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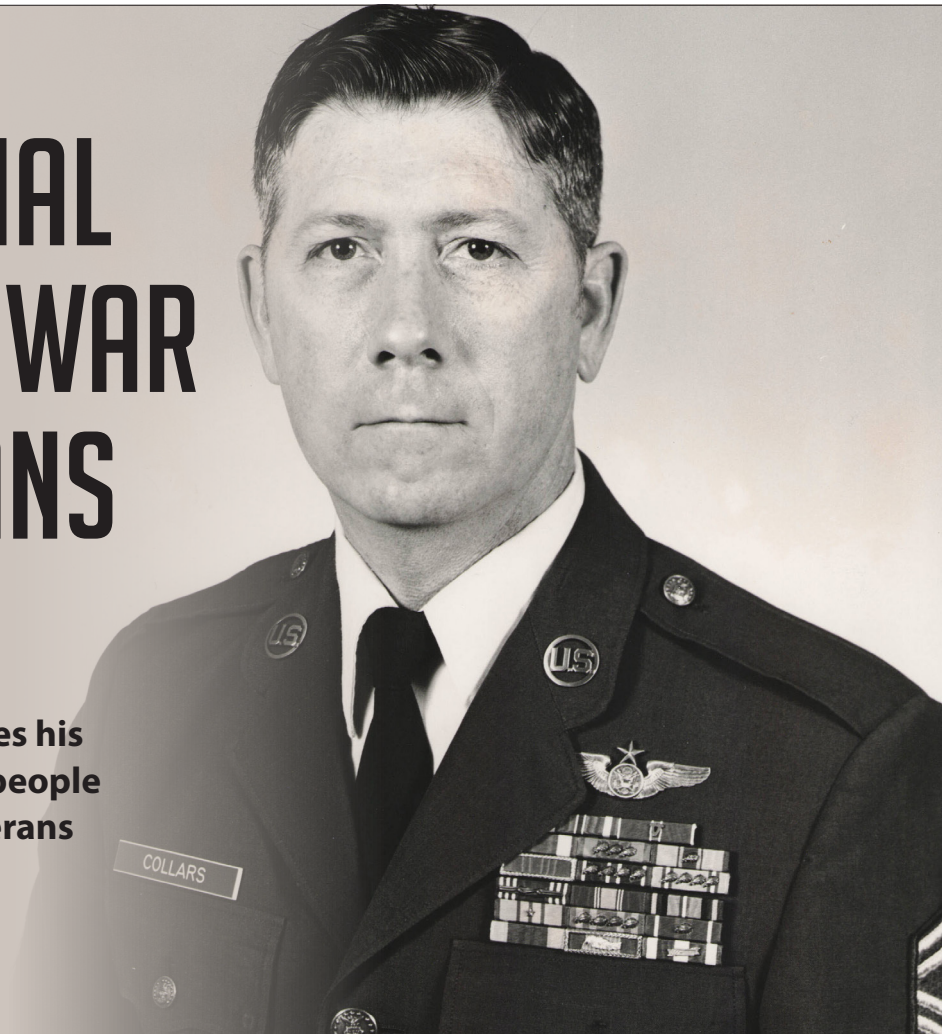
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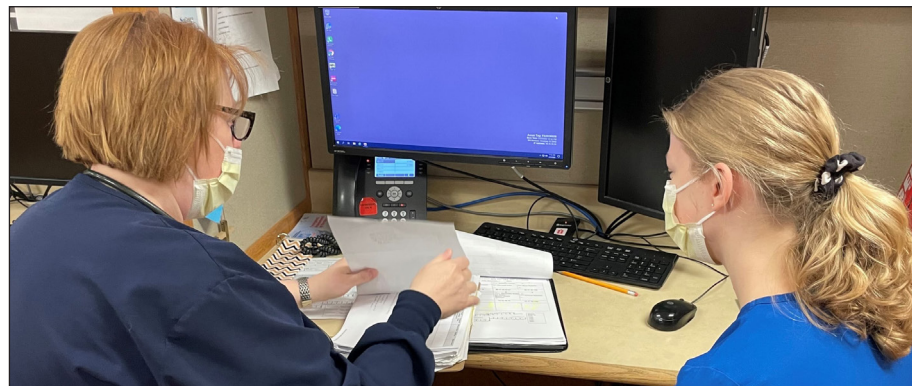


Roncalli softball team members competing collegiately (from left to right): Courtney Keller - Mt. St. Joseph University, Cincinnati; Cate Lehner - Butler University, Indianapolis; Kylie Freije - Reinhardt University, Waleska, Ga.; and Tori Candler - Centre College, Danville, Ky. (Submitted photo)

Seven Roncalli athletes to compete collegiately

Seven Roncalli senior athletes (four in softball and three in baseball) have announced that they will compete collegiately next year. Baseball: Alex Amodeo, Davis and Elkins College (Elkins, W.Va.); Johnny Roeder, Marian University (Indianapolis); and Anthony Supe, University of Indianapolis (Indianapolis). Softball: Courtney Keller, Mount Saint Joseph University (Cincinnati); Tori Candler, Centre College (Danville, Ky.); Cate Lehner, Butler University (Indianapolis); and Kylie Feije, Reinhardt University (Waleska, Ga.).

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Chris Royer, RN (left), works with Ivy Tech Community College nursing student and intern Elizabeth Gilmer at the Ortho-Neuro unit of Franciscan Health Indianapolis. (Submitted photo)

Franciscan Health Nurse Internship partners with local schools

Franciscan Health has created a nurse internship program to partner with schools, including Ivy Tech Community College and the University of Indianapolis. Interns are paid to work eight to 12 hours per month and receive tuition assistance for the last three semesters of their nursing program. The program is designed to help with high turnover and shortages of nursing professionals.

