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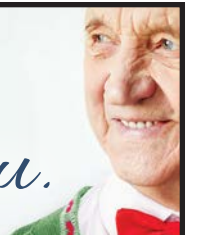


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Eric Moore, head coach of the Center Grove football team, bows his head during a fourth quarter drive during the IHSAA Class 6A State Championship game against the Westfield Shamrocks Nov. 27, 2021, at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis. (Photo by Jacob Musselman)

Center Grove and Carmel voted out of MIC

The six principals from the schools in the Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference voted unanimously on Monday to remove the Center Grove Trojans and Carmel Greyhounds from the conference. Now, the conference consists of Lawrence Central, Lawrence North, Warren Central, North Central, Pike High School and Ben Davis.

<https://ss-times.com/center-grove-and-carmel-voted-out-of-mic/>



The GCB poses for a photo together. (Photo provided by Andrew Angle)

Greenwood Community Band hosting annual Christmas Concert

Greater Greenwood Community Band is performing its annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 19 at 6:00 pm in the Greenwood High School auditorium. Narrated by Greenwood Mayor, Mark Myers, this musical event titled "Celebration For The Holidays" is packed with festive Christmas favorites, multimedia, special guests, and a visit from Santa.

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What is in your book of memories? (Photo by Rick Hinton)

The visions of those passing on

HAUNTS & JAUNTS

By Rick Hinton

Sleep is something we all need. Sleep is a break from our daily turmoil and a fresh transition to a new day. Sometimes it goes smoothly, without a hitch; sometimes it becomes something else. We all have moments when sleep gets a little quirky. However, for those facing their last days on earth, sleep becomes a form of sanctity. Hospice services have confirmed this, assisting those making their last journey to the other side. If you have helped to make this transition with a loved one, then you know of what I speak.

Death will come to us all. There's no avoiding it. It will happen at some point. Regardless of this realization—and cognitive of our mortality—we continue to sweep this uncomfortable destination under the rug, moving forward with what we're doing until health or other circumstances dictate otherwise. Suddenly our time in the sun is over. Drawing to a close replaces expectations that we'll continue about in a world we have known thus far. We might expect, by some miracle, to continue onward regardless. Only we don't....

Our health fails and the body begins to shut down. It could be a short process or stretch over several months or even years. The soul retreats into a refuge: a dream world of familiarity with people and places we were closest to in life. Death is the ultimate mystery. Hospice workers have revealed stories of the process of dying. Dr. Christopher Kerr, at Hospice Buffalo in New York State, and his team have been documenting the dreams and visions of dying patients for many years. They've found common threads: that dreams are often comforting and tend to make death less scary, and, when we have little time left, many of us may see the people and events we miss the most. "You're physically declining, but inside, you're very vibrant and alive," states Dr. Kerr.

Priest and writer Ralph Sarchie witnessed this for himself during the passing of his mother. "My mother was telling us about seeing my father and relatives before she passed away," he said. "She would also complain about seeing people she didn't know standing by her bed. Some of it frightened her, and I told her to call out for Jesus. He would protect her!"

I went through this with my mother's passing in 2015. That last week, hospice knew she was on a rapid decline. There was sleep...a lot of sleep, and dreams where she would speak in a (her) younger voice over the monitor in my sister-in-law's bedroom in the wee morning hours. There were times when she would come back completely lucid, and others when she was confused and frightened. She kept mentioning a strange man sitting in the corner of the room. He seemed to scare her. That last day she was in deep sleep, twitching in her bed with the death rattle in her throat. That evening she took her last breath with me holding her hand. It was over. My mother had moved on into the comforting arms of the Holy Father.

Skeptics often attribute these dying experiences—dreams and visions—to a chemical change in the brain as the body shuts down. I believe otherwise: that there is another realm that we will transition to when it is our time, where we will be reunited with the people that meant the most to us during our sojourn on this earth, and...they will guide us at the time we need them most—our death. My faith tells me this. I believe!

My website is rdhinton.com



Rick Hinton, a Southport resident, loves researching things that go bump in the night. His articles can be read on Facebook: Rick Hinton, Southport Paranormal Examiner. Hinton conducts paranormal investigations with his team, South Central Paranormal.

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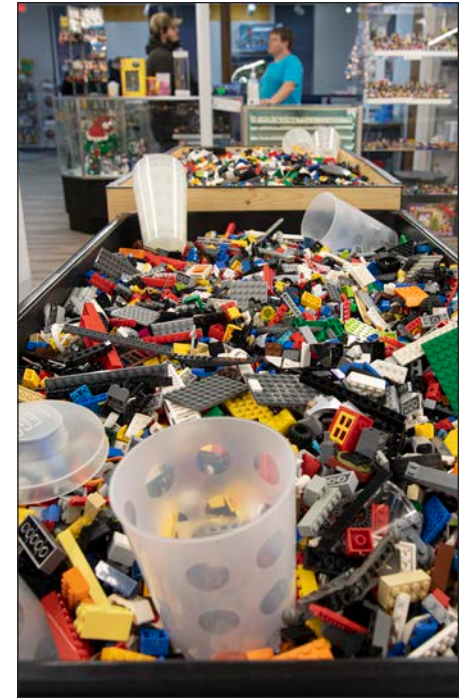
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(Cover) Thousands of tiny Lego mini figure heads lay in the creation bin Dec. 9, 2021, at It's A Block Party in Southport. | (From left) Doug Davis, owner of It's A Block Party, organizes a bin of bulk Lego Dec. 9, 2021, at It's A Block Party in Southport. | "Lego Doug" runs away from Asajj Ventress, a character in "Star Wars" in the Battle of Geonosis set in the middle of the store Dec. 9, 2021, at It's A Block Party in Southport. | Store employees talk at the counter Dec. 9, 2021, at It's A Block Party in Southport. (Photos by Jacob Musselman)

5,000 SQUARE FEET OF PURE LEGO

It's A Block Party moves to a brand new store, with more Lego than you can count

By Jacob Musselman

Many people collect things. Some collect pins, stickers or stamps, but Doug Davis, or "Lego Doug" as he's known in the Lego community, is the owner of It's A Block Party, collects Lego and a lot of them.

