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## THIS WEEK on the WEB



Indianapolis Mayor Joe Hogsett, Jeff Roeder of Sondhi Solutions and Bethany Allison, manager of the Indianapolis Public Library's Eagle Branch location. (Submitted photo)

### Indianapolis Public Library kicks off Season's Readings 2022

The Indianapolis Public Library has partnered with Mayor Joe Hogsett and sponsor Sondhi Solutions to kick off Season's Readings 2022. The holiday event invites Indianapolis residents to pick up a free children's book to gift to young, loved ones during the season. Bins full of books will be at all library locations from Dec. 1, 2022, to Jan. 7, 2023. As well, new or gently used books may be donated for children or teens at any location.

**ss-times.com/indianapolis-public-library-kicks-off-seasons-readings-2022**



Trevor Lauck and U.S. Army Bowl offensive line coach Mike Barry. (Photo by A.J. Ablog)

### Roncalli's Trevor Lauck to play in U.S. Army Bowl

Roncalli senior offensive lineman Trevor Lauck has been named an All-American and has also accepted an invitation to play in the U.S. Army Bowl. The televised event, which takes place Saturday, Dec. 17, will be played at the Ford Center at the Star – headquarters of the NFL's Dallas Cowboys in Frisco, Texas. Billed as the country's "Biggest Week in Football," the game will feature 80 of America's top high school players in skills competitions and an all-star game as highlights of the week-long festivities.

**ss-times.com/roncallis-trevor-lauck-to-play-in-u-s-army-bowl**

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# SOUTHSIDE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

## Southside construction update

Southside communities receive funding for road and bridge improvements

Compiled by Nicole Davis

Area lawmakers: State sends over \$5.8M to accelerate local road improvements

• **Southside:** More than \$5.8 million is headed to local communities to accelerate road and bridge improvements, according to Johnson County and Southside Indianapolis legislators. Local funding from the Community Crossings Matching Grant Program is for road and bridge preservation, road reconstruction, intersection improvements, guardrail replacements and signage, and can cover material costs for chip sealing and crack filling operations. State Rep. Michelle Davis (R-Whiteland)

said 229 towns, cities and counties will receive over \$119 million in state matching grants. Area grant recipients include: Johnson County, \$1 million; Greenwood, \$1 million; Homecroft, \$82,503; Marion County, \$1 million; and Southport; \$327,328. Smaller municipalities provide a 25% match in local funds, while large communities provide a 50% match. State law requires 50 percent of the available matching funds be awarded annually to communities within counties with a population of 50,000 or fewer. Awards are released two times a year. More information can be found at [in.gov/indot/communitycrossings](http://in.gov/indot/communitycrossings).

## IN OUR SCHOOLS



Rob Brown  
alongside  
Jimmy  
Cook.  
(Submitted  
phone)

### Roncalli Media Network celebrates 1,000th broadcast

**Athletic Media** - On Nov. 29, Roncalli Media Network (RMN) aired its 1,000th broadcast. The lady Royal basketball team hosted the Whiteland Warriors, and Roncalli sports broadcaster Jimmy Cook was joined by his mentor and former voice of the Royals, Rob Brown, for this historic milestone. Brown, who retired from RMN last spring after 15 years of announcing, was the color commentator and said, "It's a credit to all involved for the RMN to reach 1,000 broadcasts. The ability to keep the Roncalli community connected to the school's athletic program, from anywhere in the world, is the network's greatest accomplishment." RMN began broadcasting in the fall of 2007. Cook, who graduated from Roncalli in 2013, was part of RMN throughout his time as a student. He then went on to major in sports communications at Indiana University and broadcasted in college and the NBA. RMN continues to provide the spotlight for student athletes while allowing students to hone their broadcast skills alongside talent like Rob Brown and Jimmy Cook. RMN's reach is available to all with an internet connection and has had listeners from around the globe.

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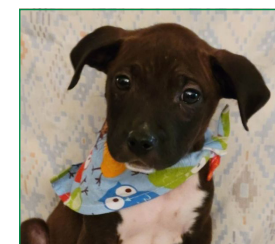


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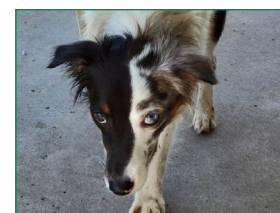
These dogs are available for adoption through Tails and Trails Rescue via the nonprofit's Facebook page.



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■ **IVAN:** A male puppy Labrador Retriever



■ **ROCKY ROAD:** An adult male Australian Shepherd



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(Cover) Linda Begley. (Photo by Portrait Innovations) | (Left) Begley's "home away from home" for 14 years: the former Greenwood Middle School. (Submitted photos) | (Right) With Bobby Knight at a retired teachers' luncheon.

