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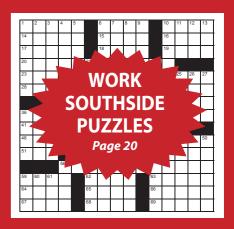
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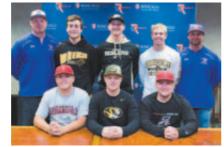
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## **Plenty to pick**

THIS WEEK on the WEB

Joe Bloom says he never has a bad day at work. He bought Guitars Plus in September 2014, into the music industry for which he has so much knowledge and enjoyment. He relocated the business into its own space at 305 Main St. and has grown the amount of merchandise offered.

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## Six Roncalli baseball players to play in college

JSix Roncalli baseball players have signed letters of intent to play baseball collegiately. Seniors Blake Chitwood, Jake Franklin, Tyler Lucas, Michael McAvene, Samuel Phillips and Robbie Strader all committed to their college this week.

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## face to face 🔊

#### Q: What is your biggest Christmas shopping disaster or gift disaster that you experienced or witnessed?

"My husband chose to give me as a big surprise as a cruise but he didn't tell me that until we were already in Florida. I thought we were just going on a normal vacation and therefore I

didn't have the ability to get any clothes or any preparation and so I told him no and we canceled the cruise."

#### Ruth Olson of Greenwood

"When my husband and I were just dating I gave him a box of miscellaneous knick knacks. I told him the things made me think of him. For example, a clamp

giver."

for his extension cords, a tin craftsman box for his receipts. The look on his face was less than I expected. He bought me a nice Columbia coat and a nice scarf and hat. I have since learned to be a much better gift

Jenny Stamm of Greenwood

"I have twin boys and Santa Claus brought them a Wii console to our house but also delivered a Wii console to their grandma and grandpa and their meemaw and peepaw as well. They ended



up with three Wij consoles for Christmas. We ended up taking two of those consoles back to Santa and exchanged them for some games. It ended up being good. Santa duplicated his gifts a few times.

#### Beth Parks of Greenwood

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# Something scarier than ghost hunting....

#### **HAUNTS & JAUNTS**

#### **By Rick Hinton**

There are those times...scarier than any ghost story ever imagined. Events that can make a dark head of hair turn gray and stress levels peaking to new highs.

It is an event termed "Black Friday."

Black Friday, the shopping morning after Thanksgiving Day, has gained a presence over the years for the notoriety of bargains and "you'd better to there" once-in-a-lifetime finds. Are they really? No. You'll find the same bargains many times over in the weeks before Christmas. It's a media ploy used to incite rapid consumer draw to a world of sparkles and questionable one-time deals. It's the day after Thanksgiving. Most folks are at home and a slow news day. However Black Thursday, now we're talking!

While the Thanksgiving turkey is still warm from the oven, there are those who plan their strategy amongst the newspaper ads. Stores now open at 6 p.m. with exceptional deals. It is best to have a plan. The hubby may be horizontal and oblivious on



the couch, but does that really matter? It's a game of chance. Who gets the best deals! That is, after all, the reason for the pursuit.

I remember a time (and I am old) when nothing was opened except for a few restaurants on Thanksgiving, and certainly no fast food joints or retail stores. How things have changed! Black Thursday makes some sort of sense-you're already awake and functioning. It's just a journey in the car; Black Friday, however-getting up insanely early and prepping for warfare-not so much. You are awakened by an alarm clock to indulge in the leftovers from Black Thursday. If you do happen to find your wish list, you pat yourself on the back and join the club: parking challenges, people in pajamas, long checkout lines, moody employees and sometimes fisticuffs. Nothing screams the holiday spirit more than this.

Last Thanksgiving I had a moment of insanity, finding a couple of items in an advertising circular that interested me. How bad could it be? It was 5:50 p.m. when Laura and I hit the Wal-Mart parking lot. The closest parking space was at least a quarter mile away. An army of bobbing heads and bodies waited at the entrance, ready for a mad dash once the doors opened. As I made one pass across the outer regions of the parking lot I looked over at Laura and said, "Oh hell no!" We turned onto US 31 and went home.

I think I will stick with ghost hunting. It's a saner use of my time!

Rick love in ti of Para para team

Rick Hinton, a Southport resident, loves researching things that go bump in the night. His articles can be read on Facebook: Rick Hinton, Southport Paranormal Examiner. Hinton conducts paranormal investigations with his team, South Central Paranormal.

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The Southside, Perry Township in particular, has had a few public meetings this past week, presenting residents with opportunities to learn about, speak for or against issues pertaining to their community. A zoning hearing for a proposed methadone treatment clinic will take place Dec. 8. IN-DOT will a third public information meeting on Dec. 3, 7 p.m. at Martinsville High School.

We encourage you to go to these types meetings. If you don't have an opinion, that's okay. You'll learn something. You'll learn how these issues will have an impact on you, on your neighbors, on local businesses, schools and the community as a whole. Just show up. Form an educated opinion. Have a voice. Have an impact on what happens around you.

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#### BACKSHOP

#### Southside Business Leader makes debut in SST

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ty. Through the years we've learned several business owners reside in the distribution areas covered by The Southside Times – and we know that there is high interest in local

#### **QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

Bran Kelly Rick Myers

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#### HUMOR

#### Top ten things I learned during all the holiday family gatherings

#### **By Torry Stiles**



10. Repo men work on Thanksgiving. Make sure you have that stove paid up.

9. If we weren't supposed to watch football then why is the couch right there?

8. If you don't like folks in the family just park at the end of the driveway and block everyone in. Built-in excuse to leave early.

7. Corelle plates can be broken. You just have to ask Uncle Mike his opinion of President Obama.

6. Sitting at the grown-up table loses its charm quickly when you discover how quickly any discussion turns into a litany of medical woes.

5. Old people smell funny and are easily entertained by non-electric devices. Get over it, junior.

4. Whoever said Nerf guns were harmless has never been whacked over the head with one.

3. It is perfectly normal for one's child to pretend he or she is a "kitty-cat" and to meow while at the table. It ceases to be normal about the age of eighteen.

2. Any "ruined" meat entree can be fixed with some hot sauce, garlic and the word "black-ened."

1. Wine improves with age. Whining does not.



#### The Southside Times welcomes letters to the editor in good taste.

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## Who will it be?

We want your nominations for the 2015 Southside Person of the Year – someone who deserves to be recognized for their contributions to the Southside community. Please email nominations to news@ss-times.com

no later than Dec. 10 with why this person should be chosen, who we can speak with about them and contact information.





## **Mike Treat**

Beech Grove lieutenant connects community and police officers through outreach programs

#### **BEHIND the BADGE**

As his career as a police officer for the Beech Grove Police Department (BGPD) progressed through the years, Lt. Mike Treat said he wanted to continually become more active in the community, strengthening the police department by connecting the community to its police officers.

He did that by taking a leadership role in community outreach programs such as Shop With a Cop, National Night Out and a backpack drive. It started when he began helping organize Shop With a Cop three years ago, a program BGPD has participated in for 20 years.

"As my tenure progresses with these outreach programs we've been able to start up programs in the community," Treat said. "I think it's a great asset for the police department to be involved with the community as a whole. It lets the community know that the police care and we want to have a great working relationship."

Treat graduated from Center Grove High School in 1993 and joined the U.S. Army, 82nd Airborne. He served three years active duty and five years in the Army National Guard. He went to college to study criminal justice before getting hired to BGPD in March 2000.

He worked night shift for 10 years and was promoted to lieutenant in 2005. In addition to his current position as a day shift supervisor, Treat is a field training officer and leads many of the department's community programs. He currently resides in Franklin Township with his wife, Colleen and two children.

## What was your inspiration to become a police officer?

I knew when I was a kid I wanted to become a police officer. The military instilled many values upon me that still hold true to this day. Loyalty, honor and integrity, to name a few, have inspired me to become the person I am today. As a police officer I can affect people's lives by being a positive role model. The young generation looks up to us and everyone in public service.

## What has been one of your most gratifying moments on the job?

Knowing that as a police officer I am able to help people on a daily basis and make a positive impact on society. This is very rewarding to me. Specifically, seeing the faces of children light up when they get to spend the day with police officers during our annual Shop with a Cop event.



## What aspect of the job do you find most challenging?

The fact of knowing that this is a very dangerous job, and you never know what could happen. I have to continue to hone my officer safety skills, so I can make it home to my family every day.

## What do you enjoy doing in your off time?

I enjoy spending time with my wife and kids: weekends at the lake, camping, going to concerts and sporting events, and just relaxing.

## What are your future goals both professionally or personally?

I want to continue to educate myself on a personal and professional level, and eventually move further up the ranks at the police department. I want to continue to make myself an asset to the police department, so that I can better serve the community.

## What would you have done if you hadn't of became a police officer?

I probably would have continued in the insurance field and possibly started up my own business.

> Compiled by Nicole Davis Submitted Photo

#### **COVER STORY**

# SHOPPING WITH A COP FOR CHRISTMAS

Southside police departments prepare for shopping events which provide clothes and gifts to children in need

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#### **By Nicole Davis**

It's become an annual tradition. Police officers throughout the nation, including every department which protects the Southside, will take a day this December to spend time with local children, shopping for clothing and other things they would like to have for Christmas.

Shop With a Cop, Christmas for Kids and Clothe-A-Child are three programs in which local police departments will participate.

"A lot of officers will send me emails afterwards just thanking me for inviting them," said Patrick Etter, of Indiana State Police and president of Trooper Bartram Memo-

rial Foundation which hosts Christmas for Kids. "That's one of the things that touch the heart more. Police officers want to help people. That's why they do this job. But they don't always get to do that because of the nature of the job, making arrests. They can go out here and not think about anyone doing anything wrong. They can go out and help people that appreciate the help."

**Beech Grove Police Department** has participated in Shop With a Cop for more than 20 years. This year on Dec. 12 officers will take children to Kmart in the morning, shop for clothing and gifts, then go over to Great Times where the officers and children will eat pizza and play games together. They provide for, on average, 35-38 children each year.



**Greenwood** along with the Johnson County Sheriff's Department and other Johnson County departments will participate in Shop With a Cop on Dec. 19, at the Greenwood Meijer.

Greenwood, Southport, Johnson County and Marion County Sheriff's Department are just a few that will participate in the Trooper Bartram Memorial Foundation and Helping Hands for Freedom's Christmas for Kids event on Dec. 5.

The memorial foundation hosts one fundraiser, a motorcycle ride in July, with all of the proceeds going to the Christmas for Kids program. The foundation is in hon-

or of Indiana State Trooper Pat Bartram who was killed in 1998. Trooper Bartram always participated in the local Fraternal Order of Police's Shop With a Cop program. His sister, Kim, started raising money for the cause after

he died, later forming the memorial foundation with Etter.

Christmas for Kids will allot \$125 per child this year, providing for 140 children. The shopping event will take place at the Walmart on State Road 135 in Greenwood on Dec. 16.

The foundation checks to ensure the children that participate have a need and are not participating in any other police department's program. It allows each department to choose children from their own school systems to participate. Southport will sponsor 10 children from Perry Township schools.

"I'm really excited this year because we are going to have kids from Perry Township," said

Southport Police Chief Thomas Vaughn. "It's a great time for officers to give back to the community and show officer support."

Etter describes the scene as controlled chaos, with officers from all over central Indiana gathering at Walmart with more than 100 children and their parents.

"Usually we line up all of the shopping carts," Etter said. "When officers and kids come up, we pair them up. I invite the parents to mine. Some don't do that. The kids can be intimidated or scared, because it's still a police officer, a stranger. They're more at ease with their parents. Plus the parents already know what sizes they are. The officers are there to oversee. The officer will interact with the child more by taking the parent."

**Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department** will participate in a Clothe-A-Child program on Dec. 16. Officers pick up the approximately 35 to 40 children and bring them to Hubler Chevrolet on U.S. 31 S., the event's sole sponsor, for breakfast.

"They are our angels," said Liz Allis, civilian event co-chair. "If we did not have Hubler Chevrolet, (the event) would be de-





funct right now. We need about \$25,000 a year to run our program. It's not like a normal giveaway for Christmas. We make this an experience that is supposed to be remembered forever by these children. Last year not only did they give us some cash, but they also put on the Christmas party which was the best Christmas party ever for our kids."

The police escort the children in a paradelike fashion to JC Penney in Greenwood Park Mall to choose clothes and Shoe Carnival to purchase shoes. They return to Hubler Chevrolet for lunch, games, present delivery and pictures with Santa.

"The whole thing is an experience," Allis said. "All of this time, the kids are playing on the radios, playing with the sirens. These kids don't want to leave these officers. It's amazing to watch the transformation from morning to night. In the morning they're a little scared. By the time we leave, they're best buddies."

