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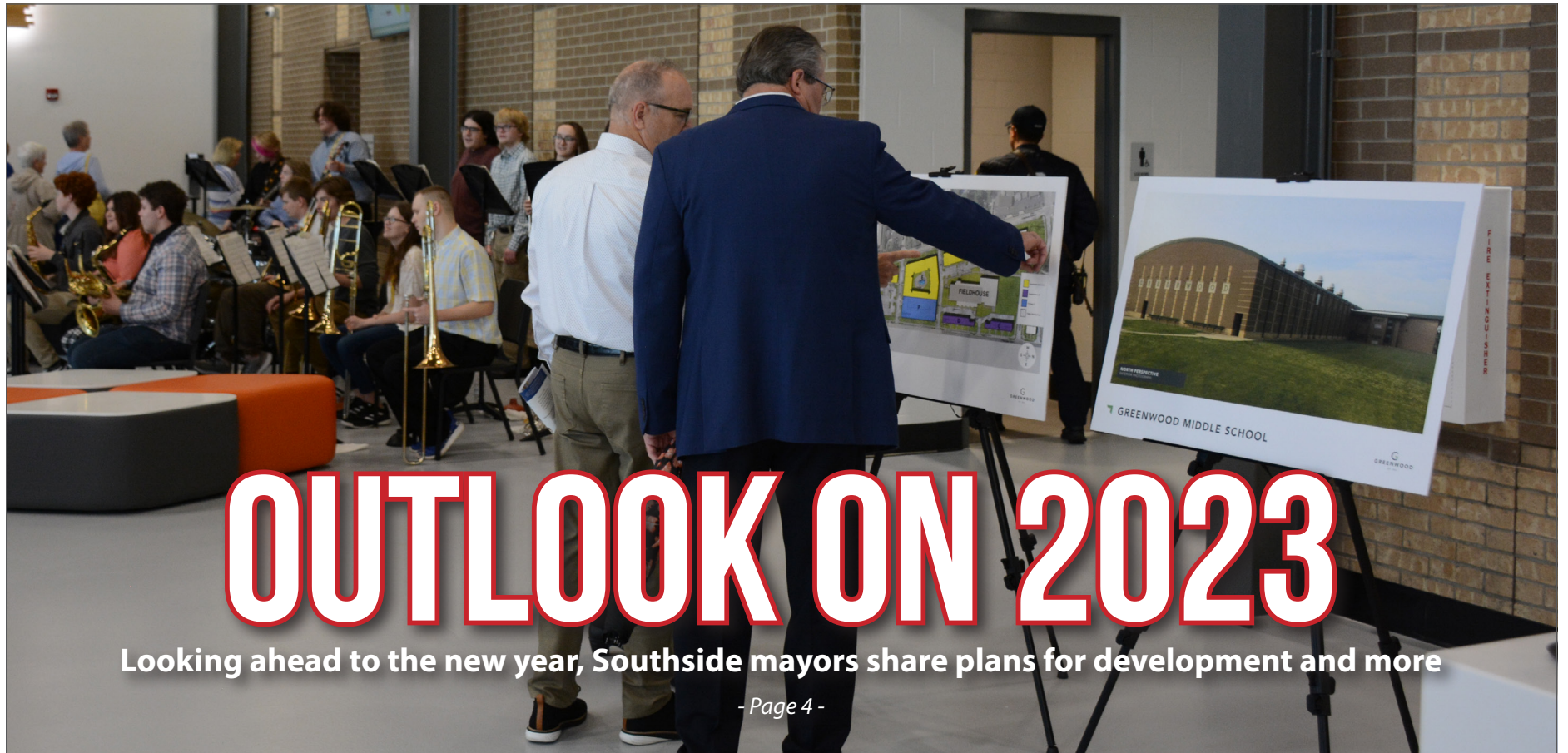
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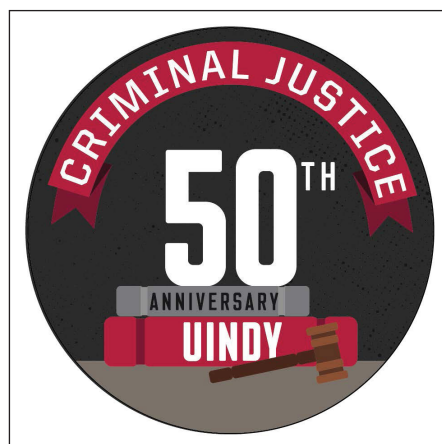


The new roles at Aspire will advance economic development and business success in the Johnson County area. (Photo by Cathy Richards)

Aspire creates four new staff roles

Aspire Economic Development + Chamber Alliance has created four new roles within the organization. Two of the four individuals have been longtime Aspire staff members, including former investor services coordinator, Angie Keen, now the senior manager of Operations and Relations, as well as Jennifer Hollingshead, previously a community development specialist who transitioned to a school to work specialist. Patricia Moon, with 25 years of experience at Franciscan Health, was hired as the new economic development specialist. Eric Reingardt, an IUPUI student majoring in political science and economics, has filled the part-time marketing coordinator role.

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The Department of Criminal Justice continues its reign as one of the longest-running criminal justice programs in the state. (Image courtesy of the University of Indianapolis)

UIndy Department of Criminal Justice celebrates 50 years

The Department of Criminal Justice at the University of Indianapolis is celebrating its 50th anniversary. Established in 1972, the Criminal Justice program at UIndy began offering an associate degree funded by a federal grant that then-university-president Gene Sease secured the prior year. The program has grown to the second largest major housed in the Shaheen College of Arts and Sciences, with over 120 students enrolled, and offers three concentrations: law enforcement, crime scene investigation (CSI); and corrections, in addition to a generalist track.

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Topics in History: History through Film

A Southport student review of the 2019 movie 1917

FEATURE

Topics is a course at Southport High School taught by Kevin Sanders that analyzes major events from United States and world history through Hollywood films that attempt to portray those events. Students investigate historical documents and other sources to determine if a film is historically accurate.

The goal is for students to develop deeper understandings of the historical discipline while generating questions about the way the world is around them, along with watching classical films that have graced American and international screens.

Student: Braeden Bryant
Film Reviewed: 1917

I think 1917 is a great movie because of the way it is filmed and the way it makes the viewer feel as they watch it. 1917 is a single-shot coverage film, which means that the whole movie is filmed in one shot, and there are no cuts throughout the whole thing. As you watch 1917 the camera follows the two soldiers, Schofield and Blake, and the camera is usually placed behind them and above

their shoulders, so it seems like you are there with them and walking with them as well. This can cause the viewer to have a closer connection to the characters and to what is happening in the movie.

In a part of the movie, Schofield asks a number of soldiers where he can find Col. Mackenzie, but they keep pointing him further and further down the trench line. As the attack continues, Schofield realizes he must leave the trenches and sprints across the battlefield in order to have any chance of finding Mackenzie in time. As he is sprinting the camera keeps right in front of him the whole time to show the viewer the danger he is running through and how fast he is running. It makes the viewer feel tense and wonder if he will make it. This part of the movie also picks up the tempo and makes the viewer feel different emotions before switching to a slower pace. According to Roger Ebert and his corresponding movie review, Roger Ebert says that the movie was so obsessed with the single shot coverage film technique that they left no room for other kinds of film techniques. But I think that they did this on purpose to emphasize the single-shot coverage film. I think 1917 is a good movie because of how it makes the viewer feel.