# A TEACHER FOR LIFE

**Linda Begley is doing what she was born to do, and you might want to listen**

By Todd Travis

## Born to inform

"My mother says that when I was a child, I started teaching my 2-year-old sister. I had never even heard of school, but here I was teaching," said Linda Begley, a longtime Southside resident and independent Medicare agent.

She would go on to make her teaching status official at Decatur Central High School as a business teacher and Greenwood Middle School as a counselor. After moving down to Florida for 10 years, Begley returned to Indiana and began to work in Medicare.

## Helping other seniors

"I started doing Medicare and I found out how little seniors know about their benefits. It's confusing and TV is confusing more than anything," Begley stated.

Knowing there are people out there who make their living taking advantage of the senior population, she is careful to stay within the strict guidelines of her position. Unfortunately, with the noise people hear from TV advertisements and telemarketers, they find it hard to know where to turn for the right information.

"I've gotten just under a doctorate degree,

and I've never had to study as hard as I have for Medicare – there are so many rules and so much detail and so many different scenarios. Many people don't even realize what they're entitled to. That's where I can help them," said Begley.

For six months out of the year, Begley sets up a table at the Walmart in Beech Grove during the time period where you can either enroll for a plan or change it (Oct. 15-Dec. 7 and Jan. 1-March 31.) Her primary goal is to what she has always loved to do: teach, teach, teach. Otherwise you can call her for questions about a plan or Medicare/Medicaid in general. Her phone number is: (317) 522-7230.

## Finding someone to trust

Begley warns seniors not to trust the phone or TV advertisements, which is partly why she sets up her table at Walmart. Medicare agents are not allowed to call without prior written permis-

sion. Plans are also based on the county that you are in so it is important to talk to someone local who is familiar with your county and can inform you on the benefits that actually apply to you.

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– Linda Begley

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"When the solicitors are calling, they are breaking the rules. So if they're doing that, then what else are they doing?" Begley said.

"I've talked to people who signed up for a plan and were never even asked about their medications or the doctors and whether or not they will be in the right network," she added.

## The more you know

Begley helped a local resident recently who was paying for Uber out of pocket to go to medical appointments, not realizing that transportation was something that could be covered using the right plan.

"She had a surgery at 4:30 a.m. and who would want to have to rely on Uber at that time to get to such an important appoint-

ment? With the plan I was able to help her find, she now has someone who will pick her up and bring her back under the plan. She said that has been the biggest Godsend for her," Begley shared.

## Key enrollment times

Here are a few key times where people should consider talking with Begley about their Medicare/Medicaid options:

Oct. 15- Dec. 7: Annual Enrollment Period – Anyone can make changes to their plan.

Jan. 1 – March 31: Open Enrollment Period – Medicare Advantage plans can be changed.

Three months before or after turning 65: Eligibility begins (will kick in the month you turn 65).

Two years after getting on Medicare/Medicaid (typically from disability): New benefits open up\*

\*Many people don't realize this option.

## We deserve it

"I came up with a Medicare plan where they pay \$100 of the part B cost which can really help a lot of people. I still need to look up their medications and their doctors and everything else. But with all plans being equal, it's a good plan to be able to take advantage of," Begley mentioned.



## AROUND TOWN

### Greenwood Mayor Mark W. Myers supports Big Brothers Big Sisters' 'Men to Mentors' campaign for Johnson County

**Men to Mentors Campaign** – In partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana (BBBSCI), Greenwood Mayor Mark W. Myers issued a challenge to Johnson County residents regarding the “Men to Mentors” campaign. This campaign began in September as a response to a serious need for Big Brothers in Johnson County. Currently, 87% of youth on the Johnson County waiting list are boys and there is an average wait time of around two years. “Every child deserves the opportunity to have a mentor and benefit from this life-giving program,” said Myers. “Tonight, I want to challenge the men of Johnson County to step up and accept the call to be a ‘Big’ so we can fill this need in our community.” BBBSCI matches volunteers with youth who live within 20 minutes of where they live or work so this is a need that can only be resolved through individuals who live or work within Johnson County. In partnership with the “Men to Mentors” campaign, Mayor Myers and the Greenwood Parks & Recreation Department donated 100-day passes to the Greenwood Fieldhouse for Bigs and Littles to enjoy. To learn more, visit [bebigforkids.org/men-to-mentors](http://bebigforkids.org/men-to-mentors).



Mayor Mark Myers, center, celebrates the Men to Mentors campaign with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana. (Submitted photo)

### JCCF addresses food insecurity

**Grant Opportunity** – The Johnson County Community Foundation (JCCF) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Johnson County Commissioners to create a grant opportunity that will distribute \$98,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to address food insecurity and the need for personal care items in Johnson County. Applications will be accepted for this noncompetitive grant opportunity until Dec. 9 (applications can be found at [jccf.org](http://jccf.org)). Approved grant recipients will be notified by the county. The opportunity is open to organizations providing food pantry service, defined as those operations that provide food items and personal care items for distribution at a fixed location. These organizations may also provide delivery of food and personal care items. The grant opportunity does not include organizations that provide prepared meals for consumption on site or via delivery.