**Photos: (Top)** Police officers shop with local children during Christmas for Kids, 2014. **(Bottom and On the Cover)** Images from Beech Grove's 2014 Shop With a Cop. **Submitted Photos** 

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#### **AROUND TOWN**

#### Nu Tau earns philanthropic recognition

Nu Tau Chapter of Delta Theta Tau, Greenwood, was recognized for its charitable and philanthropic efforts during the Theta Province Convention held Nov. 13. Nine members of Nu Tau were present in Sevmour, Ind., as Carolyn Mathauer, Chapter President, received the following awards on behalf of Nu Tau: second place in total philanthropy dollars contributed to the local community, second place in per capita philanthropy dollars, third place in total volunteer hours donated to the community, and third place in per capita volunteer hours. There are eight provinces of Delta Theta Tau through the United States. Shirley Green was also recognized at the convention for her 60 years of volunteer service as a member of Delta Theta Tau Sorority. Charter member Karen Lackey introduced Shirley to the convention and shared some of the highlights of Shirley's 60 years with the national sorority.



Shirley Green was honored for her 60 years of service to Delta Theta Tau Sorority.

## Acadia Healthcare petitions for zoning variance to relocate its methadone treatment clinic

#### **FEATURE**

#### By Nicole Davis

Community leaders and business owners gathered at an informal neighborhood meeting on Dec. 1 after questions and concerns were raised on a zoning petition for space at the Southgate Plaza Shopping Center. Acadia Health has requested a special zoning variance to relocate its methadone/opiate treatment clinic to the Southside.

Acadia Healthcare has operated Indianapolis Comprehensive Treatment Center at 2626 E. 46th Street since 1992. Tony Ruscella, director of business development, stated that they have outgrown the space, with no room to expand.

After looking at two other possible locations that meet their zoning and space criteria and conducting research on where their clients come from, they saw that 60 to 65 percent of their patients live on the Southside. That's why they are interested in leasing the 19,000 square-foot property at Madison and Hanna Avenues. The space is in between a Marion County probation office and a plasma center.

Acadia's Regional Vice President Tim Bohman explained that their mission is to "create a world-class organization that sets the standard of excellence in treatment of specialty behavioral health and addiction disorders."

"The ultimate goal for our patients is they enter treatment, they work at the program, they become a member of the community again and eventually we can get them drug free," he said. "Some patients will take longer than others, but the end goal is we get them back into their community, drug free. That's how our system is set up. That's why I'm passionate about what we do because it does save lives."

Acadia plans invest \$2 million to renovate the inside and outside of the building while maintaining the outside façade to match the other businesses. Signs to advertise the business will remain small to maintain anonymity for the patients.

Those seeking treatment go to the clinic seven days a week initially. The Indianapolis facility sees in between 75 to 100 patients per hour, each staying less than five to 10 minutes unless they are doing counseling. It is open Monday through Friday, 5 a.m. to approximately 4:15 p.m. and early Saturday and Sunday mornings. There are security guards on site until 2 p.m.

"Seventy-five percent of our patients are actively employed and trying to get to a job," Bohman said. "They are not loitering or coming to hang out... When they're in treatment, that's one of the first things we work with them on, is that they are engaged, employed and helpful to the community."

Parking, security, employee qualifications, counseling, effectiveness of treatment, and what the business could potentially add to the community were some of the concerns addressed at the 90-minue meeting on Dec. 1. Attendees stayed afterward to talk one-onone with the four Acadia officials present.

"We want to bring in a quality of life that is more than what you're providing, even though you are providing a service for the community," said University of Indianapolis President Robert Manuel before leaving. "We're just at a point where we're about to succeed. Unfortunately I think your business prevents that more than it helps that. While there is an issue of addictions and helping folks recover from that, I think there may be other alternatives for you. So the university will come out in opposition to your variance request, as urgently as we can."

The zoning hearing was pushed from its original Nov. 18 date by City Councilor Jefferson Shreve to allow more time to address residents and business owners' concerns. The hearing is now scheduled for Dec. 8, 1 p.m. on the second floor of the Indianapolis City Council Chambers.

Acadia has the option to request a 30-day continuance up until the time of the meeting, but has expressed disinterest in doing so. Shreve and Ruscella mentioned that the community can add provisions to the rezoning agreement, things the company would have to do/abide by if approved such as beautifying the parking lot. The Southside Times will update this story at ss-times.com/acadia-zoning-variance.

## AROUND TOWN

#### Remember a loved one

Franciscan VNS St. Francis Hospice is hosting Season of Sharing - Christmas Remembrance, Dec. 10 at Southport Presbyterian Church, 7525 McFarland Blvd. The event, which starts at 7 p.m., invites the community to a gathering to remember loved ones during a special candle-lighting ceremony, offers families a chance to share an anecdote or memory about a loved one. Each family is encouraged to bring a photo and display it on the table of honor. There also will be special choir and soloist music and the singing of Christmas carols, along with refreshments. For more information, contact Karla Riggs Norton at (317) 528-2636 karla.norton@franciscanalliance.org; or Jeff Hauersperger at (317) 528-2099 jeffrey.hauersperger@franciscanalliance.org.



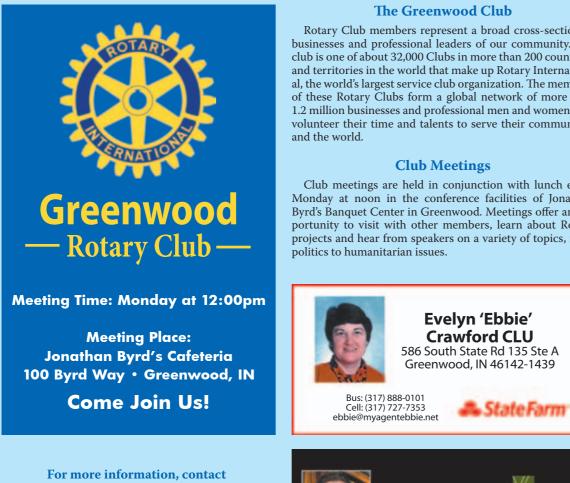
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## **BIZ BRIEF**

## New physician joins **Orthopedic Specialists**

Toni E. Lin, MD, has joined Franciscan Physician Network Orthopedic Specialists. She joins Daniel K. Williams, MD; Kenneth S. Pherson, MD; James W. Strickland, MD; and Cara V. Van Weeldan, PA, whose offices are located at 5255 E. Stop 11 Rd., Ste. 300, Indianapolis. Dr. Lin, who specializes in hand and upper extremity surgery, most recently practiced in the Indianapolis area and held a clinical appointment with the Indiana University School of Medicine. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Lin, call 317-528-4723.

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## **BIZ BRIEF** New hires join **Mutual Savings Bank**

Mutual Savings Bank recently added Rob Henderson to its commercial loan department as a commercial loan officer and vice president. Connie Basco will also be joining Henderson as a loan officer. Mutual Savings Bank operates branches in Franklin, Nineveh, and Trafalgar.





Rob Henderson

## Getting to know Donna...

I collect old cameras.

- I have 10 hours toward my pilot's license.
- · I have skydived.
- I have raced a stock car and I drive a 1996 Camaro with Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) in their Solo division driving a road course.

## How Donna did it?

Best Advice: When I started my business my friend told me that if all possible not to have full time employees, to hire someone only when I need them. I have followed that advice and it has worked out.

Worst advice: I can't think of anything.

Best Business decision: Moving my studio to Greenwood and to Winchester Place.

In 5 years... I hope to be able to do my digital portrait painting full time.

Secret to Success: Business is business; do not take things personally.





**Top:** Rice getting the right angle. Bottom: Donna Rice Photography, "Tunnel" **Submitted Photos** 

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# Getting lost for photography in the darkroom and carries that through the digital age

#### **By Nicole Davis**

Donna Rice loves to get lost with her camera. She calls it her therapy, often being joined by her daughter to get in the car and drive without any direction in mind and photograph whatever they see.

Next year will mark 25 years since Rice chose to make photography her full-time business. Her passion for the industry is endless since the variety in her work keeps each day interesting.

"Someone asked me when I'd want to retire," Rice said. "I've never thought of retiring. It's just a great adventure."

Rice started taking pictures in fourth grade, using the family's camera until they bought her first 35 mm camera in high school. Her parents built her a dark room and she worked part time and babysat to furnish it. The first photo she developed was of her cat, Moe. The image hangs in her office at 300 N. Madison Avenue, Greenwood.

'The first time in the dark room when a picture appeared in the developer, I said I have to figure out how to do this," she said.

At age 17, with the encouragement from her Decatur Central High School photography teacher, she shot her first wedding. She says she still has the negatives from that event. After graduation, she says she knew exactly what she wanted to do.

"I decided I needed to go back to school," she said. "I didn't go back right out of high school because I said I'll be a photographer. I went back to school to be a programmer. I didn't use (the degree). I sat writing code and thought this is really stupid. But it helped me when the digital (photography) came because I wasn't afraid of computers. A lot of photographers closed because they didn't want anything to do with computers."

Rice did programming or photography for a few companies before deciding that she didn't want to go back to work for someone



Here are a few that Donna Rice has personally used in her photography over the years. Photo by Nicole Davis

else. She began to read every business book that she could get ahold of. In 1991, she made Donna Rice Photography her full-time business.

"I sat and made cold calls to get into places," Rice said. "That was hard. I thought in order to go full time, I have to build my business fast. So I made cold calls to dance studios and preschools. I still have some of those preschool (clients)."

Rice has always photographed a little of everything: weddings and events, food, jewelry, nature or portraits. She switched to digital photography in 2003, although she purchased her first digital camera in 1997. The key to her sustained success, she said, is having flexibility and working around each client's needs.

"You have to be able to adapt with the times," she said. "That's what keeps you in business. Through transitioning between film to digital and the dreaded 2008 recession, I am thankful that I can be here and do this."

Rice lives on the southwest side of Indianapolis with her fiancé, Scott, in the house she grew up in. She has

two children, Valerie and Dane. She is on the board for many organizations including the Indiana Professional Photographers Guild which runs the Indiana State Fair photography competition, Indianapolis Wedding Professionals Network and is a member of the Professional Photographers of America. As a member of the Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce, she often shoots photos for that organization. Networking has also been a vital component to her business, and has led to opportunities such as her getting asked to relocate her studio to the Win-

> chester Place property in Greenwood in 2010.

"Being here and in Greenwood, I love it," Rice said. "I pull in here, look across the pond and think I'm so lucky. There's always something new going on in the pond - turtles, praying mantis, heron. I like the city but I love being out in the country. Here,



Donna Rice. Photo by Nicole Davis

you get the best of both."

Even for an experienced photographer, Rice said there's always more to learn. She's currently going to class to study art and photography, how to use the Corel Painter program to turn photographed images into works of art.

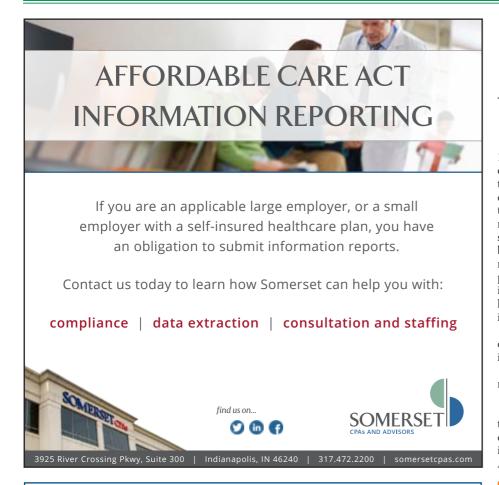
Although, even with all of the changes in the industry, there is one thing that she has enjoyed throughout her career.

"It's the interaction with people, doing something for them," she said. "When they come to pick up and I have their images set up for them. They turn to look at the pictures and I turn to look at them. To see the look on their faces, it makes my day."



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## **BIZ HISTORY** What's in your head?

**Dan Miller** 

COLUMNIST

you approach the challenge of a major change?

On a beautiful spring day in 1861, a crowd gathered in a northern American city. They were there to celebrate the decision of a group of men that had decided to volunteer for the American Army. An atmosphere of thrill and excitement surrounded the crowd. Politicians, business owners, ministers, the media, and others spoke words of praise and congratulations, promise and predictions. The men who had volunteered stood and basked in the attention.

Then, someone in the crowd, shouted a chant, a slogan in cadence. Everyone joined in.

"Remember Buena Vista! Remember Buena Vista! Remember Buena Vista!"

