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William Henry Burkhart Elementary School in Perry Township is one of only five schools in the nation to receive this prestigious award. (Photo by the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching)

Perry Township school receives national excellence in teaching award

William Henry Burkhart Elementary School in Perry Township has been named a finalist for the National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET) Founder's Award. The award was created by Lowell Milken in 2008 to honor one school in the U.S. each year for exceptional implementation of NIET's principles to build educator excellence and advance student success. As a finalist, William Hendry Burkhart received \$10,000 and is under consideration for the \$50,000 grand prize, to be announced on March 23.

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From left, Amy Garrido Portillo and her high school mentor and English teacher Mrs. Katie DeArmitt, attend the "Realizing the Dream" banquet on Feb. 25. (Submitted photo)

Center Grove graduate receives 'Realizing the Dream' award

Franklin College student Amy Garrido Portillo, a CGHS graduate, received a "Realizing the Dream" scholarship from the Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI). Made possible by a grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to ICI, the program recognizes students from ICI campuses who are the first in their families to attend college and pays tribute to the students' families and their inspirational teachers.

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Topics in History: History through Film

A Southport student review of the 1976 movie All the President's Men

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 Students investigate historical documents and other sources to determine if a film is historically accurate.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: Sam Brookshire
Film Reviewed: All the President's Men

All the President's Men, a film directed by Alan J. Pakula, is a 1976 political thriller and political drama showcasing the discovery connecting the break-in at the Watergate Hotel to the White House and the administration of President Richard Nixon. The film opens with the break-in at the Watergate, a hotel where the National Democratic Committee's offices are located. We then follow the story of two journalists from the Washington Post, Bob Woodward (Robert Redford) and Carl Bernstein (Dustin Hoffman), as they try to look for leads in the story. Woodward and Bernstein show the struggles of investigative journalism. They try to get their story verified by working with different sources. They find getting the sources to give up information challenging. Yet, in the end they are able to expose the cover-up and conspiracy of the Nixon administration.

While the pace of the movie starts out very slow, the pace does increase in the later part of the film. The director does a great job of making the viewer feel as if

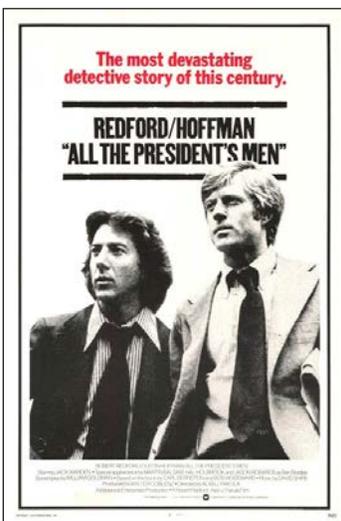
they are part of the journalistic investigation. Pakula uses a technique called "diegetic sound." Diegetic sounds are sounds that the director intentionally places in the film to make the set sound like the natural setting. Using the diegetic sound technique in the Washington Post headquarters, the director makes the viewer feel as if they are inside the building working alongside the main characters Woodward and Bernstein. Hearing the clicking of the typewriters and the spinning of

the rotary phones transport the viewers back to 1970s DC. This then hooks the viewer and makes them more invested in the film since they feel more involved.

Alan J. Pakula also uses "loose framing" in the film. Loose framing is where the camera is backed up from the center of the set, not really focusing on anything but the set as a whole. This is contrasted with the "close up" technique which focuses on one specific item on set. Pakula uses the loose framing to show us the whole set, mainly using this technique in

the Washington Post headquarters. While filming the reporters and editors of the paper in their office, the director makes sure to keep the frame loose so the viewer can see the office as a whole at work. By doing this the viewer can not only see the hustle and bustle of a national newspaper office, but feel it as well. This makes the viewer feel as if they are an omniscient being, with a full scope of knowledge. Getting this feeling of omnipotence is helpful as the viewers are trying to piece the puzzle of the investigation together.

Overall, I enjoyed the film All the President's Men. It was an immersive film where I could really be engaged with what the Washington Post investigation of Watergate was like. The techniques used by Alan J. Pakula made that happen. I would recommend this film to anybody willing to expand both their historical and film knowledge.



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Deadline is May 24.
Cost is \$25 and will run in the **June 1st** edition of Southside Times.



(Cover) Two teams of improv entertainers compete for the humorous win at ComedySportz Indianapolis. | (Left) Entertaining the audience. (Photo by Brainne Edge) | (Right) A performance by the Rec League. (Photo by Rick Randjelovic)

Sporting competitive humor

ComedySportz Indianapolis celebrates three decades of improv entertainment

By Sherri Coner

Sure, we've all seen basketball players dribbling or golf lovers swinging clubs, but maybe you haven't seen fast wit and humor competitively being tossed across a stage.

That is the game at ComedySportz Indianapolis.

Entertainment for all ages

Two teams of improv comedians, one referee and an audience declaring a winner makes this experience uniquely entertaining for all ages, said Ed Trout, president and CEO of the Southside company which recently celebrated 30 years of laughter.

With more than 50 improv enthusiasts on the roster, all of them have practiced together at least a few times, said Trout, who also serves as director of education and implied improvisation.

But no one has worked together enough to read each other's minds.

Also, improv performances are never scripted.

"Improv is supportive and collaborative," Trout said of participants.

Laughter over victory

If one team has a lull in laughter though, opposing team members always choose laughter over victory and quickly toss helpful humor in their opponent's direction.

"It's about having a good show for the audience," Trout said. "That

is part of why improv is so magical to me."

Several decades ago, Trout, a theater and humor lover himself, was part of an Indianapolis improv team called Below

the Belt.

When he and theater-loving friends saw a ComedySportz performance for the first time in Chicago, they were mesmerized by the concept of taking improv to a whole new level.

Even faster thinking than usual for improv was an added challenge for participants, but the comedic freedom and the energetic au-

dience response made ComedySportz a new passion.

Vowing to provide this fun entertainment to Hoosiers, the group stayed true to the goal.

Celebrating 30 years on the Southside

In Feb. 1993, ComedySportz Indianapolis opened at Theatre on the Square in Fountain Square.

The show then moved to Mass Ave and remained there for 21 years.

Their newest venue, The Wit Theater on Shelby Street near the University of Indianapolis, provides food, beer and wine service in addition to so much unexpected fun.

Family-friendly comedy competitions happen in the early evening hours.

To attend later shows, comedy lovers must be 17 and older.

Audience participation is often encour-

aged, and no show is ever the same.

When the event begins, "It is a real sport with real fouls," Trout said with a chuckle. "But if people haven't seen us before, it's a little hard to grasp until they attend a show."

Two teams face off under the watchful eye of one referee.

Performers receive fouls for things like pausing too long or losing the rhythm of a song everyone else is singing.

Competitors rely heavily on audience votes for the big win.

A winner is announced when "one person survives from an improv team," Trout said.

Onsite entertainment

Another fun part of this particular sport is the willingness to travel.

ComedySportz will entertain onsite for family celebrations and corporate events. They also engage with staff in businesses to provide a unique team building exercise.

After all, improv is all about communication.

"For me, improv is a life skill set everybody should have," Trout said.

For more information, go to cszindianapolis.com or call 317-951-8499.

