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Aspire President and CEO Christian Maslowski said Indiana is presented with a number of opportunities to help the state attract and keep more Hoosiers participating in the labor force. (Submitted photo)

Aspire announces 2023 legislative priorities

Aspire Johnson County has announced its priorities for the 2023 Indiana General Assembly session, which include public funding for quality early childhood education – from daycare to PreK for Hoosier children, especially for those from income-limited families; policies and local government incentives that promote attainable housing for all income earnings; and limited government interference in the free market.

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Christine Morris is a Southside Indianapolis resident. (Submitted photo)

Franklin College awards staff service excellence award to Christine Morris

Christine Morris, an academic administrative assistant for the fine arts division at Franklin College, has received the Margaret A. Hommell Staff Service Excellence Award, named in memory of the late Margaret A. Hommell, a Franklin College staff member who served on the award selection committee for several years and passed away in October 2006. Morris began working at Franklin College in 2005 in the Institutional Advancement division. Full-time employees celebrating a milestone anniversary with the college were also honored for their years of service.

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Topics in History: History through Film

A Southport student review of the 1948 movie Bicycle Thieves

Topics is a course at Southport High School taught by Kevin Sanders that analyzes major events from United States and world history through Hollywood films that attempt to portray those events. Students investigate historical documents and other sources to determine if a film is historically accurate.

The goal is for students to develop deeper understandings of the historical discipline while generating questions about the way the world is around them, along with watching classical films that have graced American and international screens.

Student: Tyler Alstott
Film Reviewed: Bicycle Thieves

The 1948 release of Vittorio De Sica's renowned Italian neorealist movie *Bicycle Thieves* marked its debut. The movie centers on Antonio Ricci, a destitute billboard vendor who rides his bicycle to work in post-World War II Rome. When Antonio's bicycle is stolen, he and his little son Bruno go out in a frantic attempt to find it. Their journey through Rome's streets exposes the brutal reality of life for the city's impoverished.

The portrayal of post-war Italy and the problems of the working class in *Bicycle Thieves* is one of the reasons it is regarded as a classic movie. De Sica uses the story of Antonio and Bruno to highlight the challenging circumstances that many people in Rome were forced to endure during a period of severe economic distress and social upheaval. The movie provides a potent and

dramatic reflection on the human condition and the tenacity of the human spirit through the depiction of Antonio's daily efforts to make ends meet and provide for his family.

Neorealist methods and aesthetics are employed in *Bicycle Thieves*, which is another factor contributing to its excellence. Following WW II, the Italian cinema industry experienced the emergence of neorealism, which was defined by the portrayal of everyday people's lives using amateur performers, on-location shooting, and real-life scenarios. With its use of amateur performers, accurate portrayal of Rome's streets and neighborhoods, and emphasis on the day-to-day lives of its characters, *Bicycle Thieves* is a classic example of this genre.

In addition to its neorealist style and its portrayal of post-war Italy, *Bicycle Thieves* is also a great film because of its strong emotional impact. The film is a deeply moving and poignant tale of a father's love for his son and his desperate efforts to provide for his family. Antonio's search for his stolen bicycle becomes a metaphor for the struggle to survive in a difficult and uncertain world, and the film ultimately offers a powerful and poignant portrayal of the human condition.

In the end, *Bicycle Thieves* is a great film because of its authentic portrayal of post-war Italy, its use of neorealist techniques and aesthetics, and its strong emotional impact. It is a timeless and enduring classic that continues to resonate with audiences today.



AROUND TOWN

Guidelines for Indianapolis' Christmas tree mulching program

Post-Holiday - The Indianapolis Department of Public Works (DPW) and Indy Parks will once again begin accepting real Christmas trees for mulching at multiple drop-off locations in public parks throughout the city from Sunday, Dec. 25 through Tuesday, Jan. 31. Marion County residents are encouraged to drop off their real trees at these seven different locations so they may be mulched into soil blends for a second life. Dead trees in homes pose a fire hazard, so those without the ability to compost or mulch trees on their property have the opportunity to drop them off at one of the below sites. Any and all tree stands, skirts, ornaments, tinsel, lights, garland, popcorn, stowaways, and all other decorative materials **MUST** be removed prior to drop off. Trees should be dropped off only at the specially designated area within the park, and only between dawn and dusk. Drop-off locations include Garfield Park, 2432 Conservatory Drive, in front of the MacAllister Amphitheater; and Perry Park, 451 E. Stop 11 Road, to the left of the Stop 11 main entrance.



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(Cover) Delivering and installing smoke detectors to residents in need as a volunteer for the Red Cross. | (Left) Stephanie with her granddaughter. Stephanie is a big supporter of Down Syndrome. | (Right) A bus trip for Beech Grove senior citizens to Church Hill Downs. (Submitted photos)

2022 Southside Times Person of the Year: Stephanie Bramlett

Serving seniors and the overall community with all her heart

By Todd Travis

As director of the Beech Grove Senior Center, Stephanie Bramlett's passion for the community inspires her to do much more than her job entails. From cooking to running a food pantry to picking up seniors to run errands, Bramlett works tirelessly to serve seniors. As well, she spends countless hours planning the city's annual Christmas parade. The dedication to her community is why she has been named The Southside Times Person of the Year.

Going above and beyond

A common phrase that people mention when referring to Bramlett is "going above and beyond."

"She gets calls from other people from across the county, asking about the senior citizens center and whether they can join and tells them they're welcome to join. She will take anyone, if they fit in the age bracket, she will take them," said Jim Coffman, Beech Grove Clerk Treasurer and owner of Eckstein Shoe Store.

"They go on daily trips to go out for a fancy meal or to go shopping. She's taken them to the Kentucky Derby and just recently took them on a trip to Gatlinburg. This helps to keep them busy and get out

of the house. It was tough the last couple years everyone being cooped up with Covid, so it's become that much more important for her to do these things," Coffman added.

Generously giving

Marsha Dorsey has a long history with the senior center. Her father Paul Hougland was a city councilor under Mayor Elton H. Geshwiler. He proposed the idea to buy the department store that had previously been located where the senior center was originally built. She is proud to say that her daughter is a fourth-generation Beech Grove citizen.

