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## THIS WEEK on the WEB



Marian University Assistant Director of Athletics Mark Henninger. (Submitted photo)

### Roncalli graduate promoted to assistant athletic director at Marian University

Mark Henninger, a graduate of Roncalli High School, has been promoted to assistant director of Athletics at Marian University. He previously served as head football coach. During Henninger's tenure, the Marian University Knights made the NAIA Football Championship Series eight times and earned 18 NAIA All-Americans. The football program has achieved a 92-23 record since he joined the university as head football coach in 2013. Henninger was named American Football Coaches' Association (AFCA) NAIA National Coach of the Year in 2014 and 2015.

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Dexter Albright, CEO of ABC.PRO. (Submitted photo)

### ABC.PRO nominated for Employer of Veterans Award

A Greenwood business owned by member of American Legion Post 1919 and the 40 et 8 Voiture 145, Dexter Albright, has been nominated for consideration as a recipient of national recognition/award for The Employer of Veterans Award, Small Business. ABC.PRO, Inc. founded by two Army National Guard veterans in 1998, has a 66% employment rate of veterans and donates \$500 each to the American Legion Centennial Post 1919, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5864 and the Forty and Eight veterans organization Voiture Local 145 annually.

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# SOUTHSIDE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

## Southside construction update

Construction crews prepare to open new pieces of I-69 project before winter hits

Compiled by Nicole Davis

• **Indianapolis:** As Citizens Energy Group continues to make progress on its DigIndy Tunnel System, upcoming construction will require the closure of E. Pleasant Run Parkway S. Drive between N. Webster Avenue and Sheridan Avenue. The closure is expected to last approximately eight months. Local access will remain open. For more information, visit [CitizensEnergyGroup.com/Construction](http://CitizensEnergyGroup.com/Construction).

• **I-69 Updates:** Construction crews are opening new pieces of the I-69 Finish Line project to traffic before winter weather and cold temperatures limit the types of construction work that can be completed. Northbound State Road 37 traffic was shifted onto new pavement last week near County Line Road, and the interchange was fully opened with the new northbound on-ramp. The work zone speed limit remains 45 mph, and drivers

should slow down for a temporary cross-over to the north. Paving crews are completing the next segment of northbound pavement between Southport Road and Edgewood Avenue, which is expected to open before the holidays. Watch for nighttime lane closures and traffic stops for up to 20 minutes on northbound S.R. 37 near Banta Road.

• **I-69 Johnson County:** The S.R. 144 on-ramp to southbound I-69 is expected to open late next week or the following week. The first traffic signal north of Evansville is now at Smith Valley Road. Drivers should stay alert as other motorists adjust to the transition. Right turns will remain open but watch for daytime closures of the dedicated turn lane from northbound S.R. 37 to Smith Valley Road. Crews will be working on the future interchange bridge above. For more information, visit [i69finishline.com](http://i69finishline.com).

## AROUND TOWN



Beech Grove Masonic Lodge's newly installed officers. (Photo by Kyle M. Morris)

### Beech Grove Masonic Lodge installs 2023 officers

**Local Masons** - On Dec. 3, Beech Grove Masonic Lodge installed its officers for 2023. Pictured from left, Worshipful Brother John S. Crook, Robert E. Mullen, Senior Deacon, Worshipful Brother Roy F. Mills, Treasurer, David P. Irwin, Junior Warden, Worshipful Brother Roger A. Newman, Chaplain, Charles W. Burris, Alexander T.

Fay, Senior Warden; second row, Worshipful Brother Harry A. Morris, Secretary, Worshipful Brother John M. Taylor, Trustee, David A. Polson, Senior Steward, W.B. Douglas, Sausville Tyler; top back, Worshipful Master James T. Wheatley. Not Pictured: Adrean White, Junior Deacon, Junior L. Anderson Junior Steward.

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(Cover) Pictured, from left to right: Marcella Whitman (Margaret's daughter), Marshall Burton (Margaret's husband) and Margaret Burton. | (Left) Christmas decorations, home decor and other items on display at the store. | (Middle) Margaret Burton in front of her thrift shop, God's Love Offerings and Donations Store. | (Upper right) There are no set prices for items. People can pay what they think is fair. | (Bottom right) Margaret previously worked in ministry outreach with her late husband Marshall, who passed away three years ago. (Submitted photos)

## Name your price

Thrift shop has no set price on items – people can give what they feel is fair

By Todd Travis

When Margaret Burton took her truck to a mechanic earlier this year, she got much more than just her vehicle back. When she was talking with him, she shared her dream to open a thrift shop as a nonprofit. Upon returning, the mechanic offered her a lease on the space right there in that same building.

"I thought I was just going over there to get my vehicle fixed, but the Lord just laid it on that guy's heart to help. I just know all of it was God working. I've seen that this helps people and that's my heart's desire," Burton shared.