Davis has always been fascinated with Lego, which isn't a surprise, considering his father, a carpenter, was also obsessed with all things Lego. One of Davis' earlier memories is when he built an 8-foot by 8-foot spaceship on the hood of his dad's car, which inherently made it hard to drive.

"A lot of guys talk about their "dark ages" because they went to college or they got married and I never had that," he explained. "I've always played with Lego."

If you visited the store's old location on the corner of Madison Avenue and Main Street, walking into its new location on Southport Road will be a big surprise.

Davis estimates the new store has upwards of three million bricks inside and if there is a set or piece you want, he either has it, or can make a few phone calls and get the piece for you. He's got connections.

On Black Friday, Davis opened his store at its new location, just across the street from Long's Bakery, close to where he grew up.

"I've never lived more than 10 minutes

from where I grew up," he said.

Although his shop is close to home, Davis also travels frequently to Lego shows all across the country.

"We've been coast to coast. We've had shows all along the east coast and California." Davis explained. "Before COVID, we were doing 30 to 40 shows a year."

Davis jokes that if you look at his Google photo map, you can see a line across the country from all of their Lego travels.

All that traveling, he's been able to fine tune his setup. Now, he rolls with a custom, 18-foot trailer packed tightly full of Lego in addition to his brand new truck. That he traded Legos for.

He was able to trade Lego sets... For a new truck.

Traveling aside, Davis and his team have spent the past three months designing and building the layout for the new location.

As you walk in, prepare to be greeted by thousands of tiny mini figures and some of the stores' rarest sets for sale as well as a window where they handle purchases and trade-ins. From the front door, you can see directly to the back of the store, which is

something Davis said he wanted to do after moving from his 800-square foot store to his now, 5,000-square foot space. When designing the new store, he wanted it to feel open and not crowded like his other location.

"I've lost business from the old store because it was so small," Davis said.

He hopes the people who left the old store give them a second chance in their new location.

After walking past the 10,000 mini figures staring at you, floor to ceiling shelving units hold hundreds of new Lego sets including plenty of "Harry Potter," "Star Wars," and a multitude of other sets.

In the middle of the room are bins of every imaginable part and are sold by the cup. Purchasing by the pound is also available. He'll even sell you a pallet if you want it. Next to the cups of legos is a long table where you can build your own mini figure. Davis even had special torsos made to celebrate the inaugural opening of the new space.

Walking into the store, it's hard to miss

"A lot of guys talk about their "dark ages" because they went to college or they got married and I never had that. I've always played with Lego."

— Doug Davis

the huge "Star Wars" Battle of Geonosis display that is normally 20-feet-long but the space in the store limits it. Still, the massive Lego creation sits on a reinforced table in the store that will be updated on a monthly basis with different large-scale creations. Davis said a lot of people who start large-scale builds like this lay it out in a program where they can create plans for the build, but Davis doesn't do that.

"I'm a cut twice, measure once kind of guy," he said jokingly.

It's a process of trial and error but he said it's more fun to do it his way.

If you look carefully at the center of the droid battle, you can see a tiny Doug in his It's A Block Party shirt running away from the enemy droids. A few steps around the large build is the final puzzle piece, or Lego brick to this build.

The birthday room. Davis plans to be able to host Lego-themed birthday parties with building space and a spot for parents to sit and watch, or join the fun.

The new store has something for everyone, no matter their interest or age as well as price range.

It's A Block Party is located in the heart of Southport at 2220 E Southport Rd, Indianapolis and is open on Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday from 12-5 p.m.



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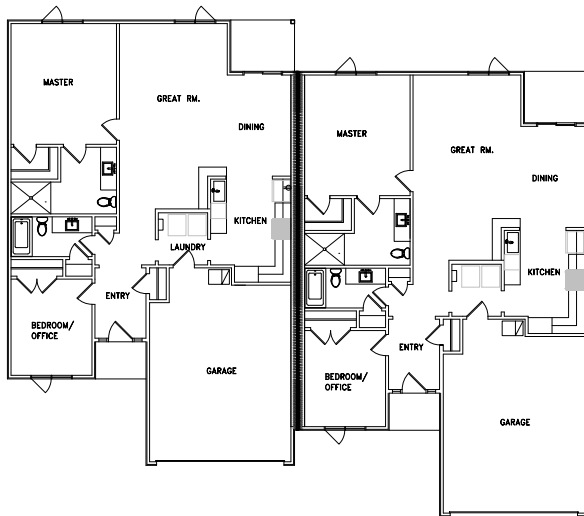
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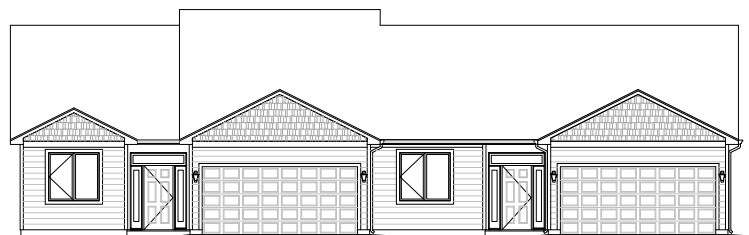
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Actors practice a scene during a production. (Photos provided by ONYXFest)

Full production grants available for Black playwrights throughout Indiana

FEATURE

By Jacob Musselman

ONYXFest, the first and only Indiana theater festival exclusively for African American playwrights, is looking to bring your scripts to life. Submissions will be accepted until midnight on March 15.

