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## THIS WEEK on the WEB



Twenty-four students from the Franklin College Master of Science in Physician Assistant (MSPA) Studies Program (including six from Greenwood and the Southside of Indianapolis) recently received their white coats in a ceremony on the campus. (Submitted photo)

### Franklin College students honored during White Coat Ceremony

Six Southside physician assistant students from Franklin College received their white coats during a ceremony held Dec. 16 at Richardson Chapel. The college's third White Coat Ceremony is the halfway mark of the 25-month, full-time Master of Science in Physician Assistant (MSPA) Program.

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Journalist, author and host of National Public Radio's Morning Edition, Steve Inskeep. (Photo courtesy of the University of Indianapolis)

### NPR morning host speaks at Lugar Symposium

Hundreds of top Hoosier high school juniors recently attended the 45th annual Richard G. Lugar Symposium for Tomorrow's Leaders, featuring Steve Inskeep of NPR. The event was hosted by The Richard G. Lugar Academy at the University of Indianapolis. Students selected from a variety of breakout sessions on current topical issues, including global leadership in athletics, systemic racism, American politics, the future of policing and more.

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Thank you for coming along on this journey with me! (Submitted photo)

## Goodbye, Farewell and Amen

### HAUNTS & JAUNTS

By Rick Hinton

The television show *M\*A\*S\*H* rolled out its series finale (*Goodbye, Farewell and Amen*) on Feb. 28, 1983. I was living in Portland, Oregon at the time, but would return to Indiana in just a few months. The show had a 10-year run, but that was now over. The antics of Hawkeye Pierce and the 4077th would now take its place in television history. I had watched it faithfully throughout the years, but now had to change my routine of weekly viewing.

Presently, I am changing another weekly routine.

I began writing a weekly column for The Southside Times on Feb. 20, 2014, with a series of articles on the Polk dynasty of Greenwood many years ago. Even though it was primarily a historical overview of the family and the business, it had some spooky elements tossed into the mix. It had to have some of those elements; after all, my column was titled Haunts & Jaunts.

Nicole Davis – editor at the time – decided to give the subject matter a shot. She, or I, had no idea how this topic would go over with weekly readers on the Southside of Indianapolis. It could have easily been “here today, gone tomorrow.” However, it turned out not to be. Gradually I was allowed more words. And just shy of eight years later, I am at a place where I must make a difficult decision. Yes, changing those weekly routines has become another phase of life.

This will be the last Haunts & Jaunts column.

Not too many independent, community-based newspapers will touch the subject of ghosts and the paranormal, at least not on a weekly basis. I am proud to say I have written for one that will. I am only aware of one other, The Weekly View on the Eastside that

my friend Al Hunter writes for. Papers won't usually take a chance on a weekly column of quirky subject matter. I give kudos to The Southside Times for doing just that.

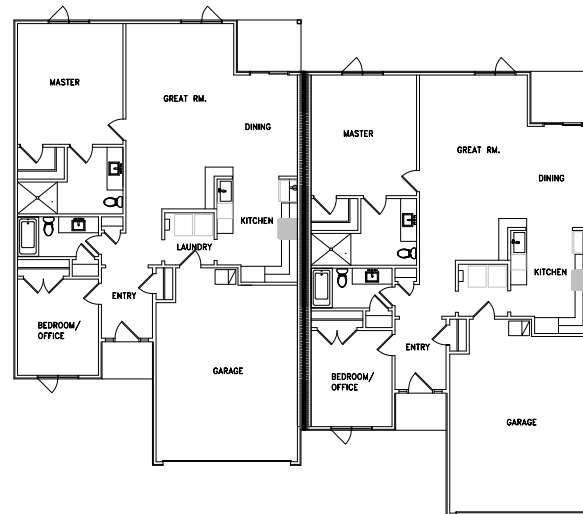
The time is right; I feel I have said all I need to say. Just as with *M\*A\*S\*H*, it's always better to go out while on top rather than to overstay your welcome. Along this journey together, through eight years of weekly columns, ghost hunting has changed for me and my wife. It doesn't hold the priority it once held. Our equipment sits on a shelf in the garage ... ready for if we need it, but I don't expect that day coming. I believe my biggest revelation over the years has been, “Yes, I know it's a big, mysterious world out there, existing within a realm of the paranormal we will never understand, BUT I believe what we may be seeking could very well be, in the end, something we do not want to find.” Just saying.

Thank you for indulging me. I'm grateful for your readership, meeting some of you at historical society meetings or when I gave public talks, your kind words and questions, your recognition while I shop the produce section at Kroger. Southside Times readers are a dedicated group! It's hard to say goodbye, and there are many regrets. I will regret not getting around to talking with Tom Maier about his former employment with WTTV Channel 4 for a future article. It's like connecting the dots and all of the dots don't get connected; or like turning off the lights and closing that door for the last time.

Until we meet again. ...  
Goodbye, Farewell and Amen!  
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.



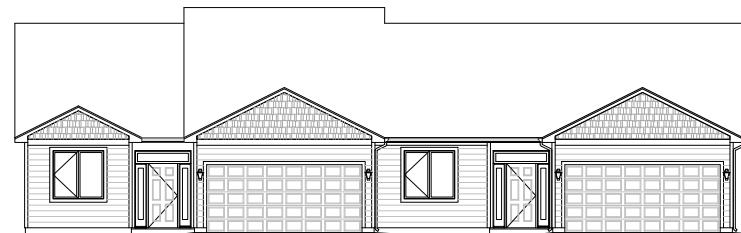
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## 2021 Southside Times Person of the Year: Philip Beeson

By Grady Michael Gaynor

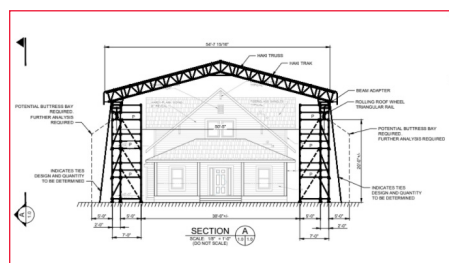
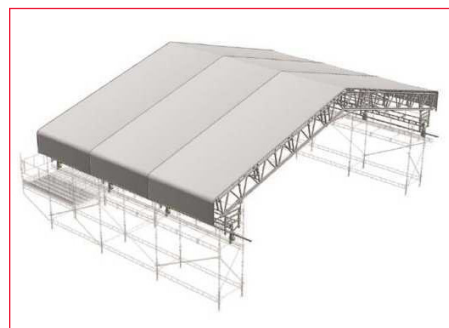
Lifelong Southside resident Philip Beeson grew up understanding that it takes a team of people dedicated to a single mission to accomplish great things.

Beeson grew up in Beech Grove and currently resides near Roncalli High School. In 1994, at 16, he began his career in construction as a roofing laborer for Hofmeister Roofing, along with two years' training at C9 in the building trades program. In 2001, he started his own company: Beeson Construction, Inc.

Through his years as a construction worker, Beeson has worked alongside many blue-collar workers and continues to do so with a hands-on leadership style to this day. Beeson has led his team through countless hailstorms, hurricanes and other natural disasters, both local and nationwide, including Hurricane Katrina. The quality finished projects, and five-star reviews from satisfied customers, speak for themselves. However, in his experience working construction around the city of Indianapolis he has witnessed a different kind of disaster. This one is man-made.



(Cover) Philip Beeson, left, partners with community leaders, including James Wilson, CEO of the nonprofit, Circle Up Indy. | (Above) Phil Beeson (left) has led his company with a hands-on approach since 2001. (Submitted photo)



(Submitted photos)

### COVER STORY

### GROWING CRIME

Crime rates in Indianapolis continue to grow. In early November 2021, Indianapolis surpassed its 2020 numbers with its 218th homicide death. Gang-related activity and turf wars are on the rise. Neighborhoods where kids used to play in the streets, now have recused into silence in the hope of finding safety inside their own homes. The divide between lower and upper class continues to skyrocket, as the once thriving middle class is phased out.

Beeson believes a major contributing factor is a result of gentrification initiatives and various housing projects which he sees as non-sustainable solutions to the root of the issues.

"What happens is more affluent people go in probably with good hearts thinking they are developing or rebuilding a community," he said. "However, what they really are doing is putting a \$600K house next to a \$150K house and driving the \$150K home's value down (it drives the prices up and they are unable to pay the skyrocketed property taxes). Eventually, this pushes people out of their homes and communities. When someone is oppressed, and they start a new life in an even worse area, without their family and friends, the likelihood that individual will participate in criminal activity goes through the roof in this hostile environment."