The thrift shop, God's Love Offerings and Donations Store is in the old Waterman Hardware store at 7006 Southeastern Ave., a historical building that Mr. Waterman built in 1859. Over the past 130+ years the building housed a blacksmith shop, a carriage factory, Model T shop, gas station, hardware store, mower shop and more, all under ownership of the Waterman family.

### Customers choose their own price

God's Love Offerings opened its doors in September using clothing and other items

collected from local churches and a few individual donations. Inside there are lots of different items you might find at any thrift store, but there are no price tags on any of them.

"The things that I have in it, I just tell people to give whatever they think is fair for the stuff. Some people come in and they're in real bad need for stuff and they can have clothes or something if they really need it, or they just give me a love offering to help me to keep the store open. God just impressed to me that there's just so much stuff and it can help people and so I've been trying that," Burton explained.

Before opening the store, Burton worked in ministry outreach with her husband, who passed away about three years ago.

He pastored two different churches and as part of their outreach, they took food and clothing to the Appalachians in several different states.

That work helped get Burton connected with the people who helped her collect the items that she'd used to open the store. She took the step of faith to open the store and now hopes that it will grow, and more people will get involved.

"I'm just doing it by myself. I just started out – I'm on social security and I'm up in my years. I just started this out on my own pocket, but I do have it incorporated as the church. Mainly, I just started this out on my own and I'm hoping to get it built up to where it gets a lot of people involved," Burton mentioned.

**"I just tell people to give whatever they think is fair for the stuff. Some people come in and they're in real bad need for stuff and they can have clothes or something if they really need it, or they just give me a love offering to help me to keep the store open."**

— Margaret Burton

### Helping their community

Burton has already seen how this store is helping people in the community.

"We had a grandfather who came in with his son and a 5-year-old boy. All that boy had was the clothes on his back because his mother had put him on the street. CPS had gotten him, and they let the dad get him back, but they didn't have any clothes for him. So they came in and got a couple jackets and a coat and some shoes and clothes. I thought that was pretty outstanding to be here and to be able to help," she said.

Burton had help from family to get the space set up and stocked. The place needed painting and tables set up as well as all items.

"That was a special thing, knowing that you can rely on your family to be there no matter what ideas you come up with to do," Burton laughed.

To donate to the shop, please visit the shop or call and ask to speak with Margaret. The phone number is 317-945-8550.

"I would just like to see people come together and be people. It's not about a church. It's about people and caring and helping and that's my biggest goal for the whole mission here is to do that," she concluded.

CORRECTION

Oops...

In the cover story, "South Starts to hold 90s throwback theme for '93 state championship team" in last week's issue, Dec. 1-6, 2022, it was incorrectly reported that the 30-year reunion was this coming Saturday, Dec. 10. The reunion was actually held last Saturday, Dec. 3.

*We regret the errors.*

AROUND TOWN



A Fujiyama chef cooks up a meal for the officers. (Submitted photos)

Community gives thanks to Beech Grove Police officers

**Gratitude** - Members of the Beech Grove Police Department were treated to an appreciation luncheon by Beech Grove citizens and businesses on Nov. 18. The officers were invited to the Hornet Park Community Center for a luncheon that included live DJ entertainment, goodie bags for each officer, and multiple door prizes donated by local companies. Even the canine officers received treat baskets! One of the highlights of the event was the food, which included on-site grilling by the chefs from Fujiyama Steakhouse of Japan and grilled pork chops from 5th Ave. Grill and Bar. This event was an opportunity for officers to relax and enjoy lunch with members of the community who wanted to express their appreciation for the work the officers perform on a daily basis to ensure the Beech Grove community is safe and healthy for its residents and businesses.

The luncheon is scheduled to be an annual opportunity for the community to come together and show their gratitude to the officers. The officers and residents gave thanks to the generous donors who made this event possible: 5th Ave. Grill and Bar, Beech Grove Bowl, Beech Grove Chiropractic, Chick-fil-A, China & Thai Cuisine, China Gourmet, City BBQ, Culver's, Dairy Queen, Dammann's Garden Company, Denny's, DJ Diamond Dan (Diamond Dan Entertainment), Domino's, Doty Graphics, Egg Roll #1, Fazoli's, Fujiyama Steakhouse of Japan, Heather & Rodney Frazier, Hornet Park Community Center, Indianapolis Indians, Jersey Mike's Subs, Mikie's Pub, Panera, Pet Supplies Plus, PetSmart, Rustic Root, Staples, Subway, The Three Baketeers, Tom's Barbershop, Vapor This, White Castle, and Yummy Bowl.



K-9 Officer Mark Parker.