Lack of financial resources is often the most daunting obstacle for new writers trying to bring fresh, innovative story ideas from the pages of their script to the stage. The competition is designed to showcase the spectrum of stories that depict Black life and culture.

This competition is designed to showcase the broad spectrum of stories that depict Black life and culture. Vernon A. Williams, director of ONYXFest said in a press release, "This is an event that empowers Black artists to create their own narrative, to tell their own stories."

Playwrights will receive royalties along with stipends to pay actors, directors, lighting assistants and sound techni-

cians. The grant will include funds for set design, props, costume and makeup as well as the complete cost of theater rental for both rehearsal and performances.

"This is an opportunity of a lifetime for serious new playwrights with talent but no resources," Williams said in the same press release, adding that OnyxFest 2022 will also provide playwrights script development, marketing and advertising for productions along with video recordings and internet streaming of plays.

The release also states that entries must be original one-act plays between 45 minutes and an hour in length. There may also be no more than six characters per cast. The subject matter of the play is unrestricted. Williams recommends that writers avoid stereotypes, degrading or disrespectful portrayals of Black life and culture, and gratuitous violence or sexual content.

Entries will be judged by a jury of theatre professionals and five winners will be determined. Winners will be announced April 15, 2022.





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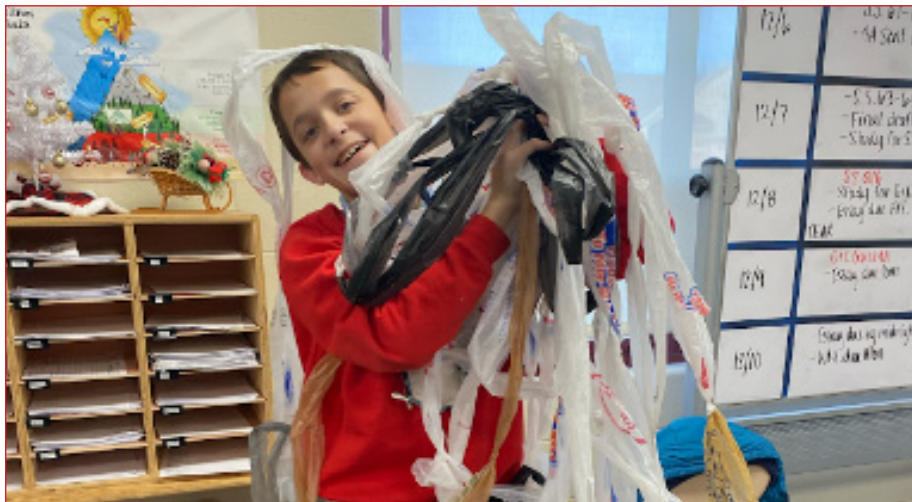
Ulindy basketball rolls to 6-3 on the season

By Jacob Musselman

Blurb: The University of Indianapolis Greyhounds are on a hot streak early in its season. Last Sunday, the Greyhounds won by their largest point margin in team history beating the St. Mary of the Woods College 86-41 at home. Greyhounds redshirt freshman guard Jesse Bingham leads the team with an average of 14.6 points per game (PPG). The Greyhounds head into more conference play throughout the rest of December, with one more opportunity to see them at home before the new year.

1. Greyhounds sophomore forward Kendrick Tchoua goes up to the basket during the second half against the Pomeroy Dec. 12, 2021, at Nicoson Hall in Indianapolis. 2. Greyhounds redshirt freshman guard Jesse Bingham gets the ball knocked out of his hands as he goes up to the basket during the first half against the Pomeroy Dec. 12, 2021, at Nicoson Hall in Indianapolis. 3. Greyhounds head coach Paul Corsaro talks with the team during a timeout against the Pomeroy Dec. 12, 2021, at Nicoson Hall in Indianapolis. 4. Greyhounds senior guard Dee Montgomery shoots a step-back three pointer against the Pomeroy Dec. 12, 2021, at Nicoson Hall in Indianapolis. (Photos by Jacob Musselman)