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Topics in History: History through Film

A Southport student review of the 2019 movie Midway

FEATURE

Topics is a course at Southport High School, taught by Kevin Sanders, which 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. This week, student Aidan Silnes reviews the film Midway.

By Aidan Silnes

Since the beginning of history, humanity has rarely ever seen peace. Mankind has been shaped by the many conflicts we've waged against ourselves throughout the past few millennia. While we rarely learn from these ruthless displays of bloodshed, we still often look up to the warriors of the past and praise them for their bravery in the face of certain doom. While many veterans make the ultimate sacrifice for their country, we do our very best at preserving their memory and memorializing them for generations to come. One way we do this is through film and I believe that Midway (2019) does an exceptional job at doing just that.

Midway doesn't follow any particular character and instead shows the perspectives of multiple real people who were vital in turning the tides of the war. It is through this method that we're able to view various historic events through new points of view. A large portion of the film dealt with American fighter pilots attempting to perform dive-bomb maneuvers with the goal of sinking Japanese air-

craft carriers. The film chooses to show you these dangerous actions directly from the pilot's perspective which only serves to make the scene even more chilling. A side-plot of the film involves the Americans attempting to solve encrypted Japanese codes.

The film does an excellent job at portraying the amount of stress that everyone involved surely felt knowing that deciphering a code could possibly be the difference between life and death or learning a crucial piece of intel that could be used against the Japanese. I really appreciate the amount of effort and detail that was carefully put in to capture the most historically accurate portrayal of such a vital moment of American history.

Not only does this film take care to include the perspectives of the brave Americans who fought to protect the United States but it also displays the viewpoints from the side of the opposition. Throughout the film, there are multiple scenes that show Japanese generals discussing their own battle plans. We get to see what it was like for the Japanese as they slowly begin to lose the advantage as America fights to avenge Pearl Harbor and fend off the Japanese invasion. It is very interesting to see the cocky generals begin to realize they're no longer on the offensive and must now retreat if they are to continue fighting another day.

Overall I find Midway to be an incredible portrayal of the most important naval battle in American history. It stays very true to history and makes sure to pay respect to all those who were lost too soon to the horrors of war. It is a work of art that pays tribute to all the American and Japanese sailors who fought at Midway, and it encourages us to remember all those who've fought for us.

The sea remembers its own.

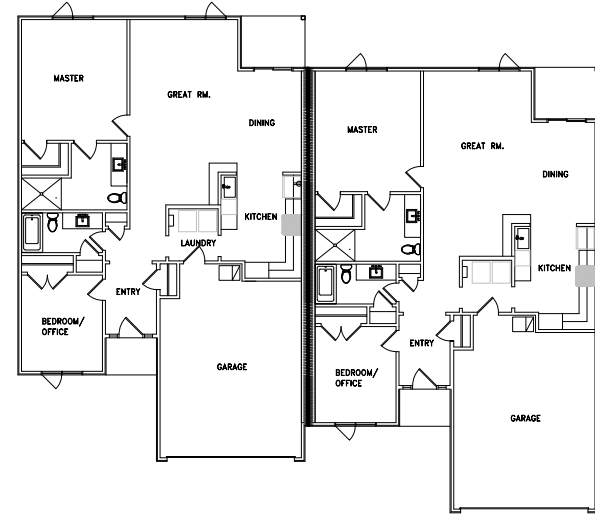
IN OUR SCHOOLS

BGHS students participate in Polar Plunge

Benefiting Special Olympics - On Friday March 4, Allison Gearlds and Alexis Sterrett represented Beech Grove High School at the Polar Plunge, raising nearly \$300 for Special Olympics! It was a balmy 32 degrees outside when they plunged into Eagle Creek on Friday morning, but they were freezing for a reason. Learn more about Polar Plunge at soindiana.org/polar-plunge/thank-you.



Allison Gearlds and Alexis Sterrett. (Photo courtesy of Beech Grove City Schools)



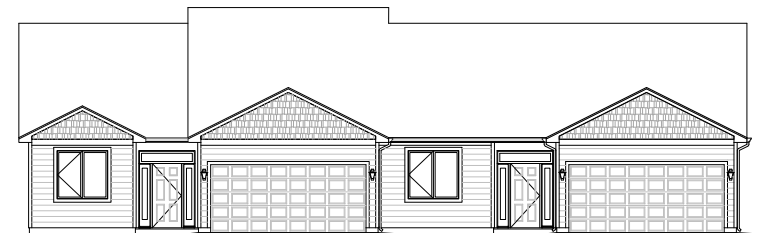
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(Cover) Jay Collars served two tours in Vietnam during his military career. | (Above) Jay and Genieve (Jan) Collars now reside on the Southside of Indianapolis, where Jay participates in many veteran affairs such as Marion and Johnson counties chapter of the 40 & 8. (Submitted photos)

National Vietnam War Veterans Day

Jay Collars shares his story and urges people to support veterans

By Todd Travis

Tuesday, March 29 is National Vietnam War Veterans Day. Vietnam War veterans from across the United States are being honored this day for their service and sacrifice in the long and difficult Vietnam War. Jay Collars, a Vietnam War veteran and Southside Indianapolis resident, shares his story regarding his service and current involvement with veterans.

Collars was born and raised in Baltimore before joining the Air Force in 1955. At the time, he was interested in the military because of the economic benefits that were provided. “Jobs were pretty low at that time and the economic outlook was not very good,” he explained. Over time, Collars would find that he got much more out of serving than he initially thought. “Once I got in, I found that I loved the career, I loved what I was doing, I loved defending the country and all the patriotism that comes with it. I finally said, ‘This is what I want to do the rest of my life,’” he concluded.

