

➔ TODAY'S VERSE
Habakkuk 3:19 Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The LORD God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places.



➔ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY
People who call our community their own. What makes Jeff Wright smile? "Working with the wonderful faculty members at Anderson University and with the dedicated singers in the Chancel Choir at Noblesville First United Methodist Church brings great joy to me. That makes me smile and makes life incredibly fulfilling. I consider myself a very fortunate individual to have the opportunity to create beautiful art in both of these settings," said Wright of Fishers, in 2021, when he was Dean of the School of Music, Theatre and Dance at Anderson University. He held the position for more than 25 years and is now Dean Emeritus. He came to Noblesville First UMC in 2016 to be the church's music director. The Chancel Choir meets Wednesday evenings September through May and sings at Sunday worship at 9 and 10:30 a.m. No audition is required, and members may join at any time during the year. Chancel Ringers handbell ensemble meets just before choir practice and its members must be able to read music notation. There is also a contemporary praise band. Wright is the contact for all of these. Wright directs the annual Christmas choir concert at the Christmas Festival of Music and Art, an event this year on the evening of Dec. 10 that collaborates with Janus Developmental Services. Also, at the church this month, donate and shop at UMC Women's Rummage Sale Oct. 8-13 with donation drop-offs only 1-5 p.m. Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and 8-11 a.m. Tuesday; and shop 3-7 p.m. Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and 8 a.m. to noon on Friday. Proceeds fund ministries that benefit women, men, children and those with special needs in Noblesville and around the globe. Noblesville First's inaugural Arts & Music Academy for students K-5 begins with a fall break theater camp Oct. 16-20 at the church. A Trunk or Treat safe trick-or-treat experience will be 4-6 p.m. Oct. 29 with trunk hosts to decorate their cars with prizes for most creative trunks. For more about activities at UMC, visit noblesvillefirst.com. Also, Noblesville First UMC is partnering with Hamilton County Theatre Guild to present The Belfry Theatre's holiday show, "The Man Who Came to Dinner," directed by Eric Matters on Nov. 24-Dec. 3 in Celebration Hall at the church. Read more about Wright and Anderson University's current musical production this weekend in the Betsy Reason column in today's edition of The Times.

And Another Thing...
1. Halloween Fun For The Whole Family
The First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville would like to invite our community to a free Trunk-or-Treat event in the church parking lot. * Bring your little ghouls and goblins and enjoy lots of treats, a make-n-take craft, music, movie and a brown bag hotdog dinner. Bring the whole family and wear your costumes! October 28 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Noblesville 1207 Conner Street. *In the event of inclement weather, festivities will be inside our fellowship hall.

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Boomer Bits

Ask Rusty - How Do Disability Programs Affect Social Security's Budget?

Dear Rusty: I read with interest an analysis of the history, reasons, and financial costs of the SSI (Supplemental Security Income) and SSDI (Social Security Disability Insurance) programs. My question is, specifically, what portion of the Social Security budget goes toward SSI and SSDI vs. for regular SS retirement income for those who paid into the fund during their working lives? How are the costs of SSI and SSDI covered by the federal government? When did these two sections of the budget enter the law and what was the impetus behind them? Signed: An Inquiring Mind

Dear Inquiring Mind: No part of Social Security's "budget" is used to pay SSI (Supplemental Security Income). SSI is a means-tested general assistance program for disadvantaged children and needy disabled adults and aged seniors who have very little income and very few assets. Federal SSI benefits are paid from the government's General Treasury, not from Social Security



ASK Rusty Social Security Advisor

Social Security Matters
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Trust Funds. SSI is jointly administered by the person's state of residence and the Social Security Administration, and the state usually provides additional benefits to supplement the financial assistance provided by the federal government under the SSI program. The Social Security Administration only administers the SSI program, it does not fund it.

By contrast, SSDI (Social Security Disability Insurance) benefits are for employed Americans who become disabled and unable to work full time. SSDI benefits are meant to provide limited income replacement for the disabled worker, and those benefits are paid from a separate Social Security "DI" (Disability Insurance) Trust Fund. The DI

fund receives a portion (0.9%) of the FICA SS payroll taxes every American worker pays on their earnings and is used to pay disability benefits to eligible American workers who are unable to perform "substantial gainful activity" for a year or more. The eligibility criteria to collect SSDI are very strict, but those approved receive their benefits from this separate DI trust fund, not from Social Security's Old Age and Survivors Trust Fund. Payroll taxes collected for disability purposes are deposited in the DI Trust Fund as interest-bearing government bonds, and those DI assets are redeemed as needed to pay SSDI benefits. FYI, SSDI (disability) benefits

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AMAC CEO Rebecca Weber And Real America's Voice Host John Solomon Will Interview Top Presidential Candidates

AMAC is partnering with renowned journalist John Solomon to host a series of townhall interviews with the top presidential candidates. The interviews will air on Real America's Voice. The first interview is scheduled to air this Thursday, October 5 at 6pm EST with Vivek Ramaswamy. The second interview is scheduled to air on October 6 at 6pm EST with Donald Trump. Additional interviews will follow in the upcoming weeks. Rebecca Weber and John Solomon will interview the candidates and some of the questions will come directly from AMAC members. To watch the interviews, click here.

"We are thrilled to speak directly with the top presidential candidates and to hear their plan to address the national challenges that are critical to AMAC members," said AMAC CEO Rebecca Weber. "This will provide an opportunity to have in-depth conversations on issues such as the economy, border security, healthcare, Social Security, and social issues that are often largely overlooked by the mainstream media and even the Republican debates. We won't be focused on gotcha questions—we will be focused on the real issues that concern hardworking Ameri-

cans and American seniors." "AMAC is one of the most influential grassroots groups in America, and its millions of members have a large stake in the issues at the heart of the 2024 election, from the future of Medicare and Social Security to the porous southern border that is now afflicting every community in America with drugs, crimes and depleted resources," John Solomon said. "I am excited to partner with AMAC, Real America's Voice and the candidates to create these conversations to help educate voters before they cast ballots in a few short months," he added.

Hundreds of AMAC members have submitted questions for the candidates.

For background on hosts Rebecca Weber and John Solomon, see below:

Rebecca Weber is the CEO of the Association for Mature American Citizens (AMAC), the premier conservative grassroots organization for Americans over 50. Founded in 2007 by her father, the late Dan Weber, Rebecca helped grow the organization from a brilliant idea into a two-million-plus member association. AMAC is now the conservative

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BBB Scam Alert: Social Media Discount Code Shopping Scam

Recently, BBB Scam Tracker has received multiple reports of an online shopping scam on TikTok. It's a sneaky one! It starts with a disgruntled employee supposedly seeking revenge and ends with victims ordering hundreds of dollars in phony merchandise.

