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(Cover) Greyhounds junior forward Ben Nicoson crosses up a Lake Erie defender at halfcourt during the second half of Ulndy's home-opener Nov. 12, 2021, at Nicoson Hall. | (Above) Angus Nicoson coaches the Indiana Central University basketball team during a game in 1956. (Photo provided by University of Indianapolis Athletics)

The Nicoson Legacy

Four generations of athletes have and are making their impact at Ulndy

COVER STORY

By Jacob Musselman

Going back to the head football coach's house and eating pizza with the coaching staff after football games isn't something most kids get to experience. Brent Nicoson, the University of Indianapolis men's and women's golf coach and Center Grove resident, recalls riding with his dad, Dan Nicoson, who served as the assistant coach, to pick up physical game film after games and heading over to Greyhounds longtime football coach Bill Bless's house and reviewing film. Brent and the Bless children would play together while their parents reviewed that night's game until the late hours of the morning.

The legacy of the Nicoson family, and its relationship with Ulndy athletics doesn't start at post-game pizza parties. It starts back in 1938, when Angus Nicoson was a freshman basketball and baseball player at Indiana Central University, now Ulndy. Angus was a letter-winner all four years of school at ICU and helped lead his 1941-42 team on a 30-game win streak. After graduating, he returned to campus to serve as the athletic director and coach.

In his 30 years as a coach, he amassed nearly 500 wins, making him the winningest coach in Greyhounds history. Angus is also a member of the Indiana Basketball Hall of

Fame, former president of the NAIA from 1966-1967, a member of the United States Olympic Committee and most notable, the arena the Greyhounds battle in is named after him.

In 1977, "The Gym" was dubbed Nicoson Hall, in honor of Angus's accomplishments at the university. Prior to the renaming, Nicoson Hall had no name. Since the re-brand, Nicoson Hall has hosted a plethora of events. It served as the wrestling venue for the 1987 Pan-American Games as well as a training camp site for the Indiana Pacers. The hall has also been the host for several practices for the Big Ten Tournament and Final Four.

Angus was inducted into the Ulndy Athletics hall of fame in 1986.

His son Dan was a quarterback for the Greyhounds in the mid to late 1960s and still holds the record for the longest touchdown pass in a game, throwing for 89 yards. After his playing career was over, Dan was an assistant to Bless, hence the pizza parties.

The third generation of Nicoson to make

an impact on Ulndy was Brent, the third generation of Nicoson to attend the university. Brent, a graduate of Beech Grove High School remembers being on campus, even at a young age.

"My earliest memory is going to some of the locker rooms while my grandfather was coaching," Brent explained. "I got to know a lot of the players and they would always mess with me because I was a little kid. I would go into the locker room and wad up cups and put a trashcan in the corner while they were playing."

After high school, Brent went to college in Illinois for one semester before returning to Ulndy to finish college. Brent has been with the men's women's golf program for eleven years and in his time, he has a combined 12 GLVC Coach of the Year honors, 13 conference titles, 10 regional crowns and two national champion-

ships.

Although it would seem like it, Brent's family history wasn't the main deciding factor in his decision to play collegially there. He said being around the campus for so long, he

just felt comfortable there.

Brent's son, Ben, now a sophomore guard at Ulndy became the fourth generation of Nicoson to don a Greyhounds uniform when he committed in November of 2018.

For Ben, being the fourth-generation of his family is special. The 4.0 GPA Center Grove High School graduate had two main schools recruiting him coming out of high school. Wabash and Ulndy. Although Wabash was recruiting him heavily, similar to his dad, he felt more 'at home' on Hanna Avenue.

"Just to have my name on a gym is hard to comprehend," Ben said. "I really don't think about it too much. It's a weird experience that many don't come close to.

Ben said from an outside perspective, having your last name being on a gym you play in would come with an immense amount of pressure.

"The only pressure I put on comes from myself and not really thinking about if my great-grandfather would approve of how I'm playing," he said.

Thinking about the legacy, Brent says having the Nicoson name on the gymnasium isn't any of his work, it's his great-grandfathers.

"For me, it's my grandfather's name," Brent said. "He did all the work to deserve that, not me."

"My earliest memory is going to some of the locker rooms while my grandfather was coaching. I got to know a lot of the players and they would always mess with me because I was a little kid."

— BRENT NICOSON

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Eric Moore, head coach of the Center Grove football team, bows his head during a fourth quarter drive during the IHSAA Class 6A State Championship game against the Westfield Shamrocks Nov. 27, 2021, at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. (Photo by Jacob Musselman)

Center Grove and Carmel voted out of Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference

Trojans - The six principals from the schools in the Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference voted unanimously on Monday to remove the Center Grove Trojans and Carmel Greyhounds from the conference. Now, the conference consists of Lawrence Central, Lawrence North, Warren Central, North Central, Pike High School and Ben Davis. The decision was shared in a press release detailing the history of the MIC and how in the late 90s, eight schools came together to serve as a model for "interscholastic excellence." The release also stated how the framework of the conference included the appreciation and support of the "unique characteristics" of the member schools. They also said the MIC is more than an athletic conference, but it also aims to improve multiple aspects of the member schools. Toward the end of the release, the principals shared that this fall, they were alerted there could be some changes for multiple reasons, Carmel and Center Grove were seeking a difference conference. The release was finished by saying, "We value the historical relationships with these two communities, and while this is sad to those who understand the rich history, we also under-

stand that these two schools no longer share the vision that we are more than an athletic conference, that athletes should not drive our decisions and that our unique characteristics are what make us strong." The vote allows the two schools to seek a conference that aligns with their vision. The two schools are looking to join the Hoosier Crossroads Conference (HCC) which currently consists of Brownsburg, Fishers, Avon, Franklin, Franklin Central, Hamilton Southeastern, Noblesville, Westfield and Zionsville. Center Grove and Carmel shared a joint-statement, "Center Grove High School and Carmel High School have submitted a formal petition to join the Hoosier Crossroads Conference (HCC). We respect the coaches, faculty, administrators, and student-athletes of the MIC Conference. We have had long-standing and positive relationships with the MIC Conference and appreciate the 26 years of collaboration and competition with the MIC schools. The decision to request to change conferences is rooted in the belief that this move would provide our schools with the collaboration, competition, and support necessary to grow our programs over the next 20 years."

