metaldehyde, fly bait with methomyl, systemic insecticides with disys-ton or disulfoton, mole or gopher bait with zinc phosphide and most forms of rat poison, according to the ASPCA. Follow all

instructions carefully, and store pesticides and fertilizers in a secure area out of the reach of animals.

**Fleas and Ticks** - In addition to using appropriate flea and tick prevention methods such as collars and sprays, make sure your yard isn't a welcoming environment for these pests. Keep the lawn trimmed and remove brush and detritus, where fleas and ticks often lurk. Fleas can cause hair loss, scabs, excessive scratching, tapeworms and anemia. Ticks can do all of that, plus bring you and your family in contact with diseases like Rocky Mountain spotted fever and Lyme disease.

Find more tips for keeping pets safe in your yard at [eLivingtoday.com](http://eLivingtoday.com).

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# UNEXPECTED SPACES

Surprising home upgrade ideas

### FAMILY FEATURES

**N**ot all great things come in big packages, and home upgrades are an example of the truth in this wisdom. Unexpected, smaller spaces may not get the same attention as high-traffic areas like kitchens, bathrooms and living areas, but their impact can be just as powerful. Get inspired to make improvements to the lesser-used areas of your home with these tips from the home decorating experts at Wellborn Cabinet, Inc.:

#### Entryway

It's the impression that welcomes guests into your home, so even if the space is small, your entryway warrants some TLC. Focus on making it open and inviting by removing any unnecessary furnishings. Some functional storage, like a bench with integrated coat hooks, can serve a practical purpose, and if you have the space, some built-in cabinetry with an eye-catching countertop can incorporate stylish storage.

#### Laundry Room

Getting motivated to do chores like laundry is easy when you have a beautiful setting for getting to work. Introducing pops of color in nontraditional places, like the cabinetry, adds a high-end elegance. Water-inspired and earthy hues like Midtown Matte Tidewater or Arcadia Chiffon Cypress are perfect for the laundry space. Both are options in Wellborn Cabinet, Inc.'s Aspire Series, which features concealed hinges with self-close functionality and matching interiors for a high-class look, even when the doors are open for business.

#### Closet

A cluttered closet may not be the first thing a guest notices, but it's a space you visit daily. Improving the organizational features can streamline your morning routine and put you in a more positive frame of mind to start each day. There's no right or wrong when it comes to closet design, but using cabinetry in place of open shelving and rods lends a more luxurious feel. Plan for adequate hanging and closed storage, and if space allows, be sure to plan for shoes and accessories since these items can easily contribute to a closet's disarray.

#### Mini Bar

If you fear you don't have room for a mini bar, you may be surprised. Reimagining a larder cabinet, like the ones Wellborn Cabinet, Inc. offers in 30-, 33-, 36- and 42-inch widths, can create an instant bar out of just about any wall space where you can fit a cabinet. Install it as a coffee bar or traditional bar, or add the optional Appliance Pullout shelf for more versatility.

#### Pantry

Guests may not find themselves in your pantry very often, but you likely use this space every day. Transform your pantry for heightened utility in simple ways like using clear plastic bins for small boxed foods or stylish wicker baskets to hide away snacks. For a more permanent solution, take advantage of unused space on the back of the pantry door with thin shelves for items like seasoning packets and smaller canned goods.

#### Guest Bathroom

Swapping out a tired vanity and countertop is a relatively affordable upgrade that can completely change the style of a secondary bathroom. Be sure to also update the fixtures for a more contemporary look and, if budget allows, replace the flooring. Finish the project with a fresh coat of paint in a light, airy shade and add new textiles and a few decorative touches to complete the job.

Find more ideas for updating unexpected spaces in your home at Wellborn.com.



## Hideaway Storage Spaces

One feature that enhances virtually any space is more storage. Having convenient places to tuck away all your stuff makes rooms feel more open and inviting. Hidden storage solutions are often better because you can enjoy the functionality they add to the space without interrupting your design aesthetic.

Here are some clever ideas for keeping necessary items tucked out of sight but within easy reach:

**Built-in Step Stool:** If you love the look of tall cabinets but struggle to reach the top shelves, a practical addition is a hidden step ladder in a pullout caddy. Specially designed ladders that fold down extra narrow and feature nonslip rubber treads make this a handy addition you'll reach for again and again.

**Paper Towel Pullout:** Keep paper towels hidden but close by hiding them in a pullout cabinet such as Wellborn Cabinet Inc.'s 12-inch-wide model, which features a built-in paper towel holder and bottom shelf ideal for organizing cleaning products. There's also a space behind the paper towels that's perfect for storing sponges and other kitchen supplies.

**Drawer Dividers:** While you can find many after-market options to organize the insides of your drawers and cabinets, choosing organizers designed to work seamlessly with your cabinetry creates a more polished look (and saves the headaches of measuring and guesstimating the fit). Tray dividers are useful for sorting cookie sheets and baking pans, while you can find dividers in a variety of heights to match drawers below the oven or where you store your cutlery. Another option that serves a similar purpose is pegs, which keep fragile items from shifting when drawers are opened or closed.