Those are the words they had in their head. In 2015, we know that this crowd was on the verge of one of the most horrific (and pivotal) wars in the American experience. Nothing like it had ever been experienced in the American nation. At a cost of nearly 700,000

That thoughts are in your head when lives and millions upon millions of dollars of destruction, the war changed so very much about what it meant to be an American.

Yet here they were, on this gorgeous day in 1861, chanting a threeword slogan pulled from an earlie moment of war. They thought that previous experience was helpful in knowing what to do next... they were wrong.

As a consulting leadership historian, I love the past and I love history, but part of their value is to remind us that a moment will come when, as Abraham Lincoln said, "The dogmas of the quiet past, are inadequate to the stormy present. The occasion is piled high with dif-

ficulty, and we must rise -- with the occasion. As our case is new, so we must think anew, and act anew. We must disenthrall ourselves, and then we shall save our country."

Remember Buena Vista.

Dan Miller is founder and president of Historical Solutions LLC - Ideas and Inspiration Through History. Dan uses history to help people strengthen their leadership. His website is historical solutions.com



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Left, Toni Snow with her Shih Tzu, Reese (Photo by Nicole Davis). Right, Snow's poodle (Submitted Photo).

## **OPEN FOR BUSINESS Furry flair**

#### Toni Snow creates a fun environment for pets through **Hippie Hounds Professional Pet Grooming**

Toni Snow can't go many places with her poodle without getting stopped for photos. The tie-dyed pup captures attention - representing what Snow hopes to achieve through her business, Hippie Hounds Pet Grooming. Along with traditional pet grooming, she aims to add flair to the business and have fun with the pets.

"We try to make it fun, not just for ourselves but the animals," Snow said. "When the dogs are finished, they prance around. They're always happy when they're done."

Snow grew up in Greenfield and has been a Southside Indianapolis resident for 15 years. She graduated from Ivy Tech with a degree in Human Services but realized she'd rather work with animals.

She and her boyfriend, Chris Means, have three dogs. Snow said after her Shih Tzu kept receiving bad haircuts everywhere she took him, she decided to get her grooming license. She opened Hippie Hounds Professional Pet Grooming on the Southside of Indianapolis in April 2015. In addition to grooming, Hippie Hounds offers classes such as for obedience training and Canine Good Citizen classes which allow dogs to visit places such as nursing homes after they pass.

"Business has been really steady," she said. "I've only had maybe three slow weeks since April and we get new customers every week. I can talk openly to the customer and be very honest with them, make suggestions. I just love working with animals. It's rewarding. Especially when they come in looking really bad and you're making them feel better."

#### Why did you open this business?

I opened it after working at other shops. I realized how stressful it can be for pets as well as employees. I wanted to provide a more laid-back environment for the dogs, employees and myself.

#### What did you do to prepare for opening your business?

I left my old job and started working at home. I built up clientele that way. Once I grew out of the garage, where was a lot of thinking, planning and research. We thought things through clearly here. We tried to make is a fun, happy place to be. A lot of teamwork went into getting this place together.

#### Who is your ideal customer/client?

The people that truly care about their dogs and want to keep them clean and healthy. I want people that really care and want the best for their pets, and want their dogs to have the best treatment. I want people who realize their paying for their dogs to also not cooped up in a cage, they can roam around when they're done.

#### How do you plan to be successful?

Keep doing what I'm doing. I plan on continuing to grow. I'm selective about the people that work here. I want people that care as much about animals as I do, want to continue learning new things and want to grow with me.

#### What would we be surprised to learn about you or your company?

We specialize in special needs dogs. I get a lot of dogs other places can't or won't do.

**Hippie Hounds Professional Pet Groomina** 3129 E. Thompson Rd. Indianapolis, IN 46227 (317) 777-5171 hippie-hounds.com

**Compiled by Nicole Davis** 

## PEER TO PEER Weekend at Bernie's

- for a presidential primary candidate, **L** and he is racking up big numbers. His

name is Bernie. The Democratic debates are a forum as to see who can give the most free stuff away; yes, by taking from those of us who earned the cash to pay for stuff. For example, if student loans are considered by many economists to be a huge economic problem in this country, will it be better or worse if college education becomes free and the expense is now switched to the public sector? Worse! You and will I pay for the "free" education. This is just one example.

A lot of college kids spend their weekends attending rallies and listening to Bernie Sanders tell them how he would run the government on free stuff. When you listen on TV to Bernie's rallies, with thousands of screaming collage kids in attendance, he is seriously cynical about taking your money to pay for it all, even as to the percentage amount he proposes to take. He throws around percents like they were price checks at the checkout regis-



**Howard Hubler** COLUMNIST

Tor the first time, we are running a socialist ter at Kroger. Trust me, they exceed our current 39 percent. The frightening part is that Hilary is right behind him, and she is the like-

ly heir to the democratic throne. Neither candidate has any time invested in a personal payroll of a legit business that has survived the test of time on the merits of their service, not their influence. They haven't a clue!

Whether you are a business person or just go to work every day, it is easy to understand today's Republican incumbent rage. What is more difficult to understand is the Democratic indifference to it all and their spirit of entitlement to more free stuff. By the way, I am

not casting a net over all Democrats, but it was "their" debate about free stuff, after all, and "their" chosen topic, not mine. How much longer does the Democratic "lager" feel that we are just going to go to work and pay for more of their indifference? How long before the decent Democrat citizen rise up and says, "Enough already!"?

Howard Hubler can be reached at howard@hubler.com.



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#### **BIZ**DISPATCHES

Pack the Pantries - Financial Center First Credit Union is participating in Fox 59's Pack the Pantries canned food drive this holiday season. The Credit Union is collecting canned food at its eight Indianapolis-area locations through Dec. 12. Donations can also be dropped off at City Barbeque, Grifols Plasma Donation Center, Prime Car Wash or TCC Verizon Wireless locations.

Business workshop - Simons Bitzer CPA's & Strategic Business Advisors presents a workshop titled Key Performance Indicators - Tools for Business from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Dec. 2 at their office, 8350 S. Emerson Ave., Suite 100. Tickets are \$38 and include a continental breakfast. Register online at www.SimonsBitzer.com. Click on the Events link under the Resources tab.

Ultimate shopping days – We heard a lot about Black Friday this year, but there are other major shopping days that offer huge bargains such as the following: Free Shipping Day - On Dec. 18 this year, participating retailers will suspend shipping charges.

- WiseBread.com

Online coupon codes - Often retailers will offer a coupon code for a percentage off your purchase price. Be aware that many well-known retailers are notorious for bumping their prices up to full retail immediately before releasing a coupon. If you shop online frequently, keep track of the prices so you'll know if there's a sudden jump when a coupon is offered.

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## **BIZ BRIEFS** Leadership Johnson **County announces new** board members

The staff and current board members of Leadership Johnson County welcomed three new board members from across the community. New members include: Sara Fisk who is the marketing communications manager with Endress+Hauser, Inc. Sara is a graduate of the LJC Class of 2015 and will serve on the public relations committee. Carolyn Goerner is a clinical professor of management at IU Bloomington, Kelley School of Business. Carolyn is a graduate of the LJC Class of 2014 and will serve on the alumni relations committee. Adam Treibic is a vice president with First Merchants Bank. Adam is a graduate of the LJC class of 2009 and will serve on the development committee. For more information, visit leadershipjohnsoncounty.org.

## **Beech Grove's Swearing in Ceremony** for elected officials

The City of Beech Grove will host a Swearing in Ceremony for elected and appointed officials on Jan. 1, 2016 at noon at the Hornet Park Community Center. The public is invited and encouraged to attend this event.

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## FOCUS ON SUCCESS





Top, left: Stacey Heltsley and Kelli Singleton. Bottom, left: Elle Justice. Bottom, middle: Brandi and Jackson Justice. Bottom, right: Brady Justice. Photos by Nicole Davis







# Art for All

#### Stacey Heltsley and Kelli Singlton provide artsy fun for everyone at uPaint Pottery Studion in Greenwood

#### **By Nicole Davis**

Stacey Heltsley and Kelli Singleton want to provide a place for families and friends to spend quality time together, creating a work of art that they can proudly display in their homes for years to come. They opened the second location of uPaint Pottery Studio in Greenwood to do just that for Southside and surrounding residents.

"Most of the people who come to uPaint to do a project, they're not necessarily artists," Singleton said. "They're everyday people who want to spend good quality time with their family and make something they can be excited about."

Singleton and Heltsley opened the first uPaint store in Plainfield in July 2013. After a year, they decided they wanted to expand and began looking for the right location. They opened uPaint on Smith Valley Road in Greenwood on Sept. 26.

"We're really excited to be out in the community, working with schools, and the businesses," Singleton said. "We want to embrace the community and get to know people. Either Stacey or I will be here every day going forward. We like to be here, interacting with customers."

Pottery projects start at \$5 and up. The store also provides glass fusing starting at \$9 and up. Customers can sit in the store and take their time creating their masterpiece and leave it behind for staff to finish in the kiln or fuse together.

"My favorite thing has been seeing people's faces when they come back," Singleton said. "When you paint, the glazes going onto the pottery are a little duller than when they come out. When it comes out everything is shiny and bright. It's cool to see their reaction when they see the finished product."

> uPaint Pottery Studio 3113 W Smith Valley Rd. Greenwood, IN 46142 (317) 893-5700 upaintpotterystudio.com

## **PERSONNEL MATTERS** The what, when, why and where of the problem



Mike Heffner COLUMNIST

Recently, my company took on a large new project. It brought me all the way back to when we first opened our office – everything was new and every detail needed to be figured out for the first time.

What I learned, as I have grown as a leader, is that things will go wrong. Our job, as a leader, is to effectively troubleshoot those problems and teach others how to do the same. The solution behind most problems is to break it down in to pieces and analyze.

• What is the problem? Sometimes it's not always obvious and what seems to be the real problem really isn't. But it's simple- you can't fix something if you don't understand the entire situation.

Why does it exist? Is this a minor issue or a major

deal? You have to step back and decide if this is something that in order to meet our goals, we need to dive into. You don't want to have a reoccurring hiccup become a major problem and derail you in the midst of a large project.

• Where is the problem actually happening? This isn't always obvious- what it looks like on the surface may not be the case. Quite often, the issue is up stream in the chain of events that have already happened. Normally, this is contributed to a communication breakdown.

• When is the problem happening? When troubleshooting, it could only happen when the workload is high or when something else is going on at the same time. The when starts to look for commonality and allows you to start ruling things out.

With all four of these items, you can usually step back and diagnose the real issue. Then, you can look for a good solution, i.e. training, change in equipment or different timing. Build a culture that looks for a total solution and eliminates future problems. I have found that teaching my team to gather all the facts might take a few minutes longer, but in the long term, it saves time and money.

Mike Heffner is the owner of the Greenwood Express Employment Professionals franchise. Contact Mike at mike.heffner@expresspros.com or visit www.expressindysouth.com.

#### **The Southside Times**

#### **OBITUARIES**

#### **Betty Jean (Walker)** Christofferson

Betty Jean (Walker) Christofferson, 82, of Martinsville, died on Friday, Nov. 27, 2015. She was born Oct. 5, 1933, in Indianapolis, to the late Leslie and Pansy Walker. Betty was married to the late Everett Callahan. She was self-employed, working mostly



in sales. She was a member of Martinsville Church of the Firstborn. Betty was the foster mother to 34 children. She is survived by her children, Donna Harshman, Mary Lou Lee (Steve), Ronald Christofferson (Lynda), David Christofferson (Shannon), and adopted grandson Chuck Christofferson (Kylee); stepchildren Teresa Krueger, Mark, Jerry and Tracy Callahan; sister Kate Reynolds; brothers Ernie Walker (Sherry), and Daryl Walker (Judy); 11 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in passing by her former husband Donald Christofferson and recently deceased husband Everett Callahan, parents, daughter Crystal Lozanovski; sisters Pat Warman and Margaret Kissinger; and brothers Bob, Roy and Gilbert Walker. Services for Betty were Dec. 2 at Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center. Memorial gifts are appreciated, to BE YOUR OWN HERO, INC. (Youth Charity), 1741 Blue Grass Pkwy., Greenwood, IN 46143.

Alex Dagley Alex Dagley, 20, of Indianapolis, died on Nov. 27, 2015. He attended Franklin Central High School. Alex is survived by his mother, Christy Evans; sister, Allison Dagley; brother, Andy Wanner; sister, Elise Schwager; grandmother, Donna Lewis; grandfather, Bill Hurst; and grandparents, Kathleen and Hugh Dagley. He was preceded in death by his father, Kevin Dagley. Visitation will be Dec. 3, 4 until 8 p.m. at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis. A funeral service will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 4 at the funeral home.