### Perry Kiwanis and Perry Schools Connect with the Community in a big way

**Donations** - Perry Kiwanis, in cooperation with Perry Schools, recently conducted its sixth annual Connecting with the Community. The event provides students and their families in need with various supplies, including winter coats, socks, shoes, food and other items. A total of 131 families visited the event with 515 people served and of those, 121 visited the pantry. “Thanks to our donors who gave money to make this possible and to all the volunteers who put in the time to make this event a success,” said Kiwanis Co-president and event organizer Scott Splichal. “Special thanks go to Stephanie Quinlan and Debbie Isenberg of Perry Schools for their hours spent organizing this event and making sure we had great facilities. “Thanks also go to Changing Footprints for new and gently used shoes, Bare Feet for all the socks that they gave away that day and to make sure we take care of many others not at the event, Gleaners Food Bank for fresh and canned goods, the Indiana Attorney General for all the great shopping bags, Franciscan Health for the information and health checks, “I Support The Girls” for feminine hygiene items, and 500 Festival for shirts. We had great donuts from Long’s, pizza from Dominos, and drinks and snacks from Kiwanis.” Kiwanis helps support the Hunger Inc. food bank, Perry Senior Citizens, Riley Hospital for Children, Baxter YMCA, college scholarships, and other programs. For more information about the club, visit its Facebook page.

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PHOTO of the WEEK



Roncalli High School students and staff collected enough toys to fill a box truck for children in need this Christmas. On Nov. 5, Roncalli partnered with Anna's House for the annual Toy Drive. Roncalli was beaming with holiday cheer as vehicles drove through to drop off toys. The athletic teams and coaches collected toys, loaded the truck and enjoyed some hot cocoa and snacks courtesy of Roncalli's campus ministry team. Pictured, the Roncalli girls soccer team pauses for a festive photo during the toy drive. (Photo courtesy of Roncalli High School)

HUMOR



Top 10 supply chain issues at the North Pole this year

By Torry Stiles

10. Lost half my staff to Hollywood for those Lord of the Ring shows.
9. I still have warehouses of MAGA hats to unload.
8. Got a warning from animal control to stop feeding the reindeer the magic corn, and my transport costs skyrocketed.
7. You make one doll just a little too realistic and the feds are on you like white on rice.
6. Everybody still wants to work from home. I've had this workshop for over 500 years, and now it's empty.
5. Got another batch of wooden blocks from China testing positive for lead paint.
4. They legalized weed in Canada, and now we can't get anything done after 4:20 in the afternoon.
3. The jack-in-the-box production line was shut down in a copyright dispute with the restaurant chain.
2. The elves are striking for shorter hours and lower countertops.
1. There was a typo on the order for Barbies, and now Santa has to figure out what to do with five million roast beef sandwiches.

BELIEVE IT!

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

In Oregon, it's against the law for a wedding ceremony to be performed at a skating rink.

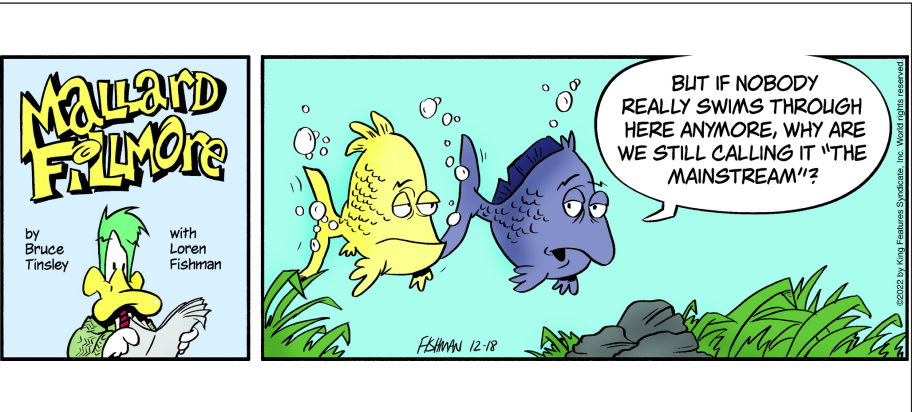
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"Happiness is a choice.  
Happiness is a habit.  
And happiness is  
something you have to  
work hard at. It does  
not just happen."*