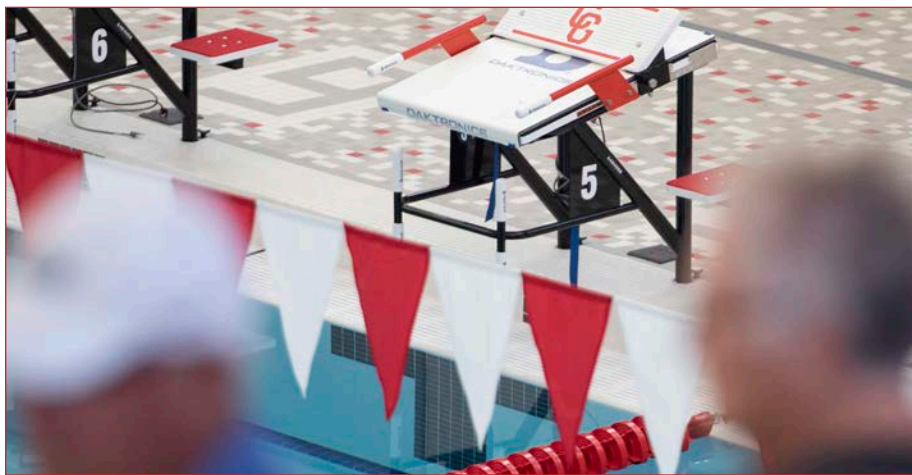
IN OUR SCHOOLS



Reggie Wilbur, a student at Nativity Catholic School holds the cut up, recycled grocery bags as a part of his service project. (Photo provided by Nativity Catholic School)

Nativity Catholic School students recycle for service project

Last week, members of the Nativity chapter of National Junior Honor Society worked with Ms. Emily Beikman, to help make sleeping mats out of recycled grocery bags for those who are experiencing homelessness. The members cut the bags into loops, which they then linked together by knotting them. These strands of bags will be crocheted into sleeping mats by Beikman and donated to a local shelter.



Members of the community tour the newly-opened natatorium at Center Grove High School. (Photo by Jacob Musselman)

There is a new community pool on the block. Pun intended.

Natatorium - Earlier this month, Center Grove opened up their brand new natatorium for public use a few days out of the week. The pool is open from 6:45-8 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. Now, you can't use this pool for free. In order to use the pool for community lap swim, the cost is \$25 for a monthly pass or \$20 for military, first responders and senior citizens. There is not

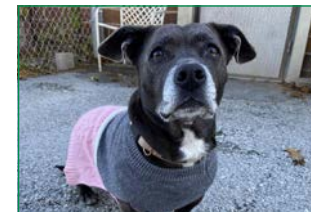
charge for Center Grove staff or Silver Card holders. If you are one of those eligible for a free swim pass, there is no need to purchase a pass. When arriving, show your staff ID or Silver card to the staff member present and sign in each time you enter. When arriving, you need to park in the lot directly in front of the natatorium in the lot off of Morgantown Road. Swim passes can be purchased at centergrove.k12.in.us. Other information, such as rules and sign ups for swimming lessons can be found on the website as well.

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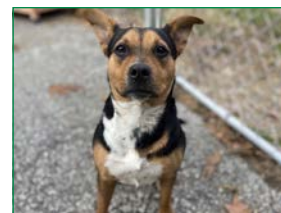
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Maurer. (Photo provided by Aspire)

lives in Bargersville with his wife, Jennifer. "I'm honored and excited to be a part of such a great organization, such as Aspire," Maurer said in a press release. "I am looking forward to the future, not only to see the business community expand and have impact, but to also experience human flourishing, here in Johnson County and southern Indianapolis."

BUSINESS

The new Center Grove Emergency Operations Center is almost complete

Construction - Project executive for AECOM Hunt, James Gulley spoke at the Dec. 13 Rotary meeting about the soon-to-open Center Grove Emergency Operation Center. The Operation Center is a joint venture between the Center Grove Community School Corporation and the White River Township Fire Department. The facility will include headquarters and live

monitoring space for the Center Grove Police Department, along with offices and a location for emergency vehicles and personnel for the White River Township Fire Department, and Johnson County Sheriff's Department. This will allow for quicker response times for emergencies in the area. The company partnered with CGHS and the WRTFD has also been involved with building Lucas Oil Stadium, Gainbridge Fieldhouse and the new Center Grove School Corporation Natatorium. The center is located at 2309 South Morgantown Road, Greenwood, just north of Center Grove Elementary School.



A digital rendering shows what the center will look like when completed. (Photo provided by Center Grove High School)

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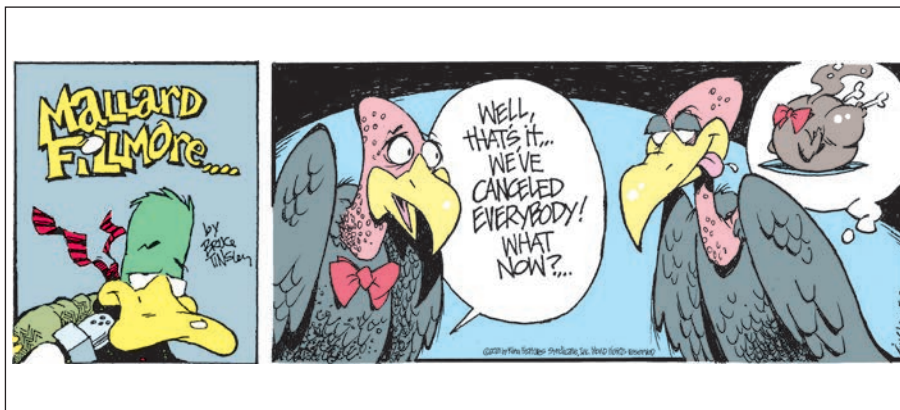
Keagan Rothrock, a junior at Roncalli, celebrates helping the USA Softball U18 Women's National Team win a gold medal at the 2021 Junior Pan American Games in Columbia. (Photo provided by Roncalli High School)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Know what sparks the light in you so that you, in your own way can illuminate the world.