Furthermore, Beeson said he also believes

city leaders need to be held responsible. He believes many housing programs fail to solve the core root of problems in these communities. Oftentimes, when one political party is in power, they undue the work of the previous parties. The issues do not only swim in circles; they get worse.

Beeson explained, "When a bunch of people with really great intentions come into a neighborhood, build a house, and give it away, all you are doing is putting a band-aid on top of a band-aid. When something is given to someone, they do not value it as much as they would if it was earned. Not to mention, most of these houses are built horribly. I want to see something in place that takes a more holistic and sustainable approach towards solving the issues in these communities. These people need jobs, a chance to get themselves out of their situation, a light at the end of the tunnel to strive for and create a better life. Too many young men especially turn to lives of crime when I know if they just had an opportunity they would choose to do better with their lives. It's not surprising when they can't even go work at a grocery store because they have all pulled out of their neighborhoods. Let alone the factory jobs they used to have that have long been gone from this city."

For the last eight years, Beeson planned the launch of his own nonprofit housing project. On April 8, 2021, he was given the final and official stamp of approval from the IRS as a tax-exempt organization and was approved by Secretary of State Connie Lawson to operate "Reconstruct3."

### CHANGING FROM WITHIN COMMUNITY

Reconstruct3's plan is to work along with the community toward making sustainable change from within. Beeson has gained support of many community leaders in low-income areas of Indianapolis to start a program with a holistic community approach toward solving the housing crisis. He has invested \$20,000 in legal fees, applications fees, a website, blueprints and architect fees so far, and intends to donate another \$50,000-\$100,000 in 2021 toward the purchase of a "construction tent" and other startup costs.

This tent will be used as a training facility, and year-round traveling job site. Beeson intends to put this tent on a plot of land, hire local community members, teach them to build a home (estimated future value of \$150,000-200,000), move the tent to the next lot, and repeat until what stands is an affordable nice neighborhood built by and for the ones living in it.

Employees will be hired by partnering with

community leaders and finding the right individuals to take the job as a construction worker for Reconstruct3. At the end of the 12-24-month paid training program, Beeson hopes to see leaders emerge. He wants to hire people full time at Beeson Construction and give them \$60-\$70K annual salaries, see them go on to work for partners who will also assist in overseeing their craft in Reconstruct3, or go out on their own.

James Wilson is the CEO a nonprofit organization, Circle Up Indy, which seeks to improve the quality of life for residents of Indianapolis by addressing issues of violence. They tackle issues facing disadvantaged communities in relations to economics, education and employment, and physical and mental health resources. Wilson is one of the community leaders that trusts Beeson and believes in Reconstruct3.

### BRIDGING A DIVISION

"Phil is going to create a self-sustaining ecosystem in our communities," Wilson said. "He will provide stability for our youth and bridge a divide between the young and old as talents, traditions and work ethics are passed to the next generation of working-class men. Development in Black community housing projects can come with a lot of pushback. Especially for a white man. He has gained my trust."

Beeson's five-year goal is to have this tent and others up and running, training thousands of workers and putting up 50 houses or more a year. Beeson Construction has plans to expand outside the state in the next few years and with that they hope to bring Reconstruct3 to other cities also badly needing this change. However, he needs support from the community and other local business leaders. Beeson is looking to fundraise \$250,000 to set up a staff infrastructure and raise the rest of the money he needs to purchase the construction tent. Beeson is looking to partner with service companies outside his areas of expertise like HVACs, landscaping, electricians, masons, carpeting and others. Once this is done, his vision will become reality.

Beeson concluded, "I am not giving anything away. I am trying to build a job training center to hire and train thousands of people out of there while we rebuild the inner cities. Making these houses quality and affordable. I think these guys just need a chance and that if they can take pride in their communities that we will see real change and a reemergence of the middle-class leader."

For more information, go to Reconstruct3.com or email [contact@reconstruct3.com](mailto:contact@reconstruct3.com).



## AROUND TOWN



Humble Impressions distributes Christmas goodies on Dec. 16. (Photo by Humble Impressions)

### Humble Impressions shares the Christmas blessings

**Donations** - Humble Impressions Thrift Shop was able to bless more than 60 families for Christmas this year thanks to donations from its supporters. The shop has locations at 8236 Madison Ave., Indianapolis and 2513 Albany St., Beech Grove. The store distributed toys, clothes and other goods to families in its communities on Dec. 16. The shop announced that those interested can already begin contributing to 2022 by making a donation at <https://venmo.com/u/humbleimpressions>.

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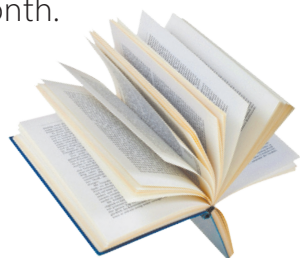
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## Honoring Our Educators of the Month in 2021

Compiled by Nancy Hammerstrom

In January, The Southside Times began a monthly tribute to leaders in Southside elementary, middle and high schools. Educators were nominated by their peers each month for going above and beyond their duties: their can-do attitudes, innovative ideas and compassion for all students. This month, we honor those selected for the year and thank those who nominated their choices for Educator of the Month.



### JANUARY

**Franklin Central High School:** Alison Shaw  
**Saints Francis & Clare Catholic School:** Rebecca Stone  
**Roncalli High School:** Kim Striby

### FEBRUARY

**Nativity Catholic School:** Courtney Swift  
**Franklin Central High School:** Daniel Lichtenberger  
**Roncalli High School:** Angie Toner

### MARCH

**Southport High School:** Dan Jones  
**Roncalli High School:** Mark Stratton

### APRIL

**Franklin Central High School:** Lisa Ford  
**Nativity Catholic School:** Margie Hamm  
**Perry Meridian 6th Grade Academy:** Craig Hendrick  
**Central Catholic School:** Patty Wulf

### MAY

**Homecroft Kindergarten Academy:** Allison Scott

**Roncalli High School:** Ben Grimes  
**Central Catholic School:** Margee McHugh  
**Franklin Central High School:** Tracey Streit

### JUNE

**Franklin Central High School:** Ashley Thompson  
**Roncalli High School:** Beth Reel  
**Homecroft Elementary School:** Jody Matthews

### AUGUST

**Hornet Park Elementary School:** Ana Copenhaver

### SEPTEMBER

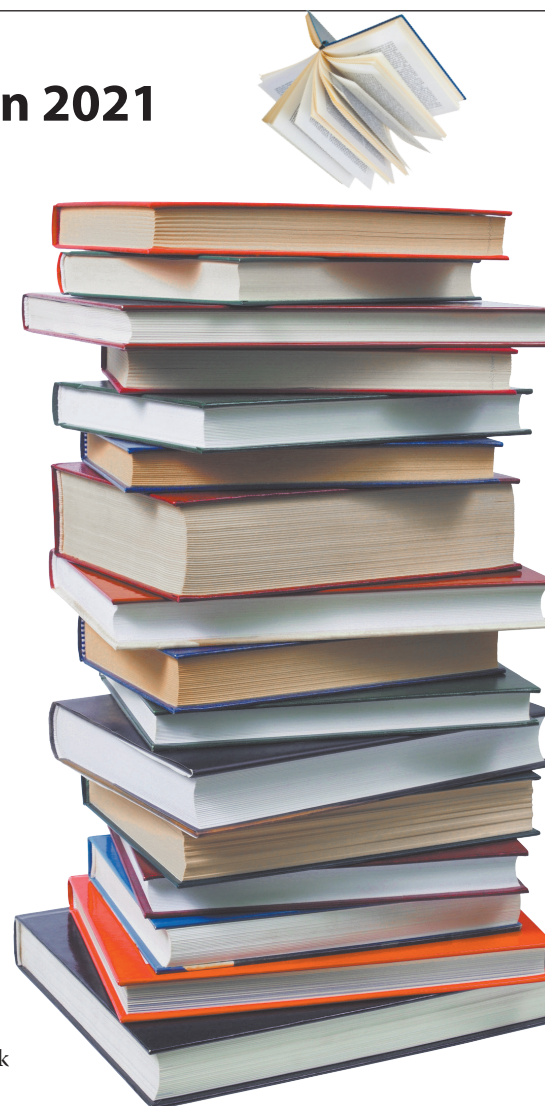
**Southport Middle School:** Autumn Scheer and Shannon Leber