ANNIVERSARY



Then and now. (Submitted photos)

Cunninghams to celebrate Diamond Anniversary

Sharon Cunningham (née Sickles) and Francis 'Lefty' Cunningham were married Jan. 12, 1963 in St. Catherine's Cathedral which stood on Shelby Street near Garfield Park. They met and dated in high school in the 1950's. She, Manual High School and he, Cathedral High School. Sharon graduated from Indiana School of Medicine and was the lead in the X-ray department at Laure Carter Hospital for over 35 years. Frank 'Lefty' graduated UIndy, called Indiana Central in the 1960's, with a masters in education. Lefty was a dedicated teacher, coach, mentor to his students in the Indianapolis Public School system, School 35 in particular. He taught night school GED classes at Salvation Army, helping students improve their lives. Together they have three children, nine grandchildren, and a first great-grandchild on the way. Still active in their children's, friends', and family's lives, and charter members of St. Barnabas church, they remain engaged in community activities and service. They'll be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary with a dinner organized by their children, grandchildren, and extended family members will be in attendance.



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(Cover) The city of Greenwood celebrated the grand opening of the Greenwood Fieldhouse in 2022, repurposing a historic building for public use. (SST file photo by Nicole Davis) | (Left) Main Street between Old Meridian and Madison was closed in 2022 for construction, just one of many road improvements Greenwood made throughout the year. (Photo courtesy of Restore Old Town Greenwood) | (Center) The opening of the Franciscan Trail was a major highlight for the city of Beech Grove in 2022. | (Right) Southport Mayor Jim Cooney says he looks forward to the city's annual Easter event, signifying the beginning of Spring and time to get outdoors. (Submitted photos)

Outlook on 2023

Looking ahead to the new year, Southside mayors share plans for development and more

Compiled by Nicole Davis

While the past year was full of ups and downs, local government officials say that 2023 is full of potential. Entering 2023, local Southside mayors share their goals and hopes for the coming year, emphasizing excitement to be out in the community for local events, large development projects which will make their neighborhoods an even more inviting place to live. Here's to a great new year!

BEECH GROVE Mayor Dennis Buckley

What do you feel was the biggest highlight to the city last year?

The biggest highlights I feel were three-fold: The opening of the Franciscan Trail, the opening of the Thompson Trail, and the groundbreaking for the new police station at the corner of Emerson Avenue and Main Street. All three projects will change the city for the better.

What is the biggest challenge the city overcame in 2022? How did it do so?

I feel our biggest challenge was to work with existing businesses to overcome the effects of Covid. We continued to attract new businesses, and existing businesses rebounded well. Also, we continued to have issues with food insecurity, and we found that more residents are struggling with food issues and the ability to meet the demands of everyday life.

What projects are you most looking forward to this year?

I always look forward to improving the infrastructure in our city. We have a major paving project (\$700,000.00) that will start when the asphalt plants open in the spring. This brings us up to 89 roads that have either been reconstructed or repaved since 2012. We are getting close to conducting a very large sanitary sewer project (\$630,000.00) which includes rehabbing at least 78 man-holes. We hope to hear good news concern-

ing an OCRA grant (\$600,000.00) for funding a very large drainage project located in the South Grove addition. In February, we hope to receive good news on the funding for a new roundabout located at the intersection of Arlington and Hanna (\$1,700,000.00).

What community event are you most looking forward to?

I always look forward to the July 3rd fireworks program. It is the best show in Central Indiana. I'm very much looking forward to the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new police station which should take place sometime in June or July. I'm also looking forward to attending events and walks on the Franciscan Trail.

What do you want your city to be remembered for in 2023?

I want our city to be viewed as clean and welcoming to all. It is OK to be kind to one another. I hope that Main Street continues to strive in 2023, and that our residents continue to make improvements within their property. I hope our beautiful city continues to move forward. This will be a nice gift to me as I leave office in 2024.

GREENWOOD Mayor Mark Myers

What do you feel was the biggest highlight to the city last year?

It is hard to pinpoint one highlight. There is so much happening in Greenwood. One thing I am particularly proud of is the opening of the Greenwood Fieldhouse. This is a public amenity in the heart of the city that has found a new use for a historic building. Already we are seeing it used a lot and in ways we had not envisioned.

What is the biggest challenge the city overcame in 2022? How did it do so?

There is no doubt the shooting at the Greenwood Park Mall was our greatest challenge. We grieve for the lives lost that night. It was unexpected and uncharacteristic for

our community. Our first responders along with a brave young man who happened to be at the mall, prevented that tragedy from being worse. In the aftermath, we saw our community come together. I am so proud of our city for its response to that tragedy. From an operational standpoint, a challenge we faced, along with many other communities, was how do we manage increasing costs and inflation? We had to look long and hard at our budgets and ensure we were making smart investments while maintaining the quality services our community expects. I credit our team for also being creative in cutting excess energy and fuel costs and streamlining any redundant services. We know that the public entrusts us to spend tax dollars wisely and we do that.

What projects are you most looking forward to this year?

We have a lot of public safety and infrastructure investments in the pipeline for 2023. Sometimes these are not the "fun" things that people see but they are the needed to make our community stand out. Personnel, sewers, roads, sidewalks, waterways...they make a difference. I am also excited to see our downtown revitalization ramp up with the opening of the new parking garage and set of apartments at The Madison. The public and private investment in the heart of our city is making an impact.

What community event are you most looking forward to?

We have such great events in Greenwood. My personal favorite is the Freedom Festival. It is a wonderful opportunity to come together and celebrate our community and country.

What do you want your city to be remembered for in 2023?

I want Greenwood to be remembered in 2023 for being a city on the move. Our continued growth and investment in public safety will be noticeable. Everything we do is about creating the best quality of life for our residents. This year we will deliver on those promises while continuing to keep taxes low.

SOUTHPORT Mayor Jim Cooney

What do you feel was the biggest highlight to the city last year?

The biggest highlight for the city for 2022 was the agreement by the Redevelopment Commission with a developer to build a four-story, 92-unit apartment building at the Davidson lumberyard property on Southport Road across from the Perry Township Educational center. The development will improve a big area of downtown Southport and will spark additional development.

What is the biggest challenge the city overcame in 2022? How did it do so?

The biggest challenge we overcame in 2022 was communicating city information. Attendance at public meetings is still low, probably due to COVID. Our quarterly newsletter helped us get information out to citizens in a timely manner.

What projects are you most looking forward to this year?

There are three projects that we are looking forward to this year. The apartment building project in downtown Southport, the Stormwater and repaving project on Southfield Drive, and the Stormwater and sidewalk project on South Street Adding a sidewalk on South Street as well as Stormwater improvements/repaving in Crossgate will be big improvements to the city streets.

What community event are you most looking forward to?

The Easter Egg hunt in the park. That event signifies the beginning of Spring and enjoying the outdoors. It's fun to see the children hunting Easter Eggs and talking with the Easter bunny.

What do you want your city to be remembered for in 2023?

Substantial improvement and progress to make downtown Southport a destination as well as improvements to the existing stormwater system and city streets. These upgrades will make Southport a better community to live in.

Lives Remembered

“The song is ended but the melody lingers on.” — Irving Berlin

In this edition, *The Southside Times* is not only looking ahead to all 2023 has to offer, but reflecting back the past year. *Lives Remembered* pays tribute to the lives of Southside residents who have passed away in the last year, highlighting a handful of residents who had an impact in their community. From

lives taken too soon to leaders who paved the way to a better community for everyone else, the Southside lost many great people in this past year. These community members were chosen to represent different areas of the Southside, with a variety of ways they impacted the lives of those around them. To all of our readers who are going through a loss, we wish you comfort in this hard time.

Sr. Phyllis Gronotte OSB

Sr. Phyllis Gronotte, OSB (formerly Amelia Ann), 91, died at Our Lady of Grace Monastery. Sr. Phyllis was born on June 20, 1931, in Evansville, Ind. to the late Albert and Hilda Gronotte. She entered Monastery Immaculate Conception in Ferdinand, Ind. in 1949. She was a founding member of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove.