- Leslie Jordan

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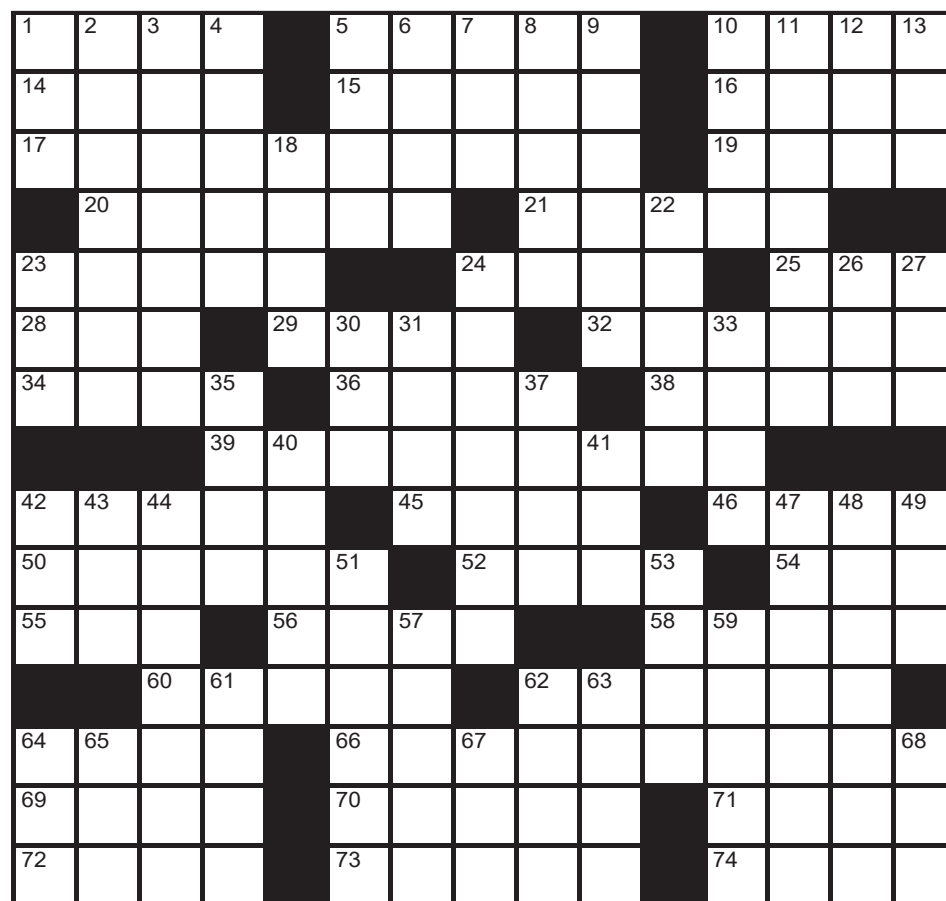
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# NIGHT & day

## LOCAL Entertainment ENTERTAINING

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### BEECH GROVE

**Caroling in the Park** • Come out and join for free hot chocolate and caroling. | When: Dec. 17, 7 - 8 p.m. | Where: Sarah T Bolton Park at the Franciscan Trail Head. | Info: hornetparkcommunitycenter.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

**Luminary for Peace** • The city of Beech Grove's Faith Based Roundtable will host a "Luminary for Peace" service. The roundtable will light 50 candles in memory of those lost in 2022, including those lost to crime. | When: Dec. 23, 6:30 p.m. | Where: City Hall steps, 802 Main St., Beech Grove. | Info: beechgrove.com

#### CENTER GROVE

**Art for the Ages - Winner's Exhibition** • | When: Now through Dec. 30. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/GreenwoodArts

#### 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

**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

**TOPS** • Take Off Pounds Sensibly (TOPS), a weight loss support group, meets weekly in the Garfield Park area. Meetings are open to the public; the first meeting is free. | When: Tuesdays, 9 a.m. | Where: Garfield Christian Church, 1751 Walker Ave., Indianapolis. | Info: tops.org

#### GREENWOOD

**Lighted Trail** • Come to the Greenwood Amphitheater to enjoy a lighted trail powered by Duke energy. This is free, and it can be accessed via the community center parking lot. It is illuminated from dusk to dawn. | When: Now - Dec. 31, 5:30 p.m. - 7 a.m. | Where: Greenwood Amphitheater. | Info: greenwood.in.gov

**Nerf on the Turf** • The indoor turf will be transformed into an arena for kids to battle and play fun competitive games. There will be an all-out battle to end the night. Participants must provide their own Nerf Blasters (no automatic); eye protection will be provided. Greenwood Parks & Rec will provide all NERF Elite darts. \$10 per participant. | When: Dec. 27, ages 6 - 10 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and ages 11 - 16 from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Fieldhouse, 411 S. Madison Ave., Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/GreenwoodFieldhouse

**New Year's Eve Party at Smocktown** • Enjoy a private party at SmockTown Brewery and Attic Hardware, which is the upstairs bourbon bar. The cost is \$80 and includes dinner, a midnight taco bar, a champagne toast, and live music from Joey Banfield and Jared La Fond. Tickets are required and can be obtained at SmockTown or by calling (317) 215-4836. | When: Dec. 31, 6 p.m. - 1 a.m. | Where: Smocktown Brewery, 223 W. Main St., Greenwood. | Info: smocktown.com

