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## Stay safe, always assume you are on "thin ice"

With the inevitable upcoming drop in temperatures across the state, Indiana Conservation Officers advise Hoosiers and visitors of the potential hazards of being on frozen lakes, ponds, rivers, and streams.

It's also important to keep a watchful eye for other people who may venture out on neighborhood retention ponds, lakes and other waterways and find themselves in trouble.

Every winter, thousands of Hoosiers safely enjoy fishing, skating, hiking, or just sliding around on frozen ponds and lakes. And every year, people drown after falling through ice. Don't let this happen to you or

Similar to driving differently on snowy versus clear roads, being able to safely have fun on ice may require adjusting from what you have done in the past. When thinking about getting on the ice, put safety first. Believe it is thin ice unless proven otherwise.

Here are a few tips to remember when considering standing on or walk-

ing on a frozen body of water: No ice is safe ice.

- Test the thickness of the ice with an ice auger. At least 4 inches of ice is recommended for ice fishing; 5 inches is recommended for snowmobil-
  - If you don't know the thickness of the ice, don't go on it.
  - Wear a life jacket or flotation coat.
  - Carry ice hooks and rope gear.
- Before going on the ice, leave a note of your whereabouts with a

friend or family member. • Don't test the thickness of the ice while alone.

Wearing a life jacket is especially important when on ice. If you fall through, a life jacket will keep your head above the water until help ar-

rives. Remember that a new coating of snow, while perhaps beautiful, can make for treacherous ice conditions. Snow can serve as insulation, causing water to freeze at a slower rate. When snow and rain freeze into ice, it is

not as strong as solid, clear ice. Another potentially dangerous situation is when you see a pet or other animal in distress on the ice. If that happens, do not go after it. Instead, contact local emergency response personnel, who are equipped to make a

rescue. A few more tips:

- Some bodies of water can appear to be frozen solid but have thin ice in several potentially unexpected areas.
- Flowing water, such as rivers and streams, should be avoided when covered by a layer of ice.
- Similarly, water that is surrounded by sand may freeze with inconsis-
- tencies in the thickness of the ice.
- Underground springs, wind, waterfowl, and other animals can also keep areas of ice thin.
  - Enjoy the winter weather but make safety a priority.







#### TODAY'S QUOTE

"Journalism is a career which demands the highest professionalism. It demands responsibility as well, for the line between honest revelation and disingenuous sensationalism is sometimes perilously thin." Margaret Thatcher

#### **TODAY'S JOKE**

What do snowmen call their offspring? Chill-dren!

#### **⇒ TODAY'S VERSE**

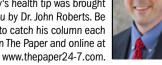
shall not want.

Psalm 23:1 The LORD is my shepherd; I

#### 🗢 TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Make sure your shoes have good arch support and fit correctly to help prevent foot, ankle, knee, hip and back problems. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at





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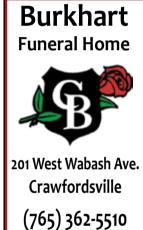
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#### **Kenneth George Kirkpatrick**

Feb. 7, 1933 - Dec. 30, 2021

Kenneth George Kirkpatrick, 88, Lafayette, passed away at 2:43 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 30, 2021 in IU Health Arnett Hospital. He had been in failing health the past year.

Mr. Kirkpatrick was born on the family farm in the rural Wingate/Newtown communities Feb. 7, 1933 to the late George Marshall and Ada Bonnie Magdelena Counts Kirkpatrick.

He was a graduate of Richland Township High School in Newtown with the class of 1951. Following graduation he worked on the family farm until he was inducted into the US Army, where he served from July 1953 – April 1955, serving in Japan and Korea, where he was assigned to

SCARWAF as a Unit Supply Specialist. He was a 39 year employee of Tipmont REMC. He began working in the office, then as a 'groundsman', moving up to a 'lineman' and retired as a dispatcher.

He married Barbara Jane Sattler in the Newtown Methodist Church, Nov. 30, 1962 and she survives. He and Barbara lived in Linden for 33 years and moved to Lafayette, January 2000. He bowled with the Tipmont REMC Bowling League, enjoyed playing cards, genealogy, history and family. He was a member of American Legion Post 11 and attended St. James Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his wife, Barbara; daughter; Carolyn Kay Dance of Indianapolis; son, James Michael Kirkpatrick of Anaheim, Calif.; sister-in-law, Jill M. Kirkpatrick of Veedersburg; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Janet Lee Hershberger Kirkpatrick, who passed shortly after giving birth to Karen Sue Kirkpatrick, who did not survive; son, David Lee Kirkpatrick; two sisters, Cleo M. Longden and Imogene Butler; and brother, Robert E. Kirkpatrick.

Visitation hours are scheduled 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022 at Family and Friends Funeral Home of Wingate, with funeral services immediately following at 3 p.m., with Rev. Peter Heckert officiating. Burial will follow in Meharry Cemetery. Military graveside honors by American Legion Post 11. Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Diabetes Foundation. To sign the guest book or leave a condolence visit www.familyandfriendsfh.com. The service will be live streamed on the Family and Friends Funeral Home Facebook page.

#### Helen D. "Granny" Rahn Feb. 25, 1931 - Jan. 1, 2022

Helen D. "Granny" Rahn, 90, Kingman, Ind., passed away at her daugh-

ter's home on Saturday, Jan. 1, 2022. Mrs. Rahn was born on Feb. 25, 1931, the middle child of Hershel and Fern Drollinger, born in Lafayette.

She moved to Fountain County when she was 4 years old and never left. She graduated from Kingman High School in 1949. She was a member of the Freedom Christian Church.

She married the love of her life, Paul J. Rahn, on July 1, 1950. He preceded her in death on August 31, 1996. They spent 46 hardworking years farming side by side near Wallace. She loved cooking, gardening, canning, raising flowers, sewing and crocheting, while raising five children. She was a ten-year Fountain County 4-H member. She was selected and attended Girls State School. She taught Sunday school, Bible school, and prepared an abundance of food for the church social dinners. She was well known for her homemade pies, angel food cakes, and cinnamon rolls. No one ever left the table hungry and all were invited.

She enjoyed traveling the United States with her husband and was sure to pick up a rock at every stop to add to her collection. Later she enjoyed vacations with her children and grandchildren at theme parks and rode her first roller coaster at age 70. At age 86, she was jumping on the trampoline with Bristol. In 2006, a new family tradition began. Her children and grandchildren caravanned with her to Panama City or Myrtle Beach for a week vacation. She loved capturing the moments or flowers with her camera.

She will be fondly remembered by her family as a devoted and loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, as she opened her home and helped care for each of them. They will never forget Sunday dinners at her house, sleepover parties or Cookie Day. "Cookie Day" was pressing, decorating, and baking over 400 cookies!

Survivors include her children, Dennis Rahn, Jane Swank, Nancy Rahn, Sharry Fears and Dale (Jolie) Rahn; nine grandchildren, Ross (Hana), Nick, Shelbie (Drew), Alora (Mike), Luke (Megan), Megan (Travis), Elyssa, Teagan and Murphy; and nine great-grandchildren. At her death, her family had grown to 30 members.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; sister, Esther Downing; and brother, Norman Drollinger. Ollie and Laura Broom preceded her, they loved her like a daughter.

A Celebration of Life is scheduled on Saturday, Jan. 8, 2022 from 11:30 a.m. till the time of the service at 1:30 p.m. at Sanders Funeral Care, 203 S 1st Street, in Kingman. Burial will follow at Wolf Creek Church Cemetery near Wallace. Memorial donations may be given to the Jackson Township Volunteer Fire Department, 3898 S State Road 341, Hillsboro, Ind. Share memories and condolences online at www.sandersfuneralcare.com

#### **Kimberly Ann (Servies) Perry** Nov. 17, 1958 - Jan. 3, 2022

Kimberly Ann (Servies) Perry, 63, Crawfordsville, passed away on Jan. 3, 2022 at Franciscan Health Lafayette. She was born on Nov. 17, 1958 to

Paul T. and Phyllis (Long) Servies. Mrs. Perry graduated from North Montgomery High School in 1977. She married the love of her life, Timothy Perry on Feb. 17, 1976. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, going to sporting events and dance competitions and taking care of everyone.

Survivors include her father; her husband of 45 years; two daughters, Terri (Jeff) Flaurr and Chelsea (Brooke) Hardin; six grandchildren, Kiersten Lobosky, Ethan Lobosky, Gabriella Davis, Logan Hardin, Aubrianna Davis, Keely Hardin; and a sister, Brenda Servies.

She was preceded in death by her mother; a daughter, Stacey Lobosky; and a brother, Gregory Servies.

Visitation will be at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S. Washington Street in Crawfordsville on Monday, Jan. 10, 2022 from 4 p.m. until the time of funeral service at 6 p.m. The service will be live streamed and recorded and can be viewed on her obituary page at www.sandersfuneralcare. com. Sanders Priebe Funeral Care is entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at www.sandersfuneralcare.com

#### Harrietta Georgia "H.B" Bacon April 14, 1945 - Jan. 3, 2022 Harrietta Georgia "H.B" Bacon,

76, Crawfordsville, passed away on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022 at Franciscan Health Lafavette. She was born in Walnut Ridge,

Arkansas on April 14, 1945 to the

late Harry Ray & Ethel Irene (Kelley) She graduated from Turkey Run

High School and was a homemaker and loving mother and grandma. She loved Bingo and tried playing every day. She was a great

cook and loved to bake, enjoyed gardening, and her grandbabies and great grandbabies were her entire world. She married to James, who preceded her in death in 2000. Survivors include a daughter, Tracy Clark; a son, Billy Clark; four siblings, Melba (Lloyd) Riddle, Jack Clark,

Jim (Brigitte) Clark and Dick (Terri) Clark; three grandchildren, Tamra (Matt) Gullion, Daniel (Kristen) Kahler, Allison (Brett) Williams; 16 great-grandchildren, Savannah, Jasmine, Markus, Nathan, Christopher, Hunter, Cambri, Lilian, Adaline, Isaac, Lindsay, Cassie, Amanda, Shea, Miles and Baby Ember; several nieces and nephews; children she considered as her own, Jennifer (Michael) Cook and Joseph Sanders; and grandchildren she considered as her own, Denver, Hunter, Nevada, Cody and Shyann Boyer. She was preceded in death by parents; her husband,

James Bacon; a daughter, Judy Clark; a brother, Tom Clark: sister-in-law, Jane Clark: and a niece, Susie Clark. Cremation was chosen with a private family viewing. A memorial service is planned for her and her daughter Judy Clark at the Spirit of Life Ministries, 505 W State Street, in Kingman on Jan. 29, 2022 from 1 p.m. till the time of the memorial service 3 p.m., with Pastor Steve Crum officiating. The service will be recorded and can be viewed on their obituary pages at www.sandersfuneralcare.com.

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#### **Kim Starnes** July 9, 1965 - Dec. 28, 2021

Kimberly "Kim" Starnes, 56, Waynetown, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021 in the morning in her

Born July 9, 1965, in Crawfordsville, she was the daughter of Gene Mikels and Carolyn Runion Mikels

Ms. Starnes worked at County Market for several years and more recently worked at Acuity/ Hi-Tek. She attended school at Crawfordsville and graduated from North Montgomery.

Survivors include her son, Gary Starnes, Jr.; mother, Carolyn Cronk; brother, Dennis Mikels; step-brother, Mark Cronk; step-sister, Melissa VanCleave; aunt, Linda Dale; and uncle, David Runion.

She was preceded in death by her dad, Gene Mikels; step-father, Theron Cronk; and step-brother, Shawn

Services will be held Monday, Jan. 3, 2022 at Burkhart Funeral Home, 201 W. Wabash Avenue, Crawfordsville, with visitation from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. She will be laid to rest at the Waynetown Masonic Cemetery at a later date.

Online condolences may be made at www.Burkhart-FH.com.

#### Mark Eads

May 24, 1954 - Jan. 1, 2022

Mark Lavon Eads, 67, Waynetown passed away on Jan. 1, 2022 at Franciscan Health Indianapolis. He was born in Crawfordsville on

May 24, 1954 to Lloyd "Buck" and Joan "Joanie" (Dale) Eads. He graduated from Orion High School in Orion, Ill. and retired from RR Donnelley. He was Baptized at

Elmdale Church and was a member

of the FOE. He played football in high school for two years and was undefeated the first season and only lost one game his second season. He enjoyed gardening, yard work, his dogs, Sissy and Annie, the Razorbacks and his Camaro.

Survivors include his parents; daughter, Sharon Lou (Jamie) Bradley; two grandchildren, Christopher and Katelyn; sister, Terry (Ron) Johnson; brother, Brad (Laurie) Eads; and two aunts, Claressa Perry and Carolyn Wright; and a friend Betty Bushong.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Lloyd and Martha Eads and Irene Williams.

Visitation is scheduled at Sanders Funeral Care, 315 S. Washington Street in Crawfordsville on Thursday, Jan. 6, 2022 from 11 a.m. until the time of Funeral service at 12 p.m. Memorial donations may be given to Prairie Creek Baptist Church. Sanders Priebe Funeral Care is entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at www.sandersfuneralcare.com

#### Jeffrey Martin "Scooter" Suiter Aug. 29, 1958 - Jan. 3, 2022

Jeffrey Martin "Scooter" Suiter, 63,

Crawfordsville, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022 at The Lane House after a long battle with cancer. He was born in Crawfordsville on to

Martin & Nancy (Cler) Suiter. He graduated from North Montgomery High School in 1976. He owned and operated Scooter Cycle for many years. He enjoyed riding and working

on his motorcycles, was always wheeling and dealing, and fixing and reselling his motorcycles. He loved hanging out with his friends and family and will be missed by many. Survivors include his mother, Nancy Suiter; four sisters,

Sue (Drew) Brassel, Lori (Randy) Radcliff, Karin Becker, Andrea (Mike) Davis; a special friend, Lucky; a daughter, Aryn Long; many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews and many friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Martin Clay

Suiter; paternal grandparents, Bessie Mae Sarjent and

Martin and Frances Elizabeth Cler. Cremation was chosen with a memorial service at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S Washington St, in Crawfordsville on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2022 from 1 p.m. till the time of the service at 3 p.m., with Celebrant Gabriella Chapin officiating. The service will be live-streamed and recorded which can be viewed on his obituary page at www.sandersfuneralcare.com. Memorial donations may be given to the funeral home to assist with funeral expenses. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home or you many donate online by clicking on the Donation Tab on his

#### **Judy Kay Clark** Dec. 19, 1965 - Dec. 27, 2021

obituary page. Share memories and condolences online at

Judy Kay Clark, 56, Crawfordsville,

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passed away on Monday, Dec. 27, 2021 at Franciscan Health Lafayette. She was born in Clinton, Ind. on Dec. 19, 1965 to Charles Sanders &

Harrietta Georgia (Clark) Bacon. She graduated from Covington High School in 1985 and she lived her life taking care of other people. She loved watching Cubs baseball and was one of

their biggest fans, loved watching the Colts, play bingo, loved trivia games and loved spending time with her family.

Survivors include her father, Charles Sanders; two sisters, Tracy Clark and Jennifer (Michael) Cook; two brothers, Billy Clark and Joseph Sanders; aunts and uncles, Melba (Lloyd) Riddle, Jack Clark, Jim (Brigitte) Clark and Dick (Terri) Clark; nieces and nephews, Tamra (Matt) Gullion, Daniel (Kristen) Kahler, Allison (Brett) Williams, and Denver, Hunter, Nevada, Cody and Shyann Boyer; great nieces and nephews, Savannah, Jasmine, Markus, Nathan, Christopher, Hunter, Cambri, Lilian, Adaline, Isaac, Lindsay, Cassie, Amanda, Shea, Miles and Ember; and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Harrietta Bacon; grandparents, Harry and Ethel Clark; uncle, Tom Clark; aunt, Jane Clark; her favorite cousin, Susie Clark, and several other cousins.

Cremation was chosen with a private family viewing. A memorial service is planned for her and her mother, Harrietta Bacon, at the Spirit of Life Ministries, 505 W State Street, in Kingman on Saturday, Jan. 29, 2022 from 1 p.m. till the time of the memorial service 3 p.m., with Pastor Steve Crum officiating. The service will be recorded and can be viewed on their obituary pages at www.sandersfuneralcare.com. Sanders Funeral Care entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at www.sandersfuneralcare.com.

#### **Richard P. Smith** Sept. 9, 1935 - Jan. 4, 2022

Richard P. "Red" Smith, Crawfordsville, passed away Tuesday

night at Franciscan Health Lafayette East. He was 86. Born Sept. 9, 1935 in Waveland, he was the son of Hubert Clyde

Smith and Margaret Jeanette McIntyre Smith Hays. Mr. Smith graduated from Wave-

land High School. He served eight years in the Army Reserve and he worked for 46 ½ years at R.R. Donnelley. He was a member of the Moose and Eagles. He liked to hunt birds and play golf. He married Nancy Carolyn Fink

on Oct. 9, 1955 in Crawfordsville. She passed away June 20, 2019. He married Carolyne Fischer Smith on Nov. 16, 2019. She survives. Survivors include his wife, Carolyne Smith; four

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children, Donald G. Smith (Mary), Dianna L. Billingsley (Donnie), David W. Smith (Lee Ann) and Dawn M. McDaniel (Lance); eleven grandchildren, Jason, Kylene, Kyle, Jared, Tel, Madison, Erica, Brooke, Kaleb, Konnor and Angelia; eleven great-grandchildren. Private family services will be held Saturday, Jan.

8th at Burkhart Funeral Home, 201 W. Wabash Avenue, Crawfordsville. Burial will follow at Old Union Cemetery, north of Waveland.