Sr. Phyllis graduated from the Academy Immaculate Conception, Ferdinand, Ind. She received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education from St. Benedict College and a Master's degree in Education from IUPUI. In 1982 she changed careers and a nursing degree from Ivy Tech.

As an educator, she taught in several schools in Indiana including Indianapolis, Columbus, Washington, Corydon, Cannelton

and Tell City. She also taught at Transfiguration School in St. Louis. For six years, Sr. Phyllis spent time in Cali, Columbia working with children and in parish work. She worked at St. Paul Hermitage and in Healthcare at Our Lady of Grace Monastery. Prior to her retirement in 2013, Sr. Phyllis worked as a teacher with Alliance for Work based Education and Work in the Marian Library at the University of Dayton.

She was preceded in death by her parents and brother, Albert Gronotte and sister, Sr. Alice Marie Gronotte, OSB. She is survived by several nieces and nephews and her Religious Community.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Retired Sister's Fund, c/o Sisters of St. Benedict, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove, IN 46107 or online at benedictine.com. Little & Sons Funeral Home, Beech Grove, are entrusted with the arrangements.

James "Jim" Huser

By Todd Travis

On Aug. 20, 2022, we lost a true family man and a servant of the community, James R. "Jim" Huser. He was known for helping as many people as he could and always being a supporter of the underdog. His top priorities in life were faith, family and friends.

After working for his father in the tool-and-die business for several years, Huser decided to go off on his own and opened Universal Tool & Die (now bo-mar Industries) with a partner. Around that time, he and his wife, Jeanne, also moved to the Southside of Indianapolis. With most of his family living on the Eastside of Indy, he created his own path and did things his own way.

"He was his own person. He called a spade a spade. Being a supporter of the underdogs, he always wanted to help those who didn't have the opportunities that he did. One example of this is when he hired two deaf people and without knowing any sign language at all, learned sign language to be able to communicate with them," said Maureen Bogard, Huser's daughter.



Jim Huser (sitting in front) enjoys time at a family wedding in October 2018. (Submitted photos)



Jim, second row on far left, is pictured with his family during Christmas in 1965.

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Huser had a lot of love to give and a lot of family to love. With 73 years of marriage to his wife, he and Jeanne had 10 kids, 41 grandkids, 95 great-grandkids and two great-great-grandkids. His love reached beyond his own family and into the community to anyone he felt he could help. He was also actively involved in his church, Holy Name Catholic Church in Beech Grove.

“He was always involved in so many different activities and functions with the church. He put up and took down the manger scene at the church and stored it, for example. When my husband and I moved back to the Southside we wanted to come back to this church because so many people from the parish said that the church is Jim Huser because of how heavily involved he was,” shared Bogard.

Bogard always remembers being supported by Huser, who did everything he could to help his family members. Knowing that Bogard had a daughter with special needs (ce-

rebral palsy), Huser would show up to help with any moving days so that the houses would have everything needed to suit the daughter’s needs.

“He helped make equipment for my daughter, and he would just be there to help because he knew how much care she required. He would come and help set up the swing set and with anything else needed during the moves,” Bogard recalled.

Huser was appreciated and loved by many, which was confirmed at his funeral with so many who came to honor his life.

“When Dad died, the church was full. People came from all over and talked about things Dad had done for him that I had no idea,” Bogard said.

Huser is survived by his wife, Jeanne A. Huser; his children, Mary Stewart, James C. Huser, Gerald T. Huser, John Huser, Maureen Bogard, Jean O’Gara, Joseph Huser, Terry Huser, Marilyn Haywood and Chris Huser; his sister, Marie Kern; 41 grandchildren; 95 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Cookie (Clifford Allan) Kight

By Todd Travis

On Dec. 12, 2022, the Southside lost a larger-than-life man, Clifford Allan “Cookie” Kight. He was well known for the phrase “we can make that happen,” and was able to help so many people using that philosophy.

Kight’s family have been long-standing residents of Franklin Township – he lived in one of the original towns, Acton. He eventually grew to be referred to as the mayor of Acton. There was no elected mayor of the town but because of all he did, he was awarded that nickname.

His longtime friend Cathy Burton, who had a day care in Franklin Township for 42 years before retiring in May, provided a list of things he did for the town:

- Served as township trustee for one term
- Coordinated the community Fourth of July festival and fireworks show in Acton (this was started by the volunteer fire department, but the Acton Community Council took it over when the fire department was disbanded). The last year it was held, there was an estimated attendance of around 15,000.
- Worked as co-chair of the citizens committee that worked to get the ground donated for Acton Park (the historic site located at Southport and Acton Road, formerly Acton Campground).
- Member of Franklin Township Lions Club (helped with the demolition



Janice Uehline with her brother Cookie Kight at the 2016 Franklin Township Civic League annual gala, a fundraiser to help raise money for the community Christmas drive that the Civic League coordinates. (Submitted photo)

derby at the Marion County Fair every year).

- Member of Pleasant Masonic Lodge (on Acton Road) and annually assisted with the community Easter egg hunt and the haunted house that funded community projects.
- Collected donations to replace the Eagle Scout project at Acton Elementary that was destroyed by vandals right after it was completed (a bridge and walkway to the education wetlands).
- Board member and president of the Franklin Township Civic League
- Recipient of the Franklin Township Civic League Community Service award and the Franklin Township Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year award
- Ensured the veterans flag display was set up every year at Acton Cemetery for Memorial Day and Veterans Day.
- Helped raise funds for the veterans memorial at Acton Cemetery
- Co-chaired the Memorial Day parade

in Acton

- Took care of the American flags on the street poles in Acton and included Wanamaker when the man who started the display in Wanamaker passed away.
- Served on the Marion County Fair Board
- Organized volunteers in Acton to make sure the streets and people’s street parking spaces (if they couldn’t do it themselves) were plowed when it snowed
- Mentored many young men in Acton as they were growing up to keep them out of trouble.
- Organized a crime watch patrol in Acton.

“He did not really like public recognition and did a lot of things anonymously. There is no way to know how many people he opened his heart (and often his wallet) to when he found out they needed something,” Burton stated.

Christopher Quinn

By Todd Travis

On Dec. 7, 2022, the Southside lost one of its dedicated educators and longtime coach, Christopher Quinn. At the age of 49, Quinn passed away after a 15-month battle with cancer. He had been teaching and coaching on the Southside for 26 years before becoming ill.

As the assistant girls varsity basketball coach at Southport High School, he was remembered for his kindness and calm nature.

“He was the calm to my crazy,” described Adam Morelock, head girls varsity basketball coach at Southport High School.

“Chris was very selfless in that he would do anything for the program and anything for our kids and they knew that. Because of that, they would do anything for Chris,” Morelock added.

Quinn was also the head golf coach for the boys and girls varsity teams at Southport. Prior to coaching at Southport High School, he had a successful teaching and coaching career that began at Bishop Chatard High School and later included Irvington Middle School, John R. Wooden Middle School in Martinsville and Martinsville High School.

In October of 2021, Quinn was approaching his birthday while going through a difficult round of treatments. He had missed a couple days of practice due to the treatments but was able to make it to practice on his birthday. The girls on the varsity basketball team surprised him that day with cookies and balloons and sang “Happy Birthday.”

“They wanted to make sure that he knew even though he couldn’t always be there, that they were always there for him,” Morelock explained.

At Quinn’s showing and funeral, he had students attending who were current players but

“Every summer Cookie would invite the kids from our day care center to come out to his body shop and paint their handprints on the cars he got ready for the demolition derby at the county fair. He said it was for good luck. Each year, more and more kids from the town of Acton would come down and join in. The guys from his body shop would block the street so the kids would be safe. When we were done painting cars, we would take a big group picture for the local paper and those pictures were hung up in the body shop all the time. Then he would treat all the kids to ice cream,” Burton shared.

