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## AROUND TOWN

## Johnson County Fairgrounds seeks donations for swine pens

**Project update** – The Swine Department at the Johnson County Fairgrounds needs 50 more swine pens to complete the pen replacement project for this year's fair, future 4-H and open livestock shows. Once completed, there will be 300 total. Its old pens have served the barn for more than 30 years. The fairgrounds is seeking individual or corporate donations to purchase the last 50. The pens are \$450 each. To get the project complete for this summer, steel will need to be ordered soon. Anyone interested may call or text Johnson County Fair Swine Superintendent Michael Pruitt (317) 714-5637. The project has received an abundance of support so far, having raised more than \$100,000. Another \$22,500 will finish the project.

## READERS' WRITES

## Indiana tobacco quitline celebrates 15 year anniversary

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), cigarette smoking is the leading cause of preventable disease, disability and death, responsible for more than 480,000 deaths per year in the United States. In the month of March, the Indiana Tobacco Quitline (1-800-QUIT NOW) marked its 15 year anniversary of helping Hoosiers overcome their tobacco addiction. To celebrate this milestone, the Quitline is offering four weeks of free nicotine patches and gum to anyone who enrolls now, while supplies last. The Indiana Tobacco Quitline has played a critical role in helping more than 180,000 Hoosiers quit tobacco through its various services. The Quitline has assisted 43 percent of the people who have used its services to quit smoking overall. This has majorly impacted the decrease of Indiana's adult smoking rate, standing now at 19.2 percent compared to 25.9 percent in 2011. And throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the Quitline has been relentlessly providing flexible services to individuals seeking to quit tobacco and educating about the serious risks of smoking in relation to the COVID-19 illness. Smokers can be at a higher risk of becoming severely ill if infected with the COVID-19 virus. The Indiana Tobacco Quitline is a free, professional cessation program for ages 13+. Learn more by calling 1-800-QUIT-NOW or visit [quitnowindiana.com](http://quitnowindiana.com) to get started.

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## THIS WEEK on the WEB



FC Singers soloist Bella Agresta performing her solo at competition. (Submitted photos)

## FC singers finish season undefeated

Franklin Central Choirs finish season strong with High Voltage and FC Singers claiming the Grand Champion Titles at the Carroll Classic in their respective divisions Electric Mayhem earned Best Band in both Large School Unisex and Mixed

Divisions. Franklin Central was a last minute addition to the competitor field at Carroll, after the contest they were originally scheduled to attend was cancelled due to COVID.

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Greenwood is beginning preparations for Northeast skatepark renovation. (Submitted photos)

## Greenwood begins northeast skatepark renovation

The City of Greenwood has begun construction to transform the 25-year-old skatepark in Northeast Park. During its meeting in February, the city's Parks & Recreation Board

selected Hunger Skateparks to construct the \$287,250 project. Anticipated completion is expected this summer.

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Do you need a priest or is it something else? (Photo by Rick Hinton)

## The importance of discernment in paranormal instances

### HAUNTS & JAUNTS

By Rick Hinton

Discernment is defined as: The quality of being able to grasp and comprehend what is obscure; a power to see what is not evident to the average mind (Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary).

Catholic priests have a big job ahead of them when finding themselves in the dark Netherlands of determining if a person is possessed and at a point where an exorcism is warranted. People who feel they are in the grip of supernatural shenanigans can easily be deceived by their imagination. Could it be that?

Perhaps it might be a natural explanation that will explain the behavioral change of an individual or paranormal activity in their home? Or, is it truly something darker, taking them down a road they would not want to travel? This determination can bring a life-altering decision.

It starts with an interview, the results of which will determine the route the priest will take. In the interview process, discernment is one of the gifts God gives to the faithful. It is a helpful tool to have; a seasoned exorcist relies upon it. What conditions are mistaken for demonic possession? In Matt Baglio's book, *The Rite: The Making of a Modern Exorcist*, he lists a few examples:

- **Schizophrenia:** paranoia, delusions, hearing voices, hallucinations
- **Hysteria:** emotional excess that can develop into a host of physical ailments
- **Bipolar disease:** fluctuating moods
- **Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder-OCD:** feeling tormented by obsessive thoughts and compulsive actions
- **Epilepsy:** uncontrollable episodes, movements and speech
- **Disassociation:** when daily routines turn

strange: "zoning" out while driving a car, consistently in a haze or feeling that you are located outside of your body

Discernment is also important for paranormal investigators during the beginning phases of a private investigation. These should also start with an interview. The interview is crucial in determining whether you will say goodnight and return home with a car full of teammates and equipment or proceed onward. If you go into a situation buying into a story, you are already predisposed to the conclusions you will draw. You are not doing the client - or yourself - any favors.

A good interviewer will weed out the medical conditions mentioned above as opposed to paranormal claims (which might only include a fascination with the ghost shows on television).

Many exorcists in training, initially serving an apprenticeship in learning the 'Ritual,' are apprehensive they might get it wrong and misdiagnosis the true condition of their client. It is a valid concern, and paranormal investigators should worry about the very same thing. There is nothing like giving a wrong call that will affect someone's life. You will either fuel the fire or solve the problem.

Recently I was contacted by someone with a strange picture. He had contacted a few local groups, with one telling him the figure in the photo was a demon. They had never even been to his residence. Really people?

The exorcist must be the ultimate skeptic. In the realm of chasing ghosts and things that go bump in the night, so should we.



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

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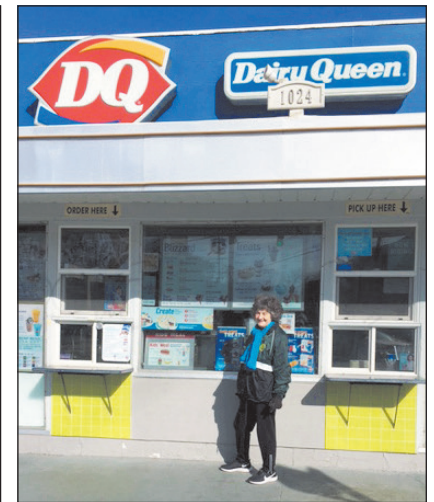
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Left and center, Glee Crowder leads her regular hike at Garfield Park on April 1. (Photos by Neal Smith) | Right, Crowder poses in front of the Dairy Queen she used to own at Fletcher and Shelby. (Submitted photo)

# LEADING THE WAY

>>>> Glee Crowder of Perry Township is the first Indianapolis Hiking Club member to hike 50,000 miles >>>>

By Nicole Davis

Glee Crowder has been named the first member of the Indianapolis Hiking Club to hike more than 50,000 miles on club-sanctioned hikes. At 80 years old, she participates in seven to eight hikes a week, averaging six miles each hike.

"To us, Glee is like the energizer bunny," said Pat Lawler, fellow club member, and friend. "She just keeps going no matter what. She has fortitude. She's special because of her dedication. She had a goal that she focused on, and she's there. One of the gals brought it up that 50,000 miles are twice around the earth. I said, 'how did she get across the ocean?' We joke, but 50,000 miles is a long way. She's made her mark, and we all look up to her for that."

Crowder moved to Indianapolis in 1959 and has been a Perry Township resident ever since. She used to own a Dairy Queen at Fletcher and Shelby and worked there part-time after she sold it in 1972. She retired at age 64 from Von Maur in Greenwood Park Mall. Now, she enjoys doing yard work, gardening, and, of course, hiking.

She joined the Indianapolis Hiking Club - indyhike.org - in 1999 during the club's 1999-2000 calendar year. The club itself has been around since 1957 and cur-

rently has more than 500 members. Its members lead numerous hikes across the city and state. Crowder leads some herself, including every Friday at Garfield Park.

"A little joke we share about Glee is she's directionally challenged," Lawler said, something Crowder herself noted. "If you tell her to go down here, turn left, then turn right, she gets lost. We tease her about that, but she has her routes and can get from point A to point B."

When Crowder first saw a 10,000-mile badge, it became her goal to earn one. Since then, she continued to increase her target until her sight became set on 50,000 miles.

"You can get really greedy with those miles," Crowder said. "It's a competition sometimes. I used to compete. There were certain people I did not want to beat me, and if they did, I was disappointed in myself. There's a couple not far behind me for 50,000, but they've been in the club many more years than myself."

Crowder doesn't currently have another ambitious mileage goal but said she'll continue hiking as long as her knees allow. Having been born with arthritis and having already undergone one hip replacement since joining the club, hiking is sometimes a challenge. It doesn't appear to slow her down, though. Even when the

club had to stop its hikes for two months in 2020 at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Crowder kept walking.

"I walked more in those two months because I picked walks in my neighborhood and places I don't usually hike in," she said. "I really got some miles in. Those didn't count toward the 50,000."

Crowder hikes rain or shine, no matter the temperature outside.

"We walked one time, a 20-mile hike, and it was zero degrees when we started and two below when we finished," Crowder said. "My hair was frozen and sticking out of my cap. I dressed warm, but it was still an experience. Only three of us made it, and we started with about 20 on New Year's Day. I will never forget that hike. I was the only female to finish it. (We went) to McDonald's on English Avenue and got a couple of hot chocolates afterward. We had ice on our clothes and shoes, and there was water all over the McDonald's floor."