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## Travel *or stay!* and Play

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### Classic Cars, Vintage Planes and Country Music Fill Mansfield's Fantastic Final Friday Weekend

Travelers will want to plan a trip to Mansfield Aug. 26-28, when a jam-packed weekend filled with fantastic times offers loads of opportunities to make memories with family and friends. The action actually gets rolling on Wednesday, when the rare and massive WWII planes of the Air Power History Tour fly into Mansfield Lahm Regional Airport. The Final Friday live concert at the Brickyard and the Heart of the City Cruise-In round out the weekend fun.

Mansfield Lahm Airport Day

The first of what's expected to be an annual event in Mansfield will show off the area's updated Mansfield Lahm Airport on Saturday, Aug. 27 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Designed to spark and interest in aviation among young people, free Young Eagles Flights are offered to attendees age 8-13 who've never been on a plane, starting at 9:30 a.m. Registration for these limited flights is recommended and opens at 1 p.m. Aug. 19 at yeday.org. A Food Truck Rally will host nearly a dozen different offerings, while the special KidsZone bounce houses and interactive inflatables are staffed by members of the Civil Air Patrol. An area showcasing the businesses of Mansfield Lahm Airport

will introduce all that's new at the airport.

Aug. 24-28, the sights, sounds and stories of World War II aviation fly into the airport as the AirPower History Tour brings five of the era's most important aircraft the main terminal ramp. The tour is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily and access is \$20 for adults, \$10 for youths age 11-17 and free for kids age 10 and under. Details and tickets are found at [airpowersquadron.org/mansfield-ohio](http://airpowersquadron.org/mansfield-ohio). Presented by the Commemorative Air Force, the tour gives visitors a rare opportunity to view aircraft up close and to tour B-29 and B-24 cockpits when the aircraft aren't flying. The CAF is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to honoring American military aviation history by keeping these majestic aircraft flying and through exhibition and remembrance. A highlight is a ride aboard any of five iconic 1930s-1940s aircraft. Advance reservations are recommended, with 20- and 40-minute ride prices ranging from \$299-\$3700/person. Rides are available in the B-29 Superfortress "Fifi," B-24 Liberator "Diamond Lil," T-6 Texan; PT-13 Stearman and P-51 Mustang "Gunfighter." Ride schedules and booking is available online at [airpowersquadron.org/book](http://airpowersquadron.org/book).

ron.org/book. Final Fridays Concert in the Brickyard:

The wildly popular Final Friday Concert Series takes place in the historic downtown Mansfield's Carrousel District. Friday, Aug. 26, 2022, an all-country line-up includes Jose Sanchez, Tom's Kitchen Table, and County Line, who take the Brickyard stage at 5:30 p.m. Guests often bring their own chairs to this popular outdoor arts and cultural venue, where local craft beer and food trucks draw lines of hungry and thirsty music lovers. Once a bustling commerce and warehouse district, the area faded, leaving deteriorated old industrial buildings, long past their prime. Local visionaries developed the Brickyard to create a downtown cultural center. Today, a live music stage, farmers markets and pop-up shops have replaced the wholesale demolition of littered alleys and piles of bricks.

Heart of the City Cruise-In:

The 25th anniversary Heart of the City Cruise-In rolls into downtown Mansfield, Saturday, Aug. 27 at noon and runs through 8 p.m. One of the state's largest car shows, the event features drool-worthy cars, trucks, and vans, competitions with trophies, show favorites, a 50/50

raffle, live music and great food. Held rain or shine, entrants in this massive antique car show cruise up SR 13 from Central Park. With the hundreds of cars lined up to strut their stuff, the parade will feature every imaginable antique vehicle, plus some modern stunners, from a 1920s Model T, a 1933 Plymouth PD Coupe or a '65 Ford Shelby GT350, to a rare 1964 Chevy Corvair Rampside, a 1920s Packard Roaster or the 1957 Chevy 210. Live entertainment will have some of that same vintage flare, with hometown 1960's rock bands Ohio Express, Music Explosion, and The Cyrkle, along with Journey cover band Departure. Anyone who wants to show off their ride can register at the show at 9 a.m. for \$15.

A destination unlike any other, Mansfield, Ohio offers unusual travel adventures and experiences, such as spending the night in a haunted former state prison where Hollywood blockbuster movies are shot, world-class motorsports, skiing, hiking, biking, golf, and loads of other outdoor adventures attract families and visitors of all ages. Complete visitor information, lodging details and free visitor guides are available at [destinationmansfield.com](http://destinationmansfield.com).

### Circle City Raceway to Host First USAC Indiana Sprint Week Event

The 35th NOS Energy Drink Indiana Sprint Week gears up for nine nights of action packed USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car Championship Racing from now through July 30. One of the most anticipated stops will be at the newly built Circle City Raceway in Indianapolis where the USAC Sprint Cars will make their first-ever Indiana Sprint Week appearance.

