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THIS WEEK on the WEB



Gail Richards, president and CEO of the Johnson County Community Foundation. (Submitted photo)

Johnson County Community Foundation leader to retire

Johnson County Community Foundation President and CEO Gail Richards has announced her plans to retire. Richards, who will continue in her current position for about another year, has served as president and CEO since March of 2009. Since her arrival, the foundation's assets have grown from \$10 million to nearly \$40 million, allowing annual investment in the community of over \$2 million and management of 350 charitable funds.

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Tau image of the sculpture is a clay model before it is cast in bronze. (Courtesy of artist Ryan Feeney)

Franciscan Health to honor healthcare workers in COVID fight

Franciscan caregivers at the Indianapolis and Mooresville campuses will be honored for their tireless service and care to patients during COVID-19 with permanent, identical memorials. Bronze, double-sided sculptures of the distinct Tau, the symbol St. Francis of Assisi shared as he ministered to the sick, will be placed near key entries, representing Franciscan Health and honors St. Francis and those who follow his example. The sculptures are re-created by Indianapolis artist Ryan Feeney.

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Topics in History: History through Film

A Southport student review of the 2018 movie 12 Strong

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 Students investigate historical documents and other sources to determine if a film is historically accurate.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: Zach Chambers
Film Reviewed: 12 Strong

12 Strong is a pretty good movie; it shows how the United States went after Al Qaeda and Osama Bin Laden right after 9/11. While at home Mark Nutsch wanted to take his team to defeat Al Qaeda, saying if we don't defeat them, they will keep doing this to our country. Mark defeated four other captains for the job and then he and his team went off to fight Al Qaeda with allies from Afghanistan. But is this movie historically accurate?

One of the main accurate ideas in the movie was that they all used horses to get around the country. They were called the horse soldiers and so if they didn't show this at all then it would not be accurate at all. They never thought that this would be the way they had to do this. "Nutsch had always been a history buff, and he had carefully studied Civil War cavalry charges and tactics, but he had never expected to ride horses into battle (Collins)." They had to use horses because cars would've been too loud, and the terrain was too hard to walk around in. A scene that makes you think it was a very tough ride was when they were getting ready to meet their alliances flying in the middle of the night in fog. In real life they noticed that it was really tuff for them, "and we hit a surprise sandstorm and heavy fog

which created near-zero visibility conditions, and the armed escort aircraft had to turn back, and we flew alone through the mountains the remainder of that trip," Capt. Mark said.

The battle was a huge win for the United States, especially after 9/11. Since the United States won, it helped get the Taliban out of Afghanistan. "The battle was the Taliban's first major defeat and precipitated a rapid transfer of territory in northern Afghanistan." Nutsch knew that

he could lead a team to do everything that was needed to win the battle. Although he was just in an office for most of his time serving, he wanted his team back. "The team had been working together for two years and the average age was 32 years old."

Cross cutting is a technique that goes from one scene to another. In the movie it cross cuts to a leader in the Taliban killing a teacher because she was educating girls over the age of 8. Finding that this actually happened really shocked me. "Taliban gunmen killed the head-

master of a girls' school near the Afghan capital after he ignored warnings to stop teaching girls (Staff)." When getting ready to attack, Chris Hemsworth (who played Capt. Mitch Nelson) looked at a piece of the World Trade Center, and it made him think of what they did to the United States. Although they were carrying it with them it wasn't really Mark Nutsch, the real captain, didn't have it, though. "The ODA carried a piece of steel from the World Trade Center into Afghanistan. Pennington said some were thinking of payback as they flew into the country (Brooks)."

On the other hand there are some fake parts in the movie to make it more entertaining to watch. There are only two people in the movie from ODA 595 who use the real name as the same in real life. Even though there are some fake parts in the movie, it's historically accurate. From riding horses to fight the Taliban, to the biggest major defeat of the Taliban. The accurate parts outweigh the flaws.



(Left) Learning their way around a kitchen is one of many life skills taught during summer camp. | (Right) A few fun hours in the summer, playing a game and making new friends is what every camper loves. (Submitted photos)



Autism Community Connection offers three-week summer camp

FEATURE

By Sherri Coner

For teens with autism, summer camp is not only about swimming, crafting and team building,

it is also about practicing social skills, gaining confidence by trying new activities in safe environments and of course, making friends.

This is the first plan ever for an all-day, three-week camp experience, said Kelli Higgins, executive director for Autism Community Connection in Greenwood.

In 2021, every Saturday in June was set aside for fun day camp activities.

Last year, campers participated every Tuesday and Thursday in June.

This year is an exciting first-time opportunity for campers between 13 and 19 years of age to participate in what staff call My Summer Journey.

However, craft and learning materials costs have significantly increased along with additional wages for extra staff and the fact that giving teens a day camp experience for five days weekly and three weeks in the month of June naturally increased camp fees.

During the month of April, fundraising will be the primary focus with a strong hope that no camper will be left out because of money.

"We are a very small nonprofit organization," said Higgins. "Summer camp helps with that transition back to school. And parents can know their child will experience quality programming."

According to CDC statistics, one in 36

American children will be diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. Through the years, more and more families have looked for ways to network with other families.

When families with autistic children launched Johnson County Autism Support Group in 2005, they stayed committed to helping each other. A couple of years ago, board members and families too decided to do some rebranding, so families outside of Johnson County – especially those with no family support in their home county – would feel welcome to participate, Higgins said.

A donation of \$150 sends a teen to one week of My Summer Journey.

A donation of \$450 sends a teen to all 15 days of fun, from swimming, bowling and horseback riding to putt-putt, cooking and science experiments.

Higgins and her staff are working with Access Johnson County to provide transportation.

"We are very thankful to Access," Higgins said. "It is a big undertaking, but Johnson County desperately needs these things."

Along with Pampered Chef consultant, Sandra Pool, donating some proceeds from any April 28 orders, anyone dining between 4 and 6 p.m. April 11 at Chick-fil-A on State Road 135 in Greenwood will also help the cause since proceeds in that time frame will be donated to My Summer Journey, to at least defray camp costs for families.

"The kids really look forward to camp," Higgins said. "They thrive and they absolutely love it."

To donate or to learn more about the overall program, events and summer camp, visit autismcc-in.org.



(Cover) The Lutheran High School basketball celebrated with its Class A state title trophy. (Photo courtesy of IHSAA) | (Left) The Lutheran High School boys basketball team celebrates its first state title in program history. | (Right) From left, Ava Dockery, assistant coach Jason Dockery's daughter, and Zara Woods, head coach Remus Woods' daughter, watch Lutheran win state title. (Submitted photos)

Saints march to first state basketball title

Lutheran gets boost from football players from 2-time state champion team

By Mark Ambrogio

Lutheran High School is no stranger to success at a high level the past two years.

Six of the basketball team members were on the football team, which captured its second consecutive Class A state title in November 2022.

The Class A No. 8 Saints earned their first state basketball title with a 97-66 romp over Southwood March 25 in the Class A championship game at Gainbridge Fieldhouse.