The Indianapolis Hiking Club shared that Crowder has walked an average of 2,300 miles per year for more than 20 years. In 2012, she hiked a club record of 3,368 miles, an aver-

age of 64 miles per week. Crowder has hiked more than 3,000 miles in a year on four separate occasions. In 2020, she went on 357 hikes, of which she led 248, totaling 2,190 miles for the year.

The club will celebrate Crowder's 50,000-mile accomplishment on April 8 at Eagle Creek Park.



Glee Crowder poses for a picture at a mile marker, the moment she hit 50,000 miles with the Indianapolis Hiking Club. (Submitted photo)





Above, BELM children with award-winning garden sunflowers. | Right, BELM children help plant the garden. (Photos courtesy of BELM)



## Bethany Early Learning Ministry plans summer blast for children

### FEATURE

By Jessica Todd

The week of April 12 is the national week of the young child this year. This is an annual observance of the importance of Early Childhood Education and the impact it has on a child's first four years of life.

While the pandemic limits the number of activities that can occur at this time, Bethany Early Learning Ministry honors young children every day. The ministry focuses its attention on the development of children ages 0-8. They aim to build a foundation based on the growth of a child's mind, body and spirit.

"We do not educate the children in the same sense as a school, but we make sure they know the importance of feeling loved and safe," said mentor/consultant Marsha Lindsey. "Parents can send their children here and know they are learning meaningful information and ways of communication."

Lindsey explains that while they may not provide an education like a school does, they teach children essential life skills that will help them understand how to communicate their needs.

"When the children come to us, we offer learning opportunities that navigate the process of thinking, acting and managing

their emotions when a tough situation arises," she said.

An important lesson the ministry instills in young children is to treat everyone fairly.

"All of the kids are treated with equality and respect. We embrace diversity and teach the children to do so as well," said Lindsey.

To celebrate the week of the young child, the ministry plans to hold a fun program this summer. The program will feature outdoor activities, field trips and garden experience.

"We usually hold a family day during the week of the young child, but sadly we are unable to this year. Instead, we will be holding a summer-long program that will be fun for the children, but also educational."

The summer blast will entail activities such as a trip to the zoo, painting, time exploring nature and spending time in the ministry's award-winning gardens.

"Our garden serves as a teaching lab for children. Our building is safe, clean, and has a fenced-in playground where children can play. We hope to do as much as possible this summer."

Bethany Early Learning Ministry looks forward to its summer blast and hopes to see some new faces this year.

"Parents always want their children to be safe. When they come to us, they know their kids are treated fairly and with nothing but love," said Lindsey.

### AROUND TOWN



Sarah is ready to enjoy her Beef Burrito. (Photo by Mark Gasper)

### Restaurant has grand opening - 51 weeks late

**Tex-Mex** - Chuy's Tex-Mex Restaurant had its grand opening March 30, nearly a year after its originally-planned opening in April of last year. Franchise owner Angelo Del Verne remarked that he was ready to open his restaurant a year ago, but the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic forced him to delay. He didn't anticipate having to wait 51 weeks to open Chuy's at Southport Crossing, but the wait is finally over. Chuy's is part of a fast-growing group of restaurants, featuring a family-friendly atmosphere and a wide range of dishes on its menu. From appetizers, soups, and salads, to tacos, fajitas and burritos, the restaurant has something for every fan of Tex-Mex food. Prices are reasonable, and the wait staff is knowledgeable about all items that they serve. The restaurant also has a selection of alcoholic beverages for patrons 21+, kids meals and their famous Tres Leches dessert. Chuy's is located at 4670 Southport Crossing Drive, in the former location of Cheeseburger in Paradise. They're open Sunday - Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday - Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

### Indiana volunteer firefighters share safety tips

**Fire safety** - Spring is here, and with it, a seasonal spike in uncontrolled burns from property clean-up projects. Educating the public on fire safety, prevention and other public safety issues is just one of Indiana's volunteer firefighters' roles and responsibilities. Many homeowners use open burns to get rid of dry leaves, fallen branches and other yard waste left over from winter. Unfortunately, the urge to do spring cleaning often happens in April, which is usually the worst month for brush fires. When



Members of the Calvary Lutheran Church group pose with their handmade blankets. (Submitted photo)

### Calvary Lutheran Church group to gift baby blankets to newborns

**Handmade** - Founded in October of 2007, the Blankets for Babies group at Calvary Lutheran Church knit, crochet and sew quilts and blankets for newborns. They gift their blankets to the Life Center located at Southern Plaza (317-780-8117). Director Hannah Morell states "The mission of the Life Center is to affirm the value of life by providing a network of care to those experiencing pregnancy-related decisions." The center is staffed by Christian women who counsel the families and affirm God's love for them. Each blanket that they create is prayed over and sent with a cross sewn in that says, "Blessings from Calvary Lutheran Church". Over the years, they have donated hundreds of blankets that are always enthusiastically received. Would you like to help this ministry? Meetings are on the first Thursday of each month (unless it's Easter season) from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church, 6111 S Shelby St, Indianapolis. Park in the north parking lot and enter through door 1. The next gathering will be Thursday, April 8. Patient teachers, knitting needles and crochet hooks are provided. Some yarn to get you started is available. ALL SKILL LEVELS are welcome. Please wear a mask. For further information, contact Susan Daniels (317) 882-3691.

the snow recedes, and before new growth emerges last year's dead grass, leaves and wood create a dry and highly flammable environment where flames can be fanned by windy spring weather. To avoid the risk of brush fires, never leave a fire unattended, call a local fire department to let them know a burn is in progress, keep the fire away from utility poles and wires, do not burn on windy days, do not burn grass or hay, do not burn household trash, and never delay calling for help. If a fire seems to have gotten out of control, call 911 immediately. For information on backyard burn safety, visit smokeybear.com.



## BUSINESS

**AT&T donates pandemic-related supplies to Aspire**

**ASPIRE** – Aspire Economic Development + Chamber Alliance, Franklin Chamber of Commerce and United Way of Johnson County announced a donation by AT&T of COVID pandemic-related supplies. The items will be available for free to all businesses and non-profits in Johnson County, and Aspire and Franklin Chamber of Commerce members and United Way partner organizations. Supplies available to local businesses and nonprofits include gloves, hand sanitizer and disinfectant. The value of the supplies is approximately \$25,000. The fact that they were donated means the partnering organizations can offer them for free to their members and affiliates. Businesses and non-profits alike will be able to avoid spending thousands of dollars on these critical supplies in the coming year. Eligible organizations must make their request at [SurveyMonkey.com/r/PPEhelp](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PPEhelp). They will receive an email confirmation with their assigned pick-up time and day, based on their preference. Supplies, while they last, will be distributed in order of requests received. Distribution to registered organizations will be April 19 and 20, 8-11 a.m. and 2-4 p.m., in drive-through lanes at Greenwood Fire Station #94 on Graham Road. The partnering organizations are grateful for the cooperation generously provided by the fire department. Aspire President and CEO Christian Maslowski noted, “We are extremely grateful for this generous contribution from AT&T. Although the vaccine is being administered broadly across the county, the health threat remains very real, as does the need for these supplies.”

**Get vaccine education at Beech Grove Senior Citizens Center**

**Educational meeting** – The Beech Grove Senior Citizens Center is holding a meeting to learn about the FDA approved COVID-19 vaccines. Director of Pharmacy Services Monica Leriger will be presenting and taking questions from the community. Snacks and refreshments will be available. The meeting will take place Tuesday, April 20, at 6 p.m. at 602 Main St., Beech Grove. For more information, contact Bethany Village at (317) 783-4042.

**Look at your financial situation holistically**

## FEATURE

By Edward Jones

What’s the biggest financial mistake you can make? Choosing the wrong investments? Waiting too long to save for retirement? Underestimating the costs of retirement? All these are reasonable answers, but the biggest mistake you might make is not looking at your financial picture holistically – that is, not bringing into the picture all the elements of yourself.

Let’s consider some of them:

- Your views on helping your family – Your decisions about helping your family are clearly going to be a major part of your financial strategy – and this is true at virtually all stages of your life. When your children are young, you’ll need to decide if you’re going to put away money for their college education, and, if so, how much, and in what investment vehicles. When they’re young adults, you may also need to decide how much financial support you’re willing to provide for things such as the down payment on a new home. And when you’re drawing up your estate plans, you’ll need to consider how to distribute assets to your children, grandchildren or other family members.
- Your personal beliefs – As someone with civic, ethical and moral concerns, you want to positively affect the world around you. And that’s why you may feel compelled to make charitable gifts throughout your life and then make philanthropy part of your legacy. To accomplish these objectives, you’ll want to include gifting techniques in your financial strategy today and your estate plans for tomorrow. Of course, for the estate planning component, you’ll need to work with your tax and legal advisors.
- Your purpose in life when you retire – When you retire, you may be step-

ping off a career path, but you’re also entering a world of possibilities. How will you define, and live out, your new sense of purpose at this stage of your life? Do you seek to broaden your horizons by traveling around the world? Do you want to give back more to the community by volunteering? Can you spend more time pursuing the hobbies you enjoy? Each of these choices will carry different financial implications for how much you’ll need to accumulate for retirement and how much you will need to take out each year from your retirement accounts, such as your IRA and 401(k).