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Trout

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Grades 5-8

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Grades PreK-4 (2022-2023 school year)
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Kids Ministry Summer Camp: This summer camp is for students completing kindergarten - third grade in the summer of 2023. June 26, 9 a.m. - June 29, 9 a.m. Cost: \$150. Registration deadline: June 12.

56 Summer Camp: This camp is for students completing fourth or fifth grade. July 10 - 13, includes one overnight. Cost: \$175. Registration deadline is June 26.

Student Ministries Camp: This camp is for students completing sixth - 12th grade. June 9 - 12 at Lake Williamson, Carlisle, Ill. Cost: \$150. Registration deadline is June 26.

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girlsrockindy.org/programs/#summerncamp

Girls Rock! Indy camp is a day camp for girls, non-binary, and trans youth ages 9-16. Campers attend a week-long crash course in instrument instruction, songwriting, and musical collaboration as well as interactive workshops and lessons focused on building confidence, personal empowerment, and leadership skills through the lens of music education.

Camp culminates with a Saturday Showcase where campers perform the original songs that they created throughout the week. Campers do not need to have any prior music experience, and instruments will be provided. This year we will also be offering an audio production track. It is open to campers entering 7th grade (or older).

For 2023 camp, there is no application fee. Camp tuition is \$350.00 for one camper to attend one week of camp. Tuition will be billed after acceptance letters are sent out, and will be due by May 31st. Financial aid, with a sliding scale, is available; more information can be found in the application. The minimum payment for that scale is \$50.

Camp timeline: Session 1: July 10-14; Session II: July 17-21. Daily drop off: 7:30 to 8 a.m.; daily pick up: 4:30-5 p.m.

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tend. Registration begins: March 1, either in-person at the Greenwood Community Center or Greenwood Fieldhouse, online, or via phone at (317) 883-8066. Who is eligible: Children going into first grade through sixth grade for the upcoming school year (2023- 2024). Spots are limited to 200 campers on a weekly basis and are first come, first serve. Children going into seventh grade and above are eligible to participate in summer camp in a different capacity, in our Counselors In Training (C.I.T.) program.

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John P. McDowell Field, Franklin College campus, 295 Middleton Road, Franklin, IN 46131
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Summer Hitting Camp

June 1-2, 9-11 a.m.
Ages: 7-18
Cost: \$90

Summer Pitcher/Catcher Camp

June 1-2, 12 to 2 p.m.
Ages: 7-18
Cost: \$90

Summer All Skills Camp

June 5-8, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Ages: 7-10 • Cost: \$199

Summer Advanced All Skills Camp

June 5-8, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Ages: 11-14 • Cost: \$199

All campus will be directed by Franklin College head coach Lance Marshall, his staff and players. Campers registering for both hitting and pitching/catching may bring a lunch to eat between camps. All campers should bring their own bats, gloves, turf shoes and baseball gear. Register by May 30.

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June 11 check-in

Marian University's E. S. Witchger School of Engineering will host a weeklong residential summer camp for high school students wanting to explore opportunities in engineering. Students will hear from guest speakers in the field, visit engineering companies and site tours, receive design engineering instruction and much more! Cost for the camp is \$500 per person which includes room & board for the week, entertainment activities and supplies for the entire week. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 will be collected when your application is accepted. Space is limited. Campers will be notified April 1 if they are selected to attend.

RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL

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Registration for all camps will close on

Friday, May 26. Contact Allie Ross at aross@roncalli.org to get students registered for any camps.

Junior Royal Theatre Camp

roncalli.org/fine-arts/theatre/junior-royal-theatre-camp

The 17th Annual Summer Camp is open to all students who have just completed second through eighth grades. There are two camp dates to choose from: June 5 through June 29, 9 a.m. to noon; July 10 through July 28, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sumer Sports Camp

roncalli.org/athletics/summer-sports-camps

During the months of June and July, Roncalli offers many sports camps. Campers learn the values of dedication, perseverance and commitment to teamwork, while meeting new friends and having fun. All camps are led by the coaching staff at Roncalli and are directed to the ability level of each child. Visit roncalli.org/athletics/summer-sports-camps to see the dates and ages for the following camps: Football, Boys Lacrosse, Girls Lacrosse, Girls Volleyball, Girls Basketball, Gymnastics, Boys Basketball, Girls Cross Country, Boys Cross Country, Boys Football, Girls Softball, Baseball, Tennis, Swimming, Diving, Boys Wrestling, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Golf Sixth through Ninth Grade Boys and Girls; Boys Volleyball and Cheerleading; and Speed Development Sixth through Ninth Grade Boys and Girls.

Arts & Crafts Camp: Campers will learn how to make beautiful paper flowers from book pages, music or patterned paper. They will then learn how to use the flowers to create a wreath, candle holder or bouquet. Just cut, glue, create and voila - a beautiful creation! This camp runs June 6 - 9, 10 a.m. - noon for grades fourth through eighth. Cost: \$50 per camper.

Beginning Ukulele Camp: Have you always wanted to learn how to play the ukulele? Now is your chance! Join for this brand new Roncalli summer camp instructed by Ms. Lindsey Meyer, assistant Roncalli band director and South Deary band director. Camp runs June 12 - 15, 9 - 11 a.m. for grades five through eight. Cost: \$50 per camper.

Coding Camp 2023: Work on coding projects in Scratch (scratch.mit.edu/). While it's not required for your child to have an account through Scratch, they will not be able to save any of their projects unless they have one. This camp runs June 19 - 23, noon - 1:30 p.m. for grades four through eight. Cost: \$50 per camper

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Registration fees, per camper/per camp, are \$50 online (best option for receiving camp communication via email and text); \$55 with cash or check or for walk-up registration the day of the camp. For more information, please contact the Athletic Office at (317) 788-4094. For non-sports related camp information, call the office at (317) 787-8277.

2023 Roncalli Summer Sports Camps

•All camp grades are based on the upcoming school year (2023-2024)

*Camps are located at Roncalli High School unless otherwise noted

Distance Running

When: June 5 - June 8

Who: 4th - 8th grade boys and girls

Time: 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.

Football

When: June 12 - June 15

Who: 1st - 8th grade boys

Time: 9:30 - 11 a.m.

When: June 12 - June 15, 2023

Who: 5th - 8th grade boys

Time: 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Golf

When: May 30 - June 1

Who: 6th - 9th grade boys and girls

Time: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Where: Smock Golf Range, 4255 Todd Road, Indianapolis

Gymnastics

When: June 5 - June 7, 2023

Who: 2nd - 9th grade girls

Time: 9 - 11 a.m.

Where: The Gymnastics Company, 5646 Mutual Lane, Indianapolis

Lacrosse - Boys

When: June 12 - June 15

Who: 3rd - 8th grade boys

Time: 6 - 8 p.m.

Lacrosse - Girls

When: June 12 - June 15

Who: 3rd - 9th grade girls

Time: 6 - 8 p.m.

Soccer - Boys

When: June 19 - June 22

Who: 5th - 8th grade boys

Time: 6 - 8 p.m.

Soccer - Girls

When: June 19 - June 22

Who: 1st - 4th grade girls

Time: 4 - 5:30 p.m.

When: June 19 - June 22

Who: 5th - 8th grade girls

Time: 6 - 8 p.m.

Softball

When: June 19 - June 22

Who: 1st - 4th grade girls

Time: 9 - 10:30 a.m.