– Oprah Winfrey

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HUMOR



Top Ten Complaints from Santa Claus in 2021

By Torry Stiles

10. "After Peter Dinklage and Warwick Davis made it big a lot of the elves have gone Hollywood on me."
9. "I was born over a thousand years ago. I don't have a passport or a driver's license. What makes people think I can produce a vaccine card?"
8. "A lot of kids are writing me emails and linking to the websites of toys they want. Now I've got a dozen Nigerian princes spamming me every day and some guy in Arkansas sending me naked pictures."
7. "The Labor Board keeps trying to fine me for child labor violations. They're elves! The youngest one is Jeff over in the warehouse and he was born in 1637."
6. "People keep mistaking me for Ed Asner."
5. "FAA rules don't allow a red light in front and Rudolph gets carsick facing backwards."
4. "Magic corn prices are through the roof so I've been running the reindeer on E-85."
3. "They're paying fifteen bucks an hour to start at McDonald's. How am I gonna get somebody to carve wooden trains for room, board and all the hot chocolate they can drink?"
2. "Somebody in the body shop painted, 'Let's go Brandon!' on the bottom of the sled."
1. "Elon Musk won't stop bugging me about the magic reindeer thing."

BELIEVE IT!

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

In Vermont, it is illegal to paint a horse.

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- 7. Beazer Homes blueprint bit
- 11. Pen name
- 14. Fountain County city on the Wabash River
- 15. State Rep. Morrison
- 16. Nutritional fig.
- 17. "The ___ Cometh"
- 18. Clothing
- 19. Lucas lubricant
- 20. Indiana
- 23. Disparage
- 26. "What's the ___?"
- 27. Austen heroine
- 28. LouVino, e.g.
- 31. Asian cuisine
- 34. Zoeller, Hill and Rokita, initially
- 35. Annoys
- 37. Evaluate
- 41. Indiana
- 44. Plays a guitar
- 45. Eight-track or cassette
- 46. 50-50, say
- 47. Timid
- 49. Took ill
- 51. Colts shutout, on a scoreboard
- 54. Scot's denial
- 56. Angels and Demons Tattoo supplies
- 57. Indiana
- 62. Had a ribeye at Stone Creek
- 63. Start of a Buck Creek Players play
- 64. Display a notice publicly, informally

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NIGHT & DAY

LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT ENTERTAINING

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BEECH GROVE

Zek's Foundation of Hope pictures • Come take your photo with the Grinch. Bring up to four people and pose for a photo with "the mean one" this Holiday season. Pre-sale highly recommended. Cash payments will be accepted at the event, however time slots can not be guaranteed. Tickets are \$20. | When: Dec. 18, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. | Where: 602 Main St. Beech Grove. | Info: allevents.in

Cookies and Canvas • Do you like cookies? Do you like painting? Cheerie Joy Studios is hosting an hour-long painting class with cookies! | When: Dec. 18, from 2:30-3:30 p.m. | Where: 305 Main St. Beech Grove. | Info: allevents.in

Main Street Polar Express • Travel up and down Main Street and check out all the businesses for treats, crafts, games and more. More details to come in the future. | When: Dec. 18, from noon-1:30 p.m. | Facebook: Next Stop Beech Grove

Lineage Research Workshop • Adults are invited for a free session with representatives from the Samuel Bryan Chapter of the D.A.R. who will provide assistance with genealogy research using Ancestry.com and other online sources. Registration required. Stop in at the branch or call 317-275-4560 to register. | When: Dec. 20, from 3-8 p.m. | Where: Beech Grove Public Library branch 1102 Main St. Beech Grove. | Info: indianapolis.libnet.info

GREENWOOD

Pancakes with Santa • Santa is making a special stop at The Sycamore. Kids of all ages are invited to join for a breakfast followed by photos with Santa. | When: Dec. 18, starting at 9 a.m. | Where: The Sycamore at Mallow Run, 7070 W. Whiteland Rd., Bargersville. | Info: mal-lowrun.com

Valentine's Dance • Put on your dancing shoes and grab the little ones for an evening of love, fun and community celebration. More information will come soon. | When: Feb. 11, from 6-8 p.m. | Info: greenwood.in.gov

Engaged in Indiana Wedding Show • See the latest trends in designs, colors and tastes

for your wedding celebration. | When: Feb. 20, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. | Where: The Nest Event Center 400 Byrd Way | Facebook: Engaged Indiana Wedding Shows

Live Nativity • The First Baptist Church of Greenwood is hosting its annual live nativity scene for all to come. | When: Dec. 17, from 6-8 p.m. | Where: 99 W. Main St. in Greenwood, IN. | Facebook: The First Baptist Church of Greenwood

Santa at The Sycamore • Although he's busy, Santa will be stopping by The Sycamore at Mallow Run for a night. Kids of all ages are invited to join for a breakfast buffet and to take pictures with the big man. Christmas crafts will also be available to make and for parents, the bard will be open and selling mimosas, bloody Marys as well as specialty coffee drinks. | When: Dec. 18, from 9-11 a.m. or 12-2 p.m. | Info: mal-lowrun.com

Afternoon of Art Fun • The Teal Canary and The Blissful Baker have paired up for an afternoon of fun. Come and make an ornament with Amy, owner of the studio, and decorate a Paint Your Own Cookie with Christy! You will visit 2 stations where Amy and Christy will be to assist students as they make beautiful Christmas art. | When: Dec. 18, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. | Where: Teal Canary 199 N. Madison Ave. | Info: allevents.in