How the scam works

You come across a TikTok video featuring someone claiming they were recently fired at a high-end jewelry store. The termination was completely undeserved, and they are angry. To take their revenge, they are sharing their top-secret employee discount code with anyone who wants it. This code gives you up to 100 percent off the company's merchandise. That's right, they claim you can get expensive jewelry for free! As long as you're willing to pay shipping, that is.

You may notice some red flags when you checkout using the ex-employee discount code. One consumer reported: "As you add more things from the website to your cart, the shipping cost increases disproportionately... However, this still

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➔ HONEST HOOSIER
Does anyone bob for apples anymore?

➔ TODAY'S QUOTE
"The witches fly across the sky, The owls go, 'Who? Who? Who?' The black cats yowl And green ghosts howl, 'Scary Halloween to you!'"
-Nina Willis Walter

➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP
Teach your kids to eat healthier by having them help pack their school lunch. Not packing a lunch? Many schools keep track of what kids are picking out in the lunch line - ask to review it
Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at www.thetimes24-7.com

➔ TODAY'S JOKE
Why did the Headless Horseman apply to college?
He wanted to get ahead in life.

➔ OBITUARIES
None

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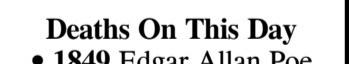
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• National Flower Day
• Shemini Atzeret
• You Matter To Me Day

What Happened On This Day

- 2001 War in Afghanistan begins. American and British troops began air strikes against Al Qaeda and Taliban targets after the Taliban refused to hand over Osama bin-Laden, the mastermind of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, and other Al Qaeda operatives, to the United States. Nicknamed Operation Enduring Freedom, the military strikes were part of the so-called Global War on Terror.
- 1959 People on Earth Get the First Glimpse of the Dark Side of the Moon. Soviet spacecraft Luna 3 took pictures of the far side of the Moon.
- 1944 Auschwitz-Birkenau Sonderkommando Revolt. The short-lived rebellion was staged by prisoners who worked at a crematorium after they learned that the Nazis planned to execute most of the squad. The revolt was quickly put down, and over 450 people were killed.



Births On This Day
• 1931 Desmond Tutu South African archbishop, activist, Nobel Prize laureate
• 1885 Niels Bohr Danish physicist, Nobel Prize laureate



Deaths On This Day
• 1849 Edgar Allan Poe American author, poet
• 1792 George Mason American politician

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Photo courtesy of Anderson University School of Music, Theatre and Dance

Tori Adler of Carmel, a senior and musical theater major at Anderson University, performs "Not Getting Married Today" from Stephen Sondheim's "Company" in "Side by Side by Sondheim," a musical revue on stage for three more performances, at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. today and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Anderson University's Byrum Hall.



The Times photo courtesy of Betsy Reason

Jay Ganz of Fishers designed this set for Anderson University's current production of "Side by Side by Sondheim," a musical revue that continues through Sunday and takes the audience on a musical trip through time of the early works of Stephen Sondheim.

'Sondheim' Musical This Weekend Worth The Drive To Experience Locals' Involvements



BETSY REASON
From The Editor's Desk...

It isn't often that I write about events outside of Hamilton County. However, today, I take you to Anderson University's Byrum Hall where some Hamilton County residents are on stage in one of my favorite musical revues, "Side by Side by Sondheim."

I produced the show for The Belfry Theatre with director Ron Richards of Noblesville in March 2020, the last Belfry show before the Covid pandemic.

When I learned that the show would be on stage at Anderson University, I had to get tickets. We attended opening night last Friday. The show continues with three more performances at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. today and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are still available.

The trek to Anderson University is about 35 minutes from downtown Noblesville and is well worth the drive.

Thirty-four musical numbers take the audience on a musical trip through time of the early works of Stephen Sondheim, Broadway's great composer during this production presented by AU's School of Music, Theatre & Dance.

The show features songs from "Company," "Into the Woods," "Follies," "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street," "Anyone Can Whistle," "Evening

Want TO GO?

What: Anderson University School of Music Theatre & Dance presents "Side by Side by Sondheim" musical revue of the early works of Stephen Sondheim, directed and choreographed by Kenny Shepard of Fishers.

When: 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

Where: Anderson University's Byrum Hall, 1100 E. Fifth St., Anderson.

How much: \$7-\$15. How to go online for tickets: www.anderson.edu/arts-events

Primrose," "Marry Me a Little," "Gypsy," "A Little Night Music," "The Mad Show," "Sunday in the Park with George" and "West Side Story."

We got there early enough to find our seats and read through the show's program.

Finding familiar folks' names in the program was an added bonus.

Two members of the student cast, the set designer and the director/choreographer all hail from Hamilton County.

Anya Burke of Westfield is a senior musical theater student at Anderson University and was featured in many of the numbers, including "Comedy Tonight," "Tonight," and "Another Hundred People" "If Momma Was Married," "Too Many Mornings," "Broadway Baby," "You Could Drive A Person Crazy" and other Sondheim favorites.

At AU, in earlier productions, Burke played Uzo in "Godspell" and "Luisa in "The Fantasticks." This fall, she'll be featured in a new



Photo courtesy of Anderson University School of Music, Theatre and Dance

Anya Burke of Westfield, a senior and musical theater major at Anderson University, performs "I Have A Love" from "West Side Story" in "Side by Side by Sondheim," a musical revue on stage for three more performances, at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. today and 2:30 p.m. Sunday at Anderson University's Byrum Hall.

film, "Hellcat" by AU professor Jack Lugar. She studies voice and is a member of the more than 75-year-old AU Chorale, one of the premiere collegiate choral ensembles in the nation.

Burke graduated in 2020 from Westfield High School and was the second place winner of a 2021 Carmel Christkindlmarkt \$500 scholarship. She got interested in theater in fifth grade participating in Christian Youth Theater (CYT). My daughter performed with Burke in CYT's "Annie" musical in 2014 at Marian University, Burke in the role of Star-to-Be and Addie in the role of Molly. Addie has also known Burke through Conner Prairie, where both have been youth volunteers together. So it was a nice reunion seeing Burke who greeted patrons after the show.

Burke has also played in many productions at Grace Church in Noblesville, where she first performed in "Les Miserables" in 2014.

Tori Adler of Carmel is also a senior musical theater major at Anderson University and was also featured in many musical numbers of "Side by Side by Sondheim," including "If Momma Was Married" and "Not Getting Married Today." She graduated in 2020 from Lutheran High School of Indianapolis. She performed as Jane in AU's national collegiate premiere of "J. Eyre." She has performed at the Children's Museum of Indianapolis and many other productions.