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Bob Rohrman's **INDY** Athlete of the Month **HONDA** Drake Buchanan

By Mark Ambrogio

Center Grove High School senior Drake Buchanan began wrestling when he was 5 years old after he received a form in my kindergarten class about the Center Grove Wrestling Club.

"I went to a practice and the rest is history," Buchanan said.

It's a history he hopes to add to another major chapter this winter. Buchanan finished 35-2 as a junior, placing runner-up in the 182-pound class at IHSAA state finals at Gainbridge Fieldhouse in Indianapolis.

"I'm extremely excited and motivated for my final high school season," Buchanan said. "Last year I came up short, so this year I'm putting everything I have into training and improving my technique. I believe I made the most improvement in my hand fighting from neutral and match strategy."

Buchanan finished seventh in the 182-pound

division in the Junior Greco Nationals at Fargo, North Dakota.

"The national tournaments over the summer really helped me see where I needed to improve as well as just giving me some more experience in those big-time matches," Buchanan said. "I lost to a competitor at Fargo earlier in the summer, but after figuring out what needed to be improved I faced him again at Super 32 and beat him."

Center Grove coach Maurice Swain said Buchanan has been on the national scene his entire wrestling career.

"He knows that he can compete with the nation's very best," Swain said.

"Having that type of experience will continue to help him prepare for future competitions.

Buchanan's work ethic makes a difference.

"He does a great job of paying attention to details and implementing those details in competition," Swain said. "Drake also has great workout intensity. He pushes himself

to the max each day of practice. Drake works very hard at the things he needs to get better at on the mat. He knows his strengths and weaknesses and each day he is doing things to correct those weaknesses."

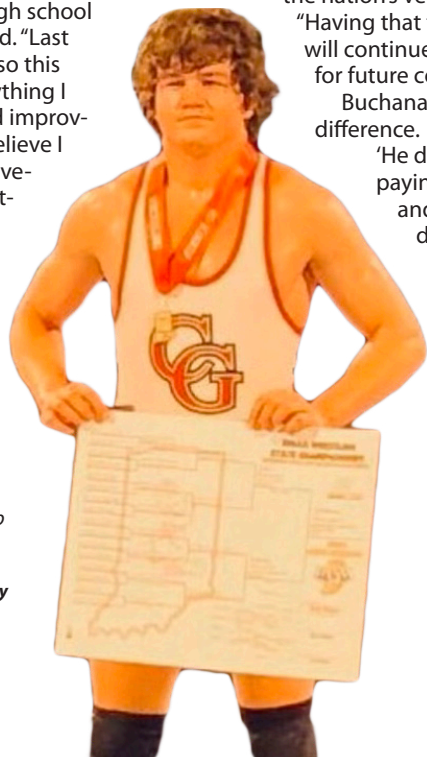
As a sophomore, Buchanan finished 39-5, placing sixth at 182 pounds in the state finals. In 2019, he was sixth at 160-pounds in 16U Freestyle Nationals.

Buchanan played linebacker for the Trojans football team through his junior year.

"I didn't play this year to focus on wrestling," he said.

Buchanan has accepted an Air Force Academy appointment after the Air Force recruited him for wrestling.

"The Air Force Academy provides an Ivy League level education," Buchanan said. "They are focused on STEM which is where I will eventually find my major. Combine that with the leadership training and a high level job upon graduation you are set up for a great career in the Air Force or in the private sector. Several generations of my family have been in the military and it will be a privilege to serve this country that has given me so much."



Drake Buchanan holds up the pairings after placing second in the state finals as a junior. (Photo courtesy of Drake Buchanan)

THE BUCHANAN FILE

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FAVORITE MOVIE: "A	PARENTS: Martha and Joel Buchanan

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From left to right, Andrew Dial, Andrew Baugh, Ansley Bishop, Grace Sipe pose for a photo. (Photo provided by Roncalli High School)

Roncalli students named "Indiana Rising Stars"

Roncalli - Four Roncalli High School juniors have been named Indiana "Rising Stars" in the most recent publication of the Indiana Association of School Principals (IASP). Andrew Baugh, Ansley Bishop, Andrew Dial and Grace Sipe were selected from among the class of 2023 for this honor based on their academic success in the classroom; selfless dedication to volunteer work; and outstanding leadership qualities demonstrated through teams, clubs and organizations. In addition to receiving a certificate from the IASP, these students will be made known to potential future college choices in Indiana. "We are extremely proud of these students and their hard work! Being recognized as "Rising Stars" is evidence that they are one of the top juniors in the state of Indiana. This recognition is due to years of dedicated work from themselves, their families and their teachers. Congratulations to these students on this outstanding achievement!" Kevin Banich, principal of Roncalli High School said in a press release.



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The Somerset neighborhood in Bargersville

Where: Just off County Rd. 600 N. On Somerset Boulevard.