Donations in memory of Red Smith may be made to Mooseheart, 155 S. International Drive, Mooseheart, IL 60539 or Moosehaven, 1701 Park Avenue, Orange Park, FL 32073. Online condolences may be made at

#### James "Jim" Allen Smith Nov. 28, 1946 - Dec. 31, 2021

James "Jim" Allen Smith, 75, Crawfordsville, passed away on Dec. 31, 2021 at The Lane House.

He was born in Crawfordsville on Nov. 28, 1946 to the late Arthur and Edna

(Andrews) Smith. In 1965, Mr. Smith graduated from Linden High School. He then graduated from Indiana University with a Bachelor

of Science Degree in Business. He was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity at Indiana University as well as the New Richmond Masonic Lodge. Mr. Smith enjoyed gardening, canning, IU basketball and annoying the heck out of his children. He was an avid reader.

Survivors include his two sons, Justin (Donna) Smith and Travis (Beth) Smith of Crawfordsville; a daughter. Monica (Dan) Smith of Terre Haute; seven grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; a brother; Mac (Connie) Smith of Midway, Ky.; a sister, Jan (Steve) Moss of Twelve Mile, Ind.; and several nieces, nephews; and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents. Visitation will be at Sanders Priebe Funeral Care, 315 S. Washington Street in Crawfordsville on Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2022 from 4 p.m. until the time of funeral service at 6 p.m.

Sanders Priebe Funeral Care is entrusted with care. Condolences online at www.sandersfuneralcare.com.

#### William Earl Richmond July 21, 1933 - Jan. 1, 2022

William E. (Bill) Richmond passed away at his home on Jan. 1 at the age of 88 after a short bout with cancer.

He was born in Crawfordsville on July 21, 1933, the son of Robert and Esther Richmond.

He was a 1951 graduate of Crawfordsville High School and still enjoyed meeting monthly with his fellow classmates. He served as part of the Army 5th Infantry Division (The Big Red) stationed in Germany during the Korean War from 1954-1956. After returning home he attended Purdue University earning his degree in Agriculture in 1960. Shortly thereafter he returned

to Purdue and earned his teaching degree. He also received his Masters Degree in Biology from Michigan State University.

On June 15, 1957 he married his wife of 64 years, Linda Updike. They had 5 children, Kathy Mola of Dayton, Ohio, Lisa (Bob) Kaeser of Lafayette, Leigh Ann (Pat) Vacendak of Crawfordsville, Kent (Kristie) Richmond of Crawfordsville and Monica (Greg) Winer of Elgin, Ill. He and Linda have 11 grandchildren, four

great grandchildren, two nephews and three nieces. Mr. Richmond taught Biology at Crawfordsville HS for 38 years and was the 1st swim coach for CHS. He also managed the city pool for many years. After coaching he became an official for IHSAA swimming and diving. After his retirement he received his Master Gardener certification from Purdue and also became a beekeeper. He did not know an idle moment. He loved working with his bees, on his farm and with his chickens and horses. He was known for his large gardens and his very extensive Christmas light displays for which he won many awards.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and his

sisters, Katherine and Mary. Visitation is scheduled on Monday, Jan. 17th from 4 to 8 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 18th at 11:00 am with visitation 1 hour before service. Both will be held at Burkhart Funeral Home at 201 W. Wabash Ave., Crawfordsville. The family requests that masks be worn for both indoor events. Burial will be immediately following service at Oak

Donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, http://giftfunds.stjude.org/Bill Richmond or mail to: ALSAC/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105 "In memory of Bill Richmond".

Barbara Mae Neal Richey, 59,

Wingate, passed away unexpectedly in her home at 10:05 p.m. Monday, Jan. She was born in Glasgow, Ky., June

16, 1962 to Lawrence Neal and the late Lera O'dell Neal.

She married Jeffrey Richey in

Hartsville, Tenn. June 12, 1979 and he She was a 1980 graduate of North

ployed at Hudson's Grocery in Waynetown and most recently served as the Deli/Bakery Manager at Kroger's in Crawfordsville. She enjoyed sewing, spending time with family, loved her 'furbabies' Alice and Bristol. She also enjoyed visit-

Montgomery High School. She had formerly been em-

ing Mackinac Island. Twelve years ago she was a kidney transplant recipient, but in recent years that kidney failed and she was on kidney dialysis. Survivors include her husband, Jeff; her father; Lawrence 'Jessie' Neal of Wingate; two daughters, Melissa (Matthew) Ford of Waynetown and Jessica Peebles of Crawfordsville; three sisters, Sherry Neal, Jennie (Rick)

Calder and Rebecca Neal, all of Wingate; three brothers, Paul (Beverly) Neal of Crawfordsville, Michael (Pam) Neal of Hillsboro and Jessie (Lori) Neal of Beech Grove; g randchildren, Alexus Johnson of Waynetown, Lilly Peebles of Crawfordsville, Liam Peebles of Hillsboro, Kayla Peebles of Brownsburg and Logan Ford of Waynetown. She was preceded by her mother, Lera Neal; nephew,

Eric Largent; neice, LeeAnn Brock; son-in-law, Justin Peebles; in-laws, Melvin and Wima Richey; and sister-in-laws, Penny Richey and Reva Richey. Visitation hours are scheduled 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Satur-

day, Jan. 8, 2022 at Family and Friends Funeral Home of Wingate. At 1 p.m. Pastor Seth Stultz will close with a brief service. Memorial contributions may be directed to American Kidney Foundation. Visit us at www.familyandfriendsfh.com to sign the guest book or share a memory.

#### Oct. 13, 1957 - Jan. 3, 2022 Edward E. Larson, known as Ed,

Edward (Ed) E. Larson

Eddie, or Big Ed to those he loved, passed away suddenly in his home in Crawfordsville, Ind. on Jan. 3, 2022 at the age of 64. Born on Oct. 13, 1957 in East Chi-

cago, Ind., he was one of five children to parents Guy and Margaret Larson. He graduated from Lake Central

High School in St. John, Ind. in 1975.

He worked at Larson Realty in Lake County, Ind. with his parents, and then at the steel mill before moving to Las Vegas. When he returned to Indiana

in the 1990s, he moved to Crawfordsville and became the Course Superintendent at the Crawfordsville Country Club, a position he's held proudly for 25 years. He loved the club and became friends with many of the members. He had a positive influence on the young people who worked for him and in the lives of the many people he befriended. He loved horse-racing, sports, bingo, music and watching his children and grandchildren grow into compassionate, kind, and hard-working people. He cared about many people and wanted what was best for everyone he knew. He will be missed by many. Survivors include his son, Anthony Krupa-Larson (wife, Andrea Szostek-Krupa) and grandson, AJ Krupa, of Grang-

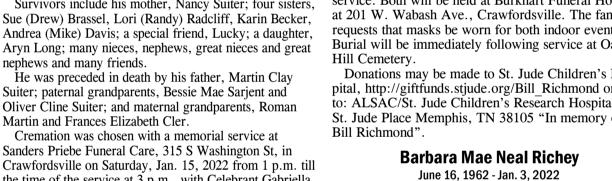
er, Ind.; son, Brandon (wife, Jenny) Barkley, and grandchildren, Evelyn, Virginia and Luke Barkley of Jackson Hole, Wyo.; sister, Sue Nagy (nephew, CJ Nagy; niece, Becky Nagy; great-niece, Suzie Wellin (Bryce Wellin)); brother, Mike Larson (nieces, Christen Thompson, Kim Larson-Casey; nephews, Craig Larson (wife, Meghan) and Eric Larson (wife, Carrie); and many great nieces, nephews and cousins. Surviving friends include: Jeff Mccandless and Wayne Hubbard. He is preceded in death by parents, Guy and Margaret

Larson; sisters, Mary-Ellen and Roberta "Bobbie" Larson; sister-in-law, Carole Larson; and many aunts and uncles.

A celebration of life will be held at the Crawfordsville Country Club. Details will be announced as they are available. Cremation arrangements were made through Burkhart Funeral Home. Condolences online may be made at www.BurkhartFH.









## Did You Know?

- Clay County occupies 2.78 square miles of water and 357.54 square miles of land.
- The county contains six towns, one city and 43 unincorporated communities.
- Brazil, the county seat, has an estimated population of 8,110 and 3.7 square miles of land.
- Clay County was found in 1825 and named in honor of Henry Clay.
- The county has had four different courthouses since 1828.

## Got Words?

Since 1828 Clay County has built four courthouses in two different locations. The last time the courthouse was built it was relocated to a more central area in the county. Why do you think it is important that courthouses are in the center of the town?

# Clay Number

**A5** 

1. How many years has it been since Clay County established it's first courthouse?

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- 2. What is the population density of Brazil?
- 3. How many more square miles of land is there in the county than water?
- 4. What percentage of land in the County is made up of Brazil?

Answers: 1. 190 Years 2. About 2,192 people/sq mi
3. 354.76 square miles 4. 1.03%

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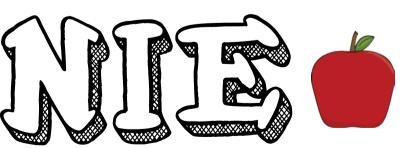
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Unscramble the words below!

- 1. U00URTHSCE
  - 2. RABZLI
- 3. HEYRN YACL
- 4. UCMTHEMNSO 5. ALCY CTUNOY

Answers: 1. Courthouse 2. Brazil 3. Henry Clay 4. Communities 5. Clay County

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#### Indiana has 14th lowest natural gas prices in U.S.

With winter and cold weather upon us, many consumers will be bearing the burden of increased costs for heating sources like natural gas this year.

New data released from the Bureau of Labor Statistics in early December showed a continued rise in inflation, with consumer prices in November rising 6.8% over the prior year. One of the main categories driving inflation overall has been energy, where prices now are up a total of 33.3% over their 2020 levels. While the rate of growth month-to-month has slowed, the cost of utility gas service was 25.1% higher in November than it was one year ago. The COVID-19 pandemic has increased volatility in both demand and supply for energy, and with supply currently lagging behind demand, consumers are facing higher prices as a result.

Recent spikes in natural gas pricing run in contrast to a decline in residential prices seen over the last decade. The rise of new techniques like hydraulic fracturing and horizontal drilling in the early- to mid-2000s made natural gas easier to extract, which has generally

contributed to a trend of

lower prices on average. In dollars per million BTU, the cost of natural gas in the U.S. has generally held steady between \$10 and \$15 since the last recession. In the summer of 2021, however, prices rose to around \$20 per million BTU.

The affordability of natural gas compared to other energy sources has made natural gas a key part of the U.S. energy mix in recent years. This has had some environmental benefit as well, allowing for a transition away from cheap but heavy-emitting fossil fuels like coal. But environmentalists concerned about greenhouse gas emissions have argued that natural gas should also be deemphasized in favor of renewable energy sources, and some municipalities—like New York City—have passed restrictions on natural gas in new construction to speed this transition. States with economies more dependent on energy extraction have responded by banning local governments from considering similar moves.

But if higher prices persist, economics may help speed a transition away from natural gas regardless of any policy choices that state and local governments make. There already is a strong inverse relationship between natural gas prices and consumption. In parts of the U.S. where natural gas prices are high, including the South and Northeast, per capita natural gas consumption tends to be much lower. The current elevated prices for natural gas could lead utilities and consumers to push for greater energy efficiency and more affordable energy sources, especially in those locations where natural gas is already more expensive.

To identify the states with the most expensive natural gas prices, researchers at Commodity. com calculated the average residential natural gas price, expressed in dollars per million BTU. The data used in this analysis is from the U.S. Energy Information Administration's State Energy Data System (SEDS) and the U.S. Census Bureau's **American Community** Survey. In the event of a tie, the state with the higher annual natural gas consumption per capita was ranked higher. All statistics shown are for the year 2020, the most recent full year of data available.

The analysis found that in 2020, the annual average residential gas price in Indiana was \$8.28 per million BTU, compared to \$10.40 at the national level. Out of all U.S. states, Indiana has the 14th lowest natural gas prices. Here is a summary of the data for Indiana:

- Average residential natural gas price (dollars per million BTU): \$8.28 Annual natural gas consumption per capita (million BTU): 20.54 Annual natural gas cost

per capita: \$170 Total residential natural gas consumption (million

BTU): 138,729,860 For reference, here are the statistics for the entire

**United States:** - Average residential natural gas price (dollars per million BTU): \$10.40

Annual natural gas consumption per capita (million BTU): 14.71 Annual natural gas cost

per capita: \$153 Total residential natural gas consumption (million

BTU): 4,847,260,507 For more information, a detailed methodology, and complete results, you can find the original report on Commodity. com's website: https:// commodity.com/blog/natural-gas-states/

#### Witham Health Services puts a pause on elective surgeries and all in-person group classes

With your health and safety in mind, Witham has made the difficult decision to immediately pause all elective surgery. Only urgent and emergent procedures will continue. In an effort to prevent unnecessary exposures we have restricted visiting hours, vendor visits and other in-person activities including all support group and community education classes, Tai Chi, Pedaling for Parkinson's, & FightSmart classes. These will all be on hold until further notice. If you have questions about a support group or education class please call 485-8120. For questions about wellness classes please call 485-8126. We will be re-evaluating each week and we'll re-gather as soon as it is safe to do so. Our community's COVID burden is quickly stretching our hospital resources to new levels. Daily we are seeing more ventilated patients, more COVID positive admissions, and more hospital staff absences. Please help us by getting vaccinated.

About Witham Witham Health Services has served the residents of Boone and surrounding counties for over 105

Witham Health Services is a progressive, modern health care provider. We offer many of the medical services people need throughout their lifetime, right here, close to home. Whatever your health care needs are in the future, you won't have to travel far for quality care. We have offices in Crawfordsville, Frankfort, Jamestown, Lebanon, Thorntown, Whitestown at Anson and Zionsville. With our physicians, specialists, and advanced equipment and procedures, you can count on exceptional care in friendly, familiar surroundings with your family and friends nearby. If you're hospitalized, your treatment will be managed by a physician or specialist you know and trust. Our staff takes pride in providing high quality care with a caring touch. Witham Health Services is a county owned, nonprofit healthcare organization committed to improving health through excellence and personalized care.

## Indy Airport putting on the flash for the College Football Playoff Championship

The Indianapolis International Airport (IND) is rolling out the red carpet for the College Football National Playoff Championship, and doing it with some splash and flash that is sure to leave visitors with a clear understanding of why the Circle City is the host with the most.

The Indy airport will welcome the nearly 100,000 visitors coming into the city with the sights, sounds and feeling of Hoosier Hospitality as they join in the weekend festivities leading up to the Jan. 10 championship game at Lucas Oil Stadium.

"We're very proud to be part of the host committee and the first to welcome air travelers as they arrive in Indianapolis for this fan-fest event," said Indianapolis Airport Authority **Executive Director Mario** Rodriguez.

College football fans arriving in Indy will be welcomed with lots of visual cues – with championship branding covering the airport terminal. CFP-branded window and banner art will adorn Civic Plaza, along with iconic 2022 numerals - ready for their picture-perfect moment. CFP branding will also be visible in Baggage Claim, the pedestrian bridge between

the garage and terminal, the upper-level drive of the terminal and on digital boards

throughout the airport. Two CFP branded luminaires at 40 feet tall will tower over the entrances to the TSA security checkpoints informing travelers of the concourses and showcasing the championship trophy. IAA staff and community volunteers will be present to provide a warm and welcoming Hoosier Hospitality hello. And fans can stock up on their favorite CFP fan apparel and gear sold in kiosks and pop-up shops throughout the terminal.

An honored-guest welcome is planned to help recognize leaders in education on the largest platform in college football. The Teacher of the Year Championship Experience will recognize 56 Teachers of the Year from U.S. states, territories, the District of Columbia, and the Department of Defense at CFP Foundation events and on the field during the national championship game. This special welcome in Indy starts at IND.

Arts & Culture Along with live music performances in Civic Plaza by a variety of Indy musicians, including Emma Peridot, Keith Beatty,

Manners, Please, Kristen, and The Girl Called books, planned for Jan. 7 – 11 from 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., local Indiana artists' work will also be on exhibit

throughout the terminal. In partnership with the CFP Foundation, the Extra Yard for Teacher's initiative and the Indy Arts Council, the Indy airport arts program will feature a **CFP Indiana Arts Educators** exhibit in the KIND Gallery, located in Concourse A now through Spring 2022. The exhibit will welcome college football fans and honor Indiana teachers, featuring 20 art pieces in a variety of mediums from 15 art teachers from eight different Indiana counties. In addition, teacher artwork will be on display on the digital board going down to

Baggage Claim. The 22 For 22 poster show also will be on display in Civic Plaza now through Jan. 11, featuring poster art created by 22 graphic artists and illustrators from Central Indiana and focuses on a theme of common football phrases.

Fans will also have a photo opportunity outside the Ground Transportation Center with a goalpost mural with 3D effects. Airport guests can put on their 3D glasses and enjoy the art. In total, five goalpost murals will be located throughout downtown Indy for the CFP National Championship providing interactive photo-ops for the perfect selfie.

And to add a spirit of inspiration in overcoming the odds and show off Indy's legends who have shaped our history, fans will be greeted with masterpiece murals of the world's first female millionaire entrepreneur Madam C. J. Walker and the world's first international cycling champion Marshall "Major" Taylor,

both located in Civic Plaza. All of the art on display during this great event is part of the Indy airport's arts program, a cultural collaboration between the Indianapolis Airport Authority and the Indy Arts Council involving permanent and temporary art collections. It is considered one of the most robust displays of local art among U.S. airports, said Rodriguez.

Fan Fun and Safety "While we would all like to have the pandemic in our rearview mirror, we're still

working our way to that goal and keeping travelers' safety as our top priority as we plan for all the fan fun," said Rodriguez.

The Indy airport frontline staff will be among

the first ambassadors of Hoosier Hospitality as fans arrive, where they'll be showered with award-winning customer service. The terminal services team. who were honored as Final Four Frontline Heroes in 2021, have been working throughout the pandemic to make the airport safe for travelers.