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## PHOTO of the WEEK



Each year the officers of the Southport Police Department look forward to the Christmas for Kids event, helping families in need. This year, 130 children got one-on-one time with the officers and volunteers as they shopped for clothing, toys and other items. Many of the officers' family members help to ensure this shopping experience runs smoothly. "The Christmas for Kids is a wonderful event that allows for the police officers and the community to come together in a positive way that helps to build a wonderful experience and possible relationships," stated Rev. Douglas Hunter, Chaplain Public Information Officer. This annual event will be in partnership with Perry Township Schools, Southport Lions Club, Trooper James Bartram, and the memorial of Trooper James Bartram, Kim Bartram-VanJelgerhius, and Lt. Aaron Allan. (Photo courtesy of Southport Police Department)

## HUMOR



## Top 10 signs you might not be in the best hotel

By Torry Stiles

10. The ducks and chickens were charming, but the guy keeping goats on the third floor ruins the mood.
9. "Excuse me, sir. We recommend you wear your mask."
- "Are you having an outbreak of Covid?"
- "What's Covid?"
8. The rooms they offer are the Presidential Suite, the Honeymoon Suite and the Fixer-Upper.
7. The lobby sleeps three.
6. Instead of fixing the roof they are up-charging for the "Starlight Suite."
5. You find they call themselves Michelin-quality because there's a guy in the parking lot running a used tire business.
4. At 8 a.m. the manager is knocking at the door asking for his turn with the complimentary shampoo.
3. The free cable TV consists of four shopping channels and 24/7 Joel Osteen reruns.
2. There's a note on the wall asking you not to peep through the bullet holes to the room next door.
1. At first you thought they were orders for vacations on the wall but up close you see they're orders to vacate.

## BELIEVE IT!

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

In Oklahoma, it is illegal to wear your boots to bed.

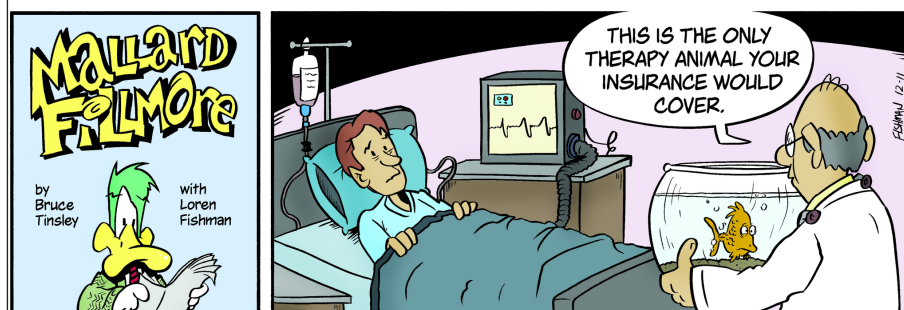
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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it."*

– William Arthur Ward

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# NIGHT & DAY

## LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT ENTERTAINING

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### BEECH GROVE

**Breakfast with the Grinch** • Join the Grinch and Cindy Lou Who and find some Christmas cheer. \$5 per person. | When: Dec. 10, 9 a.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Park Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: hornet-parkcommunitycenter.com

**Santa's Reindeer** • Meet a couple of Santa's reindeer. Free hot cocoa and coffee will be available while supplies last. | When: Dec. 20, 4 - 6 p.m. | Where: 102 Main St., Beech Grove. | Info: beechgrove.com

**The Polar Express Community Christmas Dinner** • Watch "The Polar Express" and enjoy hot chocolate. Visit with Santa. This is a free event. | When: Dec. 21, 6:30 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5345 Hornet Park Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: RSVP to RSVP@beechgrove.com

#### CENTER GROVE

**Visit with Santa** • Bring your little ones down to meet THE Santa Claus himself during this free holiday event! Stop by either day for pictures. | When: Dec. 15 and 16, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. | Where: 560 N. State Road 135, Greenwood, at the Marathon next door to LA Fitness. | Info: Facebook: Holiday Xpress Convenience & More

**Aberdeen's 2nd Annual Festival of Lights** • Drive through Aberdeen to view the decorated homes sparkling with thousands of lights, listen to the sounds of carolers, enjoy complimentary hot cocoa and cookies at the gate house (while supplies last). Bring a camera/cell phone and have free pictures taken with Santa at the Duke Homes Model Home. Follow the signs to see the live nativity at the Aberdeen barn. All activities are free. Donations for Blessings in a Backpack will be accepted at the gate house. | When: Dec. 16, 6 - 9 p.m. | Where: Aberdeen Community, 3840 North Road 500 W., Bargersville. | Info:

#### FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

**Old Fashioned Christmas** • The hour-long event will include Christmas stories, holiday histories, candle luminaria, music from an antique pump organ, carols, cookies & punch,

and more. | When: Dec. 11, 6 p.m. | Where: Franklin Township Historical Society's Meeting House, 6510 S. Franklin Road, Indianapolis. Park at the south end of The Creek's paved lot next door. | Info: fths.org

#### FOUNTAIN SQUARE

**Breakfast with Santa** • IMPD Southeast will host Breakfast with Santa with pictures with Santa, a to-go breakfast, a free gift for the kiddo, an elf making balloon animals and a live reindeer. | When: Dec. 10, 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. | Where: 1150 Shelby St., Indianapolis.

