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Under JCPL's leadership, the program, now named CommUnity Matters, will continue to serve as an outlet to garner community engagement and collaboration. (Submitted photo)

Aspire announces program transition to Johnson County Public Library

Aspire Economic Development + Chamber Alliance is transitioning the Community Development Volunteer Program to its member and community partner, the Johnson County Public Library. The program, launched in 2013, is designed to help produce a number of studies, events and initiatives to help make Johnson County a desirable place to live, work and play.

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By using eCheck-In, patients can confirm appointments, update medications, pharmacy and medical history, verify or update insurance and other personal information, including paying the copay. (Submitted photo)

Franciscan Health expands electronic check-in tool

An electronic medical records tool is helping to give Franciscan Health patients the convenience of spending less time in the waiting room and more productive time with medical staff and their providers. eCheck-In gives patients the time-saving convenience of completing registration check-ins electronically before their appointments on their smart phones.

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Southside construction update

New noise barriers being installed on State Road 37 near Bluff Road, nighttime closures expected near the southwest side.

Compiled by Nicole Davis

During the 2022 season, The Southside Times shared regular updates on the numerous construction projects happening across the Southside.

As always, be mindful of our construction workers and drive safely!

• **I-69 Indianapolis:** 20-minute stoppages are expected at Harding Street for bridge work. Crews will perform these brief stoppages as needed to bring in large trucks and move materials. Nighttime left-lane closures are expected on I-465 between I-65 and I-70 on the city's southwest side for median work and preparation for the upcoming directional closures.

• **I-69 Greenwood:** Motorists may notice paving activities resuming on the new northbound lanes of S.R. 37 near Olive Branch Road. Once complete, this will provide a smooth, quiet driving surface for the future

I-69. New noise barriers are beginning to take shape on S.R. 37 near Bluff Road. Crews will be working in the right-of-way installing the posts and absorptive panels that will provide a buffer for the neighborhoods east of future I-69. Mowing crews are expected this week along the corridor as the weather allows.



AROUND TOWN



Hornet Park Breakfast Club mentors and students celebrate the end of the year together. (Submitted photo)

Hornet Park Breakfast Club celebrates another successful year

Mentorship - The Hornet Park Breakfast Club is an opportunity for teacher-selected Hornet Park students to eat breakfast with a Beech Grove High School student, once a week for three months. This program offers the opportunity for the Hornet Park student to build strong relationships with a mentor in their community and for the BGHS to earn community service hours. Hornet Park recently thanked its high schools mentors for another great year: Jaydyn Madry, Lillianna Jansen, Allison Rinks, Jack Broadwell, Tyquan Lee, Chase Alford, Rylan Horen, Simeon McIntosh and Griffin Matracia.

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Mini Movers

Students in a Southport High School project create toy cars for children with disabilities



As a member of Southport High School's Robotics Team, Katie Essex played a key role three years ago to launch the Mini Movers project. Essex continues to coordinate and organize the program as well as expanding the project to include more students. Cultivating support for Mini Movers in the community has also been one of her goals. (Submitted photo)



Southport High School students, Quinn Carmody, Tabytha Hite and Sam Shelburn introduce Hazel Woods, 4, daughter of Tawannda Jones of Greenwood, to her police car. Students involved in Mini Movers adapted the car to specifically meet Hazel's needs. (Submitted photo)

By Sherri Coner

"What do you think, buddy?" Southsider Patrick Bushnell asked as he placed his son Bowen, 3, on the seat of the bright red and khaki colored, tot-sized jeep. "How about that, dude?"

Although Bowen grinned at his dad, he had a tight grip on his mom, Abby Bushnell, as he studied the steering wheel.

"His older sisters have cars," Bushnell said. "This car gives Bowen the chance to do what they do."

Student and community participation

Now in its third year of modifying toy cars for young children with disabilities, Southport High School's Mini Movers project continues to draw student participation as well as big hearts in the community willing to donate toward the cause.

In the first year, the project provided a modified car for one child.

Last year, three children received modified cars.

This year, seven little faces studied the cars, tailored to fit their individual needs.

Based on feedback from parents and professionals, students move gas pedals, adapt steering wheels, reinforce seat belts or add harnesses to help a child's torso to remain upright.

They also problem-solve in order to accommodate children who wear leg braces or have limited use of their hands.

Each parent is provided with a remote control for their child's car.

A few feet behind Bowen and his family, three Southport High School students, Quinn Carmody, Tabytha Hite and Sam Shelburn gently introduced Hazel Jones, 4, to her new police car.

Although she was smiling, Hazel seemed a little overwhelmed by the flashing LED lights on the car, which can also be turned off.

Students involved with Mini Movers work in teams.

Teamwork

Carmody, a senior, and Hite, a freshman, worked on wiring lights for cars and adding additional modifications.

Shelburn, a sophomore, collaborated with the team focused most on construction and building.

Since the beginning of Mini Movers, Junior, Katie Essex, has coordinated the project.

Stressing that Mini Movers needs a lot more than engineering and robotics students, Essex recruited additional talent. She found students interested in community fundraising and students experienced with 3D printers to

create keychains for fundraisers.

Essex also invited art students to decorate the children's cars.

Now the Mini Movers project showcases a sampling of nearly every talent and interest in the school.

"It's not only about engineering," Essex said.

As he studied a couple of children with their families, Shelburn grinned.

Happy kids

"It's great to see these kids," said this first year Mini Movers participant. "They look so happy."

This year several Greenwood Community High School students asked to work alongside Southport students, said physics teacher Anthony Stanich, who oversees Project Lead the Way, a national high school organization, as well as the Mini Movers project, sponsored this year by Southport CyberCard Robotics.