"Fans can rest assured that they are arriving at a clean airport that keeps health and safety at the forefront," said Rodriguez, noting that the Indianapolis International Airport has received a global Airport Health Accreditation for its abundance of safety measures throughout the terminal and airport campus to protect the traveling public.

In addition, optional COVID-19 testing is available onsite at the airport for travelers arriving and departing. Masks are required at the airport, per the federal requirement. To learn more about the airport's COVID-19 response, fans can visit IND. com/COVID19.

About the Indianapolis Airport Authority The Indianapolis

Airport Authority owns and operates Indiana's largest airport system in the Indianapolis metro-

politan area. In addition to the Indianapolis International Airport (IND), its facilities include the Downtown Heliport, Eagle Creek Airpark, Hendricks County Airport-Gordon Graham Field, Indianapolis Regional Airport and Metropolitan Airport. IND generates a \$5.4 billion total annual economic impact for Central Indiana without relying on state or local taxes to fund operations. More than 10,000 people work at the airport each day, and 22,600 area jobs have a connection to the airport. In 2019, IND served more than 9.5 million business and leisure travelers. IND is consistently ranked, year after year, as the best airport in North America and the nation, based on ease of use, passenger amenities, customer service, local retail offerings and public art. The airport is home of the world's second largest FedEx operation and the nation's eighth-largest cargo facility. IND is committed to becoming the airport system of choice for both passenger and cargo service. For more information, visit IND's Facebook page at Indianapolis International Airport and Twitter page at @ INDairport.

#### 2022 LARE Application deadline is Jan. 15

The deadline for submitting Lake and River Enhancement (LARE) applications for 2022 projects is Jan. 15, 2022.

The LARE program strives to protect and enhance aquatic habitat for fish and wildlife while ensuring the continued viability of Indiana's publicly accessible lakes, rivers, and streams. The

program accomplishes this through measures that reduce non-point sediment and nutrient pollution.

Technical and financial assistance for qualifying projects is provided to applicants through the LARE program. Wetland enhancement, streambank stabilization, and logjam removal are just a few

projects that LARE funds can be awarded for. To view a full list of qualifying project types, along with additional information about LARE, see lare.dnr.IN.gov.

Applications must be completed and submitted electronically.

To view more DNR news releases, please see dnr.IN.gov.

#### Hunting, fishing, trapping license fees increase

For the first time since 2006, Indiana DNR Division of Fish & Wildlife (DFW) has increased fees for hunting, fishing, and trapping licenses. Commercial license fees also increase, some for the first

licenses for the remainder

of the 2021-2022 license

year (April 1, 2021 -

time since the 1980s. The increases will be applied to personal licenses starting with the 2022-2023 license year (April 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023) that will go on sale in January. The fee increase does not affect

March 31, 2022), even if those licenses are purchased after Jan. 1.

The new fees allow DFW to maintain core programs including habitat restoration, maintenance of public lands, scientific research and education, and expansion of other services to manage Indiana's fish and wildlife for everyone to

Funds will also go to the DNR Division of Law Enforcement to ensure it is equipped to provide public safety and enforce the laws governing natural resourc-

The new license prices were determined by comparing license fees among other Midwestern states and balancing the rising costs of resource management.

More information on these changes, including a full list of the new fees, can be found here: dnr.IN.gov/ fish-and-wildlife/licenses-and-permits/fee-changes

Learn more about how DFW is funded: https://bit. ly/3xdQTAU

To view more DNR news releases, please see dnr. IN.gov.

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## Build a Better-for-You Menu in 2022

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ommitting to healthier habits in the new year often starts in the kitchen. Adding better-for-you recipes to your arsenal is the start of a more nutritionfocused lifestyle, and whether you're a true home chef or just learning the basics, these dishes can be the gateway to a healthier you.

From fresh spins on family night and quick solutions in a pinch to homemade lunches and satisfying salads, consider these delicious and nutritious ways to enhance your homemade meals in 2022.

Visit Culinary.net to find more healthconscious recipe ideas.

#### A Fresh Take on **Family Dinner**

If your family gets stuck in a dinner routine rut, it can feel like you're eating the same recipes over and over again.

However, this fresh and unique recipe for Cuban Chicken with Salsa Fresca might inspire you to think outside the culinary box and give your family members the satisfactory flavor they desire at dinnertime. With fresh ingredients and a wholesome flavor, this meal is perfect to add to your menu.

Find more recipes and family dinner ideas at Culinary.net.

#### Cuban Chicken with Salsa Fresca Servings: 5

- cup grapefruit juice tablespoons olive oil
- teaspoons garlic powder
- teaspoons cumin
- teaspoons paprika
- teaspoon crushed red pepper 1 1/4 pounds boneless, skinless
- chicken breasts

#### Salsa Fresca:

- 1 cup grapefruit segments
- 1/2 jicama, cubed 1/2 red onion, chopped
- 3/4 cup grapefruit juice 4 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 cup fresh cilantro, chopped 1 jalapeno pepper, chopped

Heat oven to 400 F.

In large bowl, mix grapefruit juice, oil, garlic powder, cumin, paprika and red pepper until combined. Add chicken to bowl and turn to coat. Refrigerate 30 minutes or longer.

To make salsa fresca: In medium bowl, mix grapefruit segments, jicama, red onion, grapefruit juice, olive oil, cilantro and jalapeno pepper until combined. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

Remove chicken from marinade. Place chicken in baking dish. Bake 25-30 minutes until chicken is cooked through.

Serve chicken with salsa fresca.

#### A Lean, Nutritious Lunch

Meal prepping is one of the most common strategies for improving eating habits, however, this tactic is often focused primarily on nutritious breakfasts and family dinners. Don't let lunch go by the wayside; you can skip the fast food breaks by opting for a recipe you can make quickly at home.

Made with nutritious Wisconsin Potatoes loaded with goodness, low in calories, high in fiber and a good source of vitamin B6, potassium, vitamin C and antioxidants, a Turkey-Potato Wrap provides a simple solution for swapping out saltier foods for a lean lunch. By making four at a time in just half an hour, lunch is served for most of your work week to help save time on busy mornings while adding vitamins, nutrients and antioxidants to your afternoon meal.

Find more better-for-you recipe ideas at eatwisconsinpotatoes.com.

#### Turkey-Potato Wrap

Recipe courtesy of Wisconsin Potatoes

- 3/4 pound Wisconsin russet potatoes, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- tablespoon water
- tablespoon canola oil
- 3/4 pound ground lean turkey large carrot, shredded
- 1/3 cup sliced green onions with tops 1 can (8 ounces) tomato sauce 2/3 cup shredded cheddar cheese 1 teaspoon dried Italian seasoning
- or basil salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste 4 large whole-wheat or

high-fiber tortillas light sour cream (optional) Place potatoes in microwave-safe bowl: sprinkle with water. Cover, venting one

corner. Microwave on high 5-8 minutes until potatoes are tender. In large nonstick skillet over mediumhigh heat, heat oil. Add and break up turkey; cook 5 minutes, tossing occasionally. Mix in carrot; cook 2 minutes. Add potatoes and onions; toss and cook 2 minutes. Reduce heat

to medium; mix in tomato sauce, cheese and Italian seasoning. Cook, stirring occasionally, 4-5 minutes until mixture is hot and most sauce is absorbed. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. On work surface, lay out tortillas. Place 3/4 cup hot turkey mixture on each;

fold and roll for burritos. Cut in halves. Serve each with sour cream, if desired.



Cuban Chicken with Salsa Fresca

#### Take Your Salad from Bland to Bold

Step aside, boring salads. A new year and a healthier eating plan can include better-for-you greens and dressings that hit the spot. Veggies roasted with aromatic spices served on Fresh Express 5-Lettuce Mix are drizzled

with lemon tahini dressing in this Moroccan Roasted Vegetable Salad, a delicious vegetarian way to turn a bland meal into a bona fide delight. With green leaf lettuce, red leaf lettuce, butter lettuce, romaine and radicchio, the mix of greens offers a bold combination of textures and flavors for those who love variety and color.

Find more ways to enhance your at-home salads at FreshExpress.com.

#### **Moroccan Roasted Vegetable Salad**

Prep time: 20 minutes Cook time: 20 minutes

- **Lemon Tahini Dressing:** 1/4 cup tahini
  - 1/4 cup olive oil
  - tablespoons lemon juice
  - teaspoons maple syrup teaspoons Dijon mustard
  - teaspoon salt 2 tablespoons cold water
  - nonstick cooking spray tablespoons olive oil
  - teaspoons ras el hanout or garam masala
  - 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper



- 4 sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into
- long wedges whole large carrots, chopped
- 2 red bell peppers, cored and cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 packages (6 ounces each) Fresh Express 5-Lettuce Mix 1 can (15 1/2 ounces) chickpeas, rinsed
- and drained cup dried apricots, sliced
- 1/3 cup slivered almonds, toasted 2 tablespoons Italian parsley, chopped
- To make lemon tahini dressing: In small bowl, whisk tahini, olive oil, lemon juice, maple syrup, Dijon mustard and salt. Add cold water;

mix well. If dressing thickens, mix in more

cold water. Heat oven to 400 F. Spray two baking sheets with nonstick cooking spray.

In large bowl, mix olive oil, ras el hanout, salt and pepper. Add sweet potatoes; toss to coat. Transfer to first prepared baking sheet. Add carrots and peppers to leftover oil; toss to coat. Transfer to second prepared baking sheet. Bake 15-20 minutes, or until vegetables are tender. Let cool.

Arrange lettuce mix on four plates. Top each with sweet potatoes, carrots, red pepper, chickpeas, apricots and almonds. Drizzle with dressing and sprinkle with parsley.



#### **Eating Well When You're Short on Time**

Committing to a better eating plan doesn't change the fact there are simply times when a hectic schedule calls for a quick solution.

When you need an easy-to-make lunch or dinner, opt for this Loaded Smoked Salmon Rice Bowl that takes just 5 minutes for a satisfying meal. With Minute's fully cooked Ready to Serve Brown Rice, it's easy to add whole grains to your diet even when you're short on time. One cup of cooked brown rice is equal to two servings of whole grains, making it a nutritious option when time is of the essence.

Packaged in convenient, single-serve, BPA-free cups, the brown rice cups provide a quick, easy solution for dishes from breakfast to dessert. Ready in just 1 minute, they're non-GMO, gluten free and cholesterol free with no preservatives.

Find more easy-to-assemble recipes at MinuteRice.com.

#### **Loaded Smoked Salmon Rice Bowl** Prep time: 4 minutes

Cook time: 1 minute Servings: 1

- 1 cup Minute Ready to Serve **Brown Rice**
- ounces smoked salmon 1/2 cup julienned cucumber

seasoning mix

teaspoon soy sauce tablespoon everything bagel

Heat rice according to package directions. Top rice with smoked salmon and cucumbers. Drizzle with soy sauce and sprinkle with seasoning mix.



Loaded Smoked Salmon Rice Bowl

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## Create Healthy Habits in the New Year

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The changing of the calendar to a new year is a perfect opportunity to look toward the future and create better health and wellness habits.

Setting yourself up with a strong foundation is key to longterm success. Consider these tips as you look to build healthy habits this year:

Set reasonable goals. It's important to take an honest look at your lifestyle and assess any changes you can make to improve wellness. Whether your goal is to lose weight, eat healthier, exercise more frequently or something else entirely, start with an attainable target – like losing 1 pound a week – and know you can always challenge yourself further once you've sustained the change for an extended period of time.

Eat well. A well-balanced diet includes fruits, vegetables, legumes, nuts and whole grains. You can create lower-caloric versions of some of your favorite dishes by substituting low-caloric fruits and vegetables in place of higher calorie ingredients. An option like watermelon is more than a raw fruit or snack; it can be an ingredient in a wide variety of recipes, including appetizers, mocktails (or cocktails), entrees, sauces or salsa. For example, these recipes for Watermelon Chia Seed Muffins and Watermelon and Pistachio Salad can help satisfy cravings any time of day. Consisting of 92% water, watermelon is cholesterol-free, fat-free and offers an excellent source of vitamin C (25% daily value) while also containing vitamin A (8%) and vitamin B6 (6%).

Get active. Proper nutrition is just one part of making healthy lifestyle choices. Adults should aim for at least 160 minutes of moderate physical activity each week, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. If you want to lose weight, increase aerobic activities like walking or running. If your goal is adding strength, start resistance training such as lifting weights.

Find more healthy recipes and tips to help keep you on track



Watermelon and Pistachio Salad



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#### Watermelon Chia Seed Muffins

Yield: 12 muffins

- 1 can nonstick
- cooking spray 1/2 cup sugar 1/3 cup sucralose
- 1/3 cup sucralose 1 1/2 tablespoons lemon zest
- 2 cups flour 3/4 cup chia seeds
- 1 teaspoon baking soda 2 teaspoons baking powder 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 4 tablespoons canola oil 1/3 cup plain, nonfat Greek yogurt
- 3/4 cup liquefied watermelon
- juice 1/2 cup egg substitute
- 1 cup dried tart cherries 1 lemon, juice only 2 teaspoons vanilla extract 2 tablespoons sugar

Heat oven to 375 F. Spray 12-piece muffin pan with nonstick cooking spray.

In large bowl, combine sugar, sucralose and lemon zest. Use fingers to rub zest into sugar until fragrant. Add flour, chia seeds, baking soda, baking powder and salt; thoroughly mix. Set aside.

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In medium bowl, whisk oil, yogurt, watermelon juice and egg substitute until thoroughly blended. Add cherries, lemon juice and vanilla.
Add liquid mixture to flour mix-

Add liquid mixture to flour mixture. Gently toss until incorporated. Avoid overbeating or muffins will be flat and tough. Spoon evenly into muffin pan. Top each muffin with 1/2 teaspoon sugar.

Bake 15-17 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in middle comes out clean. Remove from oven, allow to sit 5 minutes then transfer muffins to cooling rack.

#### Watermelon and Pistachio Salad

3 cups watermelon

- cubes
  1/2 red onion, thinly sliced
- 1/3 cup balsamic vinegar
- 1/4 cup pistachios
- 4 ounces feta

Servings: 3

#### 1-2 tablespoons chopped fresh mint

Place watermelon and onion in large bowl. Add balsamic vinegar and toss to combine. Add pistachios, feta and mint, reserving small amount of mint

to sprinkle on top. Toss.

Serve on large platter and sprinkle with remaining mint.



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## **Grow herbs indoors for year-round enjoyment**

Add garden fresh flavor to your meals year-round. Grow a few of your favorite herbs indoors, harvest and enjoy.

Select a variety of herbs you and your family enjoy and use for cooking, decoration, or fragrance. Basil, chives, cilantro, oregano, marjoram, mint, parsley, sage and thyme are some of the easier herbs to grow indoors. Purchase plants or seeds from your local garden center, favorite garden catalog or produce section of the grocery

Most herbs need six to eight hours of bright light each day. A south-facing window in winter is best but an east- or west-facing window may be sufficient. Increase success with artificial lights. Set the timer for 14 to 16 hours a day and keep lights 6 to 12" above the plants.

You will find lots of

energy efficient and stylish options for just about any space. Sleeker designs like Gardener's Supply Micro Grow Light Garden can be placed on the kitchen counter or a small table. Furniture grade options like Bamboo LED Grow Light Garden (gardeners. com) make it easy to grow herbs in just about any room in the house.

Use a variety of plants to create an attractive display in a large windowsill planter. Combine plants that have the same growing requirements to ensure success.

Or place each herb plant in its own container. A four- to seven-inch pot is a good size when starting with smaller plants. Growing individual plants in their own container allows you to provide the specific watering, care and

transplanting they need. Select containers with

perennials and self-seeding

through early spring. Oth-

er flowers and vegetables

seeds are typically winter

annuals sometime winter

drainage holes or reduce maintenance and increase success with self-watering containers like Viva self-watering planters. Just fill the water reservoir that gradually releases water into the soil for the plants to use. You will need to water less often.

Fill the container with a well-drained quality potting mix. Many contain a slow-release fertilizer, providing weeks or even several months of nutrients for your plants. Just check the label for details and adjust fertilization as needed.

Water the containers thoroughly whenever the top inch of soil is dry. Pour off excess water so the plant does not sit in the excess and succumb to root rot. Or place pebbles in the tray to elevate the pot above any water that collects in the saucer or tray. This means less work for you and better growing conditions for the plant.

Incorporate a slow-release fertilizer or use a dilute solution of any indoor houseplant fertilizer once the nutrients in the potting mix are spent. Follow label directions and do not overdo as too much fertilizer can harm your plants.

Begin harvesting most herbs when they reach six to eight inches in height and as needed. Use a sharp pair of garden scissors, snips, or hand pruners. Make cuts above a set of healthy leaves so the remaining plant is neater and tidier in appearance. As the plant grows, you will be able to harvest larger quantities and more often.

Start with a few of your favorite herbs and expand your collection as you gain experience. Soon you will be confident and eager



Photo courtesy of Gardener's Supply Company/gardeners.com Artificial lights ensure herbs receive enough bright light to successfully grow indoors.

to try more challenging favorites.

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DVD series and the Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for Birds & Blooms magazine and was commissioned by Gardener's Supply for her expertise to write this article. Her web site is www. MelindaMyers.com.

## Start seeds outdoors with winter sowing

Save money and indoor space used for starting seeds indoors with winter sowing. This easy technique allows you to start transplants from seeds outdoors without a greenhouse or cold frame.

Growing your own transplants from seeds can save you money and is often the only option for new, unique, and other hard to find plants. Not everyone has the time, equipment, and dedication to watering that's needed to start plants indoors.