### OCTOBER

**Southport Middle School:** April Klingler and Levent Deger

### NOVEMBER

**Southport Middle School:** Brooke McCray and Jimmy Wilson  
**Arlington Elementary School:** Amanda Eads and Annette Ashbrook



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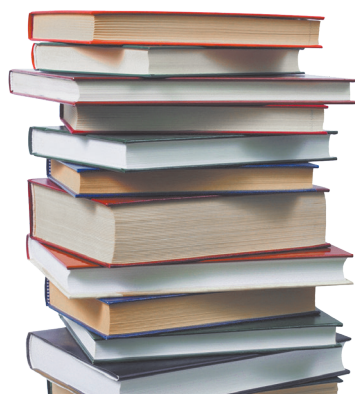
## ON CAMPUS

### Southside Indy Franklin College student selected for ORR Fellowship

**Business marketing** - Franklin College senior Jarrett Dodson has been selected into the highly sought-after Orr Fellowship program. Dodson, a business marketing major from Indianapolis (46237), will begin his fellowship upon graduating from the college at the end of this month and complete the program in December 2023 as part of the program's two-year commitment. The Orr Fellowship is a highly competitive program with the goal of helping develop future business leaders and entrepreneurs. With an average acceptance rate of 6 percent, Fellows are recruited from the top seniors at colleges and universities in Indiana and other states. As part of the program, Dodson has been placed with SupplyKick, a business-to-business consulting firm in Fishers, as his host company.

### USI recognizes more than 2,100 students named to Fall dean's list

**Academic achievement** - In recognition of outstanding academic achievement, the University of Southern Indiana Dean's List has been released for the Fall 2021 semester. Dr. Mohammed Khayum, USI Provost, announced that a total of 2,104 undergraduates were named to the Dean's List. Undergraduate students must achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average (on a 4.0 system) to be named to the list. Southside residents include: of Beech Grove, Miranda Dressler; of Greenwood, Norah E. Armstrong, Meredith Charlton, Cynthia R. Dickmader, Alexis M. Fair, Ava M. Hoffman, Lindsey D. Ingle, Rebecca R. Kopach, Cayla Krieger, Brianna E. Limbruner, Ashley M. Lovett, Kendyl A. Miscik, Jaylyn M. Shake, Morgan E. Thompson and Ryan T. VanBuskirk.



## Bob Rohrman's **INDY** Athlete of the Month HONDA Jake Pasch

By Mark Ambrogi

Jake Pasch capped a special year with a coveted award.

Not only did the senior strong safety/wide receiver win a state title along with his father, Lutheran High School coach Dave Pasch, but he captured the Mr. Football position award at defensive back Dec. 10 in a vote by the Indiana Football Coaches Association. Jake led the Saints with 149 tackles, including 13 tackles for a loss, two interceptions and caused two fumbles.

As a wide receiver on offense, Pasch had 34 catches for 705 yards and eight touchdowns. He had rushed for 211 yards and four TDs. In addition, he returned two kickoffs for touchdowns.

Jake helped lead Lutheran High School to a 15-0 record, topping Adams Central 34-28 in the Class A state championship game.

Jake had six catches for 51 yards, including a 30-yard touchdown catch.

He also ran for the 6-yard TD. On defense as a strong safety, he had eight tackles and forced a fumble.

"Jake is a very solid player,"

Coach Pasch said. "I define him as a guy who exceeds some physical limitations. He's not the biggest guy. He's not always the fastest guy. He plays well above what some of his physical attributes would allow him. He has very high IQ. He's very physical and has a great feel for the game."



Jake Pasch. (Photo courtesy of Dave Pasch)

His father said the position award wasn't necessarily a goal.

"I think you just want to be the best player you can be," Coach Pasch said. "I thought he had a phenomenal state final. He's a guy that jumps off the screen when you watch him. He makes plays everywhere in the game. As a defensive back you see in the mix everywhere on film. He's a factor in the run game. We often put him on the best slot receiver. What you see consistently throughout the years is Jake was making impactful plays. He's very diverse in his skill set."

The Saints lost to Lafayette Central Catholic 29-28 in the 2019 state title game. In 2020, "It means a lot, it's the ultimate goal," Jake said of winning the state title. "After we had been there in 2019, it brings a certain desire in all of the underclassmen and everyone else who had been there, our goal was to get back there and, of course, win it."

Jake said there was a certain expectation from the seniors of winning it.

"As a group, we were planning to win it from Day One," Jake said.

Jake had a good chemistry with quarterback Montasi Clay.

"He's always looking for me," Jake said. "We've been friends for 10 years-plus, so there is a trust between us. It displays on the football field."

Jake is hoping to play strong safety in college. He is considering DePauw University or Wabash College.

"I'll play wherever they

need me to play," he said. "I'll do whatever it takes to win"

Jake is undecided on his major. Jake's older brothers, John and Jackson, have decided to be teachers and coaches. Both played football for Lutheran. John was an All-State offensive lineman and played two seasons as DePauw. Jackson is a sophomore at IUPUI. John is on the Lutheran staff and was John's position coach at safety.

"They tried not to recognize me as their brother or their son," Jake said. "It's all about the work and trying to get better. They tried to treat me the same but I don't know if that always happens. They like to beat up on me a little."

Coach Pasch added, "any time you have a son on the team, I think there is a different expectation. It's not always how you play. There is a different expectation on how you carry yourself and different responsibility you have as coach's son to represent the program."

### THE JAKE PASCH FILE

<b>AGE:</b> 18.	<b>movies</b>
<b>SCHOOL:</b> Lutheran High School	<b>FAVORITE TV SHOW:</b> "The Mandalorian."
<b>HEIGHT:</b> 6-foot	<b>FAVORITE MUSICIAN:</b> The Weeknd
<b>SPORT:</b> Football.	<b>FAVORITE ATHLETE:</b> Kansas City Chiefs safety Tyrann Mathieu
<b>POSITION:</b> Strong safety/wide receiver.	<b>FAVORITE GENRE OF MUSIC:</b> Pop
<b>COLLEGE PLANS:</b> Playing football at DePauw or Wabash	<b>PARENTS:</b> Dave and Liza Pasch.
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## MATTERS OF HEALTH



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**Blood shortage** – As holiday celebrations continue, concern is rising for the nation's blood supply, which has now dipped to concerning levels and could force hospitals to hold off on essential blood and platelet transfusions for patients. Historically low blood supply levels not seen in more than a decade persist for the American Red Cross, which supplies about 40% of the nation's blood. The ongoing decline comes at a time of year when donations typically fall. Holiday get-togethers, school breaks and winter weather often lead to lower donor turnout, potentially further compounding the situation. Potential donors are urged to schedule an appointment now by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](https://RedCrossBlood.org) or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). If there is not an immediate opportunity available to donate, donors are asked to make an appointment in the days and weeks ahead to ensure the Red Cross can replenish and then maintain a sufficient blood supply.

## Don't be fooled!

## COVID-19 is still here and may be here to stay

By Nydia Nunez-Estrada, M.D.  
Family Medicine Specialist at  
Eskenazi Health Center North Arlington

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), for the first time since early October the U.S. is averaging more than 100,000 new COVID-19 cases every day not long after countless Americans gathered with family and friends in celebrating a long Thanksgiving weekend. Sadly, the average number of daily COVID-19 deaths is also trending upward.

As you may have already learned, the vast majority of new cases in the US continues to be from the Delta variant, and the World Health Organization recently said it has out-competed other variants in most countries making it the most common strain in much of the world. The recently discovered Omicron variant, now seen in at least 25 states, is reason for concern for US health officials, who say it's spreading quickly around the country.

With more people than ever now eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccines and many restrictions associated with the pandemic being relaxed in the U.S. and around the world, many are under the misguided impression that COVID-19 is on the run and no longer much of a concern ... though nothing could be further from the truth.

As it has from the beginning, it's up to each of us to do all we can to avoid getting and spreading the COVID-19 virus that has killed just over 800,000 Americans, which means observing social distancing, wearing a mask particularly indoors and in public, washing our hands thoroughly and often, and most of all getting vaccinated.

According to the CDC, vaccines are effective at protecting people from COVID-19 and they help keep adults and children from getting seriously sick and reduce the risk of people spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. Getting everyone ages 5 years and older vaccinated can help the entire family, including siblings who are

not eligible for vaccination and family members who may be at risk of getting very sick if they are infected.