Dorsey remembers a time joining Bramlett at Wheatley's for lunch. After returning, Bramlett asked Dorsey to join her as she delivered meals to a couple of shut-ins

who had previously been able to come to the senior citizens center but were no longer physically able. The two ladies didn't even know that Bramlett was even coming.

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— Jim Coffman

"Bramlett just knew that the two ladies liked the items on the Wheatley's menu and decided to surprise them with the meals and pay for them herself," Dorsey recalled.

"That's just the type of person she is," she added.

"Her people"

Bramlett has a special heart for senior citizens. She has been known to refer to them as "her people." Amazingly, with all the passion she has for senior citizens, she also finds time to serve her family and the children in the community as well.

"She takes care of the house and the grandkids. When family members come

down to visit, she takes care of them too. She's a great host for any of the events we hold. She'd do anything for anybody," said her husband, Steven Bramlett.

"She spends over a month planning for the yearly Christmas parade and makes sure that the kids have something special to remember. Some may not have the money to go and take pictures with Santa. She does this so they can see Santa and take pictures because that's what she always enjoyed about Christmas," he continued.

Bringing Santa back

She knew how important the Christmas parade was to the children in the community but also for the senior citizens who are able to bring their grandchildren along. That's why she pushed to bring it back and along with it, the vintage fire truck bringing Santa along.

It's no surprise that Bramlett has been selected as The Southside Times Person of the Year. Her praises are sung those who come in contact with her. All the while, she doesn't seek the spotlight or any special attention. She finds joy in what she does and that's enough for her. Today, we celebrate and applaud her for all that she does for the Southside community.

Eskenazi Health and the Indiana Diaper Bank partnership help families with diaper essentials

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

Diaper need is defined by the lack of a sufficient supply of diapers to keep a baby or toddler clean, dry and healthy, which is a serious and pervasive issue that impacts the physical, mental and economic well-being of many children and families.

A number of recent studies found that approximately one-third of U.S. families with young children are unable to afford the diapers necessary to keep their babies healthy. The main reason for this is the unfortunate scenario that it takes a lot of diapers to properly care and protect the youngest among us, and purchasing them can put a real strain on a family's budget.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, a baby needs between six and 12 diapers each day, sometimes more in the early weeks, causing families to spend close to \$936 on disposable diapers in the first year (about \$18 per week).

Seeing this as an important and serious issue for many of her fellow Hoosiers, mother of two Rachael Suskovich determined that something had to be done to help those in need. In 2016 she took it upon herself to work to establish the Indiana Diaper Bank that recently partnered with Eskenazi Health in forming the Eskenazi Health Diaper program that provides needy Marion County families with the diapers they need and cannot afford.

Eskenazi Health providers know how important access to diapers is to the well-being of a child, as well as the financial well-being of the family. The Indiana Diaper Bank collects diapers and distributes them through community partners like Eskenazi Health, to the parents and their children who need them. By distributing to non-profit partner organizations including homeless and domestic violence shelters, day care programs, foster care programs and children's hospitals, the Indiana Diaper Bank endeavors to serve more children in Indiana for a broader impact.

Eskenazi Health patients

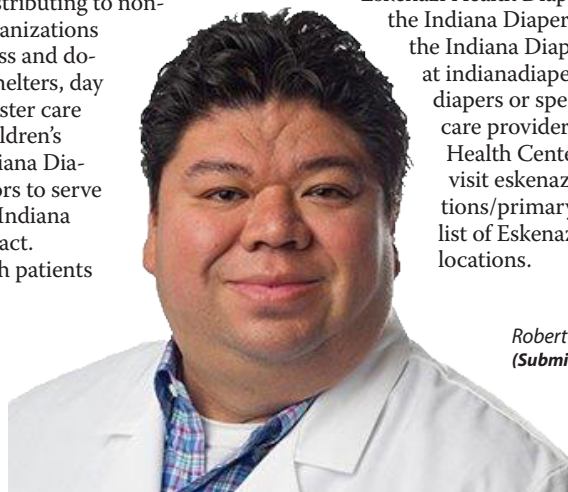
are screened for social factors such as food, housing and transportation insecurities. With the addition of the Eskenazi Health Diaper Program, patients at birth to 3 years of age will now be screened for diaper needs. Similar to how Eskenazi Health supports patients with housing, food and transportation necessities, qualifying patients will now receive diapers for their children.

According to the Indiana Diaper Bank, which distributes approximately 40,000 diapers each month, Indiana ranks higher than the national average for children living in poverty. Those children are at greatest risk of diaper need and the effects that brings. Until recently, these struggling families had very few places to turn for frontline diaper programs.

Changing diapers when needed is important for a number of reasons including:

- **Health** — Babies are more vulnerable to painful rashes and urinary tract infections, leading to more trips to the doctor.
 - **Missing work or school** — Three in five parents miss work or school because they cannot afford the diapers needed to leave their baby at child-care.
 - **Development** — A wet or dirty diaper prohibits babies from engaging and exploring their environments.
- Stress** — Parents dealing with poverty might have to choose among buying food, paying bills, or buying diapers. That's why one-third of households get stressed over diapers.

Diapers are available at Eskenazi Health Center locations to Eskenazi Health patients through the partnership with the Indiana Diaper Bank and direct donations received from the community. Individuals interested in learning more or becoming involved in the Eskenazi Health Diaper Program or the Indiana Diaper Bank may visit the Indiana Diaper Bank website at indianadiaperbank.org/give-diapers or speak with a health care provider at an Eskenazi Health Center location. Please visit eskenazihealth.edu/locations/primary-care-sites for a list of Eskenazi Health Center locations.



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(Left) DAR Indiana State Regent Cherie Baxter speaks to five local chapters at November event. | (Above) Cherie Baxter stands at the USO table. (Provided photos)

Mary Bryan Chapter of DAR hosts multi-chapter visit from Indiana DAR state regent

Dedication to Veterans - On Nov. 7, five local chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution welcomed Indiana DAR State Regent, Cherie Baxter as the guest speaker for the evening. The Mary Bryan Chapter hosted the event held at the Mizo Christian Church in Southport assisted by the Samuel Bryan Chapter from Beech Grove, New Bethel Chapter from Wanamaker, Alexander Hamilton Chapter from Franklin and the Mary Mott Green Chapter from Shelbyville. In honor of the State Regent's dedication to veterans and their families, all members attending brought donations of food items for the USO at Camp Atterbury. All chapters presented gifts to Mrs. Baxter after her program. Following the meeting, chapters had the opportunity to have photos taken with the State Regent and enjoyed refreshments during a social time before ending the event.