- Your health – Your physical and mental health can play big roles in your financial plans and outlook. On the most basic level, the healthier you are, and the better you take care of yourself, the lower your health care bills will likely be during retirement, which will affect the amount you need to put away for health care. And you also may need to prepare for the costs of long-term care, which can be enormous – in fact, a private room in a nursing home can easily cost \$100,000 per year, according to the insurance company Genworth.

It can be challenging to weave all these elements into a single, unified vision, so you may want to get some help from a financial professional. But, in any case, be prepared to look at your situation holistically – because, when putting together a lifetime’s financial strategy, every part of your life matters.

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## AROUND TOWN

**University of Indianapolis announces new study abroad partnership**

**Elementary education** – University of Indianapolis School of Education students will gain hands-on experience to become globally competent teachers through a new study abroad partnership with Maynooth University (MU) in Ireland. The program allows participants to attend classes at MU and engage in school classroom experiences at local elementary schools in Ireland. The program, which will launch in Fall 2021 with a cohort of up to six students, will take place during the fall semester of each participant’s junior year. The program includes placement at a local elementary school. Participating UIndy students (ESAP Scholars) will be paired with a mentor and assigned to courses individually to maximize their exposure to the authentic Maynooth, Ireland environment. UIndy’s Center for Global Engagement and School of Education have worked with Maynooth University to align the course curriculum so that students can continue working towards their degree with no delay. The program is designed to be financially affordable, allowing scholars to retain the maximum amount of their federal, state and institutional aid. Through the program, students will experience international education systems and develop their ability to adapt, learn and explore within new surroundings while practicing communication skills and teaching techniques with colleagues and students from diverse backgrounds. Learn more at [uindy.edu](http://uindy.edu).

**Marion County CERT offers free preparedness training**

**Emergency skills** – The Marion County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) will offer free preparedness training in April. Participants will learn how to prepare for and safely respond to natural disasters, organize basic disaster response, conduct light search and rescue, reduce fire hazards, assist emergency responders, reduce survivor stress and receive eight hours in CEUs for completing the course. The training will take place April 23, 6 - 10 p.m.; April 24, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and April 25, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 201 N. Shadeland Ave., Door 1, Indianapolis. For more information, visit [eventbrite.com/144004478271](http://eventbrite.com/144004478271), email [ema@indy.gov](mailto:ema@indy.gov) or call (317) 327-1478.





Top row, the fire started in the basement with smoke rolling through the upstairs of the house. | Bottom, from top left, Mom Misty Matkins Welch, Papaw Dan Matkins, Great-grandma "Nan Nan," Mamie Matkins, Cousins Donella & Caleb Fulton; from left bottom, Sister Kimberlynn, Dylan Matkins and Sister Samantha. (Photos courtesy of Misty Matkins Welch)

## Kindness in the chaos

Matkins-Welch family gives thanks to family, friends and community after a series of bad-luck events

### FEATURE

By Nicole Davis

In a little more than a year, the Matkins-Welch family has experienced a string of bad luck: their house caught on fire on Feb. 26, Misty Matkins-Welch gave birth through an emergency c-section on March 2, her father had a stroke on March 3 and a year prior, on Jan. 2, 2020, then 15-year-old Dylan Matkins was injured in an accidental shooting.

"In the midst of all the chaos, we have a very awesome church family and awesome family unit at home," Misty said. "I (wrote) a note I'll have my pastor read to the church on Sunday thanking everyone that has brought toilet paper, blankets, pillows, water. Our church has brought some meals - anytime someone has a baby, they bring a couple of weeks of meals. Gray Road Baptist is amazing. I'm probably going to get on Dylan's Facebook page and thank everyone. It's hard to reach out to everyone individually."

The family wants to make sure everyone who has assisted them or given them well wishes knows how grateful they are.

### In less than a month ...

Misty was in the hospital trying not to go into early labor. Meanwhile, at home, her brother heard sparking coming from the basement.

"He ran down to the basement, turned off the breaker box, and before he turned around, the basement engulfed in flames," said Misty, who watched the events play out live through accessing her home's security camera footage on her phone. "He had to cover his face and run for his life. By the time he got up the stairs, the smoke was pouring out of every vent like a smoke bomb."

The family and their pets all got out safely, but the house was a complete loss. Misty said the fire was caused by a faulty electrical occurrence.

"Everything is covered in soot, and if you go up to a picture that's been on the wall, it looks like the wooden frame was painted grey. Everything is so damaged."

She tried to stay calm as she was on bed rest. Her baby arrived prematurely at 35 weeks on March 2 and spent a couple of weeks in the NICU. Her father had a stroke

the next day. He and her son are now doing physical therapy in the same facility.

### What's happening now?

The family is currently residing with their grandmother in Greenwood until the house can be rebuilt, which could take up to a year.

"I want to be a good example to my kids," Misty said. "I don't want to sit around and complain in front of them. I don't want to be crabby. I don't want to be defeated. I want that to be a testament to my faith. The strength isn't coming from me. It's coming from my grandma, from my faith. This was a hard thing to go through. We're trying to make positive."

The family has a GoFundMe set up to assist with extra expenses as they work on their house and pay the insurance deductible: [gofund.me/ff014b7d](https://gofund.me/ff014b7d).

\* Editors note: You can read the article on Dylan Matkins from October 2020 at [ss-times.com/the-birthday-gift-of-life](https://ss-times.com/the-birthday-gift-of-life).



## Our community. Our stories.

Every month, we aim to share the best of the **Southside community** sharing the stories of people who make a difference every day. What stories in the community deserve to be told? What community icons deserve recognition for what they do for Southside residents and organizations?

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1. Four of the Hornet Hurlers talk it over with catcher Ed Roessler. They are: Jim Hensley, Roy Thomas, John Brewer, and Steve Agal. (Submitted photo) 2. Judy Hensley, wife of Jim Hensley, gives a speech during the field dedication. 3. Beech Grove Mayor Dennis Buckley was in attendance and caught the first pitch from Judy Hensley. 4. Judy Hensley and family pose with the commemorative bat made for the opening of Jim Hensley Field of Dreams. (Photos courtesy of Beech Grove City Schools)

## Field of Dreams

Beech Grove City Schools dedicates new baseball field in honor of the late Jim Hensley

Compiled by Beech Grove City Schools

Beech Grove City Schools celebrated opening day of the new Jim Hensley Field of Dreams on April 3.

Jim Hensley was an integral part of the Beech Grove community and Beech Grove City Schools. A Beech Grove High School graduate, Jim was employed at General Motors and retired after 34 1/2 years as a production supervisor. He was a long-time member of the BGCS Board of Education and of the Central Nine Career Center. Jim was also a founding member of the Beech Grove Education Foundation.

Jim was an active member of his church, the First Christian Church of Beech Grove, serving as a member and Chairman of the Elders. In addition, Jim was a member of the Beech Grove Masonic Lodge, Jaycees, and the Beech Grove Historical Society.

Jim coached American Legion baseball and was an original member of the Beech Grove Athletic Club. Shortly before his death in 2011 at the age of 66, Jim was inducted into the Beech Grove Little League Hall of Fame.

Jim's family include his wife, Judy, and sons Matthew, David, and Nick, and many other family members and friends, who were all present on Opening Day at the Jim Hensley Field of Dreams Baseball Field.



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## PHOTO of the WEEK



Beech Grove Artist Collaborative's First Friday program kicked off on April 2 with vendors along Main St., mostly between 6th and 7th avenues. Participating businesses hosted their own artists indoors. Artist registration for future First Fridays can be found at [beechgroveartistcollective.com](http://beechgroveartistcollective.com). | Inset, Savvy Lopez stands with her balloon animal, courtesy of Tina White of Tina's Face Paintings and balloon animals. One of several tables for Beech Grove's "First Friday" community art and craft show. (Photos by Neal Smith)

## HUMOR



## Top 10 signs of spring in "the new normal"

By Torry Stiles

10. You realize "April Fresh Scent" is nothing like that stuff in the laundry room.
9. "Is there a Covid test for mosquitoes?"
8. "The folks next door haven't cleaned their grill since before the lockdown and the neighborhood now smells like lard-fried gym socks.
7. "Mom. Coach says you get to be team mom because you're the only one who's had both shots.
6. The only super-spreader you're concerned with is filled with 10-10-10 fertilizer.
5. Your kid is on the baseball team and going through masks faster than you can keep up. Seems he keeps forgetting to drop the mask before spitting or blowing his bubble gum.
4. Vacation plans are guided by who still has a mask mandate.
3. You finally go camping and catch yourself asking Alexa for weather updates and cooking tips.
2. The 2021 masks are in. ... Pastels are back and they look FABULOUS!
1. "First person who coughs is walking home."



