**COVID-19 booster eligibility guidelines spur confusion**

City, county commit $3.6M to address homelessness

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Efforts to combat homelessness in Bloomington and Monroe County received a boost with the announcement of more than $3.6 million in commitments from local government.

The news came as community leaders spoke about the next steps for "Heading Home 2022: A Regional Plan to Make Homelessness Rare, Brief, and Non-Repeating."

Led by United Way of Monroe County, the Community Foundation of Bloomington and Monroe County, and the South Central Housing Network, the initiative draws on support from the city of Bloomington, Monroe County, and Perry and Bloomington townships.

In addition to $3.2 million already committed through the city’s “Recover Forward” program, Bloomington Dep.

The Monroe County commissioners announced the county’s commitment of $0.2 million in American Rescue Plan Funding to Heading Home 2022, along with another $0.2 million to seed an endowment designed to ensure the long-term success of the initiative.

Many factors contribute to homelessness, and the 2022 Heading Home plan seeks to address everything from financial issues to health issues to systemic issues, according to Sycamore Land Trust CEO Tina Peterson, the plan should remove barriers and speed up access to housing.

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The first public viewing of the trail cam footage was during the land trust’s virtual annual celebration in October. Some of the footage was part of the virtual presentation, and more was streamed after the main program concluded.

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**Trail cams spot animals on Sycamore Land Trust preserves**

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I nstalling trail cameras on land protected by the Sycamore Land Trust was the beginning of a project that’s provided glimpses of 37 different animals that live in the habitat. Next week footage from those trail cams will be shared with visitors to the land trust’s website at sycamorelandtrust.org/wildlife. Most days and nights, there are 10 trail cams operating along animal trails and where wildlife drinks along waters’ edges.

One, labeled the Dam Cam, focuses on the uppermost of a beaver dam, a popular walkway for many wildlife. Another is known as the Isolated Log Cam.

Sycamore Land Trust staff and volunteers have been surprised by what the trail cams have documented, from a family of bobcats to a female turkey with her 12-offspring, known as pouls. One camera captured a fox and snowshoe hare playing in a mud puddle during a rainstorm. The footage is in color during the day and shifts to black-and-white at night.

Hunting both day and night footage from the preserve provides a window into the wildlife community — the land trust is protecting, said Kate Hammel, Sycamore’s communications and membership director. "Our work is not possible without donors and supporters. This shows the community what they are protecting."

In her remarks, Peterson stressed the importance of community engagement.

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**Increased rate of US purchasing adding to address homelessness to address commitments $3.6M City, county commit $3.6M to address homelessness People 65 and older who received initial vaccine from Pfizer/BioNTech or Moderna can get a booster as long as their second dose dates back at least six months. Those who get a Johnson & Johnson vaccine can get a booster after two months. The Indiana State Department of Health initially told the Herald-Times that it supports the administration of boosters to individuals who are meeting guidelines from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, including:

- Age 55 and older.
- Age 60 and older who live in a long-term care setting, such as correctional facilities, homeless shelters and schools.
- Age 18 and older who have underlying medical conditions, such as cancer, chronic liver or lung diseases, diabetes, heart conditions, HIV, weakened immune systems.
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said. “It gave new meaning to the term ‘staying busy as an activity we captured on camera at the Dam Cam,” Fox said. Hawk, thrushes, robins and grackles were all recorded.ated woodpecker, a red-shouldered hawk, a Cooper’s eagles, the birds heard and seen in the footage have been<br>communicate with each other in this footage is fascinating.ommunicate with each other in this footage is fascinating.mentioned as individuals or families and staff have been able to better track their movements. Besides giving insight into the wildlife that utilize the preserves the trail cameras are collecting information about the preserves as the land trust be<br>wildlife there. The footage is helping to establish a baseline of what wildlife species are living in the area and will show what new species may eventually pop-

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immune system, obesity, pregnancy, tuberculosis and others. • Age 18 or older who work or live in high-risk set-
tings, which include first-responders (health care workers, firefighters, police officers) and people who work in education, supermarkets, manufacturing, restau-
t, public transit, grocery stores and at the post office. The guidance covers “nearly 87% of the U.S. adult population in Indiana,” said Megan Wade-Taxter, media coordinator for the Indiana State Department of Health. Wade-Taxter also told The Herald-Times via email, “Anyone who is at least 18 years old and is six months or more out from completing their first dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine sees two or more months out from the John-

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