“They used the gymnasium at the elementary school for his funeral because of the amount of people who planned to attend. They still ran out of room in the parking lot and in the gym. He touched so many lives – it was incredible,” she continued. Kight is survived by his wife, Sharon; his two daughters, Heather Ray and Krystle Hiott; and his siblings, Debbie, Don, Brenda, Jeff, Janice, Dennis, Greg and Kim.



Student Anna Green with Christopher Quinn at the Academic Stars ceremony. Each student honors an impactful teacher, and she picked Chris. (Submitted photo)

also former players from the last four years of his coaching. Several players who were attending college out of state made sure to fly into town to attend his funeral.

“That just speaks to the kind of connection that Chris had with the players and the type of person that he was – that those girls were willing to go out of their way to make sure that they were there to support Chris’ family,” Morelock said.

“We’re better because of Chris and hopefully long-term our kids can be impactful in their communities and families and lives of people because of that. That’s why we do what we do, and Chris did that as good or better than anybody,” Morelock shared.

Quinn is survived by his wife, Jennifer; his parents, Quentin and Marilyn Quinn; his brother, Jeff Quinn; his niece and nephew, Conner and Alex Quinn; His mother-in-law, Joyce Adams; his brother-in-law, Ryan Adams; and his furry buddy, Toby.

Darlene Clifton Williams

By Nicole Davis

Though she had only returned to her Greenwood hometown a few years before her passing, Darlene Clifton Williams made quite the impact on her community.

“She was a force of nature,” said Brad Nemeth, president of Restore Old Town Greenwood (ROTG). “You knew where she stood. You knew what she was thinking: she would let you know. Sometimes it wouldn’t be something you wanted to know, but that made us a stronger organization. She was such a unique person. She had a great sense of humor. She had such a great personality, very energetic minded but she always wanted what was best for the group and the community.”

Williams, 66, passed away on Dec. 17, 2022. A native of Greenwood, she spent a large part of her life in Michigan. She returned to Greenwood in 2019.

“I think when she came back, she really wanted to get involved again,” Nemeth said. “She reached out to us and asked how she can get involved. She came to a few board meetings, applied to be one of our board members in May 2019 and she’s been a very important part of our group since then.”

Nemeth said that Williams was always active at the nonprofit organization’s events, like Small Business Saturday, clean up day and its meet and greets. When ROTG wanted to obtain historical plaques for its local historic homes, Williams took charge.

“She really drove that,” Nemeth said. “She did all of the research. Her and I worked especially close on it for awhile, trying to find the



From left, Brad Nemeth, then-board member Candace Myers and Darlene Williams. (Submitted photo)

right companies and when we found the company, she did all of the legwork. She worked with all the types of designs, she did the mock-up drawings and brought them to the board meetings. We have a lot of businesses and homes in the National Register district that have those plaques on their structures because of her.”

In addition to ROTG, she attended Our Lady of the Greenwood Church and was also active in her neighborhood group, Neighbors of West Old Town Greenwood. She helped organize her graduating class’ reunion a few years back. She also loved classic cars (especially Studebakers) and was active member of the Studebaker club.

She is survived by her son, Blair (Aya) Williams; daughter, Morgan (Brandon) Timmone; stepdaughter, Renee Cser and family; grandson, Kai Williams; soon-to-be-born granddaughter Williams; and siblings, Bill Reardon, Tim Standeford, Kelley Standeford, and Mike Galardo.



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GCA’s members of the National Honor Society. (Submitted photo)

GCA inducts new members into National Honor Society

Honors - Greenwood Christian Academy recently inducted new members into the National Honor Society. New members are Drew Adams, Joshua Beltz, Max Booher, Jeb Byrd, Izzy Cameron, Elaina Causey, Jay Chastain, Luke Chitty, Savannah Danielson, Sophia Doyle, Colton Flint, Gabby Harney, Taylor Harris, Shane Healey, Emily Heldman, Naomi Hillenburg, Allison Hoffee, Jude Kieffer, Carmine Mina, Sierra Parramore, Carter Pierce, Beck Rich, Haley Roller, Wyatt Schlageter, Milana Schundelmier, Hannah Swatts.

AROUND TOWN

Franciscan Health course series helps seniors maintain balance, manage falls risks

Free Educational Class – A new program at Franciscan Health Indianapolis is intended to instill confidence in older adults who are restricting their physical activities to avoid falls. A Matter of Balance is an award-winning program designed to help seniors manage falls and increase activity levels. The eight-week series of classes gets under way Wednesday, Jan. 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The classes are free and will be held at the Franciscan Education and Support Services Center (Conference Room 1), 421 N. Emerson Ave., Greenwood. Participants will learn to view falls as controllable; set goals for boosting activity; make changes to reduce fall risks at home; and exercise to increase strength and balance. Further, the classes are open to those who are concerned with, or have experienced, falls in the past. A Matter of Balance is free to the public, but participants must register in advance because of space limitations. To register, call (317) 528-4713 or email brice.Atherton@franciscanalliance.org.

ON CAMPUS

Students named to Trine University president's list

Top Academics - Trine University students were named to the president's list for the Fall 2022 term. To earn president's list honors, students must complete a minimum of 12 hours and have a grade point average of 3.750-4.000. Included from the Southside area is Korey Brandow and Noah Glassman, both of Greenwood; Andrew Dixon, Quentin Keese, Bailee McCreery, Ethan Reach, Samuel Julian Sering, Peyton Sparks, Lia Vawter, Naomi Worth, Katherine Zuercher and Chaise Clute, all of Southside Indianapolis. Additionally, Lukas Cline of Greenwood, a Trine University student, was named to the vice president's list for the Fall 2022 term. Cline is majoring in Criminal Justice-BS. To earn vice president's list honors, an undergraduate student must have a semester combined undergraduate/graduate grade point average between 3.750 and 4.000, with the undergraduate semester grade point average not lower than 3.500.



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By Mike Heffner

At the start of every year, I pick “One Word” as a theme to help shape my year, and I look to integrate it into everything I do. This is something that author and speaker Jon Gordon promotes as a leader’s alternative to a New Year’s resolution. This past year my word was Opportunity. 2022 was full of opportunities for me to weave that theme into both my personal and business life. This year I have chosen the word – Sustain.

I think one of the toughest things to do is to grow a business into a top performing organization. It’s even tougher to sustain that growth and excellence for the long haul. I recently read Alan Stein, Jr.’s book – Sustain Your Game, and he shared three things that are necessary to sustain that growth. His book shares that we are all a work in progress, and we need to continue to move toward our highest potential. This is how we can make the biggest difference and become the best versions of ourselves. He lines out three strategies to help us sustain our game.

Manage Stress – I know I can improve my time management, and it will help me

PERSONNEL MATTERS

‘One Word’ is the new resolution

battle the stress of the day to day. It’s important to control the controllables and only focus on the things that will make a difference. The key to managing stress is to manage our time, have a plan and prepare for what we think is ahead. A quote from Alan’s book is, “It’s better to prepare for an opportunity that never arrives than not be prepared for one that does.”

Avoid Stagnation – You can always get better. If you think you have it all figured out and are running on all cylinders, then you are likely headed for derailment. I love the quote from George Mumford – “We need to be weary of being on a plateau and not moving on to the next vista because we’re daunted by the path it takes to get there.” We have to be willing to change, learn and be uncomfortable in order to continue to grow.

Beat Burnout – In Alan’s book he states, “Burnout is the long-term effect of misalignment.” It’s easy to become exhausted when the activity you are doing no longer brings joy. Focus on why you are doing what you are doing and what you want the outcome to be. Aligning your values with your

work will help avoid burnout. As well, make sure to take time to set boundaries and allow yourself opportunities to recharge.