COVID-19 vaccines teach our immune systems how to recognize and fight the virus that causes the coronavirus. It typically takes two weeks after vaccination for the body to build immunity against the virus that causes COVID-19.

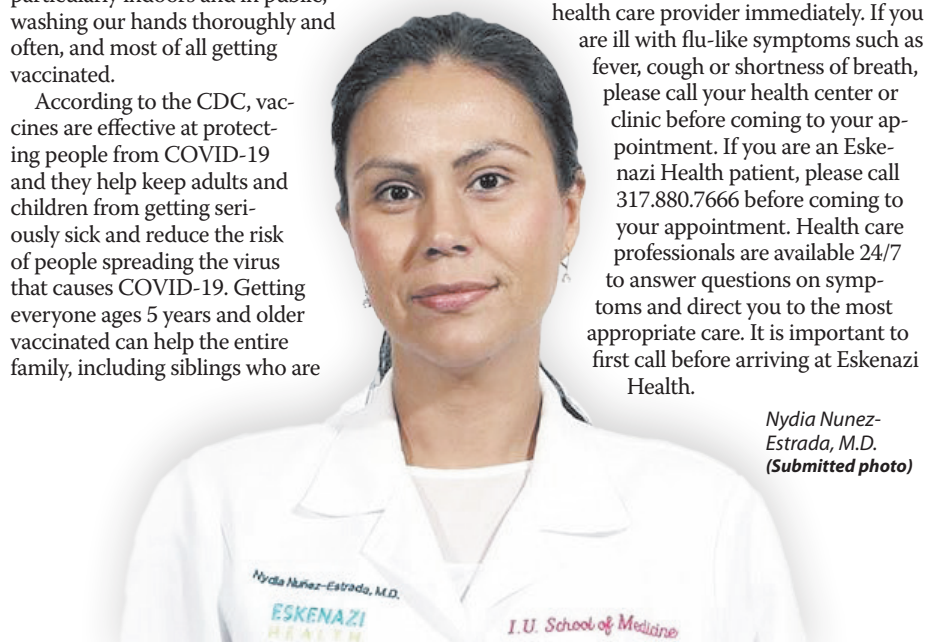
The CDC also recommends that everyone 16 years old and older get a COVID-19 booster shot. If you received the two Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna vaccines, you're eligible to receive a booster six months later. For those receiving the single Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine, you may receive a booster shot after two months.

The CDC states that although COVID-19 vaccinations remain effective in preventing severe and potentially fatal symptoms, recent data suggests vaccinations become less effective over time, especially in people aged 65 and over, and they're less effective at preventing infection or milder illness with symptoms. Emerging evidence also shows that among health care and other frontline workers, vaccine effectiveness against COVID-19 infections is also decreasing over time.

More than 459 million doses of COVID-19 vaccines were administered in the United States from December 14, 2020, through November 29, 2021, according to the CDC. Some people have experienced no side effects after receiving COVID-19 vaccinations, while others have experienced generally mild to moderate reactions that have dissipated after a few days.

People who believe they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should contact their health care provider immediately. If you are ill with flu-like symptoms such as fever, cough or shortness of breath, please call your health center or clinic before coming to your appointment. If you are an Eskenazi Health patient, please call 317.880.7666 before coming to your appointment. Health care professionals are available 24/7 to answer questions on symptoms and direct you to the most appropriate care. It is important to first call before arriving at Eskenazi Health.

Nydia Nunez-Estrada, M.D.  
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PHOTO of the WEEK



Just before winter break, Acton Elementary School Principal Mrs. Brook Wessel-Burke transformed into Principal Elf on the Shelf on Dec. 22, popping up in fun places throughout the school. (Photo courtesy of Acton Elementary School)

HUMOR



Top Ten New Year's resolutions I really might think about trying to keep this year – maybe

By Torry Stiles

10. Do not go to an axe-throwing bar with clumsy friends who owe me money.
9. Stop bothering my neighbors by insisting I meet and pet their dogs, especially when the dogs are inside, and nobody is home.
8. Keep extra cash on hand to make bail.
7. Cut back on any food with the word “happy” in its name.
6. Use the word “tarnation” more often.
5. Less taste-testing in the grocery store, especially in the meat department.
4. Stop smuggling lobsters out of the meat department, even if it is for their own good.
3. Figure out who is ratting me out at the grocery store.
2. Quit insisting my co-workers address me as, “Your lordship.”
1. Avoid angering the wife, boss, editor or anyone in a position to spit on my food.

BELIEVE IT!

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

In Connecticut, a pickle is not a pickle unless it bounces.

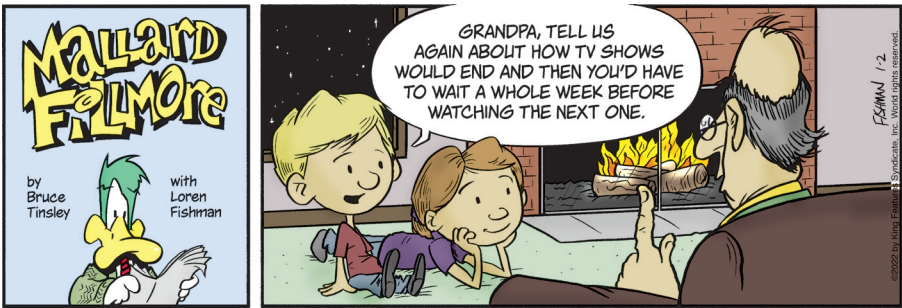
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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

“The bad news is time flies. The good news is you’re the pilot.”

– Michael Altshuler

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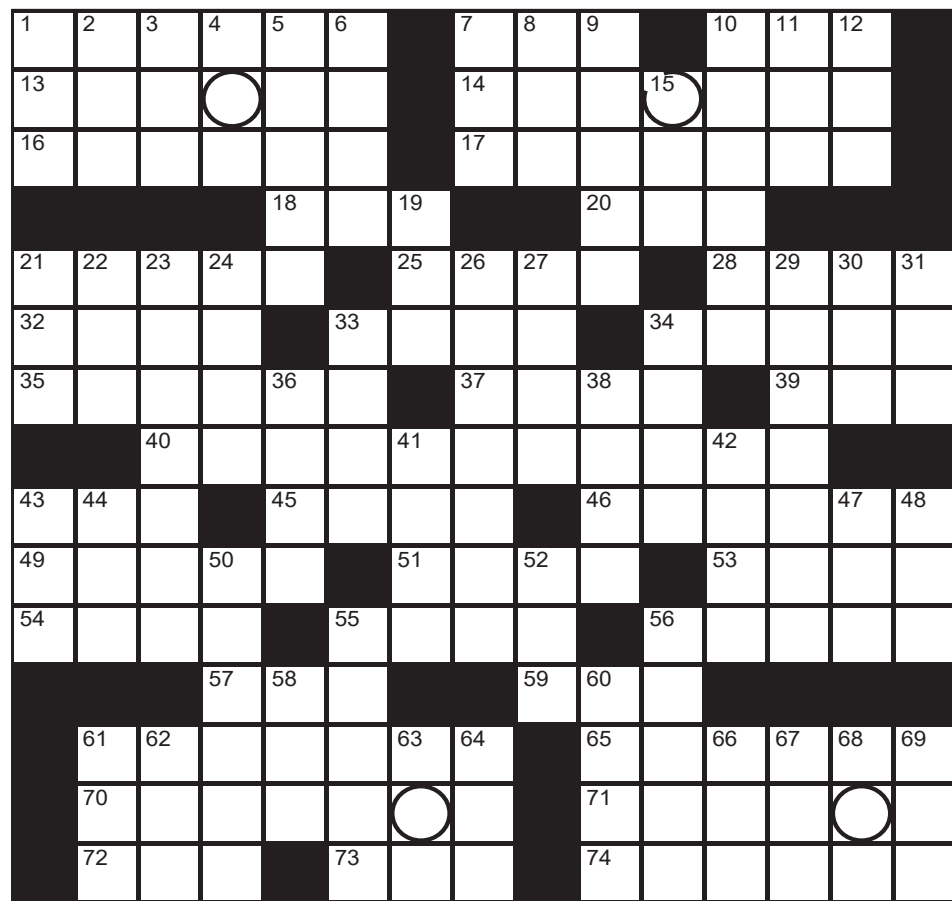
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### ACROSS