When: June 19 - June 22

Who: 5th - 9th grade girls

Time: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Speed Development

When: May 30 - June 2

Who: 6th - 9th grade boys and girls

Time: 9 - 10 a.m.

Swimming & Diving

Please contact the Athletic Department or head coach at swimmingdiving@roncalli.org regarding the Roncalli Summer Swim Club.

Tennis

When: May 30 - June 2

Who: 1st - 5th grade boys & girls

Time: 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Volleyball - Boys

When: June 5 - June 8

Who: 5th - 7th grade boys

Time: 6 - 7:30 p.m.

When: June 5 - June 8

Who: 8th - 9th grade boys

Time: 7:30 - 9 p.m.

Volleyball - Girls

When: May 30 - June 2

Who: K - 4th grade girls

Time: 1:30 - 3 p.m.

When: May 30 - June 2

Who: 5th - 8th grade girls

Time: 3:30 - 5 p.m.

Wrestling

Please contact the Athletic Department or head coach at wrestling@roncalli.org regarding the wrestling camp.



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The University of Indianapolis invites students ages 7 through 12 years old to participate in a lively, fun and educational summer day-camp experience. Campers will have a chance to learn alongside and make friends with other beginners through intermediate-level students as they participate in music theory and history classes, composition experiences, lessons and musical games. Campers will be placed into small groups (typically four students each) and will be matched with other campers of similar ages and abilities.

Summer Piano Camp meets Monday, June 12 through Friday, June 16, 9 a.m. to noon.

Unite: Engineering Summer Camp

The R.B. Annis School of Engineering is inviting interested candidates (rising ninth through rising 11th grade students) to apply to be a part of the four-week summer 2023 camp from June 19-30, and July 10-21, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. The camp is not in session the week of July 4. Through the UNITE grant, accepted campers will participate free-of-charge and receive a weekly stipend (\$100) contingent on attendance and participation. Lunch will also be provided free. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2023 with preference given to historically underserved and underrepresented students in STEM. Applicants will be notified by April 14.

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Preschool Camp: The youngest campers (ages 3 to 5) explore, imagine and play together with specially trained staff. Weekly camps available from June 5 through Aug. 4.

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FAMILY FEATURE

Kids, no matter their age, love snacks, and often come home from school hungry and looking for something to eat. However, it can be a struggle to find snacks that kids enjoy and parents approve.

The snack experts at Kemps along with registered dietitian and nutrition expert Frances Largeman-Roth know the importance of finding fun and tasty ways to give hungry, growing kids the nutrient-rich foods they need. These tips can help you make the most of snack time (or any time) to keep kids healthy.

Look for Real Fruit Ingredients

While quick and easy, many packaged snacks use sugar instead of real fruit. Make sure to read labels carefully to understand what is in kids' snacks. Look for real fruit, not just fruit juice, and key vitamins and nutrients like calcium while skipping out on artificial flavors, preservatives, colors and high-fructose corn syrup.

Stock Up on Kid-Friendly Options

One way to help make the most of snack time is choosing an option like Kemps Smooth Cottage Cheese. This first-of-its-kind whole milk cottage cheese is blended with real fruit to create a creamy taste and texture without curds that kids are sure to love. A quick and easy solution, it also allows kids to be independent with what they eat to make snack time more rewarding – just grab a spoon with no unnecessary cutting or preparation needed.

Start the Day Off Right

It's not always easy to squeeze a nutritious breakfast into busy mornings, but it's an important way to start each day. Multiple studies show kids who eat a nutritious breakfast perform better academically and focus better throughout the day. Plus, starting the day off right helps kick unhealthy cravings while keeping kids full and energized. Once snack time rolls around, they'll be ready for something healthy and delicious instead of reaching for something sugary.

Model Healthy Habits

Kids learn by example in countless ways, and the way you take care of your own health and well-being is no exception. When kids see grownups they admire making smart choices about nutrition, they're more likely to adopt those behaviors themselves. Join in the fun at snack time and create meaningful family moments by preparing or enjoying a nutritious snack together.

To learn more and find fun recipes, visit kemps.com.

AROUND TOWN

Greenwood Mayor Myers delivers 12th State of the City Address

City Update – Greenwood Mayor Mark W. Myers recently delivered his 12th State of the City address to more than 300 business leaders, community advocates and residents. The annual speech was held at the new Greenwood Fieldhouse and the event was hosted by Aspire Economic Development + Chamber Alliance.

"I am from Greenwood and for Greenwood. That is why I love this job and why I work every day to improve the quality of life here," said Mayor Myers. "We are focused and smart about how and where we invest money. I have presented 11 balanced budgets to the common council, and ALL have been approved. Our focus on conservative but smart investment is highlighted by the fact Greenwood still has the lowest city tax rate of any city over 10 thousand people in Indiana."

Myers heralded the increased investments in public safety, infrastructure and quality of life projects. As has been the case since coming to office, the mayor remarked on the city's focus on public safety.

"Our public safety strategy touches almost every part of the government. It starts by ensuring our first responders are well-staffed, well-paid, well-equipped and well-trained," commented Myers. "We have been able to increase our fire budget by 25 percent this year and the police budget by 19 percent."

Mayor Myers also reported the city is still experiencing significant investment and

growth. Since coming to office in 2011, more than 5-thousand jobs have been created. And, last year, the city saw a record number of permits issued.

While Mayor Myers remarked on the accomplishments in the last year, he unveiled design concepts of the new Fire Station 95, located Worthsville and Graham roads, and highlighted two critical community projects – the new Main Street Corridor Study and the launch of the city's development of a new Greenwood Comprehensive Plan.

The Main Street Corridor Study will look at improvements to Greenwood's "front door." Each day 24,000 cars travel on Main Street from Five Points to Valle Vista. Mayor Myers directed a study to look at how to make this corridor both visually appealing and safe. Results are scheduled to be released later this year.

Another critical project is the development of a new Comprehensive Plan. The city last updated the plan in 2007. The Comprehensive Plan is Greenwood's all-encompassing "blueprint for the future." It outlines the vision for the future and provides the goals and principles to achieve success. Mayor Myers emphasized that residents will be asked to participate in the process to ensure it is a community-driven plan.

Myers concluded his address as he always does; with a call to action moving forward, stating: "It's year 12. Let's get to work."

Public invited to Wanamaker Master Plan Public Forum

Upcoming Meeting - Local residents, businesspeople, and all interested parties are invited to attend a public forum and community input meeting regarding the creation of a Community Master Plan for the town of Wanamaker in Franklin Township. The forum will be held Wednesday, April 5 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Wanamaker Early Learning Center, 4154 S. Basil Ave, Indianapolis. Snacks and water will be provided. The late Russell Flagle established a charitable trust for the express purpose of benefiting Wanamaker. This first Public Forum will give at-

tendees the opportunity to get information and to share ideas and opinions about what plans might best serve the town of Wanamaker and the surrounding area. Prior to the meeting, those planning to attend (as well as those who may be unable to attend but would like to express opinions) should fill out the survey available at forms.office.com/r/dVVCVRUW9qA. This meeting will be the initial opportunity for public input. There will be a second public forum held this summer.





(Top left) Pongo, a crested gecko. | (Bottom left) Toothless, out for a leisurely stroll. | (Right) Hailey Hickman, 17, of Southport and her bearded dragon named Toothless. (Submitted photos)

'Leapin' lizards!

