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Are paranormal investigators welcome in your church?

HAUNTS & JAUNTS

By Rick Hinton

My wife Laura and I are looking for a church home for the family.

During these days of turmoil, with strong waves of evil engulfing every facet of our daily lives, it is reassuring to affiliate with a family of believers firmly rooted in Christian values. The snares of the devil are very real! And...when one is involved in the investigation of the paranormal there is that extra sense of urgency. We need to find that right church! One that understands why we do what we do....

Paranormal investigators are a different breed. Yet, one consistent factor is that most have a conception of God, Jesus, and how Satan works to deceive and misdirect. If these teams don't grasp that concept, then they are fools and have to live with the ramifications they set forth. Paranormal investigation is a study in spirituality—those 'grey' areas not necessarily expounded upon in the Bible. Some teams get it...others never do.

We want a church that, while may not

necessarily embrace our intentions, does not condemn us for what we are trying to accomplish: helping folks in need of spiritual attack!

I was a member of a large Eastside Indianapolis church for many years. Throughout, I was a deacon, usher, and missionary chairman with an annual \$100,000 budget that I was responsible for. I was an Elder-witnessing the good, and not so good. I taught Sunday school classes, participated in mission trips, and delivered shut-in-communion to nursing homes, along with meditations to the congregation. When I became divorced I felt ostracized from the church. Presently, I doubt that I was, but I moved from the Eastside to the far Southside. It became a matter of geography. There became no church for me. However, now my thinking is differ-

Laura and I need the presence of Christ in our lives; in general, and because of what we do. We need a supportive church family. And...need a pastor to help us in those "difficult" times when the spiritual breaks down into unforeseen territory. We need a church that doesn't just say to those in need—"You shouldn't focus on that" or simply "You need to pray about it." For a non-Christian client, praying about it is useless. These people need help and often the Church just turns its back. The paranormal, it would seem, makes them feel uncomfortable.

Laura and I are looking for a church. One that believes that spiritual warfare is a real occurrence. Any suggestions?



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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Night to Shine

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Senate bill opens adoption records

Today, the Indiana State Senate signaled a clear message of support for Indiana's adult adoptees by voting 43-5 in favor of Senate Bill 91, which if passed would give adult adoptees from Indiana's "closed records" period access to their original birth certificate and adoption records.

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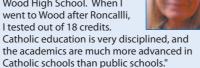
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"You can get quality education at other places but at Catholic schools, you are able to get spiritual direction and a moral compass. You are able to learn the Gospel and apply them to your lives."



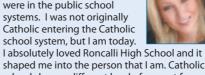
Judd Lawrie, owns a business in Franklin

"I went to Sacred Heart in grade school, Roncallli High School my freshman year, and then I graduated from Wood High School. When I went to Wood after Roncallli, I tested out of 18 credits.



Pamela Riddle, former Southsider

"I went to public schools through the fifth grade and still have many friends that were in the public school systems. I was not originally Catholic entering the Catholic



shaped me into the person that I am. Catholic schools have a different level of respect from their students and not only teach academics, but spend just as much time teaching morals and values. I graduated in 2007."

Jaclyn Thomas of Franklin Township

"It has been a long time ago. I've been a Catholic from the word go. I went to Cathedral High School and Lalways thought it was a good place and I enjoyed every minute of it."



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Matthew Foley: Marion County Sheriff's Dept. sergeant enjoys training in all aspects of law enforcement

BEHIND the BADGE

Marion County Sheriff's Department's Sgt. Matthew Foley takes every opportunity he can to continue his education in things that pertain to his law enforcement career, from mental health classes to physical training.

"I have taken other responsibilities other than my primary job here at the jail," he said.

"I am certified combatant instructor, ILEA instructor. In 2012, I joined the CERT team, working with high risk inmates in and outside of the jail. I train a lot on my own time and I put in as many requests to go to training as I can."

Foley grew up in Chandler, Ind. and attended Ball State University where he graduated in 2007, majoring in criminal justice and minoring in psychology. His interest in law enforcement increased during an internship with the Muncie Police Department. At that

time, he received the opportunity to participate in the department's training demonstrations and see what training involved from start to finish.

Foley was hired to the Marion County Sheriff's Department in February 2010. Aside from working in the jail as a sergeant on day shift, he works with the Correctional Emergency Response Team (CERT) to handle high-risk situations in the jail and transport high-risk inmates for medical treatment or to court. He helps organize a school at Camp Atterbury where he is a certified instructor on distraction devices.

"Every day is different," he said. "I'm always open to new opportunities and will see what happens. I enjoy working with the people here. There is comradery in the shifts."

Foley resides in Perry Township with his 8-year-old son, Logan.

What was your inspiration to become a police officer?

I feel like I always wanted to go into law enforcement. The area I was in had a really positive view of law enforcement. I always looked up to them when I was younger. I went to Ball State specifically to pursue a criminal justice degree and pursue a law enforcement career.

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

Throughout my years here at the sheriff's office I've had some good opportunities to go into instructor classes. I always enjoy teaching other officers, other recruits in our department and elsewhere through the In-

diana Law Enforcement Academy. I feel like it gives me a chance to give back.

What aspect of the job do you find most challenging?

My primary job here is day shift sergeant of the jail. We have roughly 1,000 inmates in our jail. Mental illness is a big issue with a lot of our inmates. Sometimes trying to connect people with mental illness who have knowingly or unknowingly committed some crimes and help them along in their stay here



Sgt. Matthew Foley

Photo by Nicole Davis

is pretty challenging.

What do you enjoy doing in your off-time?

A lot of my hobbies have to do with some aspect of law enforcement. I like doing practice combatics like Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu that help in my law enforcement career. I like to play sports. This summer I played on an intermural baseball team. I still like to go hunting and fishing

What are your future goals, professionally or personally?

They both wrap up into one. I enjoy training, taking classes. I enjoy learning, professionally and personally. I want to be the best I can. For example, if I take classes on mental health it helps me better relate to people, in and out of the jail.

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

I always enjoyed building. My grandpa was a carpenter. I liked that self-satisfaction of seeing a project from start to finish. I might have stayed in a construction field, or I would have liked carpentry.

Compiled by Nicole Davis

OUR VIEW

Verdict is in: Activity Center is a go

For the past couple of months, Center Grove residents have signed petitions in support of or against a proposed Student Activity Center. The Center Grove school board voted in approval to renew bonds that would soon be paid off to fund the \$10 million activity center without raising taxes.

Supporters say that students are running out of space to host their extracurricular activities. This would certainly give them that space, for not only athletics but activities such as robotics. Remonstrators say there are better ways to spend taxpayer dollars and are upset that the project is \$1 away from residents needing to vote on it.

Residents turned in 178 petitions in support of the Student Activity Center. The opposition turned In 94. Each petition packet has space for 25 signatures. After verifying the signatures, the Johnson County Clerk's Office announced 2,917 signatures were valid in favor, with 1,918 against the center.

As we have seen time and time again, this community revolves around the school district. The proposed Student Activity Center will be 59,500 square feet with a weight room expanded to 7,500 square feet, small activity space and a large activity space including four basketball courts and a 200-meter indoor track. With a facility like this available to all high school students, 2,400 of them, it would be a nice space for them to continue to flourish in their athletic and academic achievements.

The community has had its say. We're looking forward to what the future holds for this activity center, and excited to see the finished product.

BELIEVE IT!

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STARS & STRIKES ON THE SOUTHSIDE

The Southside Times is all about people and our community. What do you like in your neighborhood? What don't you like? Who has done something nice, no matter how small and should be recognized? Email your "Stars and Strikes" to news@ss-times.com. Jim Coffman, owner of Eckstein Shoes, contributed to this week's Stars and Strikes.

Star: To Beech Grove City sewage works department which will implement Invoice Cloud in Beech Grove! Sewer payments will be able to be paid online with a credit card. Kudos to Beech Grove for implementing this service for its citizens!

Strike: To the scammers who call to claim they are the IRS, and will file a lawsuit if money is not paid. Please do not fall for this! The IRS does not work that way. They will never call to demand payment, call

about taxes owed without first mailing a bill, require a specific payment method, ask for credit or debit card numbers or threaten to bring in local law enforcement if you don't pay.

Star: To everyone who made it

possible for the partnership between Perry Meridian High School, Vincinnes University and University of Indianapolis. The three will offer incoming freshman the opportunity to pursue higher education, graduating high school with a year of college completed!

Star: To all the school-age children who made it through the first 100 days of school this week. Many Southside schools celebrated the milestone. Job well done with all of your hard work so far. Keep going!

HUMOR



Top ten reasons you lost that department store job

By Torry Stiles

- 10. While working in housewares you told a customer, "These are great pans for cooking meth."
- 9. At Christmas you programmed the store's Muzak program to continuously play "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer."
- 8. You placed the women's plus size section underneath the gigantic "White Elephant Sale" banner.
- 7. The escalators didn't need to be "suped up."
- 6. You tried selling a pair of shoes to a person in a wheelchair by telling him, "They look great and you'll never wear them out."
- 5. Not everything in the store needs to be taste-tested. This especially pertains to the women's wear department.
- 4. Referring to the tool department as a penal colony is not acceptable.
- 3. Most people can operate a mattress without a demonstration.
- 2. In the bedding department you told a guest that the sheets were as soft as the good toilet paper.
- 1. Office chairs are on wheels for comfort and convenience not for competition.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Life is 10 percent what happens to you and 90 percent how you react to it."

~ Charles R. Swindoll









Top, left: From left, Valerie Bustos, Franciscan Executive Director Terri Ruff, RN Lori Warner and Jim England, immediate past chair of the board of directors for American Heart Association. **Top, right:** Baby Olivia sports her new red hat, given in recognition of American Heart Month. **Middle, left:** More than 5,000 hats will be given to Indiana newborns through Febuary in recognition of Indiana Heart Month. Heart disease is the number one killer of Americans, and congenital heart defects, the most common type of birth defect in the country. **Middle, right:** Valerie Bustos takes a picture of the first recipients of her crocheted hats given by the American Heart Association. **Bottom, right:** Baby Mason and his new red hat, given in recognition of American Heart Month.



Hats for hearts

American Heart Association kicks off American Heart Month with crocheted hat delivery to Franciscan St. Francis Health

By Nicole Davis

Tiny red hats crocheted by hand will warm the heads of 5,000 newborn babies in 41 hospitals around Indiana. Two hundred hats were delivered to Franciscan St. Francis Health on Jan. 26, part of The Little Hats, Big Hearts program raises awareness about heart disease.

Greenwood/Whiteland area resident Valerie Bustos crocheted 80 hats for the cause. She joined the American Heart Association in delivering those hats to St. Francis.

"It's awesome to see that they're going to good use," Bustos said. "Hopefully it will bring awareness to one more family. My dad passed away the Friday before Christmas of a heart attack. This cause was near and dear at the time. I decided this was something I can do; I'll make as many (hats) as I can."

The first two hats were given to the babies of sisters, Brittany Jones of Indianapolis and Breanna Samples of Greenwood. The women had their babies, Olivia and Mason, within a day of one another.

"(The hats are) adorable," Brittany said. "Since our mom went through heart surgery, it means a lot. She doesn't have many complications so we're blessed with that."

The hats will continue to be delivered throughout February, American Hearth Month.

Photos by Nicole Davis

FAMILY COURT

Athleticism is a family tradition for Lindsey Corsaro, the first Roncalli player to ever be named to McDonalds's All American basketball team

By Nicole Davis

Roncalli High School Senior Lindsey Corsaro said no matter the task at hand, she will work to accomplish it. When it comes to basketball, Lindsey has some high expectations for herself. She's always looking to get back in the gym, practice her jump shots and do what it takes to become a better player.

That determination has earned Lindsey a spot on the recently-announced McDonalds All-American basketball roster. She will play for the East squad game on March 30 in Chicago. This is the 15th year for this game featuring 24 of the top girls' high school players in the country. Lindsey is the first Roncalli player to ever be selected.

"Looking at the people who have Mc-Donald's All-American in the past, it's such a great honor," Lindsey said. "I still can't believe it sometimes."

Lindsey started playing basketball at a young age. While attending St. Jude and Holy Name Catholic Schools, she played in the Catholic Youth Organization team. She also played on a team at Southport Presbyterian Church.

"Roncalli had a really good tradition; that's something I always looked forward to being a part of when I was growing up and coming to their games when I was in middle school," Lindsey said. "My teammates are great. Getting to practice with them each day, they push me and I push them. Playing with them makes me better. I also couldn't ask for better coaches."