First Vietnam Tour

Collars would go on to serve for 25 years. His basic training was in New York. He trained as an aircraft mechanic in Texas and then spent six years in Greenville, S.C. From that point, he was transferred to New Jersey for two years before getting his first assignment to the combat zone in Vietnam. His first tour in Vietnam was from 1965-66. “The first thing most of us thought when we heard the news was, ‘where is Vietnam?’” Collars joked. “At the time, there was more of a curiosity than nervousness about going because the action was just beginning there, so to speak.”

The first month there, Collars was stationed at an air base outside of Saigon (Ho Chi Minh City). During that month he experienced his

first border attack. “That’s when the scariness set in for us,” Collars recalled. He was there for four months before joining a downed pilot rescue program. Three others were chosen along with him for this program. They trained for four months in Thailand before returning to the highlands of Vietnam to implement the program.

It was during this time that Collars earned a bronze star with a “V” for Valor. He led the crew to save six aircrafts from an incoming overnight attack. “The aircrafts were all loaded up for the next day with full fuel tanks and bombs attached at the wings,” he explained. “We knew we needed to save as many aircraft as possible to be able to use for missions the next day.” His crew was able to remove the bombs, de-fuel the planes and tow them safely away from the area that was being attacked before they could be destroyed.

Returning to the States

After his first tour in Vietnam, Collars was assigned back to the States as a pilot supporting West Point Military Academy. For three years, he flew the officers and sports teams around the country for the games. “That was a lot of fun,” Collars remembered. “I got to see a lot of West Point games I never would have had the chance to see otherwise.” The fun ended when he was given his second assignment to Vietnam.

Second Vietnam Tour

This time around, Collars was a flight engineer

but was also asked to be a nighttime fighter pilot on fixed-wing gunships. “I was more nervous this time around, because I knew I would be going into enemy territory and getting shot at from the ground as I flew in,” he explained. In spite of his nerves, Collars would go on to fly 80+ combat missions and received the distinguished flying cross and eight air medals. Thankfully, this would be his last tour in Vietnam before returning safely home.

Hoosier Hospitality

Upon his return, Jay worked in Indiana with a veterans’ organization called the 40 & 8. He was transferred to Washington to serve as the chief of admin for the VA. After 10 years, he retired and decided to come back to Indiana because of his enjoyment in the Midwest. “No cliché intended, but the ‘Hoosier hospitality’ is what brought me back here. After spending most of my years on the East Coast, the Hoosier hospitality was a totally different atmosphere for me, and I fell in love with it,” he said. His wife, Genieve is an Indiana native who attended school with the famous Hoosier basketball team that the movie Hoosiers is based upon (Milan High School).

Honors

Collars’ retirement date was June 30, 1980. He achieved the rank of Chief Master Sargent. In 2019, he was inducted into the Indiana Veterans Hall of Fame. “I’m still humbled by it. When I talk about it, I just get cold chills. I never thought

someone such as myself would reach such a pinnacle in life,” Collars mentioned. Last year, he was awarded the Raymond L. White Award for Distinguished Military Service, the highest honor of the Freemasonry.

Veteran Involvement

Today, Collars continues to be heavily involved in veteran affairs. He currently serves as commander of the Marion and Johnson counties chapter of the 40 & 8. They work to support nurses training and child welfare. In February, the 40 & 8 gave \$50,000 to Ivy Tech School of Nursing to support the nurses in training. Six years ago, they gave \$80,000 to Marion College School of Nursing for scholarships and two years after that they gave \$100,000 to University of Indianapolis School of Nursing. Last Christmas, the 40 & 8 gave out six \$500 checks to different organizations that work to help children around Marion and Johnson counties.

A word from Chief Master Sargent

Collins shared that National Vietnam War Veterans Day is a day for living veterans. He urges people to support the veterans and the organizations that work to support veterans. “It’s one thing to thank a veteran for serving, it’s another thing to reach out your hand and to help them,” he said.

Steve Milbourn, commander of Greenwood VFW Post 5864, invites the public to attend the post’s Vietnam War Veteran’s Day celebration. “Greenwood VFW Post 5864 will celebrate this event on the day it was proclaimed – March 29. The celebration will get started around 6 p.m. and there will be food and drinks. Plan to stop by and ‘welcome home’ our Vietnam veterans,” he said.

“It’s one thing to thank a veteran for serving, it’s another thing to reach out your hand and to help them.”

– Jay Collars

IN OUR SCHOOLS

Roncalli blood drive a success

Blood Donation - On Thursday, March 10, the Roncalli Student Council held its annual blood drive event. This year's drive welcomed 34 first-time donors. A total of 41 blood units and two double red cell units were donated. Every unit of blood donated has the potential to save three lives. That is 135 lives saved by the Roncalli family. Student council moderator Brittany Ratcliff shared, "I am most impressed by the fact that almost 80% of our donors were first-timers. I am so proud of our community for stepping up!"



Students donate blood on March 10. (Photo courtesy of Roncalli High School)

Opening Day for Beech Grove Baseball: April 2

Play Ball - For Beech Grove High School's season opener on Saturday April 2, Beech Grove is hosting Perry Meridian for a double-header. This year's season opener they are inviting all members of the community as we celebrate the start of our season as well as celebrating Beech Grove Little League for our first annual Little League Day! In between games of the double-header, all spectators are welcome to join the two teams as they share a free meal together that is being provided by BG Baseball and Perry Meridian Baseball! Beech Grove Athletics will welcome Southside country artist, Colin Hawk as he performs the National Anthem!