Southport High School senior raises reptiles

FEATURE

By Sherri Coner

When Hailey Hickman met Toothless, it was love at first sight.

"She's a sweetheart," Hickman said of her 3-year-old bearded dragon. "She loves to cuddle and look out windows. I fell in love with reptiles."

Of course, Hickman also loves horses, birds, dogs and cats.

But for some reason, reptiles pulled extra hard on the heart strings of this Southport High School senior.

A year after Toothless moved into Hickman's bedroom, she brought home Pongo, a crested gecko who keeps a completely different schedule than hers.

"That one is awake all night," said Hickman, the daughter of Steve and Kelly Hickman.

When reptile mania struck again a year later, Hickman added another little creature to her bedroom. This time it was an axolotl named Gizmo, a descendent of the tiger salamander. Nearly extinct in his native Mexico, Gizmo has gills and is completely aquatic.

Then Hickman adopted Diablo, a second crested gecko in need of a new home.

All of her rather unusual buddies reside in

separate glass tanks on wall shelving.

"I have part of the world," Hickman said with a laugh. "I have a desert environment, a tropical one and then water, too."

Describing herself as an overachiever, Hickman explained that she is a percussionist in the school band. She has a passion for cooking and also makes time for a part-time job.

Last summer, she added entrepreneur to her busy schedule.

Using the nickname her parents gave her as a child, she launched Bean's Biologic Exotics.

"I ship Dubia roaches alive, all over the country," Hickman said. "I add either heat packs or cold packs, depending on where they are going."

Because this type of roach provides seven times the nutrition for reptiles, demand is high among reptile fans.

"Some people also collect them as pets," she said. "And some people feed them to their reptiles. You can sell them for a really pretty penny."

Along with pet sitting for mammals, Hickman also provides care for reptiles while their families are away on vacation.

"I love caring for them and seeing their personalities," she said.

For more information, contact Hickman via email: beaniemarie2005@gmail.com



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PHOTO of the WEEK



From left, Patty Buckley, Mayor Dennis Buckley, Representative Julie McGuire and Representative Mitch Gore present a certificate from the State honoring Buckley for his 12 years of mayorship. Buckley delivered his 12th – and final – State of the City address on March 9 at the Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce meeting. He used his final State of the City to look back on the city's progress since he was elected in 2011. Mayor Buckley will end his term when it expires on Jan. 1, 2024, and will officially retire from public service. Mayor Buckley's accomplishments include taking the city from budget deficits to healthy surpluses; investing in public safety with a new police station and raising pay for both police officers and EMS personnel; building new trails and parks; modernizing city services; investing in community organizations; investing more than \$10 million in infrastructure improvements; and managing through the COVID-19 pandemic. (Photo by Grady Michael Gaynor)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*“It doesn't matter if you fall down,
it's whether you get back up.”*

— Michael Jordan

HUMOR



Top 10 recent struggles in the Stiles house

By Torry Stiles

10. Waking up in the middle of the night thinking there was an injured cat in the house only to realize I had a snot whistling.
9. Explaining to my 9-year-old nephew that if scientists were to recreate a woolly mammoth it is rather doubtful that it would develop into a big Jurassic Park tragedy.
8. We're kinda in-between new comic book movies.
7. Going to the store late on “Pi Day” and discovering they're down to a few sad-looking apple pies and a sweet potato that somebody already stuck a finger into.
6. Explaining to my 9-year-old nephew that I wasn't there in pioneer days, and I never made my cows pull a wagon.
5. Apologizing for sitting in the dog's chair.
4. Packing enough clothing from T-shirts to parkas to cope with March weather.
3. Reassuring my 9-year-old nephew that nobody is shooting anybody at the mall today and that this is just a Dollar Tree and hardly anybody is out to shoot up a Dollar Tree.
2. Apologizing to my Alexa for not saying “please” and “thank you.”
1. Calming my 9-year-old nephew who is worried that his stuffed toy crocodile and his stuffed toy tyrannosaurus rex got together and now the T-rex is pregnant.

BELIEVE IT!

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

In Wisconsin you are allowed to marry your house.

Source: stupidlaws.com



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 - 22 Steep rock face
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 - 26 Pool owner's bane
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 - 32 Young Scots
 - 33 Flip a switch
 - 34 IU profs' aides
 - 37 What you get when you cross poison ivy and a four-leaf clover?
 - 40 The wild blue yonder
 - 41 Exertion
 - 42 Follow orders
 - 43 "Robinson ____"
 - 44 In the know
 - 45 Mac maker
 - 48 Go down with the ship
 - 50 Western neckwear
 - 53 Angora and cashmere
 - 56 What you get when leprechauns hold a conversation?
 - 60 Cain and Abel's brother
 - 61 Resentment
 - 62 Cooking acronym popularized by Rachael Ray
 - 63 Gaelic tongue
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LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT ENTERTAINING

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BEECH GROVE

Soup-er Veterans Appreciation Event • All veterans and their families are invited. Meet other veterans in the community, receive a thank-you gift and enjoy a bowl of soup, sandwiches and more. | When: March 25, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: hornetparkcommunitycenter.com

CENTER GROVE

Goat Milk Soap Making Class • Make your own loaf (10 bars) of goat milk soap. | When: March 24, 7 - 8:30 p.m. | Where: BellaRose Design, 1001 N. State Road 135, Greenwood. | Info: bellarosedesign.com/events-1

Pet Pictures with the Easter Bunny • Bring your furry friends for a photo with the Easter Bunny. Photos are \$10 each and are printed or downloaded while you wait. Proceeds go to the Alliance for Responsible Pet Ownership. | When: March 25, 12 - 3 p.m. | Where: Pet People, 1675 W. Smith Valley Road, Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/adoptarpo

FOUNTAIN SQUARE

March Winter Market • Visit the Winter Market hosted by Fountain Fletcher District Association. Each market features a group of merchants, artists, craftspeople and music to highlight our wonderful local talent. All ages are welcome, and admission is free. | When: March 18, 9 a.m. | Where: The Salvation Army, 1337 Shelby St., Indianapolis. | Info: fountainfletcher.com/event/march-winter-market/

GARFIELD PARK

Pericles, Prince of Tyre • Garfield Shakespeare Company presents Pericles, Prince of Tyre. Free admission. | When: March 17, 18, 23 - 25, 7:30 - 9 p.m. and March 19, 3 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. | Info: gscindy.org/tickets

Garfield Bird Walk • Garfield Park, while being an urban park, is also a home to lots of wildlife. Join a park naturalist on a walk through the park in search of birds. Registration is required. Please remember to wear your walking shoes and bring binoculars. \$5 per person. | When: March 18, 8 - 9:30 a.m. | Where: Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. | Info: garfieldgardensconservatory.org

Bonsai 101 • Join instructors from the Indianapolis Bonsai Club and dive into the basics of bonsai. This workshop will cover the basics of this unique form of art. Trees and supplies will be available for purchase. | When: March 25, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. | Info: garfieldgardensconservatory.org/

Normal Pop-up Market • Coffee, fancy toast, and one-of-a-kind artworks and jewelry by Celestial Arts and Antiques. | When: March 26, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Where: Tube Factory Artspace, 1125 Cruft St., Indianapolis. | Info: tubefactory.org

Gnome Much Fun! • Kids will enjoy a gnome story and paint a gnome craft to take home. Registration for each child is required. \$10 per child ages 4 - 10. | When: March 31, 10 - 11 a.m. | Where: Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. | Info: garfieldgardensconservatory.org/