#### Linda C. (Holbrook) Duncan

Linda C. (Holbrook) Duncan, 68, of Indianapolis, died on Nov. 24, 2015. She was born on July 22, 1947 to the late Dock W. and Dolly R. (Valentine) Holbrook Sr. in Summerville, W.V. Linda was a member of Fellowship Baptist Church for many years. She was preceded in death by her parents, Dock and Dolly Holbrook; her husband, Kenneth Duncan; son, Clarence Nutter; and sister, Geneva Nicholas. She is survived by her son, Jerry Nutter; siblings, Marie Johnson(Clifford), Dock Holbrook Jr., Harold Holbrook, Mary Fishbargh (Harry), and Deborah Zaner; and one granddaughter, Crystal. A visitation was held Nov. 30 in Lauck & Veldhof Funeral & Cremation Services with concluding prayer by Reverend Gary Pittcock. Memorial contributions can be made to assist with funeral expenses and checks should be made out to Dock Holbrook

#### **Diane Scott Frentress**

Diane Scott Frentress, 78, of Beech Grove, died Friday, Nov. 27, 2015. She was born March 17. 1937, in Beech Grove, to the late Joseph William and Mildred Louise (Holstein) Scott. Diane worked in the travel industry for 40 years, retiring in 2007. She was a mem-

ber of Emmaus Lutheran Church. Diane is survived by sons Michael and John (Kala) Frentress; daughter Rhonda (Ronnie) Hampton; and grandchildren Benjamin, Adalyn and Max Frentress. Services for Diane were Dec. 1 at Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center. Entombment is in Washington Park East Cemetery. Memorial gifts have been suggested to Emmaus Lutheran School, 1224 Laurel St., Indianapolis, IN 46203.

#### Patricia A. Green

Patricia A. Green, 75, of Greenwood, died on Nov. 21, 2015. She was born on Aug. 26, 1940 in Indianapolis. Patricia worked for over 30 years at the Greenwood School Corporation, then did consulting work for another 10 years. Patricia is survived by her son, Brian (Kristine) Green; daughters, Cynthia (Eric) Feucht and Alison Green; grandchildren, Courtney Green, Ethan Feucht, Colin Feucht, and Ben James; sister, Gloria Bates; and brother, William Byrkit. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Green. A Mass of Christian Burial was Nov. 28 at Our Lady of the Greenwood, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. Graveside service was at Calvary Cemetery. Arrangements have been entrusted to G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, 1605 S. State Rd. 135.

#### Willa J. Jent

Willa J. Jent, 84, of Indianapolis, died on Nov. 22, 2015. She was born on Jan. 31, 1931 in Simpson Co., Ky. to the late Robert Ples and Mary Lou (Taylor) Henson. Willa retired from Kmart. She loved sewing, quilting and attended several craft shows. Willa is survived by her daughters, Peggy (Roger) McMurtrey and Marcia Martz; seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; several great-greatgrandchildren; sisters, Donna Hinton, and Robbye Lambert; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by husband, Loyd Jent; daughter, Phyllis Miller; brother, Jack Henson; and sisters, Helen King, Katie Hall, Carolyn Brown, and Jo Linda Pitts. Visitation was Nov. 24 at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis. Service was Nov. 25. Willa will be laid to rest in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society.

#### Constance Marie Johnson

Constance Marie Johnson, 68, of Indianapolis, died on Nov. 21, 2015. She was born on July 19, 1947 in Indianapolis. Survivors include her children, Anna Edwards, Daniel Baker, Michael Edwards, Ronald Greene, Missi Johnson; 21 grandchildren; 12 greatgrandchildren and niece, Kathy Lackey. A funeral service was Nov. 27 at G.H. Herrmann East Street Funeral Home, 1505 S. East St., Indianapolis. Memorial contributions may be made to the Family to help with expenses in care of the Funeral Home.

#### **Raymond Kamstra**

Raymond Kamstra, 85, of Indianapolis, died Nov. 24, 2015. He was born Nov. 8, 1930 to the late Jack and Sophia (Terpstra) Kamstra. He married Ruth Ann (Burgett) Kamstra on Jan. 11, 1953 and she preceded him in death on Dec. 5, 2010. Survivors include sons Dennis (Fran) Kamstra, Jeffery (Susie) Kamstra; daughters Cheryl Cramer, Tina (George) Mosinski; six grandchildren and seven greatgrandchildren. He was also preceded in death by brother, Jacob Kamstra and sister, Ida Mae Hager, Services were Nov. 28 at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service, Stirling-Gerber Chapel, 5950 E. Thompson Rd., Indianapolis 46237. Burial is at Acton Cemetery. Memorial contributions have been suggested to the Camp Olivet Foundation, 12967 E. SR 54, Springville, IN 47462.

#### Harry E. Kennedy, Jr.

Harry E. Kennedy, Jr., of Indianapolis, died on Nov. 23, 2015. He was born on Jan. 10, 1924 to the late Harry Sr. and Dorothy Judson Kennedy. He proudly served his country during WWII. He was a member of the VFW. Survivors include three children, Elizabeth (Elmer) Mackey, Mike (Patty) Kennedy, Harry Kennedy III; two brothers, Robert and James Kennedy; several grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Visitation was Nov. 30 at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis. Burial is at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to donor's favorite charity.

#### Donna Kay (Sinn) McClure

Indianapolis, died on Saturday, Nov. 28, 2015. She was born Feb. 18, 1951 in Bloomington to the late Donald and Barbara (Garland) Sinn. Donna was married on Oct. 21, 1978, in Bloomington

member of Bethany Christian Church. Donna was employed as a credential specialist for Urology of Indiana, for 30 years, retiring in 2013. Donna is survived by her husband Lester McClure; daughters Jennifer (Jody) Maze and Lisa McClure; sisters Brenda (John) Krauss, Debbie Ryker, Marilyn (Mike) McGinnis and Marsha Deckard; and grandchildren Bailey, Elijah, Kaylin, Makala and Gregory. She is preceded in passing by her parents; sister Kathy Lester; and brothers Doug Sinn, Billy Hardy and Tony Hardy. Services for Donna are Dec. 4, 1 p.m. at Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center with calling from 11 a.m. until the hour of service at the mortuary. Interment will be at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. The family has suggested memorial gifts be given to the American Diabetes association.

#### Edna M. (Weddle) Schoolcraft

Edna M. (Weddle) Schoolcraft, 72, of Indianapolis, died on Nov. 28, 2015. Married to Chuck at age 15, she nurtured a 56-year love affair that is a model for all to be inspired by. Her children are Cindy (Jeff) Reeter and Stephen (Angela) Schoolcraft; she was called

Mimi by her grandchildren, Chad, Ryan and Cody Reeter, Cameron and Isabella Schoolcraft; and was a sister to Alice Weddle Eich. She was preceded in death by her parents; Killus and Sophia Weddle and brothers, Hoyle, Glenwood, and Albert. A memorial service was Dec 1 at Mt. Pleasant Christian



#### Sandra M. "Sandy" Sparks

Sandra M. "Sandy" Sparks, age 72, of Beech Grove, died Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2015 at Beech Grove Meadows. Sandy was born Aug. 17, 1943 in Indianapolis to Harry C. and Mary E. (Yount) Warrenburg. Sandy was a homemaker who loved to play BINGO and



spend time with her grandchildren. Sandy is survived by her daughters, Tammy (John) DeWeese and Teresa Sparks; sisters, Doris John, Judy Smith, and Dixie Piper; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; son, William Markins; brother, Harry Warrenburg, Jr.; sister, Lucille Greeson. Funeral services were Nov. 30 at Forest lawn Funeral Home, Greenwood with burial following in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to Wheeler Mission.

#### **Paul M. Thomas**

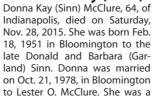
Paul M. Thomas, 88, of Greenwood, died on Nov. 27, 2015. He was born on Nov. 25, 1927 in Douglas County, Ill. to the late Glenn and Gladys Thomas. Paul is survived by his wife, Fran and daughter, Angela; sisters, Helen Sylvester, Carol Olson, Kaye Kious; and brothers, Harold and Gary Thomas. He was preceded in death by his brother, Glenn; and sister, Patty. Visitation was Dec. 2 at G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, 1605 S. State Rd. 135 and Olive Branch Road. A service will be Dec. 3, 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of donor's choice.

#### **Charles David Toby**

Charles David Toby, 46, of Indianapolis, died on Nov. 26, 2015. On June 10, 1969 in Newport, Tenn., Chuck was born to Bill and Patricia Valentine Toby. On June 2, 1995 he married Tina Pierce. He worked for North American Construction until his retirement. Chuck is survived by his wife, Tina Toby; children, Cassie Toby, Bryce Toby, Andrew Pierce and his wife Amy; grandchildren, Ezra, Jonas, Breton; mother, Patricia Stock; siblings, Bill Toby Jr., Barbara Toby, Betty Newcomb. He was preceded in death by his father, Bill Toby. Funeral services were Dec. 1 with Pastor Tony Smith officiating at Newcomer Funeral Home, 925 Hanna Ave., Indianapolis. Chuck will be laid to rest at Floral Park Cemetery. Memorial contribution may be made to the family.

#### **Roland "Ronnie" J. Quick**

Roland "Ronnie" J. Quick, 76, of Franklin, died Nov. 25, 2015. He was born Aug. 28, 1939 in Franklin, Ind. to the late Jacob and Mary Louise (Forsyth) Quick. He is survived by his children, Jeff Quick, Terri (William "Billy") Jones, and Sherri Abraham; grandchildren, Jessi Quick (Cy Payet), Tosha Nixon (Cody Brown), and Savannah Jones; great-grandchildren, Maci Quick, Aubri Cooper, Ryli Payet, and Laiken Brown; sister, Sandy (Lawrence) Rybolt; brothers, John (Trudy) Quick, and Jerry (Vanessa) Quick; and sister-in-law, Carol Quick. He was preceded in death by his wife, Velma Louise Quick and a brother, Dennis Quick. Ronnie was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He retired from Allison Engine



and later worked several years for the Outdoorsman Sport Shop. Ronnie's passion in life was his family and his hunting. He was a member of the National Wild Turkey Federation and did some taxidermy work in his spare time. A service was Nov. 30 at Simplicity Funeral & Cremation Care, 951 N. Main St., Franklin. Ronnie will be laid to rest in Greenlawn Cemetery.

#### Lillie (Quebe) Raker

Lillie (Quebe) Raker, 93, of Indianapolis, died on Nov. 26, 2015. She was born on March 17, 1922 in Ganado, Texas to the late William and Alvina (Preuss) Quebe. Lillie was a lifetime member at Friedens United Church of Christ where she was active in the choir and Women's Guild. She also was an avid reader. She is survived by her children, Nancy (Jonathan) Miller, David (Donna) Raker, Janice (David) Strietelmeier; grandchildren, Jon (April) Raker, Jenny (William) Kenyon, Jason (Eling) Miller, Stephanie (Ed) Sulya, Kristin (Darren) Petty, Trisha (Zac) Gilbertson; eight great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Fred Raker. Visitation was Nov. 30 at Friedens United Church of Christ, 8300 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46217. Funeral service was Dec. 1 service at church. She will be laid to rest at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to Friedens United Church of Christ. Arrangements are entrusted to G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, 1605 S. State Rd. 135 and Olive Branch Road.

#### **David A. Rike**

David A. Rike, 50, of Indianapolis, died on Nov. 28, 2015. He was born on Aug. 22, 1965 in Beech Grove. David graduated from Roncalli High School and earned a Master's Degree from the University of Phoenix. He enjoyed bowling, and was a season ticket holder for the Colts. He and his only brother, Dennis loved to attend the games together. David is survived by his wife, Sara Lee Ann Carrasco Rike; brother, Dennis Michael Rike and his wife, Carla; children, Nicholas Andrew Rike, Majestique Chantelle Ramirez- married to Mike Ramirez, Miranda Brooke Melisenda Rike, Joseph Novy, and Tatiana Leyva; seven grandchildren; and two nieces, Kelsey and Christina. He was preceded in death by his dad, David R. Rike; and mother, Kathleen Marie Rike-Huffman. Visitation is Dec. 3, 3 to 7 p.m. on at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis. Prayers will be Dec. 4, 9 a.m. at the funeral home, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic Church, 335 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis. David will be laid to rest in Calvary Cemetery.

#### ANNIVERSARY

## Schoenbachlers celebrate 50th anniversary

Charles and Brenda (Scarf) Schoenbachler of Beech Grove will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 3. They married on Dec. 3, 1965 in Beech Grove. Charles is retired from Chrysler. Brenda is retired from St. Francis Hospital. The couple has three children and eight grandchildren. They always spend a week at Ameristar Casino for their anniversary.

