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Where is Lead the Challenge softball league based?

- A. Garfield Park
- B. Fountain Square C. Center Grove
- D. Franklin Township

Where was Rick Hinton the 2 Where was Nick Function and day martial artist, actor and director, Bruce Lee, died?

A. A beach in Canada **B.** New Orleans during Mardi Gras C. In a broken-down van

in Mississippi D. Camping in Bloomington



Which local writer hosted a 3 car show last weekend?

A. John Green B. Carol Sissom C. Barbara Shoup D. Joseph Hayes

4 What year did Bob Knight retire from coaching basketball for I.U.?

A. 2002 **B.** 1997 **C.** 2000 **D.** 2001

5 Which Greenwood sorority will be hosting a purse bingo event?

A. Tri Kappa B. Phi Beta Psi 🖵 C. Delta Theta Tau **D.** Epsilon Sigma Alpha

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THIS WEEK on the WFB



Greenwood Goddard students raise money for charity

Preschoolers at Goddard School locations in and around Indianapolis, including Greenwood, successfully raised over \$6,000 for a charity, Art with a Heart. Greenwood students worked on furniture pieces and created a variety of items, including a plant stand, a small stool, a wall shelf and a large display tray. The items were displayed within the school for people to place bids for the item of their choice.



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ANNIVERSARY



Festival Country Indiana awards \$32,038 in tourism grants

Johnson County will benefit from new and improved events and festivals this year, thanks to tourism funds totaling \$32,038. Festival Country Indiana, the official tourism agency of Johnson County, has selected 11 nonprofit organizations and government partners to receive funds to help develop and promote festivals and other tourism-related initiatives in 2019. Kenneth Kosky, director of tourism for Festival Country Indiana said that the grant money will also help build unique attractions in the county that will be enjoyed for years to come.

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Jim and Jeanne Huser celebrate 70th wedding anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Huser will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary at Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church in Beech Grove on Saturday, April 27. After Mass at 5 p.m., a reception will immediately follow in the adjoining Jerry Craney Performance Center. Jim and the former Jeanne A. Huesing were married on April 30, 1949, at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Indianapolis. The couple has 10 children: Mary Huser Stewart, Jim (Barb), Gerry (Shellie), John, Maureen (Tim) Bogard, Jean (John) O'Gara, Joe (Mary Ann), Terry (Kathy), Marilyn (Tom) Haywood and Chris (Cathy). In addition, they are also blessed with 41 grandchildren, 81 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Jim and Jeanne would like to share their blessings with family and friends.

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LIVING THE DREAM

Local softball league gives kids with disabilities the chance to play

BY STEPHANIE DOLAN

Running, skipping, jumping and playing ... a part of childhood that many of us take for granted.

Some children, though, feel forced to sit on the sidelines as they watch others have the fun, unable to kick the ball, make the shot or run the bases. That is where Lead the Challenge (LTC) comes in, a softball league specifically designed to give children and young adults with disabilities the opportunity to participate in organized sports.

"Oftentimes, children with disabilities may have never had any experience with sports due to limitations they face regarding their certain disability," LTC board member Dustin Gilmer said. Lead the Challenge is based in Franklin Township. >>>

 Franklin Township Lead the Challenge Soitball 2018

CHALLENGE

SOFTRALL



Top, Lead the Challenge's Warriors softball team last year. | Bottom left, Perry player Marissa, with Garrett, who displays an award he won. | Bottom right, board member, Cassidy, left, with Blake, Sarah and peer player, Carley. (Submitted photos)

>>> "There are various different disabilities represented within our league," Gilmer said. "They range everywhere on the spectrum from different sensory disabilities, auditory disabilities and physical disabilities. Some of the kids who participate were born with autism, Down syndrome, ADD or ADHD. This year, we have our very first participants who will be playing who are visually impaired."

LTC was founded in 1997 by Mike Black. It is now run by the board of directors, which includes Gilmer.

LEADING THE CHALLENGE

"I come to the board as the only board member who has a disability," he said. "I was an original player in the league back in 1997, when the league was first founded by Mike Black. My role is to help move the league forward by marketing, communications and publicizing league happenings, while also providing my knowledge from experience as a person with a disability."

Gilmer is a graduate of Ball State Uni-

versity, where he graduated with a bachelor's of arts in Journalism and Telecommunications. He currently serves as the project manager for the Office of Disability Affairs for the city of Indianapolis. He was an LTC player for seven years.

