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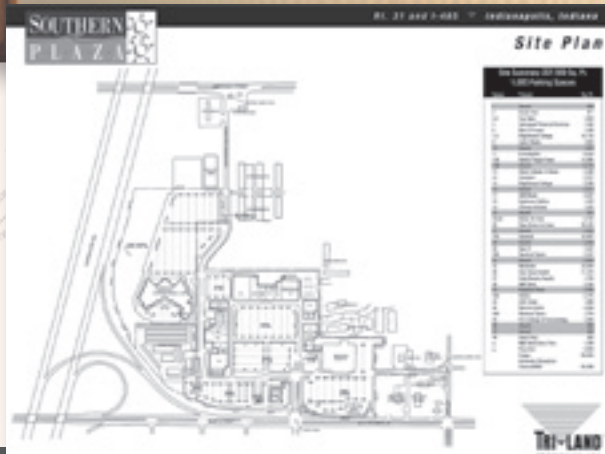
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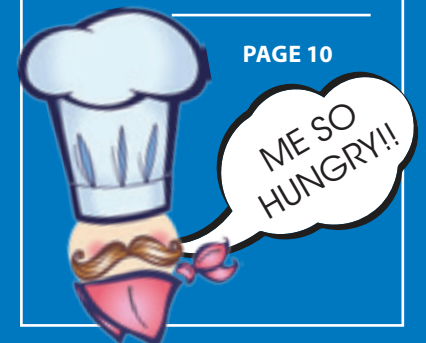
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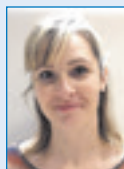
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## face to face

### Q: What was your favorite Christmas tradition as a child? What is your favorite Christmas tradition now ?

"My favorite Christmas tradition as a child was to watch Frosty The Snowman and the Charlie Brown specials. It was always after Thanksgiving and they would get you in the holiday spirit. My favorite tradition that we do now is every Christmas morning is I make homemade cinnamon rolls and hot cocoa for my family."

*Jen Larson-Thompson, works in Beech Grove*



"As a child my favorite Christmas tradition was going out with my family and cutting down a Christmas tree. The whole family would go out to a Christmas tree farm. We try to do that now.

Our daughters are college age. It hasn't really changed."

*Chad Appelheimer of Perry Township*



"It is still breakfast with my whole family together on Christmas morning. It has always been that way from the time that I can remember, three or four years old, until now. We are talking 55 years. My mom lives for it."

*Rick Ballard, grew up on Terrace Avenue*



"As a child, the six of us grandchildren did a Christmas program at my grandparents house and that was always a lot of fun. We sang songs and played instruments. Now I have three children of my own and we are starting our own traditions. We like to go to the zoo each year which is fun for the kids."

*Amy Mullins of Greenwood*



## GOVERNMENT WATCHDOG

### BEECH GROVE CITY COUNCIL

*Meeting, December 5*

**What happened:** Ordinances 26 and 27 were approved on second reading. Ordinance 29 was approved on second and third/final reading. Ordinance 21 was approved on third/final reading.

**What it means:** Ordinance 26 relates to one-way streets and alleys, and sets a fee for not complying.

Ordinance 27 establishes a fee for heavy trash pickup of box springs and mattresses. There will be a minimum charge of \$20. Brad Meriwether, director of public works, said beginning this year there were more calls related to mattresses containing bed bugs. "Not having the machinery and not wanting to tell people it's just a hard no, we reached out to Ray's (Trash Services) to see if there was something we could do to work together."

Ordinance 21 establishes a new employee manual. The manual was discussed at length, with numerous amendments made. Mayor Dennis Buckley stated that this document is to be a work in progress and will be amended as time goes by.

Ordinance 22 establishes a salary for an Indiana Data and Communications System (IDACS) coordinator. It is required for police departments to have this position covered 24 hours a day. When the city ceased operation of its dispatch center, this position was covered by another agency. That agency will not cover the department's IDACS needs as of Jan. 1. Hiring a full-time coordinator is the first step for the department to fill this void.

**In brief...** 2017 RDC Budget was presented and approved by the council. RDC President Donald Webb gave a recap of 2016. The RDC put \$30,000 this fall to environmental studies, seeing as the Greenway project was approved this year. They are working on a bond refinance to be able to pay them off, getting a lower interest rate at 2.4 percent.

### GREENWOOD COMMON COUNCIL

*Meeting, December 5*

**What happened:** Ordinance 16-74 passes first reading and Resolution 16-24 passes first reading 5-4.

**What it means:** Ordinance 16-74 will increase the cash change fund for the aquatic center, community center, and parks special events. The new aquatic center has multiple front counters and concession stand counters demanding the need for a greater amount of cash change funds.

Resolution 16-24 declares an area within Greenwood as a Economic Revitalization Area. VanTrust Real Estate intends to construct an approximately 500,000 square foot shell building at 800 N. Graham Road to be used as a logistics and distribution facility.

**What's next:** Ordinance 16-74 will go for second reading in the next meeting and Resolution 16-24 is set to have a public hearing the first meeting in January, 2017.

Compiled by Nicole Davis & Beth Wade

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# Ramona Jackson

## Johnson County Sheriff reserve deputy puts energy into enforcing the law and serving her community

### BEHIND the BADGE

Compiled by Nicole Davis

Having gone into law enforcement in her late 30s, Ramona Jackson may have gotten a late start in the field but says she can't imagine having to give up her badge now. Serving as a reserve deputy for the Johnson County Sheriff's Office for nearly 11 years, she said she loves being on the road, taking calls and working with everyone in the department.

"I have lots of energy," she said. "That's a good thing because I stay very busy. It's rewarding because you know you are going out there to hopefully do good every day."

Jackson is a graduate of Perry Meridian High School, growing up near Southern Plaza. She has worked as a sales operator for Ray Skillman for 28 years. She has lived in Greenwood for 16 years, and said she can see that the people in Johnson County do generally love and appreciate their Sheriff's department.

"We have a great group of people," she said. "We're out here to do the best that we can."

In addition to her volunteer service as a deputy, Jackson can also be found working security at places such as Banker's Life Fieldhouse or directing traffic locally.

#### What was your inspiration to become go into law enforcement?

In January, I have been doing this for 11 years. I was 38. I had a friend who said they were going to get an application to be a reserve. I always loved police stuff. I always thought, it's not a good time in my life, I'm getting into my late 30s. I was talking to my friend that day and thought I want to do this finally. It was spur of the moment. I said, "pick me up one, too."

#### What has been one of your most gratifying moments on the job?

I like helping people. It's not always getting the bad guy. It's when you know you've done something good to make someone's day better or make them feel better. You have people thanking you. It's not even for the thank you but when they do you highly appreciate it.

#### What aspect of the job do you find most challenging?

When you do go in a home and there isn't anything you can do. It's a bad situation and you have to leave hoping that something will help that family. The challenging part is if you've left wondering if these kids are going to be okay or if they are going to work this out.

#### What do you enjoy doing in your off-time?

Exercising and hanging with my boyfriend and my son.

#### What are your future goals, professionally or personally?

I would like to do this until I am retirement age. It would be so hard to give up my badge. My goal is to do this as long as I can. Personally, I want to get better and do better every time I come into work.

#### What would you have done if you hadn't become a deputy?

I would still be working my regular, full time job.



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## On the subject of Exorcists

### HAUNTS & JAUNTS

By Rick Hinton

Thus comes the opening: the haunting piano from Michael Oldfield's *Tubular Bells*, a thick curtain of fog, a darkly silhouetted priest, and a sense of urgency. Modern day Exorcists—a present day occurrence or a legend seeped in folklore? How does this translate into paranormal investigations? Is it something to be laughed away? Or, is there credence that demonic activity holds court here in the present? I believe that it does...that evil has the capacity to be the great imitator, sometimes steering us down a path we don't want or need to walk down. Exorcism? Paranormal investigation? Between the two, it's a whole different realm! And... not one to be taken lightly.

Media is the illumination of the demonic and exorcism, whether it be books, movies or television. Currently one show—*The Exorcist*—is a revamping of the original 1970s movie. Reagan has grown up with a family of her own. However, it would seem the forces of darkness never relinquished their hold upon her. Is it a good show? Concerning the realm of demonic influence, I feel it is spot on and somewhat disturbing. There are, however, those moments of soap opera I would suppose every show needs to survive. Its moody, dark, and yes—in the first episode—contains that music, fog, and the silhouette of the priest about to do battle as he stands outside the house.

Is it all real? Yes, very much so. The Catholic Church has long recognized the reality of demonic possession, and even though it is not something they will advertise, they've put men in place to deal with this. India-

napolis had one of these. Father Vincent Lampert resided at the Saints Francis and Clare Catholic Church in Greenwood. He was one of about 50 working exorcists in the United States. His official title was "designated exorcist for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis." During his initial three months of training in Rome in 2006 Lampert assisted in over 40 exorcisms.

*"I saw someone levitate once. I saw foaming at the mouth, bodily contortions, superhuman strength, speaking in a strange language and howling like wild animals!"*

Regardless, he held to faith, believing that evil was no match against the power that resides in the Church founded by Jesus Christ. He was an adamant student in dissecting evil from the grace that Christ provides. To witness a possession he equated to visual shows or "parlor tricks," meant to scare or distract from the business at hand.

*"I think there are a lot of people who think that exorcism is a throwback to the Middle Ages,"* Father Lampert stated. *"But, lots of times, it's because they don't want to think about it. They don't want to think about the reality of evil, or what that means or entails. Evil IS a reality, but that doesn't mean we should be afraid of it!"*

Yet... what of the paranormal groups that find themselves in this situation?



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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**Ben Smith scholarship awarded to PMHS senior Alec Patch**

**Scholarship** – The Ben Smith Memorial Scholarship winner was awarded to Alec Patch on Dec. 3. Perry Meridian High School head coach Henninger and retired coach Mike Tomey paid tribute to Ben at yesterday's Football Awards ceremony. Alec recently learned about the "turkey bowl," an event carried on in the memory of Ben Smith, PMHS graduate who lost his life to cancer in 2008, and is hosted to raise money for the scholarship. However, Patch was serving Thanksgiving dinner at a homeless shelter.



**Jarrett wins Christmas in Wanamaker costume contest**

**Holiday** – Rebecca Jarrett, age 7, of South Creek Elementary, won a Children's Division trophy in the Dec. 3 Christmas in Wanamaker costume contest. Here she is seen with judges Alena VanArendonk and Laura Baugh, just before carrying her trophy in the parade.



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## SHOP TILL YOU DROP

**Law enforcement officers join together for Trooper Bertram Memorial Foundation's Christmas for Kids**

By Nicole Davis

Law enforcement agencies from across central Indiana, including 34 Southport Police officers, joined law enforcement agencies from across central Indiana for the annual Trooper Bartram Memorial Foundation/Helping Hands for Freedom Christmas for Kids. The officers shopped for Christmas gifts, clothes and other needs for nearly 200 children on Dec. 3 at Walmart in Camby, Ind. This is the largest Christmas for Kids event to date, and the largest shop with a cop type of program in Indiana this year. Christmas for Kids is in memory of Indiana State Trooper Pat Bartram who was killed in the line of duty in 1998. Trooper Bartram was actively involved in Shop With a Cop in Mooresville every year. More information about the annual event can be found at [bartrammemorial.com](http://bartrammemorial.com).



1. Southport Police Department had the largest number of officers at Christmas for Kids, with 34 officers in attendance. 2. From left, Indiana State Trooper Patrick Etter, IMPD Detective David Roth of Franklin Township and Southport Chief of Police Thomas Vaughn. 3. Southport Officer Corey Mann greets the family with whom he will shop. 4. Kayla and Shaun Hawkins with Carol Beck of Greenwood Police Department and Helping Hands for Freedom. 5. Southport Sgt. Danny Marlett with Cameron Gordon of Perry Township. 6. Southport Officer Cody Robertson with Kenyatta and Cameron Gordon of Brownsburg. 7. Marion County Sheriff Deputy Michelle Sechrist of Perry Township shops with the Castor family. 8. Southport Officer Dillon Webb pushes Kaden around on the front of his cart.