#### Laverne E. Wagener

Laverne E. Wagener, 100, died. She was born on Feb. 5, 1915 in Indianapolis to Harry C. and Henrietta S. Wedewen Wagener. She is the sister of Ruth A. Wagener Gault (Edgar).Aunt of Judith Lange (Robert) and Lois Gault. She graduated from Manual High School, attended Blakers Teacher College and graduated from Butler University in 1942. She taught in the Indianapolis Public Schools #14 and #58 for 46 years, retiring in 1980. She was a life member of Immanuel United Church of Christ where she taught Sunday School, sang in the choir, and belonged to the Altar Guild. She was also a member of Alpha Delta Kappa sorority Fidelis Alpha Chapter and P.E.O Sisterhood Chapter G. Visitation was Nov. 25 at G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, 1605 S. State Rd. 135, Greenwood. Burial is at Crown Hill Cemetery.

#### Jack T. Wilmoth

Jack T. Wilmoth, 86 of Plainfield, died on Nov. 25, 2015. He was born on Aug. 22, 1929 to the late Frank and Kathryn (Hartpence) Wilmoth in Indianapolis. Jack was retired from Eli Lilly after 37 years in the Capsule Manufacturing Department and he also

owned and operated the Wilmoth's Bar for more than 29 years. He enjoyed bowling, was an avid IU basketball fan and he cherished the time that was spent together with his wife Ann at their house on Cordry Lake. Jack is survived by his children, Gary Wilmoth, Mary Jo Howard, Sheliah Richey, Jeffrey Baldwin, Robert Wilmoth; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Besides his parents he was preceded in death by his wife, Ann J. (Farley) Wilmoth; brother, Frank R. Wilmoth; and step-son, David Baldwin. Services were Nov. 30 at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory- Chapel of the Chimes. Entombment will be private at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

Obituaries are printed free of charge. Funeral directors are encouraged to send obituaries and photos to news@ ss-times.com. Information received by noon Tuesday will be published Thursday, space permitting.

#### **AROUND TOWN**

#### CGEF fundraises with Pacers

The Center Grove Education Foundation (CGEF) is partnering with the Indianapolis Pacers to raise money for the foundation by selling tickets to the Center Grove Community Schools Night Out with the Pacers. The funds raised will go directly back to the Center Grove Schools for use in funding classroom and professional development grants. Invite friends, family members, and co-workers to the school night on Friday, Feb. 26 vs. Charlotte Hornets, and pick up a prizes at the game. Win a Pacers personalized jersey, meet a Pacers player, and new this year, everyone who turns in an order for your school night will receive a free Pacers hat! Turn in order forms by Jan. 27. For more information, visit centergrovefoundation.org.



Hundreds gathered at Perry Meridian High School for INDOT's public information meeting on possible I-69 routes. **Photo by Nicole Davis** 

## Which route?

INDOT hosts first public information meeting since narrowing down to five possible I-69 routes

#### FEATURE

The Indiana Department of Transportation held its first of three public meetings about section 6 of the I-69 project, the section from Martinsville to Indianapolis, at Perry Meridian High School on Nov. 30.

This was the first meeting INDOT held since narrowing the possible I-69 routes from 14 to five. Displays were set up in a semicircle throughout the gymnasium, showing maps of the possible routes, all stemming from State Road 37 in Martinsville. The purpose of the meeting, officials said, was to inform the public about the process, what decisions have been made and what's next. "Public involvement is an incredibly important aspect of any of our processes, but especially for the environmental impact study," said Sarah Rubin, project manager.

She said the next step is to narrow these five routes down to one, where the recommendation will be presented in 2017. IN-DOT is looking as the route which performs best across cost to construct, performance and environmental impact.

Everyone is invited to submit comments, questions and concerns to INDOT by Dec. 17. Email section6pm@indot.in.gov or visit in.gov/indot/projects/i69/2463.htm.



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#### **CHRISTMAS EVENTS**



## **Upcoming Fountain Square/Garfield Park Events**

Trivia Tuesdays and Thursdays • Free to play. Win cash. | When: Dec. 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 29, and 31 starting at 7 p.m. No reservations after 6:30 p.m. | Where: Red Lion Grog House, 1043 Virginia Ave., #6, Indianapolis.

Art exhibition: Student, Faculty, and Staff Exhibition • Exhibition showcases painting, ceramics, photography, and other mediums in the main gallery. | When: Exhibit opens at noon, Dec. 5, continues through Jan. 30, 2016. | Where: Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Dr., Indianapolis. | Info: Call (317) 327-7135.

**English Country Dancing** • All dances taught. Singles and families welcome. No partner is needed.] When: Dec. 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Arts Center July events at 2432 Conservatory Dr., Indianapolis. | Info: Call (317) 327-7135.

**Christmas at Garfield** • Visit the Conservatory to meet Santa, see the Conservatory Crossing, make toys with Santa's elves at the Garfield Park Arts Center and treats and family activities with Mrs. Claus at the Burrell Family Center. Noon performance by the Circle City Ringers and demonstrations by GPAC's teaching artists. | When: Dec. 12, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park, 2505 Conservatory Dr., Indianapolis. | Info: Call Garfield Park Arts Center, (317) 527-7155.

Santa Comes to Fountain Square • Families are invited to PNC Bank in Fountain Square for carriage rides, photos with Santa, and a craft program at the Fountain Square Branch of the Indianapolis Public Library. At the branch, families can make a frame for their picture, decorate a cookie, sign up for a Bunny Book Bag Card, listen to stories, and view seasonal window displays. |When: Dec. 12, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. |Where: PNC Bank, 1059 Virginia Ave. and Fountain Square Branch, 1066 Virginia Ave. | Info: Call (317) 275-4380.

Holiday Concert Series • The concert will last around 90 minutes. Free of charge and open to all ages. | When: Dec. 16, 7 - 8:30 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Dr., Indianapolis. | Info: Call (317) 327-7135. **Conservatory Crossing** • See a display of poinsettias, model trains, train village and thousands of twinkling lights. | When: Now- Dec. 31. Evening Dates Dec. 18, 19, 20 and 26, 27, open until 8 p.m. | Time: Mon-Sat: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sun 1-5 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Dr. | Cost: \$3 per person, \$8 per family (2 adults and 1 or more children) | Registration required. Call (317) 327-PARK or visit garfieldgardensconservatory.org.

**Friday Night Swing Dance** • Lesson and Dance is \$12 and dance only is \$10. All ages are welcome. | When: Dec. 18. Beginning Dance Lesson with Naptown Stomp is from 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Entertainment by "The Big Swing Band" is from 8:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m. | Where: Fountain Square Theatre, 1105 Prospect St. | Info: Visit fountainsquareindy.com.

Vintage Movie Night Saturday • Century of Progress (1933). \$5 at the door. \$1 concessions available. | When: Dec. 19, 7 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Arts Center July events at 2432 Conservatory Dr., Indianapolis. | Info: Call (317) 327-7135.

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#### Franklin Central's Nick Adams-Motley Kale cook

Franklin Central High School participated in the farm to school initiative by planting kale seeds donated by the Purdue Extension office. The kale was planted this fall and harvested in mid November. Junior Nick Adams-Motley currently attends the Central Nine Career Center and is studying culinary arts. He is interested in becoming a chef and has plans to attend either the Chefs Academy in Indianapolis or the nationally renowned Culinary Institute of America in New York after high school graduation.



Lisa Ford, district wellness committee co-chair, worked with Nick as he researched kale recipes. He ultimately decided on making sauteed kale using this produce.

FISHERY

#### Wheatley's expands to seven days a week

Starting Dec. 1, Southside residents can get breakfast and lunch seven days a week at Wheatley's in downtown Wanamaker.

Wheatley's, known for their Fish Fry Fridays and weekend breakfast and lunches, will now be open Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tom Coates, the owner of Wheatley's since 2010, said breakfast includes scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage patties and fish lunch begins at 11 p.m. He added that once weekday breakfast and lunches pick up they may expand to Saturday evenings in the spring.

Fridays are now 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturdays are 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and Sundays 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with chicken dinner starting at 11 a.m.

Wheatley's will participate in Christmas in Wanamaker this weekend and so participants can stop by before the parade and festivities. They will be open later this Saturday closing at 4 p.m.

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#### LOCAL ARTIST • ART FOR SALE

Art from Franklin Township native Steve Deckard Deckard

FOR SALE at Miss B's in downtown Wanamaker





Steve Deckard was born a Hoosier in 1951 and has been an Indiana resident all his life. He grew up in Wanamaker and graduated from Franklin Central High School in 1969. Steve and wife Weezie (Louise) have resided in Franklin Township for over



thirty-five years. Working at Allison Transmission Inc. for thirty-seven years, the last twenty-seven as a journeyman carpenter, he often would pick up a piece of wood at dinner time and start doodling while he ate. This is why so man of his pen and ink sketches are on wood. Steve also cuts his own matts and makes is own frames out of a variety of materials. While growing up, he was always interested in doodling with a pencil. One of the first things



he remembers learning to draw was "The Deckard Dog," a picture that he was taught to draw by his dad Bob Deckard. All the Deckard children, grandchildren and now great grandchildren have or are learning to draw this family favorite. Among Steve's favorite subjects are old

The Infamous "Deckard Dog"

pelicans. Visit Miss B's in downtown Wanamaker this December to see and purchase Steve's artwork.



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and list them. Each letter is used no more than once.

#### **ON CAMPUS**

## Lugar Leadership Award goes to **Franklin Central senior**

Franklin Central High School student Jasmine Kalia has been selected to receive this year's Richard G. Lugar Distinguished Student Leadership Award, presented annually to an Indiana high



school senior by the Lugar Academy at the University of Indianapolis. A varsity tennis player on track to be valedictorian of the Class of 2016, Kalia will meet the former senator and Nobel Prize nominee Dec. 5 at UIndy's 39th annual Richard G. Lugar Symposium for Tomorrow's Leaders. The event enables top high school juniors from around the state to hear a keynote address from Lugar on world events and to join in expertled group discussions on pressing public issues.

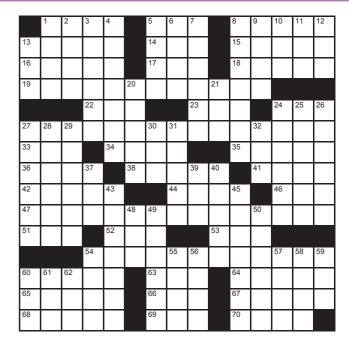
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#### Across

- 1. Start of a magician's cry
- 5. Once around the Southport HS track
- 8. Starts another hitch with the
- Indiana National Guard
- 13. WTHR "Today" host 14. Part of ETA (Abbr.)
- 15. Center Grove HS baseball
- team miscue
- 16. Coated piece of candy 17. Cultural Revolution leader
- 18. Reef Pet Shop breathing organs
- 19. Yellowstone, e.g. (2 wds.)
- 22. Pro-Second Amendment grp.
- 23. Indiana State Fair barn female
- 24. Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis' DC alma mater
- 27. Nike and Converse, e.g. (2 wds.)
- 33. Fmr. Indy-based airline
- 34. Shapiro's, e.g.
- 35. Blue cartoon character
- 36. "M\*A\*S\*H" star
- 38. Japanese wrestlers
- 41. European auto
- 42. Puts a worm on a hook at Geist
- 44. Johnson of "Laugh-In"
- \_\_ T (2 wds.) 46.
- 47. "Along Comes Mary" or
- "Cherish," e.g. (2 wds.) 51. 24-hr. PNC convenience
- 52. GOP org. 53. James Whitcomb Riley
- poem of praise
- 54. Put together, what the first words of 19-, 27- and 47-Across are (2 wds.)
- 60. Use a broom
- 63. OneAmerica Tower race: Bop to the
- 64. Dress with a flare
- 65. Chicago airport
- 66. Help wanted abbr.
- 67. Notre Dame grad Philbin 68. "Wrecking Ball" singer
- 69. AFC Pro Bowl foe
- 70. Hindu titles

#### Down

- 1. Batteries Plus size
- 2. Lay one down, at Victory Field
- 3. Losses at Katz, Sapper & Miller (2
- wds.) 4. Like a Brinks truck
- 5. Dalai \_
- 6. Asian sea name
- 7. Move forward
- 8. Move backward
- 9. Actor Estrada
- 10. ss-times.com, for one
- 11. Donnelly or Ballard, briefly
- 12. Beech Grove HS yearbook sect.
- 13. Alphabet run
- 20. Hoopsters Archibald
- and Thurmond 21. Gilvin's shoe repair tool
- 24. Approach (3 wds.)
- 25. "It's our turn to perform!" (2 wds.)
- 26. Old Glory
- 27. Black sheep nursery rhyme start
- (2 wds.)
- 28. None too soon (2 wds.)
- 29. Extreme cruelty
- 30. \_\_\_\_-ray Disc
- 31. Set one's sights on (2 wds.)
- 32. Med. plan
- 37. From \_\_\_\_ Z (2 wds.)
- 39. "...\_ quit!" (2 wds.)
- 40. Peppers perch
- 43. Prepares to paint 45. Makes beloved
- 48. Anthem and Finish Line name ender
- 49. Winning blackjack hand
- at Indiana Grand (2 wds.)
- 50. Undercoat
- 54. Indiana's Circus City
- 55. Retractable part of Lucas **Oil Stadium**
- 56. Shoopman Homes design detail
- 57. Best Picture of 1958
- 58. Colts gear, for short
- 59. Some PU grads
- 60. Pt. of SSN
- 61. One of five Ws for a Southside **Times** reporter
- 62. Greenwood Farmers Market corn unit

Answers See Page 23

#### **AROUND TOWN**



### St. Mark school collects 14,525 items in food drive

St. Mark Catholic School's students, staff, parents and parishioners collected 14,525 food items in their 5th annual Food Drive to end hunger in our community. The food items were donated to the Officer David Moore Food Pantry, Hunger Inc. and Little Sisters of the Poor. St. Mark Catholic School students are shown loading boxes of food items. St. Mark Catholic School is located at 541 East Edgewood Ave. This is one of the many service projects that are done each year at St. Mark Catholic School.