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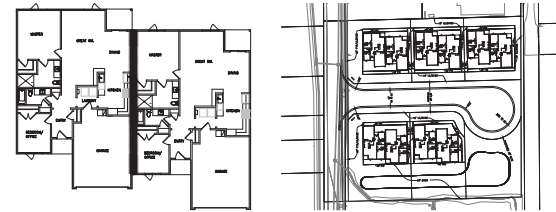
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Rose Myers shows the inside of her belt Oct. 31, 2021, at Pilsung Martial Arts in Greenwood. (Photos by Jacob Musselman)

2021 ICON OF THE YEAR: Rose Myers

Local taekwondo instructor makes an impact

By Jacob Musselman

Rose Myers, master instructor at Pilsung ATA Martial Arts, has been selected as the 2021 ICON of the Year. The ICON of the Year is something that we think long and hard about. The ICON should be somebody who exemplifies what it means to be a great person, both in the community and in their professional lives. Myers leads a staff of four instructors ranging from third degree black belts up to sixth degree, where she is. Myers continually makes positive impacts and teaches life lessons to her students.

Not many people are involved in so many lives as she is. At Pilsung ATA Martial Arts, Myers and her staff do more than teach kids how to punch and kick and defend themselves. Don't get it twisted, self defense is a big part of martial arts, but Myers says there's more to it.

"Our life skill curriculum includes bully prevention, not just how to protect yourself against bullying, but how to help other people. The biggest problem that the kids have is not that they don't want to help, but it's that they are painfully aware that helping in the way that is trying to interfere makes them a target, and they don't want to do that," Myers said. "But they don't know any other way to help somebody and rescue them out of a situation. And that's exactly what we teach."

She said martial arts gets a bad reputation because of how it's glorified in movies and on television, but at Pilsung, the self defense aspect is still important, but learning life skills and discipline is something she hopes her students take beyond the classroom.

"We teach the things that are applicable



Rose Myers, owner and head instructor at Pilsung ATA Martial arts, high kicks in her studio Oct. 28, 2021, in Greenwood.

at every age, and every stage that will stay with them for the rest of their lives," she said.

During a class, the student makes two promises to the instructor, one as they enter the mat and one as they leave. The promise they make as they enter the class is reflective of how you will behave in class and that you will "practice in the spirit of taekwondo with courtesy for fellow students, loyalty for my instructors and respect for my juniors and seniors." As they leave class, the promise for how they will

behave outside of class, "I shall live with perseverance in the spirit of taekwondo, having honor with others, integrities in myself and self control of my actions."

Myers said teaching her students about respect, honor and integrity are life skills they can and should take beyond the mat. "Martial arts is a physical skill. So when you stop training and a physical skill, eventually that goes away. But the life skills, the confidence and the encouragement of others is what we do as well."

In her studio, you'll never hear the word

"wrong" because, as she says, it's an immediate brain recognition to shut off.

"As soon as you say I'm doing something wrong, I don't want to listen to you anymore," she explained.

Instead, she tries to teach her students what they are doing incorrectly and how to do it right, without degrading them.

"Friends are like elevators, and if you surround yourself with good people, they'll bring you up if you surround yourself with bad people, they'll pull you down," she finished with.

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Full production grants available for Black playwrights throughout Indiana

By Jacob Musselman

ONYXFest, the first and only Indiana theater festival exclusively for African American playwrights, is looking to bring your scripts to life. Submissions will be accepted until midnight on March 15.

Lack of financial resources is often the most daunting obstacle for new writers trying to bring fresh, innovative story ideas from the pages of their script to the stage. The competition is designed to showcase the spectrum of stories that depict Black life and culture.

This competition is designed to showcase the broad spectrum of stories that depict Black life and culture. Vernon A. Williams,

director of ONYXFest said in a press release, "This is an event that empowers Black artists to create their own narrative, to tell their own stories."

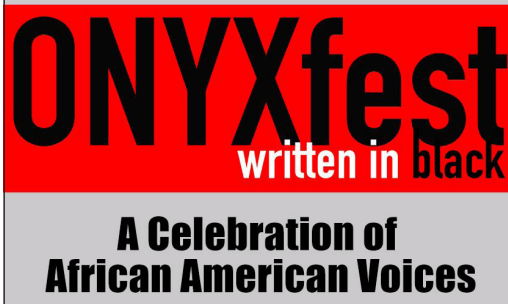
Playwrights will receive royalties along with stipends to pay actors, directors, lighting assistants and sound technicians. The grant will include funds for set design, props, costume and makeup as well as the complete cost of theater rental for both rehearsal and performances.

"This is an opportunity of a lifetime for serious new playwrights with talent but no resources," Williams said in the same press release, adding that OnyxFest 2022 will also provide playwrights script development,

marketing and advertising for productions along with video recordings and internet streaming of plays.

The release also states that entries must be original one-act plays between 45 minutes and an hour in length. There may also be no more than six characters per cast. The subject matter of the play is unrestricted. Williams recommends that writers avoid stereotypes, degrading or disrespectful portrayals of Black life and culture, and gratuitous violence or sexual content.

Entries will be judged by a jury of theatre professionals and five winners will be determined. Winners will be announced April 15, 2022.



Actors practice a scene during a production. (Photos provided by ONYXFest)

Back like she never left How a Beech Grove author picked up writing again after 59 years

Author - Mary Ann Senft, the Beech Grove native and graduate of Beech Grove High School, never thought she would be a writer.

But in her schooling, when she lived in California, she entered a writing contest her school was taking applications for. Long story short, Senft was selected to be one of five students to be sent to the statewide contest, where she would go on to win first place. From that moment on, she got the writing bug.

That story, which she later titled *Shadows of December* and turned into a book later in life.

Throughout her life, she has taken inspiration from her everyday living and put pen to paper with her stories, adding her own personal touches.