Lindsey said that her success wouldn't be possible without the support and teamwork from her coaches, teammates and family.

"All of my family, my parents and my siblings, were successful athletes," Lindsey said. "Watching my brother and sister and seeing the high level they were at, watching them play set the bar pretty high for me. My parents always wanted me to be the best that at I can be. They're always supporting me, helping me and telling me what I can do to get better. I owe a lot to them."

Basketball, and athletics in general, is a family tradition. Lindsey's parents, Susie and Greg, were both athletes at Roncalli High School, honored with Indianapolis' City Athlete of the Year award when they graduated in 1983. Greg played football and ran track, going on to pursue football at Indiana State while earning an accounting degree. Susie played volleyball, basketball and softball. During her time at Roncalli, the volleyball team won its first state championship. She studied elementary education at University of Indianapolis and played volleyball and softball there.

"I couldn't play in the same level that these girls play today," Susie said. "(Roncalli's) program has only grown and gotten better. I'm amazed at the talent. It's fun to watch. The coaches are great. They get the kids involved early, so they're excited about coming over and being a part of the Roncalli team."

Lindsey's older siblings, Paul and Casey, also played sports at Roncalli. Casey went on to play volleyball at Transylvania University while Paul played football and basketball at UIndy where he currently coaches for the men's basketball team. Susie said that Lindsey's strongest supporters are her siblings.

"My brother trains me," Lindsey said. "I'll go work out with him. My mom and dad will come. My sister will bring my niece and we'll all just hang out."

Lindsey, who has committed to play basketball at the University of Kentucky, averaged 26.9 points and 10.2 rebounds in the first 17 games this season. She said the best moment of her high school basketball career so far has been winning the Marion County Tournament, the first time Roncalli has even won that competition.

"We're so proud of her basketball ability but as a person and a student as well," Susie said. "She is a great student. She has a 4.4 grade point average. She takes interest in her classmates and has really enjoyed her school experience as well."

While Lindsey said she's excited to play in the McDonald's game in March, right now she's focusing on finishing the regular season with the last game Jan. 28. Ultimately, she wants to win the state championship and said she feels the team stands to have a good chance.





On the cover and on top: Lindsey playing with Roncalli High School. Bottom: Susie, Lindsey and Greg Corsaro. **Submitted Photos**

ON CAMPUS

Southsiders named to Univ. of Evansville Dean's List

The following local students earned a position on the University of Evansville Dean's List for academic achievements during the Fall Semester 2015: Branndon Castellano of Greenwood, majoring in Environmental Science; Bawi Chawn of Southside Indianapolis, majoring in Civil Engineering; Abigail Griebelbauer of Southside Indianapolis, majoring in Special Education; Anna Raney of Southside Indianapolis, majoring in Religion; Abigail Springer of Southside Indianapolis, majoring in Accounting; and Matthew Steadham of Southside Indianapolis, majoring in Exercise Science For more information, visit evansville.edu.

Greenwood's Wainwright spends semester abroad

Miami University student Jonah Wainwright spent the fall 2015 semester in China as part of a study abroad group. Wainwright, from Greenwood, is earning a Bachelor of Science majoring in Business Economics. With about 38 percent of Miami undergraduate students studying abroad for credit by the time they graduate, Miami is ranked second among public doctoral institutions nationwide for students studying abroad. Miami University is a public university located in southwestern Ohio.

Ruff named to President's List at Miami University

Darbi Ruff was named to the Miami University president's list. Miami University students who achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average for first semester 2015-2016 have been named to the president's list recognizing academic excellence. Ruff, from Greenwood, is earning a Bachelor of Science majoring in Zoology, Neuroscience. Miami University is a public university located in southwestern Ohio.

Greenwood's Raker makes the President's List

Lindsey Raker, a McKendree University sophomore health and wellness clinical major from Greenwood, was named to the President's List for achieving a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the fall 2015 semester.

Music with Hoosier History

Perry Township Pianist Rebecca Sorley presents music of Indiana composers at University of Indianapolis recital

FEATURE

By Marianne Coil

A stroll through an exhibition hall at the Indiana State Fair provided the inspiration for an upcoming piano recital celebrating the state's bicentennial year. Pianist Rebecca Sorley will present music of Indiana composers in a recital on Monday, Feb. 15 at 7:30 pm. Historian Ted Frantz will provide commentary during the free program at the Ruth Lilly Performance Hall of the Christel De-Haan Fine Arts Center.

Sorley recalls seeing former first lady Judy O'Bannon at the fair several years ago, while the latter was promoting the approaching bicentennial, a good theme for a recital, Sorley realized, thinking about it "off and on" for a few years.

A professor of music at the University of Indianapolis, Sorley credits the Indiana Music Project and the Indiana History Center with compiling "crucial" information she found during research for the recital.

The program will share more than just the works of Hoagy Carmichael and Cole Porter. They'll be heard but so will pieces representing the diversity of Hoosier culture sustained by women, immigrants, and African-Americans.

Sorley opens with a lady leading the way, Julia Niebergall. Her piece "Hoosier Rag," was written in 1907. Niebergall played for gym classes at Manual High School and the Athenaeum, accompanied silent films, and delivered musical monologues at various events. Divorced and independent, she was one of the earliest women in Indianapolis to own and drive a car, a report credited to ragtime historian Max Morath.

Niebergall's rags were published by the father of May Aufderheide, another composer. Her work, "The Richmond Rag" will be heard. Aufderheide eventually settled in mar-

riage and was productive as a musician for a shorter time than Niebergall, Sorley said. Biographical information from The Library of Congress summarizes Aufderheide's family life as a stressful impediment to her musical career, later stymied by crippling illness.

The development of ragtime gave women a chance to be successful, Sorley said, because it was hard for them to be published in the classical idiom. Ragtime could afford the composer with a suitable reputation.

"I don't think of these ragtime pieces as being played in bars and pool halls," Sorley said.

Allegra

Sorley

Rebecca

The sons of immigrants, Albert and Harry Von Tilzer, are also listed in the program, which includes the former's "Take Me Out to the Ballgame." The family name was Gumbinsky, eventually changed to Gumm. Raised by a general store owner in Indianapolis, the brothers adopted the name Von Tilzer in the belief it was more distinguished, according to Sorley.

Crispus Attucks graduate David Baker, renowned jazz composer at Indiana University, will be heard through a movement of his work, "Jazz Dance Suites." Sorley noted Baker's gratitude for the Attucks music department and the influence of the band director in shaping Baker's future.

Other music selections on the program are from Ned Rorem, Frederic Krull, and James Hanley.

With each performance, the spirit of legendary pianist Dorothy Munger lives in her

protégé. Sorley studied with Munger for 14 years and based her doctoral dissertation on an exploration of Munger's technique and teaching strategies. For many years, Munger was principal pianist of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and a Steinway artist.

"She was a very modest person," Sorley said, adding that Munger spoke little about her life for years during their regular lessons. But during Sorley's doctoral studies at Ball State University, she did "hours of cassettes" of interviews with Munger, who talked about playing for the veterans hospitalized after World War II

as "some of her most important work."

"She always gave her best performance for everyone," Sorley said, citing this as the greatest lesson from her mentor.

Sorley's daughter, Allegra, will join her mother playing works of Porter and Carmichael. The younger Sorley received a master's in music from Ohio University and will finish a degree in music therapy.

"I can't think of a time when she didn't play the piano, and it wasn't because I asked her to," her mother said. Allegra appeared in their first duo at age 10 during a benefit for Riley Hospital.



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Julia Niebergall, Niebergall's piece "Hoosier Rag" will open the show. (Source: Ivian, (1951) Emmerich Manual High School).

Submitted Photo

Another musician in the Sorley house-hold is Rebecca's husband, Darin, a French hornist who teaches, performs, and makes horns assembled with bells and valves from Germany. The custom horns are distributed through his business, Sorley Horns, in Bargersville. The firm lists venues around the world where his horns have been played, ranging from US military bands to the Warsaw Philharmonic in Poland.

Sunday mornings are important at the Sorleys, because Rebecca serves as organist for St. John's United Church of Christ on the Southside. "I feel a calling to serve. That gets me up every Sunday. I only took two Sundays off last year."

And the stream of work continues for the Franklin Central graduate, who judges piano competitions and serves as a clinician for master classes. In addition to her music degrees, she also earned an MBA from UIndy, where she directs student support and coordinates the academic concentration in Music Business.

Celebrating the History of Indiana through Music

When: Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m. Where: Ruth Lilly Performance Hall, Christel DeHaan Fine Arts Center







Perry Seniors joins Pacers in dancing and fitness

Perry Senior Services hosted an event with the Pacers to promote a healthy and active lifestyle on Jan. 21. The basketball team's mascot, Boomer, Pacemate Brittany and former player Darnell Hillman were in attendance for this program.

"They are part of NBA Fit which is about healthy eating and staying active," said Peggy Bryson, executive director of Perry Seniors. "What we do is healthy food for seniors, so we decided this (program) would be a good fit. It went very well. People had a good time. I think it will grow next year when people realize we had a lot of fun."

The event was held before the monthly euchre game at the Southport Community Center. For more events and information, visit perryseniors.org.

Top, left: Perry Seniors members and Perry Township residents joined as Pacers representatives promoted a healthy active lifestyle with music and dancing.

Top, right: Perry Township residents joined in on the dancing led by Pacer's Mascot Boomer.

Bottom, left: Gin Murphy gives a high five to Pacer's Mascot Boomer.

Photos by Nicole Davis

Sutton awarded Lilly Endowment

teacher creativity grant

parochial schools in Indiana. The commitment behind this competitive program is to recognize, re-energize and sup-

port Indiana educators. The Teacher Creativity Fellowship

program supports life-long learning among educators by

enabling them to pursue their dreams and passions, explore

new areas of interest, expand existing talents, and develop

new ones. Mrs. Sutton will be "chasing a dream" at The Craft

House, located in Newton, Kansas, this summer. This grant

opportunity will allow Mrs. Sutton to engage and share in an

18-day art retreat eleven hours away from her daily respon-

sibilities in a new, creative, and uninterrupted environment

with 13 fellow female working artists. Besides being artists,

the women are successful bloggers, who share their love for

Mrs. Jonee Sutton, art teacher at Beech

Grove Middle School, has been awarded a

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IN OUR SCHOOLS - BEECH GROVE

BGHS swim teams wins at Crossroads Conference

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and girls'
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BG hosts all-school spelling bee

Beech Grove Middle School hosted its annual all-school spelling bee on Jan. 11. Twenty students, selected through spelling bees in language arts classes, participated in the bee. After 26 rounds, Hannah Chandler became the school's 2016 spelling champion. Olivia Keenan earned second place, while Seth Rumler secured third place. This year's championship word was Celsius. Pictured: from left, Beech Grove Mayor Dennis Buckley, Seth Rumler, Hannah Chandler, Olivia Keenan, BGMS Principal Tom Gearhart, BGCS Assistant Superintendent Dr. Tom Keeley.

South Grove Spelling Bee

South Grove Intermediate School hosted its annual Spelling Bee on Jan. 21. More than 50 students participated in the bee and the top three spellers were, pictured from left, Maya Coker, first place; Kayla McDonald, second place; and Anna Blackburn, third place.



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Beech Grove Middle School teacher Kevin Winton and IMPD Detective David Roth are training to walk across the U.S. to raise money for a retreat center for soldiers and their families who return from service. Their 3, 091-mile walk will be along US 40 and will take approximately 109 days. They will each

Winton to walk across U.S.



walk 20-30 miles a day, six days a week. Roth is doing this for his step son who is currently deployed to Africa, while Winton does this in honor of his students that have lost their lives. Their goal is to raise \$3.1 million. For more information about the project, visit routetothebrave.org.

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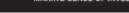
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Jaynes becomes chief announcer for INDYCAR Radio Network

Mark Jaynes, teacher and assistant athletic director at Beech Grove High School, was recently named the new chief announcer for the Advance Auto Parts INDYCAR Radio Network, which means he will be the head announcer for the 100th running Indy 500.

City Council Meeting

Feb. 1 - 7 p.m.

City Hall Council Chambers

Board of Zoning

Appeals Meeting

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UPCOMING! BEECH GROVE NEWS & EVENTS

and Safety Meeting Feb. 1 - following the Board of Sanitation Meeting City Hall Council Chambers Board Meeting Feb. 16 - 6 p.m. Beech Grove Public Library Board Room

Feb. 16 - 6 p.m. City Hall Council Chambers

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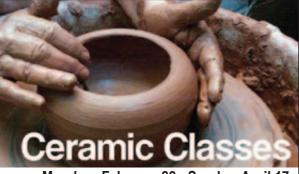


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Congratulations to Steve Coffman who, at the age of 70, ran his first full marathon in 4:57:43!