## Be the watcher of your fork

#### NUTRITION

#### **By Chef Wendell Fowler**

Ho, ho, ho! It's the joyous holiday season when almost everyone will be donning their fat pants and strapping on the ole holly jolly feed bag as traditional merriments commence. Will you overcome unbridled temptation or end up in a sugar plum food coma?

Face it, the more you tell yourself you can't have something, the more you'll crave it, so go ahead. Although, swept up in the romance and emotion of the holidays combined with value-diminishing intoxication, it's easy to forget portion control. The brain overrules our temple's' signals to stop eating even when we know the consequences will be unkind.

The intention you can put out to the heavens is you'll eat (almost) everything you like, but in smaller, saner portions. Mindless grazing combined and cocktailing insults your temple. When you're eating, do you hear what your body is trying to tell you? Feeling bloated, got heartburn, boisterously flatulent; rapid heartbeat, sweating or faintness? Well then, drop the 14th chicken wing and back away from the buffet. Your temple is screaming for attention.



The most important behavior: portion control - eat everything, but in smaller portions. Be the watcher of your fork. Make mindful decisions. Be present in those decisions. "Do I really need a 4th pecan pie ala mode?" Slow down for goodness sakes...take a few breathes between mouthfuls. Chat and genuinely listen to your companion. No one is going to take your plate away.

Avoid temptation. Don't leave enticing goodies around the house all week. And beware the office bully. There's always someone who wants you to join them in their death-defying attempt to eat everything in sight. Be strong.

The holidays are challenging for anyone in control of their health destiny. For others, it's an excessive, all-you-can-eat gluttony festival ending up in weight gain, clogged arteries, dehydration, a stressed out pancreas, an exhausted digestive system begging for a break, or the "OMG what-did-I-do-last" night lamp shade on the head.

Finally there are holiday heart attack factors at play in the form of emotional stress, less sleep, excessive booze binging, ditching the exercise routine and the inevitable weight gain. Feeding your temple: home of the Beloved Son, is a sacred act. Show love for the birthday boy and feeding your holy temple the gift of clean food...in reverent moderation. Get rest, sleep deeply, eat more plant foods and be present in your decisions.



Chef Wendell is a lecturer and food journalist. Contact him at chefwendellfowler@gmail.com.

#### **AROUND TOWN**

### Franklin Township family receives a patio makeover

Simonton Windows & Doors, a nationwide provider of vinyl windows and patio doors, in partnership with This Old House, an Emmy-winning home improvement series and brand, completed a patio makeover for a Franklin Township, Indianapolis homeowner who won the Party on the Patio contest. The homeowner, Courtney Jennings, received a \$10,000 patio makeover and a new Simonton Inovo patio door.

The contest asked participants to submit a photo of their existing patio and how

they would use the \$10,000 to improve their outdoor living space. Jennings learned she was the contest winner in October and the process of transforming her patio was underway. Indianapolis area contractors, G & C Ramsey Construction Inc., were chosen to complete the patio makeover which included installing the new Inovo patio door,



re-building the deck and creating a pergola for Jennings' outdoor space. In addition to winning a patio makeover, Jennings received \$1,000 to throw a party on her newly transformed patio.

The complete patio makeover will be featured on ThisOldHouse.com beginning in December.

## **Southside News Quiz**

How well do you know your Southside community? Test your current event knowledge each week with a little Q&A!

1.) Which Southside high school football 4.) Silly Safari will present a show at team won their state champions on Nov. 29, finishing the season 14-0?

A. Beech Grove B. Center Grove C. Southport D. Greenwood

2.) Which community outreach program does the Southport Police Department participate in on Dec. 5, shopping for clothing and gifts with children and need?

A. Christmas for Kids

- B. Clothe-A-Child
- C. Christmas With Cops
- D. Holiday Helpings

3.) Bargersville will host its annual celebration on Dec. 4. With Santa, Mrs. Claus, reindeer, hot chocolate and more.

A. Tree Lighting B. Tinsel Time C. Christmas Candy D. Santa Train the Beech Grove Public Library on Dec. 9, 6 p.m., featuring live animals from where?

A. Asia B. The North Pole C. South America D. North Africa

5.) When is Christmas in Wanamaker?

A. Saturday, Dec. 5 B. Sunday, Dec. 6 C. Saturday, Dec. 12 D. Sunday, Dec. 13



Answers found on page 23

#### **The Southside Times**

#### CALENDAR

#### **BEECH GROVE**

**Family Game Night** • Hosted by Hornet Park PTO, Central Elementary PTO and Beech Grove Parks Department on the first Thursday of each month. Board games, puzzles, minute games, music, snacks and drinks provided. | When: Dec. 3, 6 – 8 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, Banquet Room. | Info: Visit beechgrove.com.

Advent Sacred Moments • During this program, time will be devoted to considering the various ways to prepare spiritually for the coming of Christ at Christmas. | When: Dec. 5, 9 – 11:30 a.m. | Where: Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. | Cost: \$25. | Info: Call (317) 788-7581 ext. 0 or visit benedictinn.org.

Smart Choice Health Insurance Workshop • Beech Grove Parks Department will host this workshop. | When: Dec. 7, 6 – 8 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center. | Info: Visit beechgrove. com.

**Ave Maria Guild •** The Ave Maria Guild of St. Paul Hermitage will meet with a Christmas pitch-in lunch. Dress in holiday attire. The guild will also install the 2016 officers and board of directors. | When: Dec. 8, noon. | Where: Lower level of the hermitage, 501 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: Call Vicki, (317) 223-3687.

#### **CENTER GROVE**

**Seventy8 Black Light Night** • Wear neon colors and get seventh-eighth grade friends to register to join for games like nine-square-in-the-air and finger blasters that glow under black light! | When: Dec. 4, 7 – 10 p.m. | Where: Mount Pleasant Christian Church Student Ministries Center. | Cost: \$5. | Info: Visit mpcc.info.

**Breakfast with Santa!** • The Johnson County Autism Support Group will host a breakfast with Santa. Plan to arrive early to share a Christmas wish list with Santa, enjoy a sleigh ride, play games and make some crafts. The breakfast menu includes: pancakes, fruit, donuts, juice, milk and coffee. | When: Dec. 5, 9 – 11 a.m. | Where: Mt. Auburn UMC, 3100 W Stones Crossing, Greenwood. | Cost: \$10 per family (two adults and up to four kids). | Info: Email JCASG@JCASG.org.

**Madrigal Dinner** • The Center Grove Choral Department presents the 2015 Madrigal Dinner Theater. The dinner includes Renaissance Period costumes, script, and harmonies performed by the CG Singers and Counterpoints. | When: Dec. 11 and 12, 7 p.m. | Where: Center Grove High School, 2717 S. Morgantown Rd., Greenwood. | Info: Visit centergrovechoirs.org/madrigal.

**Ornaments!** • Children in grades k – five can make a variety of holiday ornaments that you can take home with you or add to the library's tree!| When: Dec. 7, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.| Where: White River Library branch, 166 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: Visit pageafterpage.org.

**Stout Stories** - Join the White River branch library at Taxman Brewing Company for the first-ever Stout Stories. Discuss Jean Shepherd's classic, A Christmas Story. Ages 21 and up. To ensure seating, register in advance.| When: Dec. 7, 6 – 7:30 p.m. | Where: White River Library branch, 166 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: Visit pageafterpage.org.

Silly Safaris' Reindeer Reserve • Join for Silly Safaris' Reindeer Reserve starring one of Santa's Elves with a live reindeer and other animals of the North Pole! | When: Dec. 10, 6:30 -7:30 p.m. | Where: White River Library branch, 166 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: Visit pageafterpage.org.

#### **FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP**

Baby Lapsit at Franklin Road • Babies up to 18 months and an adult are invited for stories, songs, rhymes and flannel board activities. | When: Dec. 3, 10 and 17, 10:15 a.m. | Where: Franklin Road Branch library, 5550 S. Franklin Rd., Indianapolis. | Info: Call (317) 275-4380.

**Christmas in Wanamaker** • Christmas in Wanamaker is an annual event to showcase what Wanamaker has to offer. Several of the local businesses have open houses, arts and craft booths are set up around town, there is a parade at noon and musical entertainment. Even Santa will attend! | When: Dec. 5, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. | Where: Wanamaker. | Info: Visit facebook.com/events/933458380081626/.

Chili Supper & Christmas Bazaar • The event is held in conjunction with Christmas in Wanamaker and includes chili and hot dogs, Coney sauce, Cole slaw and homemade desserts, a craft sale, rummage sale and bake sale. | When: Dec. 5, noon – 6 p.m. | Where: New Bethel Baptist Church, 8936 Southeastern Ave., Wanamaker. | Info: Visit facebook.com/newbethelbaptist.wanamaker or newbethelbaptistonline.org.

Preschool Art for Cool Cats: Workshop Inspired by Pete the Cat • Preschoolers ages 3 - 6 and an adult are invited for a groovy workshop presented by The Art Lab inspired by this favorite laid back feline. Children will listen to a story and create their own multi-media projects. | When: Dec. 8, 1:15 p.m. and Dec. 9, 10:15 and 11:15 a.m. | Where: Franklin Road Branch library, 5550 S. Franklin Rd., Indianapolis. | Info: Call (317) 275-4380.

#### **FOUNTAIN SQUARE**

**First Friday Art Event: Murphy Hendy** • Funkyard presents the art of Murphy Hendy as the featured artist for December. Murphy is a glass artist originating from Michigan. His work will be on display through December. | When: Dec. 4, 7 – 10 p.m. | Where: Funkyard Art Gallery/Coffee Shop, 1114 Prospect St., Indianapolis. | Info: Contact Sherry Stiver, (317) 822-FUNK.

#### GREENWOOD

**Breakfast with Santa** • Join the annual Breakfast with Santa. | When: Dec. 12, 9 – 11 a.m. | Where: Community Center, 100 Surina Way, Greenwood. | Info: Visit greenwood.in.gov.

**Christmas Concert** • The Greater Greenwood Community Band will close its 2015 season with the annual Christmas Concert. Admission is free, but a canned food item to benefit the Salvation Army food pantry is requested. | When: Dec. 12, 7 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Community High School. | Info: Visit greenwoodband.com.

#### INDIANAPOLIS

Joyful Sound • The community handbell choir from Greenwood hosts its Christmas Concert season. | When: Dec. 5, 2:30 p.m. | Where: Eagle Creek Health and Living, 4102 Shore Dr., Indianapolis. | Info: Visit joyfulsound.info.

**Human Rights Annual Celebration** • Church Women United's Human Rights Annual Celebration includes more than 18 Southside churches. An annual award is presented to a person who has been a community leader in the area of human rights or in the area of finding peaceful solutions for our community. The recipient this year will be Major Marlene Edwards from the Salvation Army. The theme for the celebration is "Companions on a Journey: Journey towards Peace." All are welcome to attend. | When: Dec. 7, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.| Where: Union Chapel United Methodist Church, 2720 E. 86th St., Indianapolis. | Info: Visit churchwomen.org.

