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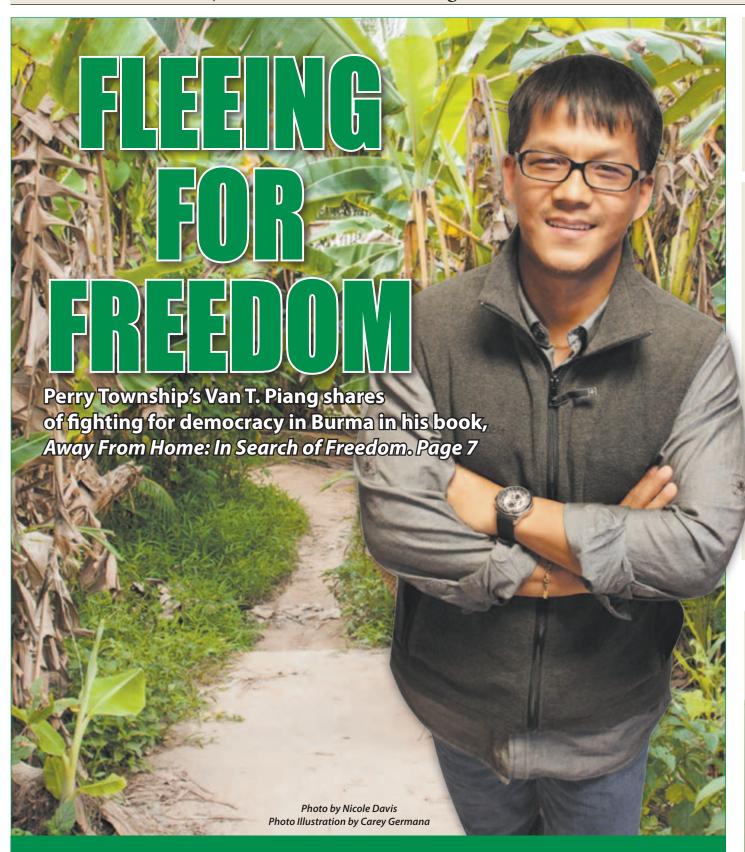
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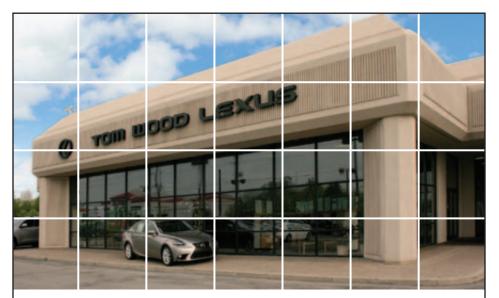
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AROUND TOWN



Old Southside Neighborhood Association

The Old Southside Neighborhood Association participated in an event on Oct. 2, with its new gateway sign being erected and Lilly Day of Service employees planting all the 58 plants and trees for the new Old Southside Gateway at Meridian and Morris Street. The project was made possible through grant money from Downtown Indy Inc., Riley Area Development Corporation and donations from five businesses in the Stadium Village Business Association, Midwest Computer Accessories, H.K. Hurst, Vince Shinp, IWS Realty and JB Construction.

Kelly Foulk is new Mayor's Neighborhood **Liason for the Southside**

Kelly Foulk has announced her position as new Mayor's Neighborhood Liaison for the South/Southeast District (Franklin and Perry Townships). She has lived in Indianapolis for 12 years and volunteered with many organizations, including the Franklin Township Civic League and the Franklin Township Lions Club. She has worked on a few projects with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, both in her neighborhood and at her kids' school. For more information or to contact her, email Kelly.foulk@indy.gov or call (317) 429-7807.



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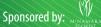
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Kiwanis Club of Perry Township inducts 2014-15 leaders

Kiwanis Club of Perry Township officers and directors for 2014-2015 were inducted recently. Pictured from left, Treasurer Jeff Udrasols; Directors Les Branham, Ann C. Smith and Tom Jackson; President-Elect Kevin Storm; President Steve Hadley, and Director Scott Splichal. Presiding was member Clyde Fields. Not pictured are Past President and Special Advisor Max Oldham and Secretary Stacey Dahmen.



Indy Library plan reflects national report on libraries' future

The existence of the nation's public libraries as a virtual and physical place to meet emerging community needs makes them uniquely equipped to thrive in this new information-rich, knowledgebased society, according to a report by the Aspen Institute Dialogue on Public Libraries, aspeninstitute.org. Concluding that public libraries are essential to success and progress in the digital age, the report by the Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit organization projects a role for libraries similar to that envisioned by The Indianapolis Public Library in its new Strategic Plan. A key component calls for better access to Library services in large unserved population areas of Marion County with the addition of several new or renovated branch locations. New or relocated branches are planned for Perry



The Southport Branch is scheduled for a major renovation by 2017 as part of The Indianapolis Public Library's long-range plan. Additionally, a new branch to serve Perry Township would be built in 2019.

Township, the City of Lawrence, the North Michigan Road and West 38th Street corridors, and the Glendale and Brightwood areas. Renovations to modernize service capabilities are planned at the East Washington, Lawrence, Southport, Wayne and Warren branches, facilities constructed in the 1970s and '80s, except for the East Washington Branch, an original Carnegie Library built in 1909 that is not ADA accessible. The Indy Library's plans are based on 18 months of citizen input that culminated in the approval of a Strategic Plan for the years 2015 – 2020. For more information, visit indypl.org.

Southport named Clean Community by Indiana Department of Environmental Management

Southport has been designated as a "Clean Community." At the Oct. 20 City Council meeting, Tom Easterly of the Indiana Department Environmental Management presented a plaque in recognition of this designation. To qualify, a city must have a quality of life plan and projects picked out to clean up in the community. Designated projects in Southport included recycling, gas consumption, trash in the creek, beautification and electricity consumption. "It means that the city can move forward with beautification because of the grants we can now



get," said Southport Mayor, Jesse Testruth. "We can make it a better, cleaner city for you to live. We can give better quality of life to the citizens." The initiative was started with previous mayor, Rob Thoman. The city will receive six signs from the IDEM to show that the city is a clean city. Pictured from left, Tom Easterly of Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Former Southport Mayor Rob Thoman, Angie Kerner, Councilman Joe Haley, Rose Harrison, Parks Director Marylynne Winslow, Southport Mayor Jesse Testruth and Head of Maintenance Rob Bettcher.

South Indy Volleyball Club has new ownership

Jeff and Holli Fishburn, along with Melanie Otto Lawson and Greg Lawson have purchased the South Indy Volleyball Club for an undisclosed amount. The new owners say they are excited about the opportunities to provide young women ages 18 and under a place to play travel volleyball. One of the new principal owners, Greg Lawson, summarized South Indy's new vision: "Jeff, Holli, Melanie, and myself are ecstatic and eager to begin the process of not only building outstanding volleyball teams but of motivating, enhancing, and helping young women achieve success in all other areas of their lives. This is what it really all about. South Indy will not only focus on winning but on fundamentally challenging and motivating young women to be the best that they can be. We will be that club." Tryouts begin Oct. 26 for ages 12-14 and begin Nov. 9 for ages 15-18. Call (317) 884-9428, email Info@ southindyclub.com or visit southindyclub.com for details.

PFLAG Greenwood announces meetings for equal rights

PFLAG Greenwood meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at Risen Lord Lutheran Church, located at 3758 W. Whiteland Rd., Bargersville. PFLAG Greenwood is a chapter of the national non-profit organization PFLAG National. PFLAG is the nation's largest family and ally organization. Pastors Schreiber and Brown give an introduction to the biblical case for equal rights for people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender (LGBT). Schreiber and Brown teach that when people interpret the Bible through the lens of Jesus' redemptive life and ministry, they see that the church is called to grant equal rights to all people. PFLAG has more than 350 chapters and 200,000 members and supporters crossing multiple generations of American families in major urban centers, small cities, and rural areas in all 50 states. Rev. Dave Schreiber is lead pastor of Resurrection Lutheran Church (Indianapolis). Rev. Mike Brown is lead pastor of Risen Lord Lutheran Church (Bargersville).

Aspire Johnson County selected for Community Conversation program

Aspire Johnson County has been selected for Indiana's Community Conversation series, a program that evaluates a region's assets and determines its current and future needs. The Community Conversation helps selected regions understand their past and prepare them for the future. Apire Johnson County, a community betterment initiative, applied for the program as part of its ongoing research and planning efforts.

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face to face

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Q: What's the scariest film or book you've ever experienced? Does it still creep you out?

"Jaws. It was just very scary at the time. I had never seen scary movies before and it scared me to death. I slept with my brother for two weeks. As I got older I learned to play Jaws in the lake in Geist when I was



growing up. It doesn't creep me out now.

Gayle Temple, Franklin Township

"I would say Nightmare on Elm Street because I just didn't like how he came in their dreams. It scared me thinking about might happen when I went to sleep. It doesn't really creep me out now but it did when I was younger."



Jon Lynch, Beech Grove "I would have to say 'It,' the book and the movie both. And yes, they still terrify me. The creepy clown. I just can't get past that. I'm actually here at Halloween City to get a creepy clown costume to portray my fears."



Justin Rebennack, Greenwood

"The most scary book I have ever read is Stephen King's 'The Shining.' The film adaptation (by Stanley Kubrick) was equally terrifying. I was 13 and had nightmares for two weeks. Now I cannot pick that book



up without getting the chills. The book was more terrifying. It was a lot more intense."

Heather Humble, Center Grove



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AROUND TOWN

Southsiders earn degree from WGU Indiana

Southsiders are included in degree recipients from WGU Indiana, indiana.wgu.edu. The university held its fifth commencement ceremony at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis recently and celebrated the graduation of more than 650 graduates. Included: Shelley May of Beech Grove has received his/her M.S. Information Security and Assurance; Tammy Fagan of Beech Grove has received his/her B.A. Science; Angela Roosa of Southside Indianapolis has received his/her B.S. Business-Human Resource Management; Cynthia Phelps of Indianapolis has received his/her B.S. Business Management; Douglas Mitchell of Indianapolis has received his/her B.S. Information Technology-Security; Elizabeth Smith of Southside Indianapolis has received his/her B.S. Nursing; Everett McKeeman of Southside Indianapolis has received his/her MBA, Management and Strategy; Lisa Lombardo of Southside Indianapolis has received his/her B.S. Nursing; Mandeep Bal of Southside Indianapolis has received his/her B.S. Sales and Sales Management; Teresa Sanford of Southside Indianapolis has received his/her B.S. Nursing; Trinity Frost of Southside Indianapolis has received his/her B.S. Business Management; Amanda Moussa of Southside Indianapolis has received his/her B.S. Business Management; Jason Grisell of Indianapolis has received his/her MBA, Management and Strategy; Vriendt De of Indianapolis has received his/her M.S. Nursing—Education.

AROUND TOWN



Rick Trent Salon commemorates opening in Beech Grove

On Oct. 12, the Rick Trent Salon commemorated its official opening on 125 Main St., Beech Grove, with a ribbon cutting supported by the Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce. To celebrate the opening were, Sister Mary Luke, Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce Board Member; Danyel Goodman, stylist; Richard Byland, property owner; Rick Trent, owner; Ashley Lane, stylist; Jim Coffman, Chamber of Commerce Board Member.

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SOUTHPORT CITY COUNCIL

Oct. 20, 7 p.m.