Senft says to any student in middle school or high school that wants to become an author

one day or any student that thinks they could be a writer, "just do it."

She said after winning the writing contest when she was 10, she wanted to write another story and keep doing it, but never did.



Senft

"Here I am, at 72 years old and at 69, I just started writing again," Senft said.

She said as soon as she started writing again, she felt the same way she did when she was 10 years old, she felt the urge to keep writing and says sometimes the stories just write themselves.

"I wish I had pursued it much much sooner," Senft said. "I think I could have done this my whole life. It's fulfilling and exciting."

Senft recently released "The Unseen Player" and is available at all book retailers or her website, masenft.com



The covers of Mary Ann Senft's books "The Unseen Player" and "Shadows of December." (Photos courtesy of Mary Ann Senft)

Parks and recreation department hosts mini vacations for parents and their children

Vacation - Do you and your kids need some time away this Holiday season? It can get tough to stay sane with all the craziness going on. The Greenwood Parks and Recreation department is hosting four mini-vacations for parents and their kids from kindergarten through fifth grade throughout the end of December.

The four events are:

- Dec. 27 from 8 a.m. to noon at Board and Brush.
- Dec. 28 from noon-4 p.m. for an Urban Air field trip.
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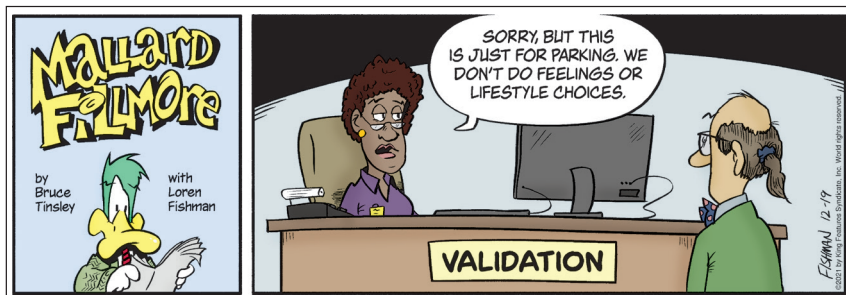
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Santa at The Sycamore • Although he's busy, Santa will be stopping by The Sycamore at Mallow Run for a night. Kids of all ages are invited to join for a breakfast buffet and to take pictures with the big man. Christmas crafts will also be available to make and for parents, the bard will be open and selling mimosas, bloody Marys as well as specialty coffee drinks. | When: Dec. 18, from 9-11 a.m. or 12-2 p.m. | Info: mallowrun.com

Afternoon of Art Fun • The Teal Canary and The Blissful Baker have paired up for an afternoon of fun. Come and make an ornament with Amy, owner of the studio, and decorate a Paint Your Own Cookie with Christy! You will visit 2 stations where Amy and Christy will be to assist students as they make beautiful Christmas art. | When:

Dec. 18, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. | Where: Teal Canary 199 N. Madison Ave. | Info: allevents.in

The Peach Truck Winter Tour • Peaches in the winter??? Come to the Greenwood Park Mall for their first-ever winter tour of The Peach Truck to get your sweet, juicy, remarkable satsumas, pecans, and our beloved peach cobbler kits—perfect for making all of your holiday gatherings extra special. | When: Dec. 19, from 12-1 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Park Mall 1251 U.S. Highway 31 N. | Info: allevents.in

Rock and Roll Christmas concert • Listen to your favorite Christmas songs and benefit a great cause. This concert will benefit The Refuge, we are asking that you bring canned goods so we can donate them to The Refuge. Then enjoy some classic Christmas Music and Cookies afterward. | When: Dec. 19, from 7-9 p.m. | Where: Center Grove Church 2340 S. State Rd. 135 | Info: allevents.in

Monday Night Book Group • Discuss books in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Copies of the titles will be available at the check-out desk the month before each meeting. December's selection is "Light on Snow" by Anita Shreve. | When: Dec. 20, from 7-8 p.m. | Where: White River Branch 1664 Library Blvd. | Info: Jcpln.libnet.info

Read & Bleed • Give the gift of life and roll up your sleeves while you read. All blood types are urgently needed. To schedule an appointment, please call (800)733-2767 or visit redcross-blood.org. Ages 17 and up. Make sure to eat a big breakfast and stay hydrated before and after your appointment. | When: Dec. 21, from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. | Where: White River Branch 1664 Library Blvd. | Info: Jcpln.libnet.info

Perler Party • Create your own melted masterpiece with Perler beads! All supplies provided. | When: Dec. 22, from 2:30-4 p.m. | Where: White River Branch 1664 Library Blvd. | Info: Jcpln.libnet.info

Christmas Eve at Greenwood Christian • Christmas has taken on a life of its own. From decorating to parties to shopping to music to movies to gift-giving, there's no shortage of ideas as to what Christmas is all about. All three identical Christmas Eve services will be live-streamed at live.greenwoodchristian.com. | When: Dec. 24, at 2:30, 4 and 5:30 p.m. | Info: allevents.in

Family Storytime • Have fun and be creative together! Enjoy stories, songs and more with your family. Child's caregiver required. | When: Dec. 27, from 6-6:30 p.m. | Where: White River Branch 1664 Library Blvd. | Info: Jcpln.libnet.info

Adam Minnick at Guttys • Have some clean laughs with your friends at Guttys. | When: Jan. 7 and 7, from 7:30-9 p.m. | Where: Guttys' Comedy Club 1251 U.S. Highway 31 North | Info: https://indiana.guttyscomedyclub.com/

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Flap Jacks Pancake House flips the best pancakes on the Southside

With four locations around Indianapolis and its suburbs, Flap Jacks has been in the community since its first location in 2002 out in Brownsburg. Years later and four locations later, Flap Jacks is still flipping pancakes as well as lunch and dinner options.