Olivia Jackson, of Roncalli High School, and Jonathan Reid, of Franklin Central High School. (Submitted photos)

DAR's Samuel Bryan Chapter recognizes Good Citizens

Scholarship Contest - The Samuel Bryan Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) recognized the winners of its chapter's Good Citizen Award. The DAR Good Citizens program and Scholarship Contest is intended to encourage and reward the sparkling qualities of good citizenship in our students. Five area schools submitted their chosen student's essays in hopes of winning the chapter scholarship. The winner of the 2022 Good Citizen scholarship award for the Samuel Bryan Chapter is Olivia Jackson, who was chosen by Roncalli High School. Olivia's essay will now be forwarded to the state level for additional scholarship considerations. If chosen at the state level, her essay would be sent to Washington, DC for national recognition. Receiving award certificates were the following students: Jonathan Reid was selected by Franklin Central High School; Sarah Tepp was selected by Beech Grove High School; Sarah Bennett was selected by Southport High School; and Dirk Soughan was selected by Perry Meridian High School. For more information about the Samuel Bryan Chapter, email samuelbryanchapterdar@gmail.com or visit samuelbryanchapterdar.com.

ON CAMPUS

Jeremiah Ford graduates from Manchester University

Graduation - Jeremiah Ford of Southside Indianapolis graduated with a bachelor's degree in psychology from Manchester University in 2022. Ford was among more than 260 students who received degrees this year. Learn more at manchester.edu/about-manchester.

Franklin College students excel at state vocal competition

Local Earns First Place - Thirteen voice students from Franklin College recently competed against students from Indiana University, Butler, Ball State, Notre Dame, Indiana State University and several other Indiana colleges and universities in the 2022 Indiana National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS) Competition. Students competed in both musical theater and classical categories during the in-person contest. Of the 13 students competing, four placed in their categories. Along with an award certificate, each student received a small cash prize. In first place, from Greenwood, was Nate Irskens, a junior theater major in the Adult Musical Theater category.

Savanna Shoaf awarded Miller Scholarship at Manchester Univ.

Perry Meridian Grad - Savanna Shoaf of Southside Indianapolis has been awarded the Carol Barr Miller Memorial Scholarship at Manchester University. The Perry Meridian High School graduate is majoring in early childhood and elementary education at the campus in North Manchester, Ind.. This endowed scholarship fund was established by the family and friends in memory of Carol Barr Miller after her death in 1980. She was a 1974 graduate of Manchester and taught third grade in Indianapolis and Oswego, Ill. Income from this fund provides scholarships for worthy students who are majoring in elementary education. Learn more at manchester.edu/about-manchester.

Franklin College students receive art awards

Local Recipients - The Franklin College Art Department presented awards at the annual reception of the fall semester student art exhibit on Dec. 5. Students from all levels of studio art classes displayed a selection of their work completed during the spring semester. Students who received awards include: Haven Tunin, of Greenwood, received the Best of Show Award, the top honor of the evening, for her advanced painting entry. She also received an Award of Merit in advanced painting; Sophie Taylor, of Greenwood, received an Award of Excellence in color & design; William (Joey) Brock, of Indianapolis (46227), received an Award of Excellence in art history; Sarah Mendoza, of Indianapolis (46227), received an Award of Excellence in advanced fine art photo; Ken Ritter, of Greenwood, received an Honorable Mention in advanced painting; and Caitlyn Moore, of Greenwood, received an Honorable Mention in art history.

Evan Jackson named to MSOE dean's list for Fall Quarter

Academic Achievement - Evan Jackson, from Greenwood, was named to the Milwaukee School of Engineering's dean's list for the 2022 Fall Quarter. Jackson is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in User Experience. Undergraduate students who have earned at least 30 credits and have a cumulative GPA of 3.20 or higher (out of 4.0) are on the dean's list. For more information, visit msOE.edu.

Dawson Smith named to MSOE honors list

Academic Honors - Dawson Smith, from Greenwood, was named to the Milwaukee School of Engineering's honors list for the 2022 Fall Quarter. Smith is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering. Undergraduate students who have earned a GPA of 3.20 or higher (out of 4.0) for this quarter are on the honors list. For more information, visit msOE.edu.

IN OUR SCHOOLS



From left: Aarav Agrawal, Ellen Nguyen, Lillian Speight and Taylor Wert. (Submitted photos)

Four Center Grove juniors honored as Rising Stars of Indiana

Academic Achievement - Four Center Grove High School (CGHS) juniors are among the Indiana Association of School Principals (IASP) Rising Stars of Indiana Class of 2024. Aarav Agrawal, Ellen Nguyen, Lillian Speight and Taylor Wert were nominated by CGHS for their outstanding academic achievements. Rising Stars of Indiana is a non-competitive recognition program designed by the IASP to increase the visibility and scholarship opportunities for scholars who are in their junior year of high school. Each Indiana high school can identify up to four individuals who will be graduating with the Class of 2024 to include as Rising Stars of Indiana.



Central Indiana Community Foundation (CICF) representative Morgan Meyer, Alejandro Gomez-Alejo and CICF representative Janeen Butler. (Photo courtesy of Roncalli High School)

Roncalli's Gomez-Alejo receives Lilly Endowment scholarship

Academic Achievement - Roncalli High School student Alejandro Gomez-Alejo has been selected as a recipient of the Marion County Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship. Only 11 students in Marion County receive this honor. Lilly Scholars are known for their academic achievement, community involvement, character and leadership. Each Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship provides full-tuition, required fees and a special allowance for required books and equipment for four years of undergraduate study on a full-time basis leading to a baccalaureate degree at any eligible college or university in Indiana. Alejandro has not yet decided which college he will attend next year but is sure of his plan to study accounting.

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Southside Educators of the Month

Compiled by Nicole Davis

Do you know an educator that deserves to be recognized? Please email their name, grade or subject they teach, school name and reason(s) for nomination to nicole@icontimes.com. Congratulations to this month's nominated educators of the month: **Ray Shelburn**, Roncalli High School, **Gretchen Brooks**, Franklin Central High School, **Paige Anderson**, Henry Burkhart Elementary, **Beth Meyer**, Central Catholic School.