"It's nice to see the high school kids learning how engineering and robotics affect their lives. They are learning about it and applying it," Stanich said. "It's also about making little kids happy with experiences every child deserves to have."



Southsiders Patrick Bushnell, Bowen Bushnell, 3, Abby Bushnell and Bowen's older sisters Ellie and Cami, examine Bowen's jeep, modified specifically for his needs by Southport High School's Mini Movers participants. (Submitted photo)

On the Cover: Southside parents, Patrick and Abby Bushnell, introduce their son Bowen, 3, to the jeep modified specifically for his needs by Southport High School student members of the Mini Movers project. (Submitted photo)

Honoring our nation's heroes on Memorial Day

By Todd Travis

With Memorial Day quickly approaching, there's a different feel in the air. As the weather warms, the birds sing melodic tunes that tickle our ears, lawn mowers hum happily across the newly-awakened grass, and people begin to venture out of their houses to resume normal human contact after the cold winter. It feels good.

As we prepare for our summer barbecues, dips into swimming pools, and our endless lists of summer events, let's not forget about the sacrifices that were made so that we could enjoy these freedoms. Memorial Day is observed in order to mourn and honor our U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces.

Could there be a better moment to observe this holiday than now? At the height of the excitement that this time of year brings, Memorial Day is a reminder to practice gratitude. Lest we get carried away with our own plans, we can pause — and be grateful for the selflessness of our fallen heroes.

As we contemplate these difficult truths, we can allow these lessons to give us a refreshed perspective over the next several months. When celebrating, we can't forget to be grateful. When someone is serving us, we must remember to be kind to them. When we are given good fortune, we should share it with those less fortunate than us.

This Memorial Day, take the time to remember the meaning behind the holiday. Pray a small thank you to our fallen heroes and a word of comfort to those who mourn them. Be thankful for what



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Pictured starting second from left, Kay Parrott, regent; Laura Manning, vice regent; Cathy Pollachek, chaplain; Linda McClure, recording secretary; Vicki Kurtz, corresponding secretary; Cheryl Mead, registrar; Pam Clements, treasurer; and not pictured, Ariana Cieslak, historian & librarian. Lisa Winship, the Central District Director is shown on the far left. (Submitted photo)

Mary Bryan Chapter NSDAR installs new officers for 2023–2025

Community Involvements - During its May 1 meeting, the NSDAR's Central District Director Lisa Winship conducted the installation of their 2023-2025 new officers.



Image from Power Plant Grant recipient Lauren Zoll's "Purple Waste" (Submitted photo)

Power Plant Grants to fund \$60,000 for six innovative Indianapolis art projects, spaces

Supporting Arts – The Indianapolis-based nonprofit arts organization, Big Car Collaborative, is accepting applications to its Power Plant Grant program through July 10. This annual program supports individual artists, artist teams and art spaces with six \$10,000 grants. The funds are for artists living in Indianapolis and spaces located in the city. The Power Plant Grant is part of The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts' Regional Regranting Program, a network of partners that fund visual artists and collectives producing public-facing work that's experimental and brings new energy to arts communities throughout the country. In Indianapolis, Power Plant Grants are intended to enable individuals and groups of artists to take New risks with their work, push the scope and scale of their activities, develop and pursue collaborative projects, and/or engage with the public and public realm in inventive and meaningful ways. To apply, visit powerplantgrant.org. Artists must be over 21 at the time of the application, and may not be full-time students. Artists must live and/or work in Indianapolis.

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Hope Academy to celebrate 17th commencement ceremony

Seven Indianapolis area high school students in recovery from substance use disorder will graduate from Indiana's only recovery high school
Saturday, May 20

FEATURE

By Mark Gasper

Hope Academy, Indiana's only recovery high school, is celebrating its 17th graduating class this Saturday, May 20, at Christel DeHaan Fine Arts Center on the campus of the University of the Indianapolis at 1400 E Hanna Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46227.

The academy is a tuition-free, public charter high school in Indianapolis for teens in recovery from substance-use disorders. Their mission is to provide a safe, sober and challenging academic experience.

The seven seniors who are graduating on May 20 have overcome significant obstacles to make it to this momentous day, focusing both on academic achievement and their recovery from substance use disorder. Hope Academy invites the community to celebrate their academic achievements and sobriety milestones at the 2023 Commencement.

Speakers include the following: Keynote Speaker, Doug Huntsinger, executive director for Drug Prevention, Treatment and Enforcement, State of Indiana; guest speaker, Jacob Gilliatte, Gilliatte General Contractors; alumna speaker, Caitlin Rhodes, Hope Academy Class of 2012; and Tim Clark, Simon Youth Foundation VP of Program Services of the Simon Youth Foundation.

Colleen Kenney, Hope Academy Board Chair, will be presenting the Dr. Sigurd H. Zielke Scholarship.

Hope Academy graduates and staff will gather to prepare for commencement at 12:30 p.m., and the commencement ceremony begins at 1 p.m. The ceremony concludes at 2:30 p.m. Afterward, graduates and families will gather for outdoor photos and post-graduation celebrations.

Learn more about Hope Academy at hopeacademyrhs.org



Before the event, OLG students Frances P., Lucy Freije, Emerson Trotter, Kylee Wolfley, Maddie Leck, Amaris A. gather together in anticipation. (Submitted photo)

OLG students celebrate faith and tradition

First Communion - Students at Our Lady of the Greenwood School celebrated faith and tradition during the first weekend of May. First was the May Crowning ritual. Eighth graders Dulce Gonzalez and Florencia Rodriguez flank second grader Brianna Trinidad as they process to crown Mary, Queen of Heaven. The following day, many second graders participated in their First Communion.