Celebrating a record

Trailing 10-9 after one quarter, Lutheran scored a record 36 points in the second quarter, five more points than had ever been scored in a quarter in state finals history. The 97 points ties a record for all classes. Attucks scored 97 in the 1955 state game.

There were a lot of bright lights," said Saints coach Remus Woods, whose team finished with a 20-7 record. "We're blessed to be here, but we get the earliest game (at 10:30 a.m.), so we have to wake up a little bit. When you have a running team, you just have to get the juices going. We were kind of oversharing early. One of our game plans (was that) we had a couple shots we didn't take trying to get it to the bigs. They just needed to dial in a little bit."

Southwood (15-13) stuck with playing its usual pressing style and Lutheran was able

to break it, often scoring easily in transition. Southwood committed 24 turnovers, six more than Lutheran.

"I thought my guys played really hard," Woods said. "We focused all week to beat the trap that we've seen them playing throughout the season. All week we were looking to find layups from the trap. We wanted to push the tempo of the game. We knew throughout the tournament we wanted to let go and run. We wanted to score a lot more points. I couldn't have called 97 points, but we definitely wanted to score a lot of points."

"All season we wanted to be different. Some of the stats prove that their hard work was different."

Sophomore point guard LJ Ward had 17 points, seven rebounds and seven assists.

Feeding off emotion

"He just plays really fast," Woods said. "We kind of look at him as one of the heartbeats of the team. He's a very emotional guy. The team feeds off the emotion."

Ward said the main thing that fuels him is he doesn't like to lose.

"Whenever things go rough, I start play-

ing harder and harder," he said.

Sophomore Cayden Loescher led the Saints with 22 points on 10-of-12 shooting and a team-high 10 rebounds.

"Coming into the game, the plan was to run," Loescher said. "My teammates trusted me and put the ball in the right spot, and I finished the layup."

Loescher said his confidence built during the season.

"My teammates and coaches helped me keep my head and figure it out," he said.

Senior Durray Smith contributed 21 points, hitting 7 of 11 shots and 5 of 9 3-pointers.

Also cracking double figures in points were senior Kameron (16) and Kaiden Patterson (10). Senior Aiden Aliay added six points.

"It just makes the game really easy because I'm quick enough to get around my defender and make other defenders help," Ward said. "When I'm not looking for one guy and I have three or four guys that can make that shot, it makes it really easy."

Woods said going through the southern half of the draw was tough.

"It's a lot of meat-grinder games that pre-

pared us for a championship," Woods said. "We looked at a lot of different games. There was a lot of really good competition that prepared us for this moment."

Improve to win

After losing four in a row, the Saints won their last five regular season games.

"We had a lot of meetings and we really just talked about what we need as a team so that we can improve," Smith said.

Woods said let the players figure it out.

"One thing that I did tell him was I'm the only one that keeps losses," Woods said. "So I tell them I'd lose the rest (of the regular season) during the year to win a state title. I'm glad we didn't have to lose every one the rest of the (regular season). They took it to themselves. I didn't go to any meetings with them. I like my guys to grow up. I like them to learn. Life is just not easy. That's one thing that I like to give my kids, so they can get through things in life later on."

The Saints beat No. 5 Greenwood Christian in the sectional final, No. 1 Bloomfield in the regional and No. 4 Loogootee in the semistate opener.

Ward said he is optimistic about the future.

"But don't think we think it's going to be easy because our five seniors made it a lot easier for us," Ward said.

"There was a lot of really good competition that prepared us for this moment."

— Lutheran basketball coach Remus Woods



(Left) George Henry, 3, with Roger rabbit. | (Right) Nearly a year old, Roger rabbit will soon debut as an Easter Bunny. (Submitted photos)

Some-bunny to love this Easter

Camera-friendly Roger the rabbit 'hops' to schedule photos with your family

FEATURE

By Sherri Coner

Very soon, Roger the Angora rabbit won't spend all of his free time hopping down the bunny trail, or in Roger's case, hopping often from lap to lap.

Instead, this friendly little guy will occasionally lounge around in an Easter basket filled with his favorite vegetable snacks, beside a smiling little person, in front of a camera.

Behind the camera is Rachel Henry of the Southside, who is not only Roger's mom but also the mom of his human siblings, Kay-lynn, 11, and 3-year-old George.

Eggs-pecting with Jessica Rabbit

Henry also looks after Roger's beloved, Jessica rabbit, who happens to be expecting baby bunnies within the month.

Now nearing his first birthday, Roger is an inquisitive ball of incredibly soft snow-white fluff.

Before Henry and her husband, Garrett brought Roger and Jessica into their family, they thought long and hard about the consistent care necessary for Angora rabbit fur. Because the fur is so wispy, it tangles easily and requires consistent brushing.

Hoppy shearing

In addition to that near daily grooming, Angora fur should be sheared every three to five months.

Though Henry does not spin Angora wool herself, she knows several people who do.

When she learned that Angora is a high-

demand alternative to the high-allergy coats of other animals, Henry decided that since she and her husband had to shear their rabbits every few months anyway, selling the harvested Angora would provide additional income for their family.

But then Henry, an eighth grade Language Arts teacher at Heritage Christian School, had another idea.

"I've always been drawn to the creative side of life," she said.

In fact, for 15 years, her photography skills have not only served as this busy mom's creative outlet, but also as a side business.

With springtime just around the corner, Henry studied Roger's personality.

"He is a huge fan of attention," she said with a laugh.

But Jessica? She can take it or leave it. Mostly leave it.

Actually, Jessica prefers to hang out in her own cage, without humans.

Some-bunny loves the camera

Henry decided to make Roger rather famous among little people by offering his cuteness for Easter photos with kids.

"He can either sit in a big basket beside children, munching on a snack or, depending on the child's comfort level, Roger could sit on their lap or sit beside them," Henry said.

Images will be offered as digital downloads rather than prints.

Henry is now scheduling afternoon and early evening photography sessions, either in her yard on the Southside or at the Children's Garden Park in Greenwood.

Contact Henry by visiting her Facebook page: Thousand Words.