- What happened: Old business; a proposal for the purchase from BIS Digital was voted on and approved with a 3-2 vote.
- What it means: Southport will purchase a digital system to record meeting minutes, using unspent money in the digital fund.
- What's next: Once purchased, the city can use this to record meetings.
- What happened: New business: Ordinances 14-10-01 through -05 were voted on, along with Resoution 2014-10.
- What it means: The first four ordinances are in relation to the 2015 budget, which was approved this year. Ordinance 05 establishes an Economic Development Commission, a requirement before the RDC can do a bond.
- What's next: All ordinances are passed, meaning the 2015 budget is approved.

In hrief

- The Parks Department announced that it will not have a November Second Saturday in Southport event.
- Trent Ward of Eco Strategies presented a proposal for updating the city's website to better account for mobile devices and to update to current technology and needs. There was later a disagreement amongst city officials as to who was most appropriate to manage the city's Website.

Compiled by Nicole Davis

OUR VIEW

Investing in future Hoosiers

Gov. Mike Pence is showcasing his frugality again this week as he stands by his decision to back away from an \$80 million federal grant that would fund Indiana's pre-Kindergarten program. Though folks from both camps will celebrate Pence's prudency and others will denounce the governor, what most people may glaze over is who this would ultimately affect – the kids.

Words like "investing" can carry heavy connotations, but investments can be any size, really. Even on a small scale there are numerous positive activities available to our citizens and communities that improve pre-K learning without monstrous checkbooks. "Lapsit" story times at Indianapolis Public Library branches, for example, are just one way to introduce

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reading and creativity to children at early ages. Whether or not Pence's \$10 million pilot plan slated for 2015 will be a step in the right direction remains to be seen. There will certainly be a lot of arguing between now and then; if you've got an opinion on the matter we'd like to hear it. So would your local representatives. You can find out who represents you and how to reach them at house.gov/representatives/find/.

While the talking heads and politicians squabble over where money comes from and how much there is, we encourage communities to take their own measure of responsibility in investing in the future of our Southside.

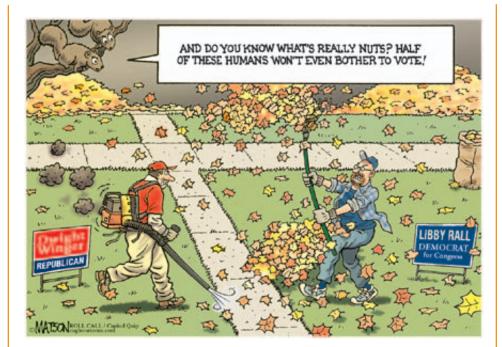
Education is an important asset and resource to any community, even for folks without kids of their own; if people want tomorrow's leaders to be competent and well-educated, it's going to take a group effort!

BELIEVE IT!

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

In Florida, the state (accidentally) banned all computers and smart phones in internet cafes.

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BACKSHOP

Southsider Umbarger announces retirement as Adjutant General of Indiana

We learned yesterday, via a press release out of Gov. Mike Pence's office, that Maj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger will retire in May of 2015. Umbarger was appointed to the position of The Adjutant General of Indiana on March 11, 2004.

As you may know, Umbarger is a proud Southsider (Bargersville) and while May is a little ways off, we salute him now – just weeks away from Veterans Day – for a job well done. However Gov. Pence in a prepared statement:

"With nearly five decades of service to the Indiana National Guard, Adj. Gen. R. Martin Umbarger is a patriot and true public servant to the people of Indiana. His leadership and insight have been invaluable to the Guard, our state, and this great nation, and I believe him to be a Hoosier hero in every sense of the

word. In the months to come, I will work with him to transition to new leadership of our Indiana National Guard, the fourth largest in the nation. On behalf of all Hoosiers, the First Lady and I wish him, his wife Rowana, and his family the best upon his retirement in May."

We couldn't have stated it any better.





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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."

~ Martin Luther King Jr.

HUMOR



Top ten signs that this will not be a normal wedding

By Torry Stiles

- 10. There's a cover charge.
- 9. You recognize the Maid of Honor. She was the Best Man at your cousin's wedding.
- 8. The preacher is doing requests.
- 7. The ring bearer doesn't have the ring but does have the 20 bucks he got for it.
- 6. You were ready for a ceremony with two brides but when they added the third one.....
- 5. The ceremony starts with the introduction of the Klingon translator.
- 4. The reception dinner is BYOB. No food..... just "B."
- 3. When it's time for the mothers to light the Unity Candles there's one woman lighting both candles.
- 2. They require a young priest and an old priest; several bottles of holy water....
- 1. Not only is the bride an hour late but she's still wearing her orange prison jumper.

The Southside Times welcomes letters to the editor in good taste. All submissions are subject to editing. Please send to news@ss-times.com. All letters must be signed. Please include a daytime phone number for verification purposes only.



FEATURE

By Nicole Davis

Cleanup began at Beech Grove Firearms, 3020 S. Emerson Ave., on Oct. 21, after a fire broke out in the indoor shooting range on Oct. 16. As the IMPD, BATFE (Bureau of Al-

cohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives) and the insurance company continues to investigate the situation, Greg Burge, president, says they're already preparing to rebuild as quickly as possible.

"It's very frustrating," Greg said. "My family put a ton of sweat, blood, tears and equity into this business, along with friends that helped us. Then to have someone come in with such total disregard for our rules and do this, not only to our property but to risk people's lives, we're just lucky that nobody got hurt. The firemen didn't get hurt. Danger the dog didn't get hurt; that's the number two question we get."

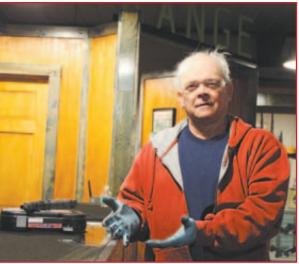
The fire started Thursday at 4 p.m., igniting in the back of the 25-yard firing range which contains 78,000 pounds of rubber from shredded tires. It took firefighters more than six hours to put out the fire, which rekindled at 8 a.m. the next morning.

"I was probably in there with the first holler of fire and I just knew," Greg said. "There was nothing any of us could have done."

Greg said the suspect is shown on security footage. He said the man is seen shooting 30-40 rounds of tracer ammunition, bullets which are built with a charge that ignites when fired, leaving a trace of color in the air to "trace" where the rounds go. There are signs in the shooting range which forbid the use of tracer rounds and that policy is outlined in the waiver that each user must sign.

"We know exactly who did it," Greg said.

"We know what lane he was on. He put 30-40 tracer rounds into it. To put that in perspective, a lot of people don't know what a tracer is, let's say one tracer is one gallon of gas. You put that on a bonfire, sure it makes a poof. But put 30 gallons on it and imagine what happens. The (insurance) company, they said



Gary Burge, an owner, stands in the retail store at Beech Grove Firearms on Oct. 22.

there is no system that could handle something as reckless as what this guy did."

Greg estimates cost of the damage is in between 1.5 and 2 million dollars. His goal is to have the retail side of the store opened within three weeks. The target date for reopening the shooting range is May of 2015.

"Outside of being a royal headache, things are going as well as they can," Greg said. "At the end of the day, I hope we can rebuild bigger, better, stronger. We've taken good pride in our cleanliness, our air quality; you can have 40 people in there shooting and it feels like you're standing outside. I want to keep that atmosphere that has made us such a popular destination."

While trying to figure out how something like this could happen, Greg said he thought back to a recent audit they did.

"From January 1 to June 1, 28,000 people shot in that range," Greg said. "28,000 people understood (the rules). I for the life of me cannot figure out why one individual did not get it. Only this person can answer the question of 'what the hell were you thinking?' Some things in life are so common sense... I've long



Crews began cleanup at Beech Grove Firearms on Oct. 21.

Photos by Nicole Davis

said rational adults can never rationalize an irrational person. This proves true here. "

Once the range reopens, Greg said they plan to operate with the same safety rules as in the past. He said some ranges require that shooters use that business' ammunition, but they aren't going to enact that type policy because it's not something customers want.

"I don't want to turn this into like the TSA; 'take your shoes off, open your purse, ok you're clear to go into the range," Greg said. "I'd say if this was happening once a week, once a month, maybe we were failing somewhere. But I look back and see 28,000 people this year got it. One guy didn't. I think it doesn't matter what rule was in place. This guy was going to do what he was going to do. Whether that was blind stupidity or maliciousness, he was going to do it. I don't think we could have done

anything different other than strip searching the guy or handing him a bullet one at a time. Ultimately humans are responsible for human action... You just hope that most people do the right thing and use some common sense."

Greg said that when they first opened the business six years ago, there were some

"grumblings" of "does Beech Grove want a shooting range. Does it want a gun store?" He said through the years, the majority of residents have commented on the appearance of the building and how much it's improved the area. Through this bad situation, he's seen the good in his community as people he's never even met have stepped out to offer their help. A fundraiser is planned to take place at Beech Grove Bowl, 95 N. 2nd Ave., on Nov. 8, time to be announced at facebook.com/ events/1498686557070342/.

"It's been amazing the amount of support that has come forward – someone saying I'm an electrician, I can help with this," Greg said. "It's just

been phenomenal. I almost feel kind of bad – you don't want people putting themselves out. You know how busy the world is. It's also very humbling that people would take the time out of their day and their business and say they will help us."

"I've long said rational adults can never rationalize an irrational person. This proves true here."

– Greg Burge

Fleeing for freedom

Perry Township's Van T. Piang shares of fighting for democracy in Burma in his book, Away From Home: In Search of Freedom

COVER STORY

By Nicole Davis

Van T. Piang has fought for his freedom and for the right to democracy. Growing up in Burma and joining the pro-democracy movement which rebelled against the military government, Piang said all of the hardships and experiences he faced brought him to start a new life in America. He came to Indianapolis in 1997 as one of four people from the Chin community. Last year, he wrote and had published a book, *Away From Home: In Search of Freedom*, to share of the struggles he and other political refugees from the country have faced.

"I would like readers to know the difference between democratic government versus military so they can empathize with people who are coming here," Piang said. "I'm glad I have now this privilege to share with some of my American friends the experience I have been through and my Burmese friends have been through. I really want people to understand why so many people had to leave their country. If the readers can understand and see from their point of view, that would be a great achievement for me."

The book begins with an introduction to Burma and its history, how it came to be dominated by military government and as a result, "one of the poorest countries in the world." In 1988, a large group of university students went underground to fight the military government, including Piang. He writes that when he was first accepted into Rangoon University, he was every excited. It was considered a great accomplishment to complete high school, let alone go to college which many could not do for financial reasons.

"Life was great," Piang wrote, "College students did not have to worry about anything, they only had to enjoy university life. We did not have to study, but still passed finals. That was the way the Burmese government (BSPP) wanted to recruit college students in Burma. The simple reason, and their intent, was that there would be no one smart enough or brave enough to challenge the government. But many of us, who were young, wild and stupid at the time, had no idea what the Burmese government was trying to do with future leaders of Burma."

Piang was arrested on March 16, 1988 for participating in peaceful protests on the campus. He was later released and returned home. For safety reasons, he had to flee his hometown of Falam.

"I did not even have time to say goodbye to my parents," Piang wrote. "Besides, I thought that it would be only two or three months at the most that we would need to stay outside the country. But I was totally wrong. I was too young to understand the cruelty and ruthlessness nature of Burmese military government."

Piang ended up spending nearly four years fighting for democracy, living in the jungles in conditions where there was not enough food or shelter. He came down with malaria multiple times, fighting through the illness with a lack of proper medication.