I believe, if you want to see your business continue to grow and continue to make a lasting impact, you will need to incorporate the things above. Alan has convinced me that if you want to sustain what you have built, continue to evolve, and become the best at helping people be successful, focusing on these three areas will be key.

As you plan for 2023, I hope you set aside time to find your own One Word. You may already know your word, or you may need to take a few days to ponder over things. It’s never too late to get started! I always Google my word and try using it for a few days to make sure it fits. A great website to help is GetOneWord.com.



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

PEER TO PEER

I wanna move back in my parents’ basement and play video games

By Howard Hubler

Reflecting on the needs of businesspeople, the “great resignation” is our biggest challenge. Close to half of all service employees in America don’t want to work where they are working and are considering working elsewhere.

Statistics suggests that the closer you get to handling a customer, the less likely you are to be content with your job. People that grew up texting for a lifestyle do not necessarily enjoy stretching to talk to a customer. Whenever their communication needs aren’t electronic, employees simply aren’t players. My kids have seven dealerships, and they’ve all said that they could use anywhere from five to 10 employees in the right spot in each dealership. The hope would be that in the new year they could fill those staffing needs that have been open since the end of Covid.

According to a national business newsletter, in the past year the food services industry lost 5.8% of its workforce, retail lost 3.82% and the entertainment sector lost

3.58%. These are industries where employees are typically face-to-face with customers, and they just don’t seem to enjoy the interaction. If your business needs a net gain of 5% new hires, and next year current personnel will resign at the rate of 3 to 4%, you need to hire 10, 12 or 15% new faces just to stave off potential shrinkage.

If your industry must have face-to-face contact, managers must pound training and role-playing with staff to give them confidence to talk with people. I believe that you will have to pay customer interface employees significantly more just for them to keep their job. They have to have their confidence level boosted even with more training, it appears, or they will quit.



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PHOTO of the WEEK



Meet the New Year's baby at Community Hospital South: Natalie Marie Ray. She arrived at 10:01 a.m., weighing in at 8 lbs., 1 oz. and more than 20 inches long. Her parents, Erin and Aaron Ray said they are ecstatic to have Natalie join the family. Natalie's mom is Dr. Erin Ray, works for Community Health Network as a gerontologist. (Photo courtesy of Community Health Network)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man."

– Benjamin Franklin

CARTOON



HUMOR



Top 10 reasons to avoid the fight at Waffle House

By Torry Stiles

10. You might want to visit Canada soon, and they won't let you in if you got a felony.
9. I think that might be your REAL daddy working the grill tonight.
8. You don't make a penny off of other people's videos. Stick to doing your TikToks lip-synching those Bieber songs.
7. These waitresses have bail bondsmen on speed dial.
6. You build up a lot of anger working the grill at the Waffle House, and sometimes you're just waiting for some pencil neck to push the right button.
5. You'll have to ride the paddy wagon with the other guy. When the door closes, anything goes.
4. The dishwasher ain't afraid to go back.
3. These waitresses switch jobs all the time and one day you'll walk into another restaurant, and she'll be behind the counter working up some spit.

2. Yeah. Sure. You've watched plenty of those Jackie Chan movies. How tough can it be?

1. She may be only 5 feet tall and a grandmother of five, but that night manager can still beat you and your cousins into next week.

BELIEVE IT!

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

In South Carolina, merchandise may not be sold within a half mile of a church unless fruit is being sold.

Source: stupidlaws.com



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NIGHT & DAY

LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT ENTERTAINING

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BEECH GROVE

Ladies Night: White Elephant Re-Gifter Party

• Enjoy dinner and a white elephant re-gift exchange. Bring a wrapped previously gifted gift for the exchange. There will be prizes awarded for the funniest, worst and best re-gifters. \$5 per person. | When: Jan. 13, 6:30 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: RSVP to ladiesnight@beechgrove.com

GARFIELD PARK

English Country Dance • Join host Barry Levitt and dance caller Alice Smith-Goeke for a lively evening of dancing for all skill levels. English Country Dance is a form of social folk dance which originated in Renaissance England, and was popular until the early 19th century. | When: Jan. 5, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. | Info: gpacarts.org

GREENWOOD

Southside Art League: James Johnson

• Southside Art League will exhibit a collection of original pen and ink drawings from Indianapolis artist James Johnson. His renderings often feature vintage homes and churches, including a few Greenwood buildings. They often have elements of fantasy. | When: Through Jan. 28, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays. Meet the artist at a reception Jan. 13, 6 to 8 p.m. | Where: 299 E. Broadway, Greenwood. | Info: southsideartleague.org

Paint and Sip at Bar Louie • Enjoy a Sunday evening sip and paint party. Ticket price is \$39 and includes all art materials. No art experience is required to have a great time. The best part is you take home your creation to enjoy forever. Food and beverage sold separately. | When: Jan. 8, 4 - 6 p.m. | Where: Bar Louie, 1251 N. U.S. 31, Greenwood. | Info: eventbrite.com

League of Women Voters Johnson County

• Enjoy a 5-minute slide presentation about The League of Women Voters of Johnson County and time to share your thoughts and concerns about issues that are important to you as a resident of Johnson and adjacent counties. | When: Jan. 12, 10 - 11 a.m. or 6:15 - 7:15 pm. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. | Info: lwvjin.org

Bingo Brawn & Brew • Join for the first-ever Men's Bingo at the Barn, supporting Greenwood Fire Foundation. Tickets: \$30 per ticket or \$250

for reserved table of eight. | When: Jan. 12, 6:30 p.m. | Where: Barn at Bay Horse Inn, 1468 W. Stones Crossing Road, Greenwood. | Info: Tickets available now at GFD Headquarters, 155 E. Main St., Greenwood

Library After Dark: Game On • Experience the library like a kid again with free reign of the building and no one shushing you... but with pizza and adult beverages! Play games. Enter challenges. Get your face painted. Go on an escape room scavenger hunt. Create your own masterpiece. Earn tickets to redeem for prizes at the end of the evening. Doors open at 7 p.m. with entry until 8 p.m. \$5 entry fee includes pizza, soft drinks, snacks, and fun! Ages 21 and over only. | When: Jan. 20, 7 - 10 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/greenwood-publiclibrary

Cookie Decorating Class • Decorate five themed cookies step-by-step, taught by The Blissful Baker. The theme changes every month, so each class is unique. This theme is Harry Potter. | When: Jan. 26, 6 - 8 p.m. | Where: Teal Canary, 199 N. Madison Ave. Greenwood. | Info: theblissfulbaker317.com/cookie-classes.html#

PERRY TOWNSHIP

Superhero Pancake Breakfast • \$5 per person. Come dressed up and meet some of your favorite superheroes. Hosted by the Perry Meridian High School Band Boosters, proceeds benefit the Perry Meridian High School band programs. | When: Jan. 14, 8:30 - 11 a.m. | Where: Perry Meridian High School cafeteria, enter door 7. | Info: perrymeridianbands.com

Yoga For Kids - Honoring Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. • Join for movement, breathing exercises, a story, and an activity for school-age kids. Grown-ups are invited to stay with their children. This session we are honoring Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Peacemakers Working for Equity. | When: Jan. 21, 3 - 3:45 p.m. | West Perry Branch library, 6650 S. Harding St., Indianapolis. | Info: indypl.org

SOUTHPORT

Volunteers Needed: Seed Packing • The Indianapolis Public Library will pack 70,000 seed packets this winter. Pack bulk seeds into individual packets that can feed a family of four. | When: Jan. 26, 1:30 - 4 p.m. | Where: Southport Branch library, 2630 E. Stop 11 Road, Indianapolis. | Info: indypl.org

AN OPTION

Scarlet Lane Brewing Company

A hometown pizzeria with craft beer, movie trivia nights, horror movies and spooky wall art by Hoosier artists equals a fun and entertaining evening at Scarlet Lane Brewing Company. "This place is true hidden gem in Beech Grove," Stated a Facebook review. "Very positive happy vibe. Great music selection, 10/10 both food and beer. Truly one of the best places to go in the good ole USA." A few specialty pizzas include the Eerie Indiana Chicken Bacon Ranch with garlic butter sauce, the Ghost with the Most Spicy Pizza with ghost seasoning sprinkle and the Springwood Slasher Ultra Pepperoni topped with extra cheese. There's even a breakfast pizza with a gravy base, eggs, cheese, sausage, bacon, ham and hash browns. Pair it with The Hornet, a brew cocktail made with Helder Seltzer Honey, lemon juice and ginger hair or the Drag Me Out of Bed tart cherry pale ale with tangerine juice. Other popular brews include the Dorian Espresso Stout, the Sammy Terry Citra



It's always a good day for a pizza and a pint. (Photo courtesy of Scarlet Lane Brewing Company)

Kolsch, or one of their seasonal or rotating brews.