**New Year's Eve Celebration** • Tickets, which cost \$20, are on sale now for this 18 and older event which features reserve seating and snacks, party favors, a champagne toast, and music from Alan Cochran & The Crestliners. | When: Dec. 31, 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. | Where: Greenwood Moose Lodge, 813 W. Smith Valley Road, Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/gml2079

#### PERRY TOWNSHIP

**Meet a Reindeer - with Silly Safaris** • Meet a reindeer with Silly Safaris and learn about the Sami, Indigenous reindeer herders from the Lap-

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A charcuterie plate with meats and cheeses from Goose the Market and other local artisans. Menu options pair with signature cocktails and bourbons. (Photo courtesy of The Vault Indy)

### SPOTLIGHT



The Brother Brothers, Adam and David Moss. (Submitted photo)

#### The Brother Brothers

Identical twins The Brother Brothers, Adam and David Moss, will perform in the Fountain Square area on Wednesday, Jan. 11 at Hi-Fi, 1043 Virginia Ave., Unit 4. The duo, known for their stellar musicianship and effortless close sibling harmonies, is on the road for Cover to Cover, an acclaimed collection that found the Mosses putting their own spin on some of their favorite artists. The Brother Brothers currently have over 460K monthly Spotify followers and have been featured on such playlists as Fresh Folk (where they graced the cover), Your Favorite Coffeehouse, Acoustic Chill and many others. While the Brothers have grown into a favorite on streaming services and playlists, their live shows seal the deal, showcasing the duo's haunting, string-driven indie folk songs and the brothers' hilariously dry, deadpan banter. Attendees must be 18 or older. Get tickets today at hifindy.com/event/the-brother-brothers/. For more information, visit thebrotherbrothersmusic.com.

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## It's a Wonderful Life

A timeless classic thanks to ... copyright laws?

### MOVIE REVIEW

By Bradley Lane

Originally released in 1946, Frank Capra's *It's a Wonderful Life* is a holiday staple in houses across America and is widely celebrated as a classic. However, this was not always the case, in fact, when it originally released it only did moderately well, and did not garner much notice from critics of the time. So how did a supposedly mediocre film from the 1940s become a modern Christmas tradition? It all has to do with copyright laws.

In 1974, 25 years after it initially released, due to a paperwork error, the copyright of the film expired, and it entered the public domain. Effectively, this meant that anyone could distribute the film without having to pay royalties to the studio that produced the film. Instantly, television studios across the U.S.

began broadcasting it every holiday season. It was this paperwork error that led to a disappointment of a film to becoming what it is today, a critical and audience darling that has bonified classic status.

For the uninitiated, *It's a Wonderful Life* is a story about the life of George Bailey, played by the incomparable Jimmy Stewart. George is a life-long resident of Bedford Falls, and throughout the first and second acts he is introduced as consistently selfless. Even going so far as to give up on his own goals and dreams to help others in his community. However, this begins to wear on George in his middle age and he finds himself in a deep depression

wishing to God that he'd never had been born. In response, an angel, played with timeless charm by Henry Travers, shows him what Bedford Falls would look like if he hadn't been born.

*It's a Wonderful Life* is my favorite Christmas film of all time despite being released more than 50 years before I was born. The reason being is that, unlike the yearly hallmark Christmas films or even theatrically released holiday films, *It's a Wonderful Life* goes beyond the platitudes and clichés that permeate the genre. The film explores themes of family, community, class struggle, and loss in a convincing and realistic way. The pacing of the film reinforces these ideas by using the majority of

the film to tell the story of George's life. We have a deep appreciation for George and have even been exposed to his flaws. This means we too experience the disorientation and terror George feels when he wakes up in Pottersville and he loses everything.

Ultimately, the film is about more than a season, it's about the culmination of a life. The people we touch every day without even realizing it. So, remember this holiday season, "no man is a failure who has friends." *It's a Wonderful Life* is available to stream on Amazon Prime Video.



Bradley is a Beech Grove High School alumnus and has been enamored by film for as long as he can remember. He recently graduated from IUPUI, with a degree in Media and Public Affairs with a minor in Film. Bradley can be contacted at blane2214@gmail.com.

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land region of Scandinavia. Geared for ages 5 and up and families. | When: Dec. 19, 6 - 7 p.m. | Where: West Perry Branch | Where: West Perry Branch library, 6650 S. Harding St., Indianapolis. | Info: 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

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'Goblin mode' named Oxford English Dictionary's Word of the Year 2022

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

Now the Oxford English Dictionary is at it. In my previous column, I reported that "gaslighting" has been named the Word of the Year 2022 by the dictionary aficionados at Merriam-Webster. Each year, the Merriam-Webster dictionary chooses a word it believes captures a prevailing sentiment of the cultural zeitgeist. Not wanting to miss out on the lexical lingo retrospective, the OED is chiming in with its vote: "goblin mode."