Photos by Nicole Davis







Norbert Diekhoff.

Submitted photo

## Hark! Norbert Diekhoff sings.

**89-year-old Norbert Diekhoff looks forward to singing in Holy Name's Christmas Concert on Dec. 11**

By Teri Duell

What do Amy Grant, Avril Lavigne and Norbert Diekhoff have in common? They all started singing in church.

For Diekhoff, it was about 65 years ago.

"I started singing before they had a choir director," said the 89-year-old tenor. Since then, Diekhoff has enjoyed singing for each of the three choir directors at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church in Beech Grove.

"In March I'll be 90," he said proudly, "and I'm singing in the Christmas Concert."

The jubilant concert of celebration he is referring to is the annual Holy Name Christmas Concert which has been a tradition at the church for 53 years. This year's concert is Dec. 11, 5 p.m. and features more than 90 voices ranging in age from 10 to nearly 90, with more than a dozen instrumentalists.

Joseph Chrisman, pastoral associate and the concert's musical director said, "Norb has a dedication to and love for Holy Name and the Christmas Concert that is second to none. Norb lights up when he sings, especially these familiar tunes and his demeanor is infectious. He is a joy to have in the choir and offers valuable experience."

According to Chrisman, Diekhoff has been providing valuable tips since he started. "One of my favorite memories of Norb happened when I first arrived at Holy Name. We had finished a song at mass and afterward Norb said to me, 'Well, that was too slow, but you'll learn.'"

Diekhoff honed his singing skills for decades under the direction of Jerry Craney,

the iconic music director who taught generations of families at Holy Name. He remembers auditioning for the choir. "Where've you been?" he said Craney asked him. Craney directed Holy Name's Christmas Concert for 48 years. Since his arrival in 2014, Chrisman has added his own touch to the annual event in a notable way. Craney's influence, however, is ever present. "There are some little things called 'Craney-isms' that long-time choir members like Norb continue to teach me and help me to remember as we rehearse," said Chrisman.

"The problem I have now is that there are steep stairs to the choir loft and climbing those stairs at 89 is difficult," Diekhoff said. But as long as he is physically able, he will continue to participate in the choir. In preparation for the Christmas Concert, Diekhoff and other members of the choir attend practice for several hours per week.

"I have lots of special memories," he says of his years in the choir, but not a favorite Christmas song, "I like them all." His favorite song is Schubert's *Ave Maria*.

Diekhoff was born in Beech Grove and attended Holy Name School and Beech Grove High School. When he married in 1971, he and his wife, Rosemary, decided to settle there. Today, they are still part of the community and doing their part to encourage the next generation, "I have a son and he has two boys, eight and 11. The 11-year-old is learning piano," he said with enthusiasm. He would like to see his love for music continue on in his grandsons for a while – perhaps the next 90 years.



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## Just say yes

### Johnson County Sheriff Detective Cochran to be honored in Rose Parade and shares his story of organ donation

By Nicole Davis

It is an emotional time of year for Johnson County Sheriff's detective Kirby Cochran, of Franklin. As he travels the state speaking about organ donation, it has been nearly three years since he received his kidney transplant from Tracy Driscoll of Wabash, Ind.

Cochran and Driscoll have been selected as this year's honorees on the Indiana Donor Network and Donate Life Indiana's Donate Life Rose Parade Float for the Tournament of Roses Parade in California on Jan. 2, 8 a.m. Cochran will ride on the float which depicts Driscoll's image with a floragraph, a piece of artwork made from natural materials.

Driscoll, along with representatives from Franciscan Health and Indiana Donor Network, spoke on Dec. 2 at the Indianapolis hospital campus.

"I hope that after today, everyone in this room and everyone who sees the news of this will feel inspired to think about your personal decision, tell your family to watch the float as it is presented in the beginning of the new year and finally talk to your family about donation," said Heather Pease of Indiana Donor Network.

Cochran, a 24-year deputy, was diagnosed with liver disease at 44 years old, in June of 2012, at Franciscan Health. He was added to the transplant list in November and received the call Jan. 8, 2013.

"I traveled to IU Health with my wife," he said. "The ride to the hospital is a ride I will never forget. We were both very thankful. It was kind of a quiet ride in the car, a lot of tears, a lot of emotion... Our thoughts were basically for Tracy's family. We didn't know who she was, but we knew someone had to pass for me to survive."

Twenty-two people die daily in the U.S. from not receiving the organ they need to survive.

"Tracy chose at the license branch to say yes," Cochran said. "That's a nice, short bumper sticker: Just say yes. If we can just work together to cut the number from 22, that would be my message today."

Cochran said the thing that got to him most about needing the transplant was thinking about his wife and three children he would otherwise leave behind. After his transplant, he learned that Driscoll had left behind three teenage to young adult children. Cochran made the decision to meet her family and has since formed a close bond.

"I have a picture of Tracy in my office," he said. "I have no pictures of my family in my office. I work on child abuse and sex crimes. I have no pictures of my family in my office for a reason. But I have a picture of Tracy across from my desk. It's a great opportunity to talk to folks, even at a bad time, about organ donation and the fact that we've built a relationship. I have to thank Tracy's family for sharing Tracy with me and other folks."

Cochran said it an honor and humbling to be selected as a rider on the float in one of the most well-known parades in the country.

"It's a blessing for me to be able to honor Tracy and share the message about Tracy," he said. "Without her, it would not be possible. She's a part of me now. To be able to speak for her, chase my dreams, help her children when they need help, there's nothing better than that."



Left, Tracy Driscoll. Right, Kirby Cochran speaks at Franciscan Health about his kidney transplant.

Photos by Nicole Davis



FROM THE EDITOR



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The Indiana Donor Network in partnership with Franciscan Health held a wonderful and moving presentation on Dec. 2, highlighting Greenwood resident Kirby Cochran, a transplant recipient, and Tracy Driscoll, his donor. The two will be featured in the Tournament of Roses Parade in California in January. As Cochran shared his story of what it meant to him to receive that transplant at the unfortunate consequence of someone else losing their life, some in the audience stated the need for a tissue to dry their eyes.

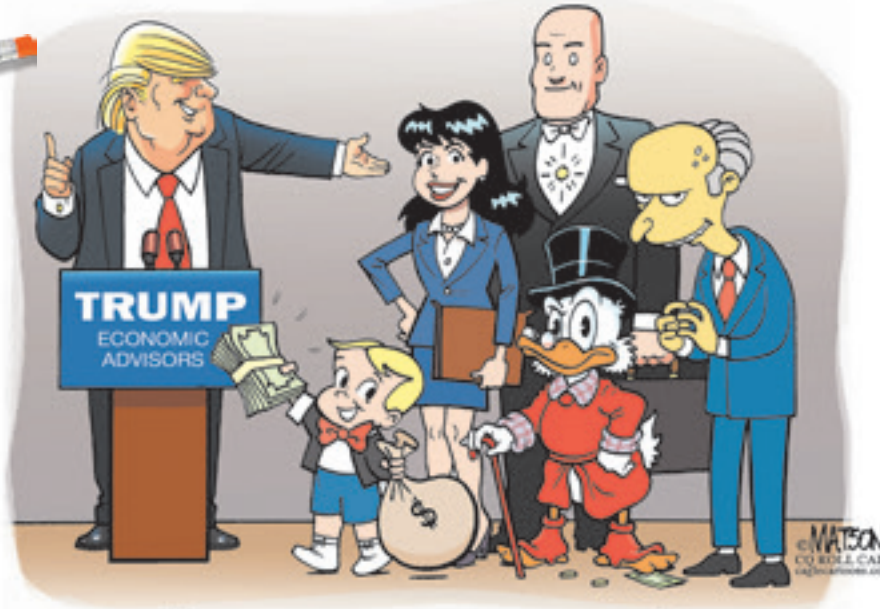
In 2015, 629 people received organ transplants from 175 donors in Indiana. Yet there are 22 people that die every day in the United States from the lack of available organs.

As uncomfortable as it may be to think about, the process of signing up to be an organ donor is so simple. Check a box on your paperwork at the license branch and voila, you're an organ donor. If something should happen to one of us - perish the thought - at least some good can come from it.

Meeting someone who has gone through this process really puts that into perspective. Putting a face to an issue not only helps to make the topic seem more real, but gives all the more reason to take the extra time (and it's really not that much time) to sign up and discuss your wishes with your relatives. Learn more at [IndianaDonorNetwork.org](http://IndianaDonorNetwork.org) or [organdonor.gov](http://organdonor.gov).

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STARS & STRIKES ON THE SOUTHSIDE

The Southside Times is all about people and our community. What do you like in your neighborhood? What don't you like? Who has done something nice, no matter how small and should be recog-

nized? Email your "Stars and Strikes" to [news@ss-times.com](mailto:news@ss-times.com). Chad Mertz of Greenwood and Jim Simmons of Garfield Park contributed to this week's Stars and Strikes.

★ **Stars:** To Cornerstone Autism Center as they recently announced plans to open a second Greenwood location at the former city building, known as the Polk Building, located at 2 N. Madison Ave. The organization anticipates an opening date in early 2017 and plans to add as many as 30 new jobs.

★ **Stars:** To the members of the Beech Grove committee who spent two years forming the employee manual which was approved at the Dec. 5 council meeting. A lot of work has been put into the details of this manual to provide city employees with guidelines in everything from health insurance coverage to vacation terms.

★ **Stars:** On Nov. 30, Scarlett Martin, the Community Builder directing the development of the first-ever Southside Quality of Life Plan, made the group's final presentation for approval by the board of the sponsoring group, the Local Initiatives Support Corporation. After a vote, the

plan was unanimously approved. Ms. Martin will now direct the implementation of the plan along with the dozens and dozens of Southside residents who have worked alongside her for the past year to reach this point. Stars for all those volunteers and special thanks to the University of Indianapolis, the sponsor and convener for this landmark undertaking for eight Southside neighborhoods. The Indianapolis Neighborhood Housing Partnership and Fifth Third Bank are also sponsoring partners for the Plan. The public is invited to join the Unveiling Celebration at the University of Indianapolis Health Pavilion on Dec. 13, 5-7pm. Details of the plan can be found at [southsideindy.org](http://southsideindy.org).

★ **Stars:** To the Perry Township Kiwanis members who volunteered to ring bells for the Salvation Army on Dec. 3 at Greenwood Park Mall. The Red Kettle Christmas Campaign provides food, toys and clothing to more than 6 million people during the Christmas season.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If you want to make an easy job seem mighty hard,  
just keep putting off doing it."

~ Olin Miller

HUMOR



TOP TEN  
COMPLAINTS FROM  
MRS. SANTA CLAUS

By Torry Stiles

10. Santa likes to "high five" the elves and they're sick and tired of having to jump.
9. That whole "bowlful of jelly" stomach thing is nothing but pre-diabetes.
8. Instead of letters to Santa, kids these days are sending emails. We picked up a nasty virus and it dumped the entire "Naughty or Nice" database into WikiLeaks.
7. Santa's body is cute as long as it's in the red suite otherwise: stretch marks and gray hairs.
6. Lets Rudolph sleep in the house. Rudolph is only partially paper-trained.
5. Expects me to cook for all those elves but refuses to buy me a decent microwave.
4. He works one overnighiter a year but I've gotta listen to him gripe about it for months.
3. After a night of nothing but milk and cookies he's sugared up and gassy.
2. Reindeer poop stains are tough to get out of carpets.
1. He's always had a good rapport with the US presidents but Kennedy, Clinton and now Trump just call to get women's names from the Naughty List.