The Peach Truck Winter Tour • Peaches in the winter??? Come to the Greenwood Park Mall for their first-ever winter tour of The Peach Truck to get your sweet, juicy, remarkable satsumas, pecans, and our beloved peach cobbler kits—perfect for making all of your holiday gatherings extra special. | When: Dec. 19, from 12-1 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Park Mall 1251 U.S. Highway 31 N. | Info: allevents.in

Adam Minnick at Guttys • Have some clean laughs with your friends at Guttys. | When: Jan. 7 and 7, from 7:30-9 p.m. | Where: Guttys Comedy Club 1251 U.S. Highway 31 North | Info: <https://indiana.guttyscomedyclub.com/>

CENTER GROVE

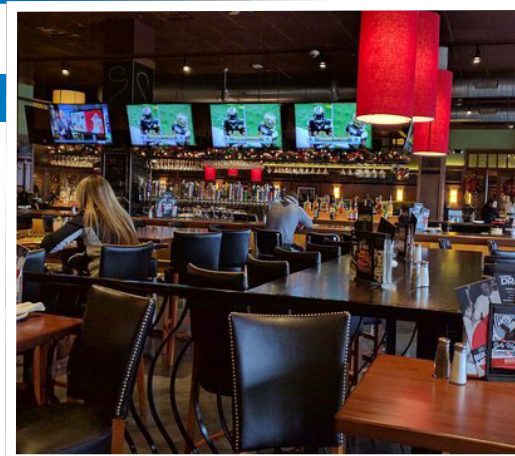
Rock and Roll Christmas concert • Listen to your favorite Christmas songs and benefit

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AN OPTION

Bar Louie has every day of the week done

Located on the edge of the Greenwood Park Mall, Bar Louie updates their menu quarterly to bring you coming back to try new things. This quarter, their special is a poutine burger, which blends flavors from the United States and Canada. Poutine is a traditional Canadian dish which features french fries or some form of potato topped with cheese curds and gravy. BL thought to put french fries, cheese curds and gravy on top of a burger, made with house seasoning and a burger made from a blend of beef brisket, short rib and ground chuck. If you're at the Greenwood Park Mall to do some holiday shopping, stop by for a quick lunch or stay for dinner.



From flatbreads to burgers, Bar Louie has something for everybody. (Photo courtesy of TripAdvisor)

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SPOTLIGHT



The SAL is located just off Main Street in downtown Greenwood. (Southside Times photo archive)

Retired Hoosier artist to kick off 'guest artist' series with former news cartoonist

Cartoons - As far back as 1754, many newspapers have included a cartoon section. Sometimes they are in the form of a political expression or a varying point of view. Next month, at the Southside Art League, former Indianapolis Star cartoonist and lifelong Hoosier, Jerry Barnett will be the feature artist for their guest artist exhibition. Barnett, an Evansville native is the son of a coal miner. But in the fifth grade, his art teacher encouraged him to explore his art skills and pursue a career as an artist. After high school, Barnett attended the Herron School of Art where he met his wife. After two years of schooling, he left school to become a freelance artist. He also spent time touching up photos for production at the Indianapolis Star and News. A few years later, he was hired for his dream job as an editorial cartoonist where would go on to draw thousands of cartoons. Barnett is 84 years old and continues to draw cartoons. His artwork will be displayed from Jan. 5-29 at the Southside Art League (SAL) Off Broadway Gallery located at 299 E. Broadway St. in Greenwood. During the exhibition, it will be open from Wednesday through Saturday from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

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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 US 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, its 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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a great cause. This concert will benefit The Refuge, we are asking that you bring canned goods so we can donate them to The Refuge. Then enjoy some classic Christmas Music and Cookies afterward. | When: Dec. 19, from 7-9 p.m. | Where: Center Grove Church 2340 S. State Rd. 135 | Info: allevents.in

90 Proof New Years Eve concert at Ale Emporium • Do you enjoy country and rock and roll and love beer? Come listen to 90 Proof on New Years Eve. | When: Dec. 31, starting at 8 p.m. | Where: Ale Emporium 997 E. County Line Rd. | Info: allevents.in

Amplifei'd Christmas • Christmas cheer, food, fun and music. Come and hang out with Robert & Laura and other Amplifei'd leaders and celebrate the end of 2021 and bring on 2022 with a bang. | When: Dec. 18, from 7-10 p.m. | Where: 146 S. Park Blvd. | Info: allevents.in

Cookie decorating class • During the class, you will decorate 5 themed cookies step-by-step. | When: Jan. 26, from 6-8 p.m. | Where: 199 N. Madison Ave. | Info: www.theblissfulbaker317.com.

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Don't get upset by these vintage Christmas terms

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

It's that time of year when we tune into the local Christmas station on the radio. After a five-minute commercial block, you hear some pop star over-sing a traditional, public domain holiday song. This type of Christmas album is, as Lucy Van Pelt tells Charlie Brown, "a big commercial racket."

While the pop stars cash in on traditional songs without owing royalties to the original authors, I catch myself listening to the unique, seasonal lyrics. In fact, many of our Christmas songs have strange, almost archaic terms in them. Let's unpack a few of these old-fashioned words.

The first term is an antiquated word duo: lo and hark. We find the word "lo" in both "Go Tell It On the Mountain" and "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming." It's a word used to call attention to something.

We find "hark" in the well-known car-

ol "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing." "Hark" means to tell someone to listen or to pay attention. Both "lo" and "hark" are ways to get people's attention in an exclamatory way. They are the modern equivalent of "Hey!" or "Listen up!"