AROUND TOWN

University of Indianapolis hosts 10th annual Special Olympics Youth Basketball Tournament

Special Olympics - Students from a University of Indianapolis Applied Event Management course, in collaboration with Special Olympics Indiana, will host the 10th annual Special Olympics Youth Basketball Tournament on Saturday, March 26, at the University of Indianapolis with a clinic at 9 a.m. and tournament at 12 p.m. at Ruth Lilly and Ray Skillman Court at Nicoson Hall, 1400 E. Hanna Ave., Indianapolis. Since 2010, the Special Olympics Youth Basketball Tournament has served as the only basketball tournament in the world designed specifically for Special Olympians ages 8 to 21. This year's 10th anniversary will bring together teams from all across Indiana to compete in a 5v5 tournament, skills competition and basketball clinic led by the University of Indianapolis's Women's Basketball Team. This event is free and open to the public.

IndyPL's Seed Library Program Continues to Grow

Gardening - The seed library, a program that allows patrons to check out and take home a large variety of free vegetables, herbs and flower seeds, returns to several Indianapolis Public Library locations on March 21, 2022. This year, the program includes a core collection of seeds designed to address issues of food equity while being inclusive of diverse diets and cooking styles. Patrons can check out seeds at Beech Grove, College Avenue, Decatur, East 38th Street, Garfield Park, Glendale, Haughville, Lawrence, Nora, Pike, Southport, Spades Park, West Perry, Franklin Road, Outreach, Wayne and West Indianapolis. Converting seeds from bulk orders to small seed packets couldn't have been completed without the assistance of over 155 community volunteers from corporations such as Corteva, Salesforce, Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance, and Clif Bar Baking Company, civic groups like Downtown Indy Rotary Club, Butler Alpha Phi Omega, and AmeriCorps RSVP, and an army of Master Gardeners from Purdue Extension. For more information on the seed library, stop by your nearest branch or visit indypl.org.



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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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(Left) The high school boy's varsity basketball team and cheerleaders celebrate the victory leading to the state championship. | (Top right) The 2022 trophy for IHSAA Boy's Basketball 3A Semi-State Champions went to Beech Grove. | (Bottom right) Geno Baker and Beech Grove High School Basketball Coach Mike Renfro celebrate the semi-state victory. (Submitted photos)

'WIN THE DAY'

Hornets head to first boys basketball state title game

By Mark Ambrogli

Beech Grove High School basketball coach Mike Renfro can sense the electricity in the air.

"The whole city is buzzing," Renfro said.

That's because the Hornets have reached the IHSAA state championship in boys basketball for the first time in the school's history. Unranked Beech Grove (21-6) will meet Class 3A second-ranked Mishawaka Marian (24-3) at 6 p.m. March 26 in the Class 3A state championship game at Gainbridge Fieldhouse.

The Hornets, who have won 10 consecutive games, advanced by beating fourth-ranked Sullivan 62-58 in overtime March 19 in the semi-state at Washington High School.

"We came home with a police escort and went up and down Main Street," said Renfro, a 1995 Beech Grove graduate. "All the people in their businesses were coming out and clapping for the boys. It's really captivated a community that, in my opinion, really needed it coming off COVID, it gives the community and city something to be proud of."

Renfro said togetherness has been the differ-

ence for the team.

"I think it's the team chemistry and the guys really buying in," Renfro said. "Guys figured out what their role was on the team and just played together. It sounds cliché but we got a lot of guys that are selfless and just great teammates. They like each other. They're buddies off the court. We got on a roll and we're hot."

Beech Grove has two seniors, starter Damon Thompkins and key reserve Damonte Henderson, and the rest of the team are juniors.

Renfro said he uses a 10-man rotation.

"I got five kids who come off the bench who could probably start for a lot of schools in Marion County," Renfro said. "So when we bring guys off the bench we are not missing much and let our starters take a breather. I'll tell them if someone is hot or rolling, those are the guys that are going to play."

The Hornets showed their depth when leading scorer and rebounder Anthony Ball fouled out against Sullivan midway through the fourth quarter.

"Guys who don't play as much came in and

picked up the slack," Renfro said.

Renfro was an assistant for three years under Matt English, who died in December 2018 from brain cancer.

"Win the day" is a phrase that English often used. Renfro said he shares that philosophy with the players.

"He's alive and well with us," Renfro said. "He's in my mind all the time, especially around tournament time. Every time we take the floor there is a 'we before me' on my whiteboard."

That was another phrase that English and Renfro both used.

Ball, a 6-foot-6 junior, leads the balanced Hornets attack with 15.1 points and 8.5 rebounds a game.

Junior shooting guard Jeremiah Alexander and junior Jeremiah Tate each average 9.3 points per game. Alexander averages a team-high 4.3 assists.

Juniors Jaleel Edwards and Cam Brown each average 6.5 points.

"Jaleel Edwards has stepped his game up and led us in scoring the last two games," Renfro said.

"He's playing the best defensively that he has all year. He's active and brings a lot of energy to the team."

The Hornets, who have won four consecutive sectionals, also won a regional for the first time in school history this month by beating Danville in the final.

"We're finding a way to win now," Renfro said. "I try to play a lot of 4A schools to get us ready for the 3A tournament."

Renfro said he is impressed by Mishawaka Marian.

"They're very good and very well-coached," Renfro said. "It's going to be an evenly matched game. I think they have some really good guards with high basketball IQ. We'll pressure them and get into our full court pressure and half-court traps and see how they react. I'll take our guards (Alexander, Tate and Edwards) over any in the state. They play hard. They're long, athletic and very fun to watch."