BELIEVE IT!

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

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**AROUND TOWN**



**Southport shows appreciation to volunteers during annual dinner**

**Giving Thanks** – The City of Southport gave thanks to its volunteers through a Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on Nov. 18. The parks department board helped to organize the event, which took place at Southport United Methodist Church. Dinner was served to guests as Darin Isaac entertained with music from the 50s and 60s.



**Sandlin Sworn in as State Senator for District 36**

**Government** – Senator-elect Jack Sandlin (R-Indianapolis) took the oath of office, officially becoming the State Senator representing District 36. Sandlin, along with eight other new members of the Senate, was sworn in by Indiana Supreme Court Chief Justice Loretta Rush. Sandlin will serve portions of Center and Perry townships in Marion County as well as a portion of White River Township in Johnson County. He fills the Senate seat previously held by State Sen. Brent Waltz. Residents in Senate District 36 can contact Sandlin at (317) 232-9400, senator.Sandlin@iga.in.gov or IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/Sandlin.

**Roncalli canned food drive celebrates 46th year**

**Donation** – For the 46th year in a row, Roncalli sponsored its annual Canned Food and Blood Drive. Over the course of its run, Roncalli has collected over three million cans for the needy of Indianapolis. This year, 470 Roncalli students collected 38,690 cans for St. Vincent de Paul Food pantry of Marion County. Roncalli students and staff also raised over \$12,000 that will provide food for St. Vincent de Paul, Anna's House, David Moore Food Pantry, Holy Trinity Food Pantry, Catholic Charities and Hunger Inc. The drive ran the first three weeks in November.



**AROUND TOWN**



Pictured from left, Katy Stallings, supervisor of volunteer services, Community Hospital South; Tony Lennen, Community Health Network South Region President; Judy Davisson, volunteer for Community South Auxiliary and AT&T Pioneers; Margaret Trammell, president of AT&T Indiana Pioneers.

**Community South Auxiliary hand makes gifts for patients**

**Giving** – In the season of giving, one volunteer group is giving to another to help provide handmade gifts to hospital patients over the holidays and throughout the year. AT&T Pioneers presented Community South Auxiliary with a \$5,000 AT&T Cares contribution to “continue their great work,” according to Margaret Trammell, president of AT&T Indiana Pioneers, a volunteer organization made up of AT&T employees and retirees. Community South Auxiliary members sew, knit and crochet items to give admitted patients; in addition to shelters and nursing homes. They’re currently working to ensure each admitted patient on Christmas has a handmade gift. The auxiliary also provides comfort shawls, gifts for new parents, and quilts for military veterans at various times throughout the year.

**IHS plans for Indiana's 200th birthday celebration**

**Bicentennial** – On Dec. 11, the Indiana Historical Society (IHS) is marking Statehood Day with a 200th birthday bash featuring hands-on activities, programs and treats for guests of all ages. The celebration, which runs from noon to 4:30 p.m. at the Eugene and Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, is free for IHS members or included with admission to the Indiana Experience. IHS President and CEO John Herbst will pay tribute to Indiana at 2 p.m. along with author and historian James

H. Madison. A sing-along, a balloon drop and sweets from Gigi's Cupcakes will follow the remarks. IHS also invites guests to take part in daylong activities. Visitors can play pioneer games, create birthday cards and fill in a state map with their favorite things to see and do in Indiana. Guests also have the opportunity to pose for a photo with Abraham Lincoln, see specially chosen items from IHS's collections and view the Indiana Bicentennial Minute series, which features dozens of fascinating stories from the state's past. For more information, visit indianahistory.org.

**EVENT**

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# Celebrating Southern Plaza

TAKE A LOOK BACK AT THE FIRST SHOPPING CENTER ON THE SOUTHSIDE, HOSTING ITS GRAND OPENING IN 1961



Above, the architect's first sketch of Southern Plaza. Below, a map of Southern Plaza in 2016. Submitted photos

By Nicole Davis

With individual stores scattered along the Southside, if residents wanted a big shopping trip with everything in one place then they would need to get dressed up and drive downtown. That is, until Southern Plaza came along.

As the first shopping center on the Southside, if Southern Plaza didn't have what you were looking for, you probably didn't need it anyway.

Southern Plaza was developed by siblings, Frank and George Jr. Bixler, Emma Meadows and Ruth Hoffmann. Frank and George handled the daily operations.

The Bixler family has a long history in development. Their father, George M. Bixler, constructed most of the two-bedroom homes on Edwards, Mills, Markwood and Lawrence Avenues just before WWII. Frank and George operated Southern Circle and Southern Triangle restaurants.

The Bixler family farm was located on US 31, roughly between Thompson Road and Hanna Avenue. They had purchased more acreage with the idea to build a shopping complex.

"Shopping centers across the country were just becoming a thing," said David Bixler, Frank's son. "They looked around and saw there was no one place on the Southside to shop. Mom and dad went to at least one, if not two, shopping center trade shows. They realized it would be a great thing to build on that piece of ground in that location. At that time, it was situated on US

31, a major thoroughfare. It's certainly not as big as it is today but in 1960 it was still well traveled. Given what they knew of the national trend, it seemed like a good idea at the time. It turned out to be a very good idea."

Southern Plaza celebrated its grand opening in April of 1961 with stores such as The Kroger Co., Hook Drugs Inc, Kay Jewelry, The Pet House, J.C. Penney Co., Kimmel Shoe Repair and many more. Advertisements boasted that there was ample parking for 2,000 cars and bus service that runs on the hour. All stores were ready for the opening except W.M. H. Block Co. which insisted on buying its own land under the store and opened in the fall. Kroger now occupies that space.

Simultaneously, the state of Indiana was constructing Interstate-465. That project began in 1959, with the first section opening in 1961 and the final section in 1970.

"It was really fortuitous," David said. "There was a western entrance to Southern Plaza and the state didn't want them to put that in. They were able to work out some compromises for access to the shopping center."

David was about 3 years old when Southern Plaza was built. He always had a summer job waiting for him - picking up trash, scrubbing the sidewalks or mowing the fields surrounding Southern Plaza with their Ford tractor.

David recalls his father getting up at 6 a.m., out the door

by 7 and home by 5:20 p.m. every single day.

"It was so central to my life growing up," he said. "We never left that house that we didn't drive through the shopping center. If it was early evening we'd drive through and make sure all the lights had come on. If they didn't, dad would go to the light box and flip whatever switch was needed to make the parking lights come on. Did something need maintenance? Was everything in its place? Hardly a day went by that he wasn't doing something."

Frank would carry a massive key ring - about the size of a half dollar - and it was so full another key couldn't possibly fit on it.

"And he knew what every key went to!" David said.



Left, George Jr. and Frank Bixler, pictured prior to opening Southern Plaza. Right, David Bixler. Submitted photos

Frank and George sold Southern Plaza in 1978 to a real estate developer from Texas, which invested money into giving the center a facelift with new lighting, signage and changing the parking lot. In July 1994, Tri-Land Southern, Inc. acquired the center.

As most things do with time, the shopping center has gone through many changes through the years. Greenwood Park Mall was constructed in 1978, becoming the largest regional shopping center.

"Then over the last 10 years, as homes and development moved South around Greenwood, that had an impact on the area," David observes. "The change is not in the amount of business, but the types of stores that can do well in the shopping center. It's still well occupied. The stores that are in there do good business. It's just a different mix of stores now."

Shops such as Harbor Freight Tools, Insure One, Goodwill, Mar-

shalls, Great Clips, Sally Beauty Supply, and more now occupy the space.

Frank and George continued pursuing commercial real estate long after selling Southern Plaza. They had still owned Greenbriar apartments near the center, Green Tree Apartments on Madison Avenue and various other properties. They have both since passed away, and their family maintains much of their property ownership.

With a degree in economics and business, concentrating on real estate, from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, David followed close to his father and uncle's footsteps. A resident of New Palestine, Ind., he has worked as a registered investment advisor for more than 30 years and works in real estate development. In addition to his business, he is in charge of remaining family business affairs.

Growing up with the Southern Plaza shopping center are memories that David still holds dear, with memorabilia of the business displayed in his household, such as the architect's first drawing center.

"I was two years old when it was built," he said. "I spent a lot of time there. I didn't know anything else." Though he was too young to remember what the Southside was like prior to this development, he said he's been told "it was the place to be. It really satisfied a strong need for the area."

## Flashback

### 1961 SOUTHERN PLAZA BUSINESSES DIRECTORY

- F. W. Woolworth Co.
- Collier's
- American Fletcher National Bank
- Sargent-Gerke Co.
- The Kroger Co.
- Citizens Gas & Coke
- Hook Drugs Inc.
- First Federal Savings & Loan
- Morrisons
- Kay Jewelry Co.
- Lyric News & Record Shop
- Miller-Frederiksen Carpets
- S. I. Hood Shoes, Inc.
- Home Outfitting Co.
- Jack & Mack's Mens Wear
- Indianapolis Schiff's Inc.
- Guarantee Tire & Rubber Co.
- Family Finance of Greenwood
- Southern Plaza Beauty Shop
- Standard Grocery
- Roselyn Bakeries Inc.
- Dr. Raymond Parker
- Tuchman Cleaners, Inc.
- Kimmel Shoe Repair
- The Pet House
- Southern Plaza Barber Shop
- J. C. Penney Co.
- W.M. H. Block Co.

### 2016 SOUTHERN PLAZA BUSINESS DIRECTORY

- Insure One
- Top Nails
- One Main (formerly Springleaf Financial) Financial Services
- Bert & Friends
- Brightwood College
- People Ready (formerly Labor Ready)
- El Azabache
- Harbor Freight Tools
- Gilvin's Boots & Shoes
- Comdent
- Brightwood College
- H&R Block
- Eyebrows Gallery
- Chinese Kitchen
- Books On Sale
- Ross Dress for Less (Soon to open)
- Goodwill
- Rue 21
- Marshalls
- Oak Street Health
- Sally Beauty Supply
- BMO Harris Bank
- Eyeglass Word
- Qdoba
- SVS Vision
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- BMO Harris Bank Drive-Thru
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## Did you know?

### SOUTHERN PLAZA FUN FACTS

- Right before the finish line, the bank wanted to pull the financing. Because then, shopping centers were brand new. They had to convince them to not lose faith in the project. There was a last-minute meeting with the bank to encourage them to make the loan.
- Once they got the shopping center done, they needed tenants. They worked with a leasing company run by a man named Al Frankel. Al had just recently hired a young man from New York that had moved to town. That leasing agent signed that first lease for

the first store. That turned out to be Mel Simon (co-founder of Simon Property Group which constructed Greenwood Park Mall in 1978). My recollection was that it was for the pet store.

- Early on as 31 was being expanded, because it wasn't always the six lane highway it is now, Frank and George wanted a left hand turn signal. The city said no. Us, being children, got pressed into service. We sat in the car, all day, and counted how many people turned left into the shopping center. Hours and hours of just sitting there and

every time the light turned green, we counted how many people turned left. We blew an entire Saturday doing that. We had enough cars turning left. We got a left hand turn signal.

- Every summer they would have a summer shopping spree called Mardi Gras. They would bring in an amusement company. The rides would set up in the parking lot along 31. One particular year they were insistent that the operator not have the 'teddy bear stands,' the games where you try to win a teddy bear. They felt those games

weren't appropriate for a shopping center because those games aren't particularly fair. Bring the rides, bring the cotton candy, but leave the games out. The operator chose not to do that. My dad talked to him. He got the sheriff's department and made them close down. He got someone with more authority and opened it back up. It got pretty heated. But at the end they shook hands. The guys brought over a teddy bear for my dad and my uncle. Fortunately it ended well.