"I determined to never complain since it was the path I had chosen," Piang wrote. "I chose it not for me, but for the whole nation of Burma and for my people who were bound by fears and nightmares at home."

He continued: "It was very devastating to bear the starvation. The only thing I wanted to imagine in my mind was plenty of food to eat. But again, I am so proud of myself and my other comrades because we suffered for our people and our land. If this was not the case, I would have quit a long time ago. I knew I had to overcome hardships to achieve freedom."

After all of those years of fighting, seeing brutality and violence from both sides, Piang was forced to flee the country and traveled to New Delhi, India, in 1993 and was accepted as a new student in Immanuel Theological Seminary.

He earned a U.S.-funded scholarship available to Burmese students whose education was interrupted by the 1988 pro-democracy uprising. Knowing he was going to the U.S., he married his wife in Jan. 25, 1997 before he left in April that year. He arrived in Indianapolis and went to attend school at Indiana University Bloomington. A year later, he applied for political asylum to live legally in the country, then filed an application to reunite with his wife.

Piang has seen first-hand the increasing number of refugees, which he said is a good thing so the children can have more opportunities than they would at home. According to baci-indy.org, 17,500 Burmese refugees reside came to Indiana since 2000, 12,000 of those in Indianapolis.

Piang resides in Perry Township. He is a founding member of Falam Baptist Church in Greenwood, has served as a board member for the Burmese American Community Institute (BACI) and is a producer for Chin TV, chintv.org. His book, written in both English and Chin, can be found at Family Asian Restaurant at 6840 Madison Ave., Southport library, IUPUI library and Perry Meridian High School's library. He can be contacted at vpiang@yahoo.com.









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Top: Soldiers on their way back home from Northern part of Burma, 1992 (From Kachin State to Chin State. They walked almost 1000 miles to get home.); Bottom, left: Piang during the 1991 During revolution period (Kachin State, Burma.); Middle, right: Piang and his family; Bottom, right: Celebrating the third month anniversary of 8/8/88 Burmese student uprising in Champhai refugee camp, India. **Submitted Photos**

CALENDAR

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Warm Up For Winter • Southwood Baptist Church is holding its annual coat drive for the community. They will collect new or gently-used winter coats needed by children, men and women in the Beech Grove community. | When: Drop off Now through Oct. 30. Coats will be distributed Nov. 15, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Where: Donate at the church, 501 S. 4th Ave.; Beech Grove High School, 5330 Hornet Ave.; Beech Grove Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave.; or City Hall, 806 Main St. | Info: Visit southwoodbaptistchurch.org.

Joe Saba • Pinocchio's Original Italian Ice Cream owners Jim and Mandy McGovern, in Greenwood, are teaming up with other local businesses to bring awareness to a Myelodysplastic Syndrome, a cancer which effects the bone marrow in which it doesn't make enough healthy blood cells to keep the body from being fatigued and able to function on a normal day to day bases without getting blood transfusions weekly. The money raised will go back to IU Simon Cancer Center in Indianapolis. Joe Saba, Bargersville resident, had been diagnosed with this disease. Myelodysplastic Syndrome can be terminal if a match isn't found in order to complete a stem cell transplant. Joe has always been active in the community, coaching baseball, fundraising to support Center Grove schools, freelance photographer, and account executive with the Daily Journal. | When: Oct. 25, 11 a.m. – 9 p.m. Where: Pinocchio's, 1011 N. State Rd. 135, Greenwood. | Info: Call (317) 865-8844.

Christmas Luncheon • Join for a silent auction and raffle benefitting the Porcelain Art School of Indiana. | When: Oct. 25, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Where: Pipers Grand Manor & Café, 2130 W. Southport Rd., Indianapolis. | Cost: \$40. | Info: Call (317) 507-3536.

We Serve • Join for dinner, silent auction and door prizes as the Southport Lions Club raises money for the City of Southport to purchase defibrillators for all of the Southport police cars and City Hall. Menu includes spaghetti and meatballs, tossed salad with 'Olive Garden' dressing, assorted cheesecake and a canned drink for \$8. | When: Oct. 26, 4-8 p.m. | Where: Southport Community Center, 6901 Derbyshire Rd. | Info: Call Bob Roe at (317) 797-3294 or AJ at (317) 250-3556.

SOCIAL

Go Green with Pink • Geek in Pink Computer Repair will hold its semi-annual recycling event, accepting unwanted computers, cell phones and tablets. Consumers can bring in their obsolete devices and receive a \$10 gift certificate toward future Geek in Pink services. | When: Now through Oct. 31. | Where: Both Greenwood and Franklin locations. Greenwood: 4800 W. Smith Valley Rd., Ste. D. | Info: Visit geekinpink.com.

Sailing Down to Rio on the Queen Mary 2 • The Greenwood Kiwanis Club and Southport Lions Club will sell season tickets for the 53rd annual travel and adventure Film Series. | When: Oct 23, 7 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Community High School Auditorium. | Info: Call Norm Akers, (317) 881-4509.

UIndy 5K • Tour the University of Indianapolis Campus as part of the university's Homecoming festivities. At 10 a.m., children 10 and younger can participate in the Ace Chase, a lap around UIndy's Smith Mall led by Ace, the Greyhound mascot. | When: Oct. 25, 7:30 a.m. registration, 9:30 a.m. event start. | Where: UIndy Schwitzer Student Center Atrium. | Cost: \$20 in advance, \$25 cash at event. | Info: Visit uindy. edu/homecoming/hound-hustle.

Keeping Kids Safe Project • Join Hubler Chevrolet auto dealership for free FBI finger-print and photographs. The Keeping Kids Safe Project will take a child's fingerprint and send home with parents to instantly aid in an investigation. There will also be safety information. | When: Oct. 24 and 25, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. | Where: Hubler Chevrolet, 8220 US 31 S, Indianapolis. | Info: contact Danielle at Danielle@sipkids.com or call (319) 290-2429.

Holiday Craft and Gift Show • The Beech Grove Farmers Market will host a holiday-themed craft show. | When: Oct. 26, 1-6 p.m. | Where: 510 Main St., Beech Grove. | Info: Visit the Beech Grove Farmers Market on face-book.com.

The Whistle Stop Winter Adult Youth League

• Beech Grove Bowl presents this league. Every bowler will get a \$30 account credit good for open bowling in February 2015 and a free scoop of ice cream from The Whistle Stop Ice Cream & More. | When: Sundays, 1:30 p.m. League starts Oct. 26 and runs for 12 weeks. | Where: 95 N. 2nd Ave. | Info: Call (317) 784-3743.

Toastmasters • Vineyard Toastmasters in Perry Township helps improve individual communication skills and corporate presentations. Toastmaster members learn and demonstrate communication skills in a positive learning environment. See how you can develop your listening skills; enabling you ace that interview or unexpected questions. | When: Every Monday evening, 7 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. | Where: Perry Township Trustee Office, 4925 Shelby St. | Info: Visit 1109991.toastmastersclubs.org.

LIBRARY

Google Glass • As part of Teen Read Week, teens can participate in a demonstration of this new technology. | When: Oct. 25, 2 p.m. | Where: Fountain Square Branch, 1066 Virginia Ave. | Info: Call (317) 275-4390.

Rocky Horror Picture Show • Experience an overview of audience participation and how to do the Time Warp before the show. Costumes are highly encouraged, but not mandatory. Props will be provided by the library. Must be 18 or older to attend. IDs will be checked at the door.|When: Oct. 25, 6 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St. | Info: Call (317) 881-1953 or visit greenwoodlibrary.us.

Indy Author Fair • Aspiring writers and book lovers of all ages can celebrate Indiana's literary tradition with a variety of free workshops and events. Programs on writing, publishing and marketing will be given. Attendees can learn how to write or publish a variety of genres. Hoosier authors will be there to discuss and sign copies of their works. Children 8 and up are invited to a writing workshop featuring children's authors. | When: Oct. 25, 10:15- 5 p.m. | Where: Central Library, 40 E. St. Clair St. | Info: (317) 275-4099.

Octoberfest: Homebrew How-To • Craft beer, microbrew, specialty beer, small-batch-whatever you call it, Indiana is producing award winning beers and the scene is thriving. Adults can learn about getting starting brewing at home and how different styles and flavors of beers are created with experts from Brewlink Brewing Company. | When: Oct. 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m. | Where: White River Branch, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: Visit pageafterpage.org.

Genealogy Research • Representatives from the Samuel Bryan Chapter of D.A.R. will be providing research assistance in the Technology Room. Sign up at the desk if you plan to attend. | When: Oct. 27, 4-7 p.m. | Where: Beech Grove Public Library, 1102 Main St., Beech Grove. | Info: Call (317) 788-4203.

Author Birthday Party • October authors include Ed Emberly, Steven Kellogg, Gordon Korman and James Marshall. | When: Oct. 28. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St. | Info: Call (317) 881-1953 or visit greenwoodlibrary.us.

Super You: Make the World a Better Place • Preschoolers ages 3 - 6 and an adult are invited to explore the superpowers they have to make the world a better place. The Youth Philanthropy Initiative of Indiana will lead stories and activities. Participants will create their own super hero and identify how superpowers can help others. | When: Oct. 28, 1:15 p.m. and Oct. 29, 10:15 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. | Where: Franklin Road Branch, 5550 S. Franklin Rd., Indianapolis. | Info: Call (317) 275-4380.

Not-So-Scary Animal Show • Children ages six and under can learn about and make friends with some often misunderstood animals during this interactive program presented by Silly Safaris. | When: Oct. 28, 10:30 p.m. | Where: Southport Branch, 2630 E. Stop 11 Rd. | Info: Call (317) 275-4510.

Paws to Read at Southport • Children who are reluctant readers can read to Emmy or Max, registered therapy dogs who love to listen to stories. | When: Oct. 28, 5:30 – 7 p.m. | Where: Southport Branch, 2630 E. Stop 11 Rd. | Info: Call (317) 275-4510.

Not-So-Scary Animal Show • Children ages six and under can learn about and make friends with some often misunderstood animals during this interactive program presented by Silly Safaris. When: Oct. 30, 10:30 a.m. | Where: Garfield Park Branch, 2502 Shelby St., Indianapolis. | Info: Call (317) 275-4490.

Family Film Fest: The Lego Movie • Join for family films each month. This month, a Lego figure joins a group intent on battling an evil force after a case of mistaken identity.| When: Oct. 30, 6 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St. | Info: Call (317) 881-1953 or visit greenwoodlibrary.us.

♪ MUSIC

Joyful Sound • Come hear this advanced community hand bell choir based out of Indianapolis, sponsored by the Franklin County Arts Council. | When: Oct. 26, 3 p.m. | Where: St. Mark Catholic Church, 535 E. Edgewood Ave., Indianapolis. | Info: Visit joyfulsound.info.

Chapel Winds • Chapel Winds woodwind quintet will present familiar favorites in a free concert. The chamber group plays classical, sacred, folk, contemporary, and other styles of music. A pizza reception follows the concert. | When: Oct. 26, 6 p.m. | Where: Irvington Presbyterian Church, 55 Johnson Ave. | Info: Call (317) 356-7225 or visit irvpresby.org.

Chamber Evening • Part of the Faculty Artist Concert Series, classic modernism, the whimsy of George Crumb and work by Franz Schubert will animate this evening of chamber music, including the French neoclassicism of André Jolivet's Sonatine for oboe and bassoon and Crumb's Mundus Canis ("A Dog's World"). | When: Oct. 27, 7:30 p.m. | Where: University of Indianapolis Christel DeHaan Fine Arts Center, 1400 E. Hanna Ave., Indianapolis. | Info: Visit uindy.edu/arts or call (317) 788-3251.