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SPOTLIGHT



"Hauntings" (Art by James Johnson)

One-Artist-Show: James Johnson

A One-Artist-Show by professional artist James "Jim" Johnson at the Southside Art League Off Broadway Gallery, 299 E. Broadway St., Greenwood, from Jan. 4 through 28. The guest artist will exhibit a collection of pen and ink drawings. Original framed artworks will be available. Johnson has lived on the Southside of Indianapolis since 1958. He graduated from Manual High School, where he studied with art teacher Robert Crawford. He went on to develop his artistic skills at Herron School of Art. Jim was employed as an artist at L.S. Ayres and the Indianapolis Star and News. Upon retirement, he now has time to focus on tightly detailed pen and ink renderings of vintage houses and churches with elements of fantasy. Look for a few Greenwood buildings in the collection. Recently he was invited to have a show at Harrison Art Center last fall. Drawing is his passion, and he says, "I am still learning to draw." Visit the gallery during regular hours Wednesdays through Saturdays, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Come and meet the artist James Johnson during the SALI Open House on Friday, Jan. 13, 2023 from 6 - 8 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call SALI, (317) 882-5562.

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This Place Rules

A sobering and entertaining look into the heart of modern America

MOVIE REVIEW

By Bradley Lane

Andrew Callaghan has been a YouTube sensation since 2019. His videos are extremely idiosyncratic making them difficult to understand if you've never encountered him before. Uploading man-on-the-street interviews with groups on the edge of American culture, his videos have sketched a portrait of an America divided. From hardline Antifa protesters to far-right militias and even just rowdy music festivalgoers, Callaghan has an unparalleled ability as an interviewer to open his subjects up through his style of radical listening. Callaghan's online success led to him pursuing an opportunity to make a feature film about his experiences on the ground, leading up to the Capitol riots on Jan. 6, 2020. What results is an utterly enthralling, sometimes funny, and often shocking firsthand account of the con-

ditions that led some to storm the Capitol, and others to profit from that action.

Callaghan travels around in an RV, constantly seeking out the most high-profile stories happening in the continental United States. He has made a career of reading the temperature of the nation and being in the right place at the right time to capture some of the biggest news stories from a first-person perspective. Callaghan's coverage of the news focuses on letting the people that are involved tell their story with as little obstruction as possible. This style of interviewing encourages his subjects to be as honest and as vulnerable as possible, leading to simultaneously touching and disturbing moments.



The reason these interviews can be so intense is that Callaghan explores some of the most fringe eccentric characters the nation has to offer. The film begins with a wannabe rapper named Joker who has his face tattooed extensively to match his namesake as he challenges another niche microcelebrity to a boxing match over their love of the same woman in impoverished suburban Florida. He is abrasive, unsympathetic and opportunistic, but Callaghan features him multiple times throughout the film. The not completely explicit message is that as off putting as some of his subjects may be, they represent people that are deserving of our attention and empathy.

If you've never seen Callaghan at work, it might be hard to picture, but thankfully the

film is structured in a way that is welcoming to newcomers. He gives all the necessary context to understand the complicated circumstances that motivate the general populace to action, so when children start to rattle off conspiracy theorist talking points, you understand the tragedy of the moment. It is a significant work of documentary filmmaking suited for our current moment. By looking back on one of the most divisive points in modern American history it makes the case for how to avoid worse consequences in the future. This Place Rules is exclusively streaming on HBO Max.



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.

AROUND TOWN



Mark Bless. (Submitted photo)

Former Greenwood standout retires from coaching in Avon

Athletics - Avon High School (AHS) Varsity Football Head Coach Mark Bless has announced that he is retiring from coaching. He hangs up his whistle after 13 years at AHS and 38 years overall. Bless' teams won more than 66% of the games he coached. He accumulated a 92-56 record at AHS and a 241-123 record overall. Bless graduated from Greenwood High School, where he was a state champion wrestler, a standout track and field athlete, and, of course, an accomplished football player. Bless' college football honors included a Heartland Conference Player of the Year Award and Division II All-American recognition at the University of Indianapolis (UIndy). He is a 1984 grad and a member of the UIndy Athletics Hall of Fame. His head coaching career included tenures at North Vermillion High School (1990-1994) and Mooresville High School (1995-2009) before he began leading the Avon Orioles. His teams have won numerous conference and sectional championships.

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It's not as bad as it sounds

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

I've been accused of acting my shoe size more times than I can count. I'm OK with that. Why is that, you ask? Kids have way more fun. If we take ourselves too seriously, we'll turn into gargoyles — stiffly observing the world around us from our lofty perches. No thanks.

With that in mind, here are some words I've collected that only sound bad — they're actually completely innocent words (I promise!).

Let's start with the word you know about: masticate. All masticate means is to chew. There's no need to have your mind in the gutter when someone utters "masticate."

Have you ever seen an aholehole? Before you ask me if I kiss my mother with that mouth, let me assure you that an aholehole can be found swimming around the Hawaiian Islands. In fact, an aholehole

is a species of flagtail fish. Aholeholes are silver and have big tails that kind of look like flags.

Speaking of fish, have you ever heard of a lumpsucker? Don't worry — you don't have to shield your children's eyes. In fact, a lumpsucker is another name for a lumpfish. These fish, which come in a few lumpy, frumpy varieties, can be found in an ocean near you. Fun fact: lumpsuckers have pelvic fins that act as suction discs, allowing them to attach themselves to other objects.

While those words were admittedly fishy, the next word will make you blush. In fact, it may replace "moist" as your new least-favorite word. The word is "invagination."

Before you cancel your subscription, let me assure you that "invagination" is the act of putting a sword into its sheath. When you "invaginate" something, you put an object into a sheath or pocket. Don't look at me — I didn't make it up.

Have you ever experienced a fartlek? If you think this word doesn't pass the sniff

test, then think again! Fartlek is a Swedish method of long-distance running training that involves variations in speed and intensity. A good fartlek allows you to get your second wind, so to speak.

If you're from the South, you've probably had a hoecake. And — no — hoecake isn't an insulting name; a hoecake is a thick cornmeal pancake! Also called johnnycakes, hoecakes are called "hoecakes" because they were originally made over campfires on the back of hoes.

Believe me in knowing there are plenty of words I wasn't able to tackle today, including "titter," "diphthong," "haboob" and "peniaphobia." If you want to find out these definitions yourself, I suggest deleting your internet search history afterward.