## BELIEVE IT!

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

In Wausau, Wisconsin, it is illegal to throw snowballs, and could result in a \$50 fine.

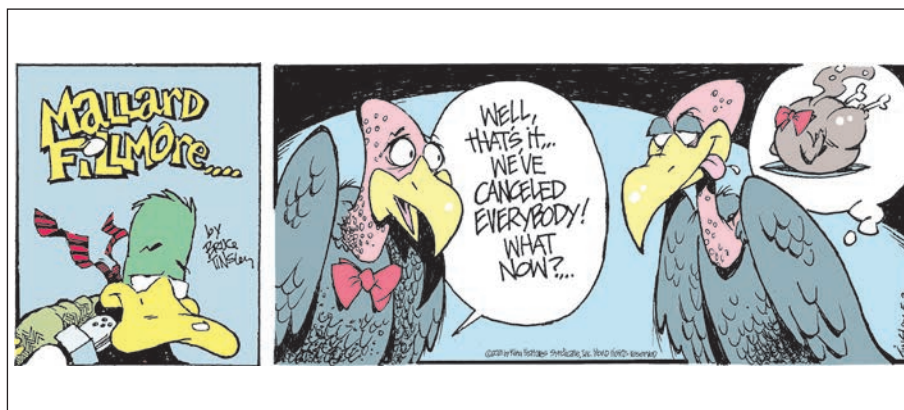
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## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"In every day, there are 1,440 minutes. That means we have 1,440 daily opportunities to make a positive impact."*

– Les Brown  
AUTHOR

## CARTOON





READERS' WRITES



The garage at the former Odd Fellows lodge in Southport. (Photo courtesy of Marilyn Mayfield)

**Southport residents want development at Odd Fellows lodge**

This letter is in response to the article about the Odd Fellows Lodge on Southport road that is owned by Dr. Rob Thoman. I was disappointed to hear Rob Thoman say that Southport now needs to support the project he wants to do. Rob Thoman was the mayor of Southport from 2008-2011. What did he do at the time to sell this idea? Rob purchased the Odd Fellows lodge about 20 years

ago and has not done anything with it. He now says he has \$2 million in financing ready for development. It appears that Rob needs to tend to the Odd Fellows lodge as it has deteriorated over 20 years. He also has been negligent with rental repairs near the Odd Fellows lodge. The garage has been tarped for three years, and now the house is tarped. Southport would like development at the Odd Fellows lodge, just not anything more than residential, like my dad.

**Marilyn Mayfield**  
 Daughter of Harold Gray  
 Life-long Southport resident

AROUND TOWN

**Apply for Families in Action**

**Drug-free** – Beech Grove Comprehensive Drug-Free Coalition has a few openings left for its "Families in Action" six-week program. Thanks to its grantor, Drug Free Marion County, this program is free to participants. Sign up at [beechgrovecdfc.org/families-in-action.html](http://beechgrovecdfc.org/families-in-action.html). All participants will receive the following at each weekly session: hot meal, free bag of groceries (meats, dairy, fresh veggies, etc.), parents/guardians — one \$5 gas card/per family, youth — Beech Grove Bowl bowling pass and door prizes.

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# Enjoying retirement after surgery for back pain

## Patient describes life after back surgery at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital

George Frampton recalls when his back pain started affecting his everyday life. He said he would often walk around with his co-workers during lunch but struggled to keep up. And at his daughter's wedding, he said he had trouble standing while his family posed for photos.

"I was very debilitated," said George. "Over time, I was walking stooped over. I felt like I was becoming a spectacle."

At his doctor's recommendation, and with much thought by himself and his wife, Chris, George underwent spinal reconstruction surgery at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital. George said he was extremely pleased with the personalized care he received.

***"The nurses and doctors interacted so well with both me and my wife, and included her in all conversations."***

— George Frampton, who had spinal reconstruction surgery at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital.

George said he is now able to stand upright and is enjoying retirement with his wife.

"My wife and I drove to Florida," said George. "I was able to do a lot of things that I probably could never have done before the surgery."

"When patients have gotten to the point where nothing else is cutting it, including injections, physical therapy and bracing, it may be the right time to have a discussion with your doctor about surgery," said John DePowell, MD, a neurosurgeon specializing in the treatment of complex spinal disorders.

If you are experiencing back or neck pain that prevents you from doing the things you enjoy, now is the time to have a discussion with your doctor. Neurosurgeons at Ascension St. Vincent offer a range of spine surgery options — from minimally invasive to more advanced. Ascension St. Vincent is open for appointments, and their doctors, nurses and care teams are fully prepared for your safety in their care.



George Frampton and his wife, Chris

Take the next step to living with less pain. Schedule an appointment and ask about virtual visits.

If you are experiencing back pain, visit [ascension.org/StVincentBrainandSpine](http://ascension.org/StVincentBrainandSpine) and talk to your doctor at Ascension St. Vincent.



# NIGHT & DAY - LOCAL ENTERTAINING

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### GARFIELD PARK

**Jungle Tales** • Preschoolers and kindergarteners ages 2 - 5 can learn about the jungle or local nature. \$4 per child. | When: April 13 and 14, 10-11 a.m. | Where: Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. | Info: garfieldgardensconservatory.org.

**Bird Walk** • Join a park naturalist on a walk through the park in search of birds. \$5 fee. | When: April 17, 8:30-9:30 a.m. | Where: Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. | Info: garfieldgardensconservatory.org.

**Family Art Night: Family Tree** • Bring grandpa, daughter, cousin, or best friend to this family-oriented art night. Staff will guide step-by-step on how to paint all family members (pets, too!) on a tree on canvas. | When: April 17, 5-6:30 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Drive., Indianapolis. | Info: gpacarts.org.

**Vintage Movie Night: Silent Stars on Radio** • Vintage Movie Night is a monthly series that features film historian Eric Grayson as he presents a series of unique and rare vintage film titles. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Vintage Movie Night will be virtual until further notice. Pre-registration is required. | When: April 24, 7-9 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Drive., Indianapolis. | Info: gpacarts.org.

**Storytime in the Garden** • After reading, children are encouraged to stay and explore the garden. The program is free. Target age range is 2 - 8 years old. | When: April 27, 10-10:30 a.m. | Where: Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. | Info: garfieldgardensconservatory.org.

### BEECH GROVE

**Ladies' Fun Night** • This month, play Chick Flick Trivia and create a garden craft. Dinner will be served. \$5 per person. | When: April 9, 6:30 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center. | Info: hornetparkcommunitycenter.com.

**Beech Grove Parks Board 5-year Plan Presentation** • The Beech Grove Parks Board will be presenting their 2021-2026 five-year plan to the public. | When: April 14, 6-7 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: parksboard@beechgrove.com.

**Paper Shredding and Appliance Recycling** • There will be unloading assistance and participants may witness document shredding. | When: April 17, 9 a.m.-noon. | Where: Behind Beech Grove City Hall. | Info: (317) 803-9111.

**Arbor Day Art Contest** • Create an art piece depicting this year's theme, "Who lives in the trees" and submit the entry by April 30. This contest is open to all ages, residents of Beech Grove or students in a Beech Grove school. | When: Entry Deadline April 30. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: hornetparkcommunitycenter.com/going-green-in-the-grove.

### JOHNSON COUNTY

**The Suds Saturday Cruise-In** • The 2021 season, which kicked off April 3, marks the 64rd anniversary of this restaurant. Join all the gear-heads, hot-rodders, muscle cars fans, and daily drivers enthusiasts every Saturday night (weather permitting) from Spring to Fall, starting "around" 4 p.m. and check out vehicles of every make, model, shape, size and year. The Suds will serve food from its historic 50's style drive-in. Bring the kids too, because this is a family friendly event! | When: April 10, 4-10 p.m. | Where: The Suds, 350 Market Plaza, Greenwood. | Info: @thesudsdrivein.

**Yoga and Juice** • Join for a pop-up yoga event at Root2Rise. Cost is \$20 and includes a beverage. Hosted by LEVEL+ Yoga and Michael Salazar. | When: April 10, 5-6 p.m. | Where: Root2Rise Coffee Bar & Juicery, 916 E. Main St., Ste. 112, Greenwood. | Info: root2riseyoga.org.

**Lee Hardin** • Based out of Nashville, Tenn., Lee Hardin has been touring the country, performing in comedy clubs, churches, corporate events, and once on a farm for prisoners. His work on the road paid off in 2019, with the release of his Drybar Comedy special, Not Quite A Grown-Up, which is available to watch for free on the Drybar Comedy app. | When: April 16, 8-10 p.m. | Where: Gutty's Comedy Club, 916 E. Main St., Greenwood. | Info: guttyscomedyclub.com.

**Home State Pottery Painting Class** • Paint a floral plate featuring each participant's home state. class is instructor-led and is held in person or grab a to-go kit. Cost: \$24. | When: April 15, 6-8 p.m. | Where: uPaint Pottery Studio, 3113 W. Smith Valley Road, Suite D. | Info: upaintpotterystudio.com.