Joyful Sound • The community handbell choir from Greenwood hosts its Christmas Concert season. The concert is free and open to the public.| When: Dec. 7, 7 p.m. | Where: Westminster Village North, 11050 Presbyterian Dr., Indianapolis. | Info: Visit joyfulsound.info.

#### **JOHNSON COUNTY**

**Santa Train** • Mr. and Mrs. Claus will be in Bargersville with food and craft vendors, games and maybe Santa's Reindeer will show up. Come early before the train arrives. | When: Dec. 4, 3 – 5 p.m. | Where: 24 N. Main St., Bargersville. | Info: Visit facebook.com/events/883746428375778/ or email lhess@townofbargersville.org.

**Choral Concerts** • The Franklin College Music Department will feature all three college choirs: FC Singers, the Women's Chorus and the Men's Chorus. | When: Dec. 5, 7 p.m. and Dec. 6, 2 p.m.| Where: Clarence E. and Inez R. Custer Theater, Old Main St., Franklin. | Info: Call (317) 738-8185.

**Franklin College Student Art Exhibit** • Students involved in all levels of studio art classes will display a selection of their work completed during the fall semester. | When: Dec. 8, 7 p.m. Exhibit hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. | Where: Johnson Center for Fine Arts, Elba L. & Gene Portteus Branigin Atrium. | Info: Visit FranklinCollege.edu.

#### **PERRY TOWNSHIP**

**Student-Directed Productions** • Productions are staffed and designed by students, who use them as a laboratory experience, putting into practice the principles they have learned in the classroom. |When: Dec. 4 – 6 and 10 – 12, 8 p.m. Free preview Dec. 3, 8 p.m. |Where: University of Indianapolis, Studio Theatre, Esch Hall. | Cost: \$12 general admission. | Info: Visit uindy.edu/arts/ETC or call (317) 788-3251.

**Rock the Night for Special Needs** • This third annual event by Anna's Celebration of Life will include dinner, a DJ, dancing, special guests, contests, auction, door prizes and more. | When: Dec. 5, doors open 6 p.m. | Where: The Atrium, E. Thompson Rd., Indianapolis. | Info: Call (317) 524-1300.

**Nutcracker Suite** • The University of Indianapolis will inject a dose of swing into the city's holiday arts offerings when it presents Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker Suite as reimagined for jazz orchestra by bandleader Duke Ellington and his longtime collaborator Billy Strayhorn. | When: Dec. 7, 7:30 p.m. | Where: Ulndy's Ransburg Auditorium, 1400 E. Hanna Ave., Indianapolis. | Cost: \$15 general, \$5 for seniors and college students, free for 18 and younger. | Info: Call (317) 788-3251 or visit uindy. edu/etc.

#### **SOUTHPORT**

**Family Game Day** • School-age children, teens and families are invited drop in any time for board games or solving puzzles. Games and puzzles will be provided. | When: Dec. 5, 12 – 4 p.m. | Where: Southport Branch Library, 2630 E. Stop 11 Rd., Indianapolis. | Info: Call (317) 275-4510.

Sing Along with Miss Bobbie • Preschool children and their families are invited to join Miss Bobbie for a live, interactive music experience during which they'll dance, sing, laugh and have fun together. This program is made possible by PNC through a gift to The Indianapolis Public Library Foundation. | When: Dec. 8, 10:30 a.m. | Where: Southport Branch Library, 2630 E. Stop 11 Rd., Indianapolis. | Info: Call (317) 275-4510.

**Baby and Toddler Storytime at Southport** • Babies and toddlers up to age 3 with an adult are invited for an active class featuring stories, songs and rhymes that focus on early literacy skills. | When: Dec. 9 and 10, 10:30 a.m. | Where: Southport Branch Library, 2630 E. Stop 11 Rd., Indianapolis. | Info: Call (317) 275-4510.

#### IN OUR SCHOOLS



John Angotti gets the entire student body involved as he entertains at Roncalli High School.

#### Roncalli welcomes John Angotti

Renowned Christian recording artist, John Angotti, performed for Roncalli High School students, faculty and staff in an all school assembly on Nov. 18. Angotti, who performed at Roncalli before being a featured performer at this year's National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indianapolis, has performed at Catholic and Christian conferences all over the country and the world. Angotti brings a positive, faith-filled, life-giving message to his music.

#### **AN OPTION**

#### **King Gyros**

The scoop: Located on the Westside of South East Street between Troy and East Sumner Avenue, King Gyros is the place to go to satisfy your Mediterranean food cravings. In addition to Gyro sandwiches, gyro plates, pita bread, and Greek salads, you can also order more familiar American fare: hamburgers, half slab and full slab ribs, BBO chicken, jumbo tenderloin, hot dogs, chili dogs, ribeye steak and submarine sandwiches. Fish is also on the menu with fried perch, two piece catfish, a shrimp basket, and a fish sandwich. They have a great array of sides: onion rings, French fries, fried mushrooms, fried zucchini, pizza puff, peppers, chili cheese fries, and a cup of feta cheese.



Gyro and fries at King Gyro

Specialties: Gyro dinners and sandwiches, ribs, catfish, hamburgers and hot dogs

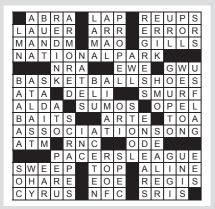
Hours: Daily 10:30 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Location: 3410 S. East St., Indianapolis, IN 46227

Phone: (317) 780-0441

Behind Bars, Where I Dine and An Option Compiled by Brian Ruckle

#### Puzzles & Answers – See Page 20



9	7	6	8	4	3	2	1	5
5	1	3	7	2	9	4	8	6
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2	3	5	6	7	8	1	4	9

Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE: Desserts: CAKE, COBBLER, ICE CREAM, JELLO, PIE, PUDDING; Fabrics: ANGORA, CASHMERE, COTTON, MOHAIR, WOOL; Cloud Types: CIRRUS, CUMULUS, NIMBUS, STRATUS; Restaurants: APPLEBEE'S, RUBY TUESDAY, TGI FRIDAYS; Quarterbacks: HASSELBECK, LUCK; Park: GARFIELD

#### Q&A Answers – See Page 21

#### **Southside News Quiz:**

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## The Night Before... too familiar

#### **MOVIE REVIEW**

#### By Adam Staten

I don't know about you, but there just seems something undeniably wrong with getting Santa and his eight reindeer out prior to Thanksgiving. Regard-

less, it feels as if retailers begin propping up their Christmas displays earlier and earlier with each passing year. Hollywood has also started releasing their Christmas-themed films earlier and earlier, hoping to cash in during the holiday season. One Christmas-themed film that hit theaters several weeks before

Saint Nicholas makes his trip is The Night Before, starring Seth Rogen.

The Night Before is the story of three friends who have an annual tradition of using Christmas Eve as an opportunity to celebrate the season with a less than sober night out on the town. However, the three amigos annual tradition of a Christmas Eve filled with drugs and booze appears to be quickly drawing to an end with the demands of life keeping each exceedingly busy. One is only a few weeks from becoming a father (Rogen) and another has obtained success and fame as a professional football player. However, one (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) of the three still does not have things figured out. He hopes of a musical career that has yet to materialize, he lives alone and has recently broken up with his girlfriend. Little do they know that despite some pretty insane circumstances,

#### **BEHIND BARS**

#### **Apple Spice Grog**

Bartender: Bridgette Cooper

Location: McGilverys Taphouse 8249 US-31 Indianapolis, IN 46227

Ingredients and directions: In

a 16 oz. glass with ice add 1 ½ oz. DeKuyper Sour Apple Pucker, 1 ½ Fireball Cinnamon Whisky, 1 ½ oz. hard cider, and 1 oz. apple juice. Garnish with an apple slice.



each eventually come to grips with their impending futures, filled with change and uncertainty.

While The Night Before is classified as a comedy, the laughs, for the first third of the film, are few and far between. It's not



until one of the three pick up the wrong phone that the laughs start and even then the jokes are hit and miss. Seth Rogen, try as he might, delivers some mildly funny scenes, but is not nearly as funny here as in previous films. However, Michael Shannon, as an odd and mysterious drug dealer, is an absolute scenestealer, providing a huge chunk of the laughs.

A lot like the jokes, the story is very much been-there-done that. Besides a couple of surprise cameos, there just is not a whole lot different that helps the story differentiate itself from similar films. The story and jokes feels old and tired and the-over-thetop attempts at humor from Rogen just don't work.

While The Night Before does deliver an occasional bout of laughter, it's certainly not a laugh riot. The jokes and the story are too familiar too often. 2.5 out of 5.



Adam Staten lives in Perry Township and is a movie buff. Staten araduated from University of Southern Indiana with a dearee in Communication Studies.

#### WHERE I DINE

Rob Campbell, director of business development at **Community Hospital South** 

Where do you like to dine? Reverv

What do you like to eat there? Short Rib. Tender and just enough BBQ spice.

What do you like about this place? Relaxed atmosphere and nice decor.

Revery is located at 299 W. Main St. in downtown Greenwood. The phone number is (317) 215-4164.



#### **PLACES OF WORSHIP**

Rosedale Hills United Methodist •

4450 South Keystone Ave., Indpls | Ph:

(317) 786-6474 or email: officerhumc@

att.net | Rev. Doug Wallace | Sunday:

9:30 a.m. | Sunday School: 10:45 a.m. |

Unity of Indianapolis Church of the Daily Word • 907 N. Delaware St., Indpls | Ph: (317) 635-4066 | Rev.

Bob Uhlar, Senior Minister & Rev.

Carla Golden, Director Lay Ministries

Celebration: 10 a.m. | unityofindy.com

Southview Wesleyan Church • 4700

Shelbyville Rd., Indpls | Ph: (317) 783-

0404 | Pr. Rick Matthews | Sunday:

10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. | Sunday School:

rosedalehillsumc.org

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**WESLEYAN** 

9:30 a.m.

#### **ASSEMBLY OF GOD**

Faith Assembly of God • 186 Royal Rd., Beech Grove | Ph: (317) 784-8566 | Pastor: Lawrence Cook | Sunday: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. | Wednesday: 7 p.m.

#### **BAPTIST**

Crossroads Baptist Church • 1120 S Arlington Ave., Indpls, 46203 | Ph: (317) 357-2971 | Pr. Guy Solarek | Sunday: 10 a.m., 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. | Wednesday: 7 p.m. | cbcindy.com

Faith Baptist Church • 1640 Fry Rd., Greenwood | Ph: (317) 859-7964 | Pr. Steve Maxie | Sunday: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. | Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. | Wednesday: 7 p.m. | KJV

First Baptist Church of BG • 5521 Churchman Ave., Indpls | Ph: (317) 784-1478 | office@fbcbeechgrove.com Sunday: 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School: 10:50 a.m. | Wednesday: 7-8 p.m. | Childcare & programs, all ages, all services. Join Us! | fbcbeechgrove.com.

Historic Grace Baptist Church "Since 1927" • 1907 E. Woodlawn Ave., Indpls | Ph: (317) 638-3143 or 536-8655 | Pr. Rick J. Stone | Sunday: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. | Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Lighthouse Baptist Church • 6950 E. Raymond St., Indpls | Ph: (317) 359-4275 | Pr. Dan Tidd | Sunday: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. | Wednesday: 7 p.m. | Thursdays Youth Meeting: 6:30 p.m. | Ladiés' & Men's meetings (call for times) "Independent Baptist Church"

Southport Baptist Church • 2901 E. Banta Rd., Indpls | Ph: (317) 787-8236, Pr. Jeff Stratton | Sunday: 9:30-10:30 a.m. | Sunday School: 10:45-11:30 a.m. | "Come and Watch Us Grow" Park Open to Public

The Rock Baptist Church • 4855 S. Emerson Ave. | Ph: (317) 222-1958 | Pstr: Steve Lawson | Sunday: 10:30 a.m. Interactive children's & youth ministry, uplifting worship, and simple messages relevant to everyday life | therock-indy. ora

#### **CATHOLIC**

Good Shepherd Catholic Church • 2905 S. Carson Ave., Indpls | Ph: (317) 783-3158 | Rev. Todd Riebe, Administrator | Rev. John Beitans, Sacramental Minister | Saturday Mass: 4:30 p.m. | Sunday Mass: 10 a.m. Completely Handicapped Accessible | All Welcome!

Holv Name of Jesus • 89 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove | Ph: (317) 784-5454 | Fr. William M. Williams | Worship Times & Anticipation Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.; Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.

St. Athanasius Byzantine Catholic 🕆 CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN Church • 1117 S. Blain Ave., Indpls, 46221 | Ph: (317) 632-4157 | Fr. Bryan Eyman | Sunday (Divine Liturgy Celebrated): 10 a.m.