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Puzzle Time Answers

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Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:

Hats: BERET, BOWLER, COWBOY, FEDORA, PANAMA, STOCKING

Stores: ADIDAS, GAP, J. CREW, SPERRY, TALBOTS

Animals: DINGO, EMU, KANGAROO, KOALA

Sounds: BARK, HOWL, GROWL

Drugs: PROZAC, TRULICITY

Football: DRAYK BOWEN

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IN OUR SCHOOLS

Roncalli athletes to compete collegiately

Athletics - On Dec. 21, five Roncalli High School senior football players gathered to recognize their intent to compete collegiately. Luke Billerman signed with University Saint Francis (Fort Wayne, Ind.) under coach Kevin Donley. Billerman was part of Roncalli's 2020 Indiana State championship, semi-state champions, two-time regional, three-time sectional and two-time conference championship teams. He plans to study business. Trevor Lauck signed at The University of Iowa (Iowa City, Iowa) under coach Kirk Ferentz. Lauck was selected to play on the US Army All-American team. He was also awarded two-time AllConference, two-time All-County and two-time All-State. He was part of Roncalli's 2020 Indiana State championship, semi-state champions, two-time regional, three-time sectional and two-time conference championship teams. He plans to study business. Jackson McNealey signed with University of Saint Francis (Fort Wayne, Ind.) to play under coaches Kevin Donley and Adam Sherman. McNealey was part of Roncalli's 2020 Indiana State championship, semi-state champions, two-time regional, three-time sectional and two-time conference championship teams. Brady Neu signed at Central Michigan University (Mount



From left, Jackson McNealey, Luke Billerman, Luke Skartvedt, Brady Neu, Trevor Lauck. (Submitted photos)

Pleasant, Mich.) under coach Jim McElwain. Neu was awarded All Circle City Conference and Indiana Super Team. He was part of Roncalli's 2020 Indiana State championship, semi-state champions, two-time regional, three-time sectional and two-time conference championship teams. He plans to study business. Luke Skartvedt signed with Northern Illinois University (DeKalb County, Ill.) to play under coach Tomas Hammock. Skartvedt was captain his senior year, awarded 2022 Indiana 4A All-State and two-time All-Conference. He was part of Roncalli's 2020 Indiana State championship, semi-state champions, two-time regional, three-time sectional and two-time conference championship teams. Skartvedt plans to study accounting.

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AROUND TOWN

Local teams awarded at FIRST LEGO League Challenge

STEM - FIRST Indiana Robotics recently announced the winners of the 2022 FIRST LEGO® League Challenge (FLL) State Championship Awards. The state championship was held on Saturday, Dec. 10, at the campus of the University of Indianapolis. Forty-nine teams of fourth through eighth graders from across the state converged in Indianapolis to compete in this year's game, SUPER-POWERED. Friendly competition is at the heart of the FLL Challenge, as teams of students ages 9-14 engage in research, problem-solving, coding, and engineering – building and programming a LEGO® robot that navigates the missions of a robot game. As part of the Challenge, teams also participate in a research project to identify and solve a relevant real-world problem. The awards earned at the state championship included Breakthrough Award Winner, 7584 CG Tro-Botz WATTz Up - Center Grove Middle School Central - Greenwood; and Rising All-Star Award Winner, 3676 Greyhounds - Thompson Crossing Elementary School Indianapolis. For more information, visit firstindianarobotics.org/first-lego-league/challenge/state-championship.



The 3676 Greyhounds team of Franklin Township was awarded Rising All-Star Award Winner at the FIRST LEGO League Challenge. (Submitted photo)

Franciscan Health recognized for excellence in infant and maternal health

Healthcare - Five Franciscan Health hospitals in Indiana have been recognized by the Indiana Hospital Association (IHA), in partnership with Gov. Eric J. Holcomb and State Health Commissioner Kris Box, MD, for their commitment to infant and maternal health through the INspire Hospital of Distinction recognition program. The recognition was announced at the IHA Labor of Love Summit in Indianapolis. Franciscan Health hospitals Indianapolis, Crown Point, Lafayette East, Michigan City and Mooresville earned the designation based on implementing best practices in six key areas, including infant safe sleep, breastfeeding, tobacco prevention and cessation, perinatal substance use, obstetric hemorrhage and maternal hypertension. Preliminary data released by the Indiana Department of Health shows the statewide infant mortality rate fell from 6.8 per 1,000 live births in 2018 to 6.5 in 2019. The mortality rate among Black infants fell from 13.0 in 2018 to 11.0 in 2019. A total of 527 Indiana babies died before their first birthdays in 2019, down from 559 in 2018 and 602 in 2017. For more information, call (317) 528-5224.

GARFIELD PARK MARKETPLACE

UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

In-Person Exhibition: Bismillah: The Intrinsic Art of Muslims • Since the 7th century, art has been an integral part of Islamic culture. Islamic art has a wide and diverse range of mediums and influence including calligraphy, painting, pottery, metalwork, textile arts, poetry, and more. This exhibit embodies the talent, culture, and diversity in the community by Muslim artists. | When: Jan. 6 - 28. First Friday, Jan. 6, 6 - 9 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. | Info: gpcarts.org

First Friday: Betsy Stirratt "Unearthing" • In "Unearthing," Stirratt — who is based in Bloomington, Ind. — explores how natural and cultural objects are presented in collections and museum settings, and how we preserve, classify, and display them. | When: Jan. 6, 6 - 10 p.m. | Where: Tube Factory artspace, 1125 Cruft St., Indianapolis. | Info: facebook.com/tubefactoryartspace

Words & Music: Maurice Broaddus • Join Oreo Jones as he interviews India-

napolis-based Maurice Broaddus -a writer, community organizer and teacher. His work has appeared in magazines like Lightspeed Magazine, Beneath Ceaseless Skies, Asimov's, Magazine of F&SF, and Uncanny Magazine, with some of his stories having been collected in The Voices of Martyrs. | When: Jan. 14, 5 - 6 p.m. | Where: Online, through Big Car Collaborative and Tube Factory artspace. | Info: facebook.com/bigcarrcollaborative

Adult Walking Club: The "Garfield Gaiters" • Adults ages 55+ are invited to a planned walk from Garfield Park Library using trails throughout the park and nearby neighborhoods. These twice monthly walks will last approximately 45 minutes. A signed Liability Waiver will be required. | When: Jan. 18, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. | Where: Garfield Park Branch library, 2502 Shelby St., Indianapolis. | Info: indypl.org

Young Scientists • Children ages 6 to 10 are invited to learn about topics in science, technology, engineering, and math through fun and interactive ac-

ivities. | When: Jan. 19, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Branch library, 2502 Shelby St., Indianapolis. | Info: indypl.org

Vintage Movie Night: Antony and Cleopatra (1913) • Antony and Cleopatra (1913) with Gianna Terribili-Gonzales, and Amleto Novelli. One of the first feature-length pictures ever made! Made in Italy but then imported to America. Very rarely seen, this is a bridge from the stage-bound films of early cinema. | When: Jan. 21, 7 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. | Info: gpcarts.org

Visitor Appreciation Day • Admission to the Conservatory is free on this day. Enjoy the unique tropical experience, including waterfalls, orchids, animals and more. | When: Jan. 29, 1 - 5 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Dr., Indianapolis. | Info: garfieldgardensconservatory.org

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Joseph David Angel, II

Joseph David Angel, II died Dec. 20, 2022. Survivors: children, Kimberly Stephenson, Joby, Nicole Angel; siblings, Julie Bruther, Jackie Copeland, Jeff, Jeremy Angel; eight grandchildren; one great-grandchild; extended family/friends. Preceded in death: mother; JoAnn Hurt; father, Joseph Angel Sr.; brother, Johnny; son, Zachary. Private cremation services. Arrangements: Grinsteiner Funeral Home.