Southside Easter Events

Easter Egg Hunt • Bounce houses, petting zoo, crafts, food, games, science show. | When: April 1, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Egg hunt at 12:30 p.m. | Where: Calvary Lutheran Church, 611 Shelby St., Indianapolis. | Info: clcs.org

Easter Character Party • Come party with Rapunzel and the bunny. There will be a paint craft, sing-along, snacks and a plastic egg from the bunny. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$15 for children ages 2 to 12, and \$10 for additional children. RSVP by March 28. | When: April 1, 12 - 1:30 p.m. | Where: 1300 Fry Road, Greenwood. | Info: sierradesignsandmore.wixsite.com/magical-character-p

Egg Hunt Storytime • Enjoy spring stories and songs, followed by a traditional holiday Easter egg hunt. Designed for ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Child's caregiver required. | When: April 6, 10 - 11 a.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

Egg Hunt • Bounce on over to the Burrello Family Center for our Egg Hunt! Children will be separated into the age groups of 3-5, 6-8, and 9-11. Cost: \$5/child. | When: April 7, 6 - 8 p.m. | Where: Burrello Family Center, at Garfield Park, 2345 Pagoda Drive, Indianapolis. | Info: parks.indy.gov

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny • Join for breakfast, Easter egg hunt, prizes and a special visit from the Easter Bunny. \$5 per person. Registration required. | When: April 8, 9 a.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: hornetparkcommunitycenter.com

Annual Easter Egg Hunt • Bring your own basket.. All ages welcome for fun at the park. Food, crafts and the Easter

Bunny will make an appearance. | When: April 8, 10 a.m. | Where: Southport Park, 6901 Derbyshire Road, Southport. | Info: southport.in.gov

Egg Hunt for Riley's • Beech Grove High School Human Social Services class presents this event which also includes games, crafts and the Easter Bunny. Cost: \$6/person. | When: April 8, noon - 2 p.m. | Where: Beech Grove High School, 5330 Hornet Ave, Beech Grove | Info: bgcs.k12.in.us

Mount Pleasant Easter Egg Hunt & Festivities • Enjoy an Easter egg hunt for kids up to 12 years of age. After the hunts, there will be 100 Easter baskets to raffle off, free hot dogs and chips, face painting, a craft, and more. | When: April 8, 12 - 1 p.m. | Where: Mt. Pleasant Christian Fellowship, 2425 S. Emerson Ave., Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/mpcfchurch

Holy Name Easter Egg Hunt • | When: April 8, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. | Where: Holy Name Catholic Church, 89 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: holyname.cc/

GCC Easter Egg Hunt • Enjoy an Easter egg hunt, crafts, snacks and story time. There will be a sensory hour from 1 to 2 p.m. (registration required for sensory hour). In case of inclement weather, the activities will happen indoors. | When: April 8, 2 - 4 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Christian Church, 2045 Averitt Road, Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/GreenwoodChristian

Bunny Photo Time • Get a photo with the bunny. Reservations are strongly encouraged. | When: Daily through April 8. | Where: Greenwood Park Mall, 1251 N. U.S. 31, Greenwood. | Info: simon.com/mall/greenwood-park-mall/news-and-events

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Compiled by Nicole Davis

Do you know an educator that deserves to be recognized? Please email their name, grade or subject they teach, school name and reason(s) for nomination to nicole@icontimes.com. Congratulations to this month's nominated educators of the month: **Jenni Huerta**, Central Catholic School, **Melinda Richardson**, Perry Township Schools, **Dr. Steve Bair**, Beech Grove City Schools.



Jenni Huerta

SPANISH TEACHER, CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Miss Jenni Huerta is the Spanish teacher for students in PreK through eighth grade. She has done a remarkable job teaching our students how to speak, read and write in Spanish. Students say that she pushes them hard, but they are happy to not only speak Spanish, but also to be able to read in Spanish. Jenni also helps our ENL students in the classroom. She makes sure they are understanding the lessons and checking on how they are doing emotionally. One student said, "Senorita Huerta is very nice. She helps me understand what the teacher is saying. I am getting better at speaking and understanding English." Another student said, "She is attentive and always smiling and I am glad that she helps me and that she is my teacher."

Jenni has been very helpful to the teachers in the building. She helps translate conferences with parents and also helps translate lessons and tests for the ENL students. In her first year in the classroom, Jenni has shown that she chose the right vocation in life. She is a blessing to all of us at Central Catholic School.

*Nominated by Central Catholic School



Melinda Richardson

PROJECT LEAD THE WAY TEACHER, DOUGLAS MACARTHUR ELEMENTARY, PERRY TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

Melinda is such a caring teacher and all students feel safe and loved in her care. Her innovative ways and ability to connect with students is unmatched. She gives every student the opportunity to feel success, even those struggling learners, like my son. He loves going to Mrs. Richardson's PLTW class because Mrs. Richardson has created an environment where all students are successful. Previously as a fourth grade teacher, first grade teacher and a Reading Recovery teacher, Melinda still connected with students and helped each one reach his/her potential. She is the biggest cheerleader for her school and the community! Perry Township and Douglas MacArthur are lucky to have Mrs. Richardson!

*Parent submitted nomination



Dr. Steve Bair

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT, BEECH GROVE CITY SCHOOLS

Dr. Steve Bair is the current assistant superintendent for Beech Grove City Schools and will be retiring after dedicating 30 years to the students, families and staff of Beech Grove. Dr. Bair is an extraordinary leader who came to Beech Grove via Iowa after signing to play

baseball at the University of Indianapolis. During this time, he met Scott Nicoson who told him about all the amazing things Beech Grove had to offer. Dr. Bair signed onto his next commitment to student teach at BGCS and never looked back!

Dr. Bair holds so many incredible memories that it's hard to choose only one. Besides being able to share his journey with his incredible wife, Lisa, who is also retiring this year from her teaching position at South Grove Intermediate, and his amazing daughter Brooke, who is a junior at Indiana University, Dr. Bair credits the students he's impacted over his 30-year career as what stands out most of his time with BGCS. "I don't take that responsibility lightly," he said of his impact. He also has been especially proud of the recent upgrades to our campuses athletic and academic offerings. The upgrades to our facilities and programming have helped "provide wonderful memories and experiences for our students."

We want to thank YOU, Dr. Steve Bair, for your commitment that has spanned three decades. From providing your biology and anatomy students with the kindness and support that all students deserve, to creating this same environment for your colleagues as you transitioned to assistant principal, then to director of operations, and then finally to assistant superintendent. You have created an atmosphere of joy, positivity, and light that will forever be missed by all of Hornet Nation! Good luck in your retirement!

*Nominated by Beech Grove City Schools



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Bob Rohrman's **INDY** Honda Athlete of the Month Bryce Lowery

By Mark Ambrogio

Roncalli High School senior wrestler Bryce Lowery saved his best for last.

Lowery finished fourth in the IHSAA wrestling state finals as a freshman in the 106-pound class, seventh as a sophomore at 126 pounds and fifth as a junior at 138 pounds.

Lowery topped Evansville Mater Dei's Hunter May 3-1 in the 152-pound state championship Feb. 18 at Gainbridge Fieldhouse. Lowery finished with a 44-0 record.

"It was a really cool experience," Lowery said. "It didn't feel real at the moment. Going down there and losing for three years and finally coming out on top just means the world to me."

Lowery, who will wrestle for Indiana University next season, finished his high school career with a 160-7 record.

Lowery watched as his older brothers, Blaze and Brayden, wrestled when he was younger. Initially, baseball was Lowery's first love.

"They finally convinced me to do (wrestling), and I loved it," he said.

Blaze wrestled for Perry Meridian High School and University of Indianapolis. Brayden, a University of Indianapolis wrestler, was a state champion for Roncalli in 2020 in the 126-pound class.

"I think I was more nervous for Brayden's state finals match than I was for mine," Lowery said. "(Winning) was everything I imagined and maybe a little more. When the clock went zero, I could see (the coaches) going crazy in the corner and the whole section going crazy with the support behind your back. It's a crazy feeling."