#### GARFIELD PARK

**Conservatory Crossing** • Come enjoy winter wonderland! See the Conservatory decked out in its holiday best with a brilliant display of poinsettias, model trains and village, and thousands of twinkling lights. \$5 per person or \$12 per family (two adults max). | When: Now - Dec. 31, Monday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sundays 1 - 5 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. | Info: garfieldgardensconservatory.org

**Holidays Around the World** • Join for holiday-themed arts and crafts, live music, performances, and more, while you celebrate holidays from around the globe. Create crafts that explore these worldwide holidays and view a variety of performances in this melting pot of a holiday event. | When: Dec 10, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. | Info: gpacarts.org

**Holidays at Garfield** • Visit Conservatory Crossing, the holiday train and poinsettia show. The Arts Center and Family Center will also have holiday-themed activities as well. All events are free. | When: Dec. 10, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. | Info: garfieldgardensconservatory.org

**Garfield Winter Art Market** • Visit the gallery and support local talented artists by shopping unique, handmade items for the special people in your life. Enjoy live music as you hunt for that perfect gift. | When: Dec. 17, 2 - 6 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. | Info: gpacarts.org

### AN OPTION

#### Fresh Pots Coffee Shop

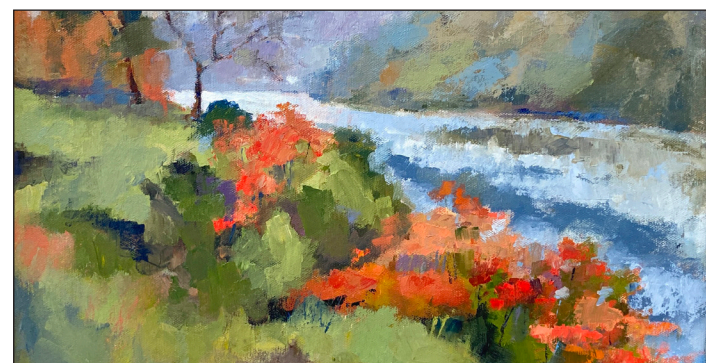
With its comfortable couches and chairs, retro décor on red brick walls, plants scattered throughout and friendly greetings from baristas, Old Town Greenwood's newest coffee shop, Fresh Pots, feels like hanging out at your best friend's house. "Inside it feels so cozy and homey I didn't want to leave," according to a Google reviewer. The menu features cold brew, lattes, cappuccinos, hot chocolate, smoothies, rooibos and Moroccan Mint tea, along with specialty drinks like turmeric latte, white chocolate strawberry, blueberry pancake and dirty chai, with various baked goods and pastries (vegan and gluten-free options included). "Some favorites from the group were the caramel latte, caramel macchiato, strawberry banana smoothie, bagel and coffee cake," stated another Google reviewer. If you're still looking for some fun and unique Christmas or Hannukah gift ideas, the shop sells mugs and T-shirts with printed messages like "fresh pots" and "support your local pot dealer."



You can still enjoy a slice of coffee cake even with food sensitivities. Many gluten-free and dairy-free baked goods are available. (Photo courtesy of Fresh Pots Coffee Shop)

**HOURS:** Sunday, 7:30 a.m. to noon; Monday through Thursday, 6:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Address: 221 W. Main St., Greenwood. For more information, go to facebook.com/freshpotscoffee

### SPOTLIGHT



Fine art from some of the best local Indiana artists will be displayed for the SALI Super Christmas Sale. (Photo courtesy of Southside Art League)

#### SALI Super Christmas Sale

Southside Art League member artists will exhibit a special collection of original art works this Christmas season. Many pieces are small and perfect for gift giving. The SALI Super Christmas Sale will take place through Dec. 31 at the Southside Art League Off Broadway Gallery, 29 E. Broadway St., Greenwood. Regular hours are Wed. - Sat. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Closed Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Gift certificates can be issued in any amount for anything at SALI, such as purchasing artwork, taking classes or paying dues. A layaway plan is also available. A wide variety of styles, subjects, media and prices will be shown, including matted giclee prints, original framed and unframed art, ceramic sculpture, paper sculpture, greeting cards and more. For more information, contact SALI (317) 882-5562



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# Home Alone

## A Christmas guilty pleasure turned classic

### MOVIE REVIEW

By Bradley Lane

The John Hughes produced, and Christopher Columbus directed 1990 Christmas classic Home Alone has not always been regarded in that classic status. Critical reception for the film was mostly positive but ultimately consensus was lukewarm citing the implausible plot, mean-spiritedness of the family and especially the gratuitous slapstick violence unleashed on the two villains of the film. Despite these reservations from critics, the film was an instant box office smash hit, and it remained in theaters as late as June of the year after its initial November release. The reason for its massive popularity is immediately evident if you have ever seen the film, Home Alone is one of, if not

the most fun films ever made.