All you need are flower and vegetable seeds, milk jugs or two-liter soda bottles, duct tape and a quality potting mix. Check the seed packet for information on planting details and timing. Winter sowing dates vary with the growing climate, individual gardener, and seed variety you are planting. Try starting hardy

sown about the same time you would plant them indoors or a month or two before the transplants get moved into the garden. Keep a record of your planting dates and results to help you fine tune your planting schedule and increase future success. Drill four to 12 small

holes in the bottom of the jug for drainage. One winter sower fills the container with water and pops it into the freezer or outside in below freezing temperatures. Once frozen solid, he drills the holes into the container. The ice prevents the plastic container from collapsing during the process.

Next, partially cut the jug to create a hinged lid. Make your cut about three to four inches above the bottom, leaving the area by the handle attached so it forms a hinge. The bottom of the milk jug handle is usually a good guide.

Fill the bottom with moist potting mix. Plant seeds according to the package directions. Gently water until the excess runs out the bottom of the container.

Fellow gardener, Patricia, uses rolled newspaper or the cardboard tubes from toilet paper to help space and eventually transplant her winter sown seedlings. She makes newspaper pots by wrapping 22 ½" x 5" strips of newspaper around a 2½" diameter x 4" tall jar. She folds the end to create the bottom for a 3 1/2" tall pot. Secured with staples, she sets the pots or toilet paper rolls in the milk jug, fills with potting mix, tops them off

with about half an inch of seed starting mix and then plants her seeds.

Label the inside and outside of the jug with a permanent marker. Close the lid and seal it shut with duct tape. Remove the cap before setting your milk jugs in a sunny location outdoors where rain and snow can reach it. Keep them handy to prevent waterlogged soil during extremely wet

weather. Water vour outdoor seed starting chambers during snow-free and dry weather. This will be much less often than those seedlings growing indoors

under artificial lights. Your plants will be ready to move into the garden at the normal planting time. Just open the lids, harden off the plants and move them into the garden.



Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com

Winter sowing allows gardeners to start transplants from seeds outdoors by repurposing milk jugs or two-liter soda bottles.

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## How you can choose the best wallpaper design for any space

(StatePoint) Thinking about using wallpaper to transform your walls from drab to fab? You're in good company. Wallpaper's popularity is on the rise in both residential and commercial spaces and gaining an edge over

paint. Why? Experts believe this trend reflects a growing recognition of wallpaper's unique benefits. It's cost-effective, protects the wall surface from accidental marks and scratches, and offers personalized self-expression at a reasonable price.

"We experienced consistent month-overmonth wallpaper sales increases throughout 2021. We attribute this to consumers' growing desire to customize their spaces with designs that reflect their personal style and aesthetic preferences, while retaining the option to change things up as frequently as desired with removable wallpaper," says Michael Jones, general manager, Spoonflower, a leading custom, print-on-demand wallpaper and home decor digital marketplace.

According to Jones, there are a few things to keep in mind when choosing the right wallpaper

for your space. Here, he offers a few insights to help you get started:

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## Five interior design trends to use in your home in the year 2022

(StatePoint) After learning to live life more remotely in 2020 and 2021, it's time to view 2022 as a

To help you adopt a new, balanced way of living, FrogTape brand painter's tape and celebrity interior designer, Taniya Nayak, are sharing five home interior design trends meant to inspire spaces that will welcome guests, while still incorporating the special intimacies that may have been rediscovered from slowing down. Each trend can be utilized for a full home makeover or incorporated into little touches to freshen

up a space. 1. Embrace. Embrace everything that is good in your life and create a sense of comfort, warmth and security. Nayak recommends cozy textures and a palette of mellow coral, subtle orange, soft green and creamy shades of white and brown to achieve this look in spaces like bedrooms or family rooms. A simple and stylish way to incorporate this into a room is to add a coat of paint to a textured basket for a pop of color. Then, fill it with plenty of plush blankets to complete

the cozy look and feel. 2. Rise. Give a fresh perspective to your existing space with the 'Rise' trend. Inspired by the morning light peeking through the shades, incorporating this trend into your bedroom or bathroom is bound to in-

vigorate and motivate you.



For example, add a coat of green paint to your closet door for a nice pop of color to an area where you start your day.

No matter where you're looking to add fresh color, you'll want to achieve clean, sharp paint lines. One of Nayak's go-to tools is a premium painter's tape that produces professional-looking results, like FrogTape brand painter's tape, which is treated with patented PaintBlock Technology, to deliver the

sharpest lines possible. 3. Gather. Gathering with friends and family has been long awaited, so set the mood and ambience just the way you imagined it. Inspired by the depth of conversations with loved ones, the 'Gather' trend embraces rich, dark tones like navy, teal or forest green. Incorporate this trend by painting the focal point of a room, like kitchen cabinets or the living room fireplace. Or, add bold, dark details with furniture and artwork. You can keep it subtle by creating custom center-

pieces dipped in paint and

wrapped in twine.

4. Revive. Revive your home with soothing and vibrant shades of pink, orange and blue to create a balance of motivated yet satisfied. Consider adding a vibrant paint color to old, worn-down details like a front door, nightstand or kitchen table. It might feel out of context, or out of character, but give it a try.

"This trend can be described as carefree, festive and fun," said Nayak. "Whatever it is that makes you happy...go for it!"

5. Shine. The 'Shine' trend is all about letting your true self shine. Implement this trend in any room throughout your home by embracing every color of the rainbow and visually displaying what's in your heart. Using FrogTape, tape off a custom pattern that is uniquely yours and paint it whatever color you choose.

Visit FrogTape.com/ Trends for more trend

information and ideas. Creative and easy to achieve, these rising trends for 2022 provide inspiration to refresh your home's interior.

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## Recently fired or resigned? Five (5) job reference myths and facts

Few things are more important to one's livelihood than their employment, so it's critical to ensure that nothing in your job-seeking arsenal is costing you future employment. In particular, if you have been fired or have resigned, you need to carefully consider 5 commonplace myths that could inhibit your job seeking efforts. While the need for a good job reference is critical to employment success, many candidates take little time or effort to assure that their references are portraying them in the best possible light. Very often, this oversight occurs because of incorrect assumptions about how references (and reference checking) work.

Among the questions for which you need to know the answers: How are references conducted? What are employers allowed to say? And are yours working for, or against you?

Reference Checking Myth No. 1:

Companies are not allowed to say anything negative about a former employee during a documented reference check.

The Truth: While many companies may have policies that dictate only title, dates of employment and eligibility for rehire can be discussed, reference persons frequently violate those rules in providing bad references about former employees despite company policies.

policies. Think about the boss with whom you had philosophical differences...or the supervisor who sexually harassed you. Can that person be trusted to maintain a professional standard? In many cases the answer is no; approximately half of Allison & Taylor clients receive a bad reference, despite the fact that many companies have strict policies in place prohibiting negative references.

Reference Checking Myth No. 2:

Former employers direct all reference checks to their Human Resources departments, and those people won't say anything negative about me.

The Truth: Most Human Resources professionals will follow proper protocol during reference checks. However, in addition to WHAT is said, reference checkers also evaluate HOW something is said. In other words, they listen to tone of voice and note the HR staffer's willingness to respond to their questions.

Both are critical factors in reference checks - how will your employment be reflected in their responses?

(On a related note, Human Resources is generally allowed to divulge whether a person is eligible for re-hire. What will they say about you?)

Reference Checking Myth No. 3:

It's best to have my employment references listed on my resume and distribute them together.

The Truth:

Your references should be treated carefully and with respect; you don't need companies that may or may not have a real interest in hiring you pestering your employment references. Keep your references separate from your resume, and only provide them when requested. Better still, have a list of your references readily available (in the same format/font as your resume) to be given to a prospective employer. When offered (for example) at the conclusion of an interview – in a highly professional format – it can create a very proactive (and favorable) ending impres-

Reference Checking Myth No. 4:

Once a company hires me, my job references really do not matter anymore.

The Truth: Not all companies finish background and/or reference checks before you are hired. Many employment agreements and contracts include a stipulation that says the employer can hire you with a 90-day probation period. During this time, they will not only evaluate your job performance but, in some instances, will do background and reference checks. During this time, if the results are unsatisfactory, they have the legal right to terminate your employment.

Reference Checking Myth No. 5:

I sued my former company and according to job reference laws, they are now not allowed to say anything

The Truth: Job reference laws can be bypassed and may not entirely protect you. Under job reference laws your former employer may not be able to say anything definitive, but do not put it past them to carefully take a shot at you while still

in accordance with the law. As an example, a former boss or an HR staffer may say "Hold on a minute while I get the legal file

to see what I am allowed to say about Mr. Smith." Although not allowed to "divulge anything" as stated by job reference laws, they just indicated there were legal issues surrounding your employment. This implication can torpedo your job prospects.

Many people discover the error of their assumptions the hard way - by losing out on the perfect job because of reference issues. Check your own references before you provide them to employers to ensure you can address potential problems before they cost you the job.

For more information on reference checking, and what to do if a negative reference is impeding your chances for a new job, please visit www.Allison-Taylor.com.

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## Is it too late to reduce your monthly mortgage payment by refinancing?

(StatePoint) Experts say that with mortgage rates beginning to rise, refinancing your home now might be your last best chance to lower your monthly mortgage payment, as rates remain near all-time lows.

Those who refinanced early in 2021 have already reaped the benefits. Borrowers who refinanced their 30-year fixed rate mortgage into another 30-year fixed rate mortgage during the first half of 2021 saved over \$2,800 in mortgage payments on principal and interest annually, according to a recent Freddie Mac research report.

research report.

But mortgage rates are rising. Indeed, in October 2021, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage, which is the most common type of mortgage, rose to its highest point since April, surpassing 3.0%. Freddie Mac forecasts that mortgage rates will continue to rise, averaging 3.5% for the 30-year fixed in 2022. That's up from an average of 3.0% in 2021.

So is it time to refinance your home loan? To help you make an informed decision, Freddie Mac is offering answers to commonly asked questions about the refinancing process:

• What does refinancing mean? When you refinance your mortgage, you're applying for a new

mortgage to replace your current one, which will result in a new rate, term and monthly payment. The most common type of refinance is a no cash-out refinance, in which you're refinancing the remaining balance on your mortgage.

· When should I consider refinancing? Generally speaking, refinances make the most financial sense when average interest rates are at least half a percentage point lower than the interest rate on your current mortgage. Another reason to consider refinancing is if your financial situation has improved, allowing you to secure a loan with a shorter term and own your home sooner. Finally, if you currently have an adjustable-rate mortgage (ARM) and it's adjusting upward, you may wish to convert to a fixed-rate mortgage that provides you with the security of consistent payments.

Is refinancing free? Although refinancing your mortgage could save you money both in the long- and short-term, it isn't free. For the most part, refinancing costs are similar to what you paid when you purchased your home, including a loan origination fee. There are required services involved, such as appraisals, and state and local fees that can vary significantly based on where you live.

The average cost to refinance is almost \$5,000, so you should carefully consider how long you plan to stay in your home to ensure the savings to outweigh the costs.

• Who should handle my refinance? You don't have to use your current lender to refinance your loan. In fact, it's in your best interest to shop around and compare multiple lenders' loan estimates in search of the best terms and cost. It may take more time, but even a difference as small as one-quarter of a percentage point can save you thousands of dollars over the life of your home loan. The good news? Rates are often negotiable. In other words, you can ask lenders to match the rate quoted by another lender.

There may be no time like the present to lock in the lowest possible rate and receive the highest monthly savings. To get a sense of what refinancing could save you, access Freddie Mac's refinance calculator, along with additional homebuying and refinancing resources, at myhome.freddiemac.com.

As with any big financial endeavor, you'll want to do your homework, look carefully at your short- and long-term goals, and work closely with your lender to do a cost-benefit analysis.





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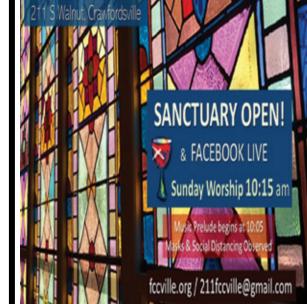
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## Are complementary and alternative medicine good methods

I'm frequently asked by patients to comment on the use of "non-traditional" treatments or remedies they have heard or read about. I usually have to respond that I have limited knowledge about the product, but I will sometimes try to help patients research the product or its ingredients.

The business of complementary and alternative medicine or "CAM" is booming. This is largely an outgrowth of patient frustration with traditional medicine, as well as the ease with which CAM is promoted and sold via social media and the Internet. People are fed up with the high cost of medications and other treatments as well as the perceived loss of empathy in our health care systems.

Many are looking for less expensive "natural" ways to deal with illness and health promotion. The most recent accounting of CAM expenditures I could find was reported in the New York Times in

2016 based on a 2012 NIH study (bit.ly/3EPF1HA). The study revealed that Americans spent \$30.2 billion on CAM treatments. This accounted for 1.1 percent of total health care spending and was equivalent to 24 percent of the amount spent on prescription medications.

Traditionally, physicians trained in the U.S. receive little or no education in CAM treatments in medical school or afterward. This is beginning to change as more medical centers are starting to bow to public demand by integrating CAM into their treatment programs.

Physicians are trained in the scientific method from an early age and rely on carefully designed medical studies to provide convincing evidence that the likelihood of a specific treatment working is not simply due to chance. In fact, medical treatments are frequently modified or abandoned when evidence indicates they are not as effective



JOHN R. ROBERTS, M.D. **Montgomery Medicine** 

as initially thought, or that they are doing more harm than good. Most of us are therefore very hesitant to recommend or comment on treatments that we do not feel have been shown to offer a significant benefit based on current scientific knowledge

Many physicians, including me, are concerned that CAM treatments are being promoted as legitimate by an increasing number of academic medical centers and hospitals. This is often done with weak or no scientific evidence to support their use.

The buzz word for this phenomenon is "integrative medicine." Some have called it "quackademic medicine," the marketing of dubious treatments that have not been shown to provide significant benefit and that may, in fact, be harmful in some cases. You can read an interesting blog post addressing this issue, with many excellent supporting hyperlinks, at bit.ly/2EghPIz.

When researching a product, I usually do an Internet search to find information about the product or its ingredients. The difficulty with Internet search engines like Google is that the majority of the web sites appearing at the top of a search are posted by manufacturers or sellers of the product. These sites frequently look very professional.

The sites often have testimonials by patients, physicians and/or other scientists who are being paid to endorse the product. There are frequently anecdotal stories of people who have

received benefit from the product, often without anv mention of side effects. I must stress to the readers that these sites are NOT the place to go for unbiased information. You should try to look for sites from academic or clinical institutions if possible. The domain names for reputable sites usually end in .edu or .org rather than .com. You should be **EXTREMELY** skeptical of any site that is selling a product alongside the claims made to support its

Another red flag is a web site or advertisement that states physicians, scientists, the government or others are conspiring to suppress evidence that the product works. If a product were indeed shown to be such an incredible scientific breakthrough with no downside, think to yourself, "wouldn't that be the lead story for every news outlet on the planet?"

Conspiracy theories aside, people should be

concerned about products marketed without firm scientific evidence that they produce the desired effect and that they are any safer than other treatments that have been shown to be effective. It's also important to remember that most CAM treatments are not regulated by any agency that looks out for the public interest. This is particularly the case with unregulated nutritional supplements that are not required to be monitored by the FDA.

Always remember to do your research and ask lots of questions. Check things out using objective resources like Consumer Reports, The Center for Science in the Public Interest, sciencebasedmedicine.com or Quackwatch.

Dr. John Roberts is a member of the Franciscan Physician Network specializing in Family Medicine as well as the Deputy County Health Officer in Montgomery County.

#### Lung Association urges Indianapolis to step up for National Take the Stairs Day

Wednesday, January 12 is National Take the Stairs Day, and the American Lung Association in Indiana is challenging residents to adopt healthy habits in the new year by taking the stairs, and then support lung health by registering for the Indianapolis Fight For Air Climb, locally presented by Anthem.

National Take the Stairs Day is observed annually on the second Wednesday of January to give Americans an opportunity to leave the elevator behind and burn calories and improve their overall health. The holiday kicks off the Lung Association's efforts to support its Fight For Air Climb, a yearly event held in over 40 cities nationwide to raise funds to help eliminate lung diseases, including COVID-19, asthma and

lung cancer. "The COVID-19 pandemic is shining an even brighter light on the importance of lung health," said Tanya Husain, executive director of the Lung Association. "National Take the Stairs Day is a great way to improve your own lung health, and then the community's health by supporting the Indianapolis Climb."

Climbers will be able to take over 2,400 steps in a new challenging option at the historic Lucas Oil Stadium on Saturday, February 12. The Lung Association

is also offering a "Climb Your Way" option for those who can't attend the event.

Participants' safety is always the Lung Association's number one priority so the organization is continually monitoring local COVID-19 conditions Please check the Climb website for the most up-todate information.

About the American Lung Association

The American Lung Association is the leading organization working to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease through education, advocacy and research. The work of the American Lung Association is focused on four strategic imperatives: to defeat lung cancer; to

champion clean air for all; to improve the quality of life for those with lung disease and their families; and to create a tobacco-free future. For more information about the American Lung Association, a holder of the coveted 4-star rating from Charity Navigator and a Gold-Level GuideStar Member, or to support the work it does, call 1-800-LUNGUSA (1-800-586-4872) or visit: Lung.

#### Menopause affects your skin, too. Here's how to fight back against it

(StatePoint) By 2025, there will be over 1 billion women experiencing menopause in the world, which will be 12% of the entire world population. Most women hit menopause by their 50s. However, changes in the body start to appear earlier than you might think, often many years before a woman officially hits menopause. This time in a woman's life can bring bothersome and debilitating symptoms which can significantly affect a woman's health and daily

routines. Women may notice physical changes in their skin as one of the first symptoms as they age. "When you're young, your body produces an abundance of collagen, the main skin-supporting protein that keeps your face supple and hydrated, " said nationally renowned natural health physician and author, Dr. Fred Pescatore. "Studies show that women lose about 30% of their skin's collagen during the first five years of menopause due to hormonal shifts."