Lowery said he didn't envision winning



Bryce Lowery captured the 152-pound state title in the IHSAA wrestling state finals. (Photo courtesy of Roncalli athletics)

the state title until it happened.

"I think I wrestle better when I take the pressure off myself," Lowery said. "I tried to stay one match at a time for the rest of the match. I thought in my mind that I was the best guy in the weight class."

Royals coach Shaun Richardson said Lowery had an amazing career.

"He became dominant on his feet as well as on the mat," Richardson said. "He could take everybody down."

Richardson said Lowery never seemed to be tired.

"He'd go work out before school and come to practice after school obviously," Richardson said. "He's got that attitude of never wanting to give up a point or lose. I don't think Bryce gave up an offensive points all year. He just tries to win in every position in the wrestling matches and in the wrestling room. It's great to have that attitude in the room just so that other kids can see that as

what they need to do to get better."

Lowery said he felt welcomed on his visit to IU.

"I loved the coaching staff and made connections with guys on the team," he said. "I felt like it's somewhere that I can actually succeed with great partners and great coaches."

THE LOWERY FILE

NAME: Bryce Lowery	FAVORITE SUBJECT: Math
SCHOOL: Roncalli High School	FAVORITE ATHLETE: Penn State wrestler Roman Bravo-Young
CLASS: Senior	FAVORITE MUSICIAN: Post Malone
HEIGHT: 5-foot-9	FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Stranger Things"
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Roncalli archery team to compete at Nationals

Extracurriculars - Roncalli High School's Archery Team competed at state on March 11. Roncalli archers competed in both the bullseye and the 3D competitions, and are heading to the national competition in Louisville, Ky in May. Leading the bullseye team for the boys were Blake Vennall (282) and Easton Clowers (282). Leading the bullseye team for the girls were Dana Haggenjos (266) and Madelyn Busuttil (261). Leading the 3D team for the boys were Blake Vennall (276) and Danny Kappes (270) and for the girls team, Dana Haggenjos (263) and Ava Southers (253). Roncalli Royal archers who are moving on to the national competition: Madelyn Busuttil, Dorothy Butts, Zen Cing, Easton Clowers, Megan Comer, Kristen Dees, Ethan Dexter, Michael Dexter, Dana Haggenjos, Danny Kappes, Noah Kurz, Ryan Marack, Addison Marsh, Ella Mayer, Logan Neyenhaus, Grace Odum, Gavin Poteet, Max Rail, Glenn Rooney, Ava Southers, Za Thang, Ryan Thomas, Blake Vennall and Luke Vennall.

AROUND TOWN

Local veterans group is 'on the move'

Upcoming Events - The Veterans group FRA Indy had an eventful meeting on March 6, planning numerous events for the first part of the year. The Navy/Marine Corps/Coast Guard Veterans group Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) Branch 130, The USS Indianapolis (CA 35) Memorial Branch meets the first Monday of each month at the VFW Post in Greenwood. On Thursday, March 30, the FRA will take a trip to the Museum of World War II History at Fort Benjamin Harrison. April 3 is the FRA Monthly Meeting. April 11 is FRA Breakfast, 9 a.m. at Denny's in Greenwood near Main Street and Emerson Avenue. Saturday, May 13 is the FRA family picnic in Southport Park and Saturday, June 24 FRA will participate at Greenwood Freedom Fest. For more information, visit fra130indy.org.



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March is National Nutrition Month

By Robert Gonzalez, M.D.
Pediatrician with Eskenazi Health

Spring is in the air, and what a great time to make health a top priority. March is National Nutrition Month, which encourages everyone to learn about making more healthful food choices and develop



beneficial eating and physical activity routines.

Eskenazi Health has always believed that nutritious food contributes in a big way to healthy and long lives, and that individuals adopting our Food as Medicine strategies stand a much better chance of leading a much more pleasant existence. No matter the time of year, it's always "Nutrition Month" at Eskenazi Health.

High quality food can be vitally important in preventing chronic illnesses, and at Eskenazi Health we offer a variety of programs that help our patients and community eliminate barriers in obtaining healthful food.

Eskenazi Health registered dietitians assist individuals in achieving their health goals through personalized nutrition education for a variety of health conditions including reducing risks from chronic disease, such as diabetes and heart disease. Our dietitians work with patients individually and also host several lifestyle medicine group education programs that include cooking while learning about lifestyle changes to prevent and improve diabetes and high blood pressure. Nutrition Education is available at all Eskenazi Health Center sites. For more information or to schedule an appointment with a registered dietitian, please call 317-880-3300.

Eskenazi Health also offers a variety of medically tailored frozen meals that are prepared and packaged at our downtown campus. Meals have been curated by a team of in-house chefs and nutritionally analyzed by a registered dietitian to ensure dishes provide

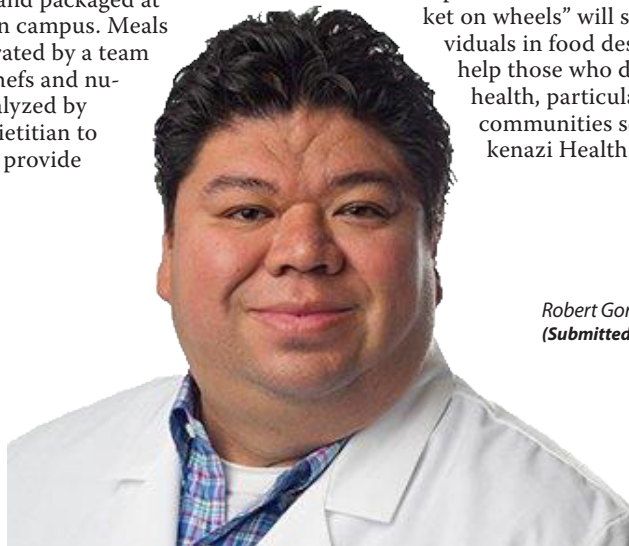
proper nutrition to meet medical needs and maintain quality of life.

Since 1976, Eskenazi Health has partnered with Meals on Wheels to provide medically tailored meals to residents of the Indianapolis area. Eskenazi Health currently provides meals for seven weekday routes to the homebound and delivers to local adult day centers serving more than 170 clients, totaling about 1,700 meals each week.

Eskenazi Health also provides approximately 8,000 to 10,000 medically tailored frozen meals each week to eligible Indiana residents living with HIV through Ryan's Meals for Life. Funded by the Indiana Department of Health, the program is named after Kokomo, Ind. resident Ryan White, who battled AIDS until his death in 1990.

The recently officially opened Fresh for You Market at the Frank & Katrina Basile Pavilion is located on The Matthew R. Gutwein Commonground outside of the Sidney & Lois Eskenazi Hospital offers a variety of fresh produce, made-to-order meals, pantry staples, grab-and-go items, bottled beverages, and more. The Fresh for You Market was established to fill a food void in the area and is conveniently located on IndyGo Route 10 – 10th Street, and is open from 10:30 a.m. – 6 p.m., Monday – Friday, and lunch is served from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. with different menu items featured daily. The market is open to the public and offers a variety of fresh produce, made-to-order meals, pantry staples, grab-and-go items, bottled beverages, and more.