AROUND TOWN

Resources of Hope Inc. hosts Foster Teen Shopping Spree with Greenwood Christian Church donation

Giving Back – Resources of Hope, of Whiteland, announced its first Foster Teen Shopping Spree, an afternoon shopping extravaganza for the community's foster and kinship teens. On Tuesday, May 30 at 6 p.m., Resources of Hope will take teenage youth in foster or kinship care on an all-expenses paid shopping spree to a local retailer. This opportunity is made possible through a generous donation funded in whole by the congregation of Greenwood Christian Church in Greenwood. "Many foster teens enter care with very little and often lack basic necessities like clothing and personal care items," said Renae Furnee, executive director of Resources of Hope. "This shopping spree is a chance for them to get the things they need and to feel like they have a support system in their community." She has a special fondness for teens in care and is grateful to lead the organization's Teen Connect Program. Renae and other Resources of Hope volunteers will join foster teens at Kohls Department Store, 415 Mallory Pkwy in Franklin, for a shopping spree. The teens will be given a budget to work within and will be encouraged to select clothing from a list of items as well as to select a personal item. For more information, visit resourcesofhope.org or greenwoodchristian.com.

Kelsie Sparks joins Habitat for Humanity as resource development coordinator

Philanthropic Leadership – Habitat for Humanity of Johnson County announced that Kelsie Sparks has joined its team as resource development coordinator. Kelsie is a long-time Johnson County resident and currently lives in Greenwood. She has a bachelor's degree in business management from Grace College, as well as experience in marketing, partnerships, and sales. Kelsie loves sports, and has spent many years both playing and coaching soccer and ultimate frisbee. Kelsie played ultimate frisbee professionally for Indy Red, and is currently the color commentator for the Indianapolis Alleycats.



Kelsie Sparks
(Submitted photo)

Johnson County legislators welcome local student pages to the Statehouse

Education – Johnson County legislators recently welcomed local students to the Statehouse where they participated in the Indiana House Page Program. As pages, the students assisted lawmakers and staff with daily duties, toured offices of all branches of government in the Statehouse, and joined lawmakers on the House floor to witness and learn about the legislative process. Students who served as pages during the second half of the 2023 legislative session include: Kate Boyce, from Greenwood, attends Greenwood Middle School; Maggie Boyce, from Greenwood, attends Greenwood High School; Mark Boye, from Greenwood, attends Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi School; Dylan Emberton, from Bargersville, attends Center Grove High School; Cana Guilfooy, from Whiteland, attends Clark-Pleasant Middle School; Maya Humphries, from Greenwood, attends Center Grove Middle School North; Isaac Kiefer, from Greenwood, attends Achieve Virtual Education Academy; Marin Sander, from Greenwood, attends Center Grove Middle School North; Thomas Mallers, from Greenwood, attends Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi School. Hoosiers can visit indianahousepublicans.com/pageprogram or call 1-800-382-9841 to learn more.

Area students sing with Trine University Choir

Performing Arts - The Trine University Choir, under the direction of Geoffrey North, D.M., will present "From Night to Day, from Darkness to Light" on Saturday, April 29, at 3 p.m. in the T. Furth Center for Performing Arts. The following area students will perform with the choir: Noah Glassman of Greenwood, singing tenor. Glassman is majoring in chemical engineering; and Peyton Sparks of Indianapolis, singing bass. Sparks is majoring in computer science and information technology. The concert is free and open to the public.

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Superintendent Dr. Hammack delivers 'State of the Schools' address

FEATURE

By Mark Gasper

Beech Grove City Schools Superintendent Dr. Laura Hammack delivered her "State of the Schools" address on Thursday, May 11 at a lunch meeting of the Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Hammack spoke with enthusiasm and passion regarding what is happening in each of the Beech Grove City Schools, from elementary through high school.

"Beech Grove City Schools is a district unlike any other in Marion County," Hammack said. "We believe there are 10 powerful reasons why our students love where they learn."

10. Diversity – "We champion multi-lingual, special needs and high achieving learners, employ engaged and specialized staff and create exceptional learning programs for all."

9. Devoted Educators – "We believe in continual development and equitable opportunity for our students as well as our educators, with weekly embedded professional development made possible by our \$5.5 million Teacher and School Leader Access to Better Learning and Education (ABLE) grant program."

8. Academic Excellence – "From our new state-of-the-art Early Childhood Center at Hornet Park Elementary School, with premier early learning programming, to our world class FFA program, the flagship of a comprehensive agricultural science pathway, we have created a culture of opportunity for all."

7. Arts – "We believe in our STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math) programming in our schools, and we offer courses and extracurricular activities in fashion design, graphic design, visual arts, performing arts and so much more."

6. Athletics – "Our community comes out for our hard-working athletes and supports our boys and girls on the court, field and track, in the pool and this year we welcomed two inaugural sports for Beech Grove High School – girls' wrestling and boys volleyball."

5. We Build Leaders: Extracurricular Clubs and Activities: Academic Teams, National Honor Society/National DECA, Junior Honor Society, Future Farmers of America (FFA), Student Council Leaders of America (FCCLA), Junior ROTC.



Dr. Laura Hammack (Photo by Mark Gasper)

4. Community – "I will never forget being at Gainbridge (Fieldhouse) and having the honor of sitting on that court during the state finals in 2022. To look up and witness a sea of orange and black across the stands still gives me goosebumps."

3. Facilities – Updated facilities include, at BGHS: Construction of the Science Academy, the Performing Arts building, and the state-of-the-art Greenhouse; renovation of the Mike McMorrow Auditorium; and improvements to the band practice, turf baseball, softball and football facilities, as well as two concession stands and restroom facilities; four state-of-the-art, early-childhood pre-K rooms at Hornet Park Elementary; classroom HVAC upgrades and energy efficient lighting in all buildings; and renovations and additions to Central Elementary, Hornet Park Elementary, BGMS and BGHS.