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Flap Jacks Pancake House in Bargersville. (Photo courtesy of TripAdvisor)

They also offer eggs, bacon, hash browns, skilletts, omelettes, biscuits and gravy and a whole menu of other options.

Flap Jacks Pancake House is open from 6 a.m.-3 p.m. daily

LOCATION:
2991 Fulmer Dr. Bargersville, IN.

SPOTLIGHT



The SALI is located just off Main Street in downtown Greenwood. (Southside Times photo archive)

Retired Hoosier artist to kick off 'guest artist' series with former news cartoonist

Cartoons - As far back as 1754, many newspapers have included a cartoon section. Sometimes they are in the form of a political expression or a varying point of view. Next month, at the Southside Art League, former Indianapolis Star cartoonist and lifelong Hoosier, Jerry Barnett will be the feature artist for their guest artist exhibition. Barnett, an Evansville native is the son of a coal miner. But in the fifth grade, his art teacher encouraged him to explore his art skills and pursue a career as an artist. After high school, Barnett attended the Herron School of Art where he met his wife. After two years of schooling, he left school to become a freelance artist. He also spent time touching up photos for production at the Indianapolis Star and News. A few years later, he was hired for his dream job as an editorial cartoonist where would go on to draw thousands of cartoons. Barnett is 84 years old and continues to draw cartoons. His artwork will be displayed from Jan. 5-29 at the Southside Art League (SALI) Off Broadway Gallery located at 299 E. Broadway St. in Greenwood. During the exhibition, it will be open from Wednesday through Saturday from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.



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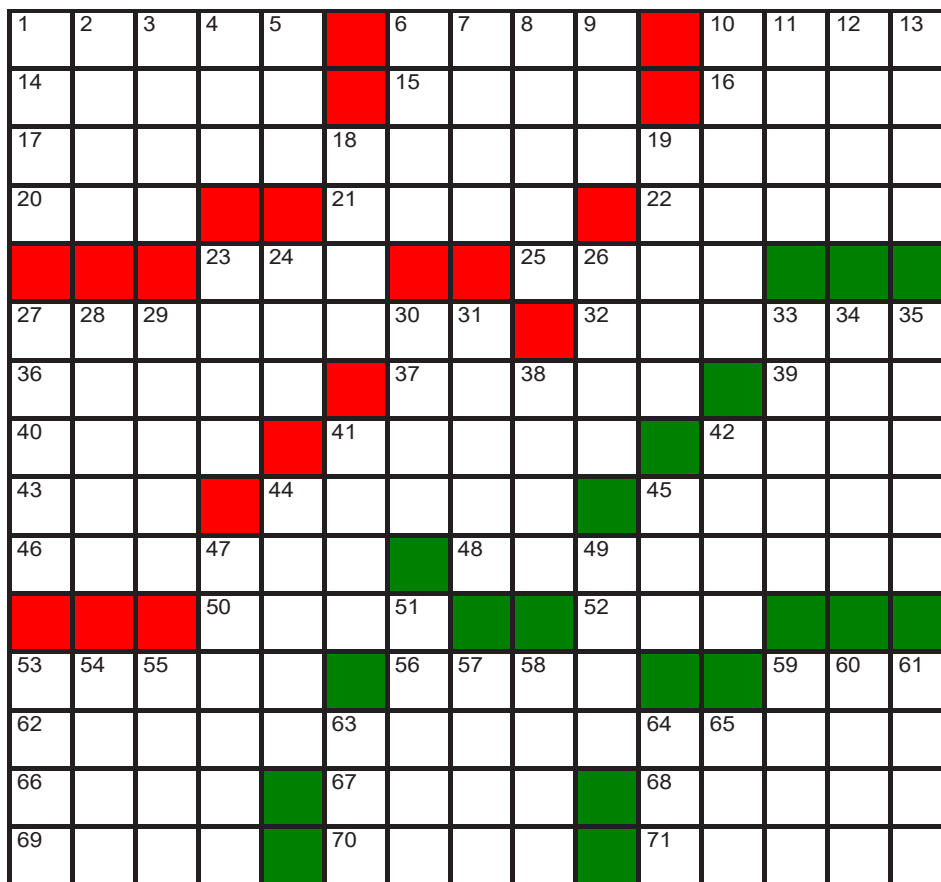
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ACROSS

1. ___ Diner (US 31 restaurant)
6. Former Chevy rival
10. Junk email
14. Autumn hue
15. Where no one can sit in front of you
16. One of 18 at Hickory Stick Golf Club
17. 2004 Christmas film starring Tom Hanks (playing five roles)
20. Weeding tool
21. Ye ___ Shoppe
22. CGHS prom wheels
23. Tuna type
25. Jessica of "7th Heaven"
27. 2003 Christmas film starring Billy Bob Thornton and Bernie Mac
32. Much appreciated
36. Immersed in water
37. Beat by a whisker
39. Pacers org.
40. Hoosier Brewing Company supply
41. 2019 Christmas film starring Jason Schwartzman and JK Simmons
42. Unruly kid
43. Bikini half
44. The "Butterfly Capital of Alabama"
45. Whack, biblically
46. Foolishness
48. 1988 Christmas film starring Bill Murray and Karen Allen
50. Peat ___
52. WRTV net.
53. Off-kilter
56. Bit of a fit
59. Letters on a Cardinals cap
62. 1996 Christmas film starring Arnold Schwarzenegger and Sinbad
66. Nike rival
67. ___ Severin Hotel
68. Angry