Jay Ganz of Fishers -- who I featured on Sept. 30 in The Times as the set designer of Main Street Productions' "Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber



KENNY SHEPARD



JEFF WRIGHT

of Fleet Street," directed by Noblesville's Andrea Odle and which just finished a sold-out two weekend run at Basile Westfield Playhouse -- was the set designer for "Side by Side by Sondheim." It's a beautiful, colorful set that Ganz designed. On opening night, Ganz -- a full-time designer of exhibits at the Children's Museum of Indianapolis by day -- sat in the back of the theater watching the show and then chatted with this journalist during intermission.

The director and choreographer of the Sondheim musical revue was Kenny Shepard, a name I had long remembered from the interviews I had done with him during my days writing for The Noblesville Ledger and The Indianapolis Star. Shepard is the director and choreographer for this Sondheim show.

Since the time I interviewed him for acting roles at Beef & Boards (where he is still a guest director, choreographer, actor and educator) and performing on cruise ships nearly 30 years ago, Shepard has grown his resume that now includes on-camera choreographer for the Disney Kids Collection, Music Theatre International's Broadway Jr. and MacMillan/McGraw-Hill with choreography content seen in theaters and classrooms worldwide. Shep-

ard co-owns a production company and has written, directed and choreographed projects starring Grammy, Tony, Emmy, Dove and CMA award winners as well as American Idol stars. He studied voice at Indiana University and was a member of the Singing Hoosiers, Opera Chorus and IU Dance Theatre. He graduated from Butler University with a bachelor's degree in arts administration and dance and was a member of Jordan Jazz Singers and Butler Ballet. Shepard is an adjunct professor in the dance and musical theater departments at Anderson and Ball State universities. One of the places he teaches is Civic Theatre's Young Artist Program in Carmel.

Another name rang a bell in my mind was that of Jeff Wright, who was Dean for AU's School of Music, Theatre and Dance for more than 25 years and who is now Dean Emeritus. He is the music director and leads the choir for Noblesville First United Methodist Church.

What a great show, some local, talented young folks to see in action and a good reason to make a trek to Anderson.

-Betsy Reason writes about people, places and things in Hamilton County. Contact The Times Editor Betsy Reason at betsy@thetimes24-7.com.

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➔ Meeting Notes

City Of Noblesville Board Of Public Works And Public Safety Meeting

Call Meeting To Order Pledge Of Allegiance Petitions or comments by citizens who are present approval of agenda
 Consent agenda For approval
 #1 Approval Of Executive Session Memorandum: September 26, 2023
 #2 Approval Of Minutes: September 26, 2023
 #3 Board To Consider A Secondary Plat For The Replat Of Lot 12 In North Harbour, Section 1 Subdivision (Joyceann Yelton)
 #4 Board To Consider A Secondary Plat For Lot 6 In The Crossing Subdivision (Joyceann Yelton)
 #5 Board To Consider A Secondary Plat For The Replat Of Lot 4 In Pebble Brook Village Subdivision (Joyceann Yelton)
 #6 Board To Consider Release Of Erosion Control And Right-Of-Way Improvement Performance Bonds For 655 Westfield Road (Justin Hubbard)
 #7 Board To Consider Release Of Performance Bonds And Acceptance Of Maintenance Bonds For HMA Surface, HMA Base, HMA Stone, HMA Intermediate, Common Sidewalk, And Sanitary Sewer For Westmoor, Section 7 (Justin Hubbard)

Contracts/Purchases Under \$50,000 (Approved By Mayor Or Director)
 #8 Services Agreement With Carmel Custom Refinishing For Resurfacing Conference Room Tables (David Dale)
 #9 Amendment To Purchase Of Wheeled Skid Steer To Include Electro-Hydraulic Performance Package (James Alexander)
 New Items For Discussion
 #1 Board To Consider A Memorandum Of Understanding Between The City Of Noblesville And The Noblesville Fraternal Order Of Police Lodge 198 With Respect To Benefits And Compensation Of Certain Employees Of The City Of Noblesville (Chad Knecht)
 #2 Board To Consider A Memorandum Of Understanding Between The City Of Noblesville And The Noblesville Professional Fire Fighters International Association Of Fire Fighters Local 4416 With Respect To Benefits And Compensation Of Certain Employees Of The City Of Noblesville (Chad Knecht)
 #3 Board To Consider Resolution RB-44-23, A Resolution Approving A Scoping Agreement For Patch Development For Project Scoreboard (Matt Light)

#4 Board To Consider Purchase Of Personal Computers From Konica Minolta (Adam Hedden)
 #5 Board To Consider Agreement With Taylored Systems For Security Camera Installation At The Salt Barn At Finch Creek Park (Adam Hedden)
 #6 Board To Consider Façade Improvement Grant For 808 Logan Street (Aaron Head)
 #7 Board To Consider Residential Façade Improvement Grant For 697 Washington Street (Aaron Head)
 #8 Board To Consider Contract With Verily Life Sciences For Wastewater Pathogen Testing And Reporting (Jonathan Mirgeaux)
 #9 Board To Consider Permission To Advertise Bids For 10th Street Sanitary Sewer Realignment (Jonathan Mirgeaux)
 #10 Board To Consider Supplemental NO. 1 For On-Call Contract With American Structurepoint, INC. (EN-353-01) (Alison Krupski)
 #11 Board To Consider Change Order NO. 1 For Pleasant Street, Phase I (EN-231-19) (Alison Krupski)
 #12 Board To Consider Permission For Early Morning Concrete Bridge Deck Pours For Pleasant Street, Phase I (Alison Krupski)
 ADJOURNMENT

City Of Noblesville Common Council Meeting

Call Meeting To Order Pledge Of Allegiance Roll Call
 Approval of minutes: september 26, 2023 – joint meeting with plan commission approval of minutes: september 26, 2023
 Approval of agenda Petitions or comments by citizens who are present council committee reports
 Approval of claims Miscellaneous
 #1 Council To Consider A Memorandum Of Understanding Between The City Of Noblesville And The Noblesville Fraternal Order Of Police Lodge 198 With Respect To Benefits And Compensation Of Certain Employees Of The City Of Noblesville (Chad Knecht)
 #2 Council To Consider A Memorandum Of Understanding Between The City Of Noblesville And The Noblesville Professional Fire Fighters International Association Of Fire Fighters Local 4416 With Respect To Benefits And Compensation Of Certain Employees Of The City Of Noblesville (Chad Knecht)
 PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED ORDINANCES
 #31-09-23 Council To Consider Ordinance #31-09-23, An Ordinance Approving An Additional Appropriation In The Vehicle Excise Surtax/ Wheel Tax Fund To Provide Funding For The Pleasant Street Project Phases II & III (Jeffrey Spalding)
 PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE #31-09-23
 #32-09-23 Council To Consider Ordinance #32-09-23, An Ordinance Approving An Additional Appropriation In The Debt Service/Local Income Tax Debt Sinking Fund To Provide Funding For The Levinson Garage Bond Payment (Ian Zelgowski)
 PUBLIC HEARING FOR ORDINANCE #32-09-23
 PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATIONS
 #1 Council To Hear Introductory Information For A Proposed Residential Townhomes Development For Approximately 20 Acres West Of Hazel Dell Road And South Of And Adjacent To The Midland Trace Trail, To Be Known As Holland Meadows Planned Development