— David Bixler

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### BEECH GROVE

**Preschool Storytime & Craft** • Preschoolers and an adult are invited to join children's librarians for stories and fun activities. | When: Dec. 8, 15, 11 a.m. | Where: Beech Grove Branch library, 1102 Main St. | Info: (317) 275-4560.

**Adult Coloring** • Adults are invited for their own coloring activity. The Library will provide coloring pages, crayons, markers and other supplies. Participants are welcome to bring their own coloring materials. | When: Dec. 10, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. and Dec. 20, 5 p.m. - 7:45 p.m. | Where: Beech Grove Branch library, 1102 Main St. | Info: (317) 275-4560.

**Shop Inn-Spiced Christmas Sale** • Shop for everyone on the list and have a picture taken with Santa! | When: Dec. 10, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Where: Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: benedictinn.org.

**Beech Grove "Polar Express"** • Get a taste of sweets from local businesses on Main Street! Explore the local business "train stops" and see what they have to offer, whether it be candy or activities. | When: Dec 10, 12 - 4 p.m. | Where: 1102 Main St., Beech Grove. | Info: Facebook: Beech Grove Polar Express.

**Christmas Party** • The Ave Maria Guild will have a Christmas party at St. Paul Hermitage. Bring a covered dish for our lunch and a nonperishable item for the poor. The group will have its regular meeting after lunch. | When: Dec. 13, 12 p.m. | Where: 501 N. 17th Ave. | Info: (317) 786-2261

**Personal Retreat Day** • Rest, relax, read, walk the Labyrinth, pray, just be. | When: Dec. 15, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Where: Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference Center, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: benedictinn.org.

### CENTER GROVE

**Breakfast With Santa** • Join Santa for breakfast. Santa's helpers will be on hand for all to enjoy a sleigh ride, games and crafts! Sleigh rides are limited to the first 25 families that RSVP. \$10 per family (two adults and up to four kids). | When: Dec. 10, 9 - 11 a.m. | Where: Mt. Auburn United Methodist Church, 3100 W. Stones Crossing Rd., door #4, Greenwood. | Info: jcas.org.

### FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

**Baby Lapsit** • Babies up to 18 months and an adult are invited for stories, songs, rhymes and flannel board activities just right for babies. | When: Dec. 8, 15, 22 at 10:15 a.m. | Where: Franklin Road Branch, 5550 S. Franklin Rd. | Info: (317) 275-4380.

**Franklin Community High School Band Christmas Concert** • Come join this performance. | When: Dec. 8, 7 p.m. | Where: Franklin Performing Arts Center, 2600 Cumberland Dr., Franklin. | Info: (317) 346-8109, TheFranklinPAC.org.

**Fall Cooking Workshops: Shop Smart!** • Adults are invited to learn how to plan and shop for simple meals at home. Workshop includes a seminar, demonstrations, and taste-testing. Registration required. | When: Dec. 12, 2 p.m. | Where: Franklin Road Branch, 5550 S. Franklin Rd. | Info: (317) 275-4380.

**Santa Stories at Franklin Road** • Toddlers ages 18 - 36 months and an adult are invited for stories, songs and rhymes all about Santa Claus. | When: Dec. 13, 10:15 a.m. | Where: Franklin Road Branch, 5550 S. Franklin Rd. | Info: (317) 275-4380.

**Jingle Bell Rock Dance Party** • Preschoolers ages 3 - 6 and an adult are invited to listen, jump and dance to holiday favorites with scarves and rhythm instruments. | When: Dec. 13, 1:15 p.m. and Dec. 14, 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. | Where: Franklin Road Branch, 5550 S. Franklin Rd. | Info: (317) 275-4380.

### FOUNTAIN SQUARE

**Santa Comes to Fountain Square** • Get a picture taken with Santa and take a carriage ride at PNC Bank! Afterwards, visit the Fountain Square Library to make a frame for the photo, decorate a cookie, and listen to stories. | When: Dec 10, 10 a.m.- 12 p.m. | Where: 1059 Virginia Ave. | Info: discoverfountainsquare.com.

**Play Date Preschool Storytime** • Preschoolers and an adult are invited for stories, songs, fingerplays and rhymes following by playtime at the library. | When: Dec. 12, 19, 11 a.m. | Where: Fountain Square Branch, 1066 Virginia Ave. | Info: (317) 275-4390.

### GARFIELD PARK

**Student, Faculty, and Staff Exhibition** • Garfield Park Arts Center hosts the year end exhibition that features artworks created by those connected with our center. | When: Now - Jan. 28, normal Fall hours of operation. | Where: Garfield Park Arts Center, 2342 Conservatory Dr., Indianapolis. | Info: Visit gpacarts.org.

**Arts for All: Pixelated Magnets** • Select a design, match the colorful perler beads with the pattern, and use an iron to melt them together. | When: Now - Jan. 28, Saturdays, 12 - 4 p.m. No Arts for All on Dec. 10 or 24. | Where: Garfield Park Arts Center, 2342 Conservatory Dr., Indianapolis. | Info: gpacarts.org.

## AN OPTION

### Vito Provolone

#### THE SCOOP:

Vito Provolone is a family owned and operated Italian restaurant that has served the Southside for nearly 25 years. Vito Provolone makes their sauces and serves up homemade Italian goodness. Pastas include lasagna, Vodka Sauce with pasta, tortellini, fettuccine alfredo, vegetable lasagna, baked mostaccioli, spaghetti and meatballs, or build your own pasta with your choice of pasta, sauce and meat or vegetables. The chicken menu includes Chicken Marsala, Chicken Giovanni, Chicken Diablo, Chicken Lamone, chicken fettuccine, and chicken pesto. Seafood options include Shrimp Diablo, Seafood Fettuccine, Linguine & Clam Sauce, Orange Roughy Florentine, Tilapia in Lemon-Caper Sauce, and Salmon Piccata. Also on the menu are salads, soup of the day, traditional and specialty pizzas.

#### TYPE OF FOOD:

Italian



#### RECOMMENDATION:

(Black Angus) Filet in Red Wine Sauce

#### HOURS:

Opens at 4 p.m. every day. Closes at 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 9 p.m. Sunday.

#### LOCATION:

8031 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis.

#### PHONE:

(317) 888-1112

## BEHIND BARS

### '57 T-Bird

#### Bartender:

Donna Bullock



#### Location:

L J's Pub & Eatery, 3652 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46217

#### Ingredients and directions:

• ¼ oz. vodka, ¼ oz. rum, ¼ oz. Southern Comfort, ¼ oz. amaretto. Splash of grenadine syrup, pineapple juice, and orange juice. Build over ice.

• Shake and serve with a lime slice garnish.



Compiled by Brian Ruckle

## WHERE I DINE

**Erin Pardue**, marketing manager for Express Employment Professionals Indy South and Columbus



#### Where do you like to dine?

My husband and I love to go to Jockamo's in Greenwood. I bet we go at least once a month.

#### What do you like to eat there?

The Cheese Louise is their best pizza! And their beer selection is great because you always have new options of things to try.

#### What do you like about this place?

I love that it's local, everyone is friendly, and they have a nice lunch menu to get quickly during the workweek.

*Jockamo Upper Crust Pizza is located at 401 Market Plaza, Greenwood, IN 46142. The phone number is (317) 883-8993.*

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## Arrival

### slow paced sci-fi flick is chore to get through

#### MOVIE REVIEW

By Adam Staten

Time is the most valuable resource known to man. It's also the most fleeting thing in the world; one, which no one can ever recover once it's gone. Most primarily choose to divvy up their time between family, friends and a chosen occupation. It's likely that no matter how long an individual spends on Earth, it will never be sufficient. There will never be quite enough time. While time is generally thought of in a linear fashion, one recently released film looks at time from a slightly different point of view.

*Arrival* is a science-fiction tale about a linguistics professor, Louise (Amy Adams) who is recruited by the military following an alien landing. The extraterrestrial creatures have landed their elongated ships in 12 seemingly random locations around the world, one of which is in the United States. Due to the inability to communicate with the outer space visitors, the entire world is on edge, trying to figure out the reason for the aliens' visit.

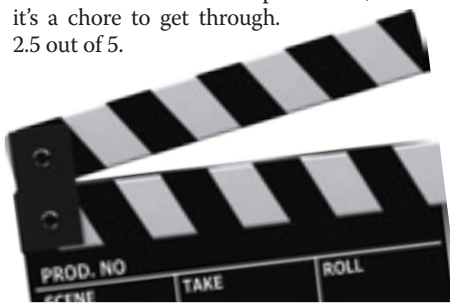
Louise is brought in to try to establish and facilitate some kind of communication with the aliens. After a number of failed attempts, progress is made. Soon, Louise and her astrophysicist partner, Ian (Jeremy Renner), are able to translate the black circles emitted by the aliens into words and meaning. However, much later on in the film, Louise decodes what appears to be a threatening message from the extraterrestrial visitors. Louise is soon racing against the clock to prevent global war.

Anyone going to *Arrival* hoping to find a fast-paced, shoot 'em up style sci-fi flick will

be sorely disappointed. Instead, *Arrival's* pacing is much more tortoise than hare. The film moves with a slow and deliberate rate, as it builds and builds to what amounts to an incredibly lackluster letdown of a conclusion. More times than not it becomes difficult to stay interested in the generally bland characters and dull story.

As in most everything in which she appears, Adams is very good, giving another strong performance. However, Renner is a surprising disappointment, providing a very bland and vanilla showing. Although, Renner's performance can likely be attributed to the script because, while a main character, his part is essentially a nonfactor in the film and ultimately, his actions or decisions do not make a bit of difference in the overall story.

While *Arrival* does have an interesting concept, looking at how our communication about time influences how we perceive it, it's a chore to get through. 2.5 out of 5.

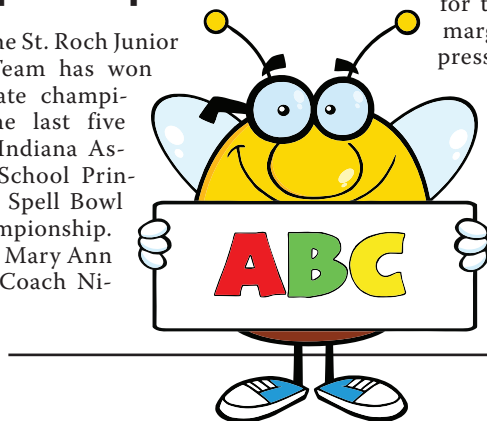


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#### IN OUR SCHOOLS

### St. Roch Junior Spell Bowl wins fourth state championship

**Spelling** – The St. Roch Junior Spell Bowl Team has won its fourth state championship in the last five years in the Indiana Association of School Principals (IASP) Spell Bowl State Championship. Led by Coach Mary Ann Chamberlin, Coach Ni-



cole Snyder, and Coach Siana Fox the team correctly spelled 68 out of a possible 72 words. The state finals were held at Purdue University's Loeb Playhouse on Nov. 12 in front of a standing room only crowd. The season started with nearly 180 teams, with only 30 teams qualifying for the state finals. St. Roch's margin of victory was an impressive sixteen words. Spellers Nicko Greene, Kate Lucid, Jonathon Snyder, and Abigail Snyder all had perfect scores while Bridget Agresta, Xavier Wilson, Celeste Gorbail, and Eva Fox had near-perfect scores.

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**A Night of English Country Dancing** • Join host Barry Levitt and dance caller Alice Smith-Goeke for a lively evening of dancing for all skill levels. Ages 14 and older. Event is free. | When: Dec. 8, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Arts Center, 2342 Conservatory Dr., Indianapolis. | Info: gpacarts.org.