69. "Fiddlesticks!"
70. Tide type
71. Papas' partners
10. High-pitched
11. James Whitcomb Riley creation
12. In addition
13. Army meal
18. Don's Butcher Shop choice
19. Say "not guilty" in Johnson County Court
23. Kind of IU prof
24. "Yeah, sure!"
26. Currier and ___
27. Disney deer
28. CGHS Senior Honors Day presentation
29. ___ Lama
30. Snitch
31. US President #2 or #6
33. Strip a schooner
34. Cash-back offer, online
35. Out of fashion
38. Taco Libre dip, for short
41. Pleasant Grove Elementary School custodian's ringful
42. Top guy at IUPUI, initially
44. Menacing look
45. Have a bawl
47. Butler frat letters
49. White River floater
51. "Tsk, tsk!"
53. Slightly open
54. Hindu deity
55. Use needles and yarn
57. Arm bone
58. Gymnast's move
59. Did laps at Freedom Springs Aquatics Park
60. "Ciao!"
61. Caustic cleaners
63. A billion years
64. That guy
65. Indianapolis Indians pitching stat

DOWN

1. Something that might come to light?
2. Sound rebound
3. "Of ___ I Sing"
4. Trey Hollingsworth's pos.
5. Spanish gold
6. Verbal
7. British noble
8. Dorky sort
9. Jazz Kitchen horn

Puzzle Time

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- 4 Indiana Neighbors _____

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- 3 M Towns West of Center Grove _____

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By Mike Heffner

I recently listened to a great podcast by Brian Levenson, who is the author of Shift Your Mind. His work (books and podcasts) have quickly become some of my favorite places to spend time as I look to grow as a leader. If you read my column here or follow my LinkedIn articles, you know that I wrote an article recently called Winning on Game Day that included some thoughts from Brian's book. In his recent podcast with David Livingston, Managing Partner at McChrystal Academy, they discussed a formula for Resilience. They said that Resilience = Grit + Agility x Growth Mindset. I agreed with this, but I also think it's important to add a couple things to that formula. Kind of like adding white chocolate chunks and nuts to an already great cookie recipe. They just make it better. Resilience is one's ability to recover quickly from difficulty, so I think it's important to include rest, vulnerability, and the need for the company's values. Let's break down the formula and add in those 3 items.

Grit – Having courage, hope, passion, perseverance and resolve to get up over and over after being knocked down. Being willing

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Are you using the optimum recipe as you lead?

to overcome obstacles and having a belief that one can take advantage of a circumstance even when it's bad.

Agility – Ability to flex, pivot and change as often as needed knowing that things can and will be unpredictable. Willing to constantly learn and grow and move into something new even when what happened yesterday worked.

Growth Mindset – Willing to be challenged, stretched, and take on an attitude of learning and growing beyond where we are currently comfortable. In an unpredictable environment, embrace the loss of control in order to go above and beyond.

Additions to the recipe:

Rest – Resting both physically and mentally. A great workout deserves a good recovery meal and rest to allow muscles to grow and recover. It's equally as important when our minds are put to the test. We need sleep and downtime to come back refreshed.

Vulnerability – Open to ideas and the fact that what happened yesterday may require new thinking. As the environment changes,

the process may also need to change. When the leader is vulnerable, then the team can quickly share ideas, adapt and pivot allowing for a fast recovery.

Values – Obstacles and change are now a regular daily occurrence. Core values become a guidepost that give a business its structure to properly navigate. The values are the foundation for everything else and allow you to make quick decisions.

Can you relate to this recipe? Resilience does seem to be a theme word from this past year, and I think we are in for another year that will bring about all new opportunities. Continue to look at what's coming and find the advantages amidst the obstacles. As you shift into the upcoming challenges, I hope you find time to rest, enjoy some good cookies and prepare to win on game day.



This article is written by Mike Heffner, the owner of the local Greenwood Express Employment Professionals franchise. Contact Mike at Mike.Heffner@expresspros.com, @IndySouthMike on Twitter or visit ExpressIndySouth.com.

PEER TO PEER

Business leader December 2021 santas supply chain slip

By Howard Hubler

Anybody who's read anything this year knows that much of the stuff that's headed to the north pole is floating on a tanker somewhere off the coast of California. How could Santa Clause have possibly let this happen? I think he depends too much on the Asian market to work overtime to help his elves. That in hindsight proves to be a foey. These toys may not make it here in time for Christmas!

When I write about business trends, I write about them from a Hoosier perspective. One thing we can say about our home state is that we are one of the more diverse states in the Midwest. We initially came to the dance through farming, we are now into hi tech, Manufacturing, big Pharma, distribution and more. Well, I think we got that one wrong. We can't blame Clinton alone, he had plenty of help from Newt Gingrich and the Republican party during the days of NAFTA. Why not put these things and play in Indiana?

I am in an industry that depends on the lowly chip for its oxygen with which to exist. The small items that two years ago most people did not know anything about and could care less about are causing one of the

largest downward spikes in our economy that we have ever experienced in modern times, auto shortages. I am confident Americans will come out of this building more things like chips on the homefront.

In closing, with our ability to warehouse and transport products by road and air, when we get this burst of jobs in our nation which I am confident we will, hopefully Indiana will get its piece of the action and China can go back to making firecrackers. Most people who read this will not even know what I mean. Hopefully, next year Santa will have gifts under everybody's tree and people will have long since forgotten about all of these boats floating in the Pacific Ocean off of California. Hopefully, Santas slip will just be a bad inconvenience for young children all across Indiana.