With collagen loss, skin becomes thinner and prone to wrinkles. It also loses the ability to protect itself, maintain hydration, and produce strong collagen the way it once could. Many women see these changes reflected in increased bags under the eyes, sagging neck skin, and increased hyperpigmentation in the face and

There are several ways

for women to minimize and manage skin health concerns that appear during this period.

Minimize Sun Exposure Try to avoid direct sun exposure. Some women experience increased hyperpigmentation on their face and hands, often referred to as dark spots, leading up to and during menopause. This is caused by a combination of hormonal changes and sun exposure. "You can help minimize your skin's exposure to the sun by wearing SPF, hats and gloves when outdoors," said Dr. Pescatore.

**Take Shorter Showers** Keep showers short and not too hot. "Spending too much time in water, especially hot water, strips natural oils from your skin, leaving it dry," said Dr. Pescatore. In the time leading up to and during menopause, your skin is at increased risk for dryness, so try to take short, lukewarm showers to keep skin optimally hydrated.

Add a Proven Supple-

ment Look for ingredients that can stimulate collagen production and help improve the health of your skin from inside and out. Numerous clinical studies have shown that daily supplementation with the super-antioxidant Pycnogenol (Pic-noj-enall) French maritime pine bark extract can help minimize various skin concerns middle-aged

women experience. Pycnogenol binds with

existing skin proteins, collagen and elastin. stimulates the genesis of new collagen and hyaluronic acid, and protects skin from various harmful enzymes, helping to rebuild elasticity for a smooth, younger look. Additionally, Pycnogenol has been shown to reduce hyperpigmentation for a more even complexion. A recent study, published in 2021, found that those who supplemented with 100mg of Pycnogenol for 12 weeks during dry winter months experienced a 13% improvement in both skin elasticity and skin

firmness. "Pycnogenol is one of the most studied ingredients on the market, with decades of research showing the benefits of this natural extract for a variety of health applications," said Dr. Pescatore. "In fact, the extract has specifically been studied on menopausal women, so the skin benefits complement its additional women's health benefits nicely.

Available in more than 1.000 dietary supplements, topical creams, and health products worldwide, more information about Pycnogenol can be found by visiting pycnogenol.com.

As women enter the middle phase of life, a host of new skin concerns can appear. Evolving one's skin care routine and making natural lifestyle changes can help women meet the challenges of menopause.

#### For more information about the Indianapolis Climb, and to register, visit FightForAirClimb.org/ Indianapolis.

that might affect the event.

#### How to control asthma at your home, work, school and in your community

(StatePoint) Asthma is a lung disease that makes breathing difficult for over 24 million Americans. While there's no cure, there are steps you can take to help control it so you can lead a normal, healthy life. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Asthma Control Program developed the "six EXHALE strategies" that help contribute to better

asthma control. By putting all six activities into place, you and your loved ones can feel better, avoid the hospital or emergency department, and avoid missing school or work. According to the American Lung Association, here's everything you need to know about the six

**EXHALE** strategies: 1. What are the EX-HALE strategies? The EXHALE strategies are for both children and adults and can be used one at a time or in combination with one another to help you gain better control of asthma. They are:

Education on asthma

self-management X-tinguishing smoking and secondhand smoke

Home visits by asthma experts who can teach you asthma control skills as well as help you eliminate asthma triggers in your

Achievement of guidelines-based medical management. This means following your doctor's

advice! Linkages and coordina-

tion of care across settings.

Be sure all your healthcare

providers are on the same page regarding your care.

Environmental policies or best practices to reduce asthma triggers from indoor, outdoor and occupational sources. Is your home and workplace free of asthma triggers like smoke and pollutants?

2. How can I use the EXHALE strategies on a daily basis? Check out the CDC's guide for people living with asthma on how to use the EXHALE strategies at www.cdc.gov:

• Keep your asthma under control by learning the seven asthma self-management skills. Work with your healthcare provider to develop and maintain an asthma action plan that will remind you what to do when asthma symptoms get worse and how to properly use your medicine.

• Tobacco smoke can trigger asthma symptoms for many. Limit your exposure to secondhand smoke and support smokefree policies in your community that help people quit smoking.

• Work with a nurse or community health worker to help reduce or remove triggers in your home.

• Take your asthma medicines exactly as prescribed and check with your healthcare provider to make sure you're using the inhaler(s) correctly.

• Involve all of your healthcare providers in your asthma care or your child's care so everyone is on the same page. Bring a copy of your or your child's asthma action plan

to each doctor. Also, make sure other caregivers, your child's school or your workplace has a copy too, so they can help in an

emergency.

 Make a few home updates to reduce asthma triggers. Remove mold and pests, make your home and vehicles smokefree and talk with leaders in your community about putting policies in place that help people living with

3. How can the Lung Association help me? The American Lung Association is implementing the EXHALE strategies in its Promoting Asthma Friendly Environments through Partnerships and Collaborations project. You can learn more about their work and programs by visiting www.lung.org/

Children and adults living with asthma can also participate in one of the Lung Association's asthma self-management programs, such as Open Airways for Schools. Kickin' Asthma or Breathe Well, Live Well.

Additionally, the Lung Association has many programs and initiatives to help people follow the above tips.

Finally, you can get help quitting smoking or helping someone quit using Lung Association resources, such as Freedom From Smoking, Not on Tobacco (N-O-T) and the Lung HelpLine. Learn more about creating an asthma-friendly home by visiting, lung.org.

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## This, that and pondering 'tuthers

Just scattershooting while wondering whatever happened to Alfred E. Neuman . . .

WOW, IT'S amazing how life changing a . . . life-changing event is (careful, no one ever accused me of being the

smartest guy in the room). For those who don't follow these weekly ramblings, I had a heart attack on Christmas Eve. Like a lot of things in my life, probably not the optimal time to have one – then again, when is? Since then, I've got to experience an ambulance ride from the nice folks at Star Ambulance. I got to go through our lovely emergency room here at Franciscan and I got to get to know the folks at the Heart Center of St. Vin-



TIM TIMMONS

cent's. And I got to hear from you. **Two Cents** . . A LOT

> me say it again, WOW! E-mails, texts, phone calls and such have been overwhelming. To be fair, I can't really tell you how much I appreciate it. Your kindness is appreciated more than I will ever be able to explain. Many thanks!

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AND ONE that made me

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> smile a lot came from a gentleman who asked to remain nameless. He takes me to task often for what he calls my "pig-headed, right-wing approach." But instead of his usual e-mail telling me which end to stuff my opinion into, his message said that I need to get well soon so he can continue arguing with me. Thanks! I love you, too, M.R.

**SO THE** quick update is that I'm going in for surgery this month and will be out of the loop for a few days afterward.

OK, maybe more than a few, but not much more. All the folks in the know tell me that the prognosis is good for the blockage I have - and the fact that I am back on the wagon with my diet will likely help.

So once again, thank all of you who have offered prayers and kind words and such. It's very touching and most definitely appreciated! We'll talk again soon!

AW HECK, it just wouldn't be me if I didn't mention politics. The Indiana Legislature convenes its 2022 session next week – and I urge you to keep your eyes on our hired help. Yes, they are zeroing in on newspapers again, but they are also going to be looking at issues involving personal rights and such. The more you pay attention, the better. When those good folks are left unchecked and don't hear your opinions, they can do some awfully strange things. Let Rep. Brown and Sen. Boots know what you think. Actually, they'll appreciate it.

FOR THOSE who don't remember, Alfred E. was the freckled, gap-toothed toon from MAD Magazine way back when. He and the magazine are still around but the prices have gone way up and the humor the other way - just my two cents.

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## That dread disease of long long ago

Several of you who follow my work, also likely know I write an OTD on the Crawfordsville and Montgomery County History Facebook page, highlighting something that happened each day in our county's history. As I was working on the February OTD entries, I met this family and was so saddened by them, that I wondered if it might be fodder for a good article.

Pondering families of today that lose multiple members from Covid-19 and its variants, I'm so afraid it will get much worse with those choosing no vaccine? Whether I'm right or wrong, I look at it that my parents didn't want me to have polio and got me a vaccine and I certainly don't want covid so hubs and I were some of the first in line and got our boosters as soon as possible. But, there was no vaccine or really little or no help (at that time and for several years thereafter) for the medical problem the Griffith family suffered from, along with so many others in America at the time.

James "Wilbur" and Margaret Elizabeth (Westfall) Griffith were married in Fountain County the 24th of February in 1880, Wilbur born 17 Dec 1855 and "Maggie" 6 July 1860. It was a happy life they planned, he a farmer, she an exceptional mother of their seven children: E"Stella"; Eva, Charles Theodore, Mary, Nellie, Icy and Clarence, who barely made the



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Around The County

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down!

The article (and more followed) I read, that prompted this writing involved Nellie and Icy. Most of the Griffith children including these two were born in Fountain, but Wilbur and Maggie sold their farm and moved first to Wayne Township, then up above C'ville four miles to a farm, where they lost Eva of exhaustion at the end of a five-month bout with TB (passed the 4th of July 1904 at age 20 years and one month). Second child down!

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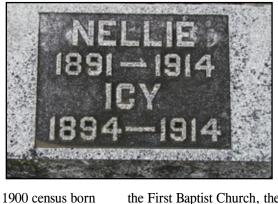
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Next it was a move into Crawfordsville. I wondered if it was because of better doctors, or perhaps opportunities for the children, but both are guesses! In Crawfordsville, they owned their home at 1101 Lane Avenue, (I assume from good sales of his farms). The home I believe is gone now. Living there, the two sisters became very involved in working (Nellie ironically at the casket company and Icy in a printing office). As members of



the First Baptist Church, the girls became excited for something of which our city became the designer, the concept spreading all over the state. This was the Community House I believe under the auspices of the church (as overseer of the young folks who were able to get together there to play, talk, study, similar to what we think of as YMCA or YWCA). Ours was the first in the state and people from all around (including some from Illinois) came to see how it was run. Although I didn't discover exactly what was the Fidelity Club they were involved in, I do know it was a part of the Community House, and think it was likely the girls' section. Definitely, they were good girls, who loved their church and having some fun, ready to be loyal and strict in helping the purpose of the Community House. Certainly, they were both quite active in promoting the CH and made

Icy May seemed to have broken-out with the disease (tb) first in August of 1914. In comparison to our covid, who knows, whereas with tb, so many had it and it was so highly contagious. However, it may have been the remnants from her father passing

so many friends, most not only

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when the girls passed away.

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guess it would probably be obvious from where it came. Both had good days and bad, each taking care of the other, their mother (by the way who had been around all of them throughout the stages to their deaths but lived to Christmas Eve in 1934, age 74, passing from cancer in her gall bladder) of course overseeing, aiding, feeding, cleaning them. Luckily, Maggie was one of 12 children so she got a lot of support.

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Toward the end of their confinement, the girls began to contemplate their doom, praying several times a day that they would pass at the same time, together, adverse to the idea of one living without the other. Icy was the first to go at age 20 years 18 days (born Feb 6, 1895) at 11:30 in the morning on February 24th in 1915, followed by Nellie (age 22 years 11 months 6 days, born March 17, 1892) at 1 p.m. Neither knew of the others passing, both in a coma-state. Dr. F.O. Schenck was in attendance many days with them. Their mother gave the information on their death certificates, then as would be expected, collapsed. But, other family members and friends made sure she rested and was ready for the double funeral. Each sister was placed in her own casket for viewing, but when buried with all per24-7.com.

the others in the family in Union Cemetery west of Newtown on Aylesworth Road, they were in the same grave, information on the same stone and theirs match the combined stone of Eva and Clarence. Child 3 and 4 gone.

The next year, another of the Griffith children passed, and yes, of the same disease, this time it was their oldest, Stella dying March 19, 1916 (slightly over her 35th birthday). She did manage to marry (George Cruea) and had a child, Kenneth who was an engraver with Herff-Jones and died in 1985, at almost 75. Stella (and brother Charles below) are two of the three children not buried in Newtown, she resting in Liberty Chapel, Elmdale. Child 5 gone.

This leaves us Charles Theodore who took care of his mother, was a carpenter and upon her death moved to Chicago and passed there in 1958 (buried in Hammond) at age 71 (no children).

Lastly, Mary married Chestley Rodgers and passed at just shy of 100 (buried Greenwood). She had one son John Rodgers who had a daughter and grandson at his death in 2001.

Seven children, two grandchildren and few greats was the tally for this wonderful couple. Certainly, there was little "go forth and prosper," because of that dread disease tuberculosis! Rest in peace each and every one, especially those precious full-of-life sisters, Icy and Nellie!

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## Butch catches two boys cheating in his class

In 1979, I was teaching social studies and PE at Darlington Middle School. Because there was a shortage of Industrial Arts teachers, superintendent Eual McCauley also had me teach 7th and 8th grade shop classes that year. When school was over at 3:30pm, I also worked my second job as a deputy sheriff for the Montgomery County Police Department from 4:00pm to midnight.

One day, I was scheduled to testify in court for a criminal trial, and the principal, Randy Quimby, hired a substitute teacher to take my place. I had planned on giving a test to the boys in my shop classes that day, and I left instructions for the sub to pass out the multiple-choice-answer tests, and then when they were finished...to have the students exchange the completed tests and grade these, as he provided the correct answers and closely supervised.

When I came back to school the next day, I looked through the graded tests. There were the usual scores...a few A's, B's, C's...but then...two perfect A+scores. A close examination revealed that two boys had graded each other's test, and it was quite



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

obvious they had erased the incorrect answers, and had written in the correct responses. When the bell rang and the class began, I announced, "Unfortunately, two boys

in this room cheated on their tests yesterday. They will be punished, but if they come to me by lunchtime and admit the error of their ways, then the punishment will not be as severe." The boys looked around at each other for the suspect violators. One of the cheaters looked around and tried to act innocent, while the other boy kept his head down. By the end of class, no

one had come forward.

Two periods later, there was a ten-minute break between classes. While I was in the restroom, one of the boys showed up... "Mr. Dale, did those two boys come to you and admit they had cheated?" he asked with a very sober look on his face. "No, not yet, but I certainly hope they do by noon. Why are you asking?" He glanced to the side, "Oh, I was

just wondering who it was. They must have been really dumb to cheat like that." I looked straight at him, "I think they should get a whack with the paddle, don't you?" His voice quivered, "Well, maybe they just made an honest mistake." I replied, "No, they cheated for sure...maybe they should get two whacks." The boy's jaw dropped and his eyes were as big as silver dollars as he slinked out the door.

The next day..."Well, it appears the two cheaters decided not to be honest and admit their wrongs. They have until the end of this class to come clean, or this paddle on the wall will greet their posteriors." The two boys looked at each other with glazed looks in their eyes. The quiet boy started to shake ever so slightly. No one said a word. When the bell rang and the class started to leave, I stopped the devious twosome at the door. "Both of you stay here a minute. I want to show you something." "Why, we didn't do anything!" the one boy exclaimed. They sat down, and I placed the two tests in front of them. "Take a look at your tests. Do either of you see anything wrong? Both of you scored perfect A+'s on your tests. That's great...how did you do that?"

The one boy looked at me and stated in no uncertain terms, "Mr. Dale, I didn't cheat. I stayed up until 2 o'clock in the morning studying for that test. Ask my Grandpa, he'll tell you!" The other boy was silent, kept his head down, and started shaking again. I quizzed him, "What about you...did you study for hours for the test?" A tear rolled down his cheek. It was time for my big finale. "OK...I gave both of you plenty of chances. I want the truth, and I want it NOW! Do you understand? Are you going to be honest with me or not?" There was about ten seconds hesitation, and then the first boy blurted out, "I did it. I did it, Mr. Dale...I cheated!" as he burst into tears and slobbers. The second boy, who was shaking so hard that I thought he might fall out of his chair, mumbled, "Me, too!" as he sobbed and blew his nose.

I took both boys out into the shop room before the next class showed up. "We're sorry, Mr. Dale, we should have told you first thing yesterday," they implored over and over. Then I came up with an idea, "Finally, both of you were honest. That's very important as you go through life. So I have a proposition

for you...two whacks with the paddle...OR you can stay after school for the next six weeks and sweep and clean up the shop room. Well, what will it be?" It only took a second, "We'll clean the shop room...we LOVE to sweep and dust!" That statement sounded somewhat doubtful in its sincerity, but I shook hands with the two of them and gave them a pat on the back, "OK, it's a deal. I'm proud of both of you for telling the truth." They smiled, "Thanks, Mr. Dale. We like you for our teacher, and we like making things in shop class. We'll be here after last period today to help you."

"We promise to never do anything stupid like that again," both vowed as they wiped away the tears. Readers, you know what? I remember my brother and I, when we got into trouble at home, uttering those same words on a few occasions to our Dad.... Life goes on, and we learn from our mistakes...well...most of the time.

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## A very shaggy New Year

My friend, Karen, and I were talking the other day, and like nearly all discussions between members of the opposite sex, the conversation ultimately turned to shag carpeting.

Karen is remarkable. Not only does she juggle the demands of a husband and a home full of

preteen children, she manages the household finance, and can do six handstand pushups in the gym without stopping.

If that wasn't impressive enough, Karen works in construction!

Mind you now, when I say construction, I'm not talking about building a house or two. What I really mean is, construction — as in high rise, steel and concrete braced frame structures, like hotels, dormitories or



JOHN MARLOWE

apartment buildings.

"Do you remember the shag carpeting that we used to have when we were kids?" she asked me the other day, more or less out of the blue. "It's making a comeback. It's gaining popularity again."

Shag carpeting, for those of you who

don't remember it, or haven't seen an Austin Powers movie, was the most popular floor covering of the latchkey kid era. The carpeting was nearly always wall-to-wall in those days. Shag adorned everything from the family living room to weird cousin David's psychedelic hippie van — floor to ceiling.

It was manufactured of nylon, polyester or acrylic, so not only did it hold up to foot traffic, it had twice the half-life of pluto-

nium-239.