The OED brought three words to an online vote: goblin mode, metaverse and the hashtag IStandWith. Goblin mode won, garnering 93% of the 340,000 votes.

What the heck is goblin mode? On its face, the term sounds like something stolen from Dungeons and Dragons or World of Warcraft. There's an ancient YouTube video where a user calling himself Lee-

roy Jenkins runs into an impossible battle against a dragon, armed with the confidence of 1,000 soldiers. To me, that would be "goblin mode."

As it turns out, I'm wrong. In fact, goblin mode stormed the Twitter scene in February 2022 as Covid restrictions were lifted across the U.S. and most of the world. As people emerged from their hidey-holes of prolonged social isolation, they decided to engage in oddly self-indulgent behaviors.

The OED defines goblin mode as "a type of behavior which is unapologetically self-indulgent, lazy, slovenly, or greedy, typically in a way that rejects social norms or expectations."

Goblin mode looks like eating the entire carton of Ben & Jerry's while watching an entire season of "The Great British Baking Show." It is playing video games until 3 a.m. on a Sunday night, fully aware that you have a budget review meeting at 9 a.m. the next day. Goblin mode embraces our lazy and selfish impulses that don't

take tomorrow into account.

After all, don't you deserve it? The past few years have been collectively terrible. As long as giving into personal "treat yourself" moments doesn't turn into a bad habit or do something to hurt yourself and/or others, go for it. Besides, personal dignity is overrated. Wear two Snuggles if it makes you feel extra cozy.

I don't think my top words of the year merit their own press release, but if I were to suggest Grammar Guy's big three buzzwords of 2022, I would choose "IRL" ("in real life"), "low-key" and "ghosted." What word or words sum up your 2022?



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



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## How higher interest rates are impacting real estate offers

### REAL ESTATE

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

A year ago, the average interest rate for a 30-year, fixed-rate mortgage was around 3.367 percent. Today that number stands at 7.32 percent. The doubling of interest rates over the past 12 months is having an impact on what homebuyers are asking for in their offers, and the expectations of sellers. The real estate market is currently in neutral territory, with neither side seeing large concessions or windfalls, but for potential homebuyers, there are a few trends that are making a comeback.

### The return of closing costs

In the past few weeks, realtors have seen the return of a common request from buyers: closing costs. If a buyer had asked a seller to pay closing costs anytime over the last two years, the answer would have been a quick, "no." But, since the most recent interest rate hike, buyers are asking for it again and getting it. Buyers are paying more each month for their mortgage and in

an effort to try and hold onto a little bit more money, they're asking sellers to cover closing costs.

It's important to note that not all sellers are willing to entertain the idea of paying their buyer's closing costs, but it's definitely been a discussion point. There are two primary methods being used for buyers to entice sellers to pay closing costs: price and repairs. Few sellers are still receiving offers that are thousands over asking price, but if a buyer is willing to pay the listed amount, or close to it, then the seller may be more inclined to accept paying closing costs. Also, if the home inspection identifies areas that need to be addressed, and the buyer is willing to take on those repairs themselves, that may also encourage the seller to pay closing costs.

### Pre-approval letters are important

Sellers are aware that the financial and real estate tides are changing, and as a result they're more cautious about the financial stability of the buyers. Sellers do not want to enter into negotiations with a buyer that does not have the financing available to move forward in a transaction. More so than in the past, sellers want to see a copy

of the pre-approval letter along with the buyer's offer.

The pre-approval letter tells all parties in the transaction that the buyer is strong financially and can afford to purchase the property, without any foreseeable delays or problems. Houses are staying on the market longer than last year, and fewer offers are coming to the table, which makes it important for sellers to work with buyers who are already pre-approved financially. Sellers do not want to work toward a closing date, only to find that financing fell through on the buyer's side. Buyers that include their letter with the offer are more likely to have their offer considered than those that do not include the pre-approval or promise to send it over later.

The increase in interest rates is having an impact on the real estate market, but not to the degree that one side has more of an advantage than the other. There is still inventory available and buyers willing to move.



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

### AROUND TOWN

#### Nick Agresta named to Home Bank board of directors

**Banking Leadership** - Dominic "Nick" Agresta, CPA, has been named a director of Home Bank SB. Agresta is a 1996 graduate of Indiana University (Bloomington) where he majored in accounting. He received his CPA license in 1999 and holds memberships in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Indiana CPA Society. Agresta began his professional career at a national CPA firm providing audit and assurance, income tax preparation and other accounting services to small and medium-sized businesses. He joined a local CPA firm in 1998 to focus on audits and consulting. In 2009 he formed what is now Agresta, Storms, and O'Leary, PC. Agresta has extensive experience working with financial institutions. He is married with three daughters and resides in Indianapolis.