Eskenazi Health is also looking forward to later this year when a former IndyGo bus will be utilized by Eskenazi Health in distributing fresh food, providing nutrition education and assisting local individuals having difficulties in acquiring food stamps. This Eskenazi Health "market on wheels" will serve individuals in food desert areas and help those who deal with poor health, particularly among communities served by Eskenazi Health.



Robert Gonzalez, M.D.
(Submitted photo)

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PHOTO of the WEEK



Pat K. Van Valer, a prominent local business and community leader, passed away on March 9, 2023. He was a proud resident of Indianapolis and had lived in Greenwood since his family moved in 1945. Pat was a devoted family man and deeply committed to his community giving back through public service. (Photo courtesy of Aspire Johnson County)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"It's really cool that everybody's a little bit different, but the same, too."

— Julia from Sesame Street

HUMOR



Top 10 signs of Spring 2023

By Torry Stiles

10. Everybody else is trotting out their old, worn-out jokes about potholes ... but not THIS guy.
9. The birds are singing, the bees are buzzing, and you can hear the plastic being peeled off the windows all over town.
8. Kids are finally playing outside again so I can yell at them to get off my lawn.
7. Bathing suits are back to full price and the hat and glove sets are back in the discount bin.
6. You're thinking a campfire, or a cookout would be a good idea this weekend.
5. The supply of bubbles and Frisbees is a tad low.
4. The dog's vet stopped pushing the \$30 diet dog food and is pushing the \$30 flea pill.
3. You bought a bag of marshmallows; just in case....
2. We'll be leaving the hoodies and sweaters at home soon. Time to start that weight loss program.
1. You're really seriously considering making s'mores right about now.


BELIEVE IT!

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

In Alabama, you cannot chain your alligator to a fire hydrant.

Source: stupidlaws.com

Puzzle Time



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36 Two youngest "Brady Bunch" daughters

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49 Frozen treat

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52 Chris Wright winter forecast, maybe

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59 Oscar winner Sorvino

60 Like some R-rated movies

64 "Rope-a-dope" boxer

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25 Mecca pilgrimage

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33 Fancy furs

35 Southside Times revenue source

37 Candle count

38 Agreement from a silent partner?

39 Junior or senior, at Beech Grove HS

42 MCL dessert choice

43 Prefix with "cone" or "Cat"

44 Altoids alternative

45 "... but ____ be wrong"

46 Larry Bird, as a pro

47 Roman 502

48 Lacking

50 Wallops

53 Mellencamp sound boosters

54 Cairo's river

55 "Phooey!"

56 First 007 film

57 Jedi guru

61 Q neighbor

62 Sick

63 Browns, on a Colts scoreboard

Answers See page 14.

NIGHT & DAY

LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT ENTERTAINING

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BEECH GROVE

Breakfast with the Easter Bunny • Join for breakfast, Easter egg hunt, prizes and a special visit from the Easter Bunny. \$5 per person. Registration required. | When: April 8, 9 a.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: hornetpark-communitycenter.com

Egg Hunt for Riley's • Beech Grove High School Human Social Services class presents this event which also includes games, crafts and the Easter Bunny. Cost: \$6/person. | When: April 8, noon - 2 p.m. | Where: Beech Grove High School, 5330 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove | Info: bgcs.k12.in.us

Spring Blood Drive • The Spring Blood Drive at American Legion Post 276 includes a craft show and bake sale from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. There will also be a silent auction. Each prospective blood donor will receive an entry for a \$100 Kroger gift card. | When: April 8, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Where: 327 Main St., Beech Grove. | Info: americanlegion276@gmail.com, (317) 787-5547

Euchre Tournament • Servant's Heart of Indy's fundraiser is \$20 per person. 50/50 tickets will be sold separately. | When: April 15, 5 p.m. doors open, light dinner 5:30 p.m. and games begin 6 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: info@servantsheartofindy.org

CENTER GROVE

Empower Me to Be Clutter Free • Adults: Purdue Extension educator Amanda Veenhuizen will discuss de-cluttering strategies and the emotional barriers that often prevent us from letting go of things. | When: April 6, 3 - 4 p.m. | Where: White River Township Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

GARFIELD PARK

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/

Egg Hunt • Bounce on over to the Burrello Family Center for our Egg Hunt! Children will be separated into the age groups of 3-5, 6-8, and 9-11. Cost: \$5/child. | When: April 7, 6 - 8

p.m. | Where: Burrello Family Center, at Garfield Park, 2345 Pagoda Drive, Indianapolis. | Info: parks.indy.gov

GREENWOOD

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 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. | Info: Register: greenwoodlibrary.us or (317) 881-1953, ext. 4

Purse Bingo for Humane Society • Enjoy 20 games of bingo to win a prize. There are 15 purses and five chances at \$100. Food and drinks are available. This event raises money for the Humane Society of Johnson County. Tickets are \$25. Call to reserve a spot. | When: April 5, 5:30 - 9 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Moose Lodge, 813 W. Smith Valley Road, Greenwood. | Info: (317) 535-6626

Spring Lawn Care Class • Proper planning and actions this spring will help ensure a healthier lawn. Learn proper timing for fertilizing, crab-grass prevention, weeds and seeding with instructor Dick Huber. | When: April 5, 6 - 7:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. | Registration suggested to ensure enough handouts: greenwoodlibrary.us, 317-881-1953, ext. 4

Heartstone Crossing • Greenwood VFW Post 5864 presents Heartstone Crossing. \$8 at the door. \$6 in advance. | When: April 15, 8 - 11 p.m. | Where: 578 Commerce Parkway W. Drive, Greenwood. | Info: greenwoodvfw.com

Greater Greenwood Community Band Concert • Enjoy a free concert in the Greenwood High School auditorium. | When: April 16, 2 - 3:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood High School, 615 W. Smith Valley Road, Greenwood. | Info: greenwoodband.org/events

PERRY TOWNSHIP

Indy Sled Hockey Championships • Perry Park will host the State Sled Hockey Championships again this year! Admission is free. | When: April

AN OPTION

Open Kitchen Restaurant

A fine dining restaurant specializing in breakfast, lunch and dinner has just relocated to the former Jailbird restaurant in Perry Township near the University of Indianapolis. "It's not often that we find good coffee, the most Amazing mimosa AND incredible food all in one place," wrote a Google reviewer. Another added, "All of their dinners are very affordable for all of the food you get. You get a protein/meat, your choice of two sides, and they all come with cornbread. So we ordered the Fried Honey Garlic Chicken dinner with whipped red potatoes and green beans and also the Glazed Lamb Chops with whipped red potatoes and fried Brussel sprouts." Pair your meal with one of their signature cocktails or mocktails. For breakfast, try the Stuffed French Toast with homemade Bourbon caramel or the Crab Avocado Benedict. For dessert? Diners can't get enough of the banana pudding cheesecake.