"I was always interested in sports," he said. "Being able to be a part of LTC allowed me to go to school and talk to my friends, who also played sports, about my games. It allowed me an opportunity to enjoy sports more than just from behind a TV screen."

Gilmer said that team sizes vary from year to year, but that LTC has anywhere from four to six teams with eight to 10 players participating on each team.

"One other factor that goes into team size is the amount of peer players that we have sign up for that year as well," he continued. "Peer players are what makes LTC unique. They are individuals, often peers of the players themselves, who volunteer to assist with various things during the season such as batting, fielding, throwing the ball, running the bases and even learning the game of softball as they go. Peer players are also tasked with ensuring that the players stay safe while participating."

Gilmer said that being a part of the team allows peer players to see the disabled as no different than they are.

"They see that in a whole new way," he said. "These kids might do things differently than they do, but they share some of the same interests, have goals and often build new friendships out of participating in LTC."

ANSWERING THE CALL

Gilmer also said that being a member of the league brings the opportunity for the kids to be kids and experience sports in a small way like ordinary kids would. Parents are also given the opportunity to sit in the stands for their child's games, which is something they would never have thought they'd be able to do before LTC.

"It definitely gives me the opportunity just sit in the stands and be a regular parent," Amy Camp said.

Camp's daughters, Grace, 17, and Emily, 16, both participate in LTC.

"A lot of times, with special needs kids, you have to be involved," she continued. "So it's just great to have that hour on a Sunday afternoon to just sit and watch your kids be able to participate with other kids in their own age group."

Grace is autistic, and Emily has a seizure disorder. This will be their sixth year participating with LTC.

"I heard about it through a teacher at Franklin Township Schools," Camp said. "Grace was nervous at first, but now she just loves it. Talking about it just makes her smile, and she gets so excited. Grace is hoping this year they're going to be training her to be a peer next year. That's one thing that the organization does, even if you have a disability. It's a really nice pay it forward program. Not all peers are high school age, and some are kids with disabilities of their own."

Camp said that Grace's communication and social skills have improved dramatically in the time she's participated in the league.

Living the Dream continued on page 5.

5 QUESTIONS WITH DUSTIN GILMER

Who or what inspires you? My parents. They taught me, despite my disability, to work and fight for anything that I want to accomplish. My dad once told me that just because you have a disability doesn't mean the world owes you anything. You still have to go fight your best.

Is baseball your favorite sport? (If not, what is?) Baseball is my first favorite, followed by football.

What's your favorite sports-themed movie? The Sandlot.

What position did you play when you were a member of the team? I loved to play catcher!

Do you have any pets? No, but I have a service dog named Carver.

Above, Lead the Challenge board members, from left, Dustin Gilmer, Wendis Fugate III and Cassidy Riley. (Not pictured are board members, Samantha Snyder and Marissa Selvidge). | Right, Dustin says that sponsorship opportunities are available with the nonprofit. (Photos by Paul Young)

IN OU<u>R SCHOOLS</u>



Nativity alumni place second in annual high school volleyball tournament

Athletics – Seven Nativity Catholic School alumni took second place in the annual CYO High School Volleyball Tournament. From left to right, Sarah Miller, Meredith Mader, Sydney Silcox, Sam Meer, Kai Wisler, Alex Payne and Will Schoettle. The contest was held Feb. 18 at St. Roch Catholic School. Nativity Catholic School is located in Franklin Township and serves over 400 students in southeast Marion County from preschool through eighth grade. For more information, please visit school.nativityindy.org.



BGHS National Honor Society to donate clothing to Red Cross Disaster Relief

Donations - Beech Grove High School's National Honor Society is collecting clothes to donate to the Red Cross Disaster Relief. Last year, the group donated more than 800 pounds of clothes. As a culminating activity for this drive, the National Honor Society will host a fashion show at the high school on April 17. NHS students hope to surprise and impress the student body and the community with another large load of donations. Thank you for your support as a community - if there is any way our organization could support you, please reach out to Miss Kate Bertolet (kbertolet@bgcs.k12. in.us) or Mrs. Megan Kimball (mkimball@ bgcs.k12.in.us) with details.

Living the Dream continued from page 4.

LIVING THE DREAM

"As a parent, it means the world to me," she said. "I would say to anyone considering signing their child up that everybody there is so friendly and welcoming. It's a safe environment for your child. Come give it a try. You'll really get to be a part of a fun event for a Sunday afternoon."