Job Well Done, Dad!

OBITUARIES

Martin George Baron II

Martin George Baron II, 73, of Greenwood, died on Jan. 21, 2016. Born on Sept. 2, 1942 in Indianapolis, he was a 1960 Manual High School Graduate and received his BS in 1965 in Business Administration from University of Cincinnati. He retired from Ford Motor Company after 30 years. An avid sports fan, he enjoyed TV and cutting his grass. He was a 23 year member of AA. Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Paula; children, Chris (Jennifer) Baron, Lisa Ginn, Bradley (Stacia) Baron; six grandchildren, Alex & Jakob Baron; Austin and Blake Ginn; Karli and Kendall Baron; three sisters, Liz Williamson, Jeanette Patterson, Sandy Thompson. Visitation was Jan. 24 at G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home at The Gardens at Olive Branch, with funeral service Jan. 25. Burial is at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

Steven Lee Bowman

Steven Lee Bowman, 28, of Beech Grove, died on Thursday, Jan. 21, 2016. He was born on Feb. 21, 1987 to William John and Rosanne Therese (Meyers) Bowman in Indianapolis. Steve had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh. Survivors include



his mother, Rosanne T. Bowman; and siblings, Josh, Joey, Anthony, Hannah and Nicholas. He was preceded in death by his father, William John Bowman. Services were held Jan. 27 in Lauck & Veldhof Funeral & Cremation Services with Rev. Pat Doyle as the officiant.



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Eric Bradford Calvert

Eric Bradford Calvert, 68, of Indianapolis, died on Jan. 23, 2016. He was born on April 27, 1947 in Indianapolis to the late Roy and Orgalean Calvert. He was preceded in death by his brother, Roy L. Calvert Jr, and is survived by his sister, Martha Sue Wincel; brother, Jay Patrick Calvert; niece, Michelle Troxell; sister-in-laws, Patricia Calvert & Rita Calvert; uncle and aunt, John & Shirley Keen; aunts, Leona Carter & Lera Mae Carter; many nieces, nephews, cousins, great-nieces and great-nephews. Eric was an active member of Bethel Baptist Church and was considered by many, as the "Greeter." He participated in Noble workshops, worked at Olive Garden and Meijer before retiring. Viewing was Jan. 27. A celebration of his life is Jan. 28, 11:30 a.m. at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis. Burial is at Floral Park Cemetery, 425 N. Holt Rd, Indianapolis. Memorial contributions may be made by mail to: The ARC of Indiana, 107 N. Pennsylvania St., Suite 800, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Orlene (Stapley) Evans

Orlene (Stapley) Evans, 94, of Indianapolis, died on Jan. 24, 2016. She was born on March 27, 1921 in Cedar City, Utah to the late Orley and Irene (Russell) Stapley. Orlene worked for five years for P.R. Mallory's 23 at Michel and Dee Drugs. Survivors include her children, Shellene Evans, Mary (Jim) Snider, Alice Cossell, Linda (Ed) Clayborn, Lucille Jenkins, Donald Evans; sister, Barbara (Vern) Derhak; 24 grandchildren; and several great and great-great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Kenneth Evans; children, Frank Evans, Tina Duncan, and Debbie Brown. Visitation is Jan. 28, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis, with services following at 1 p.m. Burial is at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens. Memorial contributions may be made to Riley Hospital or to the Hungry People.

Ray Hawkins, Jr.

Ray Hawkins, Jr. died on Monday, Jan. 18, 2016. Ray was a member of the Lions Club and served as District Governor during which he traveled to tell of his favorite project the leader dogs. His parents, Mildred and Ray Hawkins, Sr., sister, Phyllis Camp and his brother, Rollin Hawkins proceeded him in death. He is survived by his daughter, Jennifer M. (Hawkins) Young (Jason); his sisters, Marilyn R. Dixon and his sister, Patricia Morton (Jack); several nieces and nephews; great-nieces and nephews; many cousins and friends. Celebration of Life service was Jan. 23 at Otterbein United Methodist Church, 5009 E. 21st St., Indianapolis. Arrangements and care were entrusted to Lauck & Veldhof Funeral & Cremation Services.

Ethel May Lieland

Ethel May Lieland, 86, of Indianapolis, died on Jan. 22, 2016. She was born on Feb. 9, 1929 in Indianapolis to Delbert and Jennie Davidson. She was a member of St. Roch Catholic Church. She was a mother, housewife and worked for CNA Insurance from 1984-1994. She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard Lieland. Ethel is survived by her son, Tom Davidson; daughters, Michele Garriott-Pliley, Carole Hoffer, and Nancy (Rick) Oldham; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Visitation was Jan. 25 at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis. Ethel will be laid to rest in Calvary Cemetery.

Irmgard L. Morris

Irmgard L. Morris, died on Friday, Jan. 22, 2016. Irmgard L. Morris was born Feb. 13, 1932, in Braunsweig, Germany. After a long international relationship, she married her husband, Bill, in 1961 in Germany and moved to the United States. Irmgard



and Bill started their family in Columbus, Ind., then moved to Southport where they lived for the rest of their lives. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill, and her brother, Justus Meyer. She is survived by her brother, Friedrich-Karl Meyer of Germany; sons, Mark (Sarah) and Derrick; grandsons, Andrew and Daniel; her friend she considered the daughter she never had, Nan Dehnke of Vincennes; and her long-time treasured "German Hens." Service is Jan. 28, 1:30 p.m. at Bethany Lutheran Church, with visitation from noon to 1:30 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to St. Francis Hospice, 8414 Franciscan Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46237. Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center is handling the arrangements.

Barbara L. Powell

Barbara L. Powell, 83, formerly of Beech Grove, died on Jan. 21, 2016. She was born on May 9, 1932 in Columbus, Ind. and graduated from Columbus High School. She retired as inspector at Specialty Conductors. She was a member of Edwin Ray Methodist and Rosedale Hills United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents, Freeman and Mary Alice Jarrett; husband, Homer Powell; son, Richard Powell; and brother, Carl Jerrett. Barbara is survived by children, Danny M. Powell, and Doretta Powell; sister, Freda Brock; four grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Visitation will be Jan. 29, 11 a.m. until the time of service at 1 p.m. at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis. Barbara will be laid to rest in Concordia Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to a local Salvation

Linda Josephine Rizzo

Linda Josephine Rizzo, 68, Indianapolis, died on Jan. 18, 2016. She was born on March 28, 1947 to the late Peter and Mildred (Vastine) Rizzo in Beech Grove. Linda was baptized and attended grade school at Sacred Heart and later graduated from Sacred Heart High School. She was a security guard at Ivy Tech Community College prior to her disability for over 20 years. She loved her pet cats and volunteering at St. Patrick Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by her parents; her daughter, Nichole Roxanne Rizzo; and sister, Anita Smith. Survivors include her siblings, Rita Sledge (Ronnie) and Peter Rizzo (Evelynn); and several nieces and nephews. Family and friends gathered on Jan. 22 in Lauck & Veldhof Funeral & Cremation Services, 1458 S. Meridian St.

Jack Sandlin

Jack Sandlin, 57, of Indianapolis, died on Jan. 22, 2016. He was born on April 10, 1958 in Indianapolis to Jackie Martin Sandlin Sr. and Martha E. Sandlin. Survivors include wife, Shawn Sandlin; siblings, Jeff Sandlin (Patty), Cheryl Holsapple (Barry), Debbie Long (Charlie), David Sandlin, Jimmy Sandlin, Ronald Sandlin; children, Sonya Sandlin and Jackie III (Jesse); grandchild, Mary Jane Sandlin; several nieces and nephews

as well as friends. Visitation was Jan. 25 at G.H. Herrmann East Street Funeral Home, 1505 S. East St., Indianapolis. Funeral service was Jan. 26 at the funeral home.

Richard Eugene Sarber

Richard Eugene Sarber, 86, of Indianapolis, died on Jan. 22, 2016. He was born on Aug. 1, 1929 to the late Ray and Hazel J. (Reneman) Sarber in Garrett, Ind. Richard achieved the rank of Eagle Scout and was a Boy Scout troop leader for many



years. He served honorably in the United States Army and was in the Korean Conflict. Richard received a Mechanical Engineering Degree from Indiana Tech in Fort Wayne and later earned a Master's Degree from Ball State University in Mathematics. Richard worked for General Motors for 27 years as a computer programmer and was an active member of Resurrection Lutheran Church in Indianapolis. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Lois J. (Laderman) Sarber; daughter, Brenda Sarber; son, Ken Sarber (Dolly); and grandchildren, Sarah and Katie Sarber. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Dora McBride. A memorial service will be Jan. 30, noon at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 445 E. Stop 11 Rd., Indianapolis, with one hour of visitation prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be made to Resurrection Lutheran Church, The Boy Scouts of America, The Climb South-side Parkinson's Organization or St. Francis Hospice. Arrangements and care were provided by Lauck & Veldhof Funeral & Cremation Services.

Lovie Nell Shaffer

Lovie Nell Shaffer, 81, of Indianapolis, died on Jan. 23, 2016. She was born on Aug. 3, 1934 in Kosciusko, Miss. to the late James S. Gilbert and Mary L. Gilbert. She was a member of Shadeland Baptist Church and New Beginnings. She was preceded in death by her parents, son, Ronald E. Shaffer, granddaughter; Jessica N. Bowmer. Survivors include husband, Harold Shaffer; siblings, Shirley and Bea; children, Debra K.Sinnett (Dave), Julie L. Bowmer; grandchildren, James D. Sinnett and Jordan A. Jones. Visitation is Jan. 28, 2 -4 p.m. at G.H. Herrmann East Street Funeral Home, 1505 S. East St., Indianapolis with service at 4 p.m.

Joan B. Gravelie Starline

Joan B. Gravelie Starline, 75, Whiteland, died on Jan. 24, 2016. She was born on March 15, 1940 in Mason City, Iowa to Andrew and Marian (Farnham) Gravelie. She was a 1958 graduate of Southport High School and Wittenberg University. Survivors include children, Joanie Butler and Travis Breedlove; grandchildren, Ashley and Brandon Butler; brother, Thomas Gravelie; five step-children, Becky Starline, Roy Starline, Martin Starline, Diana Hanes and godson, Atreyu Williams. She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Starline; sisters, Sherry Postma, Linda Southerland and Susan Short; and step-daughter, Teresa Starline. Visitation is Jan. 28, 12 - 2 p.m. at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., followed by the funeral service at 2 p.m. Burial is at Crown Hill Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to American Lung Association.

Ralph Barger Sweeney

Ralph Barger Sweeney, 91, of Southport, died on Jan. 19, 2016. He was the husband of Frances E. (Wicker) Sweeney, with whom he shared 68 years of marriage. Born in Indianapolis, Ralph was the son of William and Bertha Sweeney. He graduated from Arsenal Technical High School, served in the U.S. Navy, and was a WWII veteran. Ralph was employed by Detroit Diesel Allison for 38 years. He was a member of Garfield Christian Church. He enjoyed spending time with his family, woodworking, all kinds of hands-on projects, and anything to do with aviation. He is survived by wife Frances; sons Larry, Gary (Kathy), John (Sandy) Sweeney; daughter Debra (Tommy) Van Abeele; five grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Visitation was Jan. 22 and Jan. 23 with a funeral following at GH Hermann Funeral Home at SR135 and Olive Branch Rd. in Greenwood. Memorial contributions may be made to Rod & Staff Ministries, 5800 W. Smith Valley Rd., Greenwood,

Joseph Erhard Wiser

Joseph Erhard Wiser, 93, of Indianapolis, died on Jan. 23, 2016. He was born Oct. 28, 1922 in Marienroth, Germany. Joseph retired from P. R. Mallory as a design engineer, holding many



patents, with 40 plus years of service. He was an accomplished pianist, starting lessons at age 7 and was the band leader of his own musical ensemble in Germany and the United States, enjoyed bird watching, gardening and photography. Joseph is survived by his wife, Ingeborg Spiegel Wiser; sons, Ronald F. (Pai-Ning) Wiser, Peter R. (Nancy)

Wiser, Mark S. J. (Susan) Wiser and Thomas J. (Cathy) Wiser; daughters, Ellen D. (Larry) Paris and Marion (Donald) McKinney); 17 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. A private Celebration of Life Service will be held at Forest Lawn Funeral Home, Greenwood. The family requests memorial contributions may be made to the Little Red Door Cancer Agency, 1801 N. Meridian St. Indianapolis, IN 46202.