Ray Shelburn

THEOLOGY TEACHER, RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL

For a quarter of a century, Ray Shelburn has been using his positivity to teach and inspire students at Roncalli. As a Theology teacher, he shares the beauty of your faith by the way he lives his life and treats everyone he encounters. It is common to find him in the hallways during passing periods playing the guitar and singing songs. In addition to his work as a teacher, Mr. Shelburn has served as the boxing club moderator and an assistant coach for the football program. While he is filled with much joy, he is also a fierce competitor! The world needs more people with a heart of gold like Mr. Shelburn, and Roncalli is lucky to have him as an educator!

Nominated by Roncalli High School



Gretchen Brooks

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL COUNSELING, FRANKLIN CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Brooks brings a wealth of knowledge to the School Counseling Office at FCHS. Mrs. Brooks' experience includes serving as a teacher and school counselor at Warren Central High School before joining the FC family four years ago. Her passion for finding new and innovative options for helping students succeed is contagious. She has led

the counseling team through a significant expansion as the student population has grown at a record-setting rate. Mrs. Brooks has become an expert in the Next-Level Pathways diploma program and coordinated grade-level-based seminars to keep students and parents informed about their options. Her experience and creativity allow her to empathize with the needs of everyone in the school and community, and her impact has been tremendous! We couldn't be more proud that she is a Flash!

Nominated by Franklin Township Community School Corporation



Paige Anderson

FIFTH-GRADE TEACHER, HENRY BURKHART ELEMENTARY

Ms. Anderson cares deeply for the children in her classroom. She works to ensure all students are able to be challenged at their current academic level. She plans rigorous lessons that engage and grow her students. Beyond academics, Ms. Anderson cares for the whole child. She is one to notice if a child is in need of a kind word, a visit with the social worker, or a break to regroup. Ms. Anderson welcomes ALL students to her classroom, regardless of race, ability, or background. Her students know she loves them.

Nominated by Perry Township Schools

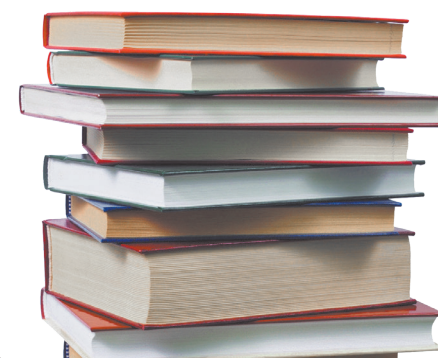


Beth Meyer

TEACHER, CENTRAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Mrs. Beth Meyer has been sharing her gift of music with the Central Catholic community for the past five years. She not only has regular classes with grades Pre-K through eighth, she also has organized an orchestra that practices after school. She has formed a choir that sings at school masses and other events. Mrs. Meyer worked on her own to organize a spectacular Christmas program and prepared our students to perform beautifully both vocally and instrumentally. Students say that she is good at playing the piano, they love learning to play the chimes and she makes class entertaining. Her passion for music and love of teaching has helped our students realize their gifts and potential in this area. Thank you, Mrs. Meyer for all you do to brighten Central Catholic School.

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Bob Rohrman's **INDY** **HONDA** Athlete of the Month Mylee Boling

By Mark Ambrogi

The Beech Grove High School basketball team won four games last season.

This year the team is 8-5, helped by the addition of sophomore forward Mylee Boling.

The 5-foot-11 Boling is averaging 16 points, 11.3 rebounds and 2.7 steals. She is shooting 43 percent from the field.

"She has made a huge impact on our program," Hornets coach Amy Selk said. "As a player, she is gritty and blue collar. She is a hard worker and bangs in the post. She gets offensive rebounds off the glass and putbacks. She is a competitor. She is a true athlete."

Selk said Boling has made the most improvement with her leadership skills.

"We have a sophomore-led team, so we're looking for someone to be a vocal leader," Selk said. "She

Sophomore Mylee Boling leads the Beech Grove girls basketball team in scoring and rebounding. (Photo courtesy of Beech Grove athletics)



is positive and encouraging of teammates. She will get excited for her teammates and give high-fives to her teammates. The girls look up to her, she is a big role model. She is one of my captains. She is a cool kid."

Boling said she does believe she has become a team leader.

Selk said Boling has improved in finishing around the rim.

"People are double- and triple-teaming her, so she is either making a quick move to the basket or we are working on her kicking it out to someone who is wide open," Selk said.

Boling said she has worked on her post moves.

"I want to expand my range," she said. "I need to work on my jump shot. I need to work on my ball handling skills. I need to work on my decision making and where I decide to pass it."

Improving her outside shot should help Boling improve on her free throw shooting. She has made 50 of 100 free throws this

season.

"I'm happy where my season is at, but there is always more work to put in to be better," she said.

Boling transferred from Jennings County to Beech Grove in the second semester of her freshman year. She played junior varsity and saw some varsity action as a freshman for Jennings County before moving.

She didn't play basketball for Beech Grove after moving but did play short-stop for the varsity softball team.

She played volleyball for the Hornets in the fall.

Boling has played travel softball for several years, but said she is looking forward to trying AAU basketball instead this summer.

"I've been playing softball my whole life, so I say it's my favorite," Boling said. "This has been a really good basketball season, and I really do love basketball. I want to see how it goes because I've never tried it."

THE BOLING FILE

NAME: Mylee Boling

SCHOOL: Beech Grove High School

CLASS: Sophomore

HEIGHT: 5-foot-11

SPORTS: Basketball; also competes in volleyball and softball.

POSITION: Forward

COLLEGE PLANS: Wants to major in nursing.

HOBBIES: Sports, working out at the gym.