Saints Francis & Clare Catholic Church • 5901 Olive Branch Rd., Greenwood | Ph: (317) 859-4673 | Fr. Steve Giannini | Assc. Pastor Fr. Tim Wyciskalla | Saturday Anticipation Mass: 5:30 p.m. | Sunday: 7, 8:45 & 11:30 a.m.

St. Jude • 5353 McFarland Rd., Indpls, Ph: (317) 786-4371 | Fr. Stephen Banet | Sunday: 7, 8:30, 10:30 & Noon | Saturday Anticipation Mass: 5 p.m.

St. Mark Catholic Church • 535 East St. Thomas Episcopal Church • 600 Paul Edgewood Ave., Indpls, | Ph: (317) 787-8246 | Fr. Todd Riebe | Deacon Tom Horn | Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:45 a.m. | Saturday Anticipation Mass: 5:30 p.m.

#### **†** CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**Greenwood Christian Church •** 2045 Averitt Rd., Greenwood | Ph: (317) 881-9336 | Pr. Matt Giebler | Saturday: 6 p.m. | Sunday: 9:30 & 11 a.m. | Sunday School: 8, 9:30 & 11 a.m.

Mount Pleasant Christian Church 381 N. Bluff Rd., Greenwood Senior Pr. Chris Philbeck | mpcc.info Saturday: 6 p.m. (ASL Available) Sunday: 9 & 10:45 a.m. | Video Venue at Student Ministries: 10:45 a.m.

Southport Heights Christian Church • 7154 S. McFarland Rd., Indpls | Pr. Steve Ferguson | Sunday: 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. | Deaf Ministry: James Wines (317) 493-0414 VP or iewshdcc@vahoo.com

#### **†** CHURCH OF CHRIST

Madison Avenue Church of Christ • 8224 Madison Ave. | Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. | Sunday Worship: 11a.m. & 6 p.m. | Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m.

#### **†** CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

Sixth Church of Christ, Scientist • 7625 McFarland Rd. | Ph: (317) 888-3204 | Sunday: 10 a.m. | Sunday School: 10 a.m. | Wednesday: 4 p.m. | Reading Room Hours Tues: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. & Wednesday: 2:30-3:30 p.m.

#### 🕆 CHURCH OF GOD

Church of God (Anderson) • 3939 S. Emerson Ave. (Beech Grove) Indpls | Parsonage: (317) 788-6845 or Church: (317) 787-0467 | Pr. Paul A Kirby | Sunday: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. | Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. | Wednesday: 7 p.m. Youth/Adults

Christ Cumberland Presbyterian **Church** • 6140 South Meridian St., Indpls | Ph: (317) 787-9585 | Pr. Elmer Price | Sunday: 10 a.m. | Sunday School: 9 a.m. | "Come Grow With Us!"

#### **DISCIPLES OF CHRIST**

First Christian Church of Beech Grove • 75 N. 10th Ave., Beech Grove Ph: (317) 786-8522 | Pr. Paul Hartig | Sunday: 10:30 a.m. | Sunday Christian Education: 9:30 a.m.

#### P EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Hand Blvd. (South of Whiteland), Franklin Ph: (317) 535-8985 | Rev. Whitney Rice | Sunday: 10:15 a.m. | Adult Forum Sunday School (During Worship): 11 a.m. stthomasfranklin.org

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church • 2601 E. Thompson Rd., Indpls | Ph: (317) 784-6925 | Rector: Rev. Rebecca Nickel | Sunday: 9 a.m. | Godly Play: 9 a.m. (Sept -May) | Food Pantry: 3rd Tues each month | sttimothy.indvdio.org

#### 🕆 EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN **CHURCH OF AMERICA**

Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church • 4702 S. East St., Indpls | Ph: (317) 786-7854, Rev. Michelle Elfers Sunday: 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School: 8:15 a.m. (all ages) | "We Welcome You"

#### 🕆 FULL GOSPEL

The Worship Center • 90 South 7th Ave., Beech Grove | Ph: (317) 786-9802 | Rev. James Archie Strong | Sunday: 11 a.m. | Sunday School: 10 a.m. | Thursday: 6:30 p.m | worshipcenterindv.org

#### **†** INDEPENDENT **CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

Bethanv Christian Church • 4727 S. Sherman Dr., Indpls | Ph: (317) 787-5103 | Min. Jim Clark | Sunday: 10:15 a.m. | Sunday School: 9:15 a.m. | Bible Study Mon.: 6:30 p.m. and Weds. 7 p.m.

#### **T** INDEPENDENT NON DENOMINATIONAL

Community Church at Murphy's Landing • 7401 South Harding St., Indpls | Ph: (317) 807-0222 | Pr. Paul Erny | Sunday: 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School: 11 a.m. | yourccml.org

#### 🕆 NAZARENE

Cross-Way Community Church of the Nazarene • 1248 Buffalo St., Beech Grove | Pr. Mark Ramsey | Sunday: 11 a.m. | facebook.com/CrosswayCCN

South Side Church of the Nazarene • 2447 E. Thompson Rd., Indpls | Ph: (317) 784-1373 | Pr. Ray McCrary | Sunday: 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

#### **T** NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Church of Acts • 3740 S. Dearborn, Indpls | Ph: (317) 783-ACTS (2287) Pr. Bill Jenkins | Sunday: 10 a.m. | Wednesday: 7 p.m. | Club Acts Friday: 7-11p.m. | Latin Acts Saturday: 7 p.m. churchofacts.org

The Father's House • 1600 S. Franklin Rd. (just south of Brookville Road) Ph: (317) 358-8312 | Multi-cultural Worship Sunday: 10 a.m. | Wednesday: 7 p.m. | TheFathersHouseIndy.com

**Community Church of Greenwood** • 1477 West Main St., Greenwood | Ph: (317) 888-6024 | Sunday: 9 & 11 a.m. | Real Church. Real People. | ccgonline.org

#### **PRESBYTERIAN**

Greenwood Presbyterian Church • 102 West Main St., Greenwood | Ph: (317) 881-1259 Pr. Cheryl Montgomery Sunday: 10:30 a.m. | Śunday School: 9:30 a.m. | Free Community Meal – 3rd Monday: 6:30-8 p.m.

#### **P** SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Southside Seventh-Day Adventist • 801 Shelbyville Rd., Indpls | Ph: (317) 786-7002 | Pr. Brian Yensho | Services Saturday: 11 a.m. | Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m. | southsideadventist.org | Health Ministries, CHIP+: chiphealth.com

#### **P** SOUTHERN BAPTIST

Calvary Baptist Church • 200 Sunset Blvd., Greenwood | Ph: (317) 881-5743 Ernest E. James, D. Min. | Sunday: 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School: 9 a.m. | Something for All Ages

Southwood Baptist Church • 501 S. 4th Ave., Beech Grove | Ph: (317) 786-2719 | Adult Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. | Youth & All Age Children Worship: 10:45 a.m. | Sunday Evening Worship: 6:30 p.m.

#### **TOTAL OF CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Faith United Church of Christ • NW Corner Thompson Rd., Gray Rd. & Shelbyville Rd. | Ph: (317) 784-4856 Pr. Kurt Walker | Adult & Jr. Church Service: 10:30 a.m. | God loves you! You are invited to worship with us. We have a pew for you. | Nursery Care

St. John's United Church of Christ • 7031 S. East St., Indpls (U.S. 31, Southport Rd.) | Ph: (317) 881-2353 | Rev. Ross Tyler | Sunday Contemporary Worship: 9 a.m. & Traditional Worship: 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.

Zion United Church of Christ • 8916 E. Troy Ave., Indpls | Ph: (317) 862-4136 | Sunday: 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School: 9:30-10:15 a.m. ZionIndy.net

#### **<sup>1</sup> UNITED METHODIST**

Center United Methodist Church • 5445 Bluff Road, Indpls | Ph: (317) 784-1101 or email: info@center-umc.org | Sunday Traditional Worship: 9 a.m. & Contemporary Worship: 11:15 a.m.

Edgewood United Methodist • 1820 East Epler Ave. | Ph: (317) 784-6086 | Pr. Jim Allen | We are on Facebook | Sunday: 8:15 & 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School: 9:25 a.m. | edgewoodumc.com "The Church for The Next 100 Years"

Greenwood United Methodist • 525 N. Madison Ave., Greenwood Ph: (317) 881-1653 | Rev. In Suk Peebles | Sunday: 10:15 a.m. | Sunday School: 9 a.m.



"Why standest Thou afar off, O Lord? why hidest Thou Thyself in times of trouble?" ~Psalm 10:1

Sometimes it appears that God is on vacation or taking a nap. Sometimes it seems that our prayers are having no impact on Him at all. I have a couple of friends who are battling tumors on their brains. It was discovered that one of them has at least 14 more tumors than they originally thought. The other friend has cancer throughout his body now. It seems hopeless. Both are Christians and for the redeemed, it is never hopeless. What next? I don't know but there is always something. isn't there? But the beauty of it is that when one is saved it really doesn't matter much whether they live here or live over in eternity. As one man that I was ministering to years ago told his son, "Either way it goes, I have the best of both worlds". This man had given his heart to Christ just a few hours earlier.

God is not dead and heaven is for real and life is what it is. Life here brings us challenges that are overwhelming here but will only bring laughter in heaven.

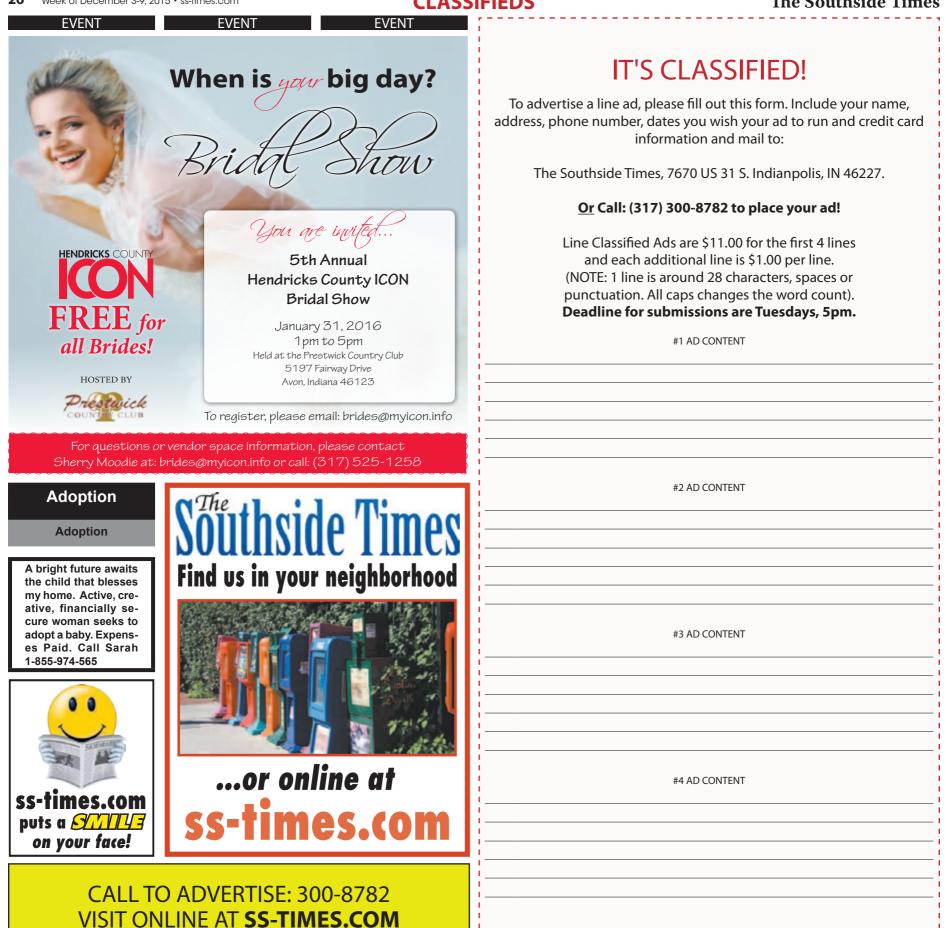
How much of this life we will recall once we get home to our Father in heaven, I cannot say. But, what I can say is that all that we go through here and take so seriously here will only be a triviality there. It will be like a serious toothache: serious at the moment but once gone, soon forgotten.

God bless and go and have a great day.

Paul A. Kirby is the pastor at the Church of God at 3939 S. Emerson Ave.



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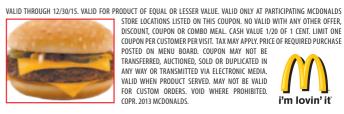
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