Saxaphonist Sean Imboden • Ulndy's free Jazz Concert Series features top talent from throughout the Midwest. Indianapolis native Sean Imboden has toured internationally for several years. He holds a bachelor's degree in music from Indiana University and a master's degree from Queens College. | When: Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m. | Where: Christel DeHaan Fine Arts Center's Ruth Lilly Performance Hall, 1400 E. Hanna Ave., Indianapolis. | Info: Visit uindy. edu/arts.

MART

Ed Funk: Printmaker, Painter • Ed Funk was a printmaker and painter active in the Indianapolis art scene from the 1980s until his death in 2013. | When: Now through Oct. 31, gallery hours 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. | Where: Ulndy's Christel DeHaan Fine Arts Center Gallery, 1400 E. Hanna Ave., Indianapolis. | Info: Call (317) 788-3253 or visit uindy.edu/arts/art.

Midwest National Abstract Art Exhibition X

• This annual event sponsored by the South-side Art League, Inc. will exhibit two-dimensional abstract paintings from across the USA. All 45 paintings are for sale. | When: Paintings hang now through Oct. 25; Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 2-9 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. | Where: The Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Dr., Indianapolis. | Info: Call SALI, (317) 882-5562 or GPAC, (317) 327-7135.

The Calligraphy Guild of Indiana Members Exhibit • The Southside Art League Off Broadway Gallery will feature calligraphy works in October. | When: Now through Oct. 30 during gallery hours, Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. | Where: 299 E. Broadway St., Greenwood. | Info: Visit calligin.org or call SALI, (317) 882-5562.

FAITH

Treasure Chest Raffle • Support the ministry at Beech Grove's Benedict Inn with a chance to win one of 20 prizes. | When: Oct. 25, 6-9:30 p.m. | Where: Central Catholic Multi-Purpose Room. | Info: Visit benedictinn.org.

Seeking Balance and Peace in our Hectic Lives • Join for an evening of peace and leisure. Guides for the evening include mystics, saints and contemporary spiritual writers as well as scripture. | When: Oct. 27, 7-9 p.m. | Where: Benedict Inn Retreat & Conference, 1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove. |Cost: \$25 fee. | Info: Visit bennedictinn.org.

B HEALTH

Meatless Cooking Tips • This class will help you with menu planning and recipes so you can incorporate more meatless meals into your daily life. | When: Oct 23, 6:30 p.m. | Where: Franciscan St. Francis Heart Center, 8111 S. Emerson Ave, Indianapolis. | Info: Call 317-782-4422.

Healthy Meals on a Budget • Learn ways to stretch your food budget while still getting the nutrients you need. | When: Oct 29, 6:30 p.m. | Where: Franciscan St. Francis Heart Center, 8111 S. Emerson Ave, Indianapolis. | Info: Call 317-782-4422.

Fitness Tips • Discover that exercise can be healthy and fun and learn how to set up a schedule for yourself. | When: Oct 30, 6:30 p.m. | Where: Franciscan St. Francis Heart Center, 8111 S. Emerson Ave, Indianapolis. | Info: Call 317-782-4422.

AROUND TOWN



Officer Bill Toney remembered at annual fundraiser

Officer Bill Toney, Beech Grove Police Department, lost his life on Sept. 29, 2000, as he pursued a suspect in a stolen vehicle. Each year, his family holds a softball tournament fundraiser in his memory to raise money for organizations that provide services to the community. Many of our staff and community members participate each year. This year, the softball tournament raised \$1,500. The money was donated to Riley Hospital for Children. The words printed on the back of this year's tournament shirt says it all, "Proud Then. Prouder Now." Officer Toney, Badge 37, will never be forgotten. Bill's widow, Dee Dee Horen, continues as a Beech Grove City Schools staff member, where she serves as the Master Teacher for South Grove Intermediate School.



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FURY... solid film with standout performances

MOVIE REVIEW

here isn't a segment of the population more universally respected and adored

than veterans. They served this country by giving of their time, talents, and in some cases, their lives, to protect the freedoms we take for granted. Those brave men and women experience things the average citizen only sees on the news or the big screen. This past weekend gave us yet another reminder of those who have so bravely served this country with the new film, *Fury*, starring Brad Pitt.

Fury is the story of a five Americans operating a tank in Germany during WWII. The film opens with the group returning to base to regroup after losing a member of their crew. There the unit is quickly informed they are gaining a new member to replace their recently deceased brother in arms; the young, inexperienced, Norman.

The squad's next mission is their most dangerous yet, one

that will take them deep into enemy territory. With nothing except one another and a shared unshakable confidence in their resolute and unwavering leader, Wardaddy (Pitt), they head into battle.

What separates *Fury* from being just another

WWII movie are the strong performances from it's two leads. Brad Pitt is terrific as the strong silent platoon leader who never flinches in his

mission to kill Nazis. He conveys more with a single look than any line of dialogue spoken throughout the entire film. Logan Lerman as Norman steals the show. Like Pitt, Lerman's facial expressions tell us more about his char-

> acter at any given moment than anything he utters. Both characters draw you in immediately and have you empathizing with them like few films in recent memory.

> The film's flaws come courtesy of the writing and the 'been there, done that' storyline. Hollywood loves war movies, especially WWII films, and while this time we're in a tank, it's nothing we haven't seen hundreds of times. The writing also

wastes several opportunities to become something special. As the characters sit around a German woman's table, we start to get a real sense of these people. Unfortunately, the tension and momentum *Fury* builds with this scene goes nowhere, missing an opportunity to catapult itself into an Oscar nominee.

With too many missed opportunities, *Fury* is not the

best film of the film or even a potential Oscar nominee. Instead, it's a good, solid film featuring strong, standout performances. It's rated 3.5 out of 5.



Adam Staten MOVIE REVIEW

"Hollywood loves war movies, especially WWII films, and while this time we're in a tank, it's nothing we haven't seen hundreds of times."

Adam Staten lives in Perry Township and is a movie buff. Staten graduated from University of Southern Indiana with a degree in Communication Studies.

AN OPTION



The breaded tenderloin sandwich

Gas Light Inn

The scoop: In addition to great food and great service, The Gaslight Inn offers something unique: a reputation for being haunted by spirits and for being a historical hangout of notorious gangster and bank robber John Dillinger. The tavern was featured on My Ghost Story on The Biography Channel and ghost tours are offered evenings on Thursday, Friday and Saturday by reservation only. The food is a great reason to visit the Inn. The grilled or breaded tenderloin and catfish are their most popular items. Their hamburgers and Philly Steak Sandwich are also favorites. During the coming cold evenings, choose soup of the day or go with their homemade chili. The meat is always fresh—never frozen—and the bread comes to Indianapolis from a world class bakery in Chicago. Monday fried chicken and Saturday prime rib dinners always sell out so order early.

Type of food: homemade above average tavern food

Specialties: Sandwiches, steaks and catfish. **Recommendation:** The breaded tenderloin sandwich.

Reservations: Reserve Ghost tours on Thursday, Friday, Saturday 6-8 p.m. or 9-11 p.m. Minimum four and maximum 10 people per tour.

Hours: Monday to Saturday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Location: 2280 S Meridian St., Indianapolis.

Phone: (317) 782-1250

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BEHIND BARS

The Silencer

Bartender: Kayla Williams

Location: Bagger Dave's Legendary Burger Tavern, located near Emerson Avenue and County Line Road at 5221 Noggle Way in Indianapolis.

Ingredients and directions: Fill a Mason jar with two scoops of ice. Add the following ingredients: 1/2 oz. of Old Smokey Moonshine, 1/4 oz. of Bombay Sapphire Gin, 1/4 oz. Bacardi Light Rum, 1/4 oz. Sauza Tequila, ¼ oz. GranGala Triple Orange Liquor, 4 oz. Finest Call Citrus Sour mix, 4 oz. Bagger Dave's Black Cherry Cream Cola, and two maraschino



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Ebola, the flu and your immune system

NUTRITION

ur loving creator provided each of us a Department of Defense (DOD); however it's clearly unloved. Look

around you; proliferating rates of preventable sickness continue unchecked. Science encourages us, though, that the better you eat the better your temple will successfully defend itself and recover from invading virus, bacteria, or conceivably Ebola.

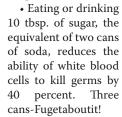
Your DOD is the first line of defense that directly attacks and kills harmful disease-causing organisms. Alas, certain foods, bever-

ages and lifestyle behaviors either fuel or incapacitate your immune system. As we enter the "sugar, gluttony and cocktailing season," let's focus on the snarky kibosh sugar inflicts upon your Temple's ability to protect and serve. To guy my silence, I recall Mom giving me 7-Up

with a curly straw and candy bars when I got the flu. She could have gotten me out of the house and back to school sooner if she'd only known the sugary beverage prolonged my illness and insufferable whining.

The quality of the calories you eat are vastly more important than super-sized quantity. One cup of ice cream, for example, is almost 400 calories but four ounces of chicken breast and a half of cup of fibrous brown rice with a side of green beans are also almost 400 calories. With the implausible scepter of Ebola lurking on the horizon, if you're not motivated now, it's likely you'll never be. So, either make time for sickness or make your temple an in-





• Excessive boozing trashes your temple's immune system and

causes nutritional deficiency, depriving your temple of valuable immune- boosting nutrients. Alcohol, like sugar, can reduce the ability of white cells to kill germs

- Obesity depresses your DOD by distressing white blood cells ability to multiply and produce antibodies.
- Clean, sun kissed plant food provides energy and contains all the nutrients essential for a healthy immune system. If your temple lacks nutrition, you'll have a weak immune system.
- Get enough sleep, exercise, wash hands and stay hydrated with water, not Diet Coke.

Youngsters, the elderly, surgery patients, people with AIDS and those who just had radiation treatment are the most susceptible due to a weakened or undeveloped DOD. So suck it up and drop the sugary crapola, and then get cozy with wholesome, fibrous, immune stimulating foods from God' apothecary. The divine in you genuinely desires you to be healthy. Create healthy and make your temple ripe for a miracle. Fight disease with your fork.

Chef Wendell Fowler is an utrition is tand motivational presenter. Contact him at chefwendell fowler@gmail.com.

AROUND TOWN

Healthcare career center relocates to UIndy

Ulndy now hosts the Metropolitan Indianapolis/ Central Indiana Area Health Education Center, known as MICI-AHEC, which is active in Marion and the eight surrounding counties. It is one of eight regional AHEC centers around the state dedicated to this special kind of workforce development, which is based on research showing that health professionals tend to serve communities where they grew up and received their training. Executive Director Kimberly McElroy-Jones will continue to lead the MICI-AHEC, as she has since its founding in 2006. The office and its seven staff members are located in the Fountain Square Center on Shelby Street, where UIndy shares space with community organizations. The change comes as the university prepares to foster greater multidisciplinary collaboration by moving its schools of nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, psychology and other health-related programs into the new four-story Health Pavilion that is now under construction at the main campus on Hanna Avenue.