Shag came in a variety of vibrant colors, but what gave shag carpeting its appeal — and its name — was the fact that the pile was long, almost wooly. You could order shag carpeting as "shorties," in which the fibers were 1.5- to 2-inches long, up to a 4-inch pile length.

Walking on shag carpeting was like walking on a sheepdog. "Do you remember that green color? It was so popular, but oh

my gosh, it was so ugly."

It's true! One of the most popular shag carpeting colors was a green that I could best describe as what you'd get if a bumble bee wearing a Boys Scout uniform hit your windshield at 60 miles per hour. "Yes! We had that in the hallway to our

bedrooms." I said.

I wanted to mention to Karen, that Dad — who once purchased two cases of pickled herring, because each tin was on sale,

10-for-one — bought our shag carpet, used, from a building materials outlet store. Turns out the carpet had been in a house fire. It wasn't bad carpet, per se, but every time the humidity came up a little, it smelled like someone was roasting a brisket in the master bedroom.

"Do you remember the rake?" Karen asked. "The rake?"

Karen probably needs to know that my Mother always considered housecleaning to be punishment Eve brought on womanhood for eating the apple, second only to childbirth. Combining housework with garden work would have led my Mother to take the lawn mower to the shag carpet, long before a rake.

to the shag carpet, long before a rake.

"Yes. It was a wooden or plastic rake with one or two rows of stubby tines on the bottom. Mom used it to loosen the

deep dirt before vacuuming, or

to reinvigorate the carpet." "Interesting," I said.

"Interesting," I said.
"Yeah, I just told my kids

how we used to get in trouble for braiding the long piles," said Karen. "The rake always detangled the shag back to normal." "Really?"

"Yup. The only problem was that, after raking the shag carpet, Mom wouldn't let us walk on it anymore."

It was at this point that I realized Karen had just given me my New Year's metaphor.

If 2022 is going to be the year we make our comeback, we're likely going to have moments where the deep dirt gets scratched to the surface again. That shouldn't stop us from making the first steps to where we want the year to take us.

Have a very shaggy new year!

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## Micro-homing could transform housing, even here

"Imagine a combat vet in his small town where there's low crime and a high military population. He should fit into the community, but he's unhomed. He has a disability and complex trauma." Ted Brinegar, founder of Foxhole Homes, began explaining his objectives by focusing on the challenges that result in homelessness. Brinegar, who has decades of experience working with active duty and retired military vets, founded his non-profit in 2015 with the primary goal of providing sustainable housing and community for vets.

"What gets people to homelessness in the beginning?" Brinegar asked. "Often it begins with physical and health issues that make it impossible for a person to hold down a regular full-time job. They are relegated to part-time or gig work." This could be anyone with a complex trauma: a woman escaping abusive relationships, sexual assault, anyone with an addiction or those with a disability. Like all humans, they need safety and security. The difference



is how they calculate safety and security. Consider a vet who learned to sleep in a foxhole or tent and eat MREs (meals ready-toeat), or an addict who has learned to tolerate hunger and swings in temperatures.

"When physiological needs are easy to meet and they don't feel in danger, choosing homelessness fulfills their sense of security because they don't have to have to stress about fitting into a work situation." Brinegar explained, relating this to Maslow's theory on how humans prioritize needs.

Some people may not be able to work enough hours to support a conventional lifestyle, subsidized rent, utilities, detergent and laundromat costs, transportation, work appropriate clothing and medical care. Many of the working poor

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maintain more than one job, have to juggle how managers schedule them and find transportation. They live on a precipice, always close to a spiral into disaster. If one place evicts them, or they have to be transported by ambulance, or pay hospital bills, they may not be able to recover. Fees compile. Credit scores fail. Evictions stalk them. The stress is visceral.

On this level, homelessness seems functionally better than trying to fit into a system that doesn't work for them, Brinegar noted. He's designing micro homes that are both green and self-sustaining so they can live in a dignified way that functions with their (dis)abilities. Foxhole Homes is experimenting on prototypes that meet building code but also use off-the-grid designs that re-

cycle water and waste, provide non-electric temperature stability, solar for electricity, even hydroponic garden spaces.

Micro homes for the unhomed are nation-wide innovations popping up in Oregon, California Washington

popping up in Oregon, California, Washington, Tennessee, even here in Indiana. In fall of 2019, Circle City Village held public

In fall of 2019, Circle City Village held public meetings as they began the process of creating a village of tiny homes to meet the needs of chronically unhomed people in Indianapolis. These homes will house people currently living in tents that dot downtown Indianapolis, no longer hidden along the White River behind defunct warehouses or under bridges. They've become more visible as the COVID crisis continues.

In Knoxville, Tenn., Ashlind Bray, a mother of two, noticed that tent communities had spread downtown. Knoxville, like Indianapolis, first responded with sweeps that criminalized the needy. Knoxville residents responded to the tents as well as the sweeps with shock. Bray started researching how other cities, like Portland and Seattle, were helping those sleeping in tents.

Bray and her husband had once chatted with the unhomed while walking their dog. As they emerged from the lockdown, they resumed taking bottled water, hand sanitizer and socks, stopping to ask what people needed. Some asked for a place to store belongings while waiting for Section 8 housing. Many waited over two months for subsidized housing. Knoxville needed transitional housing, she thought. The more she researched, she realized they could provide up to six micro homes on a city lot, as Eugene's SquareOne Villages does. So she began Tiny Village Knoxville. In 2020, she and her supporters funded and purchased a lot to build four to six micro homes with a small kitchenette with a hot plate, small fridge, a microwave and a tiny ADA accessible

The home designs and legal work are being donated by University of Tennessee students and staff. The initial community will also have a communal space with washer, dryer and gathering place, as well as staff for security, advocacy and case management. Bray hopes this will lead to a number of other micro home villages in the rural and urban areas.

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Our county has unhomed people: single parents car-camp in parks and store lots. Our transient population often bounces from jail to couch to the Lafayette shelter. Elderly and disabled people depend on relatives or are forced to move away. While the good news is that our eviction filings have dropped from almost 300 in 2019 to 167 this year, each evicted person will struggle to recover and strain families. When we are proactive and keep people out of the pipeline of homeless and jail, we strengthen our community.

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## Wolfsie talks of surfing the internet 'til you drop

I did something this year for the first time in the history of my 40-year marriage. I guess I was going through a kind of (late) mid-life crisis and I needed a little novelty in my life.

I had heard that unless I was careful, I could end up with a bad virus. That was not something I wanted to bring into our home.

Nevertheless, this year, I did all my shopping online. All of it.

I have felt very guilty about this. Part of the value of any gift is the time and trouble you invested in buying it. That paisley scarf I got Mary Ellen two years ago would have seemed like a rather uninspired gesture had it



DICK WOLFSIE Life in a Nutshell

not been accompanied by a dashing tale of mammoth traffic jams, throngs of hostile shoppers at the mall and an untold string of rude salespeople. Of all the gifts I got Mary Ellen last year, she says the scarf was her favorite story.

The other problem with

online shopping is that I usually buy clothes for my wife, but I can never remember her size. In previous years I could at least ogle the saleswoman at the department store and compare her body to my wife's body. (I'm able to explain this in print, but if I had used that same terminology at the store, they'd have slapped the cuffs on me.)

When you buy online, there is no salesperson to eyeball. Instead, you have something called a "virtual dressing room." I select a blouse and then the computer digitally applies it to the image of a woman who is supposed to be about my wife's size.

Well, if my wife were two and a half inches tall this would have been very darn helpful.

Last month I rummaged through Mary Ellen's closet and peeked at the labels to see her size. Incredibly, my wife is a small in several things, a medium in others and even a large once in a while. This kind of freaked me out and reminded me of an X-Files episode when some guy discovers that his wife is really an alien and can change into three different women. I sometimes feel that way about Mary Ellen after she's had two glasses of Merlot.

Regardless of whether I shop in person or online, I

never get it quite right and this year was no different. Over the summer my wife casually mentioned that it would be nice at bedtime to get into her pajamas and slip under the covers with an iPad. I thought I was very good at hints, but she just hated the pajamas I got her. Go figure.

bathroom with shower stall.

Many years ago, prior to our 25th wedding anniversary, she kept walking around the house humming the tune "I Love Paris in the Springtime." It was obvious to me what she was hinting for. And yet when I surprised her with the sheet music with the lyrics, she seemed disappointed.

The bottom line is that

all the gifts I got Mary
Ellen this year were either
too big or too small or the
wrong color. Everything
has already been sent back
and money was credited to
our account. Mary Ellen
will take her time looking
for the perfect replacements. "What did Dick
give you for Christmas?"
a friend might ask her.
"Oh, I have no idea,"
she'll say, "and I doubt
I'll know 'til early spring.

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## Ask Rusty – I have Medicare Advantage - Why is my Medicare premium deducted from my Social Security?

Dear Rusty: My wife and I have a Medicare Advantage Plan, and we do not use Medicare for our claims. However, we still have the Medicare premium deducted from our Social Security checks. Is this correct? Signed: Wondering

Dear Wondering: If, after age 65, you choose to take Medicare outpatient coverage of any kind you must pay that Part B premium, even if you decide to acquire a Medicare Advantage plan instead of using "original Medicare" to administer your healthcare claims.

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without first being enrolled in Medicare Part A (inpatient hospitalization coverage) and Part B (coverage for outpatient services) and paying any associated Part B (and perhaps Part A) premium.

As you know, you pay a

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low premium (or perhaps no premium) for your Medicare Advantage plan. That's because the Part B premium you are now paying from your Social Security is actually going to your Medicare Advantage plan provider, enabling them to offer you equivalent coverage at little or no additional cost. Some Medicare Advantage plans even provide added coverage which Medicare Part B doesn't, such as

dental and vision and, sometimes, prescription drug coverage. If that all sounds enticing, remember that Medicare Advantage plans usually also include restrictions on which medical service providers you can use, unlike "original Medicare" which permits you to use any medical service provider who accepts Medicare (nearly all).

So, when you see or hear a Medicare Advantage provider

advertising "no cost" or "very low cost" coverage, recognize that they can offer that only because the government pays them a fixed amount for your care from the Medicare Part B premium taken from your Social Security. The Part B premium you are paying from your Social Security benefit is why your Medicare Advantage plan premium is as low as it is

um is as low as it is.

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#### School choice options are changing in Crawfordsville and across the country

If you're reading this, chances are you're a parent, or have friends or neighbors who are. Baby Boomer, Gen X, or Millennial— the K-12 school scene has changed so much since we were kids. Understanding these changes can help moms and dads guide their children to greater learning, success, and happiness. So: here are the three biggest changes affecting education in Crawfordsville and across the U.S. today, and what these changes mean for your family.

First, school choice opportunities have broadened over the last generation. That means parents have more options for where to send their children to school. For example: traditional public schools have adopted more flexible enrollment policies. Charter school laws have passed in 45 states, including Indiana. More families are aware they can choose public magnet programs, where kids receive education with a special focus, like STEM or the arts. Today, parents in Indiana can take tax deductions for private school or homeschool expenses, and families under a certain income level can qualify for state-run scholarships for private schools, including Indiana's new private virtual schools. Starting in 2022, students with special needs may be eligible for the state's new education savings account program.

Plus, a growing number of Indiana families are choosing homeschooling.

A second game-changer since when we were kids is that there's now more community support for making school choices. There are also more resources for parents to help them find schools and learning environments that meet their children's needs. I've worked in K-12 education for more than 15 years; over that time, I've seen dozens of parent-focused organizations spring up to shine a spotlight on learning options in local communities. From helping parents find scholarships to private schools, to helping them figure out the process of transferring

to public school outside of their zone, to offering bilingual application assistance, grassroots organizations are cutting the stress out of school searching.

You can visit school-choiceweek.com/indiana to find community organizations in Indiana. Keep in mind that parents cite word-of-mouth as a key factor in what school they choose. This means you have the power to help others in Crawfords-ville by sharing your own school experiences.

Third, a plethora of online learning environments have developed since our school days. These online schooling options are more comprehensive and focused than the emergency remote learning that many families experienced during the pandemic. For example, Indiana has several free, full-time online learning options including Indiana Connections Academy, Indiana Digital Learning School, Phalen Virtual Leadership Academy, Insight School of Indiana, Achieve Virtual. Besides official online schooling, resources like schoolhouse.world offer free support to supplement in-person learning.

All of these changes to K-12 education are reasons for hope. With more options, Crawfords-ville parents have more opportunities to find a free or inexpensive education personalized to their unique children.

If you are considering a new or different environment for your daughter or son for the next school year, though, the time to start evaluating your options is now. Don't wait! Begin the school search process during National School Choice Week (January 23-29, 2022), when 634 schools and homeschool groups in Indiana will be working together to raise awareness of opportunity in K-12 education. You won't regret it, and your children will thank you.

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#### Never interfere with a party destroying itself

Never interfere with a party in the process of destroying itself. In 2021 the Democrats, even with favorable press, did not need an opposition party to accomplice this. We note some examples.

**Abandoning Americans** in Afghanistan to the Taliban destroyed the world's confidence in America's historic promise that they could count on America to help shield them from tyrannical governments. Moreover, Americans who travel broadly knew that it could have been them caught and abandoned behind enemy lines by their own government. Leaving behind, so callously, Afghans who had shed blood with and for us for twenty years, did not set well with most Americans. Getting out of Afghanistan and the war had support but not the cowardly way we did, leaving \$90 billion of weaponry in enemy hands. The military know that they may have to face the weapons this administration so incompetently left behind.

Most Americans do not approve of Biden's handling of the Southern border crisis either. Kamala Harris, whom Biden called on to bale out his unpopular opening of the United States to the world and every criminal in it, only amplified the image that Democrats did not care about Americans living here. By Oct. 25, 2021 the administrations' approval rating had fallen

to 36%. The Democrats answer to the COVID "Pandemic" was always medical tyranny. You may have your freedom: when: everyone is locked down for months, when everyone is forced to wear a mask, then two masks, when all distance six feet from others, when all get a mandated (forced) experimental "vaccine," and when vaccines don't work, then mandated boosters every four months. Even now California and Washington D.C. have returned to mandatory masking. This when they could not document that ANY OF THESE MEASURES SAVED A SINGLE LIFE but were instead destroying businesses, the economy, education, the Constitution

Too few Democrats recognized the threat to freedom so they accelerated its loss. Their news still censors the fact that more

and freedom.

people died with COVID during 2021 under Biden leadership, than 2020 under Trump. And, Free states had less COVID infection and death than non-free states. Even now, New York Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez is condemning Florida for not locking down its people while she is filmed enjoying its beaches and

freedom without a mask. With censorship protecting tyranny, fans at sporting events began spontaneously erupting into chants, "F Joe Bidden, F Joe Biden," demonstrating their utter contempt for the man and his party. Such a chant had never been used by crowds in American history. By this time 61% of Americans believed that the country had seriously gotten off on the wrong track. Asked if the above expletive chant was appropriate 59% said that it was (X22 Reports, Ep. 2112B, Oct. 27, 2021). This, while the Democrat news outlets and Big Tech praised Biden and censored opposing information of him and their party.

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The expletive chant was soon changed by the unappreciating controlling press to "Lets Go Brandon," weakening the power of the original vile meaning, although still derogatory. President Trump said he liked the original one better; likely those first uttering it do as well.

Meanwhile a "We Love Trump" chant spontaneously erupted in the Virginal governor's race between former Democratic Gov. Terry McAuliffe and Republican Glenn Yongkin (X22 Reports. Ep. 2612B—October 27, 2021). The same chant had erupted at least three times while Trump was on the campaign trail in 2020 ("'We Love You,' Chant Breaks Out at Trump Rallies," LibertyUnder-Fire, September 25, 2020). Obviously such extreme polar opposite chants "F Joe Biden" or "We love you" were unlikely ever previously used by large crowds in U.S. history.

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A November Rasmunson Report, published by USA Today, asked poll takers, "What is the one thing you want Biden to do this year? The popular answer, "Resign." (X22 Reports, Ep. 2623B, Nov. 9, 2021). A month later a national poll reported that only 22% of Americans wanted Biden to run again (X22 Reports, Ep. 26455, Dec 6, 2021).

By this time U.S. productivity declined by 5.2% in the 3d Quarter—the largest quarterly drop in 61 years" (X22 Reports, Ep. 2649A, Dec. 10. 2021). This while the US. Consumer price inflation jumped to 9.6% over the previous November—the largest one year increase ever. Consequently consumer prices soured: gasoline 58%, Rental cars 37%, used cars 31%, hotels 26%, steak 25%, utilities 25%, bacon 21%, pork 17%, furniture 12%, fish 11%, new cars 11%, chicken 9%, bikes 9%, eggs 8%, coffee 7.5%, apples 7%, milk 7%, flour 6%, rent 3.5%. Under Trump 2018 inflation was 2.2% and 2019 was 2.5% ((X22 Reports, Ep. 2652A, Dec 14, 2021). Under Biden every American, rich or poor, lost almost 10% of the value of all his

Paper currency is losing value before we can spend it. Since 1913 the value of the dollar has declined 96% (X22 Reports, Ep.2649A, Dec. 10, 2021). In fairness this is due to both political parties, neither able to say no to debt ceilings and selling their votes. 'Seventy seven percent say inflation is America's biggest problem, a bigger problem than COVID; of these 57% blame Biden" (X22 Reports, Ep.2650A, Dec. 12, 2021). This after

but one year in office.

By the end of 2021 The Rasmussen Reports daily Presidential Tracking Poll showed that only "40% of Likely U.S. Voters approve of President Biden's job performance. Fifty-eight percent (58%) disapprove. The latest figures include 19% who Strongly Approve of the job Biden is doing and 48% who Strongly Disapprove."

Again, "Never interfere with a party in the process of destroying itself." Trump Republicans aren't.