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.

GREENWOOD

O'Neill joins Ortholndy

OrthoIndy announced the addition of orthopedic spine surgeon, Dr. Kevin O'Neill, to the orthopedic group. Dr. O'Neill is board certified by the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons and



belongs to the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons, American Orthopaedic Association Emerging Leaders and the North American Spine Society. He focuses on the spine, at OrthoIndy South 1260 Innovation Pkwy., Suite 100 Greenwood, IN 46143.



Pictured from left, Perry Meridian Principal Rolland Abraham, Perry Township Schools Superintendent Dr. Thomas Little, Vincennes University President Chuck Johnson and University of Indianapolis President Robert Manuel sign the contract for the 1+3 program. **Submitted Photo and Content**

Perry Meridian, Vincennes, UIndy collaborate on new '1+3' Early College programcomposers at University of Indianapolis recital

FEATURE

A growing number of Indianapolis teens can begin their transition to college and career during freshman year of high school – and at low cost – because of a three-way partnership between Perry Meridian High School, Vincennes University and the University of Indianapolis.

The three institutions announced on Jan. 27 the 1+3 Program, which enables qualifying students on Perry Meridian's Early College track to graduate from high school with a 30-credit General Studies Certificate from VU. Students who complete the program and meet admissions standards will be accepted directly into UIndy with at least one year of General Education credits already in hand, providing the opportunity to complete a bachelor's degree with only three years of further study.

Students bound for Perry Meridian receive information about the Early College Program while in eighth grade. Though all are eligible to apply, the program specifically targets those who have the potential to succeed in college, as indicated by reading scores and other skills, but may not consider themselves suited for a traditional four-year experience. The high school, which launched its program with last year's freshmen, is building toward a goal of 125 students at each of the four grade levels. Students who pursue additional credits even have the potential to earn an associate's degree.

To create the 1+3 Program, the partner-

ing institutions collaborated in designing a targeted catalog of dual-credit courses that Perry Meridian students can take for \$25 per credit hour if instructed by a credentialed high school teacher, free for students who quality for free or reduced-price lunch. Some courses may be taught by VU instructors at \$75 per hour.

"This really continues to put Perry Township Schools on the cutting edge when it comes to partnering with higher-ed institutions and offering our students alternate paths to getting their college degrees," said Perry Township Superintendent Thomas Little Jr. "We can help save them and their parents the cost of one or two years of college."

VU has 14 Early College partnerships throughout Indiana, customized to meet the needs of each school corporation and its students. Within each high school, VU's Early College program creates a small-school environment in which faculty can collaborate more easily and students are well known by their peers and instructors. This 1+3 Program is VU's first such partnership with a private university.

The 1+3 Program builds upon an ongoing relationship between UIndy and Perry Township Schools that includes field experiences and student teaching placements for UIndy education majors, UIndy-led science workshops and other outreach programs for Perry Township students and families, and Perry Township administrators serving on UIndy advisory boards.

Southside News Quiz

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

- 1. The Franklin Township and Beech Grove Lions Clubs have partnered together for their first-ever _____ on Feb. 6, 8:30 10:30
- A. Steak Dinner
- B. Fish Fry
- C. Pancake Breakfast
- 🖵 D. Den Party
- **2.** What is Saints Francis & Clare Catholic School's fundraiser coming on Jan. 30?
- A. A chili cook-off
- B. A winter festival
- C. An ice cream party
- D. A talent show
- **3.** Citizens Energy Group announced that beginning Jan. 29, routine maintenance will take place causing what to temporarily happen with its customers' water?
- A. Loss in service
- ☐ B. Change in taste/smell
- C. Change in color
- **D.** Change in water pressure

- **4.** Father James Wilmoth is in his 51st year as a priest. Which Southside parish does he oversee?
- A. St. Roch
- B. St. Jude
- C. Our Lady of the Greenwood
- D. Central Catholic
- **5.** Perry Meridian High School, University of Indianapolis and who have partnered to begin offering incoming high school freshman additional opportunities such as graduating with an associate's degree?
- A. Franklin College
- B. Vincennes University
- C. Ball State
- D. Indiana University

Answers on



National Catholic Schools Week January 31 – February 6, 2016

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Catholic Schools Week, Jan. 31 to Feb. 6, is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. In observance of the week, Catholic schools across the nation will celebrate with fun, themed days highlighting aspects of Catholic education, Masses, open houses and service projects.

"Catholic Schools week is one of the highlights of the entire school year," says Rebecca Stone, assistant principal at Saints

Francis & Clare Catholic School. "It's something the students look forward to and the staff as well. It brings to the forefront of everyone's mind, after you've been in school an entire semester, why we do what we do. Everyone is celebrating Catholic schools at the same time. It's nice that it brings us all together. It's a lot of fun but it's also an opportunity for us to put our faith in each one of those days.

This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Communities in Faith, Knowledge and Service." To recognize the contributions that these schools bring to the community, this issue of The Southside Times highlights what is happening in schools that serve the area and how it is meaningful for teachers and students.

"It's one of my favorite weeks," said Central Catholic School Principal Kelly England. "I've been in Catholic education for 20 years. We have so much to be proud of as a Catholic school. This week gives us permission to celebrate that. What's special about this year is Pope Francis named this year as a year of mercy, so we have focused more on service projects and how we show mercy in our families, in our schools and our communities."

To learn more about the week, visit ncea.org/our-services/ Catholic-schools-week.

Student at Saints Francis and Clare Catholic School.

Photo by Nicole Davis

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Central Catholic School

Principal Kelly England said Central Catholic School has a great tradition of meeting students where they are and helping them grow in educational and spiritual achievements.

The school, located at 1155 Camerson St. in Indianapolis, has 218 students. Enrollment is up, which England said is partially due to the state voucher program. Since the school generally serves a lower income population, the voucher program has allowed for more families to choose Catholic school when they otherwise could not afford it.

England said parents choose Central for "the Catholic foundation that we provide, the spiritual growth and helping students develop their faith and all of the basic skills. We have a dedicated staff here that goes above and beyond. We have a lot of school spirit here. You'll see that in our spirit days,

on sports teams or when we have family nights. You can tell it's more of a community than just a school."

"Our students are incredibly generous when it comes to service," she said. "Whether it's bringing in baby items for the Right to Life or canned food for the food pantry, they are always ready and willing to help. That's an extension of their families. It shows how generous our families can be when they see there is a need in our community."

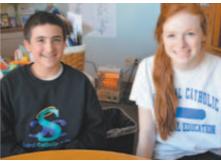
England said they started a Power Hour program in January to help tutor students after school, which will help meet the individual needs of each student. They added a Resource teacher this school year, working directly with students in special education.

"Reading is a big part of our mission, creating and developing readers," England said. "Even students who come to us older than kindergarten come to us with gaps in their knowledge base. We have an increasing ENL (English as a New Language) population. English is their second language. That's why we take so much pride in our reading and language arts program. We have been able to take students who speak very little English and to see those students as middle schoolers really shining (is gratifying)."

Anna Mattingly and Jaydon Nguyen, eighth grade

Eighth grade classmates Anna Mattingly and Jaydon Nguyen said Central Catholic is a great school to attend.

"We have good teachers that make it fun even when it's hard," Nguyen said. He came to the school in fifth grade. "They prepare you a lot for when you grow up that my other school didn't do. There are more rules



From left, Jaydon Nguyen and Anna Mattingly.

and it's harder. I like it when I'm challenged more."

Nguyen, of Beech Grove, is involved in basketball at the school. Mattingly, of Indianapolis, is involved in volleyball. She has attended the school since kindergarten and

said she enjoys friendships with her classmates the most.



Kelly England Principal



Anna Springman

Anna Springman, Resource teacher

For any teacher, it's fulfilling when students have that "ah-ha moment." It's something Anna Springman said she gets to see a lot, whether students are doing something academically or in a service project.

As Resource teacher Springman works with students with special needs at Central Catholic School. With approximately 10 students and room for the program to grow, she said she's enjoyed going into different classrooms and working with children who need help the most.

"It's allowed me a different perspective," she said. "It's nice to see what other teachers are doing as well and

broaden my own ideas for teaching. Every day is different. You definitely have to learn to be flexible."

Springman, currently a Greenwood resident, attended St. Mark Catholic School as a child. She went through a program at the University of Dayton which placed her at Central Catholic seven years ago.

"I loved the community aspect of a Catholic school," she said. "A big part of it was my own Catholic school upbringing. It's like a family. Everyone looks out for each other and cares about each other. It goes beyond the academics. I love being in a school where I feel like I know every student's name."

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Students at Central Catholic School.

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Catholic education sets the foundation for spiritual formation

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Let me begin with a disclaimer: In the 20 years that I was a student, from first grade through grad school, every one was in a Catholic institution. St. Barnabas Grade School, Roncalli High School, Marian University, and St. Meinrad School of Theology are the only academic institutions I have known firsthand. Thus I cannot compare from experience a Catholic and a non-Catholic school. Nevertheless, I can say with certainty the main thing that Catholic schools provide that no other school can.

Instilling knowledge is the primary function of any school, and in that regard, Catholic schools are second to none. But beyond academic formation, Catholic schools can provide something even more fundamental to who we are as human beings: Christ-centered spiritual formation. It is here that I think we really shine as a beacon of hope for

the Southside of Indianapolis. Spiritual formation isn't just an addition to the curriculum in the form of religion classes; it is the lens through which all formation at Saints

Francis & Clare is focused. In this regard, our students receive a formation that is truly human because it touches on every aspect of who they are. It affects how they learn, how they interact with each other, how they serve the community, and especially

how they reach out to those in need. We are able to connect our curriculum to the only end that truly matters, and that is a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. That is why so many of our students and graduates excel, not only in school, but as positive influences in our community. They are excelling at becoming who God made them to be, and we are intentional about helping them realize what that means.

Of course this happens in the home first and foremost; I am not

saying that students of public schools cannot be just as well formed as students in Catholic schools. But I do know that further support of our Catholic faith in school only serves to strengthen what our parents try to instill in their children at home. I know that I would not be a priest had I not had the spiritual and academic formation that I received at Roncalli. And I know that our local community has, and will continue to benefit from those who pass through these halls. It is for this reason that I am most excited to be back here as a priest on the Southside!

Father Tim Wyciskalla, Saints Francis & Clare

Happy Catholic Schools Week

Gina Fleming

In Indiana, we are blessed to offer parental educational choice in a way that once was simply a dream. I am grateful to the many legislators, educators and active citizens

who have worked together to ensure educational choice for families. Outstanding public, private and charter school options are available to families regardless of income. In central and southern Indiana, the Archdiocese of Indianapolis is humbled to offer quality Catholic education in 69 unique communities, and we invite all who desire a holistic approach to

their children's growth and development to explore the many Catholic school options that exist.

This week we celebrate National Catholic Schools Week, a time when our Catholic Church and her schools highlight the value Catholic education provides to young people, their families, our communities and our nation. I recall my own fourth grade year at Holy Name Catholic School in Beech Grove. We were gearing up for all of the festivities of the week - celebrating Mass, playing Bingo and being out of uniform for five days in a row! In the busyness of finding patriotic colors to wear one day and funny socks to wear another, my mother noticed my incessant scratching and obvious rash. Though I tried to deny it, there was no way around it - I had the chicken pox and would not be going to school for the week! I was devastated. This was going to be the most exciting week of the entire year and I was going to miss out. No "twin day" with my best friend, no community prayer service or skating party, and no volleyball game between the eighth graders and staff.

Sometimes missing out on something so anticipated makes one appreciate it even more. This was the case for me; I realized that I really loved going to school and celebrating my faith every day. It was not really about dressing up or getting out of Science class to play games. I was blessed to attend a Catholic school where our faith was lived

> each and every day, modeled by staff, taught through word and action, and nurtured throughout my academic career.

> My hope is that all who experience our Catholic schools take advantage of their daily opportunities to pray, to learn, to serve, and to love. My hope is that our youth and their families recognize our Catholic schools for the

beacons of hope and light that they are, and that our administrators, teachers and staff members continue to embrace their calling to bring others closer to God in all endeavors. And my hope is that parents who are seeking a school that not only boasts academic rigor, safety and a healthy family atmosphere but also a commitment to the spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional and physical growth of each individual investigate the Catholic school options in their area. We welcome the opportunity to share in this great ministry with all who are committed to the mission of coming to know, love and serve God more fully...whether we are in uniforms or funny socks, studying or playing volleyball, serving in the community or attending a school skating party. We welcome each of you to celebrate Catholic Schools with us this week and always.