#### Indiana Members Credit Union contributes to Johnson Memorial Foundation

**Banking** - Indiana Members Credit Union (IMCU) recently presented a check for \$883 to Johnson Memorial Hospital Foundation as part of an ongoing debit card giveback program. The partnership allows members to show their support of the independent non-profit hospital by signing up for a Johnson Memorial Health debit card. Every time the card is used as a signature based transaction, Johnson Memorial Hospital Foundation benefits. Amber Coryell, Business Development Officer, IMCU, presented the check to Kelsey Kasting, Director, Johnson Memorial Hospital Foundation, on Oct. 18. The card is available for issue to members at IMCU's 32 Indiana locations. For more information, visit imcu.com.



Pictured from left, Kelsey Kasting, Director, Johnson Memorial Hospital Foundation, and Amber Coryell, Business Development Officer, IMCU. (Submitted photo)

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## Mary L. Beatley

Mary L. Beatley died Dec. 8, 2022. Survivors: daughters, Michelle, Kathy; son, Joseph; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sister, Ruby; brother, Charles. Predeceased: husband, Mitchell (Mick); son, Mitchell Jr. Visitation: Thursday, Dec. 15, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. service, G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home at The Gardens of Olive Branch.

## Betty Boles

Betty Boles, 84, Indianapolis, died Dec. 8, 2022. In 1978, Betty married Billy Boles. Betty was preceded in death by a daughter, Diane; son, Allen; first husband, Bruce Sullivan; half-brother, JB Johnson; nephew, James Johnson. G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

## Mary Emily Boling

Mary Emily Boling, 85, Indianapolis, died Dec. 9, 2022. Survivors: brother, Earl; sisters, Pearl, Connie, Peggy, Linda; five nephews, four nieces; fur baby. Predeceased: husband, George; three brothers; nephew, Steven; three nieces. Visitation: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. service, Thursday, Dec. 15, G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home.

## Claramae Breeden

Claramae Breeden, 91, Indianapolis, died Dec. 9, 2022. Survivors: daughters, Linda Kuizinas, Lana Cunningham; sons, Russ and Randy; 11 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren. Preceded in death: siblings, Jeanne Eidson, William Boltz, Shirley Boltz. Visitation: Saturday, Dec. 17, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. service, G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home.

## Shirley E. Coley

Shirley E. Coley, 82, Indianapolis, died Dec. 10, 2022. Survivors: son, Ricky; daughter, Teresa Davis; five grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; sisters, Selma, Carrie Ann, Katherine and Eleanor. Preceded in death: husband, Bobby; daughter, Darlene; great-grandson, Keeton Mountcastle; sisters, Edna High, Virginia Lee, Sarah Slayton. G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home.

## Krag Anthony Foxworthy

Krag Anthony Foxworthy, Indianapolis, went home to be with the Lord on the evening of Saturday, Dec. 3, 2022. He was 58 years old. Krag was born in Honolulu, Hawaii to his parents, Wanda D. (Boger) and James R. Foxworthy. He graduated from Southport High School, class of 1984. Krag practiced Christianity throughout his life and attended a variety of churches. He enjoyed listening to music, attending

concerts and parties, hunting, archery, guns, shooting pool, and watching sports. Krag was always described as the life of the party. He was a hard-working, organized man that set a wonderful example as a father and Papaw. Krag's big-hearted personality was woven into the memories of his loved ones which will now be cherished by those who he leaves behind. Krag is survived by his children, Sam Foxworthy, Ben Foxworthy and daughter-in-law, Valencia; his grandchildren, Kayvan, Forest, Hunter, Camille and Cash Foxworthy; his brother, Matt (Sheila) Foxworthy; his nieces and nephews, Mandi (Jake) Foxworthy, Kaylee (Cody) Stover-Foxworthy, Zechariah (Kaia) Foxworthy and Joshua Foxworthy. Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2022, at 1 pm at Forest Lawn Funeral Home, Greenwood. He was laid to rest at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens following the services. The family received friends from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2022, at Forest Lawn Funeral Home, Greenwood. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorial contributions be made in Krag's honor to Tots for Tots.

## Betty Jo Jeffris

Betty Jo Jeffris, 88, Greenwood, died Dec. 11, 2022. Survivors: son, Steve; two grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandson; niece, Pat. Preceded in death: husband, Roland Lee "Bud" Jeffris; six siblings. Service: 11 a.m., Friday, Dec. 16, G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, Indianapolis, visitation 10 a.m. to service.