The conceit of the film, being left alone without any parental supervision, is a universal power fantasy every child can immediately relate to, and any adult can remember fondly longing for: complete freedom and zero responsibilities. That coupled with the second half's idea of rising to the occasion and bravely defending yourself from unambiguously terrible goons in spectacular fashion makes for comedic and narrative gold. But the concept alone is not what makes Home Alone so beloved and rewatchable. The true magic behind Home Alone is solid technical filmmaking and profound levels of creative artistry. No, seriously.

The editing in Home Alone by Raja Gosnell has the pinpoint precision of a well-timed stand-up comedian. Apart from the inherently hilarious sight of grown men being outsmarted and beat up

by a small child, the jokes throughout are aided by perfect comedic timing in each of the cuts. To use an example from an iconic scene, the wide over-the-shoulder shot of Kevin getting ready in the mirror reveals the setup that he's about to put aftershave on his face, then slightly before he applies it, it cuts to a close-up to juxtapose his cool collected speech to himself with the joke that he's a 9-year-old and most definitely did not expect the acholic burn on his face leading to his now iconic scream.

There's a near infinite number of positives I could mention when discussing why the film works as well as it does (Macaulay Culkin's charismatic performance, the inspired use of extreme slapstick, the endlessly quotable script or the "don't judge a book by its cover" messaging) but I want to hone in on one often overlooked aspect of the film's greatness, its score. Composed by the legendary John Williams, his

score for this film is particularly impressive because it seamlessly blends itself in with the classic Christmas tunes worked into the film. It would then be easy for the score to get lost in the timeless songs we already know, but it toes a perfect line between not clashing with the Christmas standards while asserting itself as instantly classic and memorable.

Home Alone is an endlessly enjoyable Christmas classic thanks to great filmmaking, a million-dollar idea and unforgettable performances and is currently available to stream on Disney Plus.



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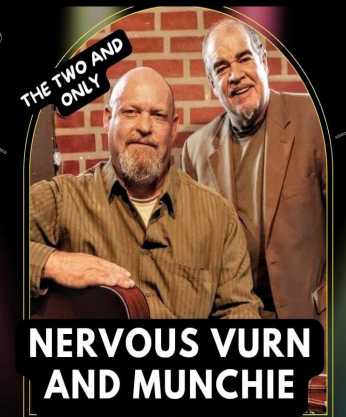
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# Believe it or not, 'gaslighting' is the Word of the Year 2022

## GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

The folks over at Merriam-Webster are at it again. They are claiming that the Word of the Year 2022 is “gaslighting.” That is so typical of them. They can believe that if they want to, I guess.

According to their version of reality, Merriam-Webster defines gaslighting as “the act or practice of grossly misleading someone, especially for one’s own advantage.” That may be true for them, but I heard they’re all off their rockers.

If you haven’t picked up on it yet, ol’ Grammar Guy has been employing gaslighting in the first two paragraphs of this column. My passive-aggressive, flip-pant, subjective treatment of truth makes it sound like Merriam-Webster is full of morons, and I’m actually a better judge of words than they are.

Although gaslighting can be thrown around as a catch-all buzzword for being untruthful or generally passive-aggressive,

it has a more nuanced, precise function. Whether you see gaslighting in a personal or political context, it is a way to manipulate someone into questioning their reality. This form of psychological manipulation ranges from mean and selfish to downright cruel and malevolent.

The term “gaslighting” comes from a 1938 play called “Gas Light” by British novelist and playwright Patrick Hamilton. In the play, a man tries to convince his wife that she is becoming insane. He blames her for the belongings disappearing, although he is secretly hiding them.

Additionally, the husband is searching for some hidden jewels in the attic late at night. As he turns on the gas-fueled lights in the attic, the lights in the rest of the house dim. The husband convinces his wife that she is merely imagining things. “Gas Light” was adapted into a 1944 film called “Gaslight” (all one word). I find it interesting that the term “gas light” quickly evolved into a verb.

According to Merriam-Webster, gaslighting had a 1740% increase in web searches for the term this year. What is it

that has made gaslighting emerge as such a common word in our cultural vernacular?

Many attribute the rise of gaslighting to former president Donald Trump’s claims that often did not line up with reality. President Trump’s advisor Kellyanne Conway famously referred to the then White House Press Secretary Sean Spicer’s multiple false claims about the 2017 presidential inauguration as “alternative facts.”

This subjectification of measurable truth and confirmable facts in order to gain power, reputation or favorable optics is a great example of gaslighting. We saw this with scientific facts being questioned during the Covid-19 pandemic as well. Now U.S. politics and cultural wedge issues are riddled with gaslighting – facts be damned.