**Christmas at Garfield and Arts Center Winter Open House** • Join for toy making with Santa's elves, a noon performance by the Circle City Ringers and demonstrations by GPAC's teaching artists! | When: Dec. 10, 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Arts Center, 2342 Conservatory Dr., Indianapolis. | Info: gpacarts.org.

#### GREENWOOD

**Meet The Author: Maggie Stiefvater** • Maggie Stiefvater, NY times bestselling author of *The Raven Cycle*, will have an author talk and book signing. Barnes and Nobles will sell copies of her books, but attendees are welcome to bring their own. Registration required. | When: Dec 8, 7pm. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St. | Info: (317) 881-1953 or greenwoodlibrary.us.

**Christmas Concert** • Come enjoy music, lights, and a visit from the man in red himself. Admission is free, but a canned food donation is requested. | When: Dec 10, 7 p.m.-8 p.m. | Where: Greenwood High School auditorium, 615 W Smith Valley Rd., Greenwood. | Info: greenwoodband.com.

**Free Veteran's Christmas Party** • Join this free dinner and program for all Military, Reservist, Veterans, Surviving spouses and family members. | When: Dec. 11, 5 p.m. | Where: Christ Our Shepherd Church of the Brethren, 857 N. State Rd. 135, Greenwood. | Info: (317) 416-7888.

**Cookie Decorating** • Teens: Let's decorate some cookies! | When: Dec. 13, 3:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St. | Info: (317) 881-1953 or greenwoodlibrary.us.

**Christmas 5K** • Join the Rotary Club of Greenwood and Greenwood Christian Academy for a day of food, fun, and activities. Bring running shoes, dogs in reindeer costumes, and a favorite ugly sweater for the first annual Christmas 5K in Greenwood. The first 300 adults (and teens) get a free 5 piece Santa Suit for the race. | When: Dec. 17. Race registration starts at 8:30 a.m. 9 a.m. ugly sweater contest. 9:30 a.m. best dressed pet contest. 10 a.m. race start. | Where: Register in the Greenwood Christian Academy auditorium. | Info: gcak12.org/rotary-5k-event.

#### INDIANAPOLIS

**Senior Promise Christmas Party** • Donald Davidson, Speedway historian and member of the Auto

Racing Hall of Fame, will share his experiences as the featured speaker at this year's Senior Promise Christmas Party. The annual party also includes a plated lunch to participants and the opportunity to win prizes. Proceeds will benefit the Franciscan Health Food Pantry. | When: Dec. 9. | Where: Primo Banquet Hall and Conference Center. | Cost: \$25 guest ticket. | Info: (317) 528-8277.

#### JOHNSON COUNTY

**December Concerts** • The Franklin College Music Department will host its winter instrumental concert Dec. 6, 7 p.m. Students will also perform in the winter choral concert Dec. 9, 7 p.m. and Dec. 10, 2 p.m. | Where: Clarence E. and Inez R. Custer Theatre in Old Main, Franklin. | Info: (317) 738-8185.

#### PERRY TOWNSHIP

**Beck Toyota Christmas Celebration** • Beck Toyota will offer free pictures with Santa. Q-95 will also be in attendance and will provide many promotional opportunities. | When: Dec. 10 12-2 p.m. | Where: 8055 US 31 S. and Stop 11. | Info: (317) 882-260.

**Caregiver Support Meeting** • Catholic Charities Indianapolis sponsors monthly caregiver support groups for family members/friends who are caregivers of older adults. Meetings are open to the community and are a way for adult caregivers to share and learn from each other. RSVP. | When: Dec. 12, 5:30 – 7 p.m. | Where: St. Mark Catholic School, 541 E. Edgewood Avenue. | Info: (317) 261-3378.

**A Christmas Carol** • This performance is free and open to the public. Doors open one hour before start time. | When: Dec. 16, 7 p.m.; Dec. 17, 4 p.m. and Dec. 18, 6 p.m. | Where: Southside Church of the Nazarene, 2515 E. Thompson Rd., Indianapolis. | Info: Call (317) 784-1373.

#### SOUTHPORT

**Lego Day** • Families and children ages 2 and older can drop in to learn to play and play to learn by using a variety of building items. | When: Dec. 10, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m. | Where: Southport Branch, 2630 E. Stop 11 Rd. | Info: (317) 275-4510.

**Euchre Party** • Perry Senior Services and the Southport Parks Department will host a monthly Euchre Party every third Thursday of the month. | When: Dec. 15, 1 – 4 p.m. | Where: Southport Community Room, 6901 Derbyshire Rd. | Info: Visit perryseniors.org.

**Christmas with Santa** • Santa is coming to Southport during this free community event with crafts and gifts for all children. | When: Dec. 10, 5 p.m. | Where: Southport Community Center, 6901 Derbyshire Rd. | Info: southportevents.org.

**ENJOY YOUR WEEK!**

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Find the items in the puzzle going up, down, sideways or diagonally and list them. Each letter is used no more than once.

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2 Indy Sub Shops \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Across**

1. Hoosier barn door fastener
5. "Get lost!"
10. Dirty reading
14. Allege in Marion County Court
15. Without an escort
16. Charged particles
17. TV's "Nick at \_\_\_"
18. Scrawny
19. Tom's Barber Shop scissors sound
20. New Indiana motto, maybe? (3 wds.)
23. Hinkle Fieldhouse or Assembly Hall, e.g.
24. Greenwood Park Mall map phrase: \_\_\_ are here
25. Hickory Stick standard
28. McAlister's Deli bread
29. Dillinger portrayer
33. Overact at the IRT
35. Nonconforming
38. St. \_\_\_ Steak House
39. New Indiana motto, maybe? (3 wds.)
41. Andrew Luck's "glow"
43. Contact lens solutions
44. Go with the flow
46. "Aha!" (2 wds.)
47. Braz. neighbor
50. Crane Naval Base rank (Abbr.)
51. Shock's partner
54. More tender
56. New Indiana motto, maybe? (3 wds.)
61. Resembling drummer Kenny Aronoff
63. Reis-Nichols diamond or ruby
64. Orchid Nails tool
65. Genesis brother
66. Long's Bakery German dessert
67. Hoosier Park Casino roulette bet
68. Size up on Angie's List
69. Nicoson Hall door sign
70. Cincinnati team

**Down**

1. IND structure
2. It's for the birds
3. Martin Fine Furniture

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- living room piece
4. Spruce up
5. Long tale
6. Herron School of Art and Design sculptor's material
7. Pacers drubbing
8. Tick off
9. "Same here" (2 wds.)
10. Emphatic assent in El Azabache Restaurant (2 wds.)
11. Popular board game
12. Numerical prefix
13. MCL kitchen meas.
21. White River shore bird
22. Porter Paints color shade
26. BMO Harris money dispenser
27. \_\_\_ Speedwagon
30. Times in classifieds
31. Leaning tower city
32. County seat of Orange County
34. Macy's store section
35. Unable to hear
36. WTTV military drama, initially
37. Lilly voice mail prompt
39. Many a Beech Grove HS prom corsage
40. Actress Witherspoon
41. Hoosier humorist
42. Coffee container with a tap
45. Little bit
47. Show up
48. Staggered
49. Southern Dunes putting areas
52. Fritter away
53. Pop's John
55. Proposal
57. Sit in I-65 traffic
58. St. John's \_\_\_ (herbal remedy)
59. Start the pot at Indiana Grand Casino
60. Swerve
61. The Blind Pig, e.g.
62. Leonard, McGinnis and Daniels org.

Answers See Page 17 >>>

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*Puzzle time*





# Pizza Pie, oh my!

## NUTRITION

By Wendell Fowler

All God's children love pizza. In an angry, nerve-racking world, pizza pie triggers instant feel-good. It's the ultimate convenience food. But convenience carries a steep price tag. Classic pizza was created in 16th century Naples. Copied by American food cartels, pizza isn't bad eaten in moderation, but really, who eats pizza in moderation?

Because pizza gives us ephemeral feel-good due to cheese's addictive chemistry, it's the go-to food when we've got the blues, are smashed, too busy or hassled.

Americans eat approximately 100 acres of pizza a day or about 350 slices per second. About 1 in 5 children eat pizza on a given day. Original pizzas don't resemble Americanized versions that protest from the weight of extra cheese on and in the crust, Ranch, BBQ, hamburger, the kitchen sink and more globs of addictive cheese. Americans eat approximately 100 acres of pizza a day or about 350 slices per second.

The LA Times reported cheese is as addictive as drugs and linked to obesity and heart disease. There are about 4-5 ounces of cheese on an average 14-inch pizza. The NIH recommends 1.5 oz. and emphasizes cheese is bad for your temple's health and waistline. To worsen things, white flour spikes glucose (diabetes) and causes inflammation, the silent killer. The challenge: most consumers don't realize how many fat calories are in

each slice. Combine that with a couple beers and watch your belly bloat.

The World Health Organization warns processed meats like pepperoni, sausage and bacon are the cancerous equivalent of smoking. I know this'll not prevent you from eating pizza, but at least I hope it makes you pause and reflect on your health and happiness.

Suggesting folks change their diet is like asking them to change religions. It's human that most folks don't have the willpower. If you're going to continue making pizza your food god, for goodness sake limit the number of slices you inhale. The take-home: enjoy the pizza in moderation. Don't order extra cheese, but ask for more veggies rather than processed meats. Sprinkle ground fibrous flax seed or chia onto the classic. You are a miracle! Awaken to the possibilities of being the best version of you. But don't kill the messenger. You can still enjoy pizza with restraint, but add a dark leafy-green salad with lots of veggies, sans Ranch dressing, say no to the bread sticks and explore new flavors and toppings. Pizza Margherita on whole wheat crust is my favorite.



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## Puzzles & Answers - SEE PAGE 16

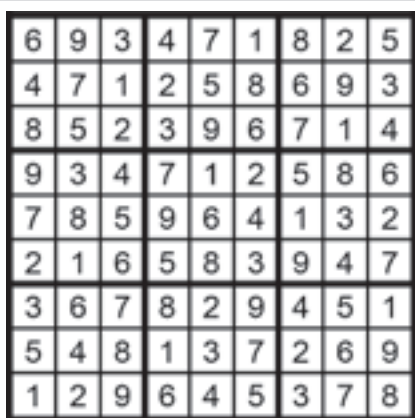
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Pets: BIRD, CAT, DOG, FERRET, FISH, HAMSTER;  
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 Utensils: CHOPSTICKS, FORK, KNIFE, SPOON;  
 Names: EXPLORER, MUSTANG, TAURUS;  
 Shops: DIBELLA'S, FIREHOUSE;

Nickname: HOOSIERS

## Q&A SEE PAGE 16

1. B
2. D
3. B
4. C
5. A



# Southside News Quiz

How well do you know your Southside community? Test your current event knowledge each week with a little Q&A!

**1** Greenwood's Kirby Cochran will ride in the Tournament of Roses Parade in California on Jan. 2, as a transplant recipient of the Indiana Donor Network. What does he do for a living?



- A. Greenwood City Councilor
- B. Johnson County Sheriff's deputy
- C. Tax collector
- D. Medical practitioner

**2** Get "All Aboard" the \_\_\_\_\_ to celebrate the holiday season with poinsettias, model trains, villages, lights and more at Garfield Park now through Jan. 1.