2. Safety – "With our great partners at Beech Grove Police Department, our extraordinary SROs, our protection from the Indianapolis Fire Department, and support services from EMS – we work together to plan, practice, reset, to make sure that should our very worst day ever happen, we are ready."

1. We Have Fun – "Fun is abounding at this time of year – field trips, field days, special activities, special lunches – ice cream, our schools work to ensure that the magic of the end of the school year is celebrated and those forever memories are captured and made."

Among those in attendance at the luncheon were City officials including Mayor Dennis Buckley, Clerk Treasurer Jim Coffman, members of the school board and school administration, members of the Beech Grove Chamber plus other guests.

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Over the past several weeks, administrators of Perry Township Schools have visited each elementary school in the district to celebrate IREAD perfect scorers. There were 39 third graders who scored perfectly on the exam this year! "We're proud of all the students who did their best and want to congratulate these students whose best was perfect," stated a message on the Perry Township Schools' Facebook page. "Way to go!" (Photo courtesy of Perry Township Schools)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Even though you're growing up, you should never stop having fun."

– Nina Dobrev

HUMOR



Top 10 signs you're not ready to own a pet

By Torry Stiles

10. "Did you put newspaper down for the puppy?"
"Dad. This is 2023. We haven't seen a newspaper in this house for years."
9. "I washed my goldfish and he got away?"
8. "Who shaved the guinea pig?"
7. "Cherry Jell-O is a wonderful treat, but Bowser here is a Rottweiler and is not impressed."
6. "Your Minecraft pig died of starvation. I don't think you could handle a real one."
5. "What did you mean when you said you HAD a pet snake in your room?"
4. "There has never been a bathroom door able to keep out a concerned German Shepherd. You will never be alone in there again."
3. "The gerbils can be in your room with their cage and exercise wheel but let me explain what 'nocturnal' means."
2. "It's called a Pooper-Scooper, son. Let me show you how it works. ... Come back here. This was your idea!"
1. "How can the cat be in heat? It's not hot outside!"

BELIEVE IT!

Our nation has all sorts of arcane, nonsensical laws on the books. Each week, we'll share one with you ...

In Hartford, Conn., balloons with advertising on them are illegal.

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Movie on the Lawn - "Lyle, Lyle Crocodile" • What happens when you move to New York City and discover a singing crocodile in your attic? Find out as we enjoy the movie, with free drinks and popcorn, on White River Branch's lawn. | When: May 26, 7 - 10 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

Dylan Raymond Concert • Enjoy the original country music of Dylan Raymond. | When: May 26, 7 - 9 p.m. | Where: Dye's Walk Country Club, 2080 S. State Road 135, Greenwood. | Info: dylanraymond-music.com/

GARFIELD PARK

Garfield Park Master Gardener Annual Plant Sale • The annual plant sale for the Garfield Park Master Gardener Association (GPMGA) will feature annual and perennial plants for both sun and shade grown by local Master Gardeners and Indianapolis area nurseries. A variety of native plants, plants for shade gardens, vegetables and herbs also will be available. During the plant sale, Master Gardeners will answer questions and offer advice. In addition, information will be available about involvement in other community organizations related to gardening. | When: May 20, 9 a.m. to noon. | Where: Garfield Park Conservatory and Sunken Garden. | Info: Oren Cooley, Garfield Park Master Gardener Association, pastpfct@aol.com

GREENWOOD

Greenwood Global 6K for Water • Join thousands of people across the globe in the mission to bring clean water to children across the world. | When: May 20, 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. | Where: Northwest Park, 1300 W. Fry Road, Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/events/527985232878209

Dance Every Journey Purse Bingo • Enjoy a purse bingo event. | When: May 24, 5:30 - 9 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Moose Lodge, 813 W. Smith Valley Road, Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/gml2079

Nitro Extreme '23 Tour • Cirque Italia's new motor stunt show is the most action packed and adrenaline rushing show of 2023. See Mustangs on two

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The Lit Soul Band • Come to Greenwood Park Mall in the lifestyle center by the outdoor fountain for a free concert every Thursday night in June and July. This concert features The Lit Soul Band. | When: June 1, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Park Mall, 1251 N. U.S. 31, Greenwood. | Info: simon.com/mall/greenwood-park-mall/news-and-events

PERRY TOWNSHIP

The Cultivating Garden Club • Brad Westrich, DNR: Managing Pests in Your Garden. | When: May 18, 6 p.m. | Where: St. John's Church, U.S. 31 and Southport Road | Info: Linda Stemnock, (317) 889-2540

The Cultivating Garden Club 22nd Annual Plant Sale • Find perennials, herbs, groundcovers, shrubs, and more. Rain or shine. | When: May 20, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Where: 7125 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis. | Info: Linda Stemnock, (317) 889-2540

Perry Township/Southport Historical Society: The Kautskys • The May 23 meeting of the Perry Township / Southport Historical Society is all about the Kautskys - the family, the grocery store, and the professional basketball team. The Kautsky family operated a grocery store on Madison Avenue for over 50 years, serving as an anchor of the Edgewood community. In the 1930s and 40s, Frank Kautsky also owned the Indianapolis Kautskys, the first professional basketball team in the city. Players through the years included Edgewood's own Paul (Pete) Bailey, John Wooden, and Branch McCracken. | When: May 23, 7 p.m. | Where: Perry Township Education Center, 6548 Orinoco Ave. Enter through the center doors at the northwest corner of the building. | Info: southport.in.gov/community

Quilters Guild of Indianapolis South • Program: Claudia Lash, Speedway, well-known quilter will speak about designing and writing over 80 quilt patterns at her Presto Avenue Designs business. | When: May 25, meet & greet 10:15 a.m. and meeting 10:30 a.m. | Where: Friedens United Church of Christ, 8300 S. Meridian Street, Indianapolis. | Info: quiltguildindy.net

Swing for Education • Registration is open for the 29th Annual Golf Charity Outing to raise funds for Perry Township Education Foundation's mission! The registration includes a day of golf, closest to the pin and longest drive contest, lunch, drinks, and lots of fun. | When: May 31, 11 a.m. lunch, 12 p.m. shotgun start. | Where: The Legends in Franklin. | Info: PTEF.org.