Entrees include grilled salmon with pasta and bacon. (Photo courtesy of Open Kitchen Restaurant)

Hours: Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Monday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Tuesday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Address: 4022 Shelby St., Indianapolis. For more information, call (317) 974-9032 or go to openkitchen.org

SPOTLIGHT

Afghan Traveling Exhibit

A mural for Afghanistan, titled 'August 15,' will be on display at Franklin College in the Elba L. & Gene Portteus Branigin Atrium of the Johnson Center for Fine Arts from Monday, April 3 to Friday, April 14. An Interdisciplinary Panel Discussion to examine the history behind the mural will take place on Monday, April 3, 7-8 p.m. in the Henderson Conference Room of the Johnson Center for Fine Arts. An opening reception will follow. The exhibit, sponsored by the Franklin College Religious Life Department, the Religious Studies Department and the Art Department, is free and open to the public to view during the following hours: April 3-7 and April 10-14 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. The exhibit will remain open until 9 p.m. on April 3 and 8 p.m. on April 5 and 12 to allow the public to view the mural during evening hours. The title of the mural, 'August 15,' reflects on the date when the government of Afghanistan fell to the Taliban. The mural tells the story of how many lives were forever changed on that day. Two Afghan evacuees who found safe refuge at Indiana's Camp Atterbury in Edinburgh, were artists Zainab



'August 15' reflects on the date when the government of Afghanistan fell to the Taliban. (Photo by Tiffany Black)

Ahmadi and Faqzia Abdaly. Both women were advocates for women empowerment in Afghanistan. While at Camp Atterbury, they, along with other evacuees, found a safe place to freely reflect upon their experiences through an art therapy group, Art of the Soul. In September 2021, they teamed up with muralist Tiffany Black to create August 15, representing their message to the world. It serves as a record of their collective experiences and hopes for the future and a memorial for the brave people who sacrificed their lives to bring peace to their country. Nearly 60 other evacuees participated in the creation of the mural. For more information, visit tblack.co/august15.

★★★★☆ • R • Action, Crime, Thriller • 2 hours, 49 minutes

John Wick: Chapter 4

Against all odds, they just keep getting better

MOVIE REVIEW

By Bradley Lane

The first *John Wick* film, released in 2014, was not seen by the Hollywood elite as a good idea. It was a completely independent production that struggled to find a distributor up until just two months until its eventual release. An aging star, a seemingly tired revenge formula, and a first-time director all signaled that it was bound to be a flop. However, despite the low expectations, John Wick would go on to simultaneously revolutionize and resurrect the American action film. Directors Chad Stahelski and David Leitch made against the grain choices, opting for impossibly demanding long action sequences, only made possible with precise and intricate action choreography honed from their years as stunt coordinators and performers. With each subsequent entry into the series the films have become more

successful and accordingly each film's budgets increase making possible even more stunning, ambitious action set pieces. John Wick: Chapter 4 represents the team behind John Wick, somehow, impossibly making a bigger and better film than the massive over-the-top thrills of John Wick 3: Parabellum.

Still suffering the consequences of seeking revenge and entering back into his life as an elite hitman, John Wick 4 opens on its titular character recovering from his wounds suffered from the last film. While in hiding, Wick is planning his revenge on the High Table, the shadowing power structure of this underground crime world, which turned on him after his years of service following a breach in their very strict code of rules. John Wick 4 sees the titular character going scorched earth, brutalizing anyone in his path to free himself from the shackles of a life of violence and servitude to the High Table.

As with each of the John Wick films, the obvious draw is how the creators can top

themselves in regard to the action and without question, this film is the new bar for the franchise. Unfailing in their pursuit of improvement, the action is always inventive, gorgeously lit, and stunningly realized. A massive car chase set against the Arc de Triomphe, a mind-blowing overhead one take, and a multi-phased samurai-esque battle in a hotel are only a few highlights of a film nearly three hours long, the majority of which is stuffed with inventive and fun fight choreography.

What was surprising is how well the film balances its thrills with an emotional throughline that has been missing since the first film. Along with a refreshing and well realized cast of new characters, Wick himself is struggling with his place in this world. Quietly struggling with his existence that seems to be in constant conflict with the world around him, Wick's character arc provides a subtle but necessary meta-commentary on a series reaching essentially the fourth film focused on the same story as the

original. Reeves owes his career revitalization to the John Wick franchise, and it's clear he cares about the craft of the action just as much as the emotional core of his character.

Even despite these refreshing additions, the film can't help but drag just a bit too much in between the action. Even so, John Wick: Chapter 4 is still a high point for American action cinema. The expertise on display from the cast and crew deserves to be seen in a crowded theater and celebrated as a serious work of art, not just genre entertainment. John Wick: Chapter 4 is currently only available in theaters.



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.

Calendar continued from page 12.

1, 2:30 South Bend vs. Indy; 3:45 Indy vs. Fort Wayne; 5 p.m. Fort Wayne vs. South Bend; 7:30 State Championship game. | Where: Perry Park, 451 E. Stop 11 Road, Indianapolis. | Info: parks.indy.gov, (317) 888-0070

SOUTHSIDE INDIANAPOLIS

Easter Egg Hunt • Bounce houses, petting zoo,

crafts, food, games, science show. | When: April 1, 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Egg hunt at 12:30 p.m. | Where: Calvary Lutheran Church, 611 Shelby St., Indianapolis. | Info: clcs.org

SOUTHPORT

Annual Easter Egg Hunt • Bring your own basket. All ages welcome for fun at the park. Food, crafts and the Easter Bunny will make an appearance. | When: April 8, 10 a.m. | Where: Southport Park, 6901 Derbyshire Road, Southport. | Info: southport.in.gov

EASTER EGG HUNT

Join us for a time of family and fun as we search for colorful Easter eggs.

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GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

Are you ready for a linguistic adventure that blurs the lines of words and verbal volleyball? Buckle up, buttercup, because things are about to go to a-whole-nother level of morphological creativity.

We'll start with tmesis (pronounced tuh-MEE-siss). In speech or writing, tmesis divides a word into parts to provide emphasis. Tmesis doesn't change the meaning of the original word being modified. I'll explain.

The word "tmesis" is borrowed (or loaned) directly from Greek, meaning "a cutting." Sometimes you'll hear or read someone using tmesis like this: "You didn't do your homework again? Un-believable." In this instance, the teacher or parent chides the student by breaking up the word "unbelievable" into separate parts, emphasizing that the student is apparently developing a pattern of shirking her homework duties.

Here's an example of tmesis from TV. In the show "How I Met Your Mother," Neil Patrick Harris' character Barney Stinson loves using the word "legendary," often using tmesis to add to its impact. In one episode, he's talking with his friends Ted and Marshall. "For the first time ever, the three of us are single at the same time. I've dreamed about this, boys, and it's going to be le-gen-dary."

Sure, you know about prefixes and suffixes, but what about infixes? An infix inserts another word into the middle of a word not only to add emphasis, but sometimes to change the meaning of the word.