(Attorney Jim Shinaver, Jon Dobosiewicz)
 #2 Council To Hear Introductory Information Regarding An Amendment To Include Townhomes On Approximately 19 Acres East Of Moontown Road And North Of Castamere Drive, A Part Of The Cranbrook Planned Development (Attorney Jim Shinaver, Jon Dobosiewicz)
 New Ordinances For Discussion
 #35-10-23 Council To Consider Ordinance #35-10-23, An Ordinance Adopting A Change Of Zoning From Sr Suburban Residential To R1 Low Density Single-Family Residential For Property At 5263 East 156th Street (Denise Aschleman, Andy Wert)
 #36-10-23 Council To Consider Ordinance #36-10-23, An Ordinance Adopting A Change In Land Use Category From Industrial/Office To Commercial/Office Within The Corporate Campus Planned Development District For Approximately 32 Acres In The 14200 Block Of East 141st Street, South Side (Denise Aschleman)
 #37-10-23 Council To Consider Ordinance #37-10-23, An Ordinance Adopting An Amendment To The Preliminary Development Plan And Waivers Regarding Bulk Standards For Prairie Lakes Planned Development, Specifically Cvs At 14575 Mundy Drive (Joyceann Yelton)
 #38-10-23 Council To Consider Ordinance #38-10-23, An Ordinance Adopting A Change Of Zoning From R1, R1/Pd Residential And A2(S) Residential County Zoning To R4 Single-Family/Two-Family Residential, R5 Multi-Family Residential, And Pb Planned Business For Approximately 603 Acres North Of East 156th Street, East Of Boden Road, South Of East 166th Street, And West Of Olio Road (Joyceann Yelton, Rex Ramage)
 #39-10-23 Council To Consider Ordinance #39-10-23, An Ordinance Adopting A Change Of Zoning From R4 Single-Family/Two-Family Residential, R5 Multi-Family Residential, And Pb Planned Business To R4-R5-Pb/Pd Residential- Commercial Planned Development, And The Adoption Of A

Preliminary Development Plan And Ordinance For Approximately 603 Acres, To Be Known As Finch Creek Planned Development, North Of East 156th Street, East Of Boden Road, South Of East 166th Street, And West Of Olio Road (Joyceann Yelton, Rex Ramage)
 #40-10-23 Council To Consider Ordinance #40-10-23, An Ordinance Annexing Approximately 27 Acres North Of East 196th Street And West Of Hague Road, Known As Retreat At Morse Planned Development In Noblesville Township; Establishing A Public Hearing; And Resolution Rc-42-23, Adopting A Fiscal Plan (Joyceann Yelton)
 Common Council Tuesday, October 10, 2023 – 7:00 Pm
 #41-10-23 Council To Consider Ordinance #41-10-2023, An Ordinance Annexing Approximately 58 Acres West Of Olio Road And South Of East 166th Street, Known As Finch Creek Planned Development In Wayne Township; Establishing A Public Hearing; And Resolution Rc-43-23, Adopting A Fiscal Plan (Joyceann Yelton)
 #42-10-23 Council To Consider Ordinance #42-10-23, An Ordinance Approving An Additional Appropriation In The Parks Program Fund To Authorize The Expenditure Of Additional Revenue Collected Due To Stronger Than Expected Sales In The City's Golf Operations, And Establishing A Public Hearing (Ian Zelgowski)
 #43-10-23 Council To Consider Ordinance #43-10-23, An Ordinance Amending Discharge Filter Backwash Rates And Charges For The Use Of And Services Rendered By The City Of Noblesville, Indiana Sewage Works, And Establishing A Public Hearing (Jonathan Mirgeaux)
 #3 Council To Receive A Summary Of Fiscally Neutral Third Quarter Appropriation Transfers Pursuant To Resolution RC-1-23 (Ian Zelgowski)
 #4 Council To Receive A Summary Of Appropriation Of Third Quarter Grant Proceeds Pursuant To Resolution RC-2-23 (Jeffrey Spalding)
 Council Comments Adjournment

Consumer Alert: Fire Pit Tables, Portable Generators Pose Burn And Impact Injury Risk

Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers of important consumer protection concerns for products recalled in September. This is the time to take advantage of opportunities available for those who purchased these recalled items.
 “The weather is turning cooler, but some of your products could be heating up without your knowledge,” Rokita said. “You shouldn’t have to worry if keeping your family warm while you’re outdoors during the fall months could be a fire risk. This is the time to act. Don’t let a flawed product put your family in danger. Stop using recalled items immediately and pursue resolution from the manufacturer.”

According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in September:
 • Insignia and Yardbird fire tables with lava rocks from Best Buy
 • Generac Portable Generators from Generac
 • Honda Lawnmowers and Pressure Washer Engines from American Honda Motor
 • STIHL MSA 300 chain saws from STIHL
 • Foldable Bistro Set Chairs from TJX
 • Chuckle & Roar Ultimate Water Beads Activity Kits from Buffalo Games
 • Disc brake calipers sold on Lectric e-bicycles from Lectric E-bikes
 • ADC brand 30 lb. capacity stacked

commercial clothes dryers from Whirlpool
 • ARGO Xplorer ATVs from ARGO
 • Pirelli P ZERO Race TLR Bicycle Tires from Pirelli Tire
 • Liquefied Petroleum Gas Compact Regulators from Engineered Controls International
 • Emporia Smart Plugs from Emporia
 If you believe you recently purchased a recalled product, stop using it, and check its recall notice. Then, follow the notice’s instructions, including where to return the product or what steps must be taken to receive a replacement product.
 To view recalls issued prior to September, visit the Consumer Protection Safety Commission website.

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Albert Chen, Founder Of Carmel-Based Telamon Corporation, To Receive 2023 Sachem Award

By Casey Smith
Indiana Capital Chronicle

Albert Chen, founder and executive board chairman of Carmel-based telecommunications company Telamon Corp., will receive the 2023 Sachem Award next month, Gov. Eric Holcomb's office announced Thursday.