GREENWOOD

The Lion King Kids • Creative Grounds presents a live production of The Lion King Kids. | When: March 16 - 19, 7 - 8 p.m. | Where: Creative Grounds Fine Arts Academy, 1251 N. U.S. 31, Suite 160. | Info: onthestage.tickets/creative-grounds-fine-arts-academy-inc

Caring Bunny • Caring Bunny provides an exclusive, subdued and welcoming environment exclusively for children with special needs and their families. This is in Von Maur Court. Photos will be taken and will be available for purchase. Click the website link to register. | When: March 26, 9 - 10:30 a.m. | Where: Greenwood Park Mall, 1251 N. U.S. 31, Greenwood. | Info: simon.com/mall

AARP Driver Safety Class • Participants will learn defensive driving strategies and a good refresher of the rules of the road by instructor, Dick Huber. Learn about new vehicle technologies and safety features. Some insurance companies offer a discount on auto insurance. Cost - \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members, cash or check payable at class. | When: March 31, Friday, noon to 4 pm. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. | Info: Register: greenwoodlibrary.us or call (317) 881-1953, ext. 4

INDIANAPOLIS

Food Distribution • Shepherd's Harvest, a collaboration of Good Shepherd UMC of Indianapolis, Inc. (GSUMC) and Midwest Food Bank (MFB), is

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AN OPTION

Bronko's of Southeast Indy

A popular Northwest Indiana pizzeria has recently opened its doors in Franklin Township. Bronko's opened in Gary, Ind. on Election Day in 1964 by Bronko Tarailo as a Chicken Delite franchise. Two years later, Constantin (Gus) Apostilapoulis joined the restaurant, offering customers a new, improved and popular version. "I've been eating at Bronko's for 45 years, and it never disappoints," stated a Facebook reviewer. According to another, "Pizzas were piping hot. FULL of toppings. The crustless was presented in a pan and they did not hold back on the toppings, either." Try the "A" with an Alfredo base and chicken or the Mississippi with Ranch sauce, Italian beef and sliced pepperoncini. Not a fan of pizza? Try their original fried chicken recipe, ocean perch, Italian beef and cheese sandwich, sausage stuffed mushrooms, cheese curds, fried ravioli or breadsticks with cheese, garlic butter or marinara. "The breadsticks are clearly handmade/twist braided and good enough to stand on their own," continued the review. Be sure to save room



Loaded toppings and lots of cheese. (Photo courtesy of Bronko's of Southeast Indy)

for a double chocolate chip brownie topped with powdered sugar.

Hours: Sunday, noon to 8 p.m.; Monday through Thursday, 4 to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 4 to 10 p.m. Address: 5209 E. Thompson Road, Indianapolis. For more information, call (317) 426-9933 or go to bronkosofseindy.com

SPOTLIGHT

Art for The Ages Exhibit

In April, the Greenwood community will celebrate the return of the Art for the Ages Community Art Show, sponsored by the Greater Greenwood Arts Council (GGAC). Hoosiers of all ages, residing in Johnson or surrounding counties, are invited to submit artwork (up to two per artist) and compete for ribbons and cash prizes. A reception will honor exhibitors and competition winners on Friday, April 14 from 6 to 8 p.m. The entire exhibit will be featured at the Greenwood Public Library between April 4 and April 29. Sponsorship opportunities are still available; email Landis at info@greenwoodarts.org for more details. To enter, submit and deliver the following: your artwork, ready to hang or exhibit, at the Greenwood Public Library on Friday, March 31 or Saturday, April 1 between 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. (2-D artwork larger than 40" x 40," including the frame is subject to approval); and \$12 entry fee per piece of art (checks payable to the Greater Greenwood Arts Council). Entry forms are downloadable at greenwoodarts.org and available at art check-in. All artwork will be returned to



2022 Best of Show Winner Edward Patterson. (Submitted photo)

artists at the Greenwood Public Library on Saturday, April 29, between 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Contact Heather Diers, event chair, at hdiers@proartgallery.com or (317) 701-6833, with any questions.

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Everything Everywhere All at Once Winner of seven Academy Awards

MOVIE REVIEW

By Bradley Lane

The A24 produced *Everything Everywhere All at Once* dominated the 95th Academy Awards on Sunday, March 12. Winning Best Picture, Best Actress, Best Director, Best Actor in a Supporting Role, Best Actress in a Supporting Role, Best Writing (Original Screenplay) and Best Film Editing, it isn't hard to see why Academy voters love the film. In a space where film is recognized for its artistry there is a natural inclination to constrain what is honored into a very specific set of aesthetic rules. Oscar voters traditionally exclude genres and styles they find to be less serious than the straightforward dramas the Academy has built a reputation on celebrating. What the directing duo The Daniels managed to do with *EAAA* is create a film that has the craft and emotionality of

a prestige drama, with the aesthetics and storytelling elements designed to cater to mainstream audiences' sensibilities. In doing so, they created what must be considered, at least culturally, a modern classic.

Part of what makes *EAAA* special is its wildly silly premise from which it derives its emotion. In one universe of an endlessly vast multiverse, Evelyn Wong finds herself in middle age, in a loveless marriage and working herself to the bone to try and keep her struggling laundromat afloat. Along with a dysfunctional relationship to both her father and daughter, Evelyn is preparing for both a Lunar New Year party and an audit on her business by the IRS. Overwhelmed by her day-to-day life, Evelyn is plucked from her daily grind to learn she may be the only one person who might be able to stop an evil force that threatens to destroy the multiverse entirely.

Blending science fiction, comedy, action, absurdism, and dramatic elements,

the film is exploding past the bounds of its two hour runtime. The film suffers for this reason, as its first half setup requires a lot of exposition delivered in an easy to understand format, which leads to a bloated second half that is paced at a mile a minute. Despite this though, the film largely delivers on its outsized ambitions, delivering both on lowbrow laughs and thoughtful ruminations on modern existentialism and intergenerational trauma.

In hindsight the film really threads a needle between what critics look for in film and what mainstream audiences look for in entertainment. It's a bit like hiding medicine in a sweet dessert, you get people in seats with the well-choreographed action and jokes and hook them with the thematic depth of the film.

This otherwise too wild for its own good film owes its accomplishments to the anchoring performances at its center. Without Michelle Yeoh, Ke Huy Kwan, and

Stephanie Hsu, this film would immediately fly off the rails. It takes an incredible amount of buy-in from the performers and trust from the directors to have produced such grounded work in a story so objectively silly.

The humor may not always lend itself to benefit the work as a whole, and despite issues with its pacing, but the emotional payoff at *EAAA*'s core is too strong to ignore. Even without its recent re-release it has become *A24*'s most profitable film ever. If you missed this gem while it was in theaters earlier this year, you can catch it now streaming on Showtime.