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7. Candle count
10. Beatles: The \_\_\_\_ Four
13. Automatic-drip machine endorsed by Joe DiMaggio
14. Lucas Oil Stadium ticket booth
16. Discourages
17. Teach
18. '50s prez
20. \_\_\_\_ Moines
21. Salty water
25. Used a loom
28. Applaud
32. Fish in a can
33. Shapiro's, e.g.
34. Damp
35. Dangerous
37. Say it isn't so
39. IND ID checkers
40. Something you flip in a house...or an apt title for this puzzle
43. Hulk Hogan's grappling org.
45. Russian refusal
46. "Longue" chair
49. Hotel attached to Indy's Artsgarden
51. Timid
53. Remote button
54. Bygone days
55. Peel
56. Take exception
57. Pie \_\_\_\_ mode
59. Green prefix
61. "Heavens!"
65. Opens a bottle
70. Considerations pro and con
71. Attention seekers



72. MashCraft brew vessel
  73. Scratch (out)
  74. Toon who says, "I yam what I yam"
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  2. Mine find
  3. Halloween mo.
  4. Finished
  5. Spooky
  6. Westwood Elementary School classroom furniture
  7. Indiana's Lincoln
  8. The "G" of TGIF
  9. Radiate
  10. Debacle
  11. Buck Creek Playhouse play part
  12. Spelling contest

15. "\_\_\_\_ upon a time..."
19. Animal that sounds like you?
21. A/C meas.
22. Do the Mini-Marathon
23. To such extent
24. Mumbai Grill bread
26. Elderly one, informally
27. Skyline Club amenity
29. Lightest metal
30. Mule's father
31. School grp.
33. Resist
34. Bit of folklore
36. Typeface
38. WTTV anchor McGill
41. Disaster relief org.
42. Attended
43. Southside Times reporter's query
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47. Trio after R
48. Always, to James Whitcomb Riley
50. Rip into
52. Wide shoe size
55. Check recipient
56. "Tiny Bubbles" singer
58. TV type
60. Tooth part
61. VH1 rival
62. Pitcher's stat
63. Monastery man
64. Nationality suffix
66. IMPD badge wearer
67. Astound
68. Yankee Doodle ride
69. Opp. of NNW

# NIGHT & day

## LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT ENTERTAINING

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### BEECH GROVE

**New Year's Eve "impromptu"** • Open to the public. Kick 2021 to the curb. Join for food, fun, dancing, frosty beverages and a band. | When: Dec. 31, 8 p.m. - 12:30 a.m. | Where: Beech Grove Eagles, 712 Main St., Beech Grove. | Info: Facebook: beechgroveeagles

**Yoga & Spirituality - Session I** • Class takes place Mondays through Feb. 7, instructed by Mary Doherty. Cost is \$50 session of six classes or \$10 per class. | When: Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and Feb. 8. | Where: Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: benedictinn.org/programs

**Community Fun Night** • Free dinner and music. Sharing table opens at 5:30 p.m. Everyone welcome. | When: Jan. 5, 6 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave Beech Grove. | Info: hornetparkcommunitycenter.com

**Illuminated/First Friday of January** • Join Beech Grove Clayworks show, "Illuminated." | When: Jan. 7, 6 - 9 p.m. | Where: Beech Grove Clayworks, 339 Main St. | Info: Facebook: BeechGroveClayWorks

**Ladies' Night** • Join for dinner and a fun night just for the ladies. \$5 per person. Registration recommended. | When: Jan. 14, 6:30 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave Beech Grove. | Info: hornetparkcommunitycenter.com

#### CENTER GROVE

**Sticker Mania** • School-age sticker lovers unite as they get a bag of random stickers, trade, start a sticker notebook, and make our own stickers. | When: Jan. 4, 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

**Studio You Yoga & Wine** • Registration is \$15 and includes a full yoga class and a glass of wine! Bar is open 6 - 8 p.m. | When: Jan. 12, 6:30 p.m. | Where: Mallow Run Winery, 6964 W. Whiteland Road, Bargersville. | Info: mallowrun.com.

**Snowman Lantern Painting Class** • Check out this adorable snowman lantern designed for Valentine's Day! Class is instructor led, but also allows you to go at your own pace. Feel free to change colors/design to meet your wishes. Class reservation includes pottery, paints, supplies, and a helping hand. Tickets: \$44. | When: Jan. 13, 6 p.m. | Where: uPaint Pottery Studio, 3113 W. Smith Valley Road, Suite D, Greenwood. | Info: upaintpotterystudio.com

**Center Grove Night with the Pacers** • Help raise

money for students and teachers at Center Grove Community Schools by going to an Indiana Pacers game! | When: Feb. 2, when the Pacers take on the Orlando Magic. Deadline to purchase tickets is Jan. 6. | Where: Gainbridge Fieldhouse, 125 S. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis. | Info: pacersgroups.com/magic

#### PERRY TOWNSHIP

**Teen Tuesdays** • Come hang out with friends, work on homework, or check out that week's activity - DIY zines, button making, video games, and more. | When: Jan. 4, from 4-6 p.m. | Where: West Perry Library Branch 6650 S. Harding St. | info: attend.indypl.org

**STEAM Team** • Come explore technology, science experiments, engineering, and more with the STEAM Team! School age children (6 and up) and a caregiver will learn about each month's theme, then take part in a follow-up experiment. Limited spaces available, registration required. | When: Jan. 6, from 4-5 p.m. | Where: West Perry Library Branch 6650 S. Harding St. | info: attend.indypl.org

**Code Monkey vs. South Indy Books & Brews** • Nothing goes better with that than Indy's #1 Folkmetal Acoustic Trio Replacement Band in the quad-county area, Code Monkey. | When: Jan. 7, 7 - 9 p.m. | Where: Books & Brews - South Indy, 3808 Shelby St., Suite 1, Indianapolis. | Info: Facebook: bnbssouthindy

#### SOUTHPORT

**Storytime at Southport** • Preschoolers ages 3 - 5 and an adult are invited for an active class featuring stories, songs, and rhymes that focus on early literacy skills and school preparedness. No registration is required. | When: Jan. 4, from 10:30-11 a.m. | Where: Southport Branch 2630 E. Stop 11 Rd. | Info: attend.indypl.org

#### FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

**Rocking the New Year with Rock Alley** • Come out and ring in the New Year with Mikie's Pub with great food and drinks. | When: Dec. 31, 9 p.m. | Where: Mikie's Pub, 5135 S. Emerson Ave., Indianapolis. | Info: Facebook:mikiespub

#### GARFIELD PARK

**Cultural Connections** • Explore cultures from

*Calendar continued on page 13.*

### AN OPTION



*A glass of mimosa (or two): the perfect pairing with your Sunday brunch. (Photo courtesy of Wine Market & Table)*

#### Dinner, conversation and spirits at Wine Market & Table

Looking for New Year's Eve plans? Try Wine Market and Table, nestled in Fountain Square, where you can enjoy a four-course meal with a glass of sparkling wine for \$75 per person. The restaurant recently rolled out its new winter menus, complete with baked wings and house made gnocchi, along with beef tataki cooked over river rocks at your table, Wine Market and Table offers

a wide variety of wines, in addition to wine slushies, cocktails and draft beers.

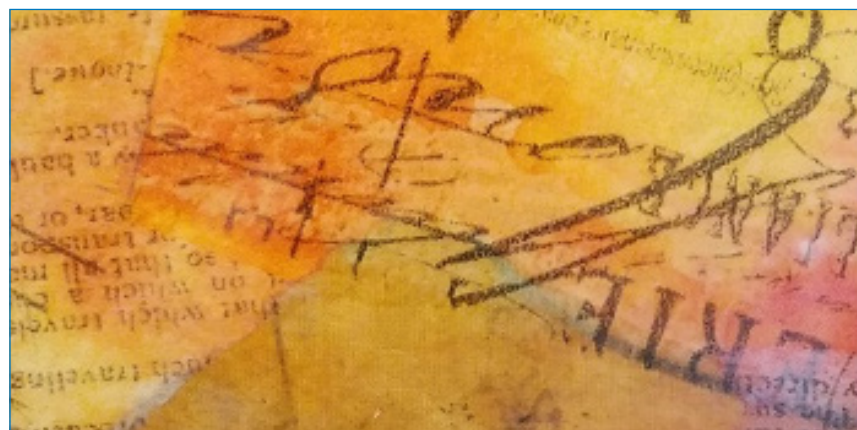
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### SPOTLIGHT



*Artwork by Frank Hockett, mixed media artist and adjunct instructor at Ivy Tech. (Photo provided by Southside Art League)*

#### Exploring mixed media with Frank Hockett

**SALI** - Mixed media is a term used to describe artworks composed from a combination of different media or materials. In this class you will explore the fundamentals of mixed media. You will learn how to combine mediums (watercolor, acrylics) and dry mediums (color pencils, markers) in collage (mixed media) to create a piece of artwork. To sign up for this six-week class, please contact Frank R. Hockett at (317) 856-8584 or email frankhockett@comcast.net.