AN OPTION

Paradox Lounge

Elevate your date night or bachelorette party with a visit to Fountain Square's newest lounge, where guests dressed to the nines stroll onto a red carpet upon arrival into this sophisticated, upscale venue. "Come create an experience you won't soon forget," states a message on Paradox Lounge's website. "Premium hookah, creative cocktails, tasteful cuisines and unmatched vibes await you." Guests at the minority-owned business enjoy the chic, classy environment. "Paradox has figured out and delivered a super sexy and elevated adult experience," according to a five-star Yelp review. Paradox has a dress code: no tennis shoes, sweats, flip-flops, plain T-shirts, hoodies, baggy or saggy clothing or ball caps. "There's also a VIP area upstairs that you can rent out and fits 50 (guests)," stated an additional Yelp reviewer. "I'd recommend the VIP if you want your own room to dance." Menu options include a variety of appetizers and wings; burgers; street tacos; flatbreads; light salads; sides; and dessert. Wash it down with one of 10 craft cocktails offered or a premium bottle. Guests enjoy



Enjoy a craft cocktail at this new, elegant lounge. (Photo courtesy of Paradox Lounge)

themed events, such as international nights, as well as half-price wine nights and weeknight specials.

Hours: Wednesday, Thursday and Sunday, 5 p.m. to midnight; Friday and Saturday, 5 p.m. to 2:30 a.m., closed Monday and Tuesday. Address: 1059 Virginia Ave., Indianapolis. For more information, call (317) 602-7976 or go to theparadoxlounge.com

SPOTLIGHT



Summer cast storytellers in Frozen Kids. (Photo courtesy of Creative Grounds Fine Arts Academy)

Frozen Kids

Creative Grounds Fine Arts Academy is presenting Disney's Frozen Kids, loosely based on the Snow Queen Fairy Tale by Hans Christian Anderson. This Danish fairy tale is filled with mystery and magic. Performances will be held from Thursday, May 18 through Sunday, May 21. Tickets for this show are magically disappearing. Snag yours before they are gone at Tickets.cgfinearts.org. (*Please note that if tickets are sold out a standby list will be created at the door beginning one hour before each show for any tickets that become available.)

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Peter Pan & Wendy

An old dog with new tricks

MOVIE REVIEW

By Bradley Lane

Peter Pan is one of Disney's most foundational films. Few characters resonate with the brand quite like Peter Pan and his classic 1953 film of the same name. Disney has been on a tear with remaking its canon of classic animated films, bringing them into a live action/CGI laden medium, to mixed results. While mostly commercially successful, they have almost all failed critically thanks in large part to losing their stylistic charm in translation and failing to meaningfully iterate on their source material. In most of these cases Disney just spends millions of dollars to make a measurably worse version of a film already in their back catalog. I am happy to report however, this is not the case with David Lowry's 2023 version of *Peter Pan*, the formally interesting and thematically rich *Peter Pan & Wendy*.

Most readers will be more than familiar

with the broad strokes of a remake of *Peter Pan*. Wendy and the Darling children find themselves in Neverland after having a crisis of maturity in the real world, led there by the magical, never-aging, Peter Pan. However, what's new here is Lowry's balance of Wendy's journey of growth and maturity with a more in-depth exploration of the relationship between Captain Hook and Peter Pan that leads the film into emotionally unexplored and very interesting territory.

David Lowry might seem an odd choice to helm a Disney remake as most art-house film fans will recognize his name from small-budget emotional and complex human dramas like *The Old Man & the Gun*, *A Ghost Story*, and most recently *The Green Knight*. However, the reason I mentioned most and

not all live-action Disney remakes were worse versions of their original source material is David Lowry's own 2017 adaptation of *Pete's Dragon* that cleverly uses its source material to tell a compelling tale of grief, vulnerability and found family. Here Lowry does the exact same thing, hiding a story that is mostly about the dangers of looking backward in the shell of the well-worn tale of the process of growing into emotional maturity.

While maybe losing some of Peter Pan's charm in its translation to live action, Lowry does his best to make use of clever camera work and visually interesting settings to soften the blow of its visual drab color grading. Lowry's greatest strength here though, is his understanding of the ethos of the story he is retelling. He uses the charac-

ter drama at the story's center to ruminate on the act of remaking animated films, keeping yourself chained to the past. It's a cleverly subversive way to question Disney's current trajectory and maybe the key piece of evidence as to why this was dumped on Disney Plus instead of released in theaters where it was initially planned to be released.

Lowry's *Peter Pan & Wendy* is heartwarming and tragic in equal measure and a cautionary tale about being lost exploring the past in a world that is rife with opportunity for growth, both artistically and personally. *Peter Pan & Wendy* is exclusively streaming on Disney Plus.



Bradley is a Beech Grove High School alumnus and has been enamored by film for as long as he can remember. He recently graduated from IUPUI, with a degree in Media and Public Affairs with a minor in Film. Bradley can be contacted at blane2214@gmail.com.