- A. Tinsel Train
- B. Garfield Getaway
- C. Santa Station
- D. Conservatory Crossing

**3** Who will escort Santa to Southport's Christmas with Santa event on Dec. 10, 5 p.m.?

- A. Rudolph
- B. Police officers
- C. His elves
- D. The mayor

**4** Norman Diekhoff has sung in Holy Name of Jesus' choir in Beech Grove for how many years?

- A. 10
- B. 45
- C. 65
- D. 90

**5** Who was the first person to lease a space at Southern Plaza Shopping Center?

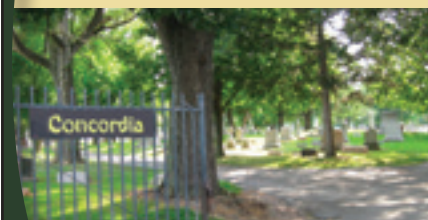
- A. Melvin Simon, of Simon Property Group
- B. Senator Richard Lugar
- C. Chris Truran, Tri-Land Properties, Inc.
- D. TJX Companies (T.J. Maxx)



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## OBITUARIES

**Jodie Belyew Baker**

Jodie Belyew Baker, 52, of Indianapolis, died on Monday, Nov. 28, 2016. She was born on Sept. 15, 1964 to Philip A. and Susan L. (Gray) Belyew in Livonia, Michigan. She attended Kennesaw State University and was most recently the Executive Director of the Mid-North Shepherd Center. Jodie was an active member of the Columbia Club and served on the House, Long Range Planning and Membership Committees. She served on several boards, including United Methodist Women, Lucille Raines Residence, Inc. and Metro Ministries, Inc. Jodie was also a member of North United Methodist Church. She is survived by her sons, David Douglas Baker and Daniel Philip Baker; parents, Philip A. and Susan L. Belyew; and brother, Philip Belyew (wife, Kathryn). Visitation and service was Dec. 1 at North United Methodist Church, 3808 N. Meridian St. Arrangements and care were by Lauck & Veldhof Funeral & Cremation Services.

**Joseph "Joe" Patrick Burk**

Joseph "Joe" Patrick Burk, 54, of Indianapolis, died on Nov. 23, 2016. He was born on July 31, 1962 to William E. and Pauline L. Burk of Springport, Ind. He graduated with a degree in Finance from Ball State University in 1986. Joe was a business and financial analyst and valued employee at Hewlett Packard for 28 years. He was married to Julie Anne (Lehman) Burk of Louisville for 18 years. Survivors include wife, Julie Anne Burk; mother, Pauline Burk Beall; three sons, Christian Alexander Donnelly (Alec), Brendan Michael Donnelly and Benjamin Patrick Burk; a sister, Janet (Burk) Barnett (Steve); a brother, James William Burk (Joyce); two nieces, Kathleen Burk, Meredith Carpenter (Dylan); three nephews, Jeffrey William Burk (Sarah), Robert Lehman, and Mitchell Lehman; mother-in-law, Dana Lee (Greg) Jennings and brother-in-law, Phillip L. (Barbara) Lehman; and many extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, William E. Burk; step-father, Robert Beall. Visitation was Nov. 27, 2016 at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave. Funeral service was Nov. 28 at Springport Christian Church, 509 W. Main Street, Springport, IN, with burial at Springport Christian Church Cemetery.

**Monna Gaye Byrd**

Monna Gaye Byrd, age 69, of Greenwood, died on Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2016. Gaye was born on March 20, 1947 in Shelbyville, Ind. to John Thomas Graham and Arlie Janice (White) Graham. On June 26, 1965, she married Danny Paul Byrd, who preceded her in death on April 22, 2013. Gaye worked as an Administrative Coordinator for the Department of Agriculture for over 20 years. She also attended Community Church of Greenwood. Survivors include her sons, Tim Byrd, John "Scott" (Jayne) Byrd and Adam (Donna) Byrd; and nine grandchildren, Sierra, Kennedy, Nicole, Jordan, Henry, Ethan, Landon, Ruby and Chloe. Gaye was preceded in death by her husband and one brother, John Gary Graham and one sister, Donna Raye

Graham. A memorial gathering was Dec. 2 at The Walker Cottage, 475 W. Main St., Greenwood. Arrangements were by Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Services and Crematory, Greenwood Chapel.

**Gregory Joseph Cole**

Gregory Joseph Cole, 65, of Indianapolis, died on Nov. 22, 2016. He was born on Feb. 2, 1951 in Indianapolis. Gregory had a love for animals. He was a member of St. Mark Catholic Church. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Antoinette "Tona" Cole; children, Joe Cole and Tina (John) Frank; brother, Paul Young; and seven grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his mother, Winifred Burnett. Memorial visitation and mass was Nov. 26 at St. Mark Catholic Church, 535 E. Edgewood Ave., Indianapolis. Arrangements were entrusted to G.H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home.

**Melvin Joseph "Joe" Covert**

Melvin Joseph "Joe" Covert, 92, of Indianapolis, died on Nov. 28, 2016. He was born on Oct. 30, 1924 in Indianapolis to the late Basil Edward and Ida M. Covert. He is a US Army Veteran and was part of the VFW. Survivors include his two sons, Ron D. (Rochelle) and Steven R. (Connie) Covert; three grandsons, Joshua, Brian (Mandy) and Matthew Covert; two great-grandchildren, Hannah and Isaac Covert; sister-in-law Martha Dean Covert and brother-in-law Wayne Hensley; nieces and nephews. Joe is preceded in death by his wife, Martha Irene (Mitchell) Covert; seven brothers and sisters; six brothers-in-law; four sisters-in-law; and companion of 25 years, Dorethea E. Donnar. Visitation and service was Dec. 1 at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis. Burial is at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

**Albert Thomas Daeger**

Albert Thomas Daeger, 56, of Indianapolis, died on Monday, Dec. 5, 2016. He was born on Aug. 1, 1960 in Indianapolis to his parents Eugene H. and Esther May (Universaw) Daeger. He was a Health Inspector and worked in Acute Care-Hospital Division for the Indiana State Department of Health for 25 years. Albert enjoyed gardening, flowers, ceramics, and was a big sports fan. Albert is survived by his wife, Connie Daeger; his son, Aaron (Darci Jo) Daeger; his stepson, Dylan (Laurie Horner) Burns; a stepdaughter, Alicia (Jared) Waggoner; his mother, Esther May (Universaw) Daeger; and one brother; Michael Daeger. He was preceded in death by his father; Eugene H. Daeger. A mass of Christian burial is Dec. 9, 11 a.m. at St. Marks the Evangelist Catholic Church, 535 Edgewood Ave. Indianapolis. Visitation is 10 a.m. until the service. Arrangements have been entrusted to Jessen Funeral Home, Whiteland Chapel.

**Georgia Benner Douglass**

Georgia Benner Douglass, 98, of Greenwood, died Nov. 19, 2016. She was born March 5, 1918 in Indianapolis to the late George and Jeanette (Brown) Smart. She retired as credit branch manager at Citizen's Federal Bank and had

previously worked in the payroll department at Eli Lilly. An avid golfer and member of Hillview Country Club, she had served as president of the Ladies 18 Hole Club. She was an artist, enjoyed painting, flower gardening. Survivors children, Patricia (Harvey) Rau, Douglas A. Benner (Jon Vrban) and Gregory (Annalisa) Benner; five grandchildren, Todd Rau, Scott Rau, Tricia McGee, Kate Hardy, Kayla Benner; seven great-grandchildren, Lauren Rau, Maddy Ray, Reiley McGee, Ethan McGee, Grace Rau, Hannah Rau and Lily Rau; brother, Bill Smart, nieces, Silvia Smart, Anita Smart, Marillyn Bebe, Beth McNabb, Betsy Robards and Joyce Tennon and nephew, Wayne Benner. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Glen Benner, second husband, David Douglass; and sister Barbara McCarty. Celebration of Life is Dec. 8, 1 p.m. at Southport Presbyterian Church, 7525 McFarland Blvd., Indianapolis. Private visitation will be at G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home at The Gardens at Olive Branch, 1605 S. State Rd 135. She will be laid to rest at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

**Edward Lowell Dravis**

Edward Lowell Dravis, 91, of Greenwood, died on Nov. 27, 2016. He was born on Dec. 11, 1924 in Indianapolis to the late Edward Lincoln and Edith Inez Dravis. Ed was married for 52 years to the late Margaret Ann "Maggie" Dravis, who died on Jan. 3, 1999. He was then married for 17 years to the late Mae A. Patrick Dravis, who died on Nov. 1, 2016. Ed was employed at Glen Roy Construction as a superintendent for 40 years retiring in 1986. He was a Navy, WWII Veteran, a member of Southport Baptist Church and Carpenters Union Local 60. Ed is survived by his daughters Diana (John) Iozzo and Pamela (Jeff) Atwood; stepdaughters Sharon K. (John) Phillips and Shirley J. (Dan) Frye; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; six step-grandchildren; 13 step-great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in passing by his son David Lowell Dravis, sister Eva Buch and brothers Earl and Russell Dravis. Services for Ed were Dec. 2, at Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center. Interment with military honors is at Brown County Memorial Park.

**James F. Embry Jr.**

James F. Embry Jr., 92, of Indianapolis, died Nov. 29, 2016. He was born on Dec. 31, 1923 in Indianapolis to the late James and Minnie Embry Sr. James was married to the late Mary Embry. He worked for Haag Drugs for 28 years, retiring in 1983. James was a member and volunteer at Mt. Pleasant Christian Church for several years. James is survived by; sister-in-law's Ovie Allen, Linda (David) Whited; nieces Debbi (Jeff) Smith; nephews Rodney (Anne Marie) Prather, Larry (Janet) Prather, Kerry (Joy) Prather. He is preceded in passing by his parents and wife Mary Embry. Services were Dec. 1 at Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center. Interment is at Washington Park East Cemetery.

**Carl D. Francis**

Carl D. Francis, 77, of Indianapolis, died Nov. 22, 2016. Born March 25, 1939 in Worthington, Ind.

to the late Lester Floyd and Ethel Mae Francis, he retired from Jackson-Oil after 20+ years. A shade tree mechanic, he enjoyed tinkering, starting projects and had served in the Indiana National Guard. Survivors include his wife Dorothy; children, David Andrew Francis and Greg Alan Francis; Jennifer Kay Browder; a granddaughter, Cassie Dillon; brother Chuck Francis, and sister, Margie Zimmerman. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Milo and Paul. Visitation was Nov. 27 at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave.. Funeral service was Nov. 28 at the funeral home. Burial is at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

**Phyllis Ann Grubbs**

Phyllis Ann Grubbs, 88, of Greenwood, died on Nov. 24, 2016. She was born on Sept. 15, 1928 in Brown County, Ind. to Leonard and Elsie Bush. She was a member of Mt. Auburn Methodist Church and loved to sew. Survivors include her children, Rick (Cindy) Grubbs and Vicki (David) Heidendreich; grandchildren, Erika (James, Jr) Crabtree, Justin (Martyna) Heidenreich, Jesse (Stacey) Grubbs, Joe (Fiance, Nicole Ciffolillo) Grubbs and Sara (Michael) Conley; great-grandchildren, Aiden James Grubbs, Avery Lee Grubbs, Caleb Michael Conley, Adriana Nicole Crabtree, Gwendolyn Elise Crabtree and Hanna Heidendreich; brother, Carroll "Hoover" Bush. Phyllis is preceded in death by her husband, James Clifton Grubbs; siblings, Forrest "Ross" Bush, Tony Bush, Argyle Bush, Mavoureen Senior and Doyle Bush. Visitation was Nov. 29 at G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, 1605 S. State Rd. 135. Funeral service was Nov. 30. Burial is at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

**Hiram J. Hash**

Hiram J. Hash, 93, Greenwood, died on Nov. 25, 2016. Hiram was born on June 22, 1923 in Sugar Grove, Smyth County, Va., the youngest child of Hiram A. and Dema (Oakley) Hash. Hiram graduated from Southport High School in 1941, and married the love of his life, Marilyn Fishel on Jan. 9, 1942. He served in the military briefly during World War II, until receiving an honorable medical discharge. Hiram owned his own business for 40 years, and upon retirement helped his son Rick at Glens Valley Feed & Garden for many years. Hiram was a member of the Greenwood Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Murat Shrine, and Mount Pleasant Christian Church. Hiram was preceded in death by his parents, wife Marilyn, five siblings and a half-brother, son Larry, and son-in-law Hugh Baker. He is survived by his daughter Priscilla Baker; son Rick (Kathleen) Hash; five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. A graveside service was Dec. 3 at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, Morgantown Rd., Greenwood.