When's the last time you "trolled the ancient Yuletide carol"? For me, it's been a while. In modern times, "troll" means to harass someone on the internet by making controversial comments, usually in an obnoxious way. When "Deck the Halls" was written in 1862, "troll" meant to sing in a "full, rolling voice" or to "chant merrily or jovially."

In the lesser-known second verse of "Jingle Bells," we hear the line "We got into a drifted bank /

And then we got upset." With some context clues, you can surmise that the person singing the song, along with Miss Fanny Bright, somehow crashed the sled into a snowbank. When "Jingle Bells" was written in 1857, "upset" meant literally to capsize or get turned over. It also meant to

become upset.

Let's tackle the strange word "Yule." Is yule a type of nog? Is it a misspelling of "you'll?" Yule (sometimes called "Yuletide" or "Yulefest") began as a pagan celebration in Scandinavia. As Christianity often did, it absorbed the holiday of Yule and replaced it with the celebration of the birth of Jesus, observed in the "mass of Christ," or "Christmas." As Yule took place from late December to early January, Christmas took over the calendar spot from the displaced holiday.

The next time you hear an autotuned, nasal rendition of an old holiday tune, at least you'll know what some of these by-gone terms mean.



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

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Puzzle Time Answers

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Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:

Towns: DIXON, FLORENCE, HENDERSON, LOUISVILLE, OWENSBORO, UNIONTOWN

Words: BISEXUAL, GAY, LESBIAN, QUEER, TRANSGENDER

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Reservoir: MORSE

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7 tips to keep your pet and home safe

REAL ESTATE

By Dawn Whalen
Whalen Realty Group

The holidays are popular time for families to adopt a new pet, whether it be a dog, cat, lizard or other fluffy or scaly creature. It makes sense to prepare for a new pet by purchasing bedding, toys, food and other necessities and accessories, but it's important to not forget to protect one of the family's most valuable investments, the home. Pet-proofing a home can mean the difference between a happy pet/owner relationship and one filled with frustration or even regret. Here's a few tips on keeping the newest family member safe, while limiting damage to the home.

- Regardless of the animal, cords can

be an enticing chew toy, especially for young pets, like puppies or kittens. Make sure cords are tucked away or safely covered.

- If the home has a fireplace, purchase a sturdy screen to keep animals out of potentially dangerous situations.
- Be aware of the types of plants in and around the home, and make sure they are not toxic to your pet. Aloe vera, poinsettias, jade plants and daylilies are all toxic to pets, to name a few.
- If the pet is younger or never lived in a home, consider creating a barrier around the Christmas tree to prevent accidents or unwanted tree climbing.
- Pets love food and are experts at begging. The list of foods that are toxic to pets is surprising. Keep chocolate, onions, avocados and other popular

foods out of reach in the kitchen, pantry and on tables. Avoid leaving sweets and large plates of food unattended and within easy reach of long snoots or paws.

- Buy a trash can with a lid and try to not throw food in trash bins without a cover. This can prevent pets from eating foods they shouldn't or cutting their mouths on the lids of cans or other objects.
- Certain breeds of dogs and cats, enjoy burrowing and making themselves a nest to sleep. Give the pet a designated bed with plenty of blankets and fabric to build a nest so they're not tempted to tear up the couch or human bed.
- Puppies love to chew. Have ample chew toys available to limit any damage to cabinet corners or baseboards, which

seem to be popular choices among teething puppies.

Bringing a pet into the home is fun and exciting, but it can also lead to headaches if the family is not prepared. Pet-proofing the home allows the pet a safe place to live, while keeping the house from significant damage. Potential buyers can tell if a home has pets, and keeping the windows, floors, walls and landscaping pet-friendly and safe will go a long way in selling the property down the road.



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AROUND TOWN



A Salvation Army volunteer stands outside of a supermarket entrance. (Photo courtesy of Wikimedia Commons)

The Salvation Army to challenge bank customers for donations

Giving - The local Indianapolis Salvation Army announced a special challenge in partnering with Horizon Bank. Six locations around the Southside and Indianapolis will be competing in a competition to raise money on Dec. 17. Each location will try to raise \$3,000 which will be marched by Horizon Bank. For one day only, Horizon Bank customers will have an opportunity to double their impact. "We are proud to support The Salvation Army's kettle drive again this year," said Joe Wallace, Community Leader with Horizon Bank in a press release. "With this drive and their other initiatives, they are doing an excellent job serving the most vulnerable populations in our local communities."

The three Southside locations are:

507 Three Notch Ln, Bargersville
151 Marlin Dr, Greenwood
942 US 31, Greenwood

All three locations will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on that day.



Two Franklin College students perform in a collegiate singing competition. (Photo provided by Franklin College)

Two Southsiders place in collegiate singing competition

Singing - Twelve voice students from Franklin College, including two Southsiders, recently competed against students from colleges and universities all across Indiana in the 2021 Indiana National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) Competition. The first place student in the Musical Theater Adult Tenor/ Bass/ Baritone category was Nate Irskens, a sophomore theatre major from Greenwood. Second place was brought home by Rachel Krodell, a senior music major from Greenwood in the Musical Theater Treble category. The annual contest is open to all students of NATS members. Franklin College Assistant Professor of Music and Voice Director Eric DeForest, DMA, is a member of the organization. Students competed in both musical theater and classical categories by submitting videos of their performances. Each student was assisted with their presentations by Franklin College Music Department Accompanist Chang Shen. Of the 12 students competing, seven placed in their categories, with Franklin College producing the most winners of any school in the state in the musical theater category. Along with an award certificate, each student received a small cash prize. "I am so very proud of each and every one of my students who entered this competition," DeForest said in a press release. "They have worked so hard to hone their skills and having results like this are a testament to how that hard work can pay off! It brings me so much joy to see them succeed!"