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In praise of librocubicularianism

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

I'm a proud librocubicularist. As much as you probably want this to mean I'm starting a new political party of which I will be its presidential candidate, alas, this isn't the case. The Word Nerd party would be a better name, although "librocubicularist" is my current favorite sesquipedalian word.

To be a librocubicularist is to be someone who reads in bed. I love reading in bed. After the kids are asleep and I'm winding down for the day, I read for about 20-30 minutes. And, for me, it has to be fiction. You see, I used to read non-fiction books about ways to help right the wrongs of the world, or about problems of injustice. While these books are definitely important, reading them before bed would get my mind ramped back up, leading to trouble sleeping.

When I'm lost in a good work of fiction (or even a so-so one), my brain can escape

to a make-believe world where the outcome has no real-world ramifications. Right now, I'm about to finish Stephen King's seven-book "Dark Tower" series for the fourth time. Each time I read it, I find new details. While King's magnum opus may not be for everyone, I highly suggest you give Book One, "The Gunslinger," a try.

Reading for 20 minutes a day has incredibly positive effects on kids. For instance, if you read to your child for 20 minutes per day, she'll be exposed to 1.8 million words per year. Spending screen-free time with your children gives you great bonding time and allows you to enter into literature as a team. My kids prefer different types of books, but our trips to the library always result in heaps of new worlds to explore.

For adults, reading slows the drying of mental cement from drying. I think we should all be life-long learners. In order to keep our brains nimble, we need to continually expose ourselves to new information and ideas. This can be in the form of fiction, nonfiction, philosophy, religious texts or even graphic novels. Reading keeps your

imagination active and engages your brain. Reading teaches old dogs (i.e., you) new tricks.

I encourage you to become a librocubicularist. Whether you read physical or digital books, I recommend winding down your day in bed with a good book. It will allow your mind to forget the troubles of today as well as the challenges you'll face tomorrow. After all, each day holds enough trouble of its own.



Curtis Honeycutt is a wildly popular syndicated humor columnist. He is the author of *Good Grammar is the Life of the Party: Tips for a Wildly Successful Life*. Find more at curtishoneycutt.com.

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Puzzle Time Answers

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10 areas not included in your home inspection

REAL ESTATE



By Dawn Whalen
Whalen Realty Group

After a buyer's offer is accepted by the seller, one of the next steps is scheduling the home inspection. This is an important step in the real estate process because it takes a deeper look at the structural integrity of the home and highlights any major defects, dangers or necessary repairs. However, even though the home inspection is significant, it does not look over all the elements that make up a home's functionality and safety. Below are 10 areas an inspection doesn't cover, and what to do if you'd like these areas examined before completing the home purchase.

1. Mold – A home inspection is different from a mold inspection. If a home inspector finds something that resembles mold, it will most likely be identified as a substance that needs further investigating. The only way to determine if mold is growing behind walls, in the attic or the crawl space is to hire a licensed and trained mold inspector who will take and test samples of the substance. Mold can be harmful to some people if exposed over a period of time.

2. Pests – Damage caused by termites, mice or other pests is not part of the home inspection. If the inspector suspects pest damage, it will be noted but the type of pest and extent of the damage may not. Termites cause more than a billion dollars in damage to homes annually and do take up residence in homes within Indiana. At a minimum, a termite inspection is a good idea and can be scheduled with a reputable pest control company.

3. Sewer line – A broken sewer line stinks ... literally! Property owners are responsible for sewer line repairs on their property, and these repairs can be expensive. Experienced plumbing or drain companies can inspect the sewer line for tree roots, cracks or other signs of damage.

4. Septic system – Buyers purchasing a home with a septic system should find out when it was last pumped as well as the size of the tank and the level of sludge. A home inspector will run faucets, flush toilets and listen for normal plumbing sounds, but they will not inspect the status of the septic system. Contact a septic company or plumber with experience in septic systems and for information about a septic inspection.

5. Swimming pools – It is not the job of a home inspector to check the integrity of a home's pool. Their job is to review the structural integrity of the house, not the backyard recreation area. Some inspectors may check a pool's heat pump but not for cracks, leaks or other issues that arise with a pool. Speak with an experienced pool professional about having the pool examined to stay ahead of any potential problems.

6. Fireplaces and chimneys – The home inspection will look for visible signs of damage around a fireplace; it will not determine if the chimney needs cleaned. It will also not make any type of statement related to the flashing around the chimney, fire screens, mantels or heating elements. It's a good idea to ask the seller when the chimney was last cleaned and speak with a professional chimney sweeper about a fireplace and chimney inspection.

7. Lead paint – Wall finishings are not covered by a home inspection, which includes the use of lead-based paint. It's recommended that home buyers have a lead inspection to determine whether or not lead-based paint is present. It is common to find lead in older homes or recently remodeled homes.

8. Electrical systems – The home inspector will flip on all light switches and make note of outlets, the fuse box and electrical system, but it will not review the status of the fuses or breaker box(es). If the inspector finds an area of burned or worn-out wiring, he or she may make a note of it so the homeowner can investigate further. Trained electricians can perform an inspection on any area of concern.

9. Radon gas – Living in the Midwest, it's important to have a radon inspection. This is a gas that rises from the ground and can be hazardous to the health of people living in an enclosed environment, such as a house. Radon is the No. 1 cause of environmental cancers and can be easily remediated if caught early. A radon test does not take long and can be performed by a licensed radon inspector.

10. Appliance ventilation – Part of the home inspection is to check that appliances are running normally; this includes the refrigerator getting cold and the light working, the oven warming up and the garbage disposal making a normal sound. However, the inspector can choose to not analyze whether or not the microwave ventilation is working properly. The inspector will also not check small appliances that can quickly be unplugged, including mini-fridges or wine refrigerators.