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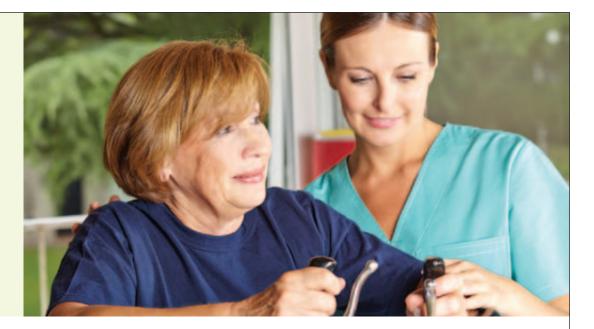
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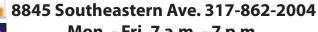
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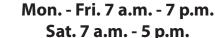
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OBITUARIES

Carol Y. (Staker) Ayers

Carol Y. (Staker) Ayers, 63, of Indianapolis, died Oct. 15, 2014. Services are Oct. 25, 1 p.m. at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory, Chapel of the Chimes, 1234 Prospect St., Indianapolis.

Mary Louise Bramlett

Mary Louise Bramlett, 76, of Indianapolis, died on Oct. 14, 2014. She was born on Nov. 12, 1937 daughter of the late Elmer and Helen (Young) Wissel. She was a 1956 graduate of St John's Academy and a member of St. Barnabas Catholic Church. Mary Lou is survived by her husband, Phillip Bramlett; son, Mark (Carole) Bramlett; daughters, Lynda (John) Coulson-Helt, and Laura (Mark) Reese; grandson, Sam Bramlett; brother, Joseph (Roz) Wissel; and sister, Phyllis (Donald) Huffman. Visitation was Oct. 18 at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis. Mary Lou will be laid to rest in Calvary Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Southside Animal Shelter.

Roger "Dale" Mullins

Roger "Dale" Mullins, 48, of Indianapolis, died on Oct. 21. He was born Jan. 7, 1966 to Robert and Eunice Ramona (Napier) Mullins, Jr. Dale was preceded in death by his father. He was an electrician for Culture Lighting Co. and a member of the Moose Loval Order of Beech Grove No. 1883 and American Legion Post 276 SAL Beech Grove. Survivors include daughter, Jessica Shienne Perry; mother, E. Ramona Mullins; brother, Robert Mullins, III; granddaughter, Grace lleen Torvick and Uncle Howard Napier. Visitation will be Oct. 23, 4-8 p.m. at Fountain Square Mortuary. Funeral Service will be Oct. 24, 1 p.m. with calling from 10 a.m. with Pastor Rich Rhoads, officiating. Burial will follow at Concordia Cemetery.

Jon Andrew Shearer

Jon Andrew Shearer, 47, of Indianapolis, died Oct. 12, 2014. He was born Dec. 19, 1966, in Shelbyville, to John E. Shearer and Mary Corley Richart. Jon was married on Sept. 20, 1997, to Kelly McMahan Shearer. Jon was employed for 19 years as a machinist in big engine assembly for Rolls Royce. He was a member of Pleasant Lodge No. 134 F&AM in Acton, UAW Local 933, and active with Camping for a Cause. Jon is survived by his wife Kelly M. (McMahan) Shearer; children Zachary A. and Jenna M. Shearer; mother Mary Richart; brothers Timothy (Linda) Shearer, Jeff Shearer, Mark Shearer and Brian (Jackie) Shearer; and other extended family members and friends. He was preceded in passing by his father John E. Shearer. Services were Oct. 18, at Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center. Memorial contributions have been suggested to Camping for a Cause.

William Allen Simmonds

William Allen Simmonds, 73, of Indianapolis, died Oct. 13, 2014. He was born Nov. 29, 1940, in Anderson, to the late William P. and Junnie R. (Ritchie)

Simmonds. Bill was married on Sept. 17, 1966, to Karen S. (Means) Simmonds. Bill was the owner of Bakemart, Inc. which operated convenient food stores. He was also police officer for various police agencies. He was actively involved in the formation of the Center Grove Soccer club; serving in various roles including



Club President. Bill also was integral in transitioning the Center Grove High School soccer program from a club to a varsity sport. Bill is survived by his wife of 48 years Karen S. (Means) Simmonds; daughter Melissa Lemler; sons William (Jen) Simmonds, Matt (Liz)

Simmonds and Mark (Amy) Simmonds; sisters Mary Penry and Sandy Cooper; and 10 grandchildren . He was preceded in passing by his parents and grandson, Logan Simmonds. Services were Oct. 18 at Southport United Methodist Church. Visitation was Oct. 17 at the church. Memorial contributions have been suggested to Riley Children's Foundation ECMO Department in memory of Logan Simmonds. Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center is handling the arrangements.

William "Bill" A Thompson

William "Bill" A Thompson, 79, beloved husband of Patricia Nelson Thompson, died Oct. 16, 2014. He was one of seven children of Nellie Marie and John Howard Thompson. He was a father to Rachelle Lovett (Rick) and Lori Smith (Dee); and Pa to 11 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Bill was a volunteer with University of Indianapolis' Physical Therapy program. He retired from Eli Lilly Company and the Indiana Air National Guard. He was a lifelong member and former state officer of the Moose Lodge International and a Past Master of the Masonic Lodge. Visitation will be at G.H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis on Oct. 24, 4 to 8 p.m. and Oct. 25, starting at 11 a.m. with a service at 1 p.m. Bill would ask that everyone pay it forward, so in lieu of flowers. donations can be made to Mooseheart, American Cancer Society, or the Alzheimer's Association.

Eleanor E. Whitlock

Eleanor E. Whitlock, 82, of Indianapolis, died on Oct. 15, 2014. She was born on Jan. 14, 1932 in Indianapolis to the late Elvage and Genevieve (Cain)

Hendricks. Eleanor was a member of Faith United Church of Christ, and a 50+ year member of the Beech Grove Chapter #465 Order of the Eastern Star. She graduated from Emmerich Manual High School. Eleanor is survived by her children, Donna Jenkinson, Alan (Therese) Whitlock, and Cheryl (David) Mosley;



five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald F. "Curly" Whitlock; and son, Bruce Whitlock. Visitation was Oct. 19 at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis. A funeral service was Oct. 20 at the funeral home. Eleanor will be laid to rest in Oaklawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to National Parkinson Foundation.

Jessie Fay Wilson

Jessie Fay Wilson, of Indianapolis, died Oct. 17, 2014. She was born Oct. 3, in Marrowbone, Ky. to the late Franklin Burris and Ida Caroline (Fletcher) Willis. She is survived by her daughter, Sonna C. (Bruce W.) Surface: grandchildren, Joshua (Kristin) F. Surface and Jacob W. Surface. She was preceded in death by her husband, William J. Wilson; brothers, Roy Willis, Lloyd Willis, and Willie Willis; sisters, Ruby Bull, Jewell Cloyd, Thelma Collins, Opal Williams, and Eva Johnson. Jessie worked for 20 years at Osco Drug Store as a cashier and later was co-owner of Wilson's Antiques for 30 years with her husband. She was also attended Heartland Church of Christ. A service will be Oct. 24. 2 p.m. at Heartland Church of Christ, 1693 W. Main St., Greenwood, IN 46142. Friends may call from 12 p.m. until the service time Friday at the church. Jessie will be laid to rest in Greenwood Cemetery.

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If your family's Halloween consists of pumpkin carving, trick-or-treating and transforming your home into a haunted house, you'll be happy to know that the "double, double, toil and trouble" doesn't have to stop there. You can add a little extra hocus pocus to your season by brewing up these chillingly creative treats with the whole family.

The Monster Mash Float and Paranormal Pudding are two ghoulishly good treats that kids and adults alike will love, and they're easy to make. The fun is all in the Limited Edition TruMoo Orange Scream milk. Inspired by an orange frozen pop with vanilla ice cream, this new creamy orange milk is so frightfully delicious, it's sure to make you scream. Because it's made with wholesome low-fat white milk, no artificial growth hormones or high fructose corn syrup, and is brought to you by your local trusted TruMoo dairy, you can feel great about serving it to your family.

TruMoo Orange Scream is delicious as an ingredient in your favorite Halloween treats or served by itself. Just make sure to drink it fast – it might disappear into the night like the headless horseman.



For more frightening fun visit TruMoo.com, facebook.com/TruMooMilk, twitter.com/TruMooMilk and pinterest.com/TruMooMilk.

Monster Mash Float

Servings: 1

- 1 cup TruMoo Orange Scream milk
- 1 large scoop low-fat vanilla frozen yogurt or ice cream
- 1 cup chilled seltzer

In tall glass, pour in milk. Add scoop of frozen yogurt. Slowly add seltzer to create foamy, web-like effect on top of float.

Serve immediately.



Paranormal Pudding

Servings: 2

- 2 cups TruMoo Orange Scream milk
- 1 (3.4-ounce) box instant vanilla pudding and pie filling
- 1/2 cup low-fat granola
- 2 tablespoons low-fat plain Greek yogurt
- Multicolored sprinkles

In large bowl, with wire whisk beat milk and instant pudding until well blended and thickened.

Spoon 1/3 of pudding mixture into two dessert or parfait glasses; sprinkle with some granola. Repeat layering two more times. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

To serve, top each with dollop of yogurt and Halloween-themed sprinkles.

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Creative Halloween costume ideas

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Every Halloween, many people look forward to participating in "frightful" festivities, such as costume parties and contests, but often wait until the last minute to come up with a costume.

This usually leaves slim pickings at party stores and costume shops or a tossed together look. With a little planning and creativity, you can avoid the scramble this year and create a classic Halloween costume using items you probably have at home, or can easily and affordably find.

Easy DIY finds

Follow these tips and tricks – and treat yourself to a costume that will make this Halloween sweeter than ever.

- Use it as a time to clean out your closet. Those old, unused threads might serve as the basis for a great costume.
- On that note don't overlook your "memories." Pull out sports or dance uniforms from your glory days in high school and have an ensemble ready.
- Crafting gear nearby? Great. It's easy to create a charming costume with just scissors, glue and a little bling.

Delightful dress-up ideas

Here are some examples of clever costumes you can make at home:

Morton Salt Girl costume

Celebrate the Morton Salt Girl's 100th birthday this year by sporting her iconic look for Halloween. Once you're all dressed up you may want to enter the Morton Salt Girl Halloween Costume Contest and Sweepstakes at www.MortonCostumeContest.com.

These are just a few of the items you will need to bring this classic look to life:

- Yellow dress
- · White tights or stockings
- · Yellow Mary Jane shoes
- · An umbrella, preferably lavender, white or clear
- A Morton Salt table salt canister to tuck under your arm

Cowboy costume

Wrangle up some fun with your very own cowboy costume. Here are some of the elements you'll need to complete the look:

- Flannel shirt
- Leather pants or jeans
- Cowboy boots
- Cowboy hat
- Bandana
- A long rope

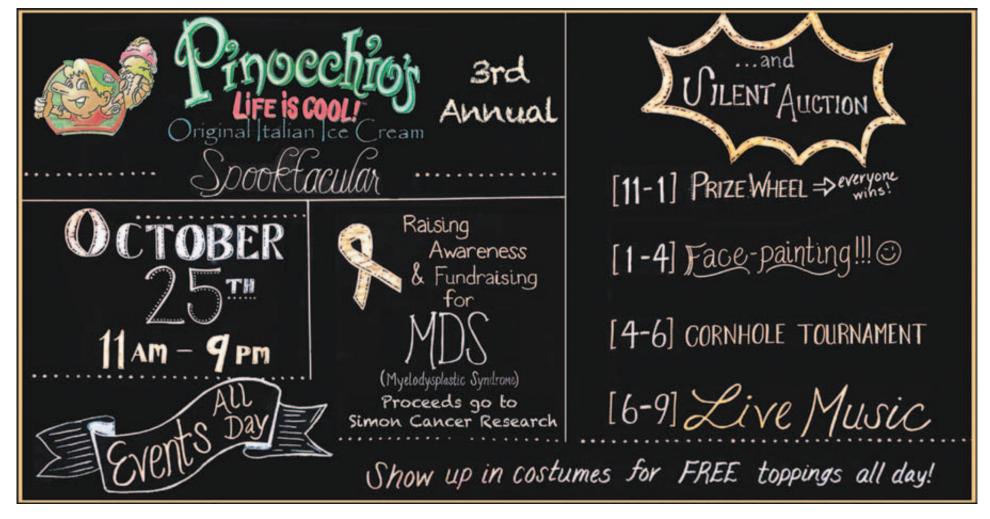
Ballerina costume

Consider twirling the night away in a ballerina costume with these key pieces:

- Camisole top or leotard
- Tutu or short flowy skirt
- Tights or stockings
- Flats or ballet shoes

So don't be scared to create your own Halloween costume. With a few items from your closet and a little creativity, you can make a memorable outfit perfect for any spooky celebration.