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**Sandlin: Applications available for Indiana Senate Page Program**

**State Senate** - The Indiana Senate is now accepting applications for the 2023 Senate Page Program, said State Sen. Jack E. Sandlin (R-Indianapolis). Through the full-day program, students in grades six through 12 tour Indiana's Statehouse, listen to debates and help staff with age-appropriate tasks. Students also have the opportunity to meet their state senator. "I always enjoy seeing students eager to learn at the Statehouse," Sandlin said. "You can't get this kind of experiential education in a classroom, so I encourage those in the district to sign up for this unique opportunity." The Senate Page Program will begin in January and run through early April. Positions fill quickly, so apply early. Pages are scheduled for Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays during the legislative session. They begin their day at 8:30 a.m. and are dismissed at 3:30 p.m. Groups serve together on Wednesdays. Serving as a page is considered an excused absence from school. For more information, visit [IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/page-program](http://IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/page-program).

**Hospitals in Marion County begin visitor restrictions due to rising flu rates**

**Healthcare** - In response to a concerning increase in flu activity locally, Marion County Public Health Department Director and Chief Medical Officer Virginia A. Caine, M.D. has requested that hospitals in Marion County begin temporary restrictions for visitors. As part of a policy developed by the Indianapolis Coalition for Patient Safety, hospitals of all health systems in Marion County agreed to implement Tier 1 of the coalition's Patient Visitor Policy beginning Dec. 5. The Tier 1 option of temporary visitor restrictions at hospitals includes: No visitors with symptoms of influenza; no visitors under the age of 18; visitors limited to two immediate family members as identified by the patient. The wearing of masks by hospital visitors will also be required. Marion County hospitals participating in the temporary visitor restrictions include hospitals within Community Health Network, Franciscan Health Indianapolis, Ascension St. Vincent, Indiana University Health, and Eskenazi Health. For locations and hours of the district health offices and ACTION Health Center, call the Marion County Public Health Department's immunization program at (317) 221-2122 or visit [MarionHealth.org/immunize](http://MarionHealth.org/immunize).



Max Neitzke



Oliver Johnson

**Roncalli students earn perfect ACT scores**

**Educational Testing** - Roncalli High School announced that two seniors achieved perfect scores on their ACT exams taken in July and September. Max Neitzke scored a 36 on the science and English subtests, and Oliver Johnson scored a 36 on the reading and math subtests. The ACT is a standardized test that determines a high school student's preparedness for college. The test covers five areas: math, English, reading, writing and science. Previously in March, Johnson scored an 800 on the reading portion of the SAT, and both Neitzke and Johnson earned perfect scores on the math portion of the SAT.

**Perry Township Education Foundation enhances website**

**New Languages** - The Perry Township Education Foundation website, PTEF.org, is now offering six different language options on the website. Besides English the language options include Armenian, French, German, Russian, Myanmar (Burmese), and Spanish. In an effort to be more inclusive PTEF prints documents, forms, and signs in several other languages as often as possible. With the help from the Perry Township School District, Translating and Interpreting Services, it makes inclusion possible for educators, PTEF, and the community. The department offers most printable items in Arabic, Burmese, Chin, English, French, Spanish, and Swahili. Just one more great thing happening in our district!



Wulf's art earned awards at Franklin College High School Art Competition. (Submitted photos)

**Roncalli student Wulf awarded in art competition**

**Arts** - Roncalli High School senior Abby Wulf competed in the inaugural Franklin College High School Art Competition and was awarded a \$500 scholarship and a \$25 cash prize for her three-dimensional work. Wulf's award-winning crown was made of cardboard and papier-mâché and then painted to look like metal. Art instructor Mark Stratton said, "Abigail does exceptional work that always includes great detail and skill. She is always eager to try new mediums and techniques."

## UPCOMING PERRY TOWNSHIP MEETINGS &amp; EVENTS

**Christmas at Perry Park** • Come and celebrate this holiday with Sycamore Ice Skating Club's Christmas at Perry Park presenting "Winter Wonderland." Doors open at 2:30 p.m. for pictures with the Jolly Ol' Elf himself! Santa Claus! There will be fun, food, games and of course "Skating with Santa." At 6 p.m. the skaters of Sycamore Ice Skating Club offer an on ice presentation and at 6:20 p.m., welcome special guest, Santa Claus. At 6:20 p.m. skating will be open to the public. When: Dec. 10, 2:30 - 8:30 p.m. | Where: Perry Park. | Info: [facebook.com/IndyPerryPark](https://facebook.com/IndyPerryPark)

**Perry Township Board Meeting** • Meetings are open to the public. | When: Dec. 14, 7 p.m. | Where: Perry Township Community Room, 4925 Shelby St., Indianapolis. | Info: [perrytownship-in.gov/board.html](http://perrytownship-in.gov/board.html)

**West Perry Gardening Group** • For gardeners of all levels: beginner to master. Sessions will feature seasonal discussions with a local master gardener, resources — like the Seed Library — and connections with other gardeners. | When: Dec. 16, 10 - 11 a.m. | Where: West Perry Branch library, 6650 S. Harding St., Indianapolis. | Info: [indypl.org](http://indypl.org)

