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The ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Center Grove Emergency Operations Center was held Jan. 27. (Photo by Nicole Davis)

New Center Grove Emergency Operations Center opens

A new building housing the Center Grove Police Department, a full-service fire station for White River Township and Bargersville and the Johnson County Sheriff's Department's satellite office is now open. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held Jan. 27 at Center Grove Emergency Operations Center, 2309 S. Morgantown Road in Greenwood.

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Franciscan Health received the honor from the International Cardio-Oncology Society. (Submitted image)

Franciscan Health achieves center of excellence status for cardio-oncology care

Franciscan Health has been named a Gold Center of Excellence for its cardio-oncology program. Only 19 programs around the world have earned a center of excellence status, while 15, including Franciscan Health, have received the top recognition of gold status.

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Daniel F. O'Riley Funeral Home becomes O'Riley-Branson Funeral Service & Crematory

By the staff of O'Riley-Branson Funeral Service & Crematory

This month, the owners of Daniel F. O'Riley Funeral Home on the Southside of Indianapolis announced a name change to O'Riley-Branson Funeral Service & Crematory.

The change comes after five years of ownership by Chris and Mary Beth Branson, who purchased the funeral home from Shawn and Diane (O'Riley) Gudat in 2017.

"We're very proud to have served the community for five years," said Chris Branson. "Our name change is a symbol of our commitment to care for families in Indianapolis for years to come."

The Bransons have spent the last five years enhancing the facility and creating personalized services. Major facility renovations were just finished last year, and have included new paint, flooring, furniture and décor throughout the building; updated restrooms and a family lounge; as well as exterior painting and landscaping. The fleet of vehicles was also updated.

In 2020, O'Riley became an exclusive Life Celebration Funeral Home, offering a unique funeral experience with immersive displays

and keepsakes to help families honor their loved ones. The Bransons also added video tributes and live streaming to the services offered.

The Bransons have owned Carlisle-Branson Funeral Service & Crematory in Mooresville since 2007. The Carlisle-Branson facility includes an on-site crematory and is also used for O'Riley families requesting cremation services.

"Many funeral homes don't own their own crematories, but we feel this is a vital part of our services," Branson said. "We can provide peace of mind for families, because they know their loved one never leaves our care."

It was important to the Bransons to keep the O'Riley name associated with the facility, to honor its rich history. O'Riley opened in 1971 under the ownership of Daniel F. O'Riley, a respected member of the Indianapolis community and Army veteran. He was joined in the early 1980s by his son-in-law Shawn Gudat. Gudat continues to support the business as one of the facility's four funeral directors.

O'Riley-Branson Funeral Service & Crematory is located at 6107 S. East St. (S. US 31). More information is available at ORiley-FuneralHome.com or by calling (317) 787-8224.

AROUND TOWN



From left, Matt Snively of Elements Financial, Dr. Christopher Holland, Katie Ruiz, a graduate of Perry Meridian and the IYLA and IYLA Executive Director Don Bender. (Submitted photo)

Indianapolis Youth Leadership Academy receives \$3,500 grant from Elements Financial

Training - Elements Financial and the Elements Cares Team recently awarded a \$3,500 grant to the Indianapolis Youth Leadership Academy to be used for the training of young leaders. The IYLA is a one-week, 45-hour educational program for young people 15-18 years of age. The only requirements are a desire for success, a positive attitude, a good work ethic and an ability to learn. Classes include leadership with the DiSC assessment personality training, mentorship guidance, ethics and decision making, control of conflict and working together, stress management, government and society, social and commercial media and leadership performance training. For more information, visit indyouthleadership.com.

Roncalli Salutes Our Wrestling County & Sectional Champions



The Roncalli wrestling team, under the direction of head coach Shaun Richardson, captured its 10th sectional title after winning the programs first Marion County championship title.

The Royals had eight sectional and four county champions. Sectional and county champs: junior Bryce Lowery, senior Kody Glithero, senior Sam Peebles and junior Luke Hansen. Sectional champs: seniors Drew Willis and Andrew Stuck, junior Luke Swartz and sophomore Braden Getz. The entire team advances to the regional competition.

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Russell Broughton (left), Melanie Allen, Jessica Minton, Lesley Rhoden, Carrie Hanni, Mitchell Hartz, Alex Huth and Kristina Lakins participated in a blood drive at Kemper CPA. Similar drives in the area will help with blood shortages. (Photo provided by Kemper CPA)

Roll up a sleeve

Blood donations are in highest need as hospitals approach critical supply

By Kelly Williams

Blood supply across Indiana is lower than normal creating what Celina Fabrizio, vice president of National Media Relations for Versiti Blood Center of Indiana, calls a dire state of need.

"Between the tragedies that have struck the Midwest recently as well as loss of appointments due to the holidays and special events, the need is more than urgent," Fabrizio stated.

Versiti is a lead supplier of blood services, products and specialty services to more than 60 hospitals throughout Indiana and explains that over 2,400 blood donations per day are required in order to maintain a safe and adequate supply of blood for patients in need within Indiana.

The American Red Cross broadens Versiti's explanation by citing that every two seconds a person in the United States needs blood or platelets.

Regardless of geographical location, a donor's generosity of one hour of time and a pint of blood has the potential to save three people's lives who may be facing surgery, an organ transplant, suffer a traumatic injury, be burned, have a blood disorder and/or suffer from pregnancy complications.

The demand for both blood types remains high even though the most common blood type donated is O-positive. However, because O-negative blood is able to be administered to anyone, it is often in the greatest demand with the shortest supply with only 7 percent of Americans being O-negative blood types.

"As hospitals approach critical supply shortages, decisions about use and conservation of supply can't help but be made. There is no substitute for blood, it must be donated," Fabrizio stated.

Many Southside businesses and organizations have hosted blood drives for years and continue to do so during this time. Greenwood VFW Post 5864 has held a few successful blood drives with another company and will be home to a drive with Versiti on March 15 from 2 - 6 p.m. at 578 Commerce Parkway W. Drive.

"We will probably do this two or three times a year," said Steve Milbourn, commander of the post. "As veterans, we have a higher calling, and it is important that we help those who need help."

Beginning with registration, then a brief medical screening, blood donation, then refreshments, the whole process takes on average one hour, while the actual blood draw itself takes just about six minutes, and most

anyone is eligible.

Donors 17 years or older are eligible without parental consent, while 16-year-olds are able to donate but require parental authorization. All donors must have a photo ID that includes their birth date, and vaccinated individuals must wait 48 hours after receiving the vaccine before donating blood.

Donating blood is one way to show civic responsibility while, for local businesses, faith-based organizations, school and youth groups and community or civic clubs hosting a blood drive is another. Creating a theme around your blood drive or partnering with other local organizations who are willing to engage in a little blood drive competition are easy suggestions that can help create a fun atmosphere to encourage donors to participate.

For those interested in hosting a local drive, contact Shannon Crawford, Donor Recruitment, Versiti/Indiana Blood Center at (317) 995-1713 to schedule a time when the blood mobile is available.

Versiti's website states that donating blood is a great way to show civic responsibility, community pride and maturity. Additionally, it encourages its regular blood donors to please donate again. But for those who have never donated blood, now is a great time to step forward and help save lives because blood on the shelves today saves lives tomorrow.

For more information on donating blood, donation sites, hosting a blood drive and/or other questions regarding blood donorship please go to versiti.org.

WHERE ARE THE LOCAL VERSITI BLOOD DRIVES?