I'll continue to use Barney Stinson's multiple deliveries of the word "legendary" to illustrate infixes. In another episode, Barney is fighting an illness, not wanting it to slow him down. Instead of taking it easy, he makes these plans: "Play a couple hours of laser tag, maybe get a spray-on tan, it's going to be legen-wait-for-it-dary!"

You'll notice how adding "wait for it" into "legendary" adds significant emphasis as well as humor (or annoyance ...

you pick). Another way you'll often see a word get infixed is by adding an expletive in the middle. For our purposes, I'm going to use the word "freaking."

"You lost the giraffe? Oh great. That's just great. That is abso-freaking-lutely fantastic." You'll notice the speaker here adds a double-stuffed cream in the middle of the sandwich cookie of "absolutely" to indicate extreme displeasure with the situation.

I know many of my fellow word nerds dislike the use of a-whole-nother I wrote in the first paragraph. Like it or not, it's another example of infixing. If you really don't like it, puh-leaze don't send me emails.



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Puzzle Time Answers
SEE PAGE 11

Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:
Words: ALPHA, BRAVO, DELTA, ECHO, OSCAR, ROMEO
Tools: CLAMP, DRILL, HAMMER, LEVEL, SAW
Vessels: BATTLESHIP, CRUISER, FRIGATE, GUNBOAT
Dances: BALLET, JAZZ, TAP
Museums: EITELJORG, NEWFIELDS
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IN OUR SCHOOLS



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

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."

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Beech Grove city and chamber officials celebrate the opening of Making Memories Playschool. (Submitted photo)

Beech Grove welcomes Making Memories Playschool

New Business - The city of Beech Grove and the Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce recently welcomed Making Memories Playschool to Beech Grove with a ribbon cutting at their new location. Making Memories Playschool Inc. is a 501(C)(3) child care ministry serving children 6 weeks old to 5 years old. It is located at 3417 S. Sherman Drive, Beech Grove.



Denver Hammons.
(Submitted photo)

Beech Grove resident named to Ball State's Top 100 Students list

Top Students - Denver Hammons was recently revealed in the Top 2 of Ball State University's second annual "Top 100 Students" list. This award recognizes 100 outstanding junior and senior undergraduates who represent the spirit of Beneficence, Ball State's institutional statue and icon that symbolizes the generosity of the five Ball brothers whose land donation to the State of Indiana allowed the University to flourish. The students with the top 25 scores have been invited to attend an awards ceremony on Saturday, April 2, at the Ball State Alumni Center, where the Foundation will announce its Top 10 and top two students for 2022. Hammons is an English/language arts and theatre teaching major, a senior in the College of Sciences and Humanities and from Beech Grove.

UPCOMING BEECH GROVE MEETINGS & EVENTS

Board of Sanitation Meeting • The Board of Public Works & Safety meeting will follow. | When: April 3, 6 p.m. | Where: City Hall Council Chambers. | Info: beechgrove.com

Common Council Meeting • Meetings are open to the public. | April 3, 7 p.m. | Where: City Hall Council Chambers. | Info: beechgrove.com

Holy Name Easter Egg Hunt • | When: April 8, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. | Where: Holy Name Catholic Church, 89 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: holyname.cc/

Spring Blood Drive • The Spring Blood Drive at American Legion Post 276 includes a craft show and bake sale from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. There will also be a silent auction. Each prospective blood donor will receive an entry for a \$100 Kroger gift card. | When: April 8, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Where: 327 Main St., Beech Grove. | Info: americanlegion276@gmail.com, (317) 787-5547

Board of Parks and Recreation Meeting • When: April 12, 7 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center. | Info: beechgrove.com

Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce Meeting • Guest speaker Greg Stremlaw is the president and chief executive officer of Indy Eleven Professional Soccer, including helping lead the new Eleven Park development project in Indianapolis. | When: April 13, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center 5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: facebook.com/Beech.Grove.Chamber

Euchre Tournament • Servant's Heart of Indy's fundraiser is \$20 per person. 50/50 tickets will be sold separately. | When: April 15, 5 p.m. doors open, light dinner 5:30 p.m. and games begin 6 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: info@servants-

heartofindy.org

Board of Sanitation Meeting • Board of Public Works & Safety meeting will follow. | When: Monday, April 17, 6 p.m. | Where: City Hall Council Chambers. | Info: beechgrove.com

Redevelopment Commission Meeting • When: April 20, 7 p.m. | Where: City Council Chambers. | Info: beechgrove.com

Reverse Raffle Silent Auction • The Beech Grove Band Boosters will hold its annual Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction. Tickets cost \$35 per person and this will enter you in the \$1,500 raffle. Additional tickets will be sold at the event to win a basket or the 50/50 drawing. | When: April 21, 6:30 - 9 p.m. | Where: 2615 National Ave., Indianapolis. | Info: facebook.com/BGband-Boosters

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Karl Lynn Bewley

Karl Lynn Bewley, 66, Franklin, died March 20, 2023. He is survived by his sister, Sue (Dan) Kritsch; brother, Joe (Diana) Bewley; sister-in-law, Regina Bewley Lindenberg; special friend, Sally Young; nephews, Josh and Jason Bewley; nieces, Shannon Bewley, Lesley Kritsch and Jessica Smith. Little & Sons, Stop 11 Road Chapel.

Enid Lynn Bobbitt

Enid Lynn Bobbitt, 92, Greenwood, died March 20, 2023. Survivors: husband, Albert R. Bobbitt; children, Brian (Cherri) Bobbitt, Eric (Janet) Bobbitt, Claudia (Shimon) Liang and Amy (Edwin) Cheek; 11 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren. Preceded in death: sister, Mary Margaret Luker. G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Linda R. (Atzhorn) Christensen

Linda R. (Atzhorn) Christensen, 75, Indianapolis, died March 25, 2023. Survivors: daughters, Melissa, Amy; mother, Rosemary; sisters, Donna, Laura; six grandchildren. Preceded in death: father, Raymond. Visitation: Thursday, March 30, 4-8 p.m., G. H. Herrmann Funeral Home. Funeral Mass: Friday, March 31, 11:30 a.m., Saints Francis and Clare Catholic Church.

Judith Ann “Judy” England

Judith Ann “Judy” England, 68, Stilesville, Ind., died March 22, 2023. Survivors: husband, Gary England; children, Jody England (Beth), Joni Rigdon (Joe); sister, Jeannie Hucks; grandchildren, Jacob Casavos-England (Judy), Sarah England-Leer (Ethan), Rachel England, Hannah England, JoJo Rigdon, Bradley and Brayden Rigdon. Services entrusted to Little & Sons, Beech Grove.