Sampling of Southside Halloween community events

Pumpkin Palooza • Support this fundraiser for a mission trip to Guatemala, scheduled for June 2015. Church members are selling pumpkins from the pumpkin patch. There are gourds of all shapes and sizes. | When: Now through Oct. 31, 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. | Where: Christ United Methodist Church, 8540 U.S. 31 S., Indianapolis. | Info: Visit cumc-indy.net.

Halloween at the Y • Come enjoy a haunted house, crafts, snacks and a costume contest. Cost for member is \$3/person or \$12/family. Children two and under are free. Cost for non-members is \$6/person or \$15/family. | When: Oct. 24, 6-8 p.m. | Where: Baxter YMCA, 7900 Shelby St., Indianapolis. | Info: Call (317) 881-9347.

Monster Mash • Come for free bounce houses, storytimes, trick-or-treating, a costume contest, and more. Dinner and a hayride cost \$2. | When: Oct. 24, 6-8 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Community Center, 100 Surina Way, Greenwood 46143. | Info: (317) 881-4545.

Harry Potter Halloween • Grades K through five can have Halloween fun with a twist. When: Oct. 27, 4:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St. | Info: Call (317) 881-1953 or visit greenwoodlibrary.us.

Trunk or Treat & Fall Festival • Halloween fun activities will take place including trunkor-treat, face painting, games, a haunted bus, and more. Free hot dogs, popcorn and apple cider will be available. | When: Oct. 25, 4-6 p.m. | Where: Greenwood United Methodist Church, 525 N. Madison Ave, Greenwood, I Info: Call (317) 881-1653.

Community Trunk or Treat • There will be snacks, games, a bounce house, and candy. All kids under 12 are welcome to enjoy. | When: Oct. 25, 4:30-6:30 p.m. | Where: Community Church at Murphy's Landing, 7401 S. Harding St., Indianapolis. | Info: Call (317) 807-0222.

Halloween Parade and Party • The parade leaves Southport Elementary, heads north on Walnut and ends at Southport Park. | When: Oct. 25, 5-8 p.m. | Info: Visit southportevents.org.

Searching for Zombies • The City of Southport will host its second annual Zombie Walk. 25. A parade line-up will begin 5:30 p.m. at Southport Elementary. | When: Oct. 25. | Where: Southport Community Center, 6901 Derbyshire Rd. | Info: Call the mayor's office, (317) 786-5489 or visit southportevents.org.

Trunk Or Treat • Join for safe trick-or-treating for ages 12 and under. | When: Oct. 26, 6-7 p.m. Where: Southport Christian Church, 201 E. Epler Ave. | Info: Call (317) 784-4431.

Haunted Conservatory • Get spooked as you walk through this year's Haunted Conservatory. | When: Oct. 29 and 30, less scary from 5:30 - 7 p.m. and the real hauntings begin 7 p.m. for ages 8 and up. | Where: Garfield Park Conservatory, 2432 Conservatory Dr., Indianapolis. | Cost: \$2 at the door. | Info: Visit gpacarts.org.

Halloween Bash • The Southport Farmers Market will have family fun, games and Halloween goodies for children during the market. | When: Oct. 31, 3-7 p.m. | Where: Southport Antique Mall parking lot, 2028 E. Southport Rd. | Info: Visit facebook.com/ Southport-farmers-market.

Safe Trunk or Treating • Come to the back parking lot and see the trunks decorated for kids. Employees and families will pass out candy. Apples are provided by Adrians Apple Orchard and complimentary hot chocolate will be provided. Join for games and music. When: Oct. 31, 5-7 p.m. | Where: Bob Evans, 456 E. Elbert St., Indianapolis.

Halloween Party and Costume Contest • Join Amazon John and his animal friends. When: Oct. 31, 5:30-7 p.m. | Where: Elton H. Geshwiler Senior Center, 602 Main St., Beech Grove. | Info: Visit beechgrove.com.

Spooktacular Celebration • Join Simon Malls for candy, entertainment, activities, and special Simon Kidgits Club member-only giveaways. Dress up as your favorite character.

> | When: Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Park Mall, starting at Von Maur/jcpenney Court. | Info: Visit simon.com.

Trunk-Or-Treat • Join for a safe trick-or-treat event. Hot dogs and hot drinks will be sold to benefit the church's mission trip to Guatemala. | When: Oct. 31, 6:30 - 8 p.m. | Where: Christ United Methodist Church, 8540 U.S. 31, Indianapolis. | Info: Visit cumcindy.net



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What lurks in the night?

Discover the science and equipment behind the paranormal investigation

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alloween is upon us. This occasion means different things to different people, yet also tends to ignite an interest in the paranormal and of things that go bump in the night. It's always a given! Ghosts come to the forefront (at least during the month of October). This may very well inspire one to further explore who were the pioneers in this area of study and some of the resources used to detect the existence of a paranormal reality. Is it a "science" after all?

Since the early 20th Century, in-

dividuals have attempted to formally investigate and make sense of paranormal activity. All have basically walked the same road—using equipment in one variation or another, and using recipes that they hope will stir up activity to a recordable level. As new equipment is developed and targeted towards the

paranormal seeker, it is quickly utilized into the arsenal of blinking lights and buzzing/vibrating weaponry.

It was, and is still, equipment that was originally developed for completely different purposes. Only today it is being used to prove the existence of a spiritual world; or at least try to.

It is all based on the theory that curious spirits will respond and register on these stimuli.

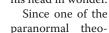
Hans Holzer, the Austrian born pioneering paranormal researcher and author, was a driving force in the investigation of strangeness in

the 1960s and 1970s, achieving his greatest notoriety during this period. He was the primary author that influenced my imagination during the high school years of the 1970s.

And Hans was all about the equipment...

He was often accompanied on his investigations with a suitcase-sized reel-to-reel tape recorder attempting to capture spirit meanderings. Today we have digital audio recorders that will fit into a pocket and are

designed to transfer input into an audio editing program on our computer, effectively giving us the capability to manipulate low volume gibberish to a higher hissing level. And yes, we can also get rid of that hiss! This would have left Holzer scratching his head in wonder.

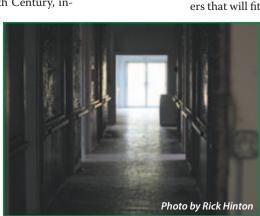


ries is that spirits are a form of electro-magnetic energy, we have adopted field equipment, used to detect power spikes, into the realm of detecting spiritual presence. This equipment will also prove the existence of an investigator's cell phone and a radar detector some two miles away. The K-2 Meter, Cell Sensor, Ghost Meter (a thinly disguised version of a Cell Sensor), Mel-Meter, and various other contraptions have all found a comfortable home in our foam lined, hard-shell case of equipment. Do they work? Well...the theory is they will, and at times they appear to delight.

Cameras—graduating from simple Polaroid to digital with IR (Infrared) capability—have too found their niche as we spend hours treading carefully through the darkness of another investigation. Did Holzer use cameras? Oh, yeah...he sure did.

Next: Psychics and turning off our five senses.

Rick Hinton, a Greenwood resident, loves researching things that go bump in the night. His articles can be read on Facebook; Rick Hinton-Greenwood Paranormal Examiner or examiner.com/paranormal-in-indianapolis/rick-hinton.



Rick Hinton

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SOUTHSIDE PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS



Roncalli has eleven national merit students

Roncalli High School announced that 11 members of the Class of 2015 have been named National Merit Commended Students by The College Board. This designation is the second highest national academic honor a high school student can receive. Commended student status means that from the over 1.5 million seniors who took the PSAT last year, these students scored in the top 3 percent of the country's brightest seniors. Joe Below, Matt Cunningham, Sarah Elam, Brian Hayden, Alex Kelley, Nicky Marino, Matt Payne, Nick Sayre, Noah Scheer, Adam Schubach and Oscar Thomas join the earlier announced National Merit Semi-Finalists, Abby Whalen and Rachel McKay, to make 13 members of this Roncalli Class of 2015 that have been recognized. Pictured is, Matt Payne, Adam Schubach, Sarah Elam, Joe Below, Brian Hayden, Oscar Thomas, Abby Whalen, Nicky Marino, Rachel McKay, Alex Kelley, Matt Cunningham, Noah Scheer and Nick Sayre.



Roncalli freshman class offcers elected

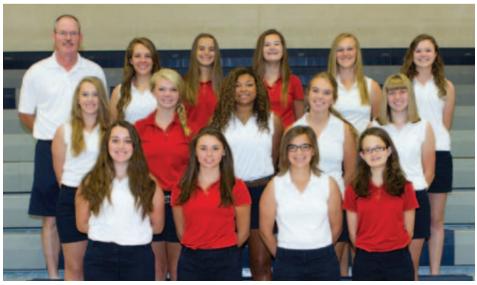
Interested Roncalli freshmen were asked to make application, exhibit leadership skills and school spirit during homecoming week and participate in an interview with faculty and staff. The 2014-2015 Freshman Class Co-Presidents are (from left,): Co-President for Web Promotions, Tyler Hicks; Co-President for Spirit, Ali Mattingly; Co-President for Service, Grace Murphy; Co-President for Public Relations, Kathleen Soller.

Roncalli senior Julia Martinez wins first in essay contest

Roncalli senior Julia Martinez was awarded first place in Marian University's Festival Mariano essay contest. The event was created this year to celebrate the Hispanic heritage on campus. Students were challenged to write an essay describing the importance of leadership within today's young Hispanic population. Martinez was awarded an iPad for her efforts.



Roncalli Salutes Our Marion County Golf Champions



The Lady Rebel Golf team posted a team score of 337 to bring home the 2014 Marion County Tournament Championship for the seventh consecutive season. Leading the effort was Roncalli senior Kristin Foresman who shot 78 to earn the individual title making the sixth straight year a Rebel was recognized with this award. Kristin was named the team's most valuable player and selected All State by the Indiana High School Golf Coaches Association.

Congratulations to Coach Bryan Hendricks and these outstanding student athletes.



Take a closer look.

Open House - November 6, 2014 from 6-8 p.m. RONCALLI.ORG

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

Featuring FTCSC Police and K9 Officer

The Franklin Township Community School Corporation's Police Department under the direction of Chief Ken Short has its own K9 officer, Jax. Jax and his handler, Officer Tony Rizzi, work together to provide added security throughout the school district. Jax's job is checking lockers and vehicles outside the buildings. Additionally, the FTCSC Police force provides information sessions for students about safety as well as drug and gang awareness as well as support for staff, students and the families of the FTCSC. Jax was purchased with the help of a grant from the David Moore Foundation. The foundation was formed in honor of Officer David Moore who was killed in the line of duty, January 26, 2011. With a school police force of their own, the FTCSC community benefits from the ability to add another connection between school and home.