Greenwood Christian Church

2045 Averitt Road, Greenwood
Feb. 13, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Rocklane Christian Church

4430 Rocklane Road, Greenwood
Feb. 20, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Community Hospital South

1402 E County Line Road, Indianapolis
Feb. 23, 3:25 - 6 p.m.

Franciscan Alliance

ESSC and Sierra Building

1040 Sierra Drive, Greenwood
Feb. 24, 8 - 10:30 a.m.

Franciscan Health at Stones Crossing

1703 W. Stones Crossing Road,
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Feb. 24, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

New Hope Church

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Donations needed for Rosedale Hills Blessing Box

Food Needed - The Rosedale Hills Neighborhood Organization recently announced that it could use donations to stock its Blessing Box. With the bridge now open, the Blessing Box at Rosedale United Methodist Church, just south of the bridge on Keystone, is emptying daily. It is the Yellow Box in the front parking lot. Recommended needs list includes: hot and cold cereal, hot chocolate envelopes, canned meats, canned luncheon meat (ex: spam), canned chili and stews, peanut butter, chips, cookies, crackers (plain and p.b.), mac & cheese and dry goods that will hold up to the weather. No glass or anything that may explode in the cold weather.

Leadership Johnson County to host workshop on Leading with Happiness

Women in Leadership - "Happy" workplaces are more productive, more fun - and more profitable. This year's Women in Leadership workshop will offer not only the research behind the case for happiness but also practical tools to lead yourself and others to a happier, more productive life. Four speakers will cover the business case for happiness, strategies for managing immediate and chronic stress at work, overcoming roadblocks to happiness and positive leadership with and without physical presence. Leading With Happiness will be held Feb. 11 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Johnson County Armory, 325 Minuteman Way, Franklin. Registration is required. Tickets are \$99 per person for Leadership Johnson County Signature Program graduates, Franklin College alumni, Franklin and Indy Chamber of Commerce members and Aspire members. General public pricing is \$119 per person. Group discounts are available. For more information or to register, visit leadershipjohnsoncounty.org.



From left, Jessika Hane and Erik Bare. (Photo courtesy of Greenwood Rotary Club)

Greenwood Rotary past president awarded for leadership

Service Award - Oliver Winery Executive and Past Rotary District #6580 Chair Jessika Hane presented past Greenwood Rotary Club President Erik Bare with the "Avenues of Service Award" for his "Above and Beyond" leadership during his term as president. Mrs. Hane made the presentation prior to her talk on the Rotary Foundation at the Jan. 10 club meeting. A member of the Bloomington Sunrise Club, Mrs. Hane continues to serve the district as foundation chair.

Greenwood Public Library now offers iVOX

Picture Book App - Parents are always looking for ways to make learning fun and engaging for their kids. Well, thanks to a new offering from Greenwood Public Library (GPL), they won't need to look far! iVOX is a children's book app which uses the latest in storytelling technology to delight and engage curious young minds. Children ages 2 - 10 can follow along with a story while interacting with its characters and scenes - immersing them in the narrative like never before. GPL residents can access these new "books that move!" for free. All they need is a GPL Evergreen library card. iVOX is available online through any browser or through a free app that's available for iOS, Android and Kindle Fire. After accessing iVOX through the web or the app, they just need to select a book to bring it to life. Visit greenwoodlibrary.us for more information.

Barcia Alejos announces candidacy for Marion County Recorder

Public Records - Barcia Alejos announced her candidacy for Marion County Recorder. Barcia Alejos is a double blue star mom. Alejos has been a small business owner and businesswoman for more than 30 years. She has also been a leader, officer and chairperson of multiple not-for-profit groups. She has been very involved in the local theater communities as well as parent clubs for military parents. Barcia Alejos lives in Lawrence in Indianapolis with her husband, José where they have been involved in their community for many years. To learn more, visit alejosforindiana.com.

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MESSAGE from OUR PRINCIPAL

At St. Mark Catholic School we continue to improve our school in many ways even during this current pandemic. Our teachers are using innovative tools to teach in their adaptive classrooms. These educational components include technology, bringing in experts from across the world to speak to their students, and collaboration with their peers and teachers from other parts of our country to provide a Christ-centered education with strong academic rigor.

While we continue to do things much differently this year, our faith growth will always be the most important thing we do each day. Our teachers and staff share their faith with their students each day and model Christ's teaching to prepare each child to have a close relationship with God. We are proud to be a Catholic school and we live that faith each day here at St. Mark Catholic School.

We attend Mass each week. We pray the rosary. We attend Eucharistic Adoration. We do many of these virtually over a live stream, but the outcome is still the same; we share and grow in our faith with each other. St. Mark Catholic School has been on the corner of Edgewood Avenue and US 31 for over 74 years. We have been one of the fastest-growing, most diverse Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis for the last 11 years. Our students learn with academic rigor and are instructed with the teachings



St. Mark Catholic School's adaptive classrooms use innovative learning tools including technology.. (Submitted photo)

of Jesus Christ.

Parents, you have many choices for your child's education. Please feel free to contact me and I would be happy to talk with you and let you decide if St. Mark Catholic School is the best fit for your child's Christ-centered education. Strong academic rigor, stronger in faith in a diverse school setting, in a safe and loving environment. #comegrowinfaith

If you would like more information about St. Mark Catholic School, please visit our website at school.stmarkindy.org or call the school office at (317) 786-4013 and Mrs. Leszcynski can get you more information! Have a great Catholic Schools Week!

Rusty Albertson
PRINCIPAL

STUDENT LETTER Why I love St. Mark Catholic School!

I adore going to a Catholic school because I get opportunities that other kids don't get. I get to go to church and sing songs of worship. This gives me a chance to grow closer to God! I get to share my faith with my friends and other people! When I do that, I am also bringing other people into my faith and giving them the chance to also grow closer to God.



When I go to school or Mass, I go with enthusiastic feelings because I know that it's another day to connect with more people and be with God. I am also allowed to pray and talk to God. When I go to school, nobody is ever rude or disrespectful. I know that people can become a greater person when they come to learn at St. Mark. This is exactly why going to a Catholic school makes me feel very cheerful!

Christina San

STUDENT LETTERS What Nativity Catholic School means to me

Nativity Catholic School means a lot to me. I have attended Nativity since preschool, so I have been here a long time. Going to Nativity has helped me meet lots of friends. I have had many good experiences.

I like being in a Catholic school. Since it is Catholic, we get to go to church. I have been able to learn a lot about God at Nativity. Nativity has taught me about the Seven Habits to be a highly effective student. I like that it is a Catholic school because the kids are nice most of the time.

Nativity has a lot of activities for students. The Walk-a-thon is one of my favorites because we get to talk to friends and listen to music. I also like DEAL (Drop Everything And Lead) Day. We work with our kindergarten buddies to teach them about being leaders. Augustravaganza is also so

much fun! It is a parish festival that we have in August.

At Nativity, we have classes called "specials." I like going to STEM class because we do such fun projects. PE is also fun because we are so active and play cool games. Music is fun because we not only sing but play instruments.

Nativity has given me a good education. The classes are sometimes hard, but I learn so much. My favorite subject is math. I also like science because we learn cool stuff. The things that I have learned at Nativity will help me when I go to high school.

Nativity has been a big part of my life. It has given me the ability to know God and make great friends. Nativity gives me a good education and taught me that school can also be fun. I am very glad my mom sends me to Nativity Catholic School.