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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offering its first drive through free food distribution for families with food insecurity in the community. Food distributions will occur every fourth Saturday each month at this time and location. Families will be asked to fill out a registration form, but there are no restrictions on who receives food. | When: March 25, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Where: Good Shepherd UMC of Indianapolis, 2015 S. Arlington Ave., Indianapolis. | Info: gsumcindy.org

PERRY TOWNSHIP

The Quilters Guild of Indianapolis South Side Satellite Group • Looking for some new ideas to create quilted items? Carol Henke, local Greenwood quilter will discuss "Cut Fabric Costs, Recycled, and Reimagined" suggestions for your spring quilting projects. | When: March 23; meet & greet, 10:15 a.m. and a meeting, 10:30 a.m. | Where: Friends United Church of Christ, 8300 S. Meridian Street, Indianapolis. | Info: quiltguildindy.net

SOUTHPORT

Designer Purse Bingo • 21 and older. There will be up to 20 rounds of bingo, a food truck, 50/50 raffle, drink ticket with valid ID and more! | When: March 16, 5 p.m. doors open, 6:30 p.m. bingo starts. | Where: Perry Seniors, 6901 Derbyshire Road, Southport. | Info: (317) 783-9231, director@perryseniors.org

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Do you suffer from dontopedalogy?

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

At one of my previous jobs, we passed around a special trophy. The trophy had to be earned in an unusual way. It sported a marble base, a tall plastic column, and, adorning the top of the infamous award, the trophy featured a gold plastic backend of a donkey.

The donkey's — ahem — bottom award was awarded to a staff member who made a major blunder at work. Think about replying all to a sensitive email, publicly saying something stupid or accidentally calling the fire department for a nonexistent emergency.

One staff member was notorious for earning and keeping the donkey's bottom award. He had a bad case of foot-in-mouth disease, or as Prince Philip used to call it, dontopedalogy.

Do you have a friend or family member who has, as Dictionary.com describes it,

“the habit of making inappropriate, insensitive, or imprudent statements”? If you can't think of someone in your life who often sticks her foot in her mouth, maybe you are the culprit.

Prince Philip, former Duke of Edinburgh and husband of Queen Elizabeth, passed away in 2021. However, he left his mark on language by coining the word “dontopedalogy,” as he suffered from this unfortunate, habitual foible.

In a speech to the General Dental Council in 1960, Prince Philip introduced dontopedalogy by describing it as “the science of opening your mouth and putting your foot in it, a science which I have practiced for a good many years.”

The Duke of Edinburgh was a disaster when it came to diplomacy and off-the-cuff comments. Although I won't share the examples of Prince Philip insulting entire countries in an often-offensive way, I'll share some of the more humorous, innocent slip-ups. I'll note here that many of his comments were racist and/or bigoted, although I'm doing my best to assume

that he simply wasn't the sharpest crayon in the box.

While meeting with the London Assembly's tourism chief at the opening of City Hall in 2002, Prince Philip noted, “The problem with London is the tourists. They cause the congestion. They block the streets.” Read the room, pal.

Going back to 1969, as the Queen was overspending her allowance from the government, Prince Philip noted, “We go into the red next year ... I shall have to give up polo.” Open mouth, insert foot.

Yes, Prince Philip had a chronic case of dontopedalogy. If you suspect you are suffering from the same condition, consult your doctor or therapist.



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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Words: INDIANA, DEPARTMENT, OF, TRANSPORTATION

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AROUND TOWN



The Easter Bunny will be at Greenwood Park Mall through April 8. (Submitted photo)

Hop to It! The Bunny returns to Greenwood Park Mall for Easter

Holiday Happenings – Greenwood Park Mall announced Bunny visits for families as part of the Bunny Photo Experience at Greenwood Park Mall. The Bunny arrived on Friday, March 10 and will be available for visits until April 8. The Bunny Photo Experi-

ence will be open on Monday – Friday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, near Von Maur. Reservations are strongly encouraged. Make Bunny reservations at whereisbunny.com/mall/1372.

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It's never too early for pre-approval

REAL ESTATE

By Dawn Whalen
Whalen Realty Group at F.C. Tucker Company

When it comes to buying a home, one of the first steps potential buyers should take is getting pre-approval for a mortgage, and it's never too early to start the process. By getting pre-approved, homebuyers will know exactly how much they can afford. Plus, the pre-approval letter tells sellers that the buyer is serious and already has financing in place to move forward with an offer.

Why is pre-approval important?

Mortgage pre-approval is a necessary step for anyone looking to purchase a home. Pre-approval is basically a promise lender's give to buyers that show how much of a loan they can manage. This will also provide a snapshot of current mortgage rates and give an idea of how much would be owed month-

ly. To start the process, lenders look at the buyer's credit report, proof of income, employment history and possibly bank statements to determine eligibility. After submitting all the required documents the lender will either offer pre-approval or not, and at what interest rate(s). Buyers unsure where to start the lending process can talk to an experienced, licensed realtor or their financial institution. There are also mortgage brokers available who can research different mortgage companies and try to find the best rate.

How a credit score impacts pre-approval

The higher a buyer's credit score, the more likely they are to receive better interest rates and conditions. Buyers who may need help improving their credit can take steps to raising their score before proceeding in the pre-approval process. The first step is to know the current score. Everyone is entitled to one free annual credit check and can receive a full report by visiting annualcreditreport.com.

Next, start paying down existing debt with regular payments; paying off any collection balances can quickly increase a credit rating. In some cases, consolidating debts by transferring balances to a new, lower line of credit can be useful. Finally, make sure confirm that the income to debt ratio is under 30 percent. That is the number financial institutions use to determine if someone is more or less likely to default on a loan.

The closing process

After being pre-approved and submitting an accepted offer on a home, the next phase is closing. This is where the realtor and lender will work together to ensure all paperwork is completed in a timely manner so the loan can close on time. The lender will put together the proper documents that need signed and will facilitate transferring funds into an escrow account so everything will be ready for the closing date. Once the escrow account is ready, the last piece is signing all the paperwork. Throughout the process, the

buyer's lender and realtor should be available for questions.

The bottom line is mortgage pre-approval is an important, necessary step in any home buying journey, and completing the process early can better guarantee losing an offer or the sale falling through. The pre-approval process allows buyers to improve their credit score, properly analyze finances, make a good budget and understand what needs to happen to reach the closing table. No one wants to find a financial surprise when trying to buy a house, which makes pursuing pre-approval sooner than later essential. Don't hesitate to speak with a representative from a financial institution or experienced, licensed realtor about pre-approvals.



Dawn Whalen is owner of Whalen Realty Group, and has worked in residential real estate for more than 15 years. She's a licensed realtor, broker and is a member of MIBOR. She can be reached at Dawn@whalenrealtygroup.com.

AROUND TOWN

Perry Township Trustee's Office offers resources to Perry Township residents

Public Assistance - Perry Township residents who face financial instability and the need for emergency resources due to unexpected circumstances can apply for assistance with the Perry Township Trustee's Office. Its primary mission is to provide emergency and short-term assistance, to those residents who qualify, with needs of rental and utility deficits in particular, and to help residents of Perry Township become self-sufficient. The Perry Township Trustee's Office is open to the public Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call for an appointment at (317) 788-4810 or email contact@perrytownship-in.gov. For more information, visit perrytownship-in.gov.

Southside real estate markets remain strong

Housing - Greenwood and Southport residential real estate markets remained strong in February, with home prices continuing to increase. According to F.C. Tucker Company, the average price of a Southport home increased 13.2% to \$259,800, and the average price of a Greenwood home increased 8% to \$301,697. Compared to February 2022, Southport homes spent 43 days, or 286.7%, longer on the market, while Greenwood

homes spent 47 days, or 335.7%, longer on the market.

Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference Center to close May 2024

New Things to Come - The Sisters of St. Benedict at Our Lady of Grace Monastery announced the closing of the Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. The retreat center will close its doors in 15 months on May 31, 2024, after 43 years of welcoming guests. The Benedict Inn has enhanced lives through spiritual programs and offered rental facilities in a hospitable, peaceful environment. "The Sisters came to this decision after much discernment and prayer," said Monastery Prioress Sister Julie Sewell. "The condition of the building is making it harder and harder to operate day to day. Furthermore, our community has financially supported the operations of the retreat ministry for many years and can no longer commit to the degree that is needed to move the facility into the future." The Benedict Inn, along with the monastery, will be torn down to provide for something new. A new monastery building, and renewed spirituality ministry will enable the sisters to serve the people of Beech Grove and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis into the future. For more information, visit benedictine.com.

Local CENTURY 21 Agents Receive 2022 President's Producer Award

Commitment to Quality - In recognition of their outstanding sales production and commitment to quality service, Century 21 Real Estate LLC recently honored the local sales associates with the 2022 CENTURY 21® President's Producer Award. The annual award is bestowed upon those CENTURY 21 System sales affiliates that earn the CENTURY 21 CENTURION® award and the CENTURY 21 Quality Service Pinnacle Producer award in the same calendar year. Included are: Missy Mendoza, sales associate with CENTURY 21 Scheetz, located in Greenwood; and Harnarender Kaur, sales associate with CENTURY 21 Scheetz, located in Greenwood. The CENTURION Producer award honors CENTURY 21 System sales affiliates that earn \$320,000 in sales production or 71 closed transaction sides within the calendar year. To earn the CENTURY 21 Quality Service Pinnacle Producer Award, a C21® sales affiliate must receive completed customer surveys for at least 80% of their transactions surveyed from Jan. 1 - Dec. 31, with an average survey score of at least 95 percentage or better for two consecutive years.

F.C. Tucker South REALTORS honored for 2022 accomplishments

Awards Banquet - Several F.C. Tucker Company central Indiana sales associates from the Indianapolis South office were honored at F.C. Tucker Company's annual awards banquet in Indianapolis. Award winners were named in the following notable categories: The Coffey Team has received two awards: Leading Sales Producer, with Licensed Team Member and Platinum Producer; Steve Burkhart has received one award: Leading Sales Producer, without Licensed Team Member; Platinum Producer, Whalen Realty Group; Executive Club, First-Time Member: Naing Real Estate Group, Jimmy Ondecko and Neil Tremblett; and President's Club, First-Time Member: Naing Real Estate Group and Southern Roots Real Estate Group.

Leon Edward Adams

Leon Edward Adams, 76, Reelsville, Ind., died March 11, 2023. Survivors: son, Leon (Bennetha) Adams; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren. Preceded in death: wife, Claudia; daughter, Alicia Brown; siblings, Donnie Adams and Geraldine Blizzard. Service: 1 p.m., Thursday, March 16, G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, Indianapolis.

Charna L. Anderson

Charna L. Anderson, 81, Indianapolis, died March 6, 2023. Survivors: daughter, Dawn (Edsel) Ballard; son, Frank (Vicki) Anderson; sister, Ruthanne Dillard; longtime companion, Joseph Garrett; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandsons. Preceded in death: Franklin D. Anderson Sr. G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home at The Gardens of Olive Branch.

David W. Blythe

David "Dave" W. Blythe, 68, Indianapolis, died Jan. 16, 2023. Survivors: fiancé, Sue Shircliff; sons, Greg and Joe; two granddaughters; brother, Danny; brother-in-law, David. Preceded in death: son, Jeff; sister, Pat. Celebration of life: 3-6 p.m., Sunday, March 26, The Tailgate Bar, 8028 S. Emerson Avenue, Indianapolis. G. H. Herrmann.

Charles Lee Boone

Charles Lee Boone, 86, Greenwood, died March 9, 2023. Survivors: wife, Betty (Marshall); sons, Randal (Fay) and John (Paula); daughter, Lori (Ron) Snider; sister, Marie (Fred) Thompson, seven grandchildren; several great-grandchildren. Preceded in death: parents; infant grandson, Charles; granddaughter, Crystal. No services planned. Memorial celebration TBD. Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

Charles "Charlie" Ernest Coles

Charles "Charlie" Ernest Coles, 75, Indianapolis, died March 10, 2023. Survivors: wife, Patricia "Patty" Neely Coles; sons, Dennis Coles, Wayne (Kathy) Garner; daughter, Shelly (Oggie) Garner Nunez; sister, Lena (Frank) Helit; four grandchildren. Little & Sons, Beech Grove.



Esther May Daeger

Esther May Daeger (Unversaw) of Indianapolis died March 9, 2023. She was born April 24, 1932. She is preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, Eugene; son, Albert; parents, Roy and Edna; brother,

Albert; and sisters, Helen, Barbara, and Dolores. She is survived by her son, Michael; grandson, Aaron (Darci); and great-grandchildren, Anna, Abel, and Asher. She had worked as a legal secretary and Sam's Club food demonstrator but also founded and ran Genesther Ceramics, a Southside ceramics shop giving classes and selling finished pieces, most notably Christmas trees at a booth at the Christmas Gift and Hobby Show at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. Esther loved creating beautiful ceramic pieces as well as beautiful gardens at her home. She cared for many beloved dogs during her lifetime and always cheered for the Colts. She enjoyed music and sang as a member of the St. Mark choir. A Mass of Christian burial is being conducted at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 17 at St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church, 535 Edgewood Ave. Indianapolis, IN 46227. The family will be receiving family and friends from 10 a.m., until the time of the service, at the church.

Robert David Finley Jr.

Robert David Finley Jr., 71, Indianapolis, died Feb. 28, 2023. Survivors: wife; Tommie; son, Bobby (Michelle) Finley; grandchildren, Christopher (Tori), Joshua, Makaila and Nicholas; sisters, Linda Smith, Cris Sweeney (Tom), Tammie Kraning (Ronnie), Angie DeVore; brothers, Rob Licklitter (Ruth) and Jeff Finley. Services entrusted to Little & Sons, Beech Grove.

Jeffery Wayne Frederick

Jeffery Wayne Frederick, 65, Greenwood, died March 12, 2023. Survivors: wife, Susan; mother, Dorothea; brothers, Mike and Mark; son, Jeffrey (Ashley); daughter, Kate Marshall (Dwayne); three grandsons. Preceded in death: father, Wayne. Celebration of life: Sunday, March 19, 1-5 p.m., Dye's Walk Country Club. G.H. Herrmann.

Mattie Gunter

Mattie Gunter, Greenwood, died March 8, 2023. Survivors: daughter, Vickie Lawrence (Kim); three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sister, Betty; brother, Dwight Boswell. Preceded in death: six siblings; husband, Thomas L. Gunter; son, Thomas Anthony "Tony" Gunter. Private celebration at G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home at The Gardens of Olive Branch.

Margaret Ann Hartman

Margaret Ann Hartman, 95, Beech Grove, died Feb. 27, 2023. Preceded in death by her husband, Leo Hartman. She was a founding member of Holy Name Catholic Church. Survivors: children, Marty Hartman (Cindy); daughter, Susie Thompson (Steve); many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Services entrusted to Little & Sons, Beech Grove.