Deaglan Sullivan leads Marian's Knights with 17 points per game while teammate Richard Brooks is right behind with 16-point average.



Beech Grove played the semi-state game at the Hatchet House in Washington, Ind. (Submitted photos)



Beech Grove City School Superintendent Laura Hammack celebrates the basketball team's victory by cutting the net.



Fans celebrate the Beech Grove varsity boys basketball team.

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(Left) From left, Skylar Thacker, Connor Horsley, Cam Brown, Jeremiah Alexander, Logan Muffler and Damonte Henderson. | (Right) Team members pose for photos during the game. (Submitted photos)

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PHOTO of the WEEK



Construction, construction - everywhere. I-69 is making its way through the Southside. Pictured, a bridge is in the works at State Road 37 and Southport Road. In addition to this intersection, there is a permanent closure of Edgewood Avenue east of S.R. 37 and a temporary closure of Belmont Avenue between Edgewood and Epler avenues are expected in early April. Edgewood Avenue is permanently closed west of S.R. 37. In Johnson County, Road crews are at work connecting a new Smith Valley Road roundabout to the Bluffdale Drive and Old S.R. 37 access road extensions west of S.R. 37. For more information and updates to the project, visit i69finishline.com. (Photo by Nicole Davis)

HUMOR



Top 10 phrases from the chronic race fans

By Torry Stiles

10. "Take your hat off and stand up. That's the water truck driver."
9. "I hope there're no long yellows. My wife's in the hospital having a baby, and I still have to get home to tape the F1 race."
8. "Never mind the traffic, boy! Climb the wheel fence and get an autograph. I'll distract security."
7. "I'm not waitin' in the food line. I found a hot dog from last week under my seat."
6. "No, my hand's fine. I had it bronzed after A.J. shook it in '67."
5. "I love ya honey, but if Danica Patrick ever says, 'Yes,' you're last week's news."
4. "I hope they play the short anthem."
3. "Y'all bow your head for Dale here."
2. "They're just minor chest pains. Prop me up, they're going green."
1. "Here, have a sip of my pop. ... No, that's not whiskey; it's methanol."

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

In California, it is illegal to cry on the witness stand.

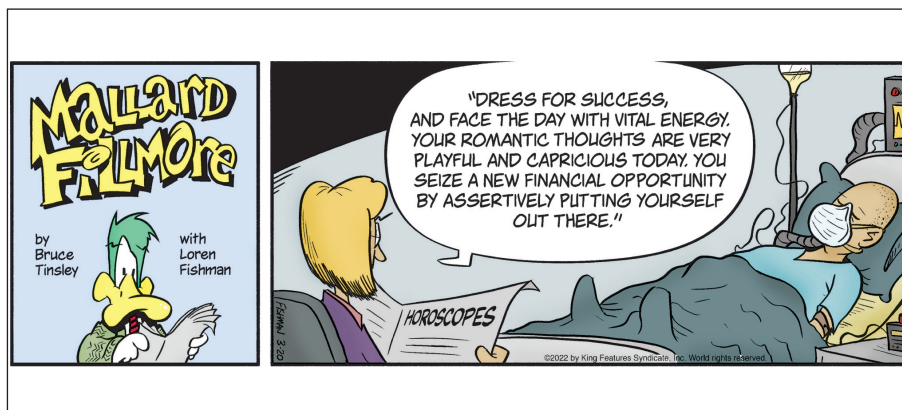
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them."

- John Fitzgerald Kennedy

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LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT ENTERTAINING

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BEECH GROVE

Soup-er Veterans Appreciation Event • This free lunch hosted by the Samuel Bryan Chapter of the DAR will honor all veterans in the community. All veterans and their families can meet other veterans in the community, receive a special "thank you" gift and enjoy a hearty bowl of soup. | When: March 26, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: hornetparkcommunitycenter.com

Indy South Train Show • The Indy South Train Show is conducted by: The Pacific & Eastern Railway Club, A Hi-Rail 0 Gauge and Modular Model Train Club. Admission: \$4 adults, free for ages 14 and under with an adult. | When: March 26, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Where: Independent Nazarene Church, 5152 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: indysouthtrainshow.com

Build Your Own Movie Machine with Jeremy South • Discover the magic of animation by creating your own zoetrope! A forerunner to the modern movie, a zoetrope creates the illusion of motion from a series of individual pictures. Program is for ages 8 and up. | When: April 9, 10 - 11 a.m. | Where: Beech Grove Branch library, 1102 Main St. | Info: indypl.org

CENTER GROVE

Spring Crafts • School-age youth, bring your creativity while the library shares the supplies to get crafty during spring break. | When: March 25, 10 - 11 a.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

GARFIELD PARK

Comedy of Errors • The Garfield Shakespeare Company presents Comedy of Errors, free to the public. Two sets of identical twins get separated not long after birth in a shipwreck. Reservations are encouraged. | When: March 25 and 26, 7:30 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Dr., Indianapolis. | Info: gpacarts.org/events

Herb Gardening with Kids • Join the Central Indiana Herb Society this spring for an introduction to herbs and starting an herb garden. Registration required. \$6 per person, for kids ages 6 to 13. | When: April 2, 10 - 11:30 a.m. | Where: Garfield Gardens Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Dr., Indianapolis. | Info: garfieldgardensconservatory.org

Opening Reception | Through the Lens Photography Exhibit XV: heART of Photography • Join on the First Friday of every month for the opening reception of our latest exhibition. Mingle with local artists in the exhibition and peruse the artwork reflecting each month's theme. | When: April 1, 7 - 9 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Dr., Indianapolis. | Info: gpacarts.org/events