Shane Budewitz
5TH GRADE

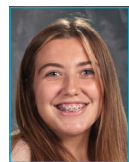


Nativity Catholic School has shown me how to find my voice. Sure, there are celebrities, movie stars and possibly popular kids, BUT it is important to realize that you are amazing, too. It does not matter how you look or what anyone thinks; Nativity teaches us that

we have our own gifts and talents. God teaches us to be grateful for who we are and that we should not try to be the same as someone else. God wants us to be creative but also special in our own way. Nativity has shown me how to do this. My teachers and this school helped me find my voice.

Sarah Roy
5TH GRADE

STUDENT LETTER St. Jude



I am so thankful to attend a Catholic school! Catholic schools provide new opportunities for everyone, and all are welcome. There is little judgment, and everyone is open to making new friends. Ever since I moved to St. Jude from a public school, I have noticed significant changes in my life. In my Catholic school, I feel much more safe and comfortable. Uniforms take away the factor of being judged

by what a person is wearing. The variety of sports and activities available allow students to express themselves and be competitive with humility and kindness. Each teacher makes sure every student has equal learning experiences, and students are taught to respect and love others from a young age. These key aspects have made my two years at St. Jude the best educational experience I have ever had!

Madi Wethington
8TH GRADE

STUDENT LETTER Saints Francis and Clare

Why are Catholic schools important?



Throughout school, sports and social activities, a student's life is brimming with activities to do. This may leave religion on the backburner in many scholars' minds. But Catholic schools are working to put Catholicism in the spotlight with academics and even sports by incorporating religion into schoolwork and even dedicating a class purely for teaching and understanding Catholicism.

Catholic schools do so much for our community, the most apparent being

teaching Catholicism. While this can be remedied with Sunday school, this is only one day per week. In Catholic schools, you get five days of deeper understanding of our faith. This and monthly activities to support our community like wrapping gifts for children during Christmas help shape the students of Catholic schools into hard-working and active members of a successful community. This and many more reasons are why Catholic schools are essential to us and the teaching of our faith.

Anthony Cuadros



Catholic schools are very important to a young developing child because the learning material and environment is what you find in a public school and more. Not only do Catholic schools provide advanced learning material but they also tie it together with how the material relates to our personal lives.

Another reason is that Catholic schools create a second home for a child. The teachers care about children like they are

their own children, and they're always making sure that students are giving their full potential. Be that as it may, it is proven that Catholic schools produce way more college graduates than public schools, higher SAT scores and higher math and reading scores.

One last reason is that Catholic exposure is important for a young Catholic. It builds good Christian values and a better overall personality. Look into signing your children up for the upcoming school year.

Nolan O'Connor



Catholic schools are important because they offer the best education for faithful youth. As a student at a Saints Francis and Clare Catholic School, I have been able to experience this. Each day after the bell rings, we start the day with prayer, then head to religion or church. Throughout the school day, teachers make sure to incorporate prayers and faith-related activities into our curriculum.

This allows us to experience our Catholicism fully and learn more about it. We also go to benediction and confession to become closer to God. At our sports practices, we pray for the team and others. But the best reason to go to a Catholic school is that you get to share your faith with the people around you. All of the things that you do, you can do them together. This helps you to have a deeper relationship with your peers and the Lord.

Ava Shirley

STUDENT LETTER Why Our Lady of Greenwood is important in my life



Why OLG is important in my life
At OLG I made new friends. When I came to OLG for the first time, all the students and teachers were welcoming. Students and staff were helpful when struggling with problems in class. My grades are a lot better here than at my old school.

I've learned more about God at this school. My faith has gotten more serious ever since I moved here. Lunch also tastes better than most schools. I learn a lot more in class than I did before. This is why you should send your children to OLG. We also have sports at our school. We have nice uniforms as well.

Jose Uribe

Bigger than cheer... Bigger than football

Center Grove graduate and Indianapolis Colts Cheerleader Vanessa Wahl chosen as 2022 Pro Bowl cheerleader

By Todd Travis

If you're an Indianapolis Colts fan you might be feeling bitter after a season-ending loss that bumped the team out of the playoffs. It was especially disappointing after some shining moments that gave fans hope for a Super Bowl run. But in the wake of this loss emerged a story of hope and triumph over adversity. One that goes beyond football.

It was an emotional moment when Indianapolis Colts Cheerleader Vanessa Wahl was awarded the 2022 Pro Bowl selection. On the big screen at Lucas Oil Stadium, her mother Hannah Mueller surprised her and announced to everyone that she had been chosen for this award. This was a much-needed piece of good news for Wahl and her mom as well. Wahl had been dealing with the loss of her dad Jason Mueller to colon cancer earlier in the year. Jason, a Center Grove graduate and elementary school teacher, served as announcer for CGHS football games. Wahl questioned whether she should even be on the team during this tough time. Her coaches encouraged her to audition and allow the Colts Cheer community to support her as she dealt with this difficult circumstance. "I am so grateful that I did," Wahl said.

"There's no way I would have been able to get through that without the team."

A PASSION FOR DANCE

Wahl grew up in Greenwood and went to Center Grove Schools from K-12. She started dancing at Stage 1 Dance Academy where her mom was the artistic director. She was also on the CGHS dance team before going to IU as a dance major and finishing her studies at IUPUI. After spending some time in Los Angeles pursuing her dance career, she decided she wanted to be back in Indianapolis near her family. Her mom suggested she audition for the Colts Cheerleading team.

Wahl was initially hesitant toward the idea of being a Colts Cheerleader because she wasn't sure it would challenge her dancing. "Boy, was I wrong," she admitted. After her first prep class with the Colts her tune changed. "I could not walk the next day. It was the hardest thing I've ever done," she said. The sessions would last anywhere from three to four hours consisting of dance training followed by a full workout. This ended up being exactly the challenge Vanessa was looking for. "I wanted to be pushed to my limits ... so I kept showing up," she recounted.

She went on to make the team on her first audition, which is no small accomplishment.

A CONNECTION WITH THE LOCAL DEAF COMMUNITY

In her first year with the Colts, Vanessa learned that the team required much more than just high performing cheer and dance. She learned it was about helping the community and improving as a person. She felt especially connected to the Deaf community because of a chance interaction with a young fan. She had taken sign language courses in college and was able to communicate with a young boy who was there to have a poster signed. He was so excited that she could understand him that he brought his sibling and mother back up to meet her. "It was a moment that made me realize that this is so much bigger than our organization; it's for this entire community," Wahl recalled. Knowing that Indianapolis has a well-known school for the Deaf she decided to improve her signing abilities. The Colts organization covered the tuition for her to take more signing classes, allowing her to continue to connect with local fans who are Deaf or hard of hearing.

It's no surprise that Wahl was chosen by her



Pictured on the right, Cheerleader Vanessa Wahl was recently selected to represent the Colts in the 2022 Pro Bowl. (Submitted photo)

peers to be the Colts' representative at the upcoming Pro Bowl in Las Vegas on Feb. 6. After all, the selection goes beyond being a great cheerleader. It is based on experience and leadership and having earned respect and admiration from teammates. It would have been easy to give up considering everything that Wahl had been through. But she kept her mind focused on her goals. And she dedicated her hard work to her dad, who was not related by blood but that didn't matter to either of them. "When I got tired during games, I'd tell myself, 'you're not just doing this for yourself ... you're doing this for his body as well,'" Wahl said.