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The new Center Grove Emergency Operations Center is almost complete

Construction - Project executive for AECOM Hunt, James Gulley spoke at the Dec. 13 Rotary meeting about the soon-to-open Center Grove Emergency Operation Center. The Operation Center is a joint venture between the Center Grove Community School Corporation and the White River Township Fire Department. The facility will include headquarters and live monitoring space for the Center Grove Police Department, along with offices and a location for emergency vehicles and personnel for the White River Township Fire Department, and Johnson County Sheriff's Department. This will allow for quicker response times for emergencies in the area. The company partnered with CGHS and the WRTFD has also been involved with building Lucas Oil Stadium, Gainbridge Fieldhouse and the new Center Grove School Corporation Natatorium. The center is located at 2309 South Morgantown Road, Greenwood, just north of Center Grove Elementary School.



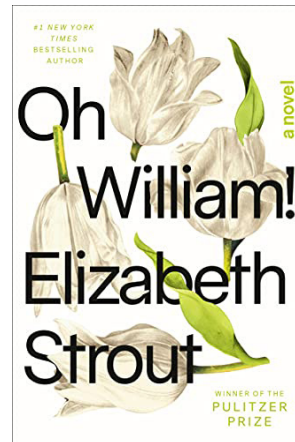
"Oh William!"

BOOK REVIEW

By Amy Hamilton
"Oh William!" by Pulitzer Prize-winning author Eliza-

beth Strout is the third book in the Lucy Barton series. Although, you can read this book as a stand-alone novel. Unlike Strout's previous novels, this is not a series of interconnected short stories focusing on different characters. Instead, it's told through Lucy's point of view. She reflects on their past relationships, their daughters, and her mother-in-law.

Lucy and William divorced after being married for many years and raising two daughters together. Despite divorcing over infidelity, they have maintained a friendship through it all. William's life is in turmoil as he struggles with contemplating retirement, raising a ten-year-old child, and learning details about his parents' lives before he was born. Likewise,



Lucy is dealing with the recent loss of her second husband. They start to rely on each other as they face changes to their families' lives as secrets are exposed.

"Oh William!" is a compelling and character-driven novel that takes time to create a fascinating character study of divorced Lucy and William. Recommended for fans of "Monogamy" by Sue Miller, "The Silent Treatment" by Abbie Greaves, and "Our Souls at Night" by Kent Haruf.



This review is written by Amy Hamilton, the adult/teen librarian of the Johnson County Public Library - White River Branch. She enjoys reading, knitting and taking long walks in the woods. Contact Amy at ahamilton@jcpin.org.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

Adult:

- "The Sentence" by Louise Erdrich
- "The Replacement Wives" by Darby Kane
- "Observations by Gaslight" by Lyndsay Faye
- "Those Precious Days" by Ann Patchett

Young Adult:

- "Roxy" by Neal Shusterman and Jarrod Shusterman
- "Our Violent Ends" by Chloe Gong
- "You'll be the Death of Me" by Karen McManus
- "Out of My Heart" by Sharon M. Draper

Children:

- "Hope at Sea" by Daniel Miyares
- "A is for Oboe: The Orchestra's Alphabet" by Lera Auerbach
- "Stuntboy, in the Meantime" by Jason Reynolds
- "Awake" by Mags Deroma

Why it's A-OK to write 'Xmas'

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

Some phrases get people's stockings in a twist during the holiday season. Today I'm not going to beat around the holly bush — I'm jumping right down the chimney to address these Christmas controversies.

Do you throw up your dukes when you hear someone wish you "Happy Holidays?" If so, you probably are coming from a place of assuming most Americans celebrate and observe Christmas. You're right; a 2019 Gallup poll showed that 93 percent of Americans observe Christmas. However, did you know that "Happy Holidays" has Christian origins?

I previously thought that the "holidays" in "Happy Holidays" referred to Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. While the modern meaning does align with this thinking, "Happy Holidays" originally referred to the Advent season, which was comprised of four Sundays that range from late November to late December.

Many churches also celebrate the Chris-

tian feast day of Epiphany, which is in early January each year. You can see how the original Christian holiday season fits right in with our modern time period between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day.

Originally, when someone wished you "Happy Holidays," they most likely meant "Happy Advent season, which will culminate in the celebration of Christmas and subsequently the Epiphany of Christ." It just so happens that Hanukkah and Kwanzaa align with this time period as well.

As Christmas has become more commercialized and less religious (in general), "Happy Holidays" has come to mean a catch-all term for the time period between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day.

Of course, the term "holiday" comes from an Old English word that literally meant "holy day." The term only applied to special days on the Christian calendar.

On top of "Happy Holidays" rubbing some the wrong way, writing or saying "Xmas" bothers many people. However, this term is rooted in church traditions

as well.

"Xmas" shows up in writing as early as the 1500s. The "X" stands for the Greek letter "chi," which is the first letter in "Christ" in Greek. "X" was used as an abbreviation for "Christ" because the word was so widely used at the time.

You won't be surprised to learn that the "-mas" in "Xmas" means "mass." The "mass of Christ." Therefore, "Xmas" does not belittle or remove the "Christ" from "Christmas."

I've found the more I learn, the less I'm offended. Both "Happy Holidays" and "Xmas" have deep theological roots. Instead of berating people who use them, allow the terms to enrich your devotion to your faith tradition.



Curtis Honeycutt is a syndicated humor columnist and treasurer of the National Society of Newspaper Columnists. He is the author of Good Grammar is the Life of the Party: Tips for a Wildly Successful Life. Find more at curtishoneycutt.com.