The stars of the USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car Championship will make their way to Circle City Monday for day 4 of 9 of Sprint Week. USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car Championship points leader Justin Grant will head to Circle City along with 2nd place Brady Bacon and 3rd place Robert Ballou. All the stars of the series are expected to be in attendance for one of the most anticipated racing events in Indiana.

Circle City Raceway located inside the Marion County Fairgrounds in Indianapolis, has played host to some fantastic racing already in its short existence. The quarter-mile track is state of the art and offers fans a dirt track experience unlike any other.

With the arrival of the USAC AMSOIL National Sprint Car Championship expect nothing but thrills and excitement from one of USAC's top series at one of Indiana's newest and exciting dirt tracks.

Tickets will be available at the gate on race day and are \$30 for adults, \$25 for Veterans, First Responders, and Teachers, \$10 Children 9-12, and free for children 8 and under. For more information visit [www.circlecityraceway.com](http://www.circlecityraceway.com) or call the Circle City office at (317) 746-3928.

### Twenty-Ninth Annual N.I.T.E. Ride to Take Off on Aug. 20

Navigate Indy This Evening will kick off at City Market on Aug. 20. Hosted by CIBA (Central Indiana Bicycling Association), to promote a fun, safe, family ride for all levels of riders.

With over 1500 participants expected for 2022, The NITE Ride starts at 11:00pm from the City Market, Monument

Circle, Major Taylor Velodrome, White River, Riley Park, and more. The total route length is 20 miles.

Local sponsors of the 2022 NITE Ride include: City Market, Markey's AV, Premier Promotions Apparel, and TACTIVE. For sponsorship opportunities, please visit [www.niteride.org](http://www.niteride.org)

### Brantley Gilbert & Brett Young to Headline Cowboy Luau Sept. 16-17, the First Multi-Day Festival at Poconos Park

It's time to "Get Your Good Times On" and "Party in the Poconos!" The sound of music will once again fill the air of the Poconos Mountain region with the first major event to be held at POCONOS PARKTM. Brantley Gilbert and Brett Young will headline COWBOY LUAUTM, a two-day country music festival, on Friday, September 16, and Saturday, September 17, 2022. Tickets go on sale this Friday, July 22 at 10 A.M. Eastern. Presale registration starts today through Thursday at [www.CowboyLuau.com](http://www.CowboyLuau.com)

The full line-up of entertainment will run from 1 P.M. to 11 P.M. daily on three stages: the Main Stage—the Amphitheater at Poconos Park; an outdoor festival stage; and a Party Bar Dance Tent. Additional acts include Pennsylvania's own Warren Zeiders, as well as Ryan Griffin,

Dylan Schneider, Austin Meade, Kassi Ashton, Rick Monroe & the Hitmen, Aydamn, and Jake's Rockin' Country Band, with more talent to be announced in the coming weeks.

COWBOY LUAU will also feature hula and line dancing, dance instruction every hour on the hour, a corn hole tournament (with the daily winner receiving a backstage photo with Brantley Gilbert or Brett Young), DJ dance parties, and even an opportunity to win a Harley-Davidson motorcycle. COWBOY LUAU will also include locally sourced artisan food options, chef-driven cocktails, and, of course, cold beer curated by Event Hospitality Solutions. Additionally, the festival will feature delicious food and beverage options from local restaurants and chefs, including local establishments The Morning Brew, Juby's

Smoothies, and more.

Early Bird Tickets for the two-day festival start at only \$69.99 (plus fees) for general admission. Elevated experience packages such as front row, standing pit, dinner on the lake, private cabanas, and hotel packages are available for an additional cost. All COWBOY LUAU tickets and packages are available for purchase starting this Friday via Fever. Download the Fever app available on Google Play and Apple Store or on the Fever website, [www.FeverUp.com](http://www.FeverUp.com) or [www.CowboyLuau.com](http://www.CowboyLuau.com).

"We are honored to announce the first major event at POCONOS PARK bringing country music stars Brantley Gilbert and Brett Young to the Poconos," exclaimed John M. Oakes, CEO/ Founder of From The RootsTM/POCONOS PARKTM. "We look forward to seeing the

East Coast country music fans to show up and 'Get Your Good Times On' in their flannel and flip-flops, luau skirts or Daisy Dukes or cowboy boots and Hawaiian shirts and 'Party in the Poconos!'"

In early 2022, Oakes 'From the Roots, a real estate development and venue management company, acquired 200+ acres of land including the nearly 40 million-dollar development formerly known as Mt. Laurel Performing Arts Center and the Tom Ridge Pavilion. Just a short drive from New York City, Philadelphia, Scranton, Wilkes-Barre, Newark, Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton, From the Roots recognized the venue's immediate potential, took action, renovated, upgraded, and reopened it as POCONOS PARK. Stay tuned for future event announcements in the coming weeks.

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