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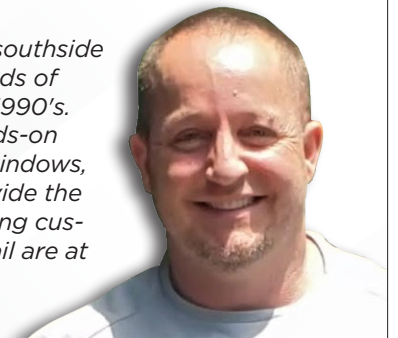
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PERSONNEL MATTERS

The dangers of thinking everything is still roses and butterflies

By Mike Heffner

Are you still motivated and excited to tackle your goals of 2022? This time of year, it is easy to quickly move from the optimism of the new year into the doldrums of winter. This is when new year's resolutions start to go bad, and people start to fall back into old habits. Why is that? It is likely because you fell into a negative thinking pattern. It's equally dangerous that you had yourself thinking everything was going to be roses and butterflies at the start of the year with all that positivity.

What do they often say – “too much of a good thing is a bad thing”? In the case of negativity, too much of a bad thing is a terrible thing. I recommend thinking about another saying – “everything in moderation.” This is not a political comment, but we cannot allow ourselves to get too far to the left or too far to the right. There's value in thinking about everything in moderation. Better said, find neutral thinking.

If you wake up with the mindset of today is going to be a dreadful day, it will be.

In the same way of thinking, if you wake up with the mindset that today is going to be the best day ever you could be a bit disappointed. We can have an optimistic viewpoint that is real. It does not have to be overly positive but cannot be negative. Real sounds neutral. It is not going to be a difficult day.

The golfer that warms up while thinking about how today is going to go bad will likely think it into fruition. A golfer that starts off a round thinking they are going to shoot par when they have never broken 80 sets up some possible negative thinking. It's important to be realistic and optimistic. The golfer that just focuses on getting a little closer to the hole on each shot will probably have the best round. This golfer is in the best position thanks to being present and focused on what is next.

Most of us spend too much time either looking back at all the bad things or we become so focused on the future fairyland that could be ahead that we allow our emotions to be yo-yoed around. It is like what happens when they say a snowstorm

“might” be coming. We go through all the snow apocalypse thoughts or we totally blow it off. Neutral thinking is not overreacting but simply preparing with a shovel, gas for the snow blower and some ice melt. Be prepared, and don't waste your mental energy.

Neutral thinking is thinking that no matter what happens, it was just something that happened. Accept what happened and then move on to find the advantage. It is not rocket science to reach neutral; look to have fewer negative thoughts and more positive ones. As William Shakespeare said over 400 years ago, “There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so.”



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

Help needed: why teens and seniors are essential in the current marketplace

By Howard Hubler

The other day I went to the paint store. The lady who waited on me was much older than I am, and I can buy senior coffee at McDonald's for 50 cents. I asked if she was working because nobody else could be found to do this job; she smiled and said, “Yes.” She indicated with Omicron, spot absentees of a week or two are now common in the industry. That, combined with nobody wanting to work and the workforce down by say 2 percent make a bad problem worse. That's where she fits in.

Likewise, I went to a big box store; the workers appeared to be college aged. The manager was a friend of mine, and I commented on his young staff. He shared with me that if he gets a kid out of high school that doesn't know what they want to do, or a kid that's college aged and hasn't selected a career or gone to the military, they are good options for him to hire. They've never tasted free money and they're not against work, they've just never been pointed into a direction. He indicated that most of the people

that work for him fill in the gaps for people that don't want to work are either very young or very old. The old appreciate being needed and the young have never tasted free money and they're eager to start a quality career.

Now the government dole for folks is over on the Biden program. At the same time, we have rampant inflation. Whatever bucks you chucked in the savings account from living back in your parents' basement and taking government cheese is not going to last very long. The question remains for all of us: will this drive these young Hoosiers back into the marketplace? And if so, will they have developed a work ethic having nothing to do for the better part of two years?



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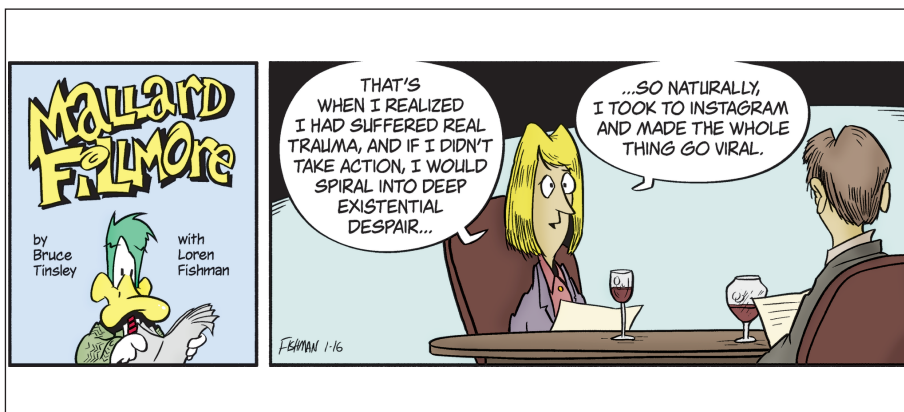
On Jan. 29 at halftime of the boys basketball game, Roncalli welcomed back eight alumni who were inducted to the Wall of Fame in the Ascension St. Vincent Gymnasium. The Wall of Fame honorees include some of the most distinguished athletes from Roncalli. These include All-Americans and Indiana Basketball All-Stars, as well as Indiana and National Players of the Year from multiple sports. Among the Wall of Fame inductees were junior Keagan Rothrock for softball and senior Emma Halter for volleyball; for girls basketball, Jenna (Hayes) Alspaugh '99, Sarah (Hurtle) Kegerreis '96, Diane (Hoereth) Metz '86 and Madelyn Bischoff '21; Sam Eiland '19 for boys volleyball and Nick Schnell '18 for baseball. Inductees that were unable to attend the event were Lindsey Corsaro '16 for girls basketball, Kendra (Lynch) Kirkhoff '13 for softball, Bridget Perry '13 for girls basketball, Paige (Weber) Tapp '07 for volleyball and Jason Werner '05 for football. (Submitted photo)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"That old law about 'an eye for an eye' leaves everybody blind. The time is always right to do the right thing.

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

CARTOON



HUMOR



Top 10 signs you are done stressing over COVID

By Torry Stiles

10. It's family night and you're off to the buffet.
9. It's been weeks since a cough made you leave the room in panic.
8. Being down to the last pack of toilet paper doesn't send you scurrying back to the store.
7. Food tastes different when your hands aren't coated in sanitizer.
6. You're back to laughing at the people wearing their masks when they're alone in their cars.
5. It no longer bothers you that the grocery store's "sanitary wipes" for the shopping carts is really a pack of their cheapest diaper wipes.
4. You're less concerned about what they'll call the next variant and more concerned with how all the others just disappeared.
3. When they stop you at the door and ask if you've recently been around someone with COVID you answer honestly with, "Hasn't everyone?"

2. Sticky floors at the movie theater are just another part of the cinematic experience that you miss.

1. You're finally cleaning out the mask collection in your car but keep stopping to hold one up and reminiscing, "I remember this one."

BELIEVE IT!

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

In Chicago, the giving of whiskey to dogs is prohibited.