GREENWOOD

Social Reception • Interested in joining the Greenwood Rotary Club? Ask questions and socialize with members at this gathering. Cost: \$10 for current members, includes light snacks, no cost for prospective members. Beer and wine purchased separately. | When: April 5, 4 - 6 p.m. | Where: SmockTown Brewery, 223 W. Main St., Greenwood. | Info: greenwoodrotary.org

Spring Lawn Care • Proper planning and actions this spring will add great benefits to your lawn for the whole year. Learn about fertilizer, weeds, aeration, and more. Presented by Richard Huber, Master Gardener. | When: April 7, 6 - 7:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. | Info: Register at greenwoodlibrary.us or call (317) 881-1953

PERRY TOWNSHIP

Food Drive • Msgr. Downey Knights of Columbus 3660 will host a food drive. This drive will benefit the Officer David Moore Food Pantry and Hunger Inc. For those who wish to donate, some of the suggested items that are needed: Cereal, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Soup, Canned Pasta, Canned Fruit, Hamburger and Tuna Helper, ETC. | When: March 26, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Where: St. Mark's Parish 535 E. Edgewood Ave., Indianapolis. | Info: Donations may be sent to Msgr. Downey Knights of Columbus P.O. Box 17547, Indianapolis IN 46217-0547.

Ulndy All-Ages Jazz Jam Session • This free jazz show is put on by University of Indianapolis Jazz Band members. | When: April 3, 5 - 8 p.m. | Where: Books & Brew South Indy, 3808 Shelby St., Indianapolis. | Info: booksnbrews.com/south-indy

Seed Starting • Bethany Community Gardens presents free classes for beginner and experienced gardeners, led by gardening expert, Ginny Roberts. | When: April 5, 6 - 7:30 p.m. | Where: Bethany Community Gardens, 4702 S. East St., Indianapolis | Info: facebook.com/bethanycommunitygardens

AN OPTION

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SPOTLIGHT



Indiana Photographic Society hosts this heART of Photography themed exhibition in April. (Photo by John Pemberton)

Through the Lens Photography Exhibit XV: heART of Photography

Every spring, the Indiana Photographic Society puts on one of Indiana's largest and finest photography exhibitions at the Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. This year's show will take place April 1 - 29. It contains upwards of 80 fine art images created by members of the Society. Each photographer is encouraged to apply their own interpretation of the title when creating their images. Join for First Friday on April 1, 7 - 9 p.m. For more information, visit gpacarts.org.

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The Power of The Dog

A nail-biting, ice-cold post-western drama

MOVIE REVIEW

By Bradley Lane

The Power of the Dog is razor tight, whip-smart post-Western drama crafted by master filmmaker, Jane Campion. Starring Benedict Cumberbatch as emotionally hardened ranch hand, Phil, and Jesse Plemons as his awkward but kindhearted brother, George, the film's events begin to take a turn for the dramatic when George marries Kirsten Dunst's character, Rose. The reserved Rose views George as an opportunity to escape the abuse and degradation of her job as an innkeeper, and more importantly, obtain what was unimaginable opportunities for her teenage son, Peter, played by Kodi Smit-McPhee, through the wealth of her spouse. Phil violently torments Rose and Peter as retribution for distancing his brother from him, that is, until Phil begins to open himself up to the possibility of finding a love great enough to fill the void of George

leaving him.

The tension of Jane Campion's film is found not in overt emotional outburst or long dramatic monologues, but rather in silence and the smallest of details. The camerawork, performances, and pacing all beg the audience to lean in closer to appreciate all of the nuance on display. As a consequence of the decision to slow the film down and focus on subtlety, I expect some viewers to find the film too slow or even boring, but this reading of the film would be a massive disservice to the amount of skill on display. This technique of employing a style of reserved filmmaking to further engage the audience evokes other masters of slow cinema like Robert Bresson, Theodore Dreyer and Yasujiro Ozu.



Campion's lens captures emotional distance in a way that feels tangible, as if it were a physical barrier blocking the characters from seeing one another. This sense of weight dedicated to examining each character's inner turmoil is what makes the tenderness of Campion's story so pointed. It comes as a surprise when, despite callousness, characters are able to connect. What happens when the story eventually gives way to vulnerability and care is the true masterstroke of *The Power of the Dog*. It is like a sort of cinematic magic trick that allows the film to stand out from its influences.

The film also cleverly uses its setting to lull the audience into genre expectation, before violently ripping the rug out from under them. It may look like a Western, but it plays with genre

conventions enough that it makes it clear we are far, far away from John Wayne and Clint Eastwood. It uses the myth of their stoic, ultra-masculine heroism to its advantage by carefully peeling back that archetype's layers to reveal that it never really existed in the first place.

Despite a slow methodical pace, *The Power of the Dog* is a thoroughly gripping and cuttngly poignant story of inner struggle, the price of vulnerability and the eternal justice that comes for us all. *The Power of the Dog* is the current frontrunner for this week's Academy Awards this Sunday, March 27, and is currently available to stream on Netflix.



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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SOUTHPORT

Celebrating the Roots of Our Food • Join Marion County Public Health Department Nutrition Services as they explore the history of 18th century spice trade around the world and how cooks from Africa, South America and Cuba still influence foods in the US today. | When: March 30, 2 - 3 p.m. | Where: Southport Branch library, 2630 E. Stop 11 Road, Indianapolis. | Info: indypl.org

Easter Egg Hunt • Bring your own basket. All ages welcome for this egg hunt in the park. Free cookies, punch and crafts will also be provided. | When: April 9, 11 a.m. | Where: 6901 Derbyshire Road, Southport. | Info: southport.in.gov

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Please allow me to interject myself

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

If you've ever yelled your feelings – you might have uttered an interjection. If you've ever shouted a forbidden word after dropping a glass jar of pickles – you might have uttered an interjection. If you've ever typed a text followed by seventeen exclamation points – you might have written an interjection.