**Scott E. Kikendall**

Scott E. Kikendall, 56, of Indianapolis, died on Nov. 24, 2016. Born on Sept. 14, 1960 in Torence, Cali. to the late Frank Kikendall and Phyllis Day. Scott loved spending time with his grandkids, he enjoyed watching westerns, the history channel, going to car shows, working, and all animals. Survivors include his daughter, Amber Kikendall; fiancée, Sandra Hash; sons,



Anthony Snider, John Snider, and Logan Ross; grandsons, Keagan Kikendall and Isiah Ross; two granddaughters, Makayla Snider, and Baileigh Farnsworth; one brother, Frank Kikendall and one sister, Lalonna Kinnick. Arrangements have been entrusted to G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave.

### Sandra Sue Lucas

Sandra Sue Lucas, 77, of Cloverdale, died Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2016. She was born near Little Point on June 25, 1939 to Mary Lucille (Morgan) Sutherlin and Emmett George Sutherlin. She graduated from Cloverdale High School in 1957. She married Dave Lucas in 1993. A longtime farmer, Sue also drove a school bus for the South Putnam School Corporation until she retired. She is survived by her husband, David Lucas; son Loren Salsman Jr.; daughter Tami Robinson and daughter Kim Nash (and husband John); son Tracy Brown-Salsman (and husband Tim); nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; sisters, Wilma Holsapple, Joyce Hutcheson, Sheila O'Brien, Brenda Gibbs; and sister-in-law Shirley Jean Sutherlin. She was preceded in death by her father Emmett and mother Mary, infant sister Lavanta Mae, sister Beverly Trumbo, sister Kathy Sutherlin, brother Ray Sutherlin, son-in-law Bob Robinson and daughter-in-law Sheila Salsman. She was previously married to Loren Salsman, who died in 2015. Services were Dec. 3 at Mt. Hebron Church, 1339 W. County Road 1000 S., Cloverdale. Arrangements were entrusted to Simplicity Funeral & Cremation Care.

### Anita Jean (Hendershott) McCarrel

Anita Jean (Hendershott) McCarrel died on Dec. 1, 2016. Born Oct. 21, 1930 an only child to Kenneth and Marguerite Hendershott, she was a graduate of Edgewood Grade School and Southport High School. Anita married Rex (Eugene) McCarrel in August 1949, built their own house in the Edgewood/Southport area and began a future. Mark (Kevin) was born Feb. 1955 and David (Kile) two years later in May 1957. She loved to travel. An active member of Mt Auburn Methodist Church since 1982, she loved her children and grandchild, had a huge love of animals and her gardening. Survivors include sons, Mark and David; granddaughter, Lindsey and husband Brandon Camden; future great-granddaughter due in a few weeks; and Ann Robinson, Mark's longtime girlfriend. Visitation was Dec. 4 at G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, 1605 S. State Rd. 135, Greenwood. Funeral service was Dec. 5.

### Malcolm Robin Palmer

Malcolm Robin Palmer, 64, of Indianapolis, died on Nov. 23, 2016. He was born on Sept. 2, 1952 in Indianapolis to the late Rodney Palmer and Virginia Palmer. Survivors include, children, Alycia (Ernie) Powell, Michael Palmer, Lynn Palmer, and Melinda Griffith; siblings, Deb Drake and Charles Kirby; 11 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded by brothers, Johnny Palmer and David Muncie. Graveside service was

Dec. 2 at New Crown Cemetery followed by burial at New Crown Cemetery.

### James H. Petty

James H. Petty, 82, of Indianapolis, died on Dec. 5, 2016. He was born on April 21, 1934, in Muncie, Ind., to the late Howard and Lucille Petty. James was married on April 1, 1956, to Martha S. Jetmore Petty. He was a tool cutter/grinder for 45 years at BorgWarner, retiring in 1997. James was an US Army veteran and a member of UAW Local 287. James is survived by his wife of 60 years Martha S. Petty; sons Dan Petty and Jack (Becky) Petty, Sr.; grandchildren Alyssa (Jason) Boschert, Michael Petty, Jack (Courtney) Petty, II, Travis Petty and Douglas Petty. He is preceded in passing by his parents and two brothers. Services for James are Dec. 8, noon, at Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center. Calling is from 10 a.m. until the service at the mortuary. Entombment, with Military Honors, will follow at 2:30 p.m. at Elm Ridge Memorial Park in Muncie.



### Leland Richards

Leland Richards, 75, of Greenwood, died on Nov. 30, 2016. He was born on March 28, 1941 in Indianapolis to the late Fred and Mildred Carnes Richards. He was a mason of the Southport Lodge. He enjoyed time with his family and friends, fishing trips up in Canada and watching basketball. Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Rosalie Richards; two sons, Brian (Sherry) and Brett (Connie) Richards; three granddaughters, Katie, Blair and Leah; sisters, Freida (Lloyd) Neal and Norma Neal. Visitation was Dec. 4 at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis. Funeral service was Dec. 5. Burial is at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

### Gloria F. Ridenour

Gloria F. Ridenour, 81, of Indianapolis, died on Nov. 22, 2016. She was born on July 1, 1935 in Indianapolis to the late Joseph and Lila Hazelett. Gloria enjoyed making oil paintings and playing the slot machines. Survivors include her daughter, Tracy McGuire; grandchildren, Stephen (wife, Gennelle), Tara, Kayla and Autumn; great-grandchildren, Chelsie, Xavier, Uriyah, Marley and one on the way; sister, Lucille Gentry. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald Lucid; children, Donald J. Lucid, Terri Lucid, and Kelli Lucid and a brother, Frankie Hazelett. Arrangements have been entrusted to G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis.

### Patricia "Patty" Ann Locke (Richardson)

Patricia "Patty" Ann Locke (Richardson), 75, of Indianapolis, died on Nov. 28, 2016. Patty is survived by her husband of 58 years, Richard Allen Locke, Sr., daughters; Theresa Locke

Durrett and Linda Locke (Dortch, Utterback), sons; Richard Allen Locke, II (Donna), Robert Daniel Locke (Lisa), Brian Joseph Locke (Chris), 10 grandchildren, and 16 great-grandchildren. A Celebration of Life is Dec. 7, 4 - 8 p.m. at the Hickory Knoll Club House, 6543 E. Hanna Ave.. Arrangements are by Legacy Cremation & Funeral Services - Lawrence.

### Stanley Ray Roberts

Stanley Ray Roberts, 48, of Indianapolis, died on Saturday, Nov. 26, 2016. He was born on April 28, 1968 to Ray Stanley Roberts and Donna Rudy in Indianapolis. Stanley was a professional painter who loved his family. He was preceded in death by his parents, William J. and Pearl F. (Carlyle) Roberts; and a brother, William J. Roberts, Jr. Survivors include his daughter, Kyla Roberts; siblings, Jerry Cummins (Ray), Rose Palmer, Pat Clark, Fred Roberts (Billie), Ray Stanley Roberts, George Roberts (Roberta), Russell Roberts (Linda), Ralph Roberts (Debra), Ruby Graves, Kathy Logue (Terry), Sherry McKay (Hershel); half-siblings, Jimmy Roberts, David Roberts, Allen Roberts, Nicole Lentz, Angela Rudy, Roberta Theal and Donna Shumann; granddaughter, Dahlila; and many cousins, nieces and nephews. A celebration of his life was Dec. 1 in Lauck & Veldhof Funeral & Cremation Services, 1458 S. Meridian St. Burial is at Crown Hill Cemetery.



### Richard L. Rodgers

Richard L. Rodgers, 52, of Indianapolis, died on Dec. 4, 2016. He was born Dec. 3, 1964 in Indianapolis. He is survived by his daughter, Taylor Rodgers; and his mother, Ella Sue (John) Burchyett. He was preceded in death by his father, Gary Rodgers. Richard was a 1983 graduate of Decatur High School. A memorial visitation is Dec. 9, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Simplicity Funeral & Cremation Care, 7520 Madison Ave., Indianapolis.

### Tammy L. Stansifer

Tammy L. Stansifer, 57, of Beech Grove, died on Nov. 29, 2016. She was born on July 7, 1959 in Indianapolis to Douglas and Zelma (Simpson) Stansifer. She graduated in the class of 1977 from Beech Grove High School and furthered her education at Indiana Central University graduating with a degree in Business and Computer Science. Tammy worked for Indianapolis Public Schools for 34 years as a Computer Specialist. She enjoyed educating the students, crafts, bowling, knitting, spending time with her family and was a member of Indian Creek Christian Church. Tammy is survived by her father; siblings: Tina Loschky, Frances L. Baldwin, Edward R. Stansifer, Larry W. Stansifer; nieces and nephews: Tracy Baldwin, David Baldwin, Erin Baldwin, Ben Loschky, Breanna Loschky, Joy McArthur, Amy Tschopp. She was preceded in death by her mother; brother: Michael L. Stansifer. Visitation was Dec. 1 at Newcomer Funeral Home 925 E. Hanna Ave. Funeral services were Dec. 2. Graveside services followed at Forest Lawn Memory Garden.

### Stephen W. Thompson

Stephen W. Thompson, 62, of Indianapolis, died on Monday, Nov. 28, 2016. He was born on July 11, 1954 to the late David C. Thompson and Barbara (Bruner) Rothwell in Indianapolis. Survivors include his brother, Michael Thompson (Ruth); sister, Delores Meyers; uncle, Donald Thompson; and three nieces, one nephew and several great nieces and nephews. No services will be held. Arrangements were provided by Lauck & Veldhof Funeral & Cremation Services.

### Harold R. Wilson

Harold R. Wilson, 84, of Indianapolis, died Nov. 30, 2016. Born Nov. 15, 1932 in Liberty, Ky. to the late Willie and Esta Wilson, he attended Liberty High School and was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. He retired from General Motors after 38 years of service. He attended Greenwood Christian Church. He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Virginia Wilson and daughter in law, Christina Wilson; siblings, Jean Johnston, Leo Wilson, Ivan Wilson, Veltha (Tom) True, Dee (Howard) Lay. Survivors include, son, Steven R. (Jody) Wilson; grandsons, Brad A. (Kelly) Wilson, Nick A. (Monica) Wilson; granddaughters, Jordan and Katie Strong; two great-grandchildren, Wyatt and Waylon Wilson; siblings, Carl (Jo) Wilson, Dale (Sheila) Wilson, Kenneth (Jeanie) Wilson, Paul (Sharon) Wilson, and Patricia Wilson; in-laws, Norma Wilson, Lois Wilson; many nieces, nephews and Jan. Visitation was Dec. 2 at G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home at The Gardens at Olive Branch, 1605 S. State Rd. 135, with funeral service Dec. 3. Burial is at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

### John W. Zabel

John W. Zabel, 86, of Greenwood, died on Nov. 24, 2016. Born on Feb. 4, 1930 in Oakes, N.D. to the late Rev. William and Hilda Zabel. He married the love of his life on May 3, 1952, F. Caroline Schmidt and she survives. He was a church elder, trustee, school board member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Detroit, Mich., Charter member and co-builder of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sevierville, Tenn., little league coach, carpenter, bowler, baseball and basketball player. John was employed for 36 years by Chrysler Corporation in Highland Park, Michigan, serving on the assembly line and in his final years as an interior design supervisor. Survivors include his children, Rev. Paul J. (Judy) Zabel, Diane L. (Jerry) Gibson, Karen L. (David) Laabs and Judy L. (Scott) Halcomb; twelve grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and brothers, William Zabel, James Zabel and Gordon Zabel. Visitation and service was Nov. 28 at Concordia Lutheran Church, 305 Howard Rd., Greenwood. Burial is at Concordia Cemetery.