FAVORITE SUBJECT: Math

FAVORITE MOVIE: "Matilda"

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "All American"

IDEAL VACATION SPOT: Hawaii

PARENTS' NAMES: Emilee and Ryan Boling



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PHOTO of the WEEK



Stacy Sims, a broker and realtor with Keller-Williams, collected 726 pairs of men's, women's, and children's socks over a 30-day period beginning Nov. 10. Her goal was to collect 250 pairs of socks. Her past clients, friends, family, and professional networks stepped up and told her, "Yes, we want to help our Veterans." Stacy remarked, "It's been so exciting to collect these socks!" She then called Greenwood VFW Post 5864 and asked if we would like to distribute them to needy veterans. The socks will go to HVAF, VA Domiciliary at Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Volunteers of America and to a couple of areas in downtown Indianapolis where homeless people stay "on the streets." Pictured from left, David Sims, Stacy's husband, Stacy, and VFW Commander Steve Milbourn. David Sims is a Life Member of Greenwood VFW Post 5864. (Photo courtesy of Mike Delaney)

HUMOR



Top 10 reasons you drive your car on the frozen canal downtown

By Torry Stiles

10. Heard there was a drive-thru church downtown and thought she was in line to be baptized.

9. "Y'all ever see that show, 'Ice Road Truckers'?"

8. (From the back seat) "Are we there yet?" "I gotta potty!" "Are we there yet?" "I gotta go now!"

7. "Wait'll they see this in my TikTok!"

6. "I turn left here?"

"Right."

"Right?"

"Right."

"Okay."

5. "You Uber drivers know all the shortcuts."

4. "You can't go down there."

"Hold my beer."

3. "Dang. Salt trucks ain't been through yet."

2. "Hey, y'all! Watch this!"

1. "Hey, Google. What's the shortest route to the bait shop?"

BELIEVE IT!

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

In Rhode Island, it is considered an offense to throw pickle juice on a trolley.

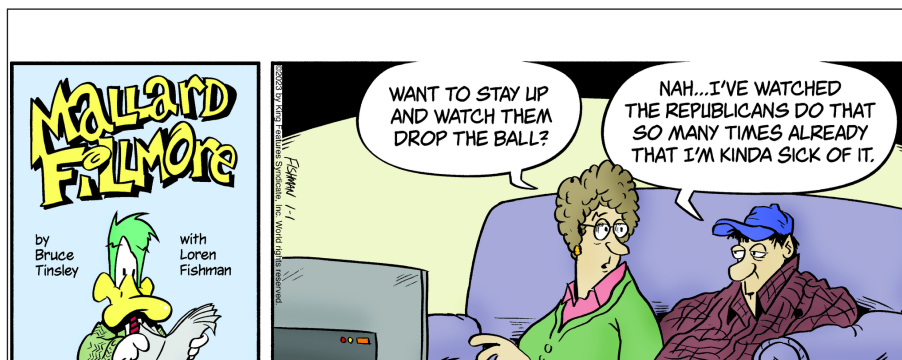
Source: stupidlaws.com

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let every new year find you a better man."

– Benjamin Franklin

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BEECH GROVE

New Year's Eve • Blues Ambassador will perform. | When: Dec. 31, 8 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. | Where: Beech Grove Moose, 3320 S Emerson Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: facebook.com/BeechGrove1883

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

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

English Country Dance • Join host Barry Levitt and dance caller Alice Smith-Goeke for a lively evening of dancing for all skill levels. English Country Dance is a form of social folk dance which originated in Renaissance England and was popular until the early 19th century. | When: Jan. 5, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. | Info: gpacarts.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

New Year's Noon Countdown • Do you have little ones that want to join in on the New Year's festivities but are in bed by 8 p.m.? Join for a fun

celebration at noon. Festivities will include making fun New Year's attire in The Studio, a scavenger hunt in the Kids Department, and a countdown and balloon drop at 12 p.m. | When: Dec. 31, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. | Info: greenwoodlibrary.us

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

Southside Art League: James Johnson • Southside Art League will exhibit a collection of original pen and ink drawings from Indianapolis artist James Johnson. His renderings often feature vintage homes and churches, including a few Greenwood buildings. They often have elements of fantasy. | When: Jan. 4 - 28, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays. Meet the artist at a reception Jan. 13, 6 to 8 p.m. | Where: 299 E. Broadway, Greenwood. | Info: southside-artleague.org

Paint and Sip at Bar Louie • Enjoy a Sunday evening sip and paint party. Ticket price is \$39 and includes all art materials. No art experience is required to have a great time. The best part is you take home your creation to enjoy forever. Food and beverage sold separately. | When: Jan. 8, 4 - 6 p.m. | Where: Bar Louie, 1251 N. U.S. 31, Greenwood. | Info: eventbrite.com

PERRY TOWNSHIP

Superhero Pancake Breakfast • \$5 per person. Come dressed up and meet some of your favorite superheroes. Hosted by the Perry Meridian High School Band Boosters, proceeds benefit the Perry Meridian High School band programs. | When: Jan. 14, 8:30 - 11 a.m. | Where: Perry Meridian High School cafeteria, enter door 7. | Info: perrymeridianbands.com

AN OPTION

The Sassy Donut Co.

Southside residents were recently given an early Christmas gift with the opening of The Sassy Donut Co. on Dec. 20. "Our donuts are freshly made every morning and we carry a large variety of one-of-a-kind flavors that are created on our own that you won't find anywhere else," said Jessica Baker, who co-owns the shop with her mother, Jeannie Burks. Popular flavors include the blueberry cake with lemon drizzle, Ghirardelli chocolate drizzle dusted with donut sugar, milk and cookies, red velvet cake with chocolate Ghirardelli drizzle, orange juice cake, and more. "Loving the animal cracker cookie donuts," stated a Facebook review. "The cherry cake is my new favorite," wrote another. The shop, with a "classy and inviting" atmosphere, according to Baker, also carries Danish pastries, crowns, bear classes, strawberry and cream cheese croissant sticks and beverages, including hot drip and cold brew coffee sourced from a small Minnesota nonprofit (beans are ground in-house for both hot and cold), soda, milk, orange juice, water, energy

drinks and tea.

HOURS: Tuesday through Saturday, 6 a.m. to 1 p.m.; closed Sunday and Monday. Address: 1279 N. Emerson Ave. Ste. G, Greenwood. For more information, call (317) 743-8951, email info@thesassydonutco.com or go to Facebook: The Sassy Donut Co.



Find your new favorite donut – at least two dozen variations are made daily. (Photo courtesy of The Sassy Donut Co.)