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## The Card Counter

### A gambler's struggle against his past

#### MOVIE REVIEW

By Bradley Lane

Paul Schrader, as a writer and director, has a trope of focusing on characters outside of the mainstream of their culture. People with darkness inside of them, hidden behind their work, coined by the first film to feature this trope as, "God's lonely man." In *First Reformed* it was a priest, in *Mishima* it was a poet and now, in *The Card Counter*, Oscar Isaac plays a professional poker player. For Schrader it's a natural fit because as a professional bluffer, Isaac's character is always hiding and trying to gauge the intentions of others around him. However, what's strikingly different about *The Card Counter* is the main character's resistance toward his dark past overtaking his life. It's a welcome variance in the Schrader formula that makes for another satisfying addition to Schrader's lonely man canon.

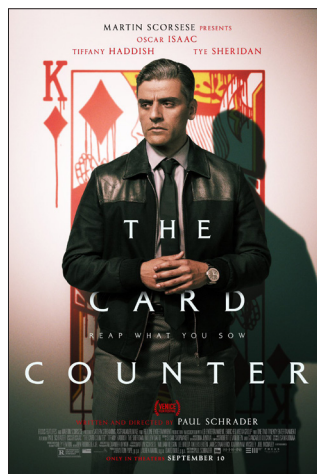
William Tell (Oscar Isaac) is a character who survives through routine. The first lines of dialogue in the film are explaining how well Tell adjusted to incarceration. Giving his life rhythm and structure gave him stability after a history of horrors threatens to constantly overtake his mind. Hiding away as a small-time poker player, his routine quickly becomes disrupted by a young man named Cirk (Tye Sheridan) seeking revenge on behalf of his father and in turn Tell as well. Tell believes that he can find absolution in convincing Cirk to drop his quest for revenge, while Cirk believes he can tap into Tell's trauma to con-

vince him to aid in his violent ambitions. Schrader's strengths have always lied in theme and tone, and this film is no exception. Each scene oozes with a quiet tension between William Tell and the world around him. This tension becomes explicit as Tell's past is revealed to the audience and it becomes clear that he could never comfortably exist side by side with everyday people.

The filmography of Paul Schrader has always been indebted to the great formalists of arthouse cinema like Ozu and Dryer, but especially here Schrader is channeling Robert Bresson. Interpolating scenes from his seminal work *Pickpocket*, and beautifully borrowing his

tight camerawork, *The Card Counter* is a decidedly slow but intentionally paced film.

Unfortunately, despite the film working at a macro level, the film does suffer moment to moment. Some dialogue can seem unbalanced or tonally at odds, but ultimately this doesn't account for much of the runtime. As one of my favorite filmmakers ever, Schrader has constructed a genre all his own and *The Card Counter* is a worthy addition to his already legendary career. *The Card Counter* is one of the best films of the year and is now available to rent on all Video On-Demand services.



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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across the globe through the lens of local artists in this multicultural event. Artwork in the mediums of photography, painting, and papel picado will introduce viewers to different cultures including the people, places, and traditions that make up these cultures. | When: Exhibit lasts from Jan. 7 - 29. First Friday event, Jan. 7, 6 - 9 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Dr., Indianapolis. | Info: gpacarts.org

**Vintage Movie Night** • Watch 'He Who Gets Slapped' (1924) in this monthly series which features film historian Eric Grayson as he presents a series of unique and rare vintage film titles. | When: Jan. 8, 7 - 9 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Dr., Indianapolis. | Info: gpacarts.org

#### GREENWOOD

**New Year's Eve Dance** • Everyone is invited. \$10 per person. Join for 50/50 drawing, pull tabs and more. Band begins at 8 p.m. | When: Dec. 31, 8 p.m. | Where: Greenwood VFW, 578 Commerce Pkwy W Dr, Greenwood. | Info: greenwodvfw.com

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

**Winter Art Camp** • Children ages 5 through 11 will use different mediums to create fun winter-themed art pieces. Children may want to bring a water bottle, snack and an apron with them. Registration is \$20. | When: Jan. 8, 9 - 11 a.m. | Where: Greenwood Community Center, 100 Surina Way, Greenwood. | Info: greenwood.in.gov.

**Johnson County in the Civil War** • Join David

Pfeiffer, director of the Johnson County Museum of History and explore Johnson County's role in the Civil War through the eyes of Co. F of the 7th Indiana Infantry. This unit was raised in Johnson County and their letters and diaries provide insight to what the war was like for the common soldier. | When: Jan. 11, 6 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St. | Info: greenwoodlibrary.us

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## Starting a new year with neologisms

### GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

It's time to celebrate a new year. Good riddance to 2021, which seemed like a regurgitated, tired sequel of 2020. Here's hoping 2022 won't be 2020, too.

We're all ready for a new year. What better way to bid adieu to the old and usher in the new, but with new words! I'm talking about neologisms.

No, a neologism isn't a word uttered by Neo in "The Matrix" movies. In fact, a neologism is a newly coined word, expression or phrase. A neologism can also be a new use of a word. For instance, "troll" falls into the category of a new usage of a word, as its new meaning has to do with intentionally being obnoxious to someone else on the internet.

It seems that prior to 2020, most neologisms had to do with technology. And, because most people are practically hard-wired into our digital culture, these new expressions spread instantly.

neously. Sometimes it feels like these new words get created and disseminated so quickly that it's impossible to keep up.

You don't have to be a Greek scholar to break down the word neologism. The Greek prefix "neo-" means "new," and the Greek word "logo" means "word." New word. The word "neologism" came from the French word "néologisme," which was adapted into English in the early 1800s.

In the past two years alone, we were all introduced to "contactless" food delivery as well as "contactless" payment at stores. A "quarantine baby" is a baby born during 2020 or 2021.

The Oxford English Dictionary recently named "vax" as its word of the year for 2021. Obviously, this word is a new take on "vaccine" or "vaccination." Prior to 2020, I'm pretty sure that a "vax" was like a car phone, but instead, it was a fax machine installed into a minivan.

The year 2021 brought a new definition of "jab." It coined the expression "Fauci ouchie." It brought new meaning to the phrase, "Let's all go out for

shots!" Yes, the rapid growth of "covid-cabulary" seems to bring a new word every day. I've had enough of pandemic puns, or should I say, "pundemic" words. However, up until this point, the Covid pandemic has undoubtedly been the all-encompassing story of this century's roaring '20s.

Because of the last two years, many of us have zoom fatigue due to our offices' WFH policies. Spreading dangerous or false news about the pandemic (as well as threats of physical harm to others) has led to folks getting deplatformed.

I'm ready for a year of innovative, clever neologisms. As Scuttle the seagull sings in the stage musical "The Little Mermaid": I got "positoovity."



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### Puzzle Time Answers

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## AROUND TOWN



Chase Andries. (Photo courtesy of Beech Grove City Schools)

## BGHS alum Chase Andries heads to Switzerland

**Football** – Chase Andries recently tweeted, "Ecstatic to announce that I will continue my football career with the @Calanda\_Broncos in Switzerland! Thank you to everyone who helped me get to this point. Time to work!" Andries is a 2017 graduate of Beech Grove High School who also played football while attending Depauw University. The Calanda Broncos released a statement, "We found our new playmaker for the 2022 season! With Chase Andries' commitment, the Broncos are putting on a very flexible quarterback. Andries started as a quarterback for DePauw University (Indiana) in the last three years. During that time, with a record of 21-13 victories, he led his university to the first playoff victory in 137 years of university history!"



Katie Gearlds stands with her #4 jersey at Beech Grove High School. (Photo courtesy of Beech Grove City Schools.)