**Drive-Thru Shred Day** • Have old paperwork that needs to be thrown out but worried about how to do it? Allshred Services will be on-site to shred documents. Event is free but donations will be accepted for Johnson County Senior Services Food Bank. | When: April 24, 9 a.m.-noon. | Where: F.C. Tucker Company, 195 N. Emerson Ave., Greenwood. | Info: (317) 888-3311.

## AN OPTION

### Kimu Restaurant

Kimu Restaurant is a local Greenwood delicacy. The restaurant opened in 2010 and features food from several countries. They are known for their Burmese food but also have dishes from many other places. "People come here because they love my food," said owner Pau. "We have Japanese food, Thai, Vietnamese and many others. People can always try something new, and they love it." The restaurant has a wide variety of options on its menu, with many options to choose from. They serve breakfast, lunch and dinner every day. "Our most popular dish is probably the ramen," said Pau. The menu features tonkatsu ramen, miso ramen and shoyu ramen for \$10.95 each. The Burmese restaurant also has a rewards program that allows guests to earn a five percent reward for online orders when they sign up. Kimu is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and closed on Sunday. They stop serving breakfast at noon. The business is open for takeout, delivery and in-person dining. You can order online at kimurestaurant.com/rs/index\_home.action?pageType=D.

**LOCATION:**  
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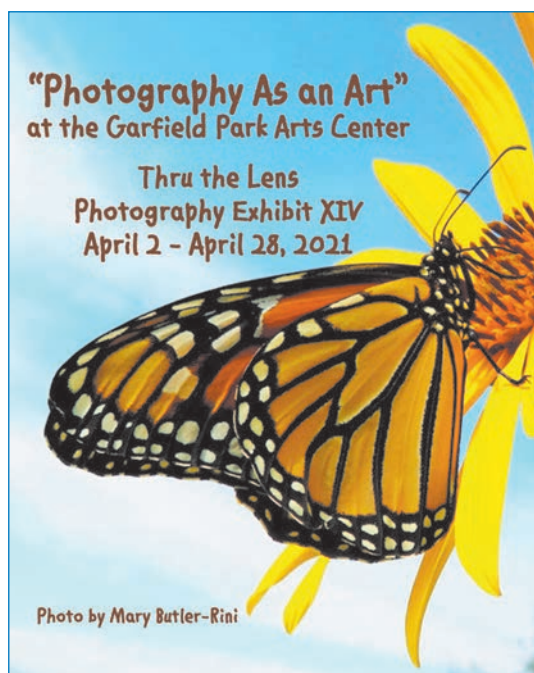


Kimu is a bright, laid-back restaurant in the heart of Greenwood. (Photo courtesy of Kimu Restaurant)



Kimu's Special Vietnamese soup. (Photo courtesy of Kimu Restaurant)

## SPOTLIGHT



### Through the Lens Photography Exhibit XIV

**Photography** - Every spring, the Indiana Photographic Society puts on one of Indiana's largest and finest photography exhibitions at the Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. This year's show - Through the Lens Photography Exhibit XIV: Photography as an Art - takes place now through April 28 and contains upwards of 80 fine art images created by members of the Society. Each photographer is encouraged to apply their own interpretation of the title when creating their images. There will not be an opening reception, but visitors can view the exhibit all month. For more information, visit gpacarts.org.



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# Blade Runner: The Final Cut Ahead of its time then, and just as influential now

## MOVIE REVIEW

By Bradley Lane

“Blade Runner” was released in its original form in 1982 with a wide United States theatrical release. It had mixed reviews from critics. Some cited its long run time and overuse of special effects as a case of style over substance. Others praised its complexity and heady themes as a work of pure genius. Even now, the jury is out on its quality, but whether through the film’s merit itself or its incredibly expansive influence, it has cemented its place in cinema history. In “Blade Runner’s” universe, there are beings known as replicants, synthetic human-like clones used as slave labor, primarily for the construction of colonies on the moon. Our story follows Rick Deckard, a gun for hire tasked to hunt down rogue replicants, as he investigates the whereabouts of a group of replicants who escaped off the moon to a dystopian 2019 Los Angeles.

The initial release of “Blade Runner” was ultimately compromised by an untrusting

studio that demanded voice-over narration and an extraneous ending to help audiences understand the narrative a little easier. In the full scope of the film, these changes detract from the mystery and dark tone of the original vision. This led to the development of a new cut of the film being created by director Ridley Scott to restore his original vision. After two other versions were completed and released, Scott produced a definitive version in 2007, “Blade Runner: The Final Cut.” He removed the narration, added a few carefully placed violent scenes, recolored the film with modern color grading techniques and shortened the ending to remain ambiguous and mysterious.

The film’s strongest aspect is its incredible production value. Ridley Scott builds a world that feels lived in and grounded while introducing audiences to science fiction settings that would become staples in years to come. Scott creates an aesthetic that has emulated endlessly since its release in 82. Films like “Gattaca,” “Akira,” “Ghost in The Shell,” “Ex Machina” and “The Terminator” would not exist without the groundwork established by

Scott with “Blade Runner.” “Blade Runner’s” story explores what it means to be human and forces the viewer to grapple with uncomfortable scenarios. It is a slow and often alienating film that requires uninterrupted attention to understand and appreciate. This is not to say the pacing always works to the film’s benefit. “Blade Runner” suffers by getting caught up in showing you how incredibly intricate the world is and often forgets to take the story along with it.

“Blade Runner” is one of the defining films of the 1980s. It has lived on as not only a fan favorite but as an intellectual piece of filmmaking as well.

You can catch “Blade Runner: The Final Cut” now streaming on HBO Max.



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

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**Rock the Block Run** • Rock the Block is a 10K (timed), 5K walk/run (family-friendly), and a free Kids Run. The event includes scenic courses, food, music, vendors, awards and giveaways-guaranteeing fun for everyone! Proceeds benefit area trail projects and organizations serving youth and families of the Center Grove School Corporation area and Johnson County. Participants will also have the option to do this event as virtual or in person. | When: April 24, 8:35 a.m. 10K start, 9 a.m. 5K start, and 10 a.m. kids run start. | Where: Center Grove High School. Please park in student lots east of CGHS off Stones Crossing Road. | Info: rocktheblockrun.org.

**Arbor Day** • The city of Greenwood will give away 1,000 trees on Arbor day. Trees include Redbud, Shumard Oak, Tulip, Norway Spruce and River Birch. | When: April 30, 8-4 p.m. or until gone. | Where: Greenwood Community Center, 100 Surina Way. | Info: greenwood.in.gov.

**Silent Auction** • VFW Post 5864 will host a silent auction with items displayed by 6 p.m. for participants to look at and bid on. At 8 p.m. all bidding will stop and the person with the highest bid will become the purchaser of the item. There will be minimum bid prices on all items. | When: April 30, 8 p.m. | Where: 1842 Veterans Way, Greenwood. | Info: Steve Milbourn, (317)525-7291, steve.milbourn@aol.com.

**Roncalli High School Spring Girls Gold Clinic** • The Roncalli girls golf team will be holding its fourth spring girls golf clinic. Girls will need to

bring gold clubs and wear tennis shoes. The clinic will be free, and girls are welcome to bring a friend. Member of the Roncalli girls golf team and head coach John Stelzel will be there to teach and assist the girls. | When: May 1, 1-2:30 p.m. | Where: Otte Golf, 681 Sheek Road, Greenwood. | Info: RSVP at girlsgold@roncalli.org or call (317) 529-0178.

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### INDIANAPOLIS

**XZOOberance Spring Festival** • This spring festival is presented by Daniel’s Vineyard. It features live music, dancing, food, spring animals, crafts

and much more. To help keep everyone safe, capacity is limited by requiring all guests and members to reserve timed-entry tickets in advance. Masks are also required in certain areas of the Zoo. | When: April 8-11, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Where: Indianapolis Zoo, 1200 W. Washington St, Indianapolis. | Info: indianapoliszoo.com/events/xzooberance

### PERRY TOWNSHIP

**Adaptive and Sensory-Friendly Skating Event** • The autism community connect center is hosting a free skating session in an adaptive/sensory free environment. The crowd will be limited, and music and lights will be turned down. A special sensory gift bag will be provided to guests. Wheelchairs are permitted and skate walkers and ice sleds with be available. Local hockey and figure skating volunteers will be on the ice to assist. There will be three 50-minute time slots available. | When: April 18, 11 a.m., noon and 1 p.m. | Where: Perry Park Ice Arena, 451 E. Stop 11 Road, Indianapolis. | Info: apm.activecommunities.com.

### SOUTHPORT

**DIY Paint Class 101** • This class will cover furniture and home decor painting basics and techniques using DIY Paint! Class size is limited to eight and cost is \$38. | When: April 17, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Where: Southport Antique Mall, 2028 E. Southport Road. | Info: email info@mamabearblue.com to prepay and reserve a spot.