SPOTLIGHT



Paint a panda at uPaint Pottery Studio. (Submitted photo)

uPaint a Story

Join uPaint Pottery Studio for a fun story time and painting on Jan. 5 from 11 a.m. to noon at 3113 W. Smith Valley Road D, Greenwood. This month, they will be reading a story, painting panda plates and enjoying a snack. No reservation is needed. Cost is \$15 per painter. uPaint Pottery is a paint your own pottery studio. uPaint's mission is to provide an environment full of creativity and a place to spend quality time with loved ones. For more information, call (317) 893-5700 or go to upaintpotterystudio.com/events-calendar

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Babylon

A massive film following the transition from silent films to the era of sound

MOVIE REVIEW

By Bradley Lane

Babylon is writer-director Damien Chazelle's fifth feature film and comes off the heels of his breakout films, 2014's Whiplash and 2017's La La Land. In between these efforts and Babylon however, Chazelle released the critically successful but commercially underwhelming, First Man. However, Hollywood still saw potential in Chazelle, after becoming the youngest person ever to win the Academy Award for best director in 2017 and greenlit a project that was over double the budget for his largest film up to that point. What resulted was the over three-hour-long epic, Babylon, a decades spanning multi-character portrait punctuated by massive set pieces, frenetic camera-work and a deep love of cinema as an art-form.

Babylon is a massive film, following the career paths of several characters in 1920s

Hollywood during the transition from silent films to the era of sound. If there is one true main character, it would be the hard-working Mexican American immigrant Manny Torres. The film charts Manny's career from a lowly production assistant to a powerful film studio executive. All of which he accomplished despite navigating through the wild debauchery of the 20s and the changing societal values of the 30s.

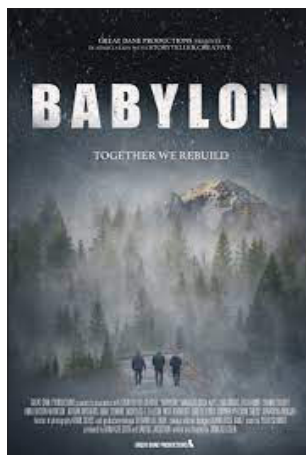
By its very nature, Babylon is going to elicit a lot of comparisons from critics. Its structure and episodic nature immediately call to mind Boogie Nights, while its rise and fall plot lines are reminiscent of Scorsese films like Goodfellas or The Wolf of Wall Street. Aside

from these films, the movie is obsessed with the legacy of film, so Chazelle is referencing classics throughout the runtime. Thankfully, its unique setting, tone and detailed, even textured, cinematography set it apart enough from its influences that it never feels distractingly derivative.

A large part of Babylon's plot revolves around the film industry's problems with exploitation and racism. These are issues that continue to endure into the modern day, and I imagine audiences will have vastly different perspectives on how well Chazelle handles these heavy and very sensitive topics. I think that while his script struggles to nail the details, the broad strokes of Manny's struggle to

maintain power while navigating white supremacy and homophobia reflect the real-life struggle modern marginalized groups face when looking for a voice in the film industry in America.

It cannot be overstated how over the top Babylon really is. The pace is pushed to the max as soon as the film starts, and the foot never leaves the gas for almost the entire runtime. This will exhaust some viewers, but I was head over heels from the start. Chazelle has a deep reverence for cinema that will make this a film nerd's dream but might risk alienating general audiences. Babylon is exclusively showing in theaters.



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

BUSINESS

Leadership Johnson County to host workshop on Inclusive Leadership

Improving Communication – On Thursday, Jan. 26, Leadership Johnson County will host Taking Your Love Language to Work at Greenwood Christian Church from 9 to 11 a.m. Facilitated by Matt Giebler, this workshop will explore how we can improve communication in our workplaces. Registration is required. General public pricing is \$69 per person. Group discounts are available. For more information or to register, visit leadershipjohnsoncounty.org.

Franciscan Health recognized for excellence in infant and maternal health

Healthcare - Five Franciscan Health hospitals in Indiana have been recognized by the Indiana Hospital Association (IHA), in partnership with Gov. Eric J. Holcomb and State Health Commissioner Kris Box, MD, for their commitment to infant and maternal health through the INspire Hospital of Distinction recognition program. The recognition was announced at the IHA Labor of Love Summit in Indianapolis. Franciscan Health hospitals Indianapolis, Crown Point, Lafayette East, Michigan City and Mooresville earned the designation based on implementing best practices in six key areas, including infant safe sleep, breastfeeding, tobacco prevention and cessation, perinatal substance use, obstetric hemorrhage and maternal hypertension. Preliminary data released by the Indiana Department of Health shows the statewide infant mortality rate fell from 6.8 per 1,000 live births in 2018 to 6.5 in 2019. The mortality rate among Black infants fell from 13.0 in 2018 to 11.0 in 2019. A total of 527 Indiana babies died before their first birthdays in 2019, down from 559 in 2018 and 602 in 2017. For more information, call (317) 528-5224.

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What’s your word for 2023? Don’t go with one of these.

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

Many people focus on one word to guide them through the next year. Is this something you do? If so, you might want to make sure it’s the correct word. While I don’t recommend choosing any of the following words to usher you through 2023, you certainly don’t want to get these confused!

When something “topples,” it means that an item falls over. Similarly, if a government gets “toppled,” that means the people in power get overthrown by another group. On the other hand, if a government gets “topless,” that means they had too much to drink at the New Year’s party and took their shirts off.

If you take your shirt off, are you likely to see “muscles” or “mussels”? If you’ve been doing crunches and bicep curls at the gym, you’re likely to see some burly muscles. If you happen to be smuggling clams in your shirt, you’ll accidentally re-

veal a bevy of mussels.

Speaking of “smuggling,” you don’t want to confuse the word with “snuggling.” Snuggling involves curling up with a special person and affectionately cuddling with them. Smuggling, on the other hand, involves sneaking an item illegally from one place to another, usually across international borders.

Don’t get “border” mixed up with “boarder.” A border, as you know, is the edge that separates a country or state from the one adjacent to it. A border can more broadly be known as the edge of any surface or area. A boarder is someone who is paying to stay at a hotel, hostel or bed and breakfast.

I have an entire category of terms that can be easily confused with vegetables and other produce. A “morel” is a type of mushroom, while a “moral” is a guiding principle. A “currant” is similar to a raisin, while a “current” is either a flow of a body of water or describes something that is happening in the present. Similarly, be careful to parse out the differences between “leak” and “leek,” “beet” and “beat,”

and “pea” and “pee.” I don’t think I need to go into those in further detail.