Source: stupidlaws.com



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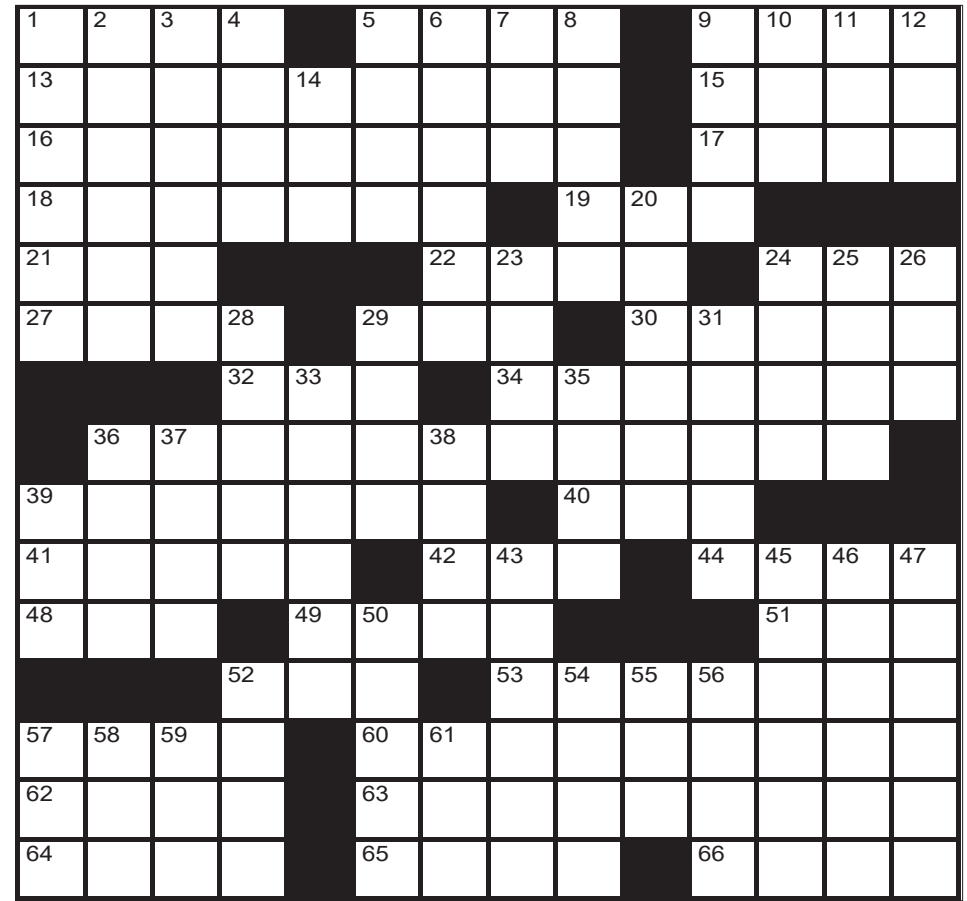
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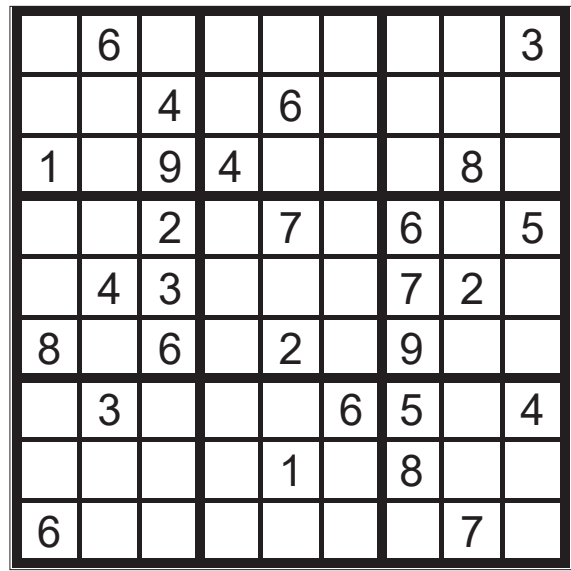
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- Forum attire
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Answers See page 14.



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Ladies' Fun Night: Valentine's Day • Celebrate friendship, enjoy dinner, crafts, games and more. \$5 per person. | When: Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: Register online or at ladiesnight@beechgrove.com

CENTER GROVE

KIC-IT Purse Bingo • Join for a designer purse bingo to benefit KIC-IT & the homeless youth in Johnson County! Tickets start at \$35. There will be 12 bingo games, two mystery purse games and a 50/50 raffle. | When: Feb. 10, 5:30 p.m. | Where: Barn at Bay Horse Inn, 1468 W. Stones Crossing Road, Greenwood. | Info: KIC-IT.org

Winter Woods Pottery Painting Class • This wooded design is perfect to brighten these long winter days. Class is instructor led, but also allows you to go at your own pace. Class reservation includes pottery, paints, supplies, and a helping hand. Cost: \$21. | When: Feb. 17, 6 p.m. | Where: 3113 W. Smith Valley Road, Suite D, Greenwood. | Info: upaintpotterystudio.com, (317) 893-5700

GARFIELD PARK

Legacy: Celebrating Black Voices • Celebrate Black History Month with Garfield Park Arts Center. View artwork by local African American artists in a variety of mediums. | When: Gallery lasts from Feb. 4 - 25. First Friday, Feb. 4, 6 - 9 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Dr., Indianapolis. | Info: gpacarts.org/events

Valentine's Family Craft Day • Create a variety of V-Day inspired crafts, including Valentine's Day cards - perfect for gifting on Valentine's Day! Pre-registration encouraged, but not required. Ages 17 and under. Cost: \$5. | When: Feb. 5, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Dr., Indianapolis. | Info: gpacarts.org/events

Valentine's Art Night Out • Surprise your partner, galentine, bestie or family member with a nontraditional Valentine's Day celebration. | When: Feb. 12, 6 - 8 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Dr., Indianapolis. | Info: gpacarts.org/events

GREENWOOD

Free Art Therapy • Franciscan Health Indianapolis, Franciscan Care Management and Beacon of Hope Crisis Center are offering a new program to help victims. Take It Out In Art! is a free class intended for any victim of violence. Caroline Fisher, a retired certified Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner, and artist Patty Coulter, founder of Patty Coulter Fine Arts will lead the classes. | When: Feb. 19, 17, 24 and March 3, 7 - 9 p.m.; and March 25, April 1, 8 and 15, 10 a.m. - noon. | Where: Classroom 5 at the Franciscan Education and Support Services Center, 421 N. Emerson Ave, Greenwood. | Info: Registration is required. Call Caroline Fisher at (317) 528-5440 or email Rosiecaro@aol.com.

Valentine's Dance • Put on your dancing shoes and grab the little ones for an evening of love, fun and community celebration. More information will come soon. | When: Feb. 11, 6-8 p.m. | Info: greenwood.in.gov

Valentines Date at Board & Brush • Join the DIY workshop and create a unique wood sign! Select a wood project from the gallery. The shop provides all the materials and instruct you step-by-step to create a beautiful piece for your home or for a gift. Cost for a workshop is \$68 per person and pre-registration is required. | When: Feb. 11, 6 p.m. | Where: Board & Brush, 200 W. Main St., Greenwood. | Info: Facebook: boardandbrushgreenwoodin

All You Need is Love - A Musical Experience • Enjoy some great music featuring the Creative Grounds Fine Arts Academy Student Leadership Team, directors and friends of the organization in what promises to be a night to remember. | When: Feb. 12, 6:30 - 8 p.m. | Where: Creative Grounds Fine Arts Academy, 1251 N. U.S. 31, Suite 160, Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/cgfinearts

Engaged in Indiana Wedding Show • See the latest trends in designs, colors and tastes for your wedding celebration. | When: Feb. 20, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. | Where: The Nest Event Center 400 Byrd Way. | Facebook: Engaged Indiana Wedding Shows