**Meet a Reindeer - with Silly Safaris** • Meet a reindeer with Silly Safaris and learn about the Sami, Indigenous reindeer herders from the Lapland region of Scandinavia. Geared for ages 5 and up and families. | When: Dec. 19, 6 - 7 p.m. | Where: West Perry Branch library, 6650 S. Harding St., Indianapolis. | Info: [indypl.org](http://indypl.org)

**Cozy Craft Night at West Perry Library** • Teens, come craft, play games, or enjoy snacks and a movie! For ages 12 and up. Registration is required. | When: Dec. 20, 5 - 6:30 p.m. | Where: West Perry Branch | Where: West Perry Branch library, 6650 S. Harding St., Indianapolis. | Info: [indypl.org](http://indypl.org)



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Ruth L. Adams, 98, Greenwood, died Nov. 30, 2022. Survivors: children, Ron (Mary) Adams, Tom (Donna) Adams and Susan (Keith) Levering; seven grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Preceded in death: husband, Hubert Adams Jr; and four brothers. Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

**Bernardo "Bernie" Jude Beerbower**

Bernardo "Bernie" Jude Beerbower, 11, died Dec. 2, 2022. Survivors: numerous parents, Emily Brown-Berbower, Ruth Schwartz, Michael Schwartz, Dawn Terrazas, Michael Terrazas; birth parents, Esperanza, Bernardo Maldonado; biological siblings, Star, Destiny; brother, Joshua; grandparents, Nancy, Robert Brown. Visitation: Saturday, Dec. 10, 1 to 3 p.m. service, Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

**Dominick Tony Bruno**

Dominick Tony Bruno, 52, Indianapolis, died Nov. 21, 2022. Survivors: parents, Joseph Riley and Lynne Bruno; children, Katelyn, Joseph, III, Makayia Cope; unborn grandson; brother, Frank; sister, Dianna Jarvis; Richard Bruno-Wagner II and Sabrina Bruno-West; parrot, JoJo; friends, extended family. Preceded in death: brother, Joseph R. Bruno, II. G.H. Herrmann.

**James "Steve" Steven Dudgeon**

James "Steve" Steven Dudgeon, 67, Indianapolis, died Dec. 2, 2022. Survivors: wife, Donna Dudgeon; brother, Terry Joe Dudgeon; and niece, Gabrielle Dudgeon (Andrew) Santornino. Visitation: Friday, Dec. 9, 4-8p.m. Service: Saturday, Dec. 10, 10 a.m., Little & Sons, Stop 11 Road Chapel.

**Alpha "Mae" Dyer**

Alpha "Mae" Dyer, 92, Indianapolis, died Nov. 27, 2022. Survivors: daughter, Carol Garner; grandchildren, Donald (Melissa) Dyer Jr., Holly (Carl) Mattingly, Stacy Criswell, Steve Garner, Jr and Kristy (Richie) Bowen; and nine great-

grandchildren. Burial in West Virginia. Services entrusted to Little & Sons, Beech Grove.

**Debra Ann Hastings**

Debra Ann Hastings, 68, died Nov. 26, 2022. Survivors: husband, Michael; mother, Julia Travis; children, Ryan, Neil (Alyssa), Heather (Russell) Bever, Kelli (Joshua) Gerber; and 11 grandchildren. Preceded in death: father, Bruce Travis, brother, Dan Travis. At her request, no services will be held. Arrangements entrusted to G. H. Herrmann.

**Kim "Kimiel" Horn**

Kim "Kimiel" Horn, 72, Franklin, died Nov. 29, 2022. Survivors: children, Rachel Hamilton and William Maxey; two sisters, Beverly Stillabower and Gloria Morgan; nine grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Preceded in death: wife, Laverne. A military honor guard conducted a graveside service on Dec. 2. Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens.

**Wendell H. Lambirth**

Wendell H. Lambirth, 88, Indianapolis, died Nov. 24, 2022. Survivors: sister, Jean Fisher; children, Paula Lambirth and Mark (Jennifer) Lambirth, four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren. Preceded in death: five siblings. Arrangements handled by G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home.

**Debra Gail Look**

Debra Gail Look, 57, Indianapolis, died Nov. 29, 2022. Born Nov. 30, 1964, in Indianapolis, to the late Donald Gibson and Elizabeth Louise Meese. Survivors: husband, Ray Look; her sister, Vicki. Preceded in death: three "fur babies," Daisy, Harley and Digger. A Celebration of Life held at a later date.

**Lois Vivian Louzon**

Lois Vivian Louzon, 90, Indianapolis, died Nov. 27, 2022. Survivors: husband, James Louzon; children, Sandy (Will) Boehm, James (Marsha), Glenn (the late Nita), Michael, Dan (Marnita), Bob (Mary), Ron (Pam) and John Louzon; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and

great-great-grandchildren. Services entrusted to Little & Sons, Beech Grove.