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## A cutesy-wootsy look at pet names and baby talk

### GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

Remember that episode of “Seinfeld” where Jerry and Sheila (Jerry’s girlfriend for one episode) call each other “schmoopie”? This schmaltzy, saccharine show of cutesy nicknaming made the rest of the gang sick. Most people remember this episode for the “Soup Nazi” yelling “No soup for you!” I, however, can’t get the baby-talk nicknames out of my mind.

Did you know there’s a term for these pet names? It’s called “hypocorism.” We get the term from the Greek word “hypokorizesthai,” which means “to call by pet names.” In general, the term applies to whenever adults talk like babies, create diminutive nicknames for other words or names, or use another fond term to replace someone’s name. When researching this topic, I found that hypocorisms are all over the place in Australia. Some believe this is because the

Aussies are generally welcoming and friendly people, and these sort of fond nicknames flow naturally out of that interpersonal warmth.

Have you ever noticed people adding “-y” to the end of a word to make it sound cuter? That’s a hypocorism. My daughter (who is three) calls her blanket a “blanky.” The “blanky” is fuzzy and “comfy.” Of course, the rest of our family follows suit with this kind of talk because it’s just so darn cute. A “kitten” becomes a “kitty.” “Bird” turns into “birdy.” In the 1920s, the term “chamber pot” gave us the word “potty.” In our family, we’ve gone so far down the hypocorism rabbit hole that koalas have become “koalies.”

I’m sure you’ve known someone named “John” who goes by “Johnny.” “Deborahs” end up as “Debbys,” “Tims” become “Timmys” and “Jims” are called “Jimmys.” At least, that’s what you call them through elementary school. At some point in middle school, they come back from summer break with a lower voice and they say “I go by Jim now.”

These diminutive name versions are a form of hypocorisms.

Think about when you’re talking to someone dear to you. Instead of saying “Agnes” (if Agnes is the focus of your endearment), you say “honey.” Most of the time these types of pet names are reserved for significant others, but sometimes we call our kids “sweetie.” In the “Seinfeld” example, “schmoopie” is about as absurd as it gets, but I’m sure you have a dating or married couple who calls each other “babe.” While “babe” is a far cry from “sugar pie” or “honey-bunch,” it counts as a form of hypocorism, or as I like to call it, a precious wit-tle hypycory.



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### Puzzle Time Answers

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Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:

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Cars: AUDI, BMW, MERCEDES, PORSCHE, VOLKSWAGEN;

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Bell Cemetery has gone through many renovations since 2012. (Photo courtesy of Perry Township Trustee)

**Bell Cemetery: restored**

**Restoration** – Bell Cemetery preservation began in 2012 with designated volunteer teams, including the Office of The Perry Township Trustee, who worked hard to include identification of graves, trace genealogies, clean, clear and repair. A map of the cemetery, burial site identification, before and after photos and a QR scanning app is displayed at the site directing any

inquiries to the Caroline Scott Harrison Chapter website or Facebook page for further information. The genealogical team placed archives at the NSDAR Patriot Index database and the Perry Township Government Offices, for future research. Bell Cemetery holds a lot of historical value about the community. Information about Bell Cemetery can be viewed by appointment at The Office of Perry Township Trustee, at 317-788-4815.



Principals and teachers will be recognized at special reception. (Submitted photo)

**Douglas MacArthur Elementary receives NIET award**

**Award winning** – State lawmakers and education leaders will celebrate the teachers and administrators of Douglas MacArthur Elementary for being selected as the recipient of the 2021 NIET Founder’s Award and its \$50,000 grand prize. NIET CEO Candace McQueen will present Douglas MacArthur Elementary with the award. Guests will gather for a brief reception. Afterward, Katie Jenner, Candace McQueen, Principal Star Hardimon and Superintendent Pat Mapes will be available for interviews. The award will be given on April 12 at the Perry Township Education Center, 6548 Orinoco Ave., Indianapolis. Guests may enter through door four and proceed to the gym.

UPCOMING PERRY TOWNSHIP MEETINGS & EVENTS

**Perry Township Schools Board Meeting** • When: April 12, 5-7:30 p.m. | Where: United States Board Room, Perry Township Schools, 6548 Orinoco Ave., Indianapolis. | Info: peryschools.org/about/calendar.

**Perry Township Art Show** • The Perry Township Art Show will be a three hour event showcasing artwork. | When: April 15-16, 6-9 p.m. | Where: Perry Meridian High School, 401 S. Meridian School Road, Indianapolis.

**Indiana Miss Amazing** • Miss Amazing is a nationwide program that provides opportunities for girls and women with disabilities to build confidence and self-esteem in a supportive environment. This event provides opportunities for girls and women with disabilities to consider their goals, step outside of their comfort zones, and build networks of support. This event is open to girls and women ages five and older. | When:

May 1-2, Virtually May 8 | Where: Southport High School, 971 E. Banta Road, Indianapolis. | Info: in.missamazing.org.

**Nutrition Class** • Want to learn more about cooking? Need new recipes to spice up your meals? Perry Senior Citizen Services is holding nutrition classes taught by a nutritionist of Purdue Extension. These classes are free but advanced registration is required. | When: Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. | Where: 6901 Derbyshire Drive, Southport. | Info: 317-783-9231.

**Eucre** • Searching for a way to make new friends? Perry Senior Citizen Services invites you to come out and play eucre. All players of any level are welcome. If you do not know how to play, they will teach you how to. Or you can just socialize with everyone. | When: Thursdays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. | Where: 6901 Derbyshire Drive, Southport. | Info: 317-783-9231.



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**Every Thursday of Each Month**

Noon Eucre Club: 10 a.m. - Noon | Pitch-in Lunch: Noon - 1 p.m.  
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**Effie Benson**

Effie Benson, 84, died on April 3, 2021. She was born on April 28, 1936 in Cary, to the late Georgia (Holland) Gibson. She worked as a CNA for 27 years. She began her nursing career at Fort Worth State School in Texas and retired in 2001 from Bethany Village Nursing Home in Indianapolis. Her home was a gathering place for many holidays and celebrations. Her hobbies included cooking, gardening and listening to music. Effie is survived by her children, Raymond Engle, Karen (Bill) Scott, Oliver White, Jerry White, Sherry (Richard) Green, Crystal (Marvin) Martin, Christine Benson, and Dana (James) Wyatt Bryant; siblings, Gracie Brummett, Bobby and Jack Gibson; 18 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her siblings, Henry Gibson, Nancy Wilson, Arnold Gibson, Mary McClurg, Donnie Gibson, Nadine Skiles and Buddy Gibson. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Thursday, April 8 at G.H. Herrmann East Street Funeral Home, 1505 S. East St., Indianapolis. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 9.

**Edward "Gene" Brown**

Edward "Gene" Brown, 92, died on April 4, 2021. He was born July 10, 1928 in Mattoon, Illinois, to the late Carl and Mamie Brown. Gene graduated from Beech Grove High School and served in the United States Army during the Korean War. Gene owned and operated Brown's Garage in Beech Grove from 1958-1993, retiring in 1993. He was a faithful member of First Baptist Church of Beech Grove. He was a master mechanic and could fix or repair nearly anything. He enjoyed boating on Lake Cumberland for many years and spending winters in North Ft. Myers, Florida. Gene is survived by his wife, LaVera Brown; son, Jeff (Kay) Brown; daughter, Kathy (Mark) Freudenstein; grandchildren, Jason (Emily) Brown, Jodi (Josh) Lash, Chad (Ashley) Freudenstein, Corey (Jessica) Freudenstein and 10 great grandchildren Remi and Jaxson Brown, Alizabeth, Haleigh, Zoey and Norah Lash, Neela and Andrew Freudenstein, and Mya and Macy Freudenstein. Gene was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Joan (Don) Hart Culver. Visitation will be held on April 8 at Little and Sons Funeral Home, 4901 E. Stop 11 Road., Indianapolis.

**Don David Glesing**

Don David Glesing, 82, died on March 29, 2021. He was born on February 25, 1939 in Indianapolis, to the late William and Muriel (Mote) Glesing. Don attended Franklin Township Schools and received the 1957 Marion County Athlete of the Year. He received his teaching degree from Ball State University. He was the Athletic Director

at John Marshall High School for 19 years and taught for nine years at Northwest High School. Don is survived by his children, Terri (Tony) White, Karen Waters, Steve (Julie) Glesing and Brian (Barbara) Glesing; nine grandchildren, Andy White, Joey (Jessie) White, Sarah White, Freddie (Keeley) Waters, Benjamin (Catherine) Waters, Donnie Waters, Katie Glesing, Samuel Glesing and Abby Glesing; two great grandchildren, Isaak and Journey White; and a brother, Richard Glesing. He is also survived by his former spouse, Linda Glesing Leffler. He was preceded in death by two grandchildren, Brett and Alex Glesing; three siblings, William Glesing, Jr., Rosalie Haney and Evelyn Bryant. Funeral services were held on April 1 at G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, 1605 S. State Road, 135, Greenwood.