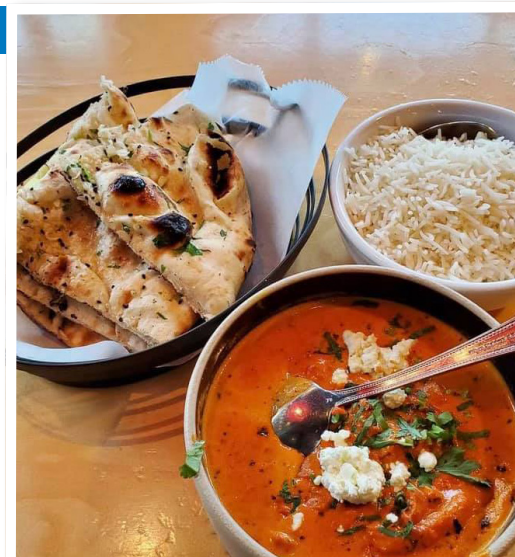
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Aroma Indian Cuisine and Bar

From street food to upscale classic dinners, Aroma Indian Cuisine and Bar in Fletcher Place offers a charming atmosphere for a date night and includes several community-style tables if you want to make some new acquaintances. Entrée dishes include the Lamb Shank (an Aroma special), Bhuna Ghee Goat, Butter Chicken with Goat Cheese; Madras Fish Curry and veggie dishes such as the Aloo Gobi Adraki (fresh cauliflower florets, potatoes and green peas tossed with the Aroma signature sauce). Last year, Aroma was named one of the 30 best restaurants in Indianapolis Monthly.

"The Mango Lassi is hands-down the best one I've had at any place," according to a Yelp review. "Every single thing I have tried has been amazing and you can pick your spice level on just about everything," stated another.

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Aroma has authentic, upscale Indian food available for takeout, delivery or dining in. (Photo courtesy of Aroma Indian Cuisine and Bar's Facebook page)

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SPOTLIGHT



Dr. Jarrod Nicholas Dortch, aka Snuggly Bear, will host a new Art and Vinyl gallery at Listen Hear starting Feb. 6. (Submitted photo)

Art and Vinyl

Snuggly Bear presents "Art and Vinyl," an exhibition featuring Amber Zuri Keel, Kendia Lovelady and Harriet Watson at Listen Hear, 2620 Shelby St., Indianapolis starting Feb. 6, 6 - 10 p.m.

"For this exhibition I wanted to create comfort while stepping outside of who and what I am accustomed to," said Dr. Jarrod Nicholas Dortch, aka Snuggly Bear in a press release. "The artists were chosen based on their differing approaches as it pertains to medium, subject matter and artistic styles which represent the diversity of the Black woman who so often are subjected to the monolithic categorizations and restrictive boxes created by the mainstream media and the patriarchal society as a whole." "Snuggly Bear" Dr. Dortch is part of a movement of Black artists and curators who are hosting exhibits and creating work that shines a light on Black culture. He has been affiliated with Big Car as a Community Artist and Gardener at the Tube Factory artspace. Amber Zuri is an Indianapolis-based artist who has spent most of her life in pursuit of understanding and honing her creative practices. Harriet Watson is a working artist and is an active member of The Eighteen. Harriet enjoys painting portraits with acrylics and draws inspiration from Black female artists from the 70s. Kendia Lovelady is a 21-year-old local Indy abstract artist. Painting since before she can remember, she made her official artist debut, "In The Eye of Genesis" in March of 2020 at the Hoy Polloy Art Gallery located on the Near Eastside of Indianapolis.

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Pig

Nic Cage plays understated in a tale of loss, grief and the power of food

MOVIE REVIEW

By Bradley Lane

Almost exclusively known for his over-the-top acting style, Nic Cage has garnered a cult following for his signature style. Cage gives 100 percent to every role he portrays whether or not the film matches his effort level. This is often seen as a weakness or a low-brow style compared to his contemporaries, but I view it as a beacon of Cage's professionalism. Despite his legendary career and Academy Awards recognition, Cage gives the same effort to direct to DVD low-budget genre films that he gives to large studio blockbusters. This signature acting style reaches new highs under the direction of Michael Sarnoski in his triumphant directorial debut.



In *Pig*, Cage portrays a reclusive truffle forager named Rob, isolated from the outside world, aside from his truffle sniffing pig. He lives a peaceful life in the woods, trading truffles for supplies and caring for his pig. That is until one day his pig is stolen from him, forcing Rob to return to society, and a world he turned his back on, to track down the last thing he has left to care for.

Pig is a slow burn. It takes its time to dole out information about the plot and characters but always with a purpose. The film aims to draw a parallel between the pace of the story and its subject. Besides allowing the filmmakers to saturate the audience with beautiful scenery, (rendered all the more serene by masterful cinematography) this choice to slow roll information mirrors the central theme of the story.

Hidden amongst Cage's performance in

each tiny mannerism and every word is his overwhelming sense of grief. It isn't immediately clear why he is hurting, but it's clear it left him reeling: away from people, his livelihood and the world. What Rob learns throughout the film is not how to relieve grief but rather how to live with it. This is communicated expertly through not only the characters' dialogue but also within Cage's performance.

It is rare a filmmaker comes out with a debut film that is so stylistically defined, with a voice so fully formed. Sarnoski takes cues from neo-realist film to create characters and a story you'll not soon forget. *Pig*, one of the best films of last year, and surely an awards contender this year, is currently available to stream on Hulu.



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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JOHNSON COUNTY

Leading With Happiness • This year's Women in Leadership workshop will offer not only the research behind the case for happiness, but also practical tools to lead yourself and others to a happier, more productive life. General public pricing is \$119 per person. | When: Feb. 11, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. | Where: Johnson County Armory, 325 Minuteman Way, Franklin. | Info: Registration is required, leadershipjohnson-county.org

PERRY TOWNSHIP

Companion Planting and Perennial Vegetables • Bethany Community Gardens presents free classes for beginner and experienced gardeners, led by gardening expert, Ginny Roberts. | When: Feb. 15, 6 - 7:30 p.m. | Where: Bethany Community Gardens, 4702 S. East St., Indianapolis | Info: facebook.com/bethany-communitygardens

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To sound the silliest, become an illeist

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

There's a 1995 episode of "Seinfeld" where Jerry, George and Kramer play basketball at the local health club with a guy named Jimmy. Not only does Jimmy sell special training shoes that supposedly increase your vertical leap, but he always refers to himself in the third person.

Because of Jimmy's use of third person, George invests in the specialty shoes and Elaine mistakenly agrees to go on a date with Jimmy. Hilarity ensues.

Believe it or not, there's a term for someone who refers to himself in the third person: an illeist. At first glance, this sounds like a person who believes in a sick deity; I assure you this isn't the case. Illeism is the act of referring to yourself in the third person. Illeism is also known as "self-talk" or "self-naming."

And, while you're wondering, here's the secret on when to use the hyphen: write

"third person" when the term is used as a noun and write "third-person" when using the term as a compound adjective.

We get the term "illeism" from the Latin word "ille," which means "he" or "that man." The word was first used by Samuel Taylor Coleridge in 1809. The plural version of illeism is the term "nosism," more commonly known as "the royal we."

In Curtis' research, Curtis has found three primary areas where illeism thrives: in Shakespeare, among professional athletes and among politicians. If I had time to add a fourth category, it would be Elmo. But Curtis doesn't have time to discuss Elmo.

Shakespeare employed illeism before it was a word. In "Julius Caesar," the eponymous hero says, "The gods do this in shame of cowardice: / Caesar should be a beast without a heart, / If he should stay at home to-day for fear. / No, Caesar shall not: danger knows full well / That Caesar is more dangerous than he."