Home buyers should invest in a home inspection because it gives an overview of the

condition of the house and will identify any areas that need attention or repairs. However, a home inspection will not capture all of a home's defects. Basic inspections, such as those for lead-based paint, termites and radon are highly recommended, as are septic and pool inspections for homes with them. No one wants to move into a home and uncover a multitude of problems, so if there is a suspicion that something may be wrong, go ahead and have it inspected before closing. Speak with a licensed and experienced realtor about professionals who offer specialized inspections.



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Benjamin "Ben" L. Batts

Benjamin "Ben" L. Batts, 30, Franklin, died May 6, 2023. Survivors: parents, Alan (Gloria) Batts, Michelle Tester; siblings, Matthew, Jessica, Heather, Shawn, Rusty, Joshua; girlfriend, Christen; 10 nieces, nephews; grandmother, Diana. Preceded in death: grandfather, Larry; grandparents, Louis, Beulah; sister-in-law, Heidi; nephew, Maverick; uncle, Todd. Forest Lawn.

Nancy Jean Baxter

Nancy Jean Baxter, 79, Greenwood, died May 13, 2023. Survivors: daughter, Jessica Self; son, J. Nicholas, (Jessica); four grandchildren; sisters, Jackie, Marilyn Doyle; brother, Harry. Preceded in death: husband, Jack; three siblings. Mass of Christian Burial: Thursday, May 18, 11 a.m., Our Lady of Greenwood Catholic Church. G. H. Herrmann.

Francis Joseph Cavanaugh Sr.

Francis Joseph Cavanaugh Sr., 91, Greenwood, died May 13, 2023. Survivors: children, Lou, Joe (Melanie), Mary, Christina Cavanaugh; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren. Preceded in death: wife, Margaret; sister, Mary; daughter-in-law, Patty. Visitation: 9:30-10 a.m. service, Thursday, May 18, Southport Presbyterian Church, Toney Chapel, 7525 McFarland Blvd., Indianapolis. Wilson St. Pierre.

Vera Lucille Fleetwood

Vera Lucille Fleetwood, 83, Indianapolis, died May 14, 2023. Survivors: husband, Dale Fleetwood; daughters, Suzanne Fleetwood-Taylor and Debra Fleetwood-Fleming; grandchildren, Daniel Fleming, Amanda Taylor McMahan, Amber Fleming Mattingly, Joshua Fleming and Jessica Fleming; seven great-grandchildren; brother, James Brinson; friend, Joyce Harris. Service entrusted to Little & Sons, Beech Grove.

Larry W. Grubb

Larry W. Grubb, 70, Greenwood, died May 14, 2023. Survivors: wife, Mashell; daughter, Brandi; siblings, Allen (Debbie), Phyllis (Kenny) Ward, Judy (Jim) Davis, Jackie Jagers, Mark; extended family; dog. Visitation: Friday, May 19, 5-7:30 p.m., Forest Lawn Funeral Home. Funeral: Saturday, May 20, 11 a.m. Burial: Forest Lawn Memory Gardens

Betty Jean Hallam

Betty Jean Hallam, 97, Indianapolis, died May 8, 2023. Survivors: eight children; one stepson; one brother; two sisters; 19 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren. Preceded in death: husband, Rex; six sisters; one brother; infant grandson. Visitation: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. service, Friday May 19, Forest Lawn Funeral Home & Memory Gardens.

Virginia L. Harvey

Virginia L. Harvey, 92, Indianapolis, died May 12, 2023. Survivors: three children, Richard (Patricia) Harvey, Barbara (Skip) Hickle and Denise Hogan (Albert Christensen); eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren. Preceded in death: siblings; husband, Burton Harvey; son, Michael E. Harvey; grandson, Jason Hickle, great-granddaughter; Haylee Hickle. G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home.

Wilma Kay Tirmenstein-Hauser

Wilma Kay Tirmenstein-Hauser, 83, Indianapolis, died May 10, 2023. Survivors: husband, Don Hauser; brother, Leslie Earl Wildman; stepsons, Mike, Terry and Jeff Hauser; stepdaughters, Diane Kelley and Shana Hynes. Preceded in death: first husband, Norman Tirmenstein; brother, Warren Lee Wildman. G.H. Herrmann.

Richard L. Johnson

Richard L. Johnson, 91, Greenwood, died April 25, 2023. Survivors: daughter, Kimberly; son, Andrew; stepchildren, Paul, Carla, step-daughter-in-law, Kristi. Preceded in death: first wife, Mary; second wife, Rhoda; brother, David; stepsons, Chris, Thomas. Visitation: 10 a.m. to noon service, Saturday, May 20, St. John's United Church of Christ. G.H. Herrmann.

Paula Jean Kenison

Paula Jean Kenison, 74, Greenwood, died May 7, 2023. Arrangements handled by Norman F. Chance Funeral Home and Cremation Service.

Rosalie I. Lynch

Rosalie I. Lynch, 82, longtime Fishers resident, died May 10, 2023. Survivors: daughter, Rochelle (Michael) Hoffman; brothers, Herb (Sheryl) McIntosh, Larry (Carol) McIntosh; three grandchildren. Preceded in death: daughter,

Renee Parker; sister, Janice Lacefield. Memorial gathering: June 11, 1-6 p.m., Singleton & St. Pierre Funeral Service, 7602 Madison Ave., Indianapolis.