> Gina Fleming, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Archdiocese of Indianapolis





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Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School

Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School Principal Christine Williams said it's incredible to be in a school that is committed not only to academic growth of its students, but the holistic wellbeing of each child.

"We have one of the most incredible teaching staffs that I have ever had the chance to work with," Williams said. "It is great being in a place that you love coming to work every day. That trickles down to our families and students as well. It creates a very loving atmosphere. Parents can send their kid to Holy

Name knowing we care about the body, mind and soul. We will do everything we can to prepare students not just for this life, but for the next."

Williams said the second semester of school is always full of exciting events, particularly for the eighth graders who will be leaving for high school after the school year concludes. The eighth grade class recently took a trip to Washington D.C. where they toured holy sites and participated in the March for Life.

Holy Name, located at 89 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove, has 290 students, with eight consecutive years of growth.

"Our staff (members) as a whole are perfectionists and we're always looking at what we can do better," she said. "We're always willing and wanting to do what we can to constantly improve. We're committed to continued improvement and our families see that."

Claire Wagner, seventh grade

Seventh grade student Claire Wagner said the positive atmosphere at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School makes going to school fun.

"All of the teachers are very encouraging so that helps with all of the work we're given," she said. "Here we can express our faith. We aren't afraid to talk about what we believe. Not everyone who comes here is Catholic so we still get different perspectives from other students, but we come together at the end of the day."

Wagner, who came to Holy Name in second grade, is involved in basketball, volleyball and kickball at the school. She said she enjoys social events that the school hosts. When it comes to school, she said she enjoys both religion and social studies classes.

"In religion, I like our teacher sister Nicolette. She doesn't just use the book," she said. "She gives us stories, we have prayer time and write in our journal. In social studies, I get a lot of information on what's going on currently which helps me outside of the school."

She said she hopes to go into the Navy when she's older, and then possibly go to work with her dad at his business, Wagner

Liz Blazekovich, second grade teacher

When choosing a place to teach, Liz Blazekovich said she knew she wanted a place where she could practice her faith and share in that experience with her colleagues and students.

> "I am able to spend time praying with them, growing with them and developing their wellbeing in a wellrounded way," she said. "This is my second home. It's fulfilling that I have such a strong support system in my colleagues and in my priest."

> Blazekovich has taught at Holy Name for seven years. She grew up attending public schools then attended St. Joseph College. She said she enjoys everything she gets to teach her second graders, such as the sacraments.

> "It puts a new twist on every single year," she said. "The kids are such sponges when they come home from Christmas break, to grasp the concept of the Eucharist. I look forward to first communion in May. I love Catholic Schools Week. It's one of my favorite weeks. It's fun and different. It gets the kids to see Catholicism in a different perspective. It's coming together as a whole school in different ways, talking about why Catholic schools are important to us in a more widespread



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Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic School

Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic School Principal Kent Clady said he asks the school staff each week, "What are we doing to make sure we're making this a product

for parents to want to invest in?" It's important that the school has a high level for academics, but Clady said it's the faith-piece that sets the school forward.

OLG, located at 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood, serves 376 children. That number has remained steady, but Clady said the demographics have changed with the school becoming much more diverse.

"The diversity of our population changing has caused us to look at things differently and how things are presented to our families," he said. That's caused us to look a little differently at our communication, how each teacher is making sure she is

reaching each student effectively. It's been a positive for the kids and families, to be able to open our eyes and see what's going on around them."

OLG implemented a five-year technology plan, now in its third year. The students all have Chromebooks, the school has converted its stationary computer lab and has mobile labs with electronics so all students have a chance to work with these devices.

"We feel like we're meeting the needs of our kids moving forward, not only giving

them the Google platform, but giving them a traditional setting as well as virtual. The next year, we look to continue the technology. We want to make sure we're using the tools to the best of our abilities."

OLG will host an Open House on Feb. 4, 6-7 p.m. Enrollment begins Feb. 1. For more information on OLG, visit ol-g.org or call (317) 881-1300.



Kent Clady

Gretchen Guerrettaz

Gretchen Guerrettaz, eighth grade

Eighth grader Gretchen Guerrettaz said she loves everything about going to school at Our Lady of the Greenwood, from the extracurricular activities she's involved in to the teachers.

"I love how everyone is really close," she said. "It's like one big happy family and everyone loves each other."

Guerrettaz has attended OLG since preschool, along with her three siblings. She is involved in choir, kickball, volleyball, track, basketball, golf and said she looks forward to the spring musical, Lion King in February during Catholic Schools Week.



Jan Sexton's first grade class.

As she prepares to finish the eighth grade this semester and go to Roncalli High School

in the fall, she said she feels prepared for her future.

"Ī'm going to miss Our Lady of Greenwood," she said. "I'm also ready to graduate. OLG has prepared (me) to take the next step to becoming a better person going into high school. OLG has definitely made me grow stronger in my faith. I made such good friends Allison Boehm and Megan Hillstrom. here. I'm ready to graduate even though I love my family here."



good place to be. It's nice to get back to your roots a little bit."

> Boehm said they look forward to the many activities that OLG hosts, including fundraisers for different causes such as support for Haiti. The teachers said that being able to include prayer throughout the day is gratifying for them.

> "It's being able to share your faith with your students," Boehm said, "Most of them enjoy religion as their favorite subject."

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Allison Boehm and Megan Hillstrom, fourth grade teachers

Fourth-grade teachers, Megan Hillstrom and Allison Boehm have taught at Our Lady of the Greenwood for five years, supporting each other's classrooms in any way they can.

"They just have this magic together that is incredible," said Principal Kent Clady. "When you think about one, you can't not think about the other."

Hillstrom, of Greenwood, went to St. Barnabas Catholic grade school. Boehm, of Perry Township, went to Holy Name of Jesus Catholic School. Both went to Roncalli High School, graduating in 2005. Boehm attended IUPUI and Hillstrom went to University of Southern Indiana. After college, they both taught at Clark Pleasant Elementary School for a year before coming to OLG.

"When I was looking for jobs, this one popped up," Boehm said. "It seemed like a good fit. I was excited to give back to Catholic School."

Hillstrom agreed, saying "It's been a



Nativity Catholic School

Nativity Catholic School, 3310 S. Meadow Dr. in Franklin Township, provides a community for students, helping them grow in their faith and academics where they can feel at home.

"You can get good academics at most every school," said Principal Terri Bianchini. "There's a strong sense of faith here, and a strong sense of community. All of our parents know each other. The kids know there's an almost daily communication with parents and teachers. Father Pat and I greet the parents every day outside. It's a very close-knit community with like values and like expectations."

Enrollment has continually increased for the school, with 411 students enrolled this year. The biggest challenge for the 4-star school, Bianchini said, is to balance academic achievements and growth to maintain its top scoring marks.

This coming school year, Nativity will initiate a program called Leader in Me, theleaderinme.org. The pro-

gram allows students to set leadership and life goals for themselves and track their achievements throughout the week.

"It's a whole culture change in the school, making sure your students are the leaders they should be," Bianchini said. "It's a program that we bring in and we build upon each year. A lot of teacher development and professional develop-

ment goes into it. Next year is our first year. Because our kids are achieving at such a high level, we looked at where can we go from here? Leader in Me makes it so the whole school uses the same language. This is our big focus for maintain our academic growth."

Grace Whitaker, eighth grade

Nativity Catholic School eighth grader Grace Whitaker aspires to be an engineer when she's older – or a neurosurgeon. Either way, she said the academics at her school are preparing her for a future her career of choice.

"I like math a lot," she said. "Our eighth grade math teacher, Mr. English, is teaching us more at the ninth grade math level to help



Terri Bianchini Principal

us in high school. He explains things really well. He keeps us entertained but never strays too far from the topic. He's a great teacher and it helps me enjoy math."

Whiteaker is one of four Nativity

whiteaker is one of four Nativity students who performed in the Top 10 of the Roncalli High School placement test. She is involved in many extracurricular activities at the school, including basketball, volleyball, archery and other clubs. She said she also enjoys attending Mass while at school.

"I like how we can openly discuss our religion," she said. "The religion classes help me understand our religion, too."



Marissa

Gaya



For fourth grade teacher Marissa Gaya, her faith is what's most important in her life.

"I knew that, even though I love teaching academics, to me it's more important to teach children to love Jesus and follow him," she said. "I knew I wanted to be at a place where that was the main focus."



Students at Nativity Catholic School.

Growing up, Gaya attended St. Barnabas Catholic School and Roncalli High School. This is her fourth year teaching at Nativity Catholic School. She said she enjoys working with the staff at the school, and watching as the students continue to excel academically.

"The school community and the Catholic atmosphere that is here when you walk in

the door makes it a welcoming place to be," she said. "To see the kid grow in their faith is super rewarding."

Gaya said one of her favorite things to do in class is listen to Christian songs or read Bible passages and allow students to journal about it.

"The kids are really insightful about what they write, even as fourth graders. It's been awesome to see how much deeper they go throughout the year in their understanding and in their faith walk."

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Grace Whitaker - Submitted Photo

What about your Catholic school experience helped you achieve the success you have today?

The learning experience I received as a student at Nativity Catholic School contributed in many ways to the person I am today. While the excellent education I received at Nativity set the foundation and prepared me for academic success in both high school and college, Nativity also provided me the opportunity to develop my underlying sense of values, community and work ethic with an emphasis of the Catholic faith. These are the traits I carry with me today that I believe



have helped me achieve success in the home and in the work place. As I reflect back on my time at Nativity (which is sadly becoming further and further removed), I am reminded of the many great times and meaningful relationships I developed during my eight years there. I believe my children have obtained the same type of educational and spiritual experience while attending Nativity and hope they will cherish their time there as they reflect later in life.

Brian C. Beckman, Nativity Catholic School alumni, CPA at Cox, Beckman, Goss & Company





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Roncalli High School

If you watch as students walk through the doors of Roncalli High School, you might be surprised by their demeanor, said Principal Chuck Weisenbach. The students are happy to come to school.

"It's a positive, life-giving environment that they enjoy," Weisenbach said.

Roncalli High School, located at 3300 Prague Rd., Indianapolis, is the only Catholic high school to serve the South Deanery. Weisenbach said there are a number of things that make Roncalli a wonderful

He said he believes the students at Roncalli genuinely appreciate the value of prayer in their lives. The level of accountability placed on both students and staff has been rewarding as they continue to see their work transform into student success after graduation.

place to receive an education.

"We've been able to generate a culture that fosters religious vocations to the priesthood, to religious life," he said. "I say that based on the number of our graduates, the last 10 years especially, who are now ordained priests, religious women or serving in the missionary fields. That's a little of a countercultural call to society today."

Weisenbach said Roncalli has seen 25 years of slow, steady growth. Enrollment bottomed out in 1988, with a little more than 600 students. There are currently 1,250 students enrolled.

"There seems to be a growing number of people who would like a faith-based education for their child," he said. "The level of excellence we've been able to establish is already prov-

en. We've worked hard and we are able to offer a high-quality academic experience. We meet the needs of all children that come in. I think people are attracted to that."

Weisenbach said a challenge to education today is technology, how quickly it changes and how to best use it as an educational took.

"You have to be careful with technology," he said. "Are you doing this for the effect, so your community has a good feeling, or to be effective?"

In 2016, Roncalli will prepare for another capital campaign that will allow the school to expand its campus and services.

"Nothing is definitively stated, but it looks like we would be moving to building another gym/fieldhouse, continuing to add classrooms to our structure and building our endowment so we can ensure this education to our kids in the future," Weisenbach said.

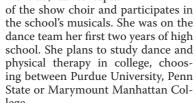
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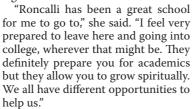
As Roncalli High School Senior Kate Myers is deciding on which college to attend, she said she feels that her Catholic education has allowed her to excel throughout school.

"I like the family aspect that it involves," she said. "It's great that we can come together and share in our faith and our be-

liefs. I think Roncalli does an excellent job of making everyone feel at home."