Finally – and still along the lines of common grocery store vegetables – you should know the difference between “cabotage” and “sabotage.” Cabotage has nothing to do with “cabbage”; in fact, it has to do with navigating or trading along a coastal area. Cabotage also has to do with trade and transport via air transport between two countries’ borders. There’s that word again. “Sabotage,” conversely, means to ruin something on purpose.

Do you have a word for 2023? For me – I need to give myself grace and accept it from others. So, my word is “grace.” Grace allows you to start over and turn the page from dark or difficult times in the past.



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:
Teams: ARIZONA, HOUSTON, KANSAS, PURDUE, UCONN, VIRGINIA
Items: CHEESE, FRUIT, JAM, MEAT, NUTS
Personalities: BUCHMAN, CALABRO, LOFTON, SWAN
Numbers: FIVE, ONE, THREE
Names: KESSLER, MERIDIAN
Color: VIVA MAGENTA

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AROUND TOWN

DAR's Samuel Bryan Chapter honors military veterans

Remembrance Banners – The Samuel Bryan Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) is honoring veterans by having military remembrance banners hung on Main Street in Beech Grove. The banners will be hung during the month of March 2023. Each banner will include the name, rank, years of service, and photo of the veteran who served, along with the branch of service. All veterans honorably discharged or killed in action are eligible. The cost of each banner will be \$125. The banner and original photo will be returned to the donor after they have been displayed as a memento. Families may purchase a banner in honor of their loved ones, and corporate donations will also be accepted for a banner. Submission form, photo (8x10 or 5x7), and check payable to the Samuel Bryan Chapter are to be submitted. The deadline for submission is Feb. 15, 2023. For a banner purchase form, visit samuelbryanchapterdar.com, the Beech Grove library, Beech Grove American Legion or other local businesses.



Beech Grove awarded opioid funds from the state of Indiana

Community Impact - The City of Beech Grove received funds from the State of Indiana, which is part of the city's portion of its settlement from lawsuits against drug companies for their roles in the opioid crisis. Beech Grove joined other municipalities in taking action against these drug companies due to the opioid epidemic's impact on the community. Although the funds were released, the Indiana Attorney General's Office received the funds in February 2022. "Indiana has one of the highest rates of drug overdoses in the country," said Mayor Dennis Buckley, "which is one of the many reasons why I'm so disappointed it took the Attorney General's Office nine months to release the funds so cities like ours could put the money to work. Politics has no place in the fight against the scourge of drug abuse and the trauma that follows for friends, loved ones and an entire community. I am grateful to Sen. Aaron Freeman for his assistance in helping us get answers as we worked through this process." Beech Grove received \$25,444.45 for 2022 only and will receive payments in decreasing amounts over the next 18 years. The funds will be directed to the Beech Grove City Schools to educate Early Childhood Development Center students on the danger of drugs. Funds also will provide support to the Beech Grove Comprehensive Drug Free Coalition to support addiction programs, medicine disposal programs, syringe disposal programs and to provide lifesaving naloxone treatment packets. The Mayor's Faith Based Roundtable also will use funds to support residents who are seeking treatment for addiction. To learn more about the City of Beech Grove, visit beechgrove.com.

UPCOMING BEECH GROVE MEETINGS & EVENTS

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

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

Board of Parks and Recreation Meeting • When: Jan. 11, 7 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: beechgrove.com

Monthly Networking Lunch • Join the

Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce for lunch, networking, and an informative presentation. | When: Jan. 12, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: beechgrovechamber.org/events-networking

Ladies Night: White Elephant Re-Gifter Party • Enjoy dinner and a white elephant re-gift exchange. Bring a wrapped previously gifted gift for the exchange. There will be prizes awarded for the funniest, worst and best re-gifters. \$5 per person. | When: Jan. 13, 6:30 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. | Info:

RSVP to ladiesnight@beechgrove.com

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Eleanor Louisa (Ingersoll) Adams

Eleanor Louisa (Ingersoll) Adams died Dec. 23, 2022. Survivors: brother, Clarence Ingersoll; daughters, Christina (Angie Schmidt) Adams, Cynthia (George) Cornelius; and granddaughters, Elizabeth and Christina Cornelius. Visitation: Friday, Dec. 30, 11 a.m. to noon; service at noon, Little & Sons Stop 11 Road Chapel.

Larry Allen Borer, Sr.

Larry Allen Borer, Sr., 70, died Dec. 15, 2022. Funeral service and calling were held Dec. 20 at Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center, 1202 South Lynhurst Drive, Indianapolis.

Rosemary Lynne (White) Collins

Rosemary Lynne (White) Collins, 57, Indianapolis, died Dec. 26, 2022. Survivors: son, Ethan; daughter, Olivia; grandson, Jackson; brothers, Edward, Kevin and Gene White; sisters, Marjorie, Tina. Visitation: Thursday, Dec. 29, 4-8 p.m., G. H. Herrmann Funeral Home at The Gardens of Olive Branch. Funeral service: Friday, Dec. 30, 10 a.m.

Janice K. Craven

Janice K. Craven, 84, died Dec. 20, 2022. Survivors: children, Michelle Powell and Mark Craven; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Preceded in death: husband, Joseph E. Craven, III; siblings; Betty Jordan, Louis "Junie" Shipman and Charles "Tootie" Shipman. Arrangements handled by Friedens UCC and Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

Beverly A. Davis

Beverly A. Davis, 83, Whiteland, died Dec. 18, 2022. Survivors: husband, Robert L. Davis; children, Susan L. Rochner, Robert T. Davis (Bridget), Judith A. Davis, Kimberly K. Chatham (Steve) and Kelly R. Colin (John); six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one on the way; brother, Albert J. Thieneman, Jr. (Michelle). G.H. Herrmann.

Jessica L. Lowe Gatza

Jessica L. Lowe Gatza, 75, Bay City, Mich., died Dec. 15, 2022. Survivors: husband, Dennis Gatza; daughters, Angenette Lowe, Natalie Lowe and Gina Rodrigues; stepchildren, David (Alma) Lowe, Jr; seven grandchildren; many great grandchildren; brothers, Sam Haney and Paul Haney. Preceded in death: first husband, David Lowe, Sr. G.H. Herrmann.