The Sachem is Indiana's highest honor, reserved to recognize one individual each year "whose lifetime of excellence and moral virtue has brought credit and honor to Indiana." "Albert came from a humble beginning as a first-generation immigrant from Taiwan, but through grit, perseverance and relentless work ethic, Albert built a \$839 million company with more than 2,000 employees," Holcomb said in a statement Thursday. "He is an innovator and entrepreneur extraordinaire who's

long been guided by the same principles he founded the company on, namely honesty, harmony, simplicity and stewardship."

Chen will receive the award during a celebratory event at The Tarkington at the Center for the Performing Arts in Carmel on Nov. 2.

Motivation from hardships

Chen, 80, immigrated to the United States in 1968 from Taiwan, where his family struggled with homelessness at times, according to a news release from the governor's office.

In a 2021 interview with WRTV, Chen said his family spent more than a year without a home, but that it helped "build my character."

He said he turned his hardships into motivation and later received a master's degree in mathematical sciences from Portland State University in Oregon.

He also holds a law degree from the National Cheng-Chi University in Taiwan.

Chen worked for GTE, formerly General Telephone & Electronics Corporation, in Indiana for 10 years before founding Telamon in 1985.

Since its founding, Telamon has grown to 14 locations in the U.S., three international offices, and more than 2,000 employees. It's since become one of the largest Asian American businesses in Indiana.

The company designs, builds and installs networks that support telecommunication networks — from traditional mobile phone usage to connectivity in larger venues like stadiums, hospitals and schools.

In 2015, Chen retired as CEO and board chair of Telamon. He was succeeded by his son, Stanley Chen, who had been serving as chief

operating officer.

Lifting up fellow Hoosiers

Chen continues his leadership role with the company as executive chairman. He also serves as the managing director of Telamon Enterprise Ventures, LLC, which he established in 2017 to focus on renewable energy development and smart manufacturing solutions.

Holcomb's office additionally called Chen a dedicated "advocate" for Asian Americans in Indiana, noting that he has founded two non-profit organizations: Asian American Alliance (AAAI) and America China Society of Indiana (ACSI).

AAAI facilitates and encourages more leadership positions and representation for Asian Americans in the workplace. ACSI focuses on building a better trade relationship between Indiana and China.

Chen currently resides in Carmel with his wife, Margaret. He enjoys spending time with his two children and 5 grandchildren, according to the governor's office.

Chen is the seventh honoree to be named by Holcomb. Previous Sachem recipients include Holiday World & Splashin' Safari partner Patricia Koch (2022), civic leader Jim Morris (2021), Holocaust survivor Eva Mozes Kor (2017), and Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Sammy L. Davis (2018).

About the award

Each Sachem honoree receives a specially-designed sculpture, some of which are on display at the Indiana Statehouse.

In 1970, Gov. Edgar D. Whitcomb introduced the Sachems — a group of business, industry, publishing, banking and legal leaders who hosted visitors to Indiana and promoted the state's

culture and economy. The organization's name came from the Algonquin word for village leaders.

But after Whitcomb's term, the Sachem project ceased, and the organization dissolved in 1989.

It wasn't until 2005 when then-Gov. Mitch Daniels recreated the Sachem to emphasize the importance of moral example. Achievement alone — without exemplary virtue — does not qualify a person for the recognition, according to the award's description.

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Construction On 146th St. & Allisonville Road Is On Schedule

Widening of White River Bridge Will Require Overnight Closure of 146th Street

Six months after construction first began at the intersection of 146th Street and Allisonville Road, the Hamilton County Highway Department says the project is on schedule. Crews are currently installing storm sewer structures and prepping new lanes of traffic for pavement, while also widening both sides of the White River Bridge.

"Luckily we've had a very dry summer so crews were able to make a lot of progress," says Matt Lee, the department's Bridge Program Engineer. "The hope is to have the crews working on the bridge out of the water in the coming months so we can try to avoid any large rain events that could slow our progress."

In order to better accommodate that, a full overnight closure of 146th Street has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 25. Crews will use that time to set the new bridge beams. "That will be a major undertaking, one that requires cranes removing and lowering beams off semi-trucks. The process will go much faster and be a lot safer if we can do it under a full road closure."

Crews are currently in Phase 2 of the massive undertaking which will convert the current intersection into a grade-separated interchange, with 146th Street going over a roundabout on Allisonville Road. The project started in March and won't be complete until summer 2025. "Next



MATT LEE

spring, probably around March, will be the next big traffic switch," Lee adds. "That's also when we're expecting to start the 90-day closure of Allisonville Road."

The Highway Department has created an informational website and an e-newsletter that provide the very latest on construction and lane restrictions. Both can be found at www.streamline146.com

Hamilton County Health Department Invests In EKG Simulator

New Device to Aid First Responders in Medical Training & Education

The Hamilton County Health Department has purchased and deployed a new EKG simulator designed to train fire and emergency medical teams throughout Hamilton County. The state-of-the-art device replicates the functionality of an electrocardiogram (EKG) machine, providing fire and EMS professionals with a realistic platform to practice interpreting and analyzing EKG readings.

"This device will help first responders improve their diagnostic skills and decision-making abilities," says Christian Walker, the Health Department's public health preparedness coordinator. "By mimicking the various cardiac rhythms and abnormalities that medical professionals encounter in the field in a safe and controlled environment, it can improve health outcomes."



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CHIEF LANCE OVERHOLSER

The simulator guides users through different scenarios and analyzes their performance, providing detailed feedback and performance metrics. "It allows us to identify areas for improvement and track our progress over time," says Fire Chief Lance Overholser from the Cicero Fire Department. "The machine provides us a safe and realistic environment to refine our interpretation skills and should ultimately lead to more accurate diagnoses and improved patient

care." The lightweight, portable machine cost over \$9,000.00 and was funded through a public health preparedness grant. It will be housed at the Cicero Fire Department but shared by all eight of Hamilton County's fire departments. "Training devices like these help us provide the best patient care we can," Chief Overholser adds. "And in sharing it, you know you'll get the same quality care no matter where you live in Hamilton County."

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Public Hearing Docket No. 23-SD-01

The Sheridan Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on the 19th day of October 2023, at the Sheridan Community Center, 300 E. 6th Street at 6:00 P.M.

The Application submitted by Forestar (USA) Real Estate Group, Inc. requests that an Amended Primary Plat be granted for the property located at east of California/Jerkwater Road, approx. 600-foot west of Hinesley Road, and approx. 100-foot north of 1st Street.