Myers, who attended St. Barnabas Catholic grade school, is currently involved in the student council, drama club, Spanish club, prolife club, dance captain







Kate Myers

Chuck

Weisenbach

Principal

Michelle Roberts

Michelle Roberts, Life Academy coordinator

Michelle Roberts said she loves teaching students at the Life Academy at Roncalli, a program for students with cognitive disabilities, helping them learn and become independent thinkers and problem solvers. Like any program in the school, she said it's not just about the academics but helping them to grow in their faith journey as well.

"It's exciting to be a part of a program for students with disabilities in a Catholic school," Roberts said. "It was a new challenge. Having a tradition of Catholic school in my own family, it's an important part of who I am. I stay here because I am able to work in a place where the administration, the board of directors care about me as a whole person. That's a great environment to spend 40 hours a week."

Roberts grew up on the Indianapolis Northside, attending Bishop Chatard High School and later Indiana University. She earned her Master's degree at Indiana Wesleyan. She started her career in special ed-



Students at Roncalli High School.

ucation for public schools, and then helped St. Roch Catholic School develop a resource program. She took 10 years off from work to stay home with her children. She was hired as Roncalli's special education coordinator in 2009.

"We're allowing Catholic families to have a choice," she said "The students in the Life

Academy are able to go to the same school their siblings go, where their parents went. It's a big deal for students with these sorts of disabilities who probably couldn't go to the Catholic grade schools but can attend Roncalli. Because Roncalli has this program, some of the grade schools are looking to do this as well. We're kind of leading the South Deanery and expanding what we are able to offer to Catholic families."

The Life Academy currently has six students, and can accept up to 10. She said the students spend part of the day with all of Roncalli's students in the classrooms, and the other part in classes geared toward their abilities. Juniors and se-

niors work with businesses to gain work experience that better prepares them for their future.

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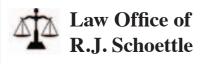
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Saints Francis & Clare Catholic School

Enrollment at Saints Francis & Clare Catholic School, 5901 Olive Branch Rd., Greenwood, has increased consistently since the school opened nine years ago. With 570 students from infants to eighth grade, As-

sistant Principal Rebecca Stone said they continue to work on academic and spiritual education while providing an atmosphere that supports happy families.

"It's a big school as far as Catholic schools go, but we want to maintain that small school feeling," she said. "That doesn't happen accidentally. It happens because we have a lot of people working to make it feel like a family."

Saints Francis & Clare opened an Early Childhood Learning Center in the fall, currently taking infants to children in preschool. Eventually that building will have classrooms for the kindergarteners.

The school is currently accepting students for its 2015-16 school year. For more information, call (317) 215-2826 or email admissions@ss-fc.org. The school will enter its 10th year in the fall.

"As we continue to have more graduates from eighth grade going to Roncalli and Center Grove, we're always excited to see what our students can accomplish," Stone said. "That's dissomething that's still new to us. Be it their academic successes, successes in plays and the arts, I'm always excited to see what they discome back and do."

Elliana Aleski, eighth grade

Eighth grader Elliana Aleski credits Saints Francis & Clare to her academic successes since she came to the school three years ago.

"Before I was at this school, I was a mediocre student. Once I came to this school, I blossomed and was able to perform better. It helped me in all areas. It helped me raise my

grade and everything."

Aleski is involved in the school's archery club, choir, cross country and currently in volleyball. She aspires to be a veterinarian, having been raised on a small farm and en-

joying working with the animals.

She said that goal is supported by Saints Francis and Clare, as every teacher goes out of their way to help make sure she is doing the best she can in academics and life outside of the classroom.

"The best thing about Catholic School is the overall community setting," she said. "Everyone goes out of their way to help everybody in their times of need. I believe a Catholic school is more personalized. You can participate in things public schools may not include such as prayers in the morning or being able to go to Mass

every morning."

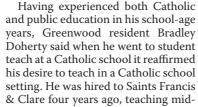


Rebecca

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Elliana Aleski

Bradley Doherty, middle school math teacher



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"What is fulfilling is being able to not necessarily provide answers, but at least have discussions with middle schoolers as they are becoming young adults," he said. "It's being able to have discussions with them about their spirituality and about their futures, how God and the community of believers that we surround ourselves with play a role in their lives and their journey."

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St. Barnabas Catholic School

St. Barnabas Catholic School Principal Debbie Perkins said she sees happy children coming to and from the school every day. It's a sign that the staff and faculty are doing their jobs in providing a well-rounded education to the students.

"Parents send us with the most precious thing they have, and we take that seriously," she said. "Their kids walk out of here every day happy, safe and knowledgeable."

St. Barnabas, located at 8300 Rahke Rd. in Perry Township, has 532 students enrolled.

Perkins said the school continues to build on its opportunities available to the students. St. Barnabas became a branch of the Indianapolis Public Library last year, allowing students to have a greater access to books they want to read. The music program is a strong asset for the school, with 90 students participating in the choir at the weekly Mass. This year, Perkins Doug Bauman said they plan to strengthen their

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) program, integrating it into classes more often.

"I'm really proud of the opportunities

that our students have and the ways that they take advantage of those opportunities," Perkins said. "Our number one focus is they grow in their faith. They show us in so many ways that they're doing that. Our focus is

they grow academically. We see their hard work coupled with their teacher's hard work. There is a culture of learning that is present."

Joseph Carper and Maria Mina, eighth grade

Hard work is a two-way street. Eighth grade students Joseph Carper and Maria Mina said what they enjoy about attending school at St. Barnabas is it's evident that the teachers work hard in their jobs, which encourages the students to put in that same amount of effort.

"I think there is a sense of motivation created by the teachers and members of the parish around the school that work here and in service," Carper said. "That sense of motivation en-

ables people to be the best version of them-

Carper is involved in volleyball, basketball and will perform in the school play. Mina is also involved in the play, as well as the choir and volleyball.

"At St. Barnabas we get a full school experience," Mina said. "The thing that motivates me is how open the teachers are and how easy they are to talk to. The teachers are really there for you and know you personally so you get more individualized learning. You are able to incorporate your faith in your daily life and that affects how you perform in school."

Photos by Nicole Davis



From left, Joseph Carper and Maria Mina

Doug Bauman, middle school math teacher

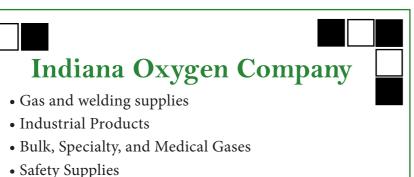
Doug Bauman grew up in Catholic school and said his Catholic identity is a huge part of who he is as a person. Having graduated with a Bachelor's degree in secondary math education and a Master's in pastoral theology, he said he knew he wanted to teach where he could provide the same opportunity that he had to grow in his faith.

"Catholic education is at heart and soul of that opportunity," he said. "The real push is the faith dimension. The students here through a lot of different avenues are given the opportunity to express who they are as Catholics."

He said it's gratifying to attend Mass at St. Barnabas Church on a Saturday and see former students return to lead the student choir in the musical accompaniment.

Bauman taught at Roncalli before coming to St. Barnabas to teach middle school math.

"All the math aside, the most fulfilling part for me is watching the students grow as young Catholic people, as a faithfilled, spirit-filled young person that leaves St. Barnabas with a desire to grow in their faith and in their relationships with God and each other," he said, "Academics are one of our main objectives here but our mission is to form these students as good, productive, kind, Christian young people."



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Students at St. Barnabas Catholic School.

St. Jude Catholic School

Whether it's a holiday or a service project, Principal Joe Shelburn said the spirit at St. Jude Catholic School is unmatched.

In the first semester, more than 200 students participated in a Saturday night Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe, rivaling the size of a Christmas or Easter Mass. The school

held a Penny War to put a roof on a church in Haiti and raised more than \$4,000 in coins.

"It is like nothing I've seen at any school because our people know how to put on events," Shelburn said. "I'm certainly proud of the community that exists here. There is an outstanding parish community but a subset of that is certainly a strong school community. We have parents and teachers that are dedicated to making this a special place. It's obvious they care about the success of the school."

St. Jude, located at 5347 McFarland Rd. in Perry Township, has 499 students, with steady enrollment as the school is full.

Shelburn said they're proud of con- Zachary Mayer sistently earning high academic recognitions and achievements, which presents them with a challenge of finding opportunities for the students to continue to grow and excel. Shelburn said St. Jude will soon place a new emphasis on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) initiatives and will look at additional programing for top performing stu-

"Education is a big piece, but it's about the whole child.," Shelburn said. "We offer an opportunity for our young people to be formed as human beings. We care so much beyond an education. We care about the individual child and all facets of their life. Our mission is to prepare kids to be the kind of people we hope them to be in the future."

Zachary Mayer, eighth grade

Going to school at St. Jude makes for a new experience every day, said eighth grade student Zachary Mayer.

"We get to do lots of fun things other schools don't get to do," he said. "(I like) getting to talk about God and sharing my faith with fellow classmates and teachers. All of the teachers are just wonderful. They make learning fun and different every day."

Mayer is on the speech team, plays volleyball, runs track and cross country and said he looks forward to the upcoming school play. He said he aspires to go into the medical field or do something relating to animals, for which the academics at St. Jude are helping prepare him.

"Our science teacher likes to teach a lot of

different stuff that sophomores at Roncalli are doing right now, to give us a taste of what we might want to do when we grow up," he

Sally Meyer, sixth grade teacher

Joe

Shelburn

Principal

Sally Meyer

In her 30th year of teaching at St. Jude

Catholic School, Sally Meyer said she stands by the tenet of Saint Mother Theodore Guerin who wrote, "Love the children first, then teach them."

"Kids know if you care," Meyer said. "I'm sure mother Theodore had it right. Once you capture them, and they know that you care about them, then they will work for you; they'll learn for you. The teachers do a good job here of loving the kids."

Having a public school background, she said her desire to teach in a Catholic school came while attending Marian University, in the music ministry.

at St. Jude, where a majority of the teachers stay for long durations. She said she feels the teachers do a good job at adapting their religious lessons to demonstrate what's going on in the world, having a long-lasting impact on the students.

"I like to think that maybe I'm planting some seeds that will help for generations to come," she said. "We don't always see the impact right away. I like to think that, at least for some kids,

I'm making a difference. I like to be part of their spiritual growth. I like to watch from wherever their starting and watch where they grow spiritually."



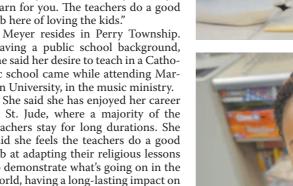




Students at St. Jude Catholic School. **Photo by Nicole Davis**







Rusty

Albertson

Principal

Stonecipher

Lauren Cline

St. Mark Catholic School

St. Mark Catholic School principal Rusty Albertson has spent 27 years in education and said he's never been to a place where parents are more involved in their children's

education than at St. Mark, at 541 E. Edgewood Ave., in Perry Township. As the school grows in size each year, he said they continue to focus on high academic standards while putting faith first and foremost.

"The biggest thing we're proud of is our staff, students and parents ability to grow together in their faith," Albertson said. "That's the number one reason parents send their children to faith-based, Catholic or Christian school. We provide the opportunity for them to do that with mass, Eucharistic adoration, reconciliation, sacraments that allow our kids, Catholic or not, to grow in their faith."

With 265 students enrolled at the school, Albertson said 37 percent are minority, nearly 17 percent of students from the Burmese community.

"We represent our community," he said. "It looks like a melting pot around here. We're happy to represent that in our school and our parish."

St. Mark continues to focus on building its technology program, and is nearly one-to-one with every stu-

dent having access to Google Chromebooks, which are kept at the school. The staff has also increased expectations for students pertaining to service projects, and encourages the children to give back in any way they can.

"The biggest challenge is to get everything in," Alberton said. "It's more than reading, writing and arithmetic. We stress the academic fundamentals but we have so much more that goes on in this school. Our hands aren't tied. We can speak about our faith. I meet with every set of parents when they come in. I tell them if they're child has grown in their faith and comes closer to God, we've done our job."

Jack Stonecipher, sixth grade

Sixth grader Jack Stonecipher came to St. Mark Catholic School three years ago, transferring from a public school in Plainfield. He says he's enjoying his time at St. Mark, and all that going to a Catholic school can provide.

"My favorite class is religion," he said. "We get to spend more time with God and with our friends and really connect with Him. I like that we can express our faith and not be afraid that someone would come up to you and say stop."

Stonecipher is involved in basketball and track at the school. He said he's like to be an

author when he grows up, writing fiction or sci-fi and traveling the world. For now, he's enjoying learning all he can in school.

"I like the fact that the teachers here are very nice to us," he said. "Sometimes they don't give us enough homework and we can study more."