Brian Thomas Grimes

Brian Thomas Grimes, 48, died Dec. 22, 2022. Survivors:

wife, Elizabeth (Liz) Grimes; children, Riley Grimes, Jonathan Grimes; mother, Joyce Grimes; brothers, Steven (Jill), Sean (Holly) Grimes. Visitation: Friday, Dec. 30, 5-8 p.m. Service: Saturday, Dec. 31, 11 a.m. at Little & Sons, Stop 11 Road Chapel.

Charles L. Hilton

Charles L. Hilton, 89, Greenwood, died Dec. 17, 2022. Survivors: wife, Mary Lou Hilton; four children, Donna Pfister (Rob); Patricia Martin (Dave); Kenneth Hilton (Penny); and Alan Hilton (Mary Collett); 10 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; brother, Rev. Dale Hilton. Preceded in death: brother, Ray Hilton. Burial at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

Barbara "Bobbie" Jean Johnson

Barbara "Bobbie" Jean Johnson, 86, Indianapolis, died Dec. 17, 2022. Survivors: children, Larry Edminister, Kelli Beretta; stepdaughter, Kimberly Johnson-Dunbar; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; brother, Albert Crouch Jr. Preceded in death: daughter, Terri Edminister-Chambers. Visitation: 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. service, Friday, Dec. 30, G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home.

Mildred F. Kennedy

Mildred F. Kennedy, 98, Greenwood, formerly of Holiday, Fla., died Dec. 14, 2022. Survivors: daughter, Sharon Neesen; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren. Preceded in death: husband, Raymond E. Kennedy; son, Jack Kennedy; grandson, Aaron Neesen; and sisters, Alice Bennett and Dorothy Snyder. G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home.

Florence M. Kreutzer

Florence M. Kreutzer, 101, died Dec. 24, 2022. Survivors: daughter, Carol J. Glascock; four grandchildren; great- and great-great-grandchildren; extended family. Preceded in death: husband, Lester J. Kreutzer; son, Larry J. Kreutzer. Visitation: 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Thursday, Dec. 29, G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis.

Margaret Murello LaGrotto

Margaret Murello LaGrotto, 94, died Dec. 16, 2022. Born Oct. 27, 1928, in Indianapolis. Survivors: brother, Joe Murello (Suzanne Canull), son, Anthony (Louisa) LaGrotto, daughter, Lisa (Gene) Gadiant; and granddaughter Kathryn Elisabeth. Predeceased: husband, Marion; sister, JoAnn Murello. Mass of Christian Burial: St. Roch Catholic Church. G.H. Herrmann.

Beverly Kay Lewis

Beverly Kay Lewis, 77, died Dec. 17, 2022. Born Aug. 13, 1945, in Marion County. Survivors: three children, Doug (Sandy) Lewis, Pam Lewis, Randy (Gail) Lewis; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren. Burial at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens, Greenwood. G.H. Herrmann Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Judith A. "Judy" Muesing

Judith A. "Judy" Muesing, 80, Greenwood, died Dec. 14, 2022. Survivors: children, Monique Rembold, Ron Pollard, Michelle Welch, James Muesing, Angela Smith; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; four sisters, Beverly, Marlene, Anna, Paula. Preceded in death: husband, Elmer Muesing, Jr.; granddaughter, Kelsi T. Chesser-Schritter; brother, Paul; sister, Cheryl. G. H. Herrmann.

David Edison Pennington

David Edison Pennington, 87, Greenwood, died Dec. 17, 2022. Survivors: daughter, Sherrie Clipp (Dennis Green); sons, Dr. David II and William Scott Pennington; four grandchildren. Preceded in death: wife, Patricia Ann (Shipley) Pennington; three brothers. G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home at The Gardens of Olive Branch.

Harry A. Schmedel

Harry A. Schmedel, 90, Indianapolis, died Dec. 20, 2022. Survivors: wife, Beverly (Cable) Schmedel; daughters, Vicki Hartmann, Denise Grafe; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sibling, Lynne E. Babcock. Preceded in death: two sisters, Barbara Johnson and Eva Sparks; two brothers, James Schmedel and Bill Schmedel. G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue.

Margaret C. Spanik

Margaret C. Spanik, 98, Indianapolis, died Dec. 18, 2022. Survivors: children, Pat Perry, Mike, Karen, Dennis; Ellen Kopetsky; brother, John; 18 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren. Preceded in death: husband, Emil; daughters, Kathleen Edwards, Mary Smith; sisters, Mary Ann, Rita and Ellen; brothers, Bill, Dan, Pat and Jim. G.H. Herrmann.

Wendell C. Williams

Wendell C. Williams, 91, Franklin, died Dec. 24, 2022. He was born Jan. 11, 1931. Survivors: daughters, Wendella (Michael) Ney and Marcia (Dr. John) Ayers; four grandchildren; many great- and great-great-grandchildren; a brother. Preceded in death: wife, Helen E. (Beatty) Williams. Services will be private. Burial at Washington Park East.

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Weekly Devotion



You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him.

LEVITICUS 19:17

"The tide abides for, tarrieth for no man, stays no man, tide nor time tarrieth no man." This famous quote is an ancient phrase that predates modern English. The modern version of this phrase is, "time and tide wait for no man." No matter how you say it, the meaning is clear as we approach the end of yet another year. Nothing we can do will stop the passing of time. The moral to this proverb is that we should not procrastinate or delay in doing what we know we should do. It also means there will be no way to turn back the hands of time to undue our past mistakes. Years ago I bought my wife a custom piece of jewelry. It held special meaning to us because it was the first piece of jewelry I had ever given to her. You can imagine my despair when I came home to find that my daughter's teenage boyfriend had stolen

some of her jewelry. I went to my wife's jewelry box and saw that this cherished necklace was also missing. I immediately went to the boy's home and demanded that he return everything he had stolen. He handed over my daughter's jewelry, but my wife's necklace was never recovered. For many years I held hatred in my heart toward this boy. I was certain I would never see that piece of jewelry again, and I hated the fact that it was most likely traded for drugs. Recently we rearranged our bedroom, and I found the long-lost necklace hiding behind the dresser. My unforgiveness became my sin. This year forgive and be free!

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