The Plan Commission would certify to the Sheridan Town Council with a favorable recommendation, with an unfavorable recommendation, or with no recommendation. Interested persons may file written suggestions or objections concerning the request with the Sheridan Plan Commission located at Sheridan Town Hall, 506 S. Main Street, Sheridan, IN 46069 and/or they may contact the commission at 317-758-5293 for assistance. Interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard by the Sheridan Plan Commission at the above specified time and place.

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Notice of Public Hearing Docket No. 23-SD-02

The Sheridan Plan Commission will hold a public hearing on the 19th day of October 2023, at the Sheridan Community Center, 300 E. 6th Street at 6:00 P.M.

The Application submitted by Forestar (USA) Real Estate Group, Inc. requests that a Secondary Plat Be granted for the property located approx. 100-foot east of California/Jerkwater Road and approx. 200-foot north of 1st Street.

The Plan Commission would certify to the Sheridan Town Council with a favorable recommendation, with an unfavorable recommendation, or with no recommendation. Interested persons may file written suggestions or objections concerning the request with the Sheridan Plan Commission located at Sheridan Town Hall, 506 S. Main Street, Sheridan, IN 46069 and/or they may contact the commission at 317-758-5293 for assistance. Interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard by the Sheridan Plan Commission at the above specified time and place.

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seems like a 'deal' because you are getting a 100% discount on (faux) jewelry that costs \$100-200." However, that's not the only warning sign. The consumer added, "There is no cancellation mechanism on their website/order confirmation email, no social media, no address, and no phone number. You can only contact them via an email address."

If you fall for this scam, you won't receive the high-quality jewelry you thought you ordered. You may get cheaply made knockoffs — or nothing at all. Also, you'll be out any money

you spent on "shipping" too.

The current version of this scam involves a jewelry store, but watch out for other variations as scammers change their schemes to avoid detection. This con would work with high-cost items like electronics or designer handbags.

How to avoid online shopping scams

Don't fall for deals that are too good to be true. Scammers love to draw people in with this bait. If a deal seems extraordinarily good, stay skeptical. Research the company thoroughly before you buy.

Only shop with reputable companies. It's always best to shop with companies you already know and trust. That said, if you come across an appealing item from an unfamiliar business, it's especially important to do research. Look up the company's website, physical address, and contact information.

Read reviews from customers on third-party websites and review comments left on their social media pages, too. You can even search the company name and the word "scam" just to be safe.

Always make payments with your credit

card. When shopping online, use your credit card to pay. Controlling fraudulent charges (and possibly getting your money back) will be much easier with this payment method.

For more information

For more tips and advice, review the BBB Tip: Smart shopping online. You may find the BBB social media scams page helpful as well.

If you spot a scam on social media or elsewhere, report it to BBB.org/ScamTracker. Your report can help us build consumer awareness and scammers in their tracks.

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stop when the person reaches full retirement age, at which point the beneficiary is automatically switched to regular SS retirement, and after which their benefits are paid from the regular "OASI" Trust Fund.

"Regular" Social Security retirement benefits, spousal benefits, dependent benefits, and survivor benefits are paid from Social Security's Old Age and Survivors Insurance (OASI) Trust

Fund, which receives most (5.3%) of the 6.2% FICA Social Security tax withheld from the paychecks of American workers. As of the end of 2022, the OASI Trust Fund held about \$2.7 trillion in interest bearing government bonds. Neither SSI or SSDI affect this "regular" OASI Trust Fund - only true SS retirement benefits and benefits for dependents of the retiree are paid from the OASI

Trust Fund (As an aside, Social Security reform is needed to prevent the OASI Trust Fund from being fully depleted in 2033).

To answer your last questions, the Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) Trust Fund was established in 1956, after which SSDI benefit payments to eligible disabled American workers began. Federal "Supplemental Security Income" (SSI) assistance

was codified into law in 1974. And, as you likely know, Social Security retirement, spousal and dependent benefits were enacted in the 1930s, before the first monthly Social Security check was mailed in January 1940. The impetus behind these programs? Avoiding poverty for the neediest among us. Without these programs, at least 22 million more Americans would be living below the poverty line.

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2024 Carmel City Budget Introduced



ADAM AASEN
Guest Column

The proposed \$208.8 million budget includes a 7 percent increase in the general fund, which covers

most city services. Carmel Mayor Jim Brainard, who is leaving office on Jan. 1, said he will be recommending a rate cap resolution, which prevents any increase in the city rate in 2024 compared to 2023. Some highlights include a 3 percent cost of living increase for city employees and five new police officers. It also includes money for additional security cameras throughout our city, include cameras at intersections that can scan license plates and help catch dangerous criminals fleeing the scene of a crime.

One item that was proposed in the city budget that I'm very skeptical about is adding a second manager for an additional location for All Things Carmel, a nonprofit retail store on Main Street that sells Carmel merchandise. This new location would be inside the new Historical Society building. As a former small business owner, I understand the retail world is very difficult. Before we add a second location, I'd like to get a strong grasp on the finances of the current location. Upon my request, the city has provided some figures, and I will follow up with questions. At the end of the day though, I am hesitant to add personnel such as this because a new mayor does not want to come in and let someone go if it doesn't align with his/her vision. A compromise I will suggest is that perhaps the city can partner with the Carmel Clay Historical Society to

recruit volunteers at this retail space and a portion of the proceeds can benefit CCHS if they help provide volunteers to staff/sell items. Please let me know your thoughts.

Update on Conner Prairie Proposal

Carmel City Council will vote on the proposal on Monday Oct. 16. The most significant change made to the proposal since the last public meeting is reducing the size of the office building from 70,000 to 55,000 square feet, limiting its height to two stories and shifting it north. Decreasing the size of the office building will also lead to the elimination of two parking lots and expansion of a landscaped buffer area between the Conner Prairie property and nearby neighborhoods.

From City Councilor Adam Aasen: "After more than a year of work, I think we are finally getting to a place where I think both Conner Prairie and the neighboring homes can all be pretty happy. Going from three to two stories, reducing the square footage and adding tree buffers should all help protect homes from light pollution and preserve some of their view. I also think that reducing the number of parking spaces (which was significantly reduced), along with reducing the office space, will help reduce traffic on River Road and 146th Street. The initial traffic study reported no noticeable traffic impact expected by this project, but since then we've reduced the number of buildings/parking spaces and removed one of the entrances (in an effort to deter traffic from traveling through residential areas). Please let me know your thoughts, but I think this has reached a point where

this project won't have a major negative impact on surrounding neighbors."

Palladium light show starts earlier

Beginning tonight, Friday, Oct. 6, Palladiscope Carmel will begin showing at 8:30 p.m. The show will then play every half hour, with the final show beginning at 11 p.m.