MaryAnn Myers

MaryAnn Myers, 79, Indianapolis, died Thursday, May 11, 2023. Survivors: children, Barbara Dickens, Maria Carattini (Frank), and James Dickens (Kim); six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by her husband, James. Arrangements handled by Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service and Crematory-Franklin Township Chapel.

Richard E. Sallee

The Honorable Judge Richard E. Sallee, 90, died May 11, 2023. Survivors: wife, Cheri; daughters, Tonya and Natalie; granddaughter, Gabrielle. Preceded in death: brother, Robert Haley. Visitation: Friday, May 19, 2:30-8 p.m., G.H. Herrmann Funeral Home Madison Avenue. Funeral Mass: Saturday, May 20, 11 a.m., Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Indianapolis.

Guthrie Curtis Snider

Guthrie Curtis Snider, 90, Greenwood, died May 14, 2023. Survivors: daughter, Kim Parmenter; four grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. Preceded in death: wife, Dolores; daughter, Donna Perdue; siblings, Bonnie, Art, Arnold, Virginia. Visitation: 3-5 p.m. service, Thursday, May 18, Indianapolis Baptist Temple, 4002 E. Southport Road, Indianapolis. Burial: Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

Larry Eugene Thomas

Larry Eugene Thomas, 78, died May 14, 2023. Survivors: wife, Mary Etta (Sands); brother, Dale, sister-in-law, Joyce; son, Brian Thomas (Garsy); daughters, Cheryl Thomas and Kari Thomas; four grandchildren, Ty, Ethan, Wyatt, and Aryn. Services entrusted to Little & Sons, Stop 11 Road Chapel.

Roberta Imogene Wittenmeier

Roberta Imogene Wittenmeier, 100, Beech Grove, died May 3, 2023. Roberta is survived by her son, Gary Wittenmeier (Christine); three granddaughters, Robyn Burks (Aaron), Bobbie Wittenmeier Adams (Ralph) and Carman Butner (Cliff); and eight great-grandchildren. Services entrusted to Little & Sons, Beech Grove Chapel.

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Weekly Devotion



And if we know that He hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of Him. 1

JOHN 5:15

There is power in prayer. We must be careful how we pray. God hears every word that comes out of our mouths. My wife and I love our pets. As our children grew up and moved out, the number of pets in our home trickled down to just a single dog and a single cat. Recently we adopted a puppy to provide some companionship for Big Blue, our oversized Pit Bull. This puppy brought such new life to our household! We didn't realize how lonely Blue was 'till Roo came along. My wife asked me to consider a kitten to bring the same new life to our aging and lonely cat. I told her that I would only consider it if we could find one without front claws. I am reluctant to have a cat's claws removed for personal reasons. I thought I had come up with a perfect defense to adding

any more pets to our home. The next week a stray cat had kittens in my garage. One was born with four feet on the front two legs. There is a foot at each elbow, and then another at the end of each leg. As a result, the kitten has limited to no use of its front feet. Of course my wife saw this as a sign that God answered my prayer! When I hold him at night his purrs are the loudest I have ever heard. They are so loud I can feel them all the way through my body. This must be how it feels to God when He sees our brokenness and then hears our songs of loving praise.

God bless and go and have a great day.

Pastor Dan Bailey is the chair of the Mayor's Faith Based Round Table for the City of Beech Grove, who believes in its mission statement to "Strengthen the Community with Christ's Love." He is a lifelong resident of Southside with his wife, four children and five grandchildren. He has also been a criminal investigator for the last 30-plus years for the Public Defender Agency.

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IN OUR SCHOOLS



From Left: Connor Mahoney, Class of 2024 - February ACT: Reading | Erin McNulty, Class of 2024 - February ACT: Reading | Evan Nalley, Class of 2024 - February ACT: English | Amelia Shirley, Class of 2024 - February ACT: Reading (Submitted photo)

Roncalli announces ACT Super Stars

Perfect ACT Scores - Roncalli High School recently announced that four more students have achieved a perfect score on their ACT exam taken in February. The ACT is a standardized test that determines a high school student's preparedness for college. The test covers five areas: Math, English, Reading, Writing and Science. Congratulations to Roncalli's ACT superstars who scored the highest possible score on sections of their tests. "These individuals have earned this recognition through years of hard work and dedication. It is a result of them being blessed with intellectual gifts but also combining that with determination and perseverance. This is also a testament to the care and support they have received from their families and teachers over the years. We are proud of the journey to achieve these high standards! Way to go, Royals!" said Principal Kevin Banich.

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AROUND TOWN

JCBank hosts ribbon cutting for new Greenwood branch



JCBank celebrated its Greenwood ribbon cutting with Aspire members. (Submitted photo)

Banking - JCBank celebrated the opening of its newest banking center with a public ribbon cutting on May 4. The event welcomed local dignitaries, Aspire Economic Development and Chamber Alliance members, and JCBank staff and customers. The 4,700-square-foot, state-of-the-art branch officially opened on April 28 and is the first banking center location for JCBank in Johnson County, located at 2871 S. State Road 135 at Stones Crossing. Marvin Veatch, JCBank president/CEO said, "The JCBank team has been working in the Johnson County market over the past four years, identifying opportunities that help build and grow the community. Our team of experienced bankers at the Stones Crossing location is committed to a client-driven and relationship-centric approach in delivering excellent customer service. We appreciate the support and vote of confidence from the Johnson County community which has allowed us to expand and open our newest location. JCBank's dedication to this community aligns with our Core Values - Honesty, Encouragement, Accountability, Respect, and Teamwork. We are committed to Johnson County, not only to provide banking, investment, and trust services, but to be an involved partner, supporting a number of organizations and causes such as Aspire, Johnson County Habitat for Humanity, and the Johnson County Cheer Fund." For more information, visit jcbank.com.

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