Debora Elaine Hyatt

Debora Elaine Hyatt, 62, Martinsville, died March 11, 2023. Survivors: husband, Marty; children, Melissa, Michelle, Jason, Anna, James; mother, Sarah Gant; 12 grandchildren; siblings, Robert, Brenda, Darcy, Frank; nieces, nephews. Preceded in death: father, Robert Gant; aunt, Velma. Visitation: 2-4 p.m. service, Thursday, March 16, Forest Lawn Funeral Home, Greenwood.

Chris E. Miller

Chris E. Miller, 76, Indianapolis, died March 8, 2023. Survivors: children, Kristina and Michael; grandchildren, Airman Christopher Tanner Horoho, Shelby Kelly, Alexa Miller, Hunter Miller and Sophie Miller; great-granddaughter, Nadia Miller. Preceded in death: wife, Debbie Johnson-Miller. Arrangements entrusted to G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home.

Nancy Kay Parker

Nancy Kay Parker, 78, Indianapolis, died March 11, 2023. Survivors: husband, Paul; brother, Bob; sons, Michael Haskett, Curtis Dennison; daughter, Connie Haskett; granddaughter; great-granddaughter. Preceded in death: daughter, Vanessa Dennison; sister, Sharon Derby. Visitation: Friday, March 17, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. service, G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home.

Kenneth Lee Tuttle

Kenneth Lee Tuttle, 85, died Dec. 30, 2022. Celebration of Life Services for Kenneth will be 11 a.m., Saturday, March 18, Southport Presbyterian Church, 7525 McFarland Blvd. Arrangements by Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center.

Sue Pauline Vansickle

Sue Pauline Vansickle, 67, Indianapolis, died Feb. 24, 2023. Survivors: husband, Kent Vansickle; children, John Nevitt II, Jeromy and Linley Nevitt, Danielle and John Savage; grandchildren: John Nevitt III and Trinity Saunders, Haley and London Chance, Taylor Nevitt, and great-granddaughter, Kairi Nevitt. Little & Sons Indianapolis.

Kathryn Ruth Weaver

Kathryn Ruth Weaver, 90, Indianapolis, died March 1, 2023. Survivors: son; Wayne Weaver. Kathryn was preceded in death by her husband, Corwin Weaver; father, John William Posey and her mother, Leona Ruth Posey; brothers, John and George; and sister, Mildred. Services entrusted to Little & Sons Indianapolis.

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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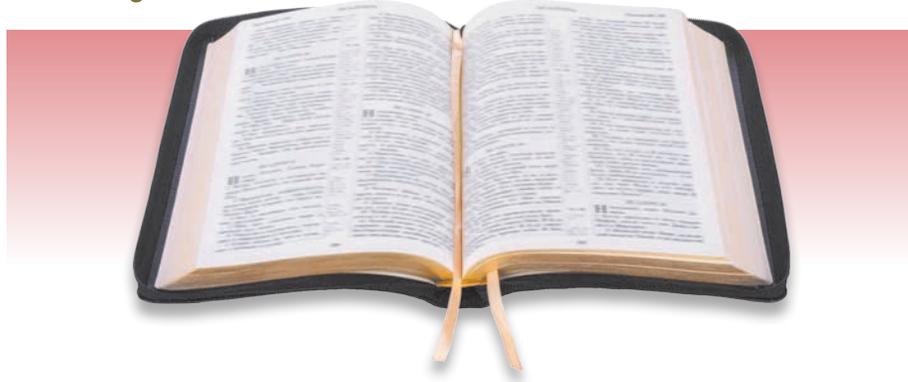
What stories in the community deserve to be told?

What community icons deserve recognition for what they do for Southside residents and organizations?

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The Southside Times

Weekly Devotion



But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

JOHN 4:14

Water plays a special role in God's creation. Water is vital to the survival of all life as we know it on Earth. It is the very substance that makes up 60 percent of the human body! Scripture tells us that we are made in God's image. If we take a closer look at water, we find wonderful reflections of the true nature of God. God created a world where two atoms of hydrogen combined with one atom of oxygen and the three atoms united to create a single molecule of water. In every drop of water we see reflections of God's nature as the Trinity! God also made water in the form of a solid as ice, a liquid in the form of water, and a gas in the form of a vapor! All three very different, but all still H2O! Water is cohesive. We as Christians should stick

together. Water is also adhesive. We as Christians should grab ahold of the lost and not let go. Water is conductive. We as Christians should plug into the power of the Holy Spirit to shine a positive light onto the negative energy found in the broken and the lost! Finally, water is purified when it changes form and lifts into the presence of the Sun. We as Christians are also transformed as we walk in the light of the Son. Not just for the sake of our own salvation and purification, but also so that God might rain down His love through us back onto those who are still thirsting in their souls.

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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Legal/Public Notice

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IN OUR SCHOOLS



All students after they were awarded Grand Champion for High Voltage and FC Singers. (Submitted photo)

FC Choirs High Voltage and FC Singers sweep competition

Choral Competition - Franklin Central Choirs High Voltage won Grand Champion title in the Large Unisex Division at Pendleton Heights Arabian Spectacular last weekend, while FC Singers also won Grand Champion in the Large Mixed Division. High Voltage is a 57 voice female choir in its 19th season, under the direction of Jared Yoder, choreographed by Tori Brindis and Marah Cover. High Voltage earned Best Choreography and Best Vocals in addition to the Grand Champion title. FC Singers is a 60 voice choir under the direction of Bradley Gardner and choreographed by Tori Brindis and Heath Gemar. FC Singers earned Best Choreography and Best Vocals in addition to the Grand Champion title. Accompanying the group is Electric Mayhem which is made up of 15 student instrumentalists and is under the direction of Tony Maas. They were awarded Best Band in both Large Unisex and Mixed Division. FC Encores, an intermediate show choir, was named second runner up in the Festival Division. Also competing representing Franklin Central was FC Flight, an intermediate all women's show choir in its fifth season. This is not the first Grand Champion title earned by Franklin Central Choirs this year, as FC Singers won at the Plainfield Quaker Classic Invitational and Chamber Choir and Accents won at Pike MusicFest earlier this month. The Franklin Central Choral Program has nearly 500 students in 10 choirs under the direction of Bradley Gardner, Andrew Knaup and Jared Yoder. For more information, visit fchoirs.org.

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Hernandez receives Kiwanis award

Circle of Valor - Roncalli High School senior Irvin Hernandez was honored Feb. 24 at the 48th annual Abe Lincoln Awards by the Kiwanis Club of Indianapolis. He was awarded a scholarship and named to the Kiwanis Circle of Valor. The program celebrates students who have overcome adversity while achieving success. Hernandez was one of 23 area high school seniors who received the Kiwanis Club Abe Lincoln Award. Irvin and his family have overcome unimaginable hardships as Mexican immigrants. He has been a very humble example of kindness, gratitude and respect. When an opportunity to help others arises, Irvin steps up. Irvin hopes to one day be a resource for other immigrant children needing guidance and inspiration. Kelly Kuntz, college and career counselor at Roncalli, commented, "Roncalli is proud to recognize Irvin Hernandez as a member of the 2023 Kiwanis Circle of Valor. Irvin plans to pursue a certification in diesel mechanics. Congratulations, Irvin! Your unconquerable kind spirit is an inspiration to us all."



From left, senior Irvin Hernandez with parents Jose and Guadalupe Hernandez. (Submitted photo)





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