Gray Road Path Now Has Asphalt!

I know it's taken longer than expected (due to utilities), but the asphalt is down on the Gray Road path and concrete/clean-up is next. Very exciting!!! Please be aware this is still an active construction site, and we thank you for your patience as they complete this project. In the spring, new trees will be planted, and you have my word that as many will be planted as is possible.

Oktoberfest Tonight at Carmel City Center

Der Polkatz comes to Carmel City Center to celebrate Oktoberfest on Friday, October 6, 2023, from 6-10 p.m.

Oktoberfest has become an annual celebratory fall event for Carmel residents.

It is free to the public and open to all ages. Parking is available in area parking garages and street parking.

Participating food and beverage vendors:

- Matt the Miller's Tavern
- Le Peep
- 317 Charcuterie
- Hotel Carmichael
- Tucci's
- The Cake Bake Shop

-Adam Aasen was first elected to the Carmel City Council in 2019, representing Southeast Carmel. In addition to Aasen's City Council role, he is a CarmelFest committee member, involved in Synergize, and a Carmel Rotary member.

Hamilton County's First Fall Invasive Species Awareness Week

Fall is a great time to manage invasive species! The Hamilton County Invasives Partnership is proud to offer a series of events to raise awareness during the first fall Hamilton County Invasive Species Awareness Week, taking place from October 14-21st.

Throughout the week, the Hamilton County Invasives Partnership will be hosting a variety of educational events and activities. Registration for these free activities is available at www.hcinvasives.org.

- Education
- Trains, Planes, and Automobiles: How do invasive species spread? Webinar
 - Monday October 16th at 7:30 pm, free webinar
 - Guided Family Nature Walk at Teter Retreat and Organic Farm in Noblesville

Wednesday October 18th at 6:00 pm, free Volunteer events

- Weed Wrangle at Strawtown Koteewi Park
- Saturday October 14th at 9am
- Weed Wrangle at Richey Woods Nature Preserve (Fishers)
- Thursday October 19th at 5:30 pm

In addition, the Hamilton County Invasives Partnership will be sharing information and resources on social media using the hashtag #HCISAW. Follow the Hamilton County Invasives Partnership on Facebook and Instagram (@hcinvasives) to stay up to date on the latest events and activities.

"Several of our most common invasive species stay green late into the fall making them very easy to identify," said Claire Lane, spokesperson for the

Hamilton County Invasives Partnership. "It's also an effective time to remove most invasive species so raising awareness and encouraging action during this season is really important."

The Hamilton County Invasives Partnership is a collaborative effort between the Hamilton County Soil and Water Conservation District, local parks departments and conservation organizations, and concerned citizens and property managers. Together, they work to control the spread of invasive species and restore native habitats in Hamilton County.

For more information about Hamilton County Invasive Species Awareness Week or to get involved, visit www.hcinvasives.org or email hcinvasives@hamiltoncounty.in.gov.

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alternative to AARP and is the fastest-growing conservative group in America.

As editor-in-chief of the AMAC Magazine, Rebecca has grown the publication to reach more than 1.7 million American households bi-monthly. She also hosts the Better for America podcast to hear from leading conservatives on the most important issues facing our nation. She is the president of the AMAC Foundation, serves on the board of AMAC Action, and is a member of the Texas Border Coalition.

In addition to her role as CEO of AMAC, Rebecca serves as president and CEO of Hometown Insurance Agency of Long Island and Hometown Firefighters Services, the leading provider of retirement accounts and benefits for volunteer firefighters in

the state of New York, Virginia and Connecticut.

John Solomon is an award-winning investigative journalist, author and digital media entrepreneur who serves as Chief Executive Officer and Editor in Chief of Just the News. Before founding Just the News, Solomon played key reporting and executive roles at some of America's most important journalism institutions, such as The Associated Press, The Washington Post, The Washington Times, The Newsweek, The Daily Beast and The Hill.

Solomon's executive experience includes helping to build the successful Hill.TV video platform as the newspaper's Executive Vice President and serving as Editor and Vice President for Content and Business Development at The Washington Times,

where he oversaw the transformation of the company's content, audience, and revenue strategies.

Beyond his executive roles, Solomon has continued his role as one of the country's most impactful investigative reporters, breaking stories that have resonated from the campaign trail to the White House and across the globe.

Before joining the Times, Solomon worked for two decades at The Associated Press, where he became one of the youngest news editors in the cooperative's history at age 22 and rose to become the No. 2 executive in its Washington bureau. His award-winning investigative stories won wide acclaim for exposing what the U.S. government knew about terrorism threats prior to the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks.

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Trendy Takes on Kitchen and Bath Design

FAMILY FEATURES

Designing a new home, remodeling your own or simply rethinking aesthetics and decor all require a little imagination and a lot of inspiration. A quick online search brings up hundreds if not thousands of thoughtful ways to make your kitchen or bathroom match your desired style from modern to traditional or anything in between.

All those results can be slightly overwhelming, however. Rather than having a go at it alone, rely on the professionals to guide you toward looks that are all the rage and fit a variety of budgets. Consider these on-trend design ideas from the kitchen and bathroom experts at Wellborn Cabinet, whose whole-home solutions double as functional and beautiful.

Kitchen Trends

Let it Flow: Open concepts have become quite common as it allows the kitchen to feel like one large room where loved ones and guests can intermingle as opposed to an enclosed space. This flowing openness lends continuous visibility to the area ranging from the (seemingly) always active kitchen to gathering spaces in the dining and living rooms. An open

floor plan also helps connect design aesthetics from each room to the next.

Opt for Concealed Storage: Pots, pans, knives and all your favorite kitchen gadgets need hidden somewhere. Rather than taking up valuable pantry space, turn to a stylish storage solution from Wellborn Cabinet's line of pullout cabinets that give you the room you need. With options ranging from pullout peg boards to sleek tray dividers, these clever contraptions can help you stay organized while making functionality beautiful.

Incorporate Smart Tech: Trends aren't exclusively about aesthetics – practicality via technology is equally important for those looking to update their kitchens to the 21st century. Devices like smart refrigerators that allow you to take inventory from an app, smart lighting that brightens and dims to save on electricity and voice assistants that help you keep track of recipes are all trendy paths toward a top-of-the-line kitchen.

Bring in Organic Touches: Organic modern is in, which means adding organic touches using natural materials like stone and wood in your cabinets, countertops, flooring and more. Achieve a warm vibe with these organic elements paired with a neutral color palette (soft whites and earthy tones) and natural light.



4 Alternative Uses for Kitchen Cabinets

If you love the look of beautiful kitchen cabinets and appreciate their functionality, try incorporating them throughout the house with these ideas.