## BGCS Celebrates Katie Gearlds

**Basketball** – Beech Grove High School retired Katie Gearlds' #4 Jersey at the Dec. 16 girls basketball game. Gearlds is a 2003 graduate of Beech Grove High School where she was named Indiana Miss Basketball 2003. She played basketball at Purdue University until she graduated in 2007. She has played in the WNBA for the Seattle Storm. She later coached at Marian University for eight seasons and is currently head coach at Purdue University. Through the years, Gearlds has made numerous visits back to her hometown of Beech Grove.

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## BGFD fire suppression officially becomes Indianapolis Fire Department

**Emergency Services** – Effective Dec. 25, the Beech Grove Fire Department's fire suppression unit was folded into the Indianapolis Fire Department. IFD celebrated its first shift on Dec. 25, announcing that the 34 sworn firefighters of BGFD officially became members of IFD. Station 57 is now IFD Station 46. IFD stated that updates to the station's signage are still to come. Beech Grove's emergency medical services will remain unchanged. The city provides one of the only pre-hospital care services in Indiana that is nationally accredited through the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services. The ambulance service will be self-sufficient and not dependent on taxpayer funds.

## UPCOMING BEECH GROVE MEETINGS &amp; EVENTS

**Board of Sanitation Meeting** • When: Jan. 3 - 6 p.m. | Where: City Hall Council Chambers. | Info: [beechgrove.com](http://beechgrove.com)

**Board of Public Works & Safety Meeting** • When: Jan. 3, following the Board of Sanitation Meeting. | Where: City Hall Council Chambers. | Info: [beechgrove.com](http://beechgrove.com)

**Beech Grove Common Council Meeting** • When: Jan. 3 - 7 p.m. | Where: City Hall Council Chambers. | Info: [beechgrove.com](http://beechgrove.com)

**Board of Zoning Appeals Meeting** • When: Jan. 5 - 1 p.m. | Where: City Hall Council Chambers. | Info: [beechgrove.com](http://beechgrove.com)

**Beech Grove Historical Society** • Meets the second Wednesday of the month. Everyone is welcome. | When: Jan. 12, 6:30 p.m. | Where: Beech Grove Branch library. | Info: [beechgrove.com](http://beechgrove.com)

**Beech Grove Parks Board Meeting** • When: Jan. 12 - 7 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center. | Info: [beechgrove.com](http://beechgrove.com)

**Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting** • This monthly networking event is \$10 per person. | When: Jan. 13, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave. | Info: [beechgrove-chamber.org](http://beechgrove-chamber.org)

**Board of Sanitation Meeting** • When: Jan. 18 - 6 p.m. | Where: City Hall Council Chambers. | Info: [beechgrove.com](http://beechgrove.com)

**Board of Public Works & Safety Meeting** • When: Jan. 18, following the Board of Sanitation Meeting | Where: City Hall Council Chambers. | Info: [beechgrove.com](http://beechgrove.com)





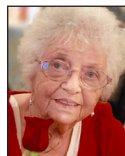
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## Dorothy Jean (Cramer) (Burk) Maffit



10 Jan 1928 - 22 Dec 2021. It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the passing of our beloved mother, Dorothy Jean (Cramer) (Burk) Maffit who peacefully passed away on Tuesday, December 22, 2021, at Compass Park, Franklin IN. She was born January 10, 1928, in Indianapolis to the late Earl & Edna (Groseclose) Cramer and moved to Southport in 1934. She was a Graduate of Southport HS, Member of Southport Baptist Church since 1939 and the Suncoast Baptist Church in Florida. She taught Sunday School when her children were small, helped with Bible school at Southport Baptist and gleefully sang in the choirs of both. In her younger years, she worked for Indiana Bell, Manpower, and Shingleton Research. Later, she and her sister were co-owners in their startup of Southport Dog Grooming. After marrying Robert Maffit, the two started Beech Grove Dog Grooming; both businesses were a remarkable success. She and Robert retired to Florida, settling in Homosassa where they lived for over 20 years. They returned to Greenwood in 2005 from Homosassa, Florida when Robert's health failed, he passed away shortly after they returned. She also was a member of the ABWA, Riley Chapter, Indianapolis, and Citrus Co Jazz Club, DAR, Mayflower Society, and the Society of Indiana pioneers. In the early 60's she & Russ became active in the local troop 99 of the Boy Scouts of America. Russ spent several years in scouting with her support and willingness to participate in whatever was needed. When it came time for Tim to enter scouting, she became a troop leader helping him and several neighborhood boys graduate to the next level. She was always there for her children. Dorothy will be lovingly remembered by her 3 children, Russell and (Nancy) Burk III, Teresa and (Doug) Fix and Timothy and (Vicki) Burk and their families, her sister-in-law, Cheri Boggs of Floral City Florida and many loving Grandchildren, Great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins and sadly missed by many other family members and close friends. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sisters; Doris Bell and Phyllis Stansbury, her husband of 25 years Russell Burk Jr and husband of 24 years Robert Maffit Sr. On Friday, January 7th, Friends & Family may call 11:00 to 1:00 at Swartz Family Mortuary, 300 US 31 South, Franklin IN 46131, Celebration of Life service at 1:00 to 2:00, interment will take place in the Greenwood Cemetery at approximately 2:45, followed by a reception at the Villas of Lake Lakota Clubhouse, 7325 Lake Lakota Dr,

Indianapolis IN 46217. A special thanks to Compass Park/IN Masonic Home for their loving care and compassion towards Dorothy in this chapter of her life. In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the: Indiana Masonic Home Foundation, PO Box 44210, Indianapolis IN 46210-0210

## John "Larry" Sahm



John "Larry" Sahm, 88, lifelong resident of Beech Grove, passed away December 26, 2021. He was born August 27, 1933 to the late Carl J. and Sarah H. Sahm. Larry was a graduate of Beech Grove High School. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army as a construction engineer and married the love of his life, Kathryn Sue Fidler. Larry was a commercial truck driver for LTC for 34 years and a metal fabricator for Mitchum-Schaffer for 15 years. He was a member of Holy Name Catholic Church and the Indianapolis Remote Control Club. Visitation will be Thursday, December 30, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service at 2:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel, 3333 East Thompson Road. Larry is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Kathryn "Sue" Sahm; daughters, Lisa Fox (Daniel) and Jennifer Sahm (Joe Peterman) and grandchildren, Nick Sahm and Sarah Fox. He was preceded in death by two sons, Robbie Sahm and Scott Sahm. Memorial contributions may be made in Larry's honor to the Veterans Administration. www.shirleybrothers.com.

## Mary Frances Black

Mary Frances Black, 95, of Indianapolis, died Dec. 23. She was born Oct. 25, 1926, in Bedford, Ind. Mary is survived by two children, Leanne (Darrell) Peyton and Jim Black; daughter-in-law, Diane Black; seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Services are entrusted to Little & Sons.

## Anna Everroad

Anna (Miller) Everroad, 71, of Greenwood, died Dec. 23. She is survived by husband, Ralph; her siblings, Judi (Gary) Delk, Mary (Stu) Moyer, Ruth (William) White and John (Cathy) Miller; and sisters-in-law, Mynevia Miller and Robin (Terry) Small. Services were held December 27 at O'Riley Funeral Home.

## Charles Lee McGinnis

Charles Lee McGinnis died Dec. 23. Arrangements are pending at Forest Lawn Funeral Homes.

## James Neely

James "Todd" Neely, 53, died Dec. 22. He was preceded in death by daughter, Stephanie (fiancé and father of Todd's grandson, Matt Rynard). Survivors include Todd's parents, Donna and Milton Gossett; son, Christopher T. Neely (Renee Gilligan); granddaughter, Oakley; grandson, Jaeden Mendez-Rynard; and sister, Tiffany. O'Riley Funeral Home handled arrangements.

## John Sahm

John "Larry" Sahm, 88, Beech Grove, died Dec. 26. He was born Aug. 27, 1933, to Carl and Sarah Sahm. Visitation is Dec. 30, 11 a.m. until service at 2 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel. Survivors include wife, Kathryn "Sue" Sahm; daughters, Lisa Fox and Jennifer Sahm.

## Tommy G. Simms

Tommy G. Simms, 79, Indianapolis, died Dec. 26. Survivors: wife, Susie Simms; children, Jeffrey (Dawn) Simms and Christina (Tim) Naughton; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Visitation is Thursday, Dec. 30, 5-7 p.m. A service is held Dec. 31 at 10 a.m. Services entrusted to Little & Sons Stop 11 Road Chapel.