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#### Develop a plan for moving forward in 2022

Proverbs 29.18 "Where there is no vision the people perish. "Everyone needs a strategy. You may be 25 or 85 years in age. Who cares? Probably the only one who cares about your age is you. Your age either tells you that you are too young or too old. Remember, age is only a number. We have to put numbers aside and go with our hearts. If God is in it then don't worry about the

number.
What do you want to do? One of the ways to know the will of God is to determine what we believe we would enjoy doing. The will of God is what we would determine to do if we just had enough sense. We will never rise above what we do not want to do. If we want to do something our chances of success are greater.

What is stopping you? Consider your life and where you want to be and



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determine the blockades. Sometimes the greatest blockade is the decision to move forward. Until we make that decision we aren't going anywhere. Once we know then we can assemble what is required to reach our destination.

Learn from the past and put it behind you. Past failures often eliminate us from life participation. We remember when we failed. A life that is fearful usually accomplishes far less than the life that has faith and confidence. Fear freezes us in our tracks.

Who are you today? Who you are and the direction you are going is far more important than where you have been. You can't change the past but you can steer your life in a new direction.

Develop a life action plan. Why not plan a strategy for the next six months and even the next year? You and God can determine where you will be. Start today!

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#### Americans would pay a heavy price for amnesty

Democratic leaders on Capitol Hill are scrambling to find a way to amnesty illegal immigrants in their nearly \$2 trillion budget

The Senate parliamentarian, who decides what provisions can and can't be included in the bill that's being advanced under the filibuster-proof "reconciliation" process, shot down their first two proposals. So now, lawmakers are proceeding with "Plan C" -- which would grant illegal immigrants "parole," a status that gives illegal immigrants work permits and a reprieve from deportation, without immediately granting them green cards.

Lawmakers are also plotting to expand legal immigration levels. All told, their current plan would increase the number of immigrants living and working in this country by several million people at a minimum.

Such rapid growth will put immense strain on our resources, both financial and natural, and the ensuing damage to our environment threatens to set progress there back by a generation or more.

Our country is not underpopulated by any reasonable reckoning. Schools are already overcrowded, especially for young children. California, for instance, would need to build a new school every day for five years to provide class sizes of 15-19 students. Over the next 50 years, immigration is set to account for 96% of the increase in school-age children.

children. Mass migration is making life more difficult -- and expensive -- for working-class citizens. Just like everyone else, migrants need a roof over their heads -- so they compete against low-income Americans for our scarce supply of rental housing. Nationally, the median rent has surged over 16% since January, in part because of competition from new arrivals.

Environmental groups pretend to be blissfully unaware that adding so many people to the population does irreparable harm to the environment.

Transportation is another example: more people mean more cars, gas or electric, creating more traffic and more emissions (electric cars pollute too -- albeit at the power plant, rather than the tailpipe). More development requires the clearing of woods and fields to make way for pavement and

parking lots. Federal data shows that around 90% of open space lost in the past decade -- both urban and rural -- can be attributed to population growth. Yes, more and more of our unique outdoor heritage is being lost.

This sprawl comes with serious environmental and health consequences, threatening wetlands critical for clean water and flood protection as well as harming endangered species. The American Southwest, in particular, faces a dystopian future of water shortages as its population skyrockets. Lake Powell just above the Grand Canyon is now at 29% of capacity, an all-time low, an astounding 156 feet below full capacity.

Poll after poll shows that amnesty is unpopular -- as we all see right before our very eyes that such an unsustainable flood of migrants is worsening the quality of life for all. The only question is whether our leaders will grow backbones before it's too late.

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## Miranda Lambert & Little Big Town at The Bandwagon Tour 2022

Country music superstars and multi-GRAM-MY, CMA and ACM Award-winners Miranda Lambert and Little Big Town join forces to co-headline this spring's The Bandwagon Tour, a reincarnation of 2018's co-headlining run of the same name which earned rave reviews from Pollstar, CMT, The Tennessean and more. The Cadillac Three will open the show. The tour will make a stop at Ruoff Music Center located in Noblesville, Indiana on Saturday, May 21, 2022.

Tickets for the Noblesville show go on sale to the public beginning at 10AM on Friday, January 14 at LiveNation.com. Citi is the official card of The Bandwagon Tour. Citi cardmembers will have access to presale tickets beginning the Tuesday ahead of each on sale date at 12 p.m. local time until Thursday at 10 p.m. local time through the Citi Entertainment program. For complete presale details visit Citi.

Both critically acclaimed artists in their own right, together Lambert and Little Big Town tout a combined 43 ACM Awards, 23 CMA Awards and seven GRAMMYs. Lambert's latest single, "If I Was A Cowboy," is currently climbing the charts at Country radio while her recent collaborative project, The Marfa Tapes, is nominated for a GRAM-MY at the upcoming awards ceremony and was named among 2021's best by American Songwriter, Billboard, LA Times, Rolling Stone, TIME, Vulture and more. Little Big

Town is currently back in the studio and will release their 10th studio album later this year. This record follows the No. 1 Country album Nightfall (released in 2020) which includes singles "Over Drinking," **GRAMMY-nominated** "The Daughters" and "Wine, Beer, Whiskey." It was also nominated for the GRAMMY Award for Best Country Album and received rave reviews from The Wall Street Journal, Entertainment Weekly and Paste Magazine, among others. Billboard editors describe the band as reaching "substantive emotional richness that few groups can touch" on the album.

About Miranda Lambert Vanner Records/RCA
Nashville superstar Miranda Lambert's storied career has spanned seven No. 1 hit radio singles, seven consecutive No. 1 albums, more than 70 prestigious awards and honors and countless sales certifications, earning the Texan a reputation as "the most riveting country star of her generation" (NPR).

The most decorated artist in the history of the Academy of Country Music, Lambert has earned 35 ACM Awards (including a record-setting nine consecutive Female Vocalist of the Year Awards). 14 CMA Awards, three GRAMMY Awards, the Nashville Symphony Harmony Award, ACM Gene Weed Milestone Award and ACM Song of the Decade Award, plus was named 2019 RIAA's Artist of the Year. She is the youngest artist ever to serve as the Country Music Hall of Fame & Museum's Artist in Residence, joining a legendary list of predecessors including Kris Kristofferson, Guy Clark, Tom T. Hall, Jerry Douglas, Cowboy Jack Clement, Earl Scruggs, Connie Smith, Roseanne Cash, and more. Lambert was also inducted into the National Cowgirl Hall of Fame in October 2021.

The celebrated singer/ songwriter released her seventh studio album, Wildcard, in 2019, which was declared one of the year's best albums by GQ, Variety, Billboard, Rolling Stone, Slate and many more. Wildcard features GRAMMY Award-nominated single "It All Comes Out in the Wash," plus her No. 1 smash hit "Bluebird" and Top 5 "Settling Down." Lambert's seventh consecutive No. 1 album, Wildcard joins her lauded discography that includes The Weight of These Wings (2016), Platinum (2014), Four The Record (2011), Revolution (2009), Crazy Ex-Girlfriend (2007) and Kerosene (2005). In addition, she has released four albums with her trio, the Pistol Annies, including Hell Of A Holiday in 2021, as well as The Marfa Tapes, a critically acclaimed, raw and intimate recording with collaborators Jack Ingram and Jon Randall.

About Little Big Town GRAMMY, ACM, CMA and AMA
Award-winning group
Little Big Town – consisting of members Karen
Fairchild, Phillip Sweet,
Kimberly Schlapman and
Jimi Westbrook – first
entered the music scene
over 23 years ago, making

them one of the longest running bands in the history of country music with all original members, no breaks and no hiatus. They have released nine studio albums throughout their career, four of which reached No. 1 on the Country Albums chart (The Reason Why, Tornado, The Breaker and Nightfall).

The superstar band has four No. 1 singles ("Pontoon," "Tornado," "Better Man," "Day Drinking") and are also known for their history-making single, "Girl Crush," as well as "Boondocks," "Little White Church," "The Daughters" and latest single "Wine, Beer, Whiskey." To date, "Wine, Beer, Whiskey" has reached global streams of over 280 million, putting their lifetime streams at over 3.8 billion.

Little Big Town has earned more than 45 award show nominations and has taken home over 20 awards, including four GRAMMYs, nine CMA Awards, eight ACM Awards, an AMA, a People's Choice Award and an Emmy Award. The band was inducted into the Grand Ole Opry in 2014, received a star on the Nashville Walk of Fame in 2017, and in 2018 was featured at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum in a yearlong exhibit entitled Little Big Town: The Power of Four.

About The Cadillac Three

Leaving a lasting impression on fans across the globe with their instinctive sonic tendencies, The Cadillac Three prove

they are Nashville's most versatile band - spending their formative years playing music together in garages before graduating to sold-out venues and being added to major festival lineups. Singer-guitarist Jaren Johnston, drummer Neil Mason and lap-steel player Kelby Ray have been performing together for over a decade and adding to their following of both Country and Rock loyalists. TC3 boasts chart-topping tracks and album cuts for Keith Urban, Tim McGraw. Miranda Lambert and Steven Tyler, to name a few. Mason wrote "Payback" alongside Aaron Eshuis and Ryan Hurd, whose single version featured TC3 and followed Rascal Flatts' previous release of the track. Both collectively and individually, they have been nominated for GRAMMY and ACM

Awards. TC3 remained resolute in their creativity in 2020, releasing two albums -February's Country Fuzz and October's surprise Tabasco & Sweet Tea hosting Country Fuzz Radio and serving the music community. "The Cadillac Three's contribution to a year like no other can be measured in albums released, songs released (28), live-streamed shows recorded, donations collected, venues supported, mouths fed and positive messages sent. Landing a spot on the revered list [ACM Awards], among their friends, collaborators, and peers, feels like a victory for the trio who has never stopped putting in the work," observes

American Songwriter.
With "Long After Last
Call" Rolling Stone noted
TC3 "Sound the Alarm
for Clubs in Crisis" while
their "Bridges" music video shoot teamed up with
Music Venue Alliance
Nashville.

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TC3's freewheeling vibe finds fans from all sides of the world relishing in their unpredictable sets, touring on their own and with A-listers Eric Church, Dierks Bentley and Luke Bryan, plus iconic rockers Metallica and Slayer. As a popular international act, TC3 was named Best New Band at the 2014 UK Classic Rock Roll of Honour Awards and received a 2019 CMA International Award nomination for International Artist Achievement.

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## Indiana's Hoosier National Forest was 16th most popular for RVs

The COVID-19 pandemic has been challenging for the travel and tourism industry as a whole. Through much of 2020, shutdowns and public health restrictions to limit the spread of the virus led many travelers to cancel or postpone trips. Relaxations on these restrictions, the release of vaccines, and declining cases early in 2021 brought back many travelers, but the emergence of the Delta variant last summer and Omicron this winter again scrambled

travelers' plans. Despite the general difficulties of the travel industry over the last two years, one segment that has fared well throughout the pandemic is outdoor recreation like camping and RVing. Because these activities take place outside and social distancing is easier, the risks of COVID exposure are low, which makes them an appealing alternative to airports, hotels, restaurants, and other locations where risk can be higher. The Outdoor Industry Association estimated that 7.1 million more Americans participated in outdoor recreation in 2020 than in

the year prior. New interest in outdoor recreation has forced related businesses to quickly scale up to meet demand. One example comes from the RV market. In February 2020—just before the pandemic began—the RV industry shipped a total of 37,113 units, according to data from the RV Industry Association. That number dropped to just 7,197 amid COVID shutdowns in April 2020, but ever since, demand for RVs has exploded. In October 2021, monthly RV shipments

totaled 57,971, an increase of 56% from immediately before the pandemic.

Unlike the segments of the travel industry that have faced low demand, outdoor destinations like those popular with RV drivers are seeing more visitors than ever. Many national parks saw record visitation in the summer of 2021, introducing new systems to manage overcrowding and in some cases turning away visitors. But COVID accelerated a trend of increased visitation to public lands that has been taking place for several years. A recent report from the Center for Western Priorities found a 39% increase in the occupancy of reservable campsites on public lands during peak seasons between 2014 and 2020.

States in the western U.S. are seeing the boom and its effects most directly. States like Wyoming, Montana, and Idaho are home to some of the U.S.'s most famous national parks and forests. These features make those states top destinations for camping, RVing, and other forms of outdoor recreation, with visitors and residents alike seeking to take advantage of the states' natural attractions.

While western states experience some of the highest levels of visitation, the effects of stronger interest in camping and RVing can be felt in every state with public lands. For example, some of the top national forest destinations for RV travelers are found in locations like Florida, Minnesota, and North Carolina in addition to western states like California and Colorado.

The data used in this analysis is from Recre-

ation.gov. To identify the most popular national forests for RV campers, researchers at Outdoorsy calculated the total number of RV nights booked in 2020. In the event of a tie, the national forest with the greater number of total RV reservations in 2020 was ranked higher. It's important to note that these statistics only reflect reservations made on campgrounds managed by federal agencies, such as the National Forest Service.

Service.
The analysis found that
Hoosier National Forest
in Indiana had 1,401 RV
nights booked in 2020
from a total of 475 reservations. Overall, Hoosier
National Forest was the
16th most popular national
forest for RVing in the
United States. Here is a
summary of the data for
Hoosier National Forest:

- Location: Indiana Total number of RV nights booked in 2020: 1,401

Total number of RV reservations in 2020: 475

Most common home state of out-of-state visitors: Kentucky

For reference, here are the statistics for the entire United States:
- Location: U.S. Na-

tional Forests
Total number of RV

nights booked in 2020: 85,589

Total number of RV reservations in 2020: 31,306

Most common home state of out-of-state visitors: N/A

For more information, a detailed methodology, and complete results, you can find the original report on Outdoorsy's website: https://www.outdoorsy.com/blog/popular-national-forests-rv-camping

## Indiana sees a huge 481.3% climb in camping reservations, largest in U.S.

Camping was steadily growing in popularity prior to 2020, but the COVID-19 pandemic accelerated its growth as Americans sought safe, outdoor vacations away from crowds. In fact, according to a research report by the Kampgrounds of America (KOA), over 10 million households camped for the first time in 2020, accounting for one-fifth of all camping households. Data from Recreation. gov-a trip planning and reservation portal for U.S. public lands—showed that camping reservations numbered nearly 3.3 million in 2020, up by about one-third from 2019 and by more than two-thirds from five

years prior. The increased popularity of camping has been fueled by a combination of long-term trends and more immediate factors related to the pandemic. Over the past several years, camping trends such as "vanlife" and "glamping," as well as the increased availability of wifi and better cell phone service at campgrounds, have helped attract new campers and offered seasoned campers new ways to enjoy the outdoors without completely foregoing modern-day comforts. In particular, Gen Zers and Millennials are camping in greater numbers and account for an increasing share of all campers. In 2015, members of these generations accounted for 34% of all campers according to KOA. By 2020, this number climbed to 48%.

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longer-term factors, changes resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic—such as safety concerns, travel restrictions, and business closures—encouraged a flood of first-time campers. According to KOA, the majority of first-time campers in 2020 decided to do so for reasons directly tied to the pandemic. In addition, campers that year ventured further from home than in past years, suggesting that Americans increasingly chose to travel by car and camp than travel by airplane and stay in a hotel. Compared to 2015, the percentage of campers who traveled more than 200 miles to camp increased

from 17% to nearly 30%. In 2020, California led the country in camping reservations according to Recreation.gov. California camping reservations totaled 634,000 for the year, accounting for 19% of the nearly 3.3 million total camping reservations on U.S. public lands. Some of the most popular destinations in California were Yosemite National Park, Joshua Tree National Park, and several national forests in and around the Sierras. Colorado, Oregon, Utah, and Texas rounded out the top five states with the most camping reservations on public lands in 2020.

To find the states where camping has grown in popularity the most over the past five years, researchers at Outdoorsy analyzed data from Recreation.gov. The researchers ranked states according to each location's percentage change in camp-

ing reservations from 2015 to 2020. Researchers also calculated the total increase in camping reservations from 2015 to 2020, total camping reservations in 2020, and the public land (national park, national forest, lake, etc.) with the most camping reservations in 2020.

The analysis found that from 2015 to 2020, Recreation.gov reported a 481.3% increase in camping reservations made in the state of Indiana. Out of all states, Indiana experienced the largest increase in camping reservations. Here is a summary of the data for Indiana:

- Percentage change in camping reservations (2015–2020): 481.3%

Total increase in camping reservations (2015–2020): 7,566

Total camping reservations (2020): 9,138

Most popular destination: Indiana Dunes National Park

For reference, here are the statistics for the entire United States:

- Percentage change in camping reservations (2015–2020): 68.1%

Total increase in camping reservations (2015–2020): 1,323,031

Total camping reservations (2020): 3,267,142 Most popular destination: Yosemite National Park

For more information, a detailed methodology, and complete results, you can find the original report on Outdoorsy's website: https://www.outdoorsy. com/blog/most-popular-states-camping



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## 5 Affordable hobbies to take up today

(StatePoint) Have you ever been reluctant to try a new hobby because you were worried you would spend a lot of money on gear, supplies and other start-up costs only to lose interest?

Here are five great ways to explore hobbies more affordably:

1. Language exchange: Rather than purchase pricey software or attend in-person classes, consider finding a language exchange partner. Take turns conversing in each other's native tongue and pick up important communication skills -- and maybe a friend -- along the way.

2. Built-in music lessons: Music lessons and instruments can be expensive. However, you don't need a full-sized grand piano or multiple

sessions with a private teacher to master the instrument. Today, digital keyboards can offer a high-quality piano sound at a price that's within reach, along with features specifically designed for building the skills of novices. For example, Casio keyboards are affordable and some models are outfitted with Casio's Step-up Lesson System, which can help you learn built-in songs at your own pace. Additionally, the LCD display teaches both music notation and correct hand positioning, while an innovative scoring system allows you to track your progress. By connecting to the free Chordana Play iOS/Android app, you can learn to play your favorite songs from downloaded MIDI files, taking your

music further.