- **Home Office** – As working from home continues to rise in popularity, you might need that extra storage space around or above your desk whether it's in a full-blown office or a nook in the den.
- **Laundry Room** – Uppers and lowers alike can help you stow away detergents, cleaning products, laundry baskets and even last season's wardrobe.
- **Mud Room** – All those shoes and jackets need space somewhere, and kitchen cabinets in the mudroom can help you contain the mess.
- **Garage** – Whether your garage serves as a secondary entertainment area, home gym or simply storage for outdoor tools and toys, cabinets allow you to organize (and hide) that equipment.



Bathroom Trends

Add Accents that Pop: Obvious accents like bold pops of color and unique patterns come to mind, but you can also make your bathroom stand out by experimenting with materials, accessories and shapes. Think eye-catching cabinet hardware, fun mirror shapes and open-shelf decor that grabs attention without overdoing it.

Show Off Wood Vanities: As an important area you'll use to get ready for each day, vanities should be purposeful and practical but can also brandish your personal style. Types and sizes may vary but one look seeing an upward trend, according to Wellborn Cabinet's design experts, is the use of natural tones and textures like woodgrain to complement the rise in popularity of warm colors in recent years.

Go for Decorative Lighting: The same tired light fixtures in bathrooms can feel drab and dreary. Evaluate the amount of natural light available (often at a premium in bathrooms) and decide if you can go more subdued or need to effectively and efficiently illuminate

the area. Bell-shaped, wall-mounted sconces next to mirrors are in vogue, as are glass globes to complement ample natural light. For a true touch of modern flair, consider dramatic accent lighting like underlights on a floating vanity that do double duty as a convenient nightlight.

Make it Spa-Like: Lavish luxury is the goal with a spa-like bathroom in the comfort of home. Organic materials, natural light, traditional decor and, maybe most importantly, an oversized soaking tub are at the core of this look. While it may sound counterintuitive, you can actually create your own oasis with some simple, budget-friendly aesthetics. The first step for many is to incorporate more storage using sleek cabinets, shelves and wall-mounted hooks to achieve a decluttered look. Next, simply replace your old showerhead and faucet with spa lookalikes and stock up on plush, fluffy towels for that luxurious appearance without a complete remodel.

Find more design inspiration by visiting Wellborn.com.

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Ohio's Hocking Hills ranks In Top Three For U.S. Fall Foliage

USA Today's just-released list of 10 Best Destinations for Fall Foliage has Ohio's Hocking Hills ranked as No. 3 in the U.S. This comes after accolades that ranked the Hocking Hills among the world's top 50 places to visit in 2023 and the Top Ten most popular state parks. With more than 13,000 acres of unbroken forest and nearly 100 different tree species, the region's leaf peeping consistently earns five-star traveler reviews, citing spectacular scenery marked by deep gorges, lush forests, soaring rock faces, unique rock formations and picturesque waterfalls. Traveler information is found at ExploreHockingHills.com.

A warm, wet spring and sunny summer with plenty of rain have resulted in strong foliage this year. The region's fiery red Maples, blazes of orange Sassafras and yellow

Hickory, brushstrokes of brown Oak and pops of green Hemlock and Pine create a bold tapestry that's a feast for the eyes.

Visitors have endless ways to experience all this gorgeous color, from a perfect autumn drive along twisting ribbons of roads on one of America's newest National Scenic Byways, to extraordinary hikes on miles and miles of wooded trail. High above the forests and waterfalls, visitors are wowed by expansive aerial views of an unspoiled ancient geological footprint on a Hocking Hills Scenic Air Tour. The seriousness of Pilot Harry Sowers' 40 plus-year pedigree and his depth of area knowledge are skillfully juxtaposed against his never-ending stream of goofball puns and ba-dump-bump one-liners. Hocking Hills Canopy Tours, with its Super Zip, XTreme and Kids Dragonfly Canopy

Tours sail travelers right through a waterfall and into a cave for an unusual immersion in seasonal splendor. Meanwhile, the off-road Segway tour's ground-hugging experience is a total departure from the usual scenic autumn ride.

High Rock Adventures guided eco tours and heart-pounding rappelling trips (in daylight AND after dark) giving adventure seekers a ringside seat for some of the most beautiful autumn scenery on earth. If some in your group aren't into that level of adventure, Hocking Hills Escape Room just opened on site. Guided sunrise, midday and sunset kayaking trips with Touch the Earth Adventures help travelers reconnect to the earth and one another while the area's magnificent fall show reflects dramatically on the water. Horseback riding and the Hocking Valley Scenic Railway

offer more ways to see Hocking Hills' legendary fall foliage.

Crisp fall nights often mean crystal-clear skies, punctuated by endless stars, thanks to absence of city lights. Guests are blown away by the stunning sea of stars and planets made visible by Hocking Hills' dark skies at John Glenn Astronomy Park. High-powered telescopes revealed with the center's roof slides away make the experience even more magical.

Visitors can surround themselves in the beauty with a stay in a luxurious country inn, a hot tub cabin in the woods, a geodome, tiny house, treehouse or yurt -- even luxury cabin for six built into an actual cave. While lodging options become sparse in fall's peak season, it's not too late for travelers to book an autumn escape at ExploreHockingHills.com.

APPLE SEASON,

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Fall is also apple season and there's no better place to dive into it than Hocking Hills Orchard. Here, apple wonk Derek Mills' encyclopedic knowledge of the fruit enralls all who come to pick their own and take part in apple tastings in an orchard packed with an astounding 7,000 trees. Mills' collection with more than 1,700 different apple varieties, including apples from as far back as 454 A.D., is believed to be a world record. Another must stop is the third-generation, 114-year-old, family-owned Laurelville Fruit Farm producing a wide selection of apple varieties and some of the freshest, juiciest cider available, thanks to a perfect blend of apples and light pasteurization that doesn't cook the flavor out of the cider. Travelers can take home the farm's cider vinegar with mother, apple butter

and local honey. No one should leave without trying a cup of legendary Laurelville cider, served up in frozen slushy form. Pop across the street for best-ever secret recipe donuts from Ridge Inn, available only Thurs.-Sun. 11 a.m. until they sell out.

Located 40 miles southeast of Columbus, Ohio, Hocking Hills offers once-in-a-lifetime experiences. The region boasts a wide variety of affordable lodging, from glamping, cabins, cottages and luxe woodland lodges to hotels and inns. Artists studios, gift and antique shops, canoeing, birding, fishing, golf, moth and butterfly experiences, spas and more add to the allure of Hocking Hills as the perfect place to unplug. Complete traveler information is available ExploreHockingHills.com or 1-800-Hocking (800-462-5464).



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