## Betty Jean Terhune

Betty Jean Terhune died Dec. 25. Arrangements are pending at Forest Lawn Funeral Homes.

## Michelle Thomas

Michele Thomas, 57, died Dec. 27. She is survived by her husband, Duane; children, Ashley (Joseph) Wilson and Tyler (Lindsey Gary), and mother, Kay Prairie. Visitation will be held Dec. 30, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Camby Community Church. A funeral will be held Dec. 31 at 2 p.m. at O'Riley Funeral Home.

## Kandy Ward

Kandy Ward died Dec. 26. Arrangements are pending at Forest Lawn Funeral Homes.

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. Families/estates or 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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#### WESLEYAN

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## AROUND TOWN

### Renew your creative spirit at the Southside Art League

**Memberships Available** - The Southside Art League (SALI) Board will be starting 2022 with new classes and plans for a four-day Drawing Bootcamp. The gallery is open and SALI is having opening receptions and selling art. Membership in the Southside Art League gives members the opportunity to commune with other artists and make the Southside a better place for the arts through classes, open painting groups, workshops, demos, special events, opening receptions or selling art in the Off Broadway Art Gallery. Opportunities to enter competitions as well as local arts events are found in the email newsletter for members. Membership is based on the calendar year. This makes it easier to keep track of when membership fees are due. Membership levels are: individual, \$35; family, \$40; patron, \$50; and corporate, \$100. For more information, visit Southside Art League, Inc. at 299 E. Broadway, Greenwood, call (317) 882-5562 or visit southsideartleague.org.

### Samuel Bryan Chapter DAR honors Beech Grove Vietnam veterans

**Military Recognition** - In recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam Conflict, the Samuel Bryan Chapter of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution will honor Beech Grove Vietnam veterans. Banners will be displayed on Main Street in Beech Grove during the month of March. Each banner will include the name, rank, years of service and photo of a Beech Grove veteran who served in Vietnam and the branch of his or her service. Those who paid the ultimate sacrifice will be noted with gold stars. Donor or family names will also be displayed. While the 2022 focus will be on the Vietnam war, in the future this honor will be opened up to Beech Grove veterans of all U.S. wars and conflicts. The cost of each banner will be \$125 and the banner and original photo will be returned to the donor after they have been displayed. Submissions will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis with priority given to Beech Grove residents. For more information, visit samuelbryanchapterdar.com, facebook.com/SamuelBryanChapterDAR or email samuelbryanchapterDAR@gmail.com.

### Indiana Department of Education announces 2021 graduation rate

**Academic** - On Dec. 29, the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) released the 2021 state graduation rates, with data showing 86.69% of students in the Class of 2021 graduating. These graduation rates correspond with research that shows that the academic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic are substantial. According to research from IDOE and the National Center for the Improvement of Educational Assessment, Inc., the academic impact ranges from moderate to significant across schools, academic subjects and demographic groups. In response, IDOE launched several accelerated learning programs, which are still underway and will

be joined by additional efforts planned for next year. This year, nearly 40% of Hoosier students graduated with a Core 40 honors diploma (academic, technical or both) or an International Baccalaureate diploma. Additionally, more than 78% graduated without requiring a waiver from passing the Graduation Qualifying Exam – an increase of nearly two percentage points from 2019.

Due to differences between federal and state accountability equations and standards, IDOE also released 2021 federal graduation rates. In 2021, Indiana's federal graduation rate was 85.75%.

State Graduation Rate	Federal Graduation
2021 86.69%	85.75%
2020 87.69%*	87.0%
2019 87.29%	86.4%



## Weekly Devotion



10 He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not.

11 He came unto his own, and His own received Him not.

12 But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name:

13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

JOHN 1:10-13

This is John's narrative concerning the coming of Christ from heaven to the earth.

He is not an alien but the earth has been alienated against Him. He was not the Messiah the Jews expected nor was He the Creator that the world recognized even though He had created the world and everything that was made. Do you think it would be any different today than it was then? I know it wouldn't.

Today, the church has so "westernized" Christ that it would not recognize Him as He was when He came nearly 2,000 years ago. We have fantasized about Him so much that He would be totally unrecognizable to us. We do our church plays and our cantatas and make our emotional illustrations to the point that we

don't see Him in His rags as a baby or on the run as a child. We see Him all dressed up in His Sunday best every day of the week.

It is not that I see Him as unkempt and unclean but He did live in a time when bodily cleanliness was a challenge and, for many in His part of the world, it still is. He lived among us as one of us. He came and He dwelt among us and there was nothing special about Him physically that would draw your attention to Him.

John doesn't mention at all anything about shepherds, wise men, or any of the things that Matthew and Luke write about in their narratives concerning the birth of Christ. John just reminds of Who this person is that was born and gets right down to the purpose for which He came.

During this season, shouldn't we focus on the Christ that was born and not so much on the child? After all, most of all of the Gospels focused on Him as the Christ, the Messiah and the Lamb of God Who came to take away the sin of the world.

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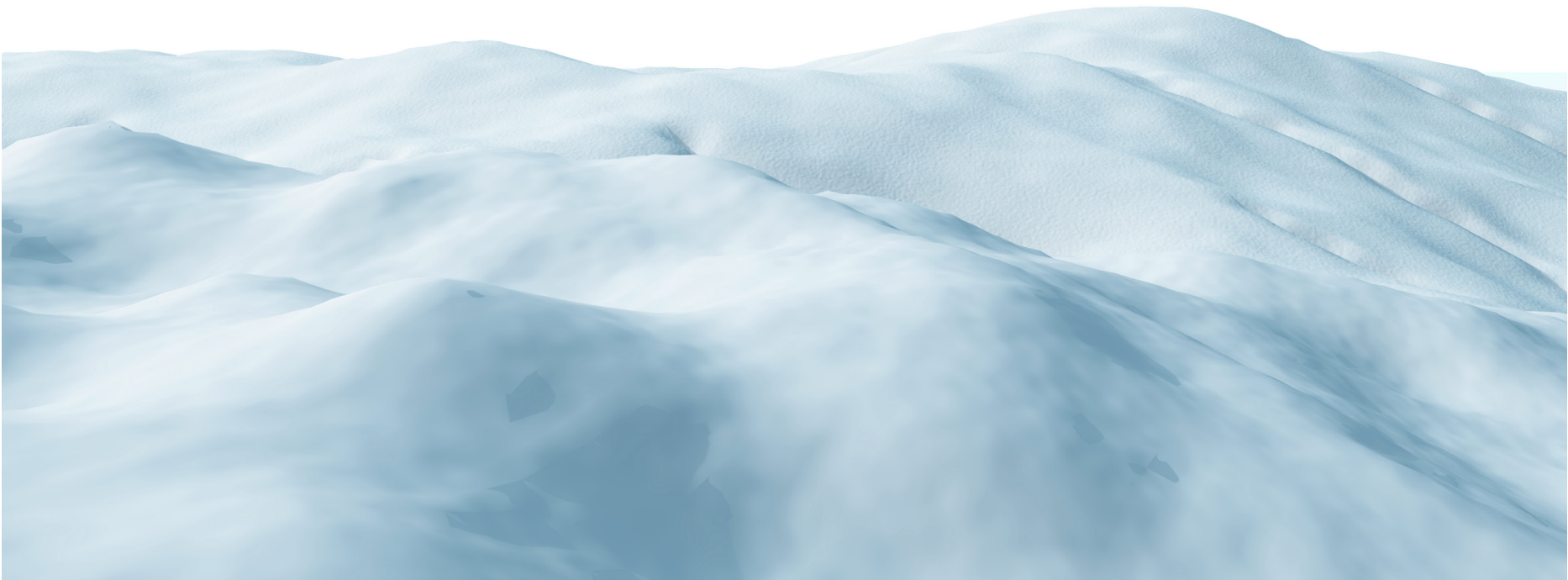


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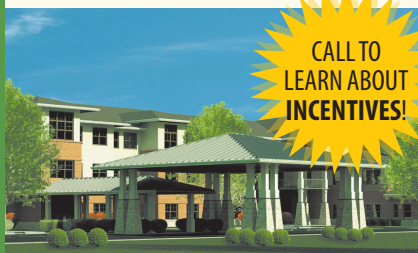
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