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Douglas A. "Doug" Johnson

Douglas A. "Doug" Johnson, 38, passed away at Franciscan Hospital on December 8, 2021. He was born February 16, 1983 at St. Francis in Beech Grove. He was the loving son of David and Mame (Hurrle) Johnson and brother to Tricia (Adam) Hist. He graduated from Southport High School in the class of 2001 and made a career in trucking logistics beginning with many years at UPS and other logistics firms. He loved being outdoors and was an avid fisherman. A dirt bike enthusiast, an animal lover, and working on cars with his dad were just a few of Doug's favorite things. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Doug's Life Celebration® visitation will be held at O'Riley Funeral Home, 6107 South East Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46227 on Thursday, December 16, 2021 from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. The funeral service will begin in the funeral home on Thursday at 7:00 PM with prayers being led by Father Tim Wyciskalla. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Mark Catholic School, 525 East Edgewood

Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46227. Please visit www.ORileyFuneralHome.com to sign the online guest registry.

Michael John Buse

Michael John Buse, age 75, of Beech Grove, Indiana passed away on Monday, December 13, 2021. Michael was born February 26, 1946.

Joshua Hamilton Jaquess

Joshua Hamilton Jaquess, age 26, of Indianapolis, Indiana passed away on Wednesday, December 1, 2021. He was born June 9, 1995 in Beech Grove, Indiana to Larry and Susan. Joshua graduated from Franklin Central High School in 2013.

Ruby Walters Shirley

Ruby Walters Shirley, age 100, of Beech Grove, Indiana passed away on Thursday, December 9, 2021.

Mary Della (Wicks) Shepherd

Mary Della (Wicks) Shepherd, age 90, of Indianapolis, Indiana passed away on Tuesday, November 30, 2021. Mary was born February 4, 1931 in Indianapolis, Indiana to Harold and Wilma. Mary was a member of Shelbyville Road Church of Christ.

James Donald "Don" Gardner

James Donald "Don" Gardner, 88, of Beech Grove, Indiana passed away on Wednesday, November 17, 2021. Don was born on July 15, 1933 to the late Eugene and Edna (Massey) Gardner in Somerset, Kentucky.

Roland Eugene Chastain

Roland Eugene Chastain, 86, of Indianapolis, passed away Sunday, December 5, 2021. Roland was born in Indianapolis, IN on March 4, 1935, a son of the late Matthew and Eleanor (Green) Chastain. Roland married the love of his life, Patricia Salrin on August 25, 1956.

Basic death notices (up to 50 words) are printed free of charge. Personalized Obituaries exceeding 50 words will be charged at a rate of \$12 for the first 60 words and 10 cents for each additional word. Full-color photographs may be included for an additional \$10. Funeral directors are encouraged to send obituaries and photos to news@ss-times.com. Information received by noon Tuesday will be published Thursday, space permitting.



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Calvary Lutheran Church and School • 6111 Shelby St., Indianapolis | (317) 783-2000 | info@clcs.org | clcs.org | Sat: 6:30 p.m. | Sun: 8 & 10:45 a.m. | Sunday

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✠ **NON-DENOMINATIONAL**

Emmanuel Church: Banta Campus • 6602 S. Harding St., Indpls. | Ph: (317) 535-9673. | Pr. Aaron Beasley. | Sun.: 9 & 11 a.m. | eclife.org.

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4 Which had the golden censer, and the ark of the covenant overlaid roundabout with gold, wherein was the golden pot that had manna, and Aaron's rod that budded, and the tables of the covenant;

5 And over it the cherubims of glory shadowing the mercy seat; of which we cannot now speak particularly.

6 Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God.

HEBREWS 9:4-6

One thing that so many people miss when they read and even study the Bible is that with His written Word, God is attempting to tell us something. It is shrouded in mystery in the Old Testament but openly revealed in the New. The mystery of the Gospel of Jesus Christ is concealed in the words of the Law and the prophets and the actions of God in the Old Testament. What God was doing was preparing us for the amazing news that Christ (Messiah) would bring with Him when He came.

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ers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also He made the worlds; 3 Who being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; 4 Being made so much better than the angels, as He hath by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they."

In the creation, the destruction, the resurrection of the human race and the creation of Israel is the hidden agenda of God which was and is and always will be the salvation of that race. God wants to save us from sin and self. Our only salvation is to believe God by listening to His Son. Question is, will you ever hear the message? That, my friends, is up to you and not God.

God bless and go and have a great day.

Paul A. Kirby is the pastor at the Church of God at 3939 S. Emerson Ave.

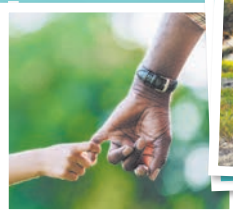
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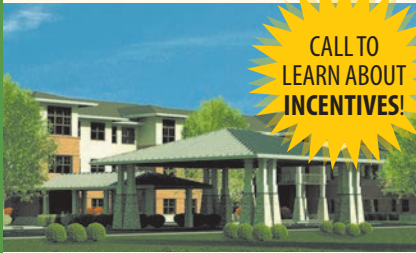
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