In case you're wondering what we're discussing today, it's interjections. An interjection is what happens when you speak an exclamation. Jeepers!

Often, interjections are short words that pack an emotional punch. Uh oh! No! These are some of a baby's first English words, which makes total sense. Often an interjection is the most efficient way to express a feeling.

Let's break down interjections into a few categories. First, a primary interjection is a single word that gets used exclusively as an

interjection: Yikes! Ouch! Wow! Gosh!

A secondary interjection is an exclamatory word that isn't used exclusively as an interjection. Examples include "Bless you!" "Good grief!" "Aw, rats!"

Before you think an interjection can only be used with an exclamation point, think again! In fact, an interjection can involve a period, comma or even a question mark. Huh?

Here's an example of an interjection that uses a period: Darn. I thought my Cinderella team was going to win the entire tournament. This sentence depends on how emphatically the "darn" is uttered. In this case, imagine it is delivered by Eeyore, who never uses exclamation points but often directs his depressive interjections at his forest friends.

Interjections sometimes come in the form of a question: Are you kidding me? Do you believe we've actually been to the moon? Honestly, this type of interjectory sentence is an excellent case of when an interrobang would be perfect, but that's an entirely different column, now, isn't it?

What's wrong with me?

In the case of comma-tose interjections, take this example: Well, what did you expect? How did you know I was raised in Canada, eh? Oh no, the test is today. Ooh, you look great in that beekeeper outfit.

The comma and period examples are kind of like "light" interjections. It seems as though some of the urgency has been diminished.

You don't have to memorize all the different kinds of interjections, but it is important to distinguish them when your friend Scott brings over some excellent whiskey; after all, there's a big difference between "Great Scott!" "Great, Scott!" and "Great scotch, Scott!"



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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FEATURE

By Blake Williams
Marketing Coordinator
Express Employment Professionals

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Dana Louis Camel

Dana Louis Camel, 60, Greenwood, died March 19, 2022. Preceded in death: father, Marvin "Dish." Survivors: wife, Jean Ann Camel; stepdaughters, Carri Fisher-Nemeth, Leslie Perkinson and Amy Fisher-Norwood; mother, Joyce; sister, Cheri Camel-Esayan; four fur babies; extended family. Celebration of life will be held at a later date. G.H. Herrmann.

Harold "Bud" Dean Grubbs

Harold "Bud" Dean Grubbs, 87, Indianapolis, died March 16, 2022. Survivors: wife, Linda Grubbs; children, Dean Grubbs and Dawn Welch; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, and siblings, George Grubbs, Doris Cane. Services held March 21 at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home. Burial: Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

Stanley David Hamilton

Stanley David Hamilton, 78, Indianapolis, died March 13, 2022. Survivors: wife, Marilyn (McCreary); sons, Jim Hamilton, John (Donna) Hamilton and Jerry Brown; sister, Bonnie (Harold) Trembley; grandchildren: Joseph Hamilton, Megan Grimes (Victor), Shelby Tucker and Jack (Breanna) Tucker, and great-grandson, Lincoln Grimes. Services entrusted to Little & Sons Beech Grove.

James "Jim" Robert Hannah

James "Jim" Robert Hannah, 75, Greenwood, died March 14, 2022. Survivors: wife, June Karen (Norton) Hannah; son, Jonathan Edwin Hannah (Cyndi); daughter, Jamie Lynne Hanan (Greg); two grandsons; two sisters; several nieces, nephews. Services held March 19 at G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home. Burial: The Gardens at Olive Branch Cemetery.

Raymond L "Ray" Jensen

Raymond L. "Ray" Jensen died March 14, 2022. Survivors: wife, Phyllis (Hill) Jensen; four children, Sheryl (Kevin) Manning, Lisa (Don) Tynes, Trela (Kurt) Herman, Thomas (Penny) Jensen; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sisters, Carolyn Cambridge and Judith Walden, and brother, Gerald (Beverly) Jensen. G.H. Herrmann Funeral Home handling arrangements.

Cynthia "Cindy" Manning

Cynthia "Cindy" Manning, 84, Indianapolis, died March 21, 2022. She was born July 14, 1937, in Martinsville, Ind. Survivors include her husband, John D. Manning; daughter, Brenda (Barry) Underwood; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Arrangements have been entrusted to G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, Indianapolis.

Donna J. Maschmeyer

Donna J. Maschmeyer, 88, Indianapolis, died March 15, 2022. Predeceased: husband, Robert W. Maschmeyer. Survivors: sons, William A. Maschmeyer (Nancy), James R. Maschmeyer, Donald J. Maschmeyer; grandson and sister-in-law. Services: March 20 at Friedens United Church of Christ. Burial: Forest Lawn Memory Gardens. G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home.

Bernice Mayer

Bernice Mayer, 84, Indianapolis, died March 20, 2022. Survivors: children, Tamla "Tamie" Richard, Perry Lee Monroe, Tina L. Rush, Lee Ann Vick and Shanna M. Young. Funeral services: Thursday, March 24, 1 p.m., G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, Indianapolis. Visitation: 11 a.m. until service. Burial: Calvary Cemetery.