3. Pick-up games: While organized sports leagues are an opportunity to make friends and get some exercise, you may not have the time to commit to weekly games or the inclination to spend money on team equipment and uniforms. Whether you call up your best pals to play in the backyard, or try your luck at the local court or field, all the benefits of team sports (e.g. fresh air and camaraderie) can be experienced participating in a casual pick-up game.

4. Wellness: To participate in online yoga classes, all you need is a mat and comfy clothes. Online classes can deliver high-quality instruction for free on a schedule that works for you. The important thing is to find

a teacher whose cues you understand and who practices a style that aligns with your needs and goals. Safety tip: if you are unsure how a certain pose or flow is performed, watch the video first before attempting it on your own.

5. Return-on-investment crafting: Crafting can be expensive, particularly if you work with high-quality materials. The good news is that once you master a particular skill, be it knitting, sewing or mosaics, there are opportunities to sell your work at craft fairs and on sites like Etsy. And of course, crafts can make amazing gifts for friends and family.

While hobbies can enrich the mind, body and soul, they don't need to cost a fortune. With a little

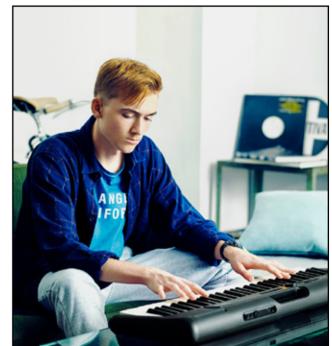


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Today, digital keyboards can offer a high-quality piano sound at a price that's within reach, along with features specifically designed for building the skills of novices.

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(StatePoint) When many of us think of physics, we think of high-level science courses taught in high school and college. The truth is that not only can you teach your child the basic principles of this branch of science at a young age, but doing so can help them understand the world around them, while laying the groundwork for a continued interest in STEAM learning.

At Home
There are many ways to
demonstrate basic principles of physics using
household objects. However, toys designed for
this purpose can be good
launching pad for your
quest for knowledge.

The new line of marble playsets from VTech, Marble Rush, allows kids to build thrilling marble courses, send marbles into motion and compete in exciting challenges with lights and sounds. Added bonus? You'll be introducing engineering principles at the same time! Each Marble Rush set contains color-coded blocks and easy-to-follow building instructions for kids to create a variety of beginner to advanced courses, or create their own course with endless possibilities. The Marble Rush Ultimate Set and Marble Rush Launchpad Set can also be combined to create an extreme playset. Plus, the Marble Rush playsets have received the Toy Association's STEAM Toy Accreditation seal of approval, meeting experts' criteria for a good STEAM toy.

Families can find course

design instructions, along with super cool challenges that demonstrate specific physics concepts like force and friction, on the VTech website. For more information, visit vtechkids.

com/marblerush. On-the-Go

Physics truly is all around us, which means there are always opportunities to introduce concepts while on-the-go. Here are a few ideas to get you started:

• At a sporting event:
Talk about how the ball
flies through the air
because of the force the
athlete applied to it. Discuss how gravity is at the
same time, pulling the ball
down toward Earth, and
how friction from the air
around the ball applies a
force that slows it down.

• In the car: The car

is the perfect place to demonstrate the Doppler Effect and learn about sound. The next time you drive past music, a car alarm or other source of noise, ask your child to observe the way that it sounds as you get closer to it and then how it sounds as you move away from it again. Explain that the noise itself hasn't changed. but your perception of it has because sound waves are moving differently from the point of view of

the observer -- you.

On a walk: Brr...it's cold outside! The next time you're on a walk, talk about how even the seasons can be explained by physics. The part of Earth where you live is tilted away from the sun right now, which means that sunlight is more indi-



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rect. This is also why the days are shorter this time of year!

It's never too early to bring science to life for kids. There are not only real-world examples of physics at play to discover, but new toys can make learning about these concepts a fun, exciting adventure.

## What every couple planning a wedding needs to know and plan for

(StatePoint) Planning a wedding involves dozens of decisions made under tight deadlines, as well as agreements made with multiple vendors, including caterers, entertainers and florists.

Yet as we saw during the pandemic, plans can quickly go awry. Following are some tips on how to protect your big day from many unforeseen circumstances, based on Travelers claims data from

recent years:
Do Your Research
It's a sad reality that
not all vendors keep
their vows. Indeed, 19%
of Travelers' wedding
insurance claims from
August 2020 through July
2021 related to losses
associated with vendors.

For instance, florists went out of business, photographers never showed and bands broke up before the big day. Make sure you research vendors before signing contracts and making any deposits. Check with the Better Business Bureau, read online reviews, seek references and consider asking friends and family for personal recommendations.

Keep Calm & Party On When dozens, if not hundreds, of partygoers are dancing, eating and drinking, it can sometimes be a recipe for disaster. In fact, 11% of Travelers' wedding insurance claims from last year were due to accidents and the damage that occurred. Encourage your guests to have fun –

and be responsible – while they celebrate your special day.

Consult the Calendar Mother Nature can be fickle and nothing is ever certain, but you can reduce your chances of bad weather ruining your nuptials by consulting the calendar. According to Travelers, 6% of last year's wedding insurance claims were due to severe weather. If you are planning your wedding during a stormy season, create a contingency plan, especially if the area is known for extreme conditions. And if you're planning an outdoor wedding, make sure you know how to pull it off if you have to move it indoors.

Protect Your Investment Whether it's a tropical destination wedding or a party in your backyard, insurance is a smart way to protect what can be a significant financial investment. And while COVID-19 is excluded, insurance can help with unexpected situations like severe weather, illness or injury, and even military deployment.

deployment.

Wedding insurance is offered by insurance carriers like Travelers, a company with a long history of helping their customers when they need it the most. And with the average cost of a wedding in 2020 – heavily skewed due to the pandemic – amounting to about \$19,000, according to The Knot.com, a Wedding Protector Plan can help provide peace of mind.

"Insurance is smart for weddings of all sizes, including events that span across an entire weekend, with a welcome reception, rehearsal dinner, the wedding and even a celebratory send-off brunch," says Kassy Westervelt, senior product analyst at Travelers. "We recommend couples choose a coverage level at least equal to the amount they might lose if their event had to be rescheduled at the last minute, considering purchases and deposits for things like the venue, gown, rings, caterers, entertainment, transportation, flowers, cake, invitations and more."

"Couples who are new to the wedding planning process may not be aware that their wedding can actually be insured, so we recommend you contact an insurance agent or visit our website to understand what it covers and how it can help," says Westervelt.
"We also like to make sure couples understand that change of heart is not covered."

Your insurance agent can work with you to determine the coverages and policy limits that best fit your needs and budget. To learn more about Travelers' no-deductible wedding insurance policies, visit protectmywedding.com.

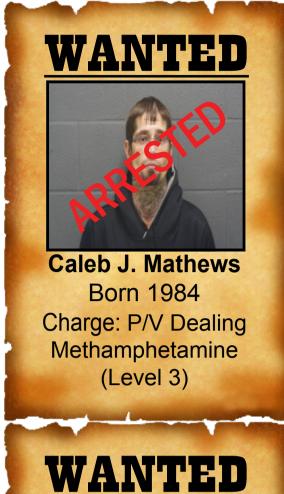
For greater peace of mind around one of the most important days of your life, take steps to avoid and prepare for common wedding day mishaps.





## Montgomery County's Most Wanted

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office is requesting your assistance in locating a subject wanted on a felony warrant. If you have any information on the whereabouts of this wanted person please contact the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office at (765) 362-0885 or (765) 362-3740.





Robert E. Butler
Born 1984
Charge:
Charge: Possession of a
Firearm by Serious Violent



Felon (Level 4)



Thomas W. Farley II

Born 1991
Charge: FTA Possession of Methamphetamine/Carrying
Handgun w/out license



## WANTED



Wyatt W. Hunt
Born 1996
Charge: FTA Resisting
Law Enforcement/Criminal
Confinement (Level 5)

## WANTED



Born 1990 Charge: FTA Possession of Methamphetamine (Level 6)

## WANTED



Cole M. Williams
Born 1995
Charge: P/V Escape

## WANTED



Mario G. Ortega

Born 1977

Charge: Sexual

Misconduct with a Minor

(Felony 4)

## WANTED



Amanda J. Fry
Born 1987
Charge:
P/V Theft (Felony 6)

## WANTED



Stephen C. Shaffer
Born 1992
Charge: Domestic
Battery (Level 5)

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#### **Notice:**

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<u>NOTICE TO BIDDERS</u> NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT MONTGOMERY COUNTY, BY AND THROUGH ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, WILL RECEIVE SEALED BIDS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF: MONTGOMERY COUNTY 2021-2 CCMG RESURFACING ON CR 400 W FROM US 136 TO OLD STATE ROAD 55, CR 350 W FROM WASHINGTON STREET TO C 1100 N, CR 1100 N FROM CR 350 W TO CR 100 W, CR 700 E FROM CR 500 N TO CR 575 N, CR 300 N FROM CR 425 E TO CR 625 E,

CR 775 E FROM US 136 TO CR 500 S. MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INDIANA Sealed proposals will be received at the Montgomery County Auditor, 100 E. Main St., Crawfordsville, IN 47933 prior to 8:00 A.M. (local time) on January 24th, 2022. All proposals will then be publicly opened and read aloud during the County Commissioner's meeting, which begins at 8:00 A.M. (local

time). Any proposals received after the above designated time will be returned The proposed construction will include the installation of a 1.5-inch asphalt overlay over wedge and leveling of the existing roadway, transition and approach

overlay over wedge and revening of the existing foadway, transition and approach milling with a resurface, pavement markings, and all incidental work required as more fully specified in the Contract Documents, Specifications, and Plans.

All proposals shall be for complete construction only and must be submitted on State Board of Accounts Form No. 96 together with the proper forms included in the Contract Documents, the entire set of which shall be filed intact as a bid. The bid envelope must be sealed and have the words "Montgomery County 2021-2 CCMG Projects" legibly written on the front.

The Contract Documents, Specifications, and Plans are on file in the office of the Montgomery County Engineering Department, 110 West South Boulevard Crawfordsville, IN. 47933 for review only. The contract documents are available at www.questcdn.com. This contract is QuestCDN project number 8087935. A contractor may view the contract documents at no cost prior to deciding to be a planholder. To be considered a planholder for bids, a contractor must register with QuestCDN.com and purchase the contract documents in digital form at a cost of \$15.00. Registering for all prime contractors and subcontractors is recommended as planholders will receive automatic notice of addendums and other contract document updates via QuestCDN. Contact QuestCDN Customer Support at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in membership Bidders shall assure that they have obtained complete sets of drawings and

Contract Documents and shall assume the risk of any errors or omissions in bids

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SECURITY: Any person, firm or corporation who submits a proposal

MUST file with their bid a CERTIFIED CHECK, BANK DRAFT, CASHIER'S CHECK OR MONEY ORDER issued by a financial institution insured by an agency of the United States in the amount of five percent (5%), made payable to the Treasurer of Montgomery County. In lieu of the above, any person, firm or corporation who submits a proposal and has a principal place of business in the State of Indiana MAY file with their proposal a BID BOND in the amount of five percent (5%), made payable to the Board of Commissioners of Montgomery

Proposals may be held by the Board of Commissioners for a period not to

exceed sixty (60) calendar days from the public opening.

The successful Contractor will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price, each, within ten (10) days after award of the contract and a two (2) year Maintenance Bond in the amount of thirty percent (30%) of the contract price prior to completion and final payment of the contract.

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The Montgomery County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to ask for clarification for any bid submitted. In comparing bids, consideration will not be confined to price only. The successful bid will be the lowest responsible and responsive bidder, however the Board of Commissioners reserves the right to reject any proposal, to waive technicalities or irregularities therein, to delete any bid item or items and to award a contract on the proposal that in their judgment is most advantageous to Montgomery County.

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#### TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Circuit/Superior Court of Montgomery County, Indiana, in Cause No. 54D01-2104-MF-000340 wherein Specialized Loan Servicing LLC was Plaintiff, and for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 9 day of February, 2021, at the hour of 10 am or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 600 Memorial Drive, Crawfordsville, IN 47933, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Montgomery County, Indiana. Lots Numbered One Hundred Ninety-four (194) and One Hundred Ninety-nine (199) in John Milligan's Third Eastern Addition to the Town of Waveland. More commonly known as: 409 E Main Street, Waveland, IN 47989 Parcel No. 13-36-113-026.000-006

Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisement laws.
"Subject to all liens, encumbrances and easements of record not otherwise extinguished in the proceedings known as Cause No. 54D01-2104-MF-000340 in the Circuit/Superior Court of the County of Montgomery, Indiana. Plaintiff Attorney:

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Ryan Needham
Sheriff of Montgomery County

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#### ALL INTERESTED PARTIES NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk f Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Indiana, in Cause No. 54C01-2105-MF-000412 wherein Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Soundview Home Loan Trust 2006-2, Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2006-2 was Plaintiff, and Warren E. Perkins; Ryan K. Bailey A/K/A Ryan Bailey; Portfolio Recovery Associates, L.L.C. were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 9th day of February, 2022, at the hour of 10:00am or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 600 Memorial Drive Crawfordsville, IN 47933, the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Montgomery County, Indiana A certain tract or parcel of land in Montgomery County, in the State of

Indiana, described as follows Part of the West Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section Five (5),

Township Eighteen (18) North, Range Four (4) West described as follows Beginning at the intersection of the south line of Tuttle Avenue (formerly Fremont Street) and west line of John Street extended south, in the City of Crawfordsville and running west 60 feet; thence south 115 feet; thence east 60 feet; thence north 115 feet to the place of beginning, containing .159 of an acre, more or less, in Montgomery County, Indiana.

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More commonly known as: 611 Tuttle Avenue, Crawfordsville, IN 47933-

State Parcel No.: 54-10-05-113-059.000-030 Together with rents, issues, income, and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisement laws.

Ryan Needham. Sheriff of Montgomery County

Plaintiff Attorney ATTORNEY NO. 15-21-01766 Codilis Law, LLC 8050 Cleveland Place Merrillville, IN 46410 (219) 736-5579

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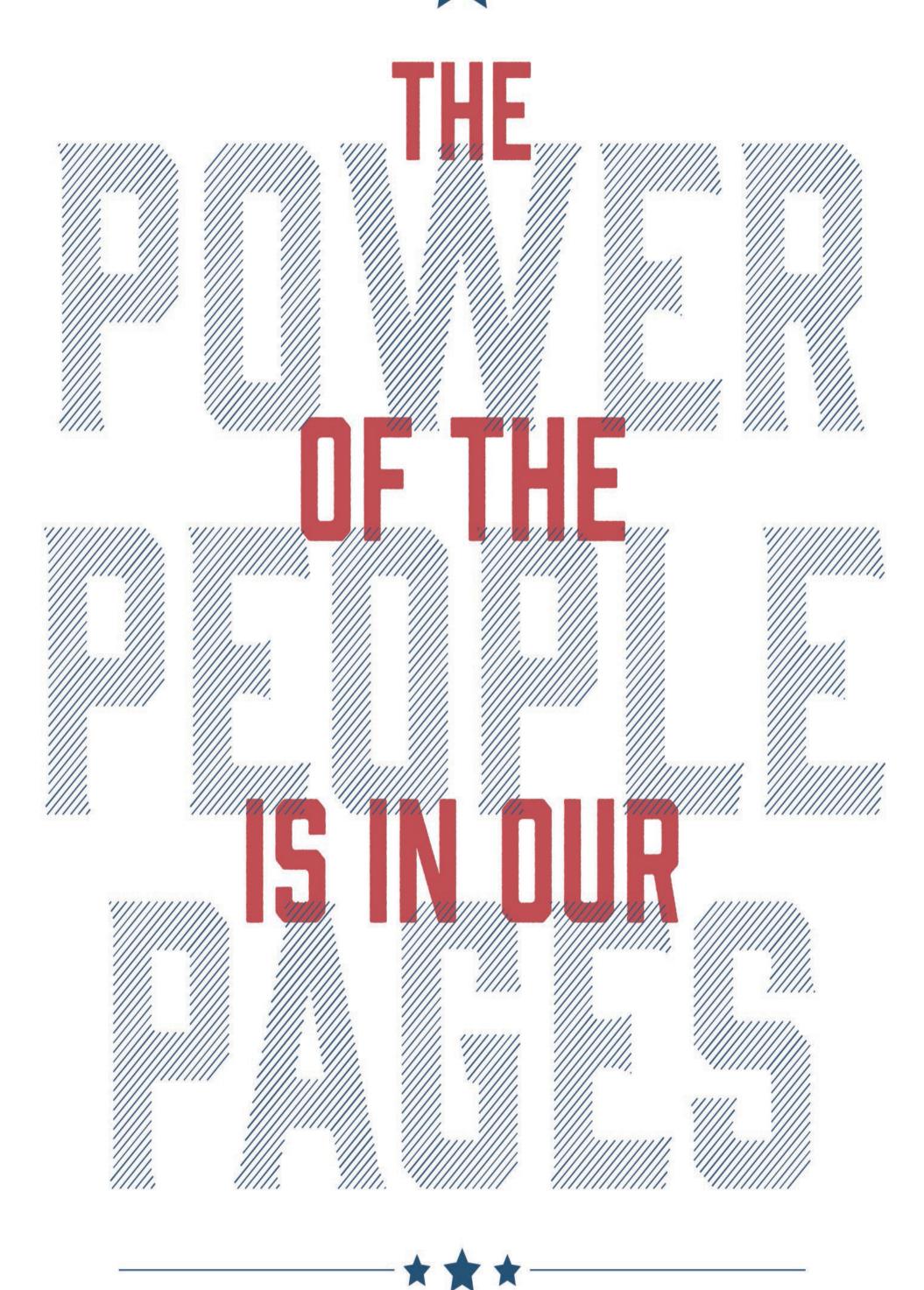
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