**Ruby Jean (St. Hillier) Greenwell**

Ruby Jean (St. Hillier) Greenwell, 93, died on March 27, 2021. She was born in Evansville, IN. on December 25, 1927 to Pauline Jean (Scherer) St. Hillier and Harold Eldred St. Hillier. She graduated from Evansville Central High School. Her greatest legacy was the family she and her husband John Robert (Bob) Greenwell created. They were blessed with six children, Martha Witt, David Greenwell (Sandy), James Greenwell, Paula Bergman (Steve), Debra Smith (Hollis) and Gina Fornefeld (Greg). She had 21 grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. She was a babysitter for 53 children while raising her own. To quote her granddaughter Amy Meyerrose, "She was humble and wise, funny & caring, strong & sensitive and everyone has thrived in her example of loving her husband and family and wanting to be surrounded by all of us!" Her hobbies included collecting giraffes, crafting, embroidery, puzzles, hearts game, camping and her dogs. She was an adventurous soul who loved to travel, especially to places near the ocean with her family. Ruby was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, her son, James Greenwell; and her grandsons Ryan Witt and Darrin Greenwell. A celebration of life was held at Singleton & Herr Mortuary on April 3.

**Fredrick C. Mitchell Jr.**

Frederick C. Mitchell Jr., 93, died on January 25, 2021. He was born on March 23, 1927 in Indianapolis, to the late Frederick C. Mitchell Sr. and Dorothy G. (Homborg) Mitchell. Fred honorably served his country in the United States Navy. He was a member of The Seabees, serving in WWII and The Korean War. In 2014 Fred was accompanied by his son, Michael, on the Veterans Honor Flight to Washington DC. He was a machine operator for US

Envelope aka Mead Westvaco, before retiring after 40 years of service. He enjoyed playing euchre and bingo, social events with his Crestwood friends and spending time with his family. Fred is survived by his sons, Michael (Mary Beth) Mitchell and Monty Mitchell; three grandchildren, Michael (Melissa) and Sarah Mitchell, Victoria (Will) Kelley; one great grandson, Michael Mitchell; three great granddaughters, Morgan Mitchell, Layla and Olivia Kelley; and sister, Sherill Stanley. He was preceded in death by his wife, JoAnn (Browning) Mitchell. A memorial service will be held on Friday, April 23 at 11 a.m. at The Gardens at Olive Branch, 1605 State Road 135, Greenwood.

**Theresa Montgomery**

Theresa Montgomery, 59, of Indianapolis, passed away on March 31, 2021. She was born on January 15, 1962 in Indianapolis to William Wallace Sr. and Sue Wallace. She is survived by her husband, Brian K. Montgomery; daughters, Loretta Montgomery, Heather Montgomery, Rebecca Montgomery, Brandye Miller, Angel Bretzlaff and Brandy Hubble; brother, William Wallace Jr.; 33 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, William Wallace Sr. and Sue (Knight) Wallace; a daughter, Cherrish Dunn; and a brother, Bob Day. Visitation was held April 5 at G.H. Herrmann East St. Funeral Home, 1505 S. East St., Indianapolis.

**Bonnie Joan (Eads) Ridenour**

Bonnie Joan (Eads) Ridenour, 72, died on March 23, 2021. Bonnie was born November 1, 1948 in Indianapolis. Bonnie graduated from Emmerich Manual High School in Indianapolis in 1967. She worked as an administrative assistant in the medical field for Indiana University School of Medicine in the Radiology Department and Cardiothoracic Surgery. She retired in 2016 but continued to work part time as a Data Specialist at Riley Hospital for Children. She was a member of Southport Presbyterian Church for many years. Because of her love and passion for children, she also sponsored a boy from Haiti and a girl from Thailand to help them receive basic needs. She was preceded in death by her mother, Velma Louise McClain; stepfather, Max McClain; and father, James Edward Eads. Survivors include her daughter, Nicole Kiefer (Matt); three grandchildren, Elliana, Ariana and Ryan Kiefer; siblings, Gary Meece (Dotty), Edwina Griffith, and Richard Eads (Debbie); and her nephews and nieces, Michael and Kyle Griffith, Brian Meece, Thomas Eads, Melissa Ridenour, Debbie Brinker, Donna White, and Timmy Branham. Visitation was held March 31 in the O'Riley Funeral Home.

**Keith Alden Taylor**

Keith Alden Taylor, 89, died on April 2, 2021. He was born on March 5, 1932 in Indianapolis to the late Joseph and Myrtle (Stoaudacher) Taylor. He was a member of Meridian Church of God. He loved spending time with his family and friends, his dog and doing woodworking projects. He was preceded in death by his wife, Martha "Marty" Taylor; brother, Paul Taylor. He is survived by his two daughters, Yvonna (Bill) Steadman and Melissa (Randy) Webb; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He also leaves behind many loving extended family members and friends. Funeral services were held on April 7 at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave.

**Paul D. Thompson**

Paul D. Thompson, 89, died on March 3, 2021. He was born on October 8, 1931 in Indianapolis to George Thompson and Dorothy Sylvester Thompson. After his military years, Paul worked at Link-Belt, RCA and Mallory as a model maker. He also worked at the Indianapolis Speedway for over 30 years. He loved softball, water skiing, boating, roller dance skating, speed skating, and sharing all these activities with the kids. Later in life he was asked to join the Honor Guard serving the American Legion and the VFW both in Greenwood. He is survived by his wife, Lynne Thompson; daughters, Paula Klaiber (Jim), Michelle Criss (Jason), and Stacey Thompson; three grandsons, Paul Klaiber (Lindsay), Justin Shive (Katie), and Marc Criss; granddaughters, Kaci Klaiber (Keith), and Shelby Wilkerson; and six great-grandchildren, Alexis, Ava, Kole, Keira, Addison, and Alayna. Paul. He was preceded in death by his parents, and brothers George, Roland, and Edwin Thompson. Visitation was held on April 2 at G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home at The Gardens at Olive Branch, 1605 S. State Road 135, Greenwood.

**Alice J. Wildrick**

Alice J. Wildrick, 56, of Indianapolis, passed away on March 30, 2021. She was born on June 30, 1964 in Indianapolis to the late George and Alice Wildrick. She is survived by her children, Jim (Michelle) Henry, Anthony Henry, Jimmy (Richard) Henry and Whitney Henry; grandchildren, John, Ashley, Benjamin, Fiona, Violet, and Teddy; sisters, Georgia (Hank) Gibson, and Mary Scruggs; and brothers, Ricky Rybolt, and Billy Rybolt. She was preceded in death by her companion Michael A. Henry. Visitation was held April 2 at G.H. Herrmann East St. Funeral Home, 1505 S. East St., Indianapolis.

*Obituaries continued on page 17.*



**AROUND TOWN**



**Aspire opens nominations for business resilience award**

**Johnson County** – Aspire Economic Development + Chamber Alliance announced that it opened online nominations for its “Business Resilience Award.” Aspire is offering the award to recognize employers that discovered innovative ways to adapt, forge a new path of resilience and survive the last year. All for-profit and non-profit organizations located in Johnson County or southern Indy are eligible to be nominated. “2020 was unprecedented. The pandemic forced Hoosier businesses to quickly adapt to evolving customer bases and government restrictions. Many employees worked from home for the first time,” said Aspire President + CEO Christian Maslowski. “Business leaders are survivors. The pandemic revealed new market opportunities, tested determination and called on employers to serve community and customer pandemic-induced needs. We want to celebrate local business survival and success.” Nominations may be made online at [surveymonkey.com/r/AspireResiliencyAward](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AspireResiliencyAward) and are due by April 21. Companies may nominate themselves or another organization. Nominees do not need to be Aspire member investors to be eligible for nomination. Special attention will be paid to nominations demonstrating creative, bold, unique and/or innovative solutions that are supported with positive outcomes. Aspire will announce the list of finalists to the public the week of May 3. The top winner of each employer size category will be revealed at the organization’s “Celebrate Aspire” event on Thursday, May 20 at The Nest event center in Greenwood. Event details and registration will be available via the online calendar of events at [AspireJohnsonCounty.com](https://www.AspireJohnsonCounty.com).

**Donate to Greenwood teachers with Education Apple Tree**

**School supplies** – The Greenwood Park Mall’s Education Apple Tree is full of essential wish items to help support local teachers, schools and our community. Located in the Mall Management Office, come pick and apple off the Education Apple Tree to support Greenwood High School. Go purchase the wish item(s) and return it to the Mall Management Office by Friday April 30, 2021. All items for the month of April have been specifically requested by teachers at Greenwood High School. The Mall Management Office is located in the hallway between The Children’s Place and Auntie Anne’s Pretzels. The Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. For more information, call (317) 887-8601.