 ${\it Pictured\ along\ with\ Jax\ is\ his\ handler\ Officer\ Tony\ Rizzi.}$

SOUTHSIDE PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

Kroll hired as Roncalli baseball coach

Roncalli High School announced that it has hired Aaron Kroll as its baseball coach. Kroll comes to Roncalli from Ben Davis, where he spent the last seven seasons as the varsity head coach. During his time at Ben Davis, he directed the Giants to a 2014 Class 4A Sectional Title, which represented the program's first sectional crown since 1996. Kroll also has high school coaching experience in lowa and Arizona. A native of lowa, he played collegiately at Coe College in Cedar Rapids.The Roncalli baseball program, winner of 11 sectional titles, opens its 2015 season in late-March.



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SOUTHSIDE PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS



Coach Jim Mahin (center with the plaque) stands with over 30 of his former players after his award presentation.

Nativity's long-time coach Jim Mahin retires

Coach Jim Mahin was honored during Nativity Catholic School's homecoming festivities. Jim started his coaching career for Nativity Catholic School in 1986, and coached for 28 consecutive years. Jim coached several teams to the CYO City Championship, and won it three different times.mJim had a large crowd of friends and family in attendance, and over 40 former players come out to show their appreciation for his years of dedicated service to the Nativity CYO football program. For more information about Nativity Catholic School, visit nativityindy.org.



Nativity first-grade teacher, Jennifer Dixon, points out the fall crop of lettuce in the class garden.

Nativity first graders watch their garden grow

The first grade class of Nativity Catholic School learned first-hand this year how to plant, water, and weed a vegetable and flower garden. Under the watchful eyes of teachers Ann Skirvin and Jennifer Dixon, the class planted flowers, lettuce, tomatoes and other vegetables. Later this fall, the students will harvest the vegetables and eat them at a Thanksgiving feast.

Julia Rusler chosen for Congress of Future Medical Leaders

Julia Rusler, a Senior at Lutheran High School of Indianapolis has been nominated to attend the Congress of Future Medical Leaders in Washington, DC on Nov. 14, 15 and 16. The Congress is an honors-only program for high school students who want to become physicians or go into medical research fields. The purpose of this event is to honor, inspire, motivate and direct the top students in the country who aspire to be physicians or medical scientists, to stay true to their dream and, after the event, to provide a path, plan and resources to help them reach their goal. Julia was nominated by Dr. Connie Mariano, the Medical Director of the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists to represent Lutheran High School of Indianapolis based on her academic achievement, leadership potential and determination to serve humanity in the field of medicine. During the three-day Congress, Julia will join students from across the country and hear Nobel Laureates and National Medal of Science Winners talk. For more information visit www.FutureDocs.com.

GREENWOOD

Modified balanced calendar to begin 2015-2016

By Brooke Robinson, GHS student journalist

Students will set their alarms approximately one week earlier next year as a result of a recent School Board decision.

Like many area schools, Greenwood Community Schools will operate on a modified

balanced calendar for 2015-2016.

"I like the idea of the longer breaks, but I am not thrilled about starting school in July," junior Mercedes King said.

This decision has been a long time in the making. Practices, vacations and education all hang in the balance of this change.

"Sports teams and practices were a concern, but much more of a concern was when

we were looking at the two weeks of Fall Break. The full week at Thanksgiving is not a bad adjustment since we already took the Wednesday off. The Spring Break of two weeks will be a change for spring sports teams," Superintendent Kent DeKoninck said.

This decision comes after a survey gathered input from parents, students, teachers and community members. The survey results concluded that 68 percent of those responding wanted the modified calendar.

"After this calendar is in place for one year, we will conduct another survey and see

the community's level of satisfaction," Dr. DeKoninck said.

This decision has been in the making for years, especially because of C-9 schedules.

"It is an attempt to get more closely aligned with C-9. We have not been looking at it for

pure academic reasons since we will not be doing remediation over breaks," Dr. DeKoninck said.

Freshman Kasey Mandabach agreed.

"I feel like this will take a couple years to get used to, but after that, it will show improvement," Mandabach said.

In the end, the community and administration both agreed that this was the right step to take for the success of

the corporation.

"The School Board wanted to ensure that we had a lot of input in going to a new schedule. Yes, the vote was the deciding factor and it was clear a majority was for the modified balanced calendar," Dr. DeKoninck said. "Schools who have gone through this same thing have reported better attendance with students and teachers, people feeling more refreshed with the breaks, and parents liking more travel flexibility"

PERRY TOWNSHIP



Southport 6th graders raise 270 pounts of coins for kids

Southport 6th Grade Academy Principal, Mrs. Kim Campbell and Assistant Principal, Mr. Jason Wiesmann were taped to the cafe wall to support PTEF's Koins 4 Kids. The school held a team competition, resulting in a tie between Team Ambition and Team Noble with 81 pounds each. In total, the school collected 270 pounds of coins.



Perry girls win 6th consecutive soccer sectional

The Perry Meridian High School girls beat Roncalli 2-1 to win their 6th straight soccer Sectional Championship! From left first row, Tori Jackson, Cate Crawford, Mandy Snyder, Amanda Annee, Maddie Fleet, Katye Lester, Sean Simpson, Ari Newhouse, Sydney Morwick. From left back, Haleigh Ciampa, Autumn Lawson, Cameron Reed, Meng Zing, Cam Cotter, Bailey Scahill, Ellie Wilson, D'Anjrea Allen, Emma Barrett, Ellie Guenther, Claire Scahill, Brandi Martin, Liz Bremer, May lang. Coaches in the Back, Asst. Coach Kevin Black, Asst Coach Sean Gresham, Athletic Trainer Katelin Magee, Asst Coach Emily Lahay and Head Coach Toby Tyree.

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We know Southsiders love their pets, but we also know that they love Halloween! To celebrate this spooky and festive time of year, The Southside Times is holding the Creepy Cats and Halloween Hounds Photo Contest! All we need from you is your best photo of your cat, dog, or other pet dressed in their Halloween best, as well as your name and the name of your pet. Our staff will choose the top three and they'll win great prizes, not to mention your pet and all other entries will be published in the Oct. 30 Issue! Please send your image to petlovers@ss-times.com by Oct. 24 or drop a photo by our office at 7670 US 31 South, Indianapolis, 46227. For more information, call (317) 300-8782.

An argument with impact

Jordan Fischer

GRAMMAR GUY

"...people are still arguing over

whether "impact" can properly

be used as a verb even today."

GRAMMAR GUY

will admit, I was not aware of the furor surrounding the word "impact" until I sat down to look for column ideas this week – but boy oh boy, are people passionate about this one.

The American Heritage Dictionary dates the controversy back to the 1960s, when "impact" went colloquial – morphing from a literal, forceful strike to a direct effect or influence.

According to the folks over at American Heritage, "The noun was criticized as a pointless hyperbole

and as a vogue word," and the verb form got it even worse.

A quick Internet search will show that people are still arguing over whether "impact" can properly be used

as a verb even today. It's an odd argument, since "impact" originated as a verb and didn't gain a noun form for nearly two centuries.

Merriam-Webster and the Oxford Dictionaries both show "impact" popping up in Eng-

lish usage as a verb around the beginning of the 1600s. It originates from the Latin impactus, meaning "to push against." That meaning

is how we understand it in literal uses today: to strike forcefully or to press together.

The noun "impact" shows up in the 1780s. It, again, is used in the literal sense to mean a forceful contact or the act or force of one thing hitting another.

Nowadays you're likely to see the word "impact" used as a synonym for "influence" or "affect." One of Facebook's major metrics pages is even labeled "Impact." But, 50+

years later, there are still plenty of grammarians who don't approve of "impact" as anything but a noun.

As for me, "impact" as a verb – even a figurative verb – seems

to be a done deal. It's even passed the greatest litmus test of our time: It's Facebook official.

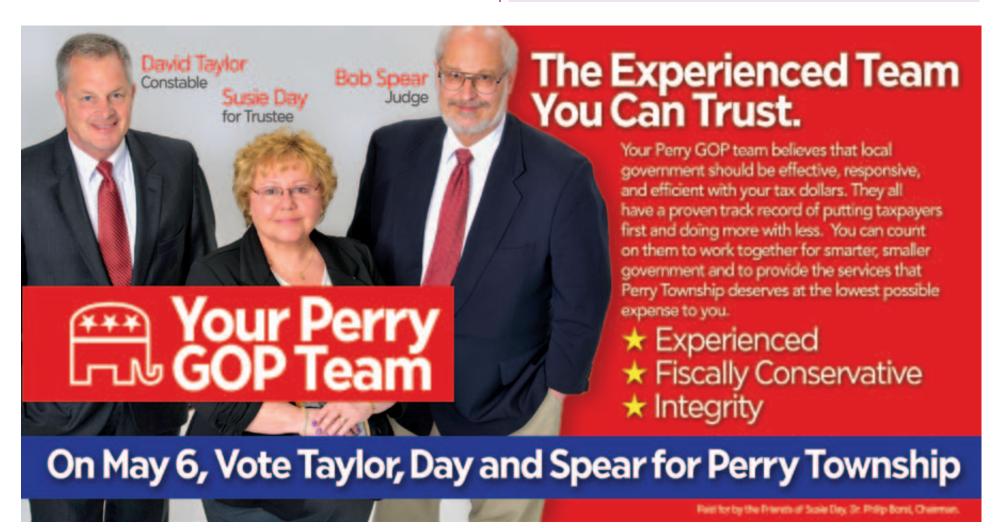
Jordan Fischer is a contributing columnist for The Southside Times. To ask Jordan a grammar question, write him at rj-fische@gmail.com.

AROUND TOWN



Ave Maria Guild holds Fall Quilt Raffle and Card Party

The Ave Maria Guild Fall Quilt Raffle & Card Party hold its Fall Quilt Raffle & Card Party this October. The proceeds benefit the residents and staff at St. Paul Hermitage. Pictured is Ruth Clifford, Betty Walker, Peggy Clark Davis and Rita Walsh.



FINANCE DISPATCHES

■ RISK ASSESSMENT: GAMBLING VS. INVESTING

Market investors may have more in common with sports gamblers than they think; both parties believe (to some extent) that they have the ability of foresight. However, gamblers are still taking the bigger risk. Nearly \$380 billion American dollars are bet annually on all kinds of sports. But stocks are around for much longer than hours-long sporting spectacles. Even those who initially lose money in stocks can make their money back in a steadily-improving economy; sports betting, however, is gone with the flick of a switch.

- CNN Money

■ DON'T UPGRADE YOUR PHONE

With the recent announcement of Apple's iPhone 6 and iPhone 6 Plus, countless consumers are already preordering and many more will "upgrade" through their provider's plan when the phones are on the market. Those on a budget though, might want to hold off on an upgrade, though. Upgrades can cost from \$99 to \$399, depending on the model, or as much as \$650 for an unsubsidized phone. Or, if you're looking to buy a phone for the first time, consider the total costs after the sizeable discount on the actual phone - paying only \$199 may seem like a good deal before you consider the hefty monthly payments and fees that may soon follow.