*Obituaries are printed free of charge. 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.*



## ✠ ASSEMBLY OF GOD

**Faith Assembly of God** • 186 Royal Rd., Beech Grove | Ph: (317) 784-8566 | Pastor: Lawrence Cook | Sunday: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. | Wednesday: 7 p.m.

## ✠ BAPTIST

**Crossroads Baptist Church** • 1120 S Arlington Ave., Indpls, 46203 | Ph: (317) 357-2971 | Pr. Guy Solarek | Sunday: 10 a.m., 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. | Wednesday: 7 p.m. | [cbcindy.com](http://cbcindy.com)

**Faith Baptist Church** • 1640 Fry Rd., Greenwood | Ph: (317) 859-7964 | Pr. Steve Maxie | Sunday: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. | Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. | Wednesday: 7 p.m. | KJV

**First Baptist Church of BG** • 5521 Churchman Ave., Indpls | Ph: (317) 784-1478 | [office@fbcbeechgrove.com](mailto:office@fbcbeechgrove.com) | Sunday: 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School: 10:50 a.m. | Wednesday: 7-8 p.m. | Childcare & programs, all ages, all services. Join Us! | [fbcbeechgrove.com](http://fbcbeechgrove.com).

**Historic Grace Baptist Church "Since 1927"** • 1907 E. Woodlawn Ave., Indpls | Ph: (317) 638-3143 or 536-8655 | Pr. Rick J. Stone | Sunday: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. | Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

**Lighthouse Baptist Church** • 6950 E. Raymond St., Indpls | Ph: (317) 359-4275 | Pr. Dan Tidd | Sunday: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. | Wednesday: 7 p.m. | Thursdays Youth Meeting: 6:30 p.m. | Ladies' & Men's meetings (call for times) | "Independent Baptist Church"

## ✠ CATHOLIC

**Good Shepherd Catholic Church** • 2905 S. Carson Ave., Indpls | Ph: (317) 783-3158 | Rev. Todd Riebe, Administrator | Rev. John Beitans, Sacramental Minister | Saturday Mass: 4:30 p.m. | Sunday Mass: 10 a.m. | Completely Handicapped Accessible | All Welcome!

**Holy Name of Jesus** • 89 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove | Ph: (317) 784-5454 | Rev. Robert Robeson | Worship Times & Anticipation Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 & 11:30 a.m.; Saturday Mass: 5 p.m.

**Saints Francis & Clare Catholic Church** • 5901 Olive Branch Rd., Greenwood | Ph: (317) 859-4673 | Fr. Steve Giannini | Assc. Pastor Fr. James Brockmeier | Saturday Anticipation Mass: 5:30 p.m. | Sunday: 7, 8:45 & 11:30 a.m.

**St. Jude** • 5353 McFarland Rd., Indpls, | Ph: (317) 786-4371 | Fr. Stephen Banet | Sunday: 7, 8:30, 10:30 & Noon | Saturday Anticipation Mass: 5 p.m.

**St. Mark Catholic Church** • 535 East Edgewood Ave., Indpls, | Ph: (317) 787-8246 | Fr. Todd Riebe | Deacon Tom Horn | Sunday: 7:30, 9:30, 11:45 a.m. | Saturday Anticipation Mass: 5:30 p.m.

## ✠ CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**Greenwood Christian Church** • 2045 Averitt Rd., Greenwood | Ph: (317) 881-9336 | Pr. Matt Giebler | Saturday: 6 p.m. | Sunday: 9:30 & 11 a.m. | Sunday School: 8, 9:30 & 11 a.m.

**Mount Pleasant Christian Church** • 381 N. Bluff Rd., Greenwood | Senior Pr. Chris Philbeck | [mpcc.info](http://mpcc.info) | Saturday: 6 p.m. (ASL Available) | Sunday: 9 & 10:45 a.m. | Video Venue at Student Ministries: 10:45 a.m.

**Southport Heights Christian Church** • 7154 S. McFarland Rd., Indpls | Pr. Steve Ferguson | Sunday: 9:00 & 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. | Deaf Ministry: James Wines (317) 493-0414 VP or [jewishdccc@yahoo.com](mailto:jewishdccc@yahoo.com)

## ✠ CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

**Sixth Church of Christ, Scientist** • 7625 McFarland Rd. | Ph: (317) 888-3204 | Sunday: 10 a.m. | Sunday School: 10 a.m. | Wednesday: 4 p.m. | Reading Room Hours Tues: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. & Wednesday: 2:30-3:30 p.m.

## ✠ CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN

**Christ Cumberland Presbyterian Church** • 6140 South Meridian St., Indpls | Ph: (317) 787-9585 | Pr. Elmer Price | Sunday: 10 a.m. | Sunday School: 9 a.m. | "Come Grow With Us!"

## ✠ DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

**First Christian Church of Beech Grove** • 75 N. 10th Ave., Beech Grove | Ph: (317) 786-8522 | Pr. Paul Hartig | Sunday: 10:30 a.m. | Sunday Christian Education: 9:30 a.m.

## ✠ EPISCOPAL CHURCH

**St. Thomas Episcopal Church** • 600 Paul Hand Blvd. (South of Whiteland), Franklin | Ph: (317) 535-8985 | Rev. Whitney Rice | Sunday: 10:15 a.m. | Adult Forum Sunday School (During Worship): 11 a.m. | [stthomasfranklin.org](http://stthomasfranklin.org)

**St. Timothy's Episcopal Church** • 2601 E. Thompson Rd., Indpls | Ph: (317) 784-6925 | Rector: Rev. Rebecca Nickel | Sunday: 9 a.m. | Godly Play: 9 a.m. (Sept - May) | Food Pantry: 3rd Tues each month | [sttimothy.indyidio.org](http://sttimothy.indyidio.org)

## ✠ EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA

**Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church** • 4702 S. East St., Indpls | Ph: (317) 786-7854 | Worship Sunday: 9:30 a.m. "We Welcome You"

## ✠ INDEPENDENT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**Bethany Christian Church** • 4727 S. Sherman Dr., Indpls | Ph: (317) 787-5103 | Min. Jim Clark | Sunday: 10:15 a.m. | Sunday School: 9:15 a.m. | Bible Study Mon.: 6:30 p.m. and Weds. 7 p.m.

## ✠ INDEPENDENT NON DENOMINATIONAL

**Community Church at Murphy's Landing** • 7401 South Harding St., Indpls | Ph: (317) 807-0222 | Pr. Paul Erny | Sunday: 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School: 11 a.m. | [yourcml.org](http://yourcml.org)

## ✠ LUTHERAN

**Emmaus Lutheran Church & School** • 1224 Laurel St., Indpls (Inside historic Fountain Square) | Ph: (317) 632-1486 | Pr. Raymond Smith | Worship: Sunday at 10 a.m. | [Facebook.com/emmausfountainsquare](http://Facebook.com/emmausfountainsquare)

**St. Mark's Free Lutheran Church** • 1301 East Prospect St., Indpls (Inside the historic Fountain Square Community) | Pr. Terry Englert | Sunday: 10:30 a.m. | Adult & Children's Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. | Come join us for a traditional style worship experience followed by a time of food and fellowship!

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church** • 3932 MiCasa Ave., Indpls | Ph: (317) 787-4464 | Worship: Sunday, 9:30 a.m. & Thur, 7 p.m. | Sunday School after Worship | [stpaulsindy.com](http://stpaulsindy.com) | [Facebook.com:StPaulsIndy](http://Facebook.com:StPaulsIndy)

## ✠ NAZARENE

**Cross-Way Community Church of the Nazarene** • 1248 Buffalo St., Beech Grove | Pr. Mark Ramsey | Sunday: 11 a.m. | [facebook.com/CrosswayCCN](http://facebook.com/CrosswayCCN)

## ✠ NON-DENOMINATIONAL

**Church of Acts** • 3740 S. Dearborn, Indpls | Ph: (317) 783-ACTS (2287) | Pr. Bill Jenkins | Sunday: 10 a.m. | Wednesday Bible Study: 7 p.m. | Celebrate Recovery: Thursdays, 7 p.m. | [churchofacts.org](http://churchofacts.org)

**Community Church of Greenwood** • 1477 West Main St., Greenwood | Ph: (317) 888-6024 | Sunday: 9 & 11 a.m. | Real Church. Real People. | [ccgonline.org](http://ccgonline.org)

## ✠ PRESBYTERIAN

**Greenwood Presbyterian Church** • 102 West Main St., Greenwood | Ph: (317) 881-1259 | Pr. Cheryl Montgomery | Sunday: 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. | Free Community Meal - 3rd Monday: 6:30-8 p.m.

## ✠ SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

**Southside Seventh-Day Adventist** • 4801 Shelbyville Rd., Indpls | Ph: (317) 786-7002 | Pr. Brian Yensho | Services Saturday: 11 a.m. | Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m. | [southsideadventist.org](http://southsideadventist.org) | Health Ministries, CHIP+: [chiphealth.com](http://chiphealth.com)

## ✠ SOUTHERN BAPTIST

**Calvary Baptist Church** • 200 Sunset Blvd., Greenwood | Ph: (317) 881-5743 | Ernest E. James, D. Min. | Sunday: 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School: 9 a.m. | Something for All Ages

**Southwood Baptist Church** • 501 S. 4th Ave., Beech Grove | Ph: (317) 786-2719 | Pstr: Dr. Patrick Wood | Sunday: 9:30 a.m. | Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. | Sunday & Weds. Eve Worship: 6:30 p.m.

## ✠ UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Faith United Church of Christ** • No matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome in our community. | 4040 E Thompson Rd. | Ph: (317) 784-4856 | Pr. Scott Simmons | Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. | Sermon's online at [myfaithucc.org](http://myfaithucc.org)

**St. John's United Church of Christ** • 7031 S. East St., Indpls (U.S. 31, Southport Rd.) | Ph: (317) 881-2353 | Rev. Ross Tyler | Sunday Contemporary Worship: 9 a.m. & Traditional Worship: 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School: 10:30 a.m.

**Zion United Church of Christ** • 8916 E. Troy Ave., Indpls | Ph: (317) 862-4136 | Pr. Sarah Frische-Mouri Hannigan | Sunday: 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School: 9:30-10:15 a.m. | [zionuccindy.net](http://zionuccindy.net)

## ✠ UNITED METHODIST

**Center United Methodist Church** • 5445 Bluff Road, Indpls | Ph: (317) 784-1101 or email: [info@center-umc.org](mailto:info@center-umc.org) | Sunday Traditional Worship: 9 a.m. & Contemporary Worship: 11:15 a.m.

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## Weekly Devotion



*10 And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands: 11 They shall perish; but thou remainest; and they all shall wax old as doth a garment; Hebrews 1:10-11*

In the beginning the word was with God and the Word was God.

11 things were made by Him

and for Him. Jesus said, "I am the beginning and the end, the Alpha and Omega." All of this ties together to say that Christ is not merely a New Testament figure, He is the central theme of the entire Bible, from Genesis to Revelation. He came to us to make us the reason for it all. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son...Why? So that we would believe and by believing, have everlasting life.

That's it, really, isn't it? God created us to be His sons and daughters. Christ came to help us become God's chosen people. The entire Bible is written so that we would be able to find our way back to the One who created us in the first place.

As for me, I will continue my quest to know God by getting to know Christ better and better, day by day. He is worth the time and energy and the resources that I put

into my quest. I enjoy the company of others and would be delighted if you joined me in a spiritual quest by searching the Scriptures and by prayer. It is not a matter of joining a church, it is a matter of connecting with Christ through the Word and the Spirit. God will take care of all else.

God bless and go and have a great day.

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



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LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE

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