When it comes to professional athletes, something compels them to practice illeism during interviews. While I could search the

internet for examples, the king of pro sports illeism is baseball hall-of-famer Ricky Henderson. When Henderson misplaced his limousine, he said, "Rickey don't like it when Rickey can't find Rickey's limo."

Finally, illeism wouldn't exist without politicians – quite possibly the best at talking about themselves. While I could make a reference to a recent president here, he doesn't hold a candle to the master illeist Bob Dole. In 1996, Dole famously declared, "Make no mistake, Bob Dole is going to be the Republican nominee."

Some say illeism sounds pretentious, and I tend to agree. For some reason, however, the elitist illeist are the ones who sound the silliest.



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

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Puzzle Time Answers

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States: ILLINOIS, INDIANA, KENTUCKY, NEW YORK, OHIO

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Artists: CEZANNE, PICASSO, REMBRANDT

Spots: LE PEEP, WILD EGGS

Symbol: TIGER

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Local nurse opens new Franklin Township medical practice

FEATURE

By Nancy Hammerstrom

While most people visit their doctor after they get sick, patients with a local nurse practitioner-run primary care facility learn what they can do to help prevent future illnesses.

Dragonfly Primary Care, owned by lifetime Southsider Crystal Wiles, opened early last month in Franklin Township. Wiles said she wants to teach patients what they can do to maintain their own wellness.

"Over my last 18 years in healthcare I have witnessed our healthcare systems move towards a more fiscal model rather than patient-focused model," Wiles said. "I believe the way to better health is collaboration with patients to create individualized plans of care. Better outcomes will result when more time and attention is spent on education about health and a greater focus on how to prevent illness."

Wiles added that a medical practice operated by nurse practitioner is seen by many as unique, although she predicts this will be a growing trend.

"As more physicians are moving to the

acute care and hospital settings, it is anticipated that we will see more nurse practitioners managing primary care needs. I find this to be a great fit as nurse practitioners have greater training in interpersonal communication and patient education."

Wiles, who describes her practice as "calming," said patients are scheduled based on their own needs. "We understand that life does not always go as planned and sometimes we have urgent healthcare needs," she said. "Our walk-in services are meant to help provide our patients with access to healthcare whenever they may need it. We want patients to feel like they are truly a part of our team."

A Perry Meridian graduate, Wiles works with her husband (and high school sweetheart) Caleb, practice manager. Caleb said he supports his wife's dream of owning her own clinic.

"I really believe in her mission to provide patient-focused care," he said. "I've seen firsthand the impact she has in the lives of her patients."

Dragonfly Primary Care is located at 6835 E. Southport Road, Suite D, Indianapolis, 46237. For questions or to make an appointment, call (317) 759-1843 or visit dragonflyprimarycare.com.



Crystal Wiles, NP, opened Dragonfly Primary Care in early January. (Submitted photo)

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UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS

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• Learn the art of stitching and embroidery. We'll cover a few key stitches and you'll walk away with a 'heart' themed artwork suitable for decoration or a gift. No previous sewing experience is needed. Ages 15 +. Price: \$15. | When: Feb. 10, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Dr., Indianapolis. | Info: gpacarts.org

English Country Dancing • Join host Barry Levitt and dance caller Alice Smith-Goeke for a lively evening of dancing for all skill levels. | When: Feb. 10, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Dr., Indianapolis. | Info: gpacarts.org

Recycled Valentines • Kids ages 4 - 10 can sign up for this fun program where they'll use recycled materials to create Valentine's Day cards. Registration is required. \$5 per child. | When: Feb. 12, 2 p.m. | Where: Garfield Gardens

Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Dr., Indianapolis. | Info: garfieldgardensconservatory.org

Coffee and Conversation • Discover the history of coffee and gain a greater appreciation. Learn more about how coffee can be grown in harmony with the rainforest and protect Indiana native migratory birds. Program attendees will have a chance to see the Conservatory coffee trees and decorate a plain white coffee mug to keep. Registration required for this adult program. Fee: \$8 per person. | When: Feb. 19, 2 - 3 p.m. | Where: Garfield Gardens Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Dr., Indianapolis. | Info: garfieldgardensconservatory.org

Fountain Square Neighborhood Association Meeting • Join for the monthly neighborhood association meeting. An in-person or virtual meeting is to be determined based on CO-

VID numbers in the area. | When: Feb. 28, 6:30 p.m. | Info: fsna.in

Young Scientists @ Garfield Park

• Children ages six to ten are invited to learn about topics in science, technology, engineering, and math through fun and interactive activities. | When: March 2, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Branch library, 2502 Shelby St, Indianapolis. | Info: indypl.org

Spring Bulb Show • It's springtime at the Garfield Conservatory! Come see the stunning display of tulips and other spring blooms against the backdrop of our permanent tropical collection. Bulbs from the display will be for sale beginning March 12, 10 a.m. Fee: \$5 per person or \$12 per family with two adults max. | When: March 4 - 11. | Where: Garfield Gardens Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Dr., Indianapolis. | Info: garfieldgardensconservatory.org

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Alice Jane Coddington

Alice J. Coddington, 81, of Indianapolis died Jan. 27, 2022. She was born June 13, 1940. Alice and her late husband, John, were owners of Eagle Magnetic Co., Inc. A funeral service was held Feb. 2 at Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

John Walter Cordell

John Walter Cordell, 69, Indianapolis, died Jan. 24, 2022. Survivors include wife, Deborah (Potts) Cordell; siblings, Steven Cordell, Kathy Hulsey, Robert E. Cordell II, Candace (Paul) Crabtree and Jeanna Fields; along with many nieces and nephews. Services entrusted to Little & Sons, Beech Grove Chapel.

Juanita Lucille Lucas

Juanita L. Lucas, 67, of Indianapolis, died Jan. 24, 2022. She was born Feb. 26, 1954. A private family service will be held at this time due to Covid-19 precautions. A celebration of life is being planned, and those details will be provided at a later date.

Genive McClain

Genive McClain, 84, Indianapolis, died Jan. 25, 2022. Genive was born Jan. 9, 1938, in Albany, Ky. She was a self-employed beautician. A funeral service will be conducted at noon on Saturday, Feb. 5 at Forest Lawn Funeral Home, Greenwood, with visitation from 10 a.m. until the service.

Kenneth D Platt

Kenneth Donald Platt (Ken), 96, died Jan. 25, 2022. He was born Oct. 28, 1925, in Cleveland. He served in the U.S. Army and worked for AT&T. His wife, Marjorie (Marge) Platt preceded him in death Aug. 31, 2020. A funeral service was held Feb. 2 at Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Donald Ray Speaks

Mr. Donald Ray "Don" Speaks, 74, Greenwood, died Jan. 25, 2022. Don was born April 13, 1947. Funeral services will be conducted at noon on Thursday, Feb. 3, at Forest Lawn Funeral Home, Greenwood, with visitation from 10 a.m. until the service. Burial will follow at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

Basic death notices (up to 50 words) are printed free of charge. Personalized Obituaries exceeding 50 words will be charged at a rate of \$12 for the first 60 words and 10 cents for each additional word. Full-color photographs may be included for an additional \$10. Families/estates or funeral directors are encouraged to send obituaries and photos to news@ss-times.com. Information received by noon Tuesday will be published Thursday, space permitting.