Lauren Cline, assistant principal and technology teacher

As assistant principal and technology teacher, Lauren Cline said she enjoys sharing her faith with her students in both roles at St. Mark Catholic School. She went to Catholic school on the Northside of Indianapolis through high school, and said it's fulfilling to be on the other end, praying with students and watching them experience things for the first time.

"Watching the students grow in their faith from the time they start to the time they leave here is pretty special," she said. "It's neat to see them experience what I experienced as a child growing up."

This is Cline's first year to teach technology. She has been with St. Mark for seven years. She said the school is growing the technology program to allow every student to have access.

"My goal this year is to increase the use of technology in the classroom," she said. "It helps them to engage the students. The students really enjoy the Chromebooks vs. textbooks. It is helping them to prepare them for the way technology changes in the world"



Students at St. Mark Catholic School **Photos by Nicole Davis**

What about your Catholic school experience helped you achieve the success you have today?

I went to school here kindergarten through eighth grade. There is another teacher here that I also went to school with. The fact that we're both us were drawn back to St. Mark after we went off to high school and college, it's a statement. This is where my foundation was built. I love being in the pre-k classroom because not I'm helping set their foundation. The amazing part about St. Mark is the turnover rate is not intense. People are not here just for a paycheck. It's about giv-

ing your time and making every day the most amazing you can for a child. There are still some teachers who I work with that taught me... You're with them a lot of times longer than you are with your parents. They helped shape me into the person I am today. I think I'm pretty confident in who I am as a person and that came from here.

Marissa Bossingham, St. Mark Catholic School alumni, pre-k teacher at St. Mark





St. Roch Catholic School

St. Roch Catholic School is rooted in its Catholic identity, and Principal Joe Hansen said they are always looking at ways to get the word out about how special the school is.

"When you walk through these hallways, you see kids that are well behaved, that want to learn," he said. "We have teachers that don't just lecture; they try to meet the needs of all of our students. There is a lot of cooperative learning, project-based learning. It's the environment and family atmosphere. That's what always comes up

St. Roch has 288 students enrolled at the school, built in 1924 at 3603 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis.

about St. Roch when I give a tour."

Father James Wilmoth is in his 51st year as a priest and Hansen said he is an integral part of the school. Hansen said the school offers hands-on learning as often as possible, such as a recent partnership with the Indiana Science Initiative and Purdue University which sends prepackaged science experiments for eighth grade students. Three years ago they started a program called Arts for Learning which brings in artists from around Indianapolis into the middle school to teach. He said St. Roch is committed to academics continues through activities such as Academic Olympics, chess

"It's a challenge every day," Hansen said. "I tell our kids to always look at challenges as opportunities. I like the challenge of meeting the kids where they are, taking them where they need to be and keeping my staff happy."

Olivia Noone, eighth grade

club, Spell Bowl and speech.

Eighth grader Olivia Noone participates in many academic and sports activities for St. Roch Catholic School, but said it's the opportunities that she has for service work that she really loves. She said she is grateful to attend a Catholic school where she can do good for others while growing in her faith.

"It's a family," she said. "We all help each other out. To me that lightens the mood of going to school. It helps strengthen my faith. If I didn't go to a Catholic school, I wouldn't have the knowledge of my faith, the strength that I have today. It's great going to a Catholic school and having that family that shares the same things you believe."

Noone said while she never liked science much before, that's an interest she's gained this year as she participates in her eighth grade science classes.

"St. Roch has prepared me greatly," she said. "I've been able to maintain good grades through the excellent teachers in middle school. They don't hold back. They make

sure you are ready for the high school and the challenges you will face. This school has been my family for the nine years I've spent here. I couldn't thank my teachers enough for the work they have put in to get me ready for high school."

Julie Seevers, sixth – eighth grade science teacher

When searching for a place to teach, Julie Seevers said she looked for a school with strong leadership. She found that in St. Roch, with Principal Hansen and Father James Wilmoth. After touring the school and experiencing the environment within the building, she said she knew she was in the right place.

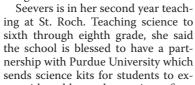
Joe Hansen

Principal

Olivia Noone

Julie Seevers

"The students here were enthusiastic about learning," she said. "They want to be here and were appreciative about anything a staff member was doing for them. It blew me away my first year, that the students actually thank you after class. That's something I feel makes St. Roch stand out."



periment with and learn about science first-hand.

"The most fulfilling thing when the students are sitting in your classroom, you can tell they are excited about what they are doing," she said. "They show up with their A game and are ready to learn."









What about your Catholic school experience helped you achieve the success you have today?

I feel like the strong teachers and Catholic identity helped me choose the profession I wanted, which was to become a teacher. It was neat that I was able to spiral back here and be as successful as I am. This is my 25th class that I have had here. I love this parish. It's very cohesive. I graduated with about 16 students in 1982. I am still friends with some of them. We have sent our kids here. My mom went to school here as well. We see a lot of generation after generation come here. There is a good foundation of faith and academics.



Teresa Plummer, St. Roch Catholic School alumni, kindergarten teacher at St. Roch

CALENDAR

Week of January 28 - February 3, 2016 • ss-times.com

BEECH GROVE

Bingo for Seniors • Join for Bingo the last Thursday of each month. | When: Jan. 28, 6 p.m. | Where: Beech Grove Meadows, 2002 Albany St., Beech Grove. | Info: Call Shawnte Fonville, (317) 783-2911.

Craft Fair: Pick Me Up Market • Join this vendor craft fair hosted by Beech Grove "Our Place." | When: Jan. 30, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Where: Beech Grove Our Place, 102 S. 9th Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: Email bgourplace@gmail.com or call (317) 222-4158.

CENTER GROVE

Chili Cook Off • Saints Francis & Clare will host its annual Chili Cook Off, a fundraising event. | When: Jan. 30, 6:30 p.m. | Where: 5901 Olive Branch Rd., Greenwood. | Info: Visit ss-fc.org.

Sip & Stitch • Join this open group for all levels, sipping wine while creating something special with yarn. | When: Feb. 3, 6:30 – 8 p.m. and 17, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. |Where: Mallow Run Winery, 6964 W. Whiteland Rd., Bargersville. | Info: Call (317) 422-1556.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

Toddler Storytime • Toddlers 18 - 36 months and an adult are invited for stories, songs, finger plays and flannel board activities. | When: Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23, 10:15 a.m. | Where: Franklin Road Branch library, 5550 S. Franklin Rd., Indianapolis. | Info: Call (317) 275-4380.

Preschool Storytime at Franklin Road • Preschoolers ages 3 - 6 and an adult are invited for stories and preschool activities. | When: Feb. 2 and 16, 1:15 p.m. and Feb. 3 and 17, 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. | Where: Franklin Road Branch library, 5550 S. Franklin Rd., Indianapolis. | Info: Call (317)

Baby Lapsit at Franklin Road • Babies up to 18 months and an adult are invited for stories, songs, rhymes and flannel board activities. | When: Feb. 4, 11, 18 and 25, 10:15 a.m. | Where: Franklin Road Branch library, 5550 S. Franklin Rd., Indianapolis. Info: Call (317) 275-4380.

Pancake Breakfast • The Franklin Township and Beech Grove Lions Clubs will host the first-ever Pancake Breakfast. Lions volunteers will take orders, bring food, fill drinks and clear tables. There will be a Date Night basket raffle. All proceeds go to community projects. | When: Feb. 6, 8:30 -10:30 a.m. | Where: Longhorn Steakhouse, 4820 E. Southport Rd. | Cost: \$6 includes unlimited pancakes, sausage, milk, juice or coffee. | Info: Contact Don Stowers, (317) 490-0487, dstowers@aol.com or Kelly Foulk, (317) 429-7807, kellyfoulk@comcast.net.

FOUNTAIN SQUARE

Play Date Preschool Storytime at Fountain Square • Preschoolers and an adult are invited for stories, songs, fingerplays and rhymes following by playtime. | When: Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, 11 a.m. | Where: Fountain Square Branch library, 1066 Virginia Ave., Indianapolis. | Info: Call (317)

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GARFIELD PARK

Heart • SoArts will host this exhibition including artists interpretation of love, heart and/or Valentine's Day. When: Feb. 6 - 27. Opening reception Feb. 6, 5 – 7 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Art Center, 2432 Conservatory Dr., Indianapolis. | Info: Email exhibit@soarts.org.

GREENWOOD

Two for The Show • The Two for the Show band will play music from the '60s and '70s. The event is free and open to the public. The Post also serves meals beginning at 6 p.m. | When: Jan. 29, 8 p.m. | Where: 333 S. Washington St., Greenwood. | Info: Call (317) 888-2488.

Valentine's Day Crafts • Everyone can spread their live by being creative with Valentine's Day crafts. | When: Feb. 4, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. | Where: White River branch library, 1664 Library Blvd. Greenwood. | Info: Visit pageafterpage.org.

Hoosier Novels on the Big Screen • Learn about a variety of novels penned by Hoosier authors which have made it to the big screen. Dan O'Brien will give a viewing of film clips along with information about the novels and films. | When: Feb. 4, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, Community Room B. | Info: Call (317) 888-5036 to register.

Quilt Connection Guild • The guild will host its monthly meeting with guest speaker Rachel Whiteaker on ideas for maximizing sewing space. New members are welcome. | When: Feb. 4, 7 p.m. | Where: Greenwood United Methodist Chruch, 525 N. Madison Ave., Greenwood. | Info: Visit quiltcg.

Chicken Dinner • Greenwood VFW Post 5864 will host a chicken breast dinner. The meal includes mashed potatoes, corn, salad, roll and butter. When: Feb. 5, 6 – 8 p.m. Karaoke begins 8 p.m. Where: 333 S. Washington St., Greenwood. | Cost: \$11 per person. | Info: Call (317) 888-2488.

Teen Film Festival • The 7th Annual Teen Film Festival will highlight student filmmakers, introduce teens to new technology and award creativity. Students in grades 9-12 are welcome to submit a film of their choice that fits into one of four categories: documentary, feature film, music video, or book trailer. | When: Film Festival is May 5. Entries must be submitted by April 25. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St. | Info: Visit greenwoodlibrary.us/teenfilmfestival.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Winter Warm-Ups at Mallow Run • Join for live music from $2 - \overline{5}$ p.m. and a different soup each week. | When: Jan. 30 and 31. | Where: 6964 W. Whiteland Rd., Bargersville. | Info: Call (317) 422-

Stop & Shop • This handbag and accessory fundraiser is brought to the Johnson Memorial Guild by Specialty Distributers, Inc. | When: Feb. 2, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Feb. 3, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Where: Johnson Memorial Hospital, in the 1125 Main Lobby. Info: Visit johnsonmemorial.org.

PERRY TOWNSHIP

Public Art in Indy: Roland Hobart and a New Era in the City • Multimedia historical exhibition traces history of public art projects in Indianapolis. | When: Now through Feb. 5, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays. | Where: Ulndy's Christel DeHaan Fine Arts Center Gallery, 1400 E. Hanna Ave., Indianapolis. | Info: Call (317) 788-2196 or visit uindyfairbankssymposium2016.eventbrite.com.

Public Art in Indy • In conjunction with the Richard M. Fairbanks Symposium on Civic Leadership. this exhibition of selected works will trace the role of public art in the city from the late 1960s to the early 2000s. | When: Now – Feb. 12, 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. weekdays. | Where: Ulndy's Christel DeHaan Fine Arts Center Gallery, 1400 E. Hanna Ave., Indianapolis. | Info: Visit uindy.edu/arts/art or call (317) 788-3253

SOUTHPORT

Job Center • The Library presents a free service for unemployed or underemployed individuals to receive one-on-one assistance to enhance their employment skills. | When: Feb. 2, 9, 16 and 23, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and Feb. 3, 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24 and 28, 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. | Where: Southport Branch library, 2630 E. Stop 11 Rd. | Info: Call (317) 275-



Dirty Grandpa... Not funny at all

MOVIE REVIEW

By Adam Staten

Spending time with elderly people can

be a terrific way to gain knowledge and insight. They have years of life experience that usually manifests itself in clever or funny sayings intended to impart a nugget of truth and wisdom. However, as one new film terrifically illustrates, wisdom does not always accompany years lived. The new film, *Dirty Grandpa*, starring Robert De Niro and Zac Efron, opened

in theaters this past weekend assaulting the senses of audiences everywhere.