Kelsey Darlene Armstrong

Kelsey Darlene Armstrong, 31, Indianapolis, died Dec. 31, 2022. Survivors: parents, James K. Armstrong Sr., Maria E. Armstrong; three siblings, Megan Armstrong, James (Jessica) Armstrong Jr., Gabrielle Armstrong; niece, nephew; boyfriend, Colton Irwin. Visitation: 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. service, Saturday, Jan. 7, G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home.

William Lawrence Babler

William Lawrence Babler, 65, Bloomington, Ind., died Dec. 29, 2022. Arrangements have been entrusted to The Cremation Society of Indiana, 4115 Shelby St.

Janice Arlene Clark

Janice Arlene Clark, 80, Beech Grove, died Dec. 27, 2022. Survivors: husband, John Clark; brother, Eugene Piercefield. Services entrusted to Little & Sons Funeral Home, Beech Grove.

Lillie 'Juanita' Collingwood

Lillie "Juanita" Collingwood, 90, died Dec. 23, 2022. Survivors: children, Linda C. Gregory, Brenda J. (Greg) Roach, Karen E. (Christopher) Koors, Sharon A. Lane, Kenneth M. (Lisa) Collingwood; Janet R. (Dave) Keim; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews. Preceded in death: husband, F. Morris; eight siblings. Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

Naomi Ruth Harris

Naomi Ruth Harris, 102, Greenwood, died Jan. 2, 2023. Survivors: Carolyn Harris; Jason C. Harris; daughter, Rebecca Nichols; four grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two sisters. Preceded

in death: husband, Shelby "Curt" Harris; son, Ronald Harris; four sisters; 12 brothers. Visitation: Saturday, Jan. 7, 1-1:30 p.m. service, Suburban Baptist Church. G.H. Herrmann.

Juanita Miller

Juanita Miller, 88, Greenwood, died Dec. 27, 2022. Survivors: daughter, Kathy Anne (Ed) Hinton; foster son, Bruce Hardy; one grandson; one great-grandson; sister, Louella Guilkey; two nieces, Donna and Sharon. Preceded in death: husband, William C. Miller; sisters, Arnella Carmany, Jean Manship; half-siblings, Melvin Manship, Edith Luke. G.H. Herrmann.

Julie Ellen Porter

Julie Ellen Porter, 81, Greenwood, died Dec. 27, 2022. Survivors: sons, Leonard Lee Porter, Jr., Kevin L. Porter; daughter, Amy Toney; six grandchildren; several great-grandchildren. Preceded in death: husband, Leonard; siblings, Calvin Strain, Susan Holzer; Companion, Donald K. Melvin. G. H. Herrmann Funeral Home at The Gardens of Olive Branch.

Lorraine (Schultz) Porter

Lorraine (Schultz) Porter, 62, Greenwood, died Dec. 29, 2022. Survivors: husband, Kevin; one sister, one brother; niece and nephew; four great-nephews. Preceded in death: son, Bryant; sister. Visitation: Jan. 5, 4-8 p.m., G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home at The Gardens of Olive Branch. Funeral service: Jan. 6, 1 p.m.

Marjorie Helen Robertson

Marjorie Helen Robertson, 83, died Dec. 24, 2022. Survivors: husband, Donald Robertson; children, Angela Riley, Brian Robertson (son-in-law, James Riley); grandchildren, Corbin J. Raines and Alyssa M. Raines. Marjorie is preceded in death by her parents, Gerald and Lindy Ross, and a brother, Jimmy Ross.

Dorothy Ellen Sizemore

Dorothy Ellen Sizemore, 48, of Franklin, died Dec. 27, 2022. Arrangements have been entrusted to The Cremation Society of Indiana, 4115 Shelby St.

Kermit Sizemore

Kermit Sizemore, 77, died Jan. 1, 2023. Survivors: wife, Mary; two children, Rodney, Cynthia; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; four sisters; two brothers. Preceded in death: son, Darren; three sisters; three brothers. Visitation: 4-8 p.m., Jan. 6, G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue. Funeral service: 11 a.m., Jan. 7, funeral home.

Sandy L. Stegemoller

Sandy L. Stegemoller, 73, Franklin, died Dec. 27, 2022. Survivors: children, Jamie Jones, Charlene Napier and Mindy Davis; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; six siblings; several nieces, nephews. Preceded in death: husband, Charles Stegemoller; children's father, Pete Woolsey; two brothers; three infant sisters; a sister-in-law. Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

Roger Benton Taylor

Roger Benton Taylor, 71, Lebanon, died Dec. 29, 2022. Survivors: children, Brian and Alicia Taylor; four grandchildren; a sister, Brenda Brash. Visitation: Thursday, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. service, Jan. 5, Forest Lawn Funeral Home. Burial will immediately follow at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens at 2:30 p.m.

Vikki Starr Underwood

Vikki Starr Underwood, 68, Greenwood, died Dec. 21, 2022. Vikki was born in 1954 to the late Marvin Anderson and Carol Crenshaw. Survivors: children, Kelly and Ryan (Laura); siblings, Lana York, Kimberly Anderson, Ramsey Anderson; several nieces, nephews. Preceded in death: husband, Billy Ray Underwood. Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

Wanda M. "Maxine" Wolford

Wanda M. "Maxine" Wolford, 99, died Dec. 31, 2022. Survivors: son, Harold J. "Jack" Jr.; daughter, Wanda "Jeannie"; two grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; niece. Preceded in death: husband, Harold J. "Jack" Sr.; grandson, Scott; six siblings. Visitation: Friday, Jan. 6, noon to 1 p.m. service, G.H. Hermann Funeral Home.

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Weekly Devotion



You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.

GALATIANS 5:13

Here we are in another new year! This is a time when we revisit our wins and losses over the past year, and then most of us vow to examine and rearrange our priorities with our New Year's resolutions. Some of us vow to exercise and to eat better, while others may vow to be more organized, or just to make better use of "our" time. The list of resolutions is as long as a list of all of our weaknesses! It is a good time to be reminded of something important. No sooner than the post-it notes fall from our refrigerator doors, reminding us to stick to our newly re-declared diet, we will shift our focus back to the things that lie ahead. There are imminent dangers in our paths. We live in a very complicated world, during some very complicated times, and we face some very complicated chal-

lenges. It may seem like there isn't enough time in the day to be all the places we need to be, or to handle all the responsibilities and commitments we have before us. Then you get the sad news that someone you know and love dearly passed away. Suddenly, time stands still. I said "goodbye" to a dear friend on New Year's Eve. It was just his time. Suddenly my problems seemed not so urgent. This year ask yourself a simple question. Ask not whether or not there is enough time in the day to do what you need to get done, but instead, ask yourself what you can do for others with the time we have been given to love one another.

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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From left, Sean Nolan (Love), Naomi Hillenburg (Patience), Faith Kresge (Gentleness), Jasmine Reynolds (Gentleness), Eli Ellis (Patience), and Austin Hoffee (Patience). Not pictured: Brooke Wilkerson (Love) and Lucas Miller (Gentleness). (Submitted photo)

GCA announces Character Award honorees

Good Character - GCA announced Character Award honorees for the second quarter and recognized students during its weekly Chapel service for outstanding character in the areas of patience, love and gentleness.

Public/Legal

Legal/Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE AUCTION OF PROPERTY BY Nick's Packing Service, Inc. Public auction of personal property including household goods, furniture, non-perishables, belonging to the following persons: Nicole Messere, Darion Jackson, Raven Resnover, Joshiana Bryant, Pamela Armstrong, Shaquaina Hayes, Robyn Wilson, Deborah Hawkins on Thursday, January 12, 2022 at 6:30 PM & Bamidele AYorinde, Robbin Ayorinde, Kiara Parker on Thursday, January 19, 2023 at 6:30 PM. The location for the auction is: Mike Heimel Auction Services 59 N. 2nd Ave, Beech Grove, IN 46107
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