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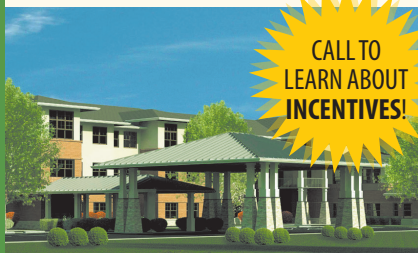
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Saints Francis & Clare Catholic Church • 5901 Olive Branch Road, Greenwood. | Ph: (317) 859-4673. | Fr. Steve Giannini. | Sat. Anticipation Mass: 5:30 p.m. | Sun.: 7, 8:45 & 11:30 a.m.

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St. John's United Church of Christ • 7031 S. East St., Indpls (U.S. 31, Southport Road). | Ph: (317) 881-2353. | Rev. Shannon Abbott | Sunday Worship: 10:30a.m. | Sunday School: 10:30a.m.

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1 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:

2 And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked men: for all men have not faith.

3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall stablish you, and keep you from evil.

2 THESSALONIANS 3:1-3

It not always actions that speak the loudest and that matter the most. It is my belief that intentions which lay beneath the surface matter more. What motivates us? What motivates me? What motivates you? Right motivation justifies actions.

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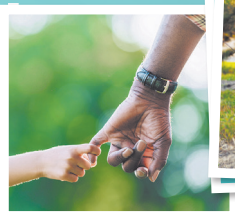
In over 45 years of pastoral ministry and over 10 years of youth ministry, I have had to deal with the fallout of the actions of several whose motivation was self-promotion more than the promotion of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Like Paul, I do covet your prayers that the word of God may have free course and that Christ may be glorified and that He may be lifted up in order that He may bring the world to Himself. I desire to be delivered from wicked men and the unreasonable persons.

There are many who are not in this as those who contend for the faith once given to the saints; they use the church to gain some personal advantage over others. I pray with all of my heart that I am not one of them and that I will never be drawn in and deceived by any of them to the detriment of the gospel or the church.

Finally, Paul writes, the Lord is faithful and He will establish all of those who seriously and sincerely want to be used to further the cause of Christ. He will keep you, that is, He will protect you. Isn't it interesting that Christ taught His disciples to pray for this as well in what many have come to know as the Lord's prayer? We are to pray daily that we might be shielded from Satan as we do our daily chores for Christ. Christ is the great shepherd who watches after the entire flock of believers. I love the image that places into my mind. I can see Jesus standing guard over us and keeping us and leading us to greater pastures and stiller waters. May He so bless us all today in that way.

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



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CITY OF INDIANAPOLIS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE FOR SOUTH COUNTY LINE ROAD PROJECT (Des. No. 2002553)

An in-person public meeting regarding the South County Line Road Project has been scheduled by the City of Indianapolis' Department of Public Works (DPW). The meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at 6 p.m. at Glens Valley Elementary School, 8239 Morgantown Road, Indianapolis, IN 46217. Doors will open at 5 p.m. to allow time for the public to review project exhibits. Please enter at Door 11.

This meeting will include appropriate social distancing measures. Hand sanitation stations and face masks will be provided. The Marion County Public Health Department encourages all residents to wear masks in indoor public spaces, regardless of vaccination status.

The purpose of this meeting is to offer area residents, stakeholders, and other interested persons an update on DPW's plans to redesign South County Line Road. The project is intended to improve safety, mobility, and operational efficiency along the County Line Road corridor from the east end of the I-69 Interchange to SR 135 in Marion and Johnson counties, Indiana.

The project will include the widening of County Line Road to two travel lanes in each direction with a center turn lane, the construction of a sidewalk and multi-use path along County Line Road, the replacement of two bridges (Structure No. 49-4503F over Pleasant Run Creek and Structure No. 49-4510F over Buffalo Creek) and the addition of an access road to the Mount Pleasant subdivision from Bluff Road.

The eastern intersection of Morris Road with County Line Road and the intersection of Mount Pleasant East Street with County Line Road will be converted to cul-de-sacs, with no access to County Line Road. These changes are necessary due to the correction of the steep incline of County Line Road near Morgantown Road. Due to the permanent closure of the County Line Road/Mount Pleasant East Street intersection, a new local road will be constructed to provide access to the Mount Pleasant community. This roadway will be approximately 400 feet in length and 20-24 feet wide and will connect the Mount Pleasant neighborhood to Bluff Road.

Based on the preliminary design, it is anticipated that approximately 20-acres of permanent right-of-way, 8-acres of temporary right-of-way, and 9 relocations will be required for this project to be completed. Total project costs are estimated to be approximately \$40 million.

Maintenance of traffic will include the closure of County Line Road from Morris Street to the Mount Pleasant Bridge, including the closure of the Morgantown Road intersection during Phase I. Phase II will be constructed under traffic with lane closures.

For those unable to attend, the meeting will be broadcast live by Indianapolis Government Channel 16 on the following cable providers and channels: Xfinity Channel 16, Spectrum Channel 340, and AT&T Channel 99. The event can also be viewed via Livestream at: https://indianapolis.granicus.com/player/camera/5?publish_id=4&redirect=true.

The presentation and related project information will be made available online at SouthCountyLineRoad.com after the meeting. Persons with limited internet access can request that project information be mailed to them. For more information, please contact Kelly Scott at 317-636-4682, kescott@HNTB.com or 111 Monument Circle, Suite 1200, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Recorded public statements will be taken as part of the public meeting procedure. All verbal statements recorded during the meeting as well as all written comments submitted before, during, and for four (4) weeks following the meeting date, will be evaluated, considered, and addressed in subsequent environmental documentation. Written comments may be submitted before the public meeting and within the comment period to Chris Meador at 111 Monument Circle, Suite 1200, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or cmeador@HNTB.com. The project team respectfully requests comments be submitted by March 8, 2022.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), accessibility assistance will be provided. If a need for ADA accommodations or interpretation exists, contact Kelly Scott at kescott@HNTB.com or 317-636-4682 no later than February 3, 2022, at 4 p.m.

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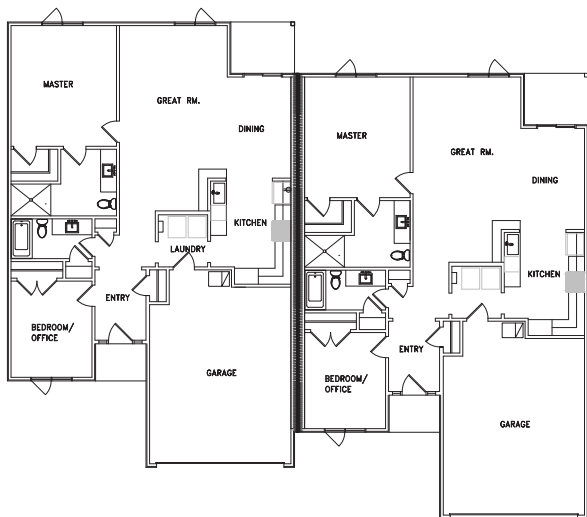
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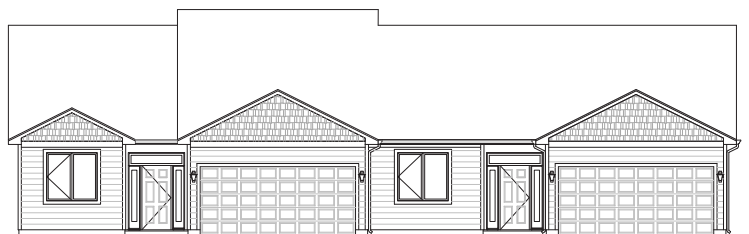


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