– Bankrate.com

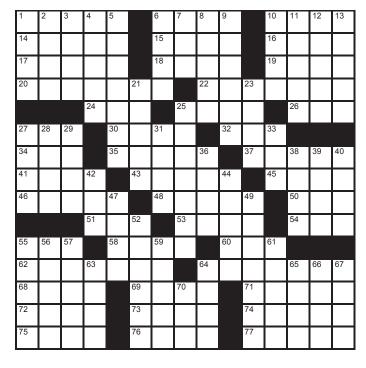
■ GRANDPARENTS AS CO-SIGNERS?

With more Americans going to college now than ever before, more student loans are being taken out as well. Since many students have little credit, co-signers are often needed, but seniors living on fixed incomes may not be the best candidates. All other options should be considered first: Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), Pell grants and working with the institution's financial aid department. There are ways out of loans like co-signer release programs, but the devil is in the details of the fine print. - Bankrate.com

■ LIVING WITH DEBT STRESS

A recent Gallup poll reported people with larger amounts of student and other debt were in poorer health than those without it. Nadja Reilly, a psychologist and associate director of the Freedman Center for Child and Family Development at the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology says, "When we're talking about stress that is prolonged, it can be toxic. It's constant physical and emotional wear and tear." Being well-educated and keeping positive framing in mind can help keep spirits up when paying it off - which is the best way to relieve the stress.

- U.S. News & World Report



- 1. Indiana governor who was a physician 6. Ann Taylor skirt for the modest
- 10. On the briny
- 14. Be nuts about John Mellencamp
- 15. Sagamore Institute think tank nugget
- 16. K follower
- 17. Day of songs and films
- 18. Cliff's pal on WTTV's "Cheers"
- 19. Italian coin
- 20. Emulated Bob the Builder
- 22. Governor who died in office
- 24. Apiece, at a Southport HS tennis match
- 25. Leave the Beef & Boards stage
- 26. Greenwood Park Mall map blurb:
- "You ___ here"
- 27. Andrew, to Oliver Luck
- 30. Black, to the Indiana Poet Laureate
- 32. Gear tooth
- 34. Jonesy's Indy partner
- 35. Tom O'Brien brand
- 37. Asian fast food joint: 41. Governor known as "Sisyphus of the
- Wabash" 43. Governor whose motto was: "It
- doesn't cost you anything to be a gentleman."
- 45. Governor whose father was a U.S.
- 46. Birth-related at Riley Hospital
- 48. Kind of CVS spray
- 50. Catch sight of
- _ Creek Players 53. "Scream" star Campbell
- 54. Indianapolis Indians pitcher's pride
- 55. Triumphant cry
- 58. Eiteljorg Museum moccasin
- decoration
- 60. Center Grove HS lineman
- 62. Governor who became president of Purdue
- 64. Source of a hot tip
- 68. Golden Rule preposition
- 69. Barely managed, with "out"
- 71. 3 Days in Paris menu item
- 72. Beech Grove Meat Market cut
- 73. Show's partner at North Grove
- Elementary School
- 74. "Encore!" at Klipsch Music Center.
- 75. Nervous twitches

76. Second closest Great Lake to Indy

77. Governor who graduated from Columbus North, Hanover and IU

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- 1. Ordered
- 2. Aroma from Greenwood's sewage treatment plant
- 3. Modeled, as clothing
- _ Kane of WRTV's "All My Children"
- 5. Got cozy
- 6. It's "a terrible thing to waste"
- 7. Commotion
- 8. Big name in copiers
- 9. Like a James Whitcomb Riley sonnet
- 10. Final word at United Methodist Church
- 11. Royal Spa option
- 12. Roncalli HS baseball player's miscue
- 13. Make amends
- 21. Pasta shape at Macaroni Grill
- 23. Perched on Chase Tower
- 25. Oxford setting
- 27. Endorse a check at PNC Bank
- 28. Yats gumbo ingredient
- 29. Straight, at the Blind Pig
- 31. 2006 Indiana Mr. Basketball from Lawrence North HS
- 33. Use lots of Verizon minutes
- 36. Ulndy Latin 101 verb
- 38. David Wolf's org.
- 39. Hair & Now Salon beautician, at times
- 40. "Uh...excuse me"
- 42. Thanksgiving side dish
- 44. Safe harbor
- 47. Oil change center: Indy
- 49. Roberts Camera accessory (2 wds.)
- 52. Computer key
- 55. Indiana State Museum ticket category
- 56. Vietnam's capital 57. Playful prank
- 59. One with questions
- 61. Mournful song
- 63. Saturn of Greenwood models
- 64. Inactive
- 65. Butler honcho
- 66. It's a long story
- 67. Russo of "Get Shorty" 70. Colonel Lilly
 - **Answers** see Page 31

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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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CHESTER'S CHUCKLE

At Jim's gym students use large

rubber bands to assist people

trying to do pull ups. Jim tried one

band and it did little good. So he

tried another- still no good. The

coach reached for a third band to

give to Jim who quipped, "I don't

need another band; I need an

orchestra!"

CHESTER'S CORNER

By James D. Allen

Jim's wife is going crazy. Since she retired in June she has spent hours on the computer planning dream vacations. Sooner or later

she'll pressure Jim in to going on these trips and then the bills will come due. He'll have to keep working to pay for her big plans.

Not content with traveling, she has convinced herself that it is time to buy a dog.

At first she planned to buy in the Spring. But this month she saw a gorgeous and irresistible puppy on the screen. She

melted (Gosh women can be strange). There was even a seven second video of the door wiggling its tiny tail. Even Jim fell for that one! What a soft touch he is.

It seems that if you cross a Poodle with a Golden Labrador you get a "Golden Doodle"; no I am not making this up! Jim's wife is going to get a "Golden Doodle" which sounds like a punch line in a joke but it's not.

This Doodle is actually reddish brown at this point. So his wife wants to call him

Clifford the little red dog. Everyone laugh! Jim had suggested the name "Duke"; hmmm Duke the Doodle? John Wayne had a dog named Duke.

Without being asked I made up a name: "Yankee" as in "Yankee Doodle"; that's patriotic!

Oh I can see it now: on cold winter nights Clifford will have to be taken outside for a walk and the "necessaries". Then comes the vet bills. Every eight weeks he'll have a haircut. Poodles don't shed much but they do shed some so extra vacuuming will take place. What will they do if Clif-

ford barks constantly? And how much will it cost to "board" Clifford when they go on their big trip in January? Jim's wife gets a pension from the taxpayers; now we know how it will be spent. It will go for "doodling"!

Chester is a ventriloquist dummy who visits Edgewood United Methodist Church in Perry Township on special Sunday services. Pastor Jim Allen and Chester enjoy joking back and forth to drive home a serious message at church.

AROUND TOWN



Southside's Calvary Lutheran varsity soccer named champions

Calvary Lutheran School's Varsity soccer team defeated St. John Lutheran in the championship game to win the Calvary Invitational for the third year in a row. The final score was 2-1. Pictured from left front, Nate Roe, Riley Dearth, Abigail Lesley, Ethan Tran, Alex Kem, Maddie Awrey, Jackson Williams, Lydia Springer, Xavier Hardiman, Gavin McWhirter, Charlie Wiseman. From left back, Coach Bryan Kem, Reed Schueler, Jett Waters, Riley Wilson, Andrew Williamson, Austin Hendricks, Liam Wiseman, Alyssa Awrey and Hunter Williams. Not pictured, Parker Barnett.

Halloween celebrations: Which witch is which?

DEVOTIONAL

By Paul Kirby

"Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and inquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor."

 \sim I Samuel 28:7

The month of October brings several things to mind. It is the first full month of autumn or Fall and the leaves will change into some beautiful colors and then drop to the ground and the trees will go into dormancy until next Spring when they will bud our and produce a new crop of leaves. There are many who will journey to some of the more scenic areas of the state to see this great and beautiful change taking place. Is it not a wonderful time of year?

Then, as you can see in the different stores around the area, thoughts turn to a celebration of a holiday of sorts called Halloween. Already our little three-year old granddaughter has told her daddy that she wants to dress up like Sophia, a Disney princess, for Halloween. Our little granddaughter is most certain-

ly a "princess" to us and to the folks around the church where we pastor.

I remember as a young boy donning a paper sack that I had decorated with a scary face on it and with eye holes cut into it and going around the neighborhood trick and treating. I did this along with my brothers for nearly every year prior to my turning nine or 10. Then I

remember as a youth at church the "Halloween" parties we had and we had a lot of fun with them. Even up to and including my teen years we had these parties. We brought candy and had candied apples and we even "dunked" for apples in an old wash tub.

No one took Halloween seriously and to us it was merely fun and games. It was just another opportunity to have fellowship and have a good fun and innocent time. We

never gave a thought to how "evil" this holiday was because to us it wasn't.

Then came the Satanists and the warlocks and witches. I mean, those who took this day of the year and celebrated it because it was "unholy." It was about that time that I as a pas-

tor called a halt to the way we had been doing Halloween. I wanted no part of anything that was perceived as unholy by anyone. It was one thing to poke fun at the holiday and quite another to treat it as a special and religious observance. This is when I knew that if we continued to do this thing, we would be in big trouble with God.

"If we are to believe the Bible (and I do), every soul of every person who dies immediately departs the body and goes into eternity to a place appointed to it by God. God does not lose track of any of them regardless of what you see on TV or at the theater."

To this day I still like to hand out candy to the children. They are innocent but, they need to be told that what they are doing is to be seen as something merely fun and not ever to be taken seriously. There are no ghosts nor are there any free-roaming souls. If we are to believe the Bible (and I do), every soul of every person who dies immediately departs the body and goes into eternity to a place appointed to it by God. God does not lose track of any of them regardless of what you see on TV or at the theater.

Satan is real and his purpose in all of this is to deceive us all. Please don't allow him to

accomplish his purpose in you or your children. Believe God. The witch of Endor was more surprised than Saul that Samuel showed up. He did not come because she beckoned him to. He came because God sent him to Saul with a message.

Don't be deceived by all of the hype surrounding this annual holiday; believe God. God wants you to know that to do less will leave you vulnerable to all sorts of

strange manifestations.

God bless and go and have a great day.

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

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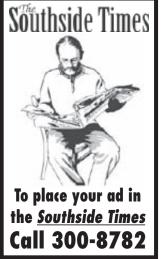
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Family owned and operated

Today, Bassett Services, Inc. has 35 employees including Stan's sons Jeff and Greg who grew up in the business, literally.

"They started in the crawlspace," Stan said of his two sons.

In 2003, Jeff and Greg purchased the company that bears the family name. Since then, the boys have doubled the business and completed two acquisitions: Hession Heating and Cooling in Mooresville and Smith and Sons in Indianapolis.

Customer Satisfaction

The secret to the success of Bassett Services is simple: Customer satisfaction with no excuses. This slogan is the bedrock of the company's culture. It's plastered all over the walls in at least five locations within company headquarters on the west side of Plainfield.

"We were trying to come up with a phrase to empower our employes," Greg said. "We will do whatever it takes to make sure our customers our satisfied. And we give that power to our employees dealing with the customers. No excuses."

To ensure the satisfaction, Bassett customer service representatives follow up with a survey of customers a few days after service or installation is completed. These "Happy Calls" ask customers if they valued their transaction and if there are any questions or concerns. It's also a great way to say thank you.

This philosophy has helped build Bassett Services into a leading company, not only in Indiana, but across the United States. Jeff proudly points to the statistic of repeat customers, which is almost double the average of HVAC companies in the U.S.

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From left, Jeff, Stan and Greg Bassett.

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