Be humble and patient this Holiday season

DEVOTIONAL

By Pastor
Chris Philbeck

A February 11, 2021, article in The Seattle Times told the story of Sara Pascucci, who received an anonymous letter scolding her for still having Christmas decorations up on her house. The letter read, "Take your Christmas lights down! It's Valentine's Day!!!" The letter was particularly upsetting because Sara had just lost her father and aunt to COVID less than a week apart. Her father, who lived with her, put up the Christmas decorations immediately after Thanksgiving, as he did every year. In the weeks following his death on January 15th, she couldn't bring herself to take the decorations down. She said, "Receiving the harsh letter was a major blow to the heart. No one really knows what is going on inside the house or why we didn't take down the decorations." Ultimately, she shared the letter in the Long Island Moms Facebook group and explained why it was so painful. She wrote, "The family has been preoccupied with funeral arrangements, mortgage payments, and just the grieving process. So yes, we haven't gotten around to taking down his Christmas decorations. Be kind to people because you never know what they're going through." Isn't that the truth? You never know what someone is going through; you never know what's happening inside someone's house. You never know what kind of pain might be affecting

someone's life today. That's why all of us should make it our goal to lead with love. Especially during the Christmas season, which can be a time of great joy for some and great sorrow for others. I love these words from Ephesians 4:2, Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. What would Christmas look like this year if we chose love over judgment or criticism or accusation? Fortunately for Sara Pascucci, she had some neighbors who did just that. Because of her post on the Long Island Mom's Facebook Page, her own Facebook was flooded with dozens of encouraging messages. She received cards, flowers, and meals. And a GoFundMe page was created to help cover mounting mortgage payments and funeral costs. But perhaps the best thing that happened is many of her neighbors put their own Christmas decorations, including lights, back up on their homes. Charles Schulz, the creator of the Peanuts cartoons, once said, "Christmas is doing a little something extra for someone." I don't know anyone who couldn't use a little extra love. Merry Christmas!



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Puzzle Time Answers – ON PAGE 14
Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:

Categories: COMMUNITY, FOR SALE, GIGS, HOUSING, JOBS, SERVICES
Brands: HARLEY-DAVIDSON, HONDA, KAWASAKI, SUZUKI, YAMAHA
Neighbors: ILLINOIS, KENTUCKY, MICHIGAN, OHIO
Towns: MILLER, MONROVIA, MOORESVILLE
Characters: BERT, ERNIE Team: CENTER GROVE

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Joe Miller

New business owner is now serving food in Bargersville

Compiled by Jacob Musselman

Joe Miller is the chef and co-owner of Our Table, an american-style bistro that recently opened in Bargersville, located at 5080 IN-135, Suite A. Joe and his wife, Ginger, opened Our Table in November in the hopes to, "Make your table, our table." Joe is a Scecina Memorial graduate and still lives on the Southside. At 14, he started working for a local catering company and learned a lot about the business and got hands-on training. After high school, he started to take classes at Ivy Tech in their culinary hospitality program where he would go on to graduate with a degree in applied science. In a previous story on Joe, he said, "All of the instructors at Ivy Tech are actually chefs. The kitchen is state of the art, and the chef who runs that facility is Jeff Bricker...he is top notch."

Our Table is open from Tuesday through Thursday from 5-9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 5-10 p.m. and is closed on Mondays.

What do you consider your greatest virtue?

The greatest virtue I try to live up to is Kindness. We have a sign that hangs in our home – Be Kind Be Kind Be Kind. My wife and I try to encourage our children to give the gift of kindness to others, especially to those who are cruel, for those that are hurting others have been hurt by someone, and they need that kindness the most.

What do you most deplore in others?

It is really hard for me to watch someone make excuses for their failures. Fail, own your failure, learn from it, and do better.

What do you like most about living in Johnson County?

I love that Johnson County offers that feeling of neighborliness and community that you do not get most places.

If you had to live elsewhere than in Johnson County, where would it be?

There is something very healing about the sand and the sea; I would live on a beach if I had to live elsewhere.

If you could begin life over, what would you change?

I would be kinder, especially in my earlier years.

If money were no issue, how would you spend it?

Helping others and probably a big trip to Disney World for my family.

What makes you happiest?

Quality time with my family... and ice cream.

What is your favorite vacation spot?

It's a tie between the Smokey Mountains and Outer Banks. Growing up my family took trips to the Smokey Mountains and those are forever childhood, beautiful memories. We take our kids on multi-generational family beach trips to Outer Banks. It is a week of playing on the beach, cooking, eating, and just hanging out together. Wonderful memories are made!

What do you do with idle time?

Idle time is rare now-a-days. If I have a minute to spare, I try to read a book to my son, shoot some hoops with my daughter, or go on a family walk.

What is it that makes you angry?

Seeing someone

treated unfairly because they are different.

What do you do to escape from reality?

I run.

What or who is the greatest love of your life?

My Lord is the greatest love of my life. Ginger, my wife, is a close second.

Which living person in Johnson County do you most admire?

I most admire Laura and Kenny Fikes.

They are two of the most generous, selfless people I know. Our Table would not exist without their encouragement and support. I am blessed to call them family.

What is your greatest extravagance?

I like hats.

What are your fears, phobias?

Small spaces and spiders.

What has been the happiest time of your life?

The birth of each of my children. It is a miraculous moment where heaven and earth blur as that little soul enters this world.

Which talent would you most like to possess?

Having a voice that could book a concert hall would be pretty awesome!

What do you most value in your friends?

Loyalty – sticking with you through it all.

Which historical figure do you most identify with?

Leonardo da Vinci – I love how his art is a gift for people to admire, enjoy together, and make memories around. When I was in France, I spent days lost in the Louvre admiring all the beautiful artwork, including works by Leonardo da Vinci. I think about the presentation of food and the balance of flavors as art in many ways. I hope to give people food that they can admire, enjoy together, and make memories around.

What is your greatest regret?

The time I gave up with my family to work.

What tenet do you live by?

Luke 11:27 He said in reply, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."





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