With a title like *Dirty Grandpa*, one might expect the film to be a little less than wholesome and family-friendly. And to be completely honesty, that would be a very accurate. *Dirty Grandpa* has Robert De Niro as a 72-year-old widower who has recently lost his wife of more than 40 years. In order to distract himself from his grief and contemplating his own mortality, he deceives his soon straight-laced, clean-cut and soon-to-be-wed grandson (Efron) into driving him down to Florida. De Niro's character sells his grandson on the lie that him and his recently deceased grandmother would make the annual trip.

The fun in the sun quickly dissolves in a debaucherous trip filled with a lot of drugs, alcohol, profanity, and not a whole lot of thinking. Instead, grandpa's real motivation for the trip turns out to be an opportunity

for dear old grandpa to get back out there and get "reacquainted" with the young female population.

The biggest problem with Dirty Grandpa

is not that it's loud, profane and crass. The issue arises because it's all of those things in the absence of any real, actual story. Sure, the film tries to throw some semblance of a story in the last act, but it's too little, too late and most will have long ceased caring by that point.

Another big problem for *Dirty Grandpa* is that it's just not funny. There are a few

laughs here and there, but they don't happen nearly enough. For a film that's technically considered a comedy, that's a problem. There are also aren't any real likable characters, they are all either selfish, one-dimensional or both.

Dirty Grandpa is another case of an interesting premise that appeared to be filled with fertile ground for comedic opportunities, which never ever comes close to fruition. However, what it turns out to be is an unfunny and often, hard to watch mess of a film. What was De Niro thinking?

1.5 out of 5.



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

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Ingredients and directions: In a shaker add 1 ½ oz. Malibu Coconut Rum, 1 oz. pineapple juice, and 1 oz. Midori melon liqueur. Shake and strain into a high ball glass. Sink 1 oz. Chambord Liqueur down the side of the glass. Lastly, add 1 oz. Jägermeister.



WHERE I DINE

Diana Walker, owner of Magic Combs Beauty Salon, 3535 S. Emerson Ave. # 4, Beech Grove

Where do you like to dine? Olive Garden at 8155 E. Washington St., Indianapolis.

What do you like to eat there? The salad, breadsticks, and their spaghetti and meatballs.

What do you like about this place? It is a good place to meet with friends, it has varied menu choices, friendly staff and a nice atmosphere.

Olive Garden is located at 8155 E. Washington St. in Indianapolis and also at 1274 US Highway 31 in Greenwood. The East Washington St. location phone number is (317) 895-0800 and Greenwood is (317) 887-3030.

Compiled by Brian Ruckle

AN OPTION

Thai Recipes Restaurant

The scoop: The businesses at Heritage Corner plaza south of US 465 at the corner of Thompson and US 31 gained a new neighbor in December. Thai Recipes Restaurant serves authentic Thai dishes prepared by a cook who learned her craft in her home country of Thailand. Her husband and coowner Nvan is from Burma and it is becoming a favorite destination for the Burmese population in the area. The beautiful dining room makes the restaurant a great place for locals to go for a date and with Wi-Fi available it is also a good place to bring your laptop. The menu is full of new and interesting dishes. For those who are

 $vegetarian\ the\ meat\ can\ be\ substituted\ with\ to fu.$



Recommendation: Pad King, a stir fried choice of meat prepared with ginger, bell peppers, onions, mushrooms, and scallions.

Hours: Monday to Thursday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday to Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday noon to 8 p.m.

Location: In the Heritage Corner plaza at 404 E. Thompson Rd. in Indianapolis.

Phone: (317) 388-5152



Compiled by Brian Ruckle

AROUND TOWN

Southside churches to participate in Lenten Breakfast

The United Methodist Church Lenten Breakfast Series Central District (Southeast Group) has raised \$14,577.10 in the last three years. All of that money raised went to local charities: Perry Township Religious Education Association, Brightwood Community Center, Fletcher Place Community Center and missions selected by the churches within the group. The group sponsor churches consist of Rosedale United Methodist, University Heights United Methodist, St. Andrew United Methodist, Edgewood United Methodist, Southport United Methodist, Woodside United Methodist, Calvary United Methodist, Beech Grove United Methodist, Morris Street United Methodist, Christ United Methodist, Roberts Park United Methodist and Center United Methodist.

Six of these churches will host the event every Saturday morning from 7:30 to 8:55 a.m. starting Feb. 13 and ending March 19 before Palm Sunday. Everyone is welcome to the no-charge breakfast. A free-will offering will be taken. This year the 2016 Lenten Breakfast series will kick off at Rosedale

United Methodist Church, located at 4450 S. Keystone Ave. On Feb. 13. The next 5 Lenten breakfasts are: Feb. 20 at Christ United Methodist Church, 8540 US 31 South; Feb. 27 at Edgewood United Methodist Church 1820 E. Epler Ave. Hosted by Woodside & Calvary; March 5 at Edgewood United Methodist Church, 1820 E. Epler Ave.; March 12 at St. Andrew United Methodist Church 2560 Villa Ave.; March 19 at University Height United Methodist Church, 4002 Otterbein Ave.

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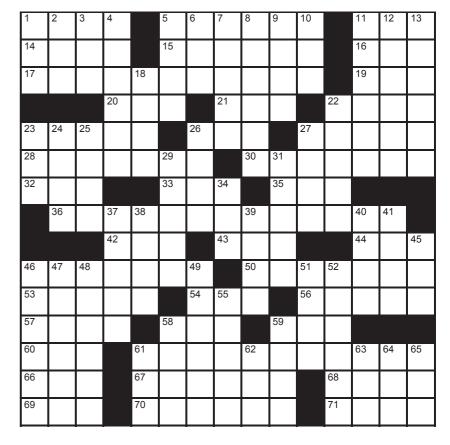
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- 5. Bottleneck on I-65
- 11. Andrew Luck's call
- 14. Salvation _
- 15. Infuse with oxygen
- 16. St. Louis-to-Indy dir.
- 17. Movie about Indiana Rep. Visclosky's fire breather? (2 wds.)
- 19. Top card at the Indianapolis Bridge Club
- 20. Wray of "King Kong"
- 21. Newborn at PetSmart
- 22. Hendricks County town
- 23. Shoulder gesture
- 26. Triumphant cry
- 27. Kroger bread spreads
- 28. Pekoe unit (2 wds.)
- 30. With speed
- 32. Fall behind
- 33. Shell product
- 35. Bit of Brylcreem
- 36. Movie about Indiana Sen. Coats' daily routine? (4 wds.)
- 42. Indiana's Lincoln
- 43. Colonel Lilly
- 44. Indiana State Police blotter letters
- 46. Brush aside
- 50. Helped in a heist
- 53. Local car czar
- 54. Possesses
- 56. "Get Shorty" star: Rene ____
- 57. Stocking stuffers
- 58. Commit perjury in Johnson County Court
- 59. Indy Tire supply
- 60. Pacers' former org.
- 61. Movie about Indiana Sen. what's-his-name? (2 wds.)
- 66. IU football coach Cameron
- 67. Smitten (2 wds.)
- 68. Beech Grove HS geometry class calculation
- 69. Greenwood Park Mall store posting (Abbr.)
- 70. St. Vincent Hospital room staple
- 71. Make out at Tibbs Drive-In

Down

- 1. Lids buy
- 2. Ulndy campus map blurb: "You ____ here"
- 3. Clock standard, 4 hrs. ahead of EDT
- 4. Stunning sight



- 5. Lord's mate
- 6. "___ the ramparts..."
- 7. Chart in Anthem's annual report
- 8. IUPUI athlete
- 9. Perched on Chase Tower
- 10. Murat Theatre restroom sign
- 11. Threw with effort
- 12. Far from hip
- 13. Like a piece at the Museum of Miniature Houses
- 18. MCL stuffing herb
- 22. Cover story in Marion County Court
- 23. Rams on a Lucas Oil Stadium scoreboard
- 24. Marsh lettuce unit
- 25. Mumbai Grill music
- 26. Miles away from Indy
- 27. Iridescent gem at Kay Jewelers
- 29. Moorehead of "Bewitched"
- 31. Ignore the IRT script
- 34. Catch sight of
- 37. Bob and Tom, e.g.
- 38. Sacred bird of ancient Egypt
- 39. Word of woe
- 40. Saturated substances

- 41. ___ out (manages) 45. Commotion
- 46. Remove, as a coupon
- 47. Angela Buchman weather line
- 48. Prepares clams at Bonefish Grill
- 49. WRTV's "Agents of ____"
- 51. Eiteljorg Museum tribe
- 52. Swami's headpiece
- 55. Famous fable writer
- 58. One and only
- 59. Final word at United Methodist Church
- 61. Triangular sail at Geist
- 62. Midwest Fertility stock
- 63. Indiana Department of Natural Resources mine find
- 64. Santa Claus, Ind.'s favorite mo.
- 65. Indianapolis Zoo hairy Asian ox

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Puzzle time



The truth about Ketchup

NUTRITION

By Chef Wendell Fowler

Recently, I observed a chap decanting a copious amount of tomato ketchup onto his fried hash browns, bacon and eggs. Hoosiers love greasy fried taters and lots of 'em bub: Visually evident, by the collective circumference of Indiana's waistline. Indiana has the seventh highest adult obesity rate in the nation, according to The State of Obesity: Better Policies for a Healthier America.

Asphyxiated in ketchup, fried in grease, carbolicious spuds quickly add on pounds and can lead to diabetes, obesity, heart disease, cancer and liver disease. Ketchup has no nutritional value. There's no fiber, protein or nutrition. Most brands are a crap-storm of toxic HFCS and sugar. BBQ sauce: worse? Read labels, friends. Don't be an easy mark.

Ubiquitous ketchup is in 97 percent of US homes and slathered on innumerable French fries daily. Heinz sells whopping 11billion packets of ketchup a year, which are two packets for every person on earth. With so much being consumed, there are realities you must face. Today's ketchup isn't real food, friends. While you've been "sleeping"; unconscious and glued to your iPhone; you've become a slave to unholy convenience.

Heinz and most ketchups aren't' actually ketchup; at least according to the Israeli Health Ministry. The Daily Mail reported Heinz is banned from calling its famous sauce 'ketchup' in Israel because it doesn't

contain enough "tomato solids"; not enough paste to be ketchup. Israel news site haaretz. com says the "ketchup" maker must use the phrase "Tomato Seasoning" on its Hebrew labels.

Under President Reagan, without the permission of God, ketchup miraculously became a vegetable. Reagan's callous cutbacks in the federal school lunch program elicited criticism that there was no longer funding to provide a "balanced diet" to precious school-children, including fresh vegetables. Reagan argued that ketchup is a vegetable because it is red and comes from tomatoes. Really? Yet another attempt by the GOP to feed junk food to the playground set?

Wake up!!!! I'm not saying ditch ketchup. Say it out loud, "moderation." Next time you're craving fried potatoes, stop and think. Evolve into mustard: one of the healthiest condiments. Guacamole: healthy fats, fiber, vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants. Salsa: mostly just vegetables can be super healthy with no added sugars if you get a good brand. Hummus: chickpeas, tahini, garlic, lemon, and olive oil would be great on crispy hash browns. Choose to create a better version of who you are, one day at a time.



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

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Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE: States: ILLINOIS, INDIANA, MICHIGAN, MISSOURI, NEBRASKA, OHIO; Things: CANDY, CARD, CUPID, FLOWERS, HEART; Foods: CALZONE, LASAGNA, PASTA, PIZZA; Counties: BOONE, HAMILTON, MARION; Stores: SALLY, ULTA; Cyclist: MAJOR TAYLOR

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BIBLE

Weekly Devotion

"O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together." ~ Psalm 34:3

Most of the best times I have had in my life have been those I had with the church. Since I was a child, my mother had me in church services, mostly Sunday school and a.m. worship. At

times we went to service on Sunday evenings and now and then we went to what was called cottage prayer meetings and mid-week prayer meetings that were held at the church meeting house.

I can recall some of the older saints and their testimonies at these prayer meetings. I remember the prayers and how that they all knelt as they prayed. In those days, no one stood up to pray. And, when they

prayed they had one person lead out in prayer and others prayed with them simultaneously. Some prayed very loudly and others almost at a whisper and some even under their breath. Some would even shed tears and some would get very happy. You see, in those days it was no shame to express emotions when talking to the Lord.

"O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together." I still want you to come and worship God along side of me. I want to hear the excitement in your voice and I want to see the enthusiasm on your face as we worship the Lord side by side. We can do this, you know. We can if we are willing to set self aside and to seek Him and His will together. If you love the Lord, come and worship Him with me. It would be such an enjoyable moment and an unforgettable one too.

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