Carolyn Mary Robinson

Carolyn Mary Robinson, 89, Indianapolis, died March 15, 2022. Visitation: Mon., March 21, 4-8 p.m., O'Riley-Branson Funeral Service & Crematory. Funeral Mass: Tues., March 22, 10 a.m., St. Barnabas Catholic Church. Entombment in Calvary Cemetery. Please visit ORileyBranson.com for the complete notice.

Deloris "Maxine" Robinson

Deloris "Maxine" Robinson, 88, died March 14, 2022. Preceded in death: brothers, Don and Jeff. Survivors: son, Tim (Kim); daughter, Pam (Steve); grandchildren, Tiffany (Tabitha), Laura (Chris), Katie (Chris), Evan, Cole; seven great-grandchildren; sisters, Betty, RuthAnn, Marti, Phyllis; brothers, Larry and Jim. Services: March 18, G. H. Herrmann, Greenwood.

Anastasha "Stacy" Marie Rodriguez

Anastasha "Stacy" Marie Rodriguez, 38, Greenwood, died Feb. 1, 2022. Survivors: two daughters, Kayla and Kyra; son, Chayse; father and mother. Celebration of Life: 11 a.m. Saturday, March 26; memorial visitation 9-11 a.m. at G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, 1605 S. State Road 135, Greenwood. Burial: Mt. Pleasant Greenwood Cemetery.

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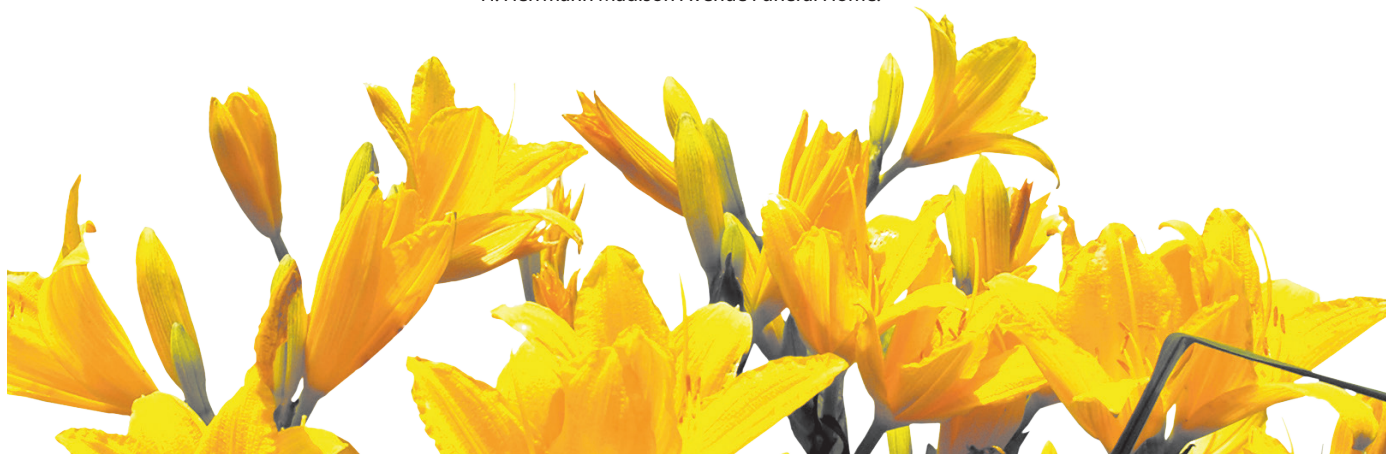
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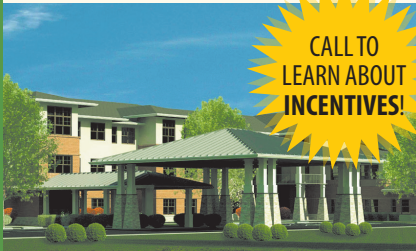
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The secret to a happy marriage is staying in love

DEVOTIONAL

By Chris Philbeck

February 2022 was a big month for my wife, Sandy. First, she celebrated her 60th birthday on Valentine's Day. Then on Feb. 20 we celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary.

To make this special, I planned three separate surprises for her. The first came on the Sunday before her birthday. At the end of the 9 a.m. service (the one she attends), I shared a special video tribute, brought her onstage, and our three grandchildren presented her with flowers, a cake and cards sent by our church family. It was very special, and she was overwhelmed. On the following day (Valentine's Day) I told her I had made a dinner reservation somewhere new and took her to a surprise birthday dinner with our family and close friends. I had rented the venue and hired a caterer. It was very special, and she was overwhelmed, again.

A couple of days later, we flew to Houston, where we had met and gotten married. After visiting friends, we drove to San Antonio on the day of our anniversary. We couldn't check into our hotel for a while, so we went for a walk. Our first stop was The Alamo. I said, "Let's get a picture." As we were doing that I said, "Oh look, Tricia (our daughter) sent us a picture." I showed her my phone and it was a picture of our two children and their families standing in front of The

Alamo. She said, "What ... wait ... what's happening?" And when she turned around, she saw the rest of our family. It was perfect, and we spent the next few days celebrating our anniversary with our family, my surprise gift to her.

The secret to happiness in marriage isn't falling in love; it's staying in love. I know that sounds obvious and simple, but it's not. I love my wife just as passionately today as I did 40 years ago, but over the course of time our enduring affection, mutual understanding and unwavering commitment has made us best friends. And while I believe she is as beautiful today as the day I met her, it's the beauty of how she loves our family that continues to capture my heart. And I understand exactly what Solomon meant when he wrote in Proverbs 18:22, He who finds a wife finds what is good and receives favor from the Lord. Falling in love is easy, it can even happen by chance. Staying in love takes an intentional commitment each day. Pursue that commitment.



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