**Jerry Elton Moore**

Jerry Elton Moore Sr., 76, Greenfield, died Nov. 18, 2022. Born to the late George and Gertrude Moore. Survivors: wife, Linda; five children, April, Cissy, Jerry Jr., Josh, Linda; 17 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sister, Debra. Preceded in death: brothers, Robert, George, Jack, John, Donald and David. Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

**Kenneth L. Moore**

Kenneth "Kenny" Moore, 70, died Nov. 26, 2022. Survivors: wife, Robin; children, Tricia Weber and Destiny Moore; four grandchildren; two brothers; a sister. Preceded in death: son, Trenton; 11 siblings. Service: Saturday, Dec. 10, 3 p.m., Waverly Baptist Church, Martinsville, with visitation 1-3 p.m. Arrangements entrusted to G. H. Herrmann.

**Norman Allen Newman**

Norbert Allen Newman, 71, Greenwood, died Nov. 27, 2022. Survivors: wife, Debra; mother, Lellean Joyce Newman; sister, Lisa Darlene Rein; brother, Tracy Scott Newman; niece, Nicole Marie Newman; nephews, Daniel John and Tyler Scott Newman (godson); extended family. Preceded in death: father, Danny Harry Newman; "furbuddy," Ziggy. G. H. Herrmann.

**Alvira June Pender**

Alvira June Pender, 86, Indianapolis, died Nov. 20, 2022. Survivors: children, Tim, Mike, Vicki Carr, Mickey Carr and Stan; 21 grandchildren; 62 great-grandchildren; several great-great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Preceded in death: husband, George Wayne Pender; granddaughter, Jessica; siblings, Lawrence, Otis and Richard Holderfield; Maxine Pender. Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

**James "Jim" Anthony Perry**

Mr. James "Jim" Anthony Perry, Plainfield, 83, died Nov. 22, 2022. Survivors: wife, Judy; children, Mark, Michael, Jeffrey,

Cindy Stephenson, Christa Stevenson; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister-in-law, Susan; Havanese companion, Maggie; extended family. Preceded in death: son, James Matthew; siblings, Mary Elizabeth, Patty Payne, Richard, Susan. Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

**June Ann Robbins**

June Ann Robbins, 87, Indianapolis, died Nov. 28, 2022. Survivors: sons, Clay and Lee; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister, Peggy; brother-in-law, Jerry; daughter-in-law, Betsy; nieces and nephews. Preceded in death: husband, Patrick Robbins; sister, Nancy; two sisters-in-law; brother-in law. Visitation: 1-4 p.m., Dec. 10, North United Methodist Church. G.H. Herrmann.

**Nicholas Charles "Nick" Steinhardt**

Mr. Nicholas Charles "Nick" Steinhardt, 85, Indianapolis, died Nov. 23, 2022. Born Nov. 6, 1937, in Indianapolis, to the late Nicholas Charles and Evelyn (Miller) Steinhardt, Sr. Survivors: wife, Elaine Steinhardt; children, Kim (Mike) Schaler and Bill Steinhardt; three grandchildren. Preceded in death: brother, Terrell Steinhardt. Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

**David K. Stone**

David K. Stone, 62, Greenwood, died Dec. 1, 2022. Survivors: wife, Deanna (Roy); sister, Lisa; sister-in-law, Leisha; two grandchildren; three nephews; four nieces; three great-nephews, three great-nieces. Preceded in death: brother, Douglas; son, Randall. Funeral service: Thursday, Dec. 8, noon, with visitation 11 a.m. to noon, Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

**Mary Ellen (Sears) Waltz**

Mary Ellen (Sears) Waltz, 97, died Nov. 30, 2022. Survivors: children, Greg Waltz (Nancy), Brian Waltz (Lynne) and Bill Waltz (Debbie); seven grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren. Preceded in death: husband, Vincent Waltz. Funeral services: 1 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 8, with visitation from 11 a.m. to service, Forest Lawn Funeral Home, Greenwood.

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Weekly Devotion



*Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

PSALM 23:4

As a shepherd I oftentimes encounter situations where people cry wolf. It isn't always obvious when a person is facing a true crisis, rather than just seeking some extra attention. I always assume a cry for help is a serious situation. I received a call one day from a man struggling with depression. He was at the end of his rope. He stated that he could not find the strength to live another day. I arrived at his home, and I knocked and knocked, but there was no answer. The door was unlocked, but before I could enter the house, I had a major obstacle before me. The window next to the entry door was slightly opened and inside there was a very large pit bull. She was barking like she meant business. I didn't dare open that door without first befriending this very aggres-

sive pit bull. I said a prayer, and I reached my hand through the opened window. The guard dog snarled and snapped at my hand, but as I spoke words of kindness she calmed down and allowed me to pet her! It was a miracle that I was not severely bitten. With a renewed sense of purpose and urgency I opened the door, only to find that the window was to a room that was not even part of the hallway I needed to access to check on my friend. I found the man passed out drunk, but otherwise he was perfectly fine. That day my fear was great, but my faith in God's protection and my love for my brother in need was even greater!

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*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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