## Donna Ann Wertenberger Kreisher

Donna Ann Wertenberger Kreisher, 76, Greenwood, died Dec. 3, 2022. Survivors: sons, Don Kreisher and Robert Kreisher (Mariana Brown); sisters, Brenda Sue Rollins and Mary Jo Flowers; and four grandchildren. Visitation: Wednesday, Dec. 21, noon to 2 p.m. at Little & Sons, Stop 11 Road Chapel. Service at 2 p.m.

## Harry Dee Laven

Harry Dee Laven, 82, Greenwood, died Dec. 5, 2022. Survivors: wife, Bonnie (Brown) Laven; children, Debra Laven, Rhonda Simpson (Robin); stepchildren, Tricia Spoor-Moulder, Troy Spoor, and Adam Spoor (Lisa); 10 grandchildren. Services entrusted to Little & Sons, Stop 11 Road Chapel.

## Jacqueline "Jackie" E. Phipps

Jacqueline "Jackie" E. Phipps, 71, Indianapolis, died Dec. 5, 2022. Survivors: mother, Anna F. Eakle; brother, Barry Eakle; nieces, Rachael (son Rayce), Arial (her children, Dalanie, Dazie, Mason and Lyric). Predeceased: father, Jack O. Eakle; son Stephen. Arrangements have been entrusted to G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home.

## Betty Jo Poynter

Betty Jo Poynter, 88, Trafalgar, died Dec. 9, 2022. Survivors: children, Deborah (Randy) Glassburn, Donna (Glenn) Tow, Donita (Mike) Johnson, Raymond (Shannon) Poynter; nine grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews. Predeceased: James C. Poynter. Arrangements handled by G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home.

## Christopher S. Quinn

Christopher S. Quinn, 49, Greenwood, died Dec. 7, 2022. Chris was born Oct. 26, 1973, in Indianapolis, to Quentin and Marilyn Quinn; they survive. Other survivors: wife, Jennifer Adams; brother, Jeff; nephew, Conner; niece, Alex Quinn; mother-in-law, Joyce Adams; brother-in-law, Ryan Adams; furry buddy, Toby. G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home.

## Rev. Harold W. Rightor, II

Rev. Harold W. Rightor, II, 79, Indianapolis, died Dec. 9, 2022. Survivors: brother, James "Jimmy"; two sisters, Sharon and Carolyn. Preceded in death: two sisters, Deborah, Loretta. Visitation: Thursday, Dec. 15, 4-8 p.m., G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home and Friday, Dec. 16, 10-11 a.m., St. Joseph Catholic Church.

## Helen Williams Straubinger, Ed.D.

Helen Williams Straubinger, Ed.D., 80, Indianapolis, died Dec. 8, 2022. Survivors: daughter, Melissa Stehlik; son, Joel; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; one on the way; four siblings; former husband, David. Predeceased by two brothers. Visitation: Saturday, Dec. 17, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. service, Friedens United Church of Christ. G.H. Herrmann.

## Mary Rebecca Wallace

Mary Rebecca Wallace, 59, Indianapolis, died Dec. 5, 2022. Survivors: husband, William Wallace; children, Toni Stargell, Jimmie Harris, and Jeremiah Stargell; many grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Visitation was held Dec. 14 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Little & Sons, Beech Grove Chapel.

## Donald Henry Watness

Donald Henry Watness died Nov. 5, 2022. Survivors: wife, Helen D Watness; seven children, Robert D Watness (Theresa), Marinel (John) McAdams, Tim (Kay) Watness, Suzanne (Ted) Belcas, Donna Morrissey, Phil Watness, Jewel Margie Golden; 17 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. Arrangements handled by G.H. Herrmann.

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## Weekly Devotion



*And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.*

MATTHEW 18:3

Scripture tells us that to enter the kingdom of God we must first recognize that we are completely dependent upon God, our father in heaven, to provide for us all that we need. We are to humble ourselves like a child, having no social status or power by our might. This scripture holds additional meanings as well. As children we find ourselves willing to believe that all things are possible; however, as we "grow up" the world convinces us that miracles only happen in childhood fantasies. This holiday season I would encourage each and every reader to reconnect with that inner child who used to believe all things were possible, if only we could believe. One of my greatest childhood memories of Christmas involves just such a miracle. It was Christmas and I was 5 years old. The entire family gathered at my grandparents' home, excitedly

awaiting an appearance from Santa Clause. There was just one major problem. There was no snow for Santa to land his sleigh. My mother told me not to worry. She assured me that Santa always finds a way. Suddenly there was a "knock-knock-knock" and a "ho-ho-ho" at the door. I looked outside and to my surprise I saw my father's 3-wheel motorcycle in the driveway covered in Christmas lights and jingle bells. I was too afraid to sit on Santa's lap that year, but I will never forget how lucky I felt to know that my father was such good friends with Santa that he would let him borrow his trike! Later in life I found out they were more than just really good friends.

*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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