**Milk bank service at Franciscan Health Indianapolis keeps babies healthy**

**Infant care** – Franciscan Health Indianapolis has partnered with The Milk Bank’s Donor Milk Express (DMX) to provide improved and faster health outcomes for premature and ill infants. The Lactation Clinic at the Indianapolis hospital has extended its collaboration with The Milk Bank. The long-standing Milk Depot has allowed donating mothers to drop off frozen surplus milk. The milk is then picked up by The Milk Bank for processing. The DMX offers an opportunity for families to purchase up to 40 ounces of pasteurized donor human milk without a prescription. The Milk Bank, the only program of its kind in Indiana, receives milk from carefully screened, healthy donors and distributes it to babies in neonatal intensive care units or families with infants who cannot tolerate formula. Donor milk offers optimal nutrition, improved digestibility and added immunologic protection against infections. Located within the hospital’s Center for Women and Children - 8111 S. Emerson Ave., Indianapolis - professional lactation experts are trained to teach mothers how to feed their babies. New mothers often face challenges with breastfeeding. The program offers a variety of inpatient and community-based programs. To learn more about the new DMX program and related services, call (317)-528-5620.

**County Line Road project open house**

**Traffic study** – The nearly \$40 million expansion of South County Line Road between I-69 and State Road 135 is designed to address current levels of traffic volume by reducing congestion and accident frequency while increasing safety and connectivity for vehicles and pedestrians. The proposal calls for two additional travel lanes to be installed – one in each direction – for a total of four travel lanes and a center bi-directional turn lane. Residents living along South County Line Road would see no change to driveway access. The project also includes a reduction of the hill at Morgantown Road to provide better traffic visibility. The proposed design also calls for two new bridges over Pleasant Run Creek and Buffalo Creek, intersection improvements, including traffic signals at two intersections, road reconstruction and drainage improvements. Pedestrian enhancement includes new sidewalks, new or rehabbed ADA ramps and curbs and a 2.5-mile multi-use path; landscaping would serve as a buffer between the trail and sidewalk on the side of the roadway for safety. Staff from Indy DPW and HNTB will host a virtual project open house on Wednesday, April 14, from 6-7 p.m. for the public to view proposed plans and ask questions. The public may access the open house using the meeting registration link at [bit.ly/3vDxpV9](https://bit.ly/3vDxpV9) and password CountyLineRd\*21. The open house is accessible by phone at (855)-797-9485 using access code 131 281 6843. The virtual open house will be broadcast live on the City Government Channel 16 (Xfinity 16; Spectrum 340; ATT&T 99).



Volunteers from Luz del Mundo came out in force. (Submitted photo)

**SoIndy cleans up Shelby Street corridor**

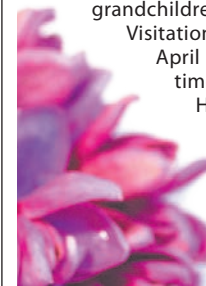
**Beautification** – Volunteers with the South Indy (SoIndy) Quality of Life Plan cleaned up the Shelby Street Corridor on April 3. They started the clean up at the Raymond and Shelby Street intersection and moved up and down the corridor. SoIndy provided gloves and trash bags.

*Obituaries continued from page 16.*

**Donald Cordell Woodley**

Donald Cordell Woodley, 80, of Greenwood, passed away on April 3, 2021. He was born in Jasper, Alabama on December 2, 1940 to Marion and Birdie Woodley. He was a graduate of Walker County High School in Alabama. He was an active member of the University Heights United Methodist Church while juggling his career and cheering on the activities of his two children. Donald enjoyed golfing, bowling and watching sports. Donald married Martha Turner on August 12, 1962. They met when he was a gas station attendant, which was prior to his long career as a machine repairman for RCA/Thompson Consumer Electronics. Martha passed away in May of 2020. Donald is survived by his brother, Kenneth Woodley; son, Bart Woodley; daughter, Laura Hacker; and grandchildren, Tatum and Chase Hacker.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, April 8 from 11 a.m. until the time of service at 1 p.m. at G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, 1605 S. State Road 135 and Olive Branch Road, Greenwood.



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#### ✠ CATHOLIC

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**Saints Francis & Clare Catholic Church** • 5901 Olive Branch Road, Greenwood. | Ph: (317) 859-4673. | Fr. Steve Giannini. Sat. Anticipation Mass: 5:30 p.m. | Sun.: 7, 8:45 & 11:30 a.m.

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

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#### ✠ NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

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#### ✠ SOUTHERN BAPTIST

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**Edgewood United Methodist** • 1820 E. Epler Ave. | Ph: (317) 784-6086. | Rev. Paul Wagner. | Sun. Worship: 9 a.m. | Sunday School: 10:15 a.m. | edgewoodumc-indy.org. | "The Church for The Next 100 Years." | We are on 

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#### ✠ WESLEYAN

**Circle of Hope Wesleyan Church** • 120 S. 4th Ave., Beech Grove. | Ph: (317) 840-2950. | Sun.: 10:30 a.m. | Wed.: 6:30 p.m. | Food Pantry: 2nd & 4th Wed. 5-7 p.m.

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## Weekly Devotion



Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.

**1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-1**

I started to take these verses one at a time, but I decided to study them together because one without the other is a little like ice cream without cake at a birthday party. Rejoicing is and should be reflected through prayer, and giving thanks leads to rejoicing through prayer. All of these behaviors are the will of God and are why He sent us Jesus Christ to lead the way. We all can relate to the tears of Jesus. In fact, one of the Bible's most famous verses is "Jesus wept." (See John 11:35). But how many times do you read that Jesus rejoiced? We relate to His weeping because we're prone to this ourselves. We observe the world and its condition and wonder why people don't give up their sinful ways and turn to Christ. In Him and because of Him we have "joy unspeakable," and we desire this for the entire population. Think on that for a moment, and you'll realize that this condition reflects what was in Christ that drew multitudes to Him.

Jesus was the Person who could (and can) take a most hopeless, dire situation and turn it into a reason to celebrate. Three times He turned other people's sorrow into joy by bringing dead relatives back to life. There was Jairus' young daughter, the widow's son and Lazarus, the brother of Martha and Mary. We can rejoice in the middle of terrible things happening around us because we know that no matter how bad it gets Jesus can turn it around and give us victory when defeat seems certain. He takes terrible circumstances, which Satan aims to use against us, and changes them into events that are good for us and others. As you move through this day, do three things: Rejoice, pray and give God thanks. The day will come, and the day will go, but how will you look back on it and how will you have lived it? Remember, joy comes in the morning as you give your day to Christ and let Him walk you through it by walking with you during it.

**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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The City of Indianapolis' Department of Public Works (DPW) will hold a virtual public meeting on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 6 p.m. EST.

The purpose of this meeting is to offer area residents, stakeholders and other interested persons an opportunity to learn more about DPW's South County Line Road Project (Des. No. 2002553). The intent of the project is to improve safety, mobility and operational efficiency along the County Line corridor between SR 37 and SR 135. The project includes added travel lanes in both directions and a continuous center turn lane from I-69 to SR 135. Pedestrian mobility along the corridor will improve with the addition of a new 10-foot-wide trail on the north side and a new 6-foot-wide sidewalk on the south side of the roadway.

This meeting will be held via WebEx virtual conferencing and no in-person attendance will take place. To attend the meeting, go to <https://bit.ly/3vDxpV9>. The event password is: CountyLineRd\*21. Participants may also join by phone by calling 1-855-797-9485. The access code is: 131 281 6843. This meeting will be covered live on Indianapolis Government Channel 16 on the following cable providers and channels: X-Finity Channel 16, Spectrum Channel 340 and AT&T Channel 99. The meeting can also be viewed via Livestream at: [https://indianapolis.granicus.com/player/camera/5?publish\\_id=4&redirect=true](https://indianapolis.granicus.com/player/camera/5?publish_id=4&redirect=true)

The public can also request a link to the meeting by emailing [kescott@hntb.com](mailto:kescott@hntb.com), or scan the following QR code to access a link to the live event.



Participants are encouraged to submit questions and comments ahead of the meeting by email to [kescott@hntb.com](mailto:kescott@hntb.com) with the subject "County Line Road Project". The public will be able to submit comments and questions during the meeting via the WebEx chat function or by email to [kescott@hntb.com](mailto:kescott@hntb.com), both of which will be monitored by the project team during the event. Meeting comments will continue to be accepted via email through May 3, 2021.

Persons with limited internet access may request project information be mailed to them. Please contact Kelly Scott at [kescott@HNTB.com](mailto:kescott@HNTB.com) or 317-636-4682 for information.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), accessibility assistance will be provided. If a need exists for ADA accommodations, please contact Kelly Scott at [kescott@HNTB.com](mailto:kescott@HNTB.com) or 317-636-4682 no later than Friday, April 9 at 4 p.m. EST.

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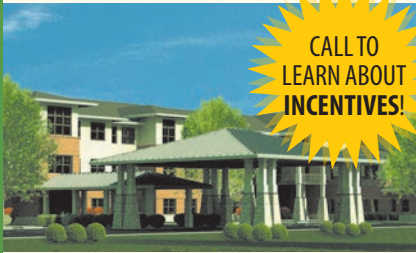
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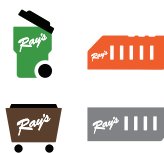
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