Jerauld A. “Jerry” Farley

Jerauld A. “Jerry” Farley, 93, of Indianapolis, passed away March 20, 2023. He was born Oct. 22, 1929, in Atlanta, Ind. to the late Wayne A. and Thelma Small Farley. Jerry was employed with Allison Gas Turbin for 31 years, and retired Aug. 31, 1992. Jerry was a longtime member of Thompson Road Baptist Church. He is survived by his sister, Betty Thomas. He was preceded in death by his brother, Bill E. Farley. Visitation will be Saturday, April 1, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at G.H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis, IN, with service at 12:30 p.m. He will be laid to rest at Hopewell Cemetery, Frankfort, Ind. Memorial contributions

may be made to Thompson Road Baptist Church or American Lung Cancer. Please share memories, photographs and online condolences with the family at ghherrmann.com

Barbara Sue Gast

Barbara Sue Gast, 92, Greenwood, died March 21, 2023. She is survived by her son, Jeff Gast. She was preceded in death by her husband, Richard L. Gast; sister, Betty Strickler; and niece, Cheryl Svec. G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Rowena Hess

Rowena Hess, 90, Indianapolis, died March 22, 2023. She is survived by her children, Edward “Butch” Hess (Linda), David Hess (Vickie), and Rebecca “Becky” Hess; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Services entrusted to Little & Sons, Beech Grove.

Donald Jay Ladd

Donald Jay Ladd, 75, died March 23, 2023. Services for Donald Jay Ladd were at Norman F. Chance Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 504 National Ave., Indianapolis, IN. Pastor Russell Brune conducted services.

Janet Sue Lewellyn

Janet Sue Lewellyn 75, North Vernon, Ind., died March 25, 2023. Survivors: husband, Donald; sons, Mark, Joe, Donald; three sisters; brother-in-law; 12 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren. Preceded in death: son, Shane; sister, Ruth; sister-in-law; two brothers-in-law; brother, Henry. Visitation: Friday, March 31, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. service, GH Herman Greenwood Funeral Home.

Sue Hahnert Lewis

Sue Hahnert Lewis of Ocala, Fla., formerly of Beech Grove, died Feb. 19, 2023. A memorial was held at Joy Evangelical Church on March 18 in Ocala. A Memorial gathering here is Thursday, March 30, 11:30 a.m. at Napoli Villa. Food service is at the discretion of the visitor.

Luanne Rockwell

Luanne Rockwell, 86, Beech Grove, died March 2, 2023. Luanne is survived by her husband, Wayne Rockwell; daughters, Rhonda Mussoni (Jim) and Cheri Parker (Matt); grandchildren, Brandon Mussoni, Jeremy Mussoni (Stephanie), David Rockwell, Leeann Freeman (Jake), and Tayler Braden; and 11 great-grandchildren. Services

entrusted to Little & Sons, Indianapolis.

Edward A. Ryan

Edward A. Ryan, 64, Indianapolis, died March 26, 2023. He was born to John L. Ryan Jr. and Barbara A. (McCurdy); they survive. Other survivors: wife, Robin; daughter, Kelly (Brooke) Ryan. Funeral services: 11:30 a.m., Thursday, March 30, G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis.

Nancy Mae Schlangen

Nancy Mae Schlangen, 75, Indianapolis, died March 10, 2023. Survivors: daughter, Dawn Lehman Hardebeck; four grandchildren; and three great-granddaughters. Preceded in death: husband, Paul Schlangen; two brothers. G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

John R. “Jack” Shea

John R. “Jack” Shea, 92, Indianapolis, died March 17, 2023. Survivors: niece; chosen family; extended family. Visitation: 3-8 p.m., Thursday, March 30, G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home. Mass of Christian Burial: 11 a.m., Friday, March 31, St. Jude Catholic Church; visitation, 10 a.m. to Mass.

Barbara Lee Tex

Barbara Lee Tex, 89, Indianapolis, died March 22, 2023. Survivors: son, John (Bonnie) Tex; daughter, Becky Krauth; grandchildren, Charles (Misty) and Katie; five great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandson. Preceded in death: husband, Lawrence J. “Larry” Tex; siblings, Glenn, Dorothy, William, Donald and Darlene. G.H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home.

Bobby J. Wagner

Bobby J. Wagner, 75, Indianapolis, died March 22, 2023. Services were held at Norman F. Chance Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 504 National Ave., Indianapolis, and Prospect Lodge No.714 F&AM.

Carolyn W. Wegner

Carolyn W. Wegner, 91, died March 19, 2023. Survivors: sisters, LaVerna, Lillian; daughters, Julia Horn, Cheryl Wegner; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Preceded in death: husband, Robert L. Wegner. Per her wishes, services will be held privately with her family. Arrangements entrusted to G. H. Hermann Madison Avenue Funeral Home.

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God's wrath, punishment, purification and presence all come to us in the form of fire throughout the Bible. Mt. Sinai trembled violently as God descended on it in fire. God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah with a rain of fire and brimstone. On judgement day those whose names are not found written in the book of life shall be cast into the lake of fire to be tormented day and night for ever and ever. But there are other biblical texts where God appears as fire that does not destroy. Moses saw the burning bush that was not destroyed by the fire of God's presence. Shadrach, Meshack and Abednego all entered the fiery furnace, but within the flames they found they were protected by what appeared to be a fourth man in the furnace in the form of "the son of God." John the Baptist

baptized with water, yet he told of a man who would come after him who would baptize with the Holy Spirit and Fire. Fire is an instrument of God's wrath and destruction, but it also provides us with the purifying and protective presence of God's mercy and grace. How you see this fire depends upon what burns within your own heart. If you are living with fear and unforgiveness in your heart, then you will find God's fire something to fear. If you fuel your heart with love and forgiveness, then God's fire will not consume you. Instead, it will purify and sanctify your soul, and it will be the source of the light that leads you home.

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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Arshdeep Kaur named to Hamilton College dean's list

Academic Achievement - Arshdeep Kaur, of Southside Indianapolis, has been named to the dean's list at Hamilton College for the 2022 fall semester. Hamilton College is located in Clinton, N.Y. To be named to the dean's list, a student must have carried a course load of four or more graded credits throughout the semester and earned an average of 3.5 or above on a 4.0 scale. Kaur, a first-year student, is a graduate of Franklin Central High School.

Ashlyn Graham named to UM Fall 2022 dean's honor roll

Academic Achievement - Ashlyn Graham, of Greenwood, was named to the University of Mississippi's Fall 2022 honor roll lists. Graham was named to the dean's honor roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.50-3.74. In order to be eligible for honor roll designation, a student must have completed at least 12 graded hours for the semester and may not be on aca-

ademic probation during the semester.

Trammell named to MVC Scholar-Athlete Team

Athletics - Devin Trammell, Center Grove High School graduate of Greenwood, is one of eight members of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock swimming team who was named to the 2023 Missouri Valley Conference (MVC) Scholar-Athlete Team, an honor that recognizes their efforts in both the pool and the classroom. To earn MVC Scholar-Athlete honors, the conference requires athletes to have completed at least one year at their institution and achieve either: a 3.5 grade-point average while obtaining All-Conference Honors, a 3.7 grade-point average and receive All-Conference Honorable Mention or a 3.9 grade-point average and participation in the MVC Championships. Despite the GPA requirements increasing this year, the Trojans still matched the same number of student-athletes recognized on the Scholar-Athlete Team as last season. Their eight honorees beat out Evansville, Missouri State, Northern Iowa, Valparaiso, and UIC, while no team in conference earned more than 11.

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