"As a league, we do not focus on the outcome of any game," Gilmer said. "Our league operates with no winners or losers in games. Every batter on each team bats every inning. We also do not keep score. The reason for this is because this is oftentimes the players' first taste of any organized sport. So, we focus on helping the players understand their abilities and helping them enjoy the game."

Gilmer said that anyone interested shouldn't be nervous about playing – just come to a game!

"From there forward, they'll want to get out there and swing the bat and run the bases as well," he said.

And just like the kids he tries to in-

spire, Gilmer himself feels blessed to be a part of LTC.

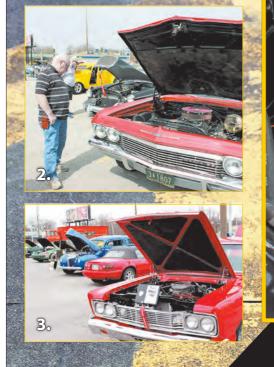
"For me, it's the opportunity to give back to a league that has provided a lot to me as a young kid with a disability," he said.

Registration fees are \$40 per player and \$20 per peer player and go toward equipment players need such as bats, helmets and balls, as well as uniforms, trophies and awards. For more information on Lead the Challenge, visit the website at ltcsoftball.com or find them on Facebook.

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MOTORING INTO THE PAST

By Rick Hinton

Carol Sissom knows how to throw a party! Carol's Adventures celebrated its first car show of the season on Saturday, April 6 in the parking lot of Beck's Service Center, 6025 S. Madison Ave., Indianapolis. The theme was "Batman's 80th Birthday," bringing in a whole lot of cars and folks to see them.

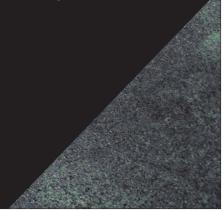
Sissom, an Indianapolis author, was the master of ceremonies in an annual event that has gathered no dust on the Southside. "I had my first car show in 2012. We had four cars," she stated. "The next year we had 75!"

It was an overcast day, yet warm. Neat rows of waxed cars were parked with their hoods and trunks pointed skyward as a steady stream of onlookers paraded through. Music played, along with the offering of gyros, a Subway on the corner and birthday cake and ice cream to celebrate the caped crusader's milestone birthday.

"The goal is to make everyone who comes to my car show blessed," Sissom said. "Every show does have a different theme. After I started planning, I realized it was Batman's birthday. How could I pass that up?"

The car shows are dedicated to the memory of her mother, Roanna Jane Caldwell, who passed away at the age of 90 in 2015. Her spirit drives these shows on. It's a form of healing. And reflection. Veterans are always honored, including three this year.

A car show brings out the teenager in all of us; associated vehicles from our past that have somehow melded into our future. "Oh my God ... my dad had a car just like that!" are often reactions she hears. 1. Carol Sissom interviews Southside resident David Biggerstaff about his entry, a 1934 Ford Five window coupe. 2. Sometimes it all comes down to close scrutiny. 3. Hoods pointed to the sky. 4. The car show was dedicated to Roanna Jane Caldwell, who is Indianapolis author Carol Sissom's mother. 5. Muscle under the hood. 6. Visions of yesterday. 7. Levi, Josh, Lyndon and Lidia Dempler, Southside residents, take it all in. 8. Two of my favorites ... both Dodge. (Photos by Rick Hinton)





COMMUNITY



Paul Echart and I on a beach in Canada. Bruce Lee died that day. (Photo by Rick Hinton)

Friends together watch their childhood fly

HAUNTS & JAUNTS

By Rick Hinton

I've always heard that as you grow older, time accelerates. Yes, sir. It's no longer the long, endless summers of our youth, seeming to stretch forever. Yep ... no longer. Our past becomes that – just our past – as we accelerate time into an often uncertain future, and in the process, grow older. They say, "If only I could go back then to what I know now!" Yep, pretty much! Friends and acquaintances who helped to shape and define those past days often disappear, becoming only a memory. However, sometimes these very "ghosts" of the past return. And ... just when you need them most!

Mike Foster is my oldest friend from the haze of school days. He was there when junior high school transformed into an arena of horror for a young teen. Has been there since. Paul Echart came along after high school and Warren Central ended, but is no less important because we didn't happen to "hang" in high school. We eventually did "hang". The three of us eventually lived together in one in carnation or another. We became partners in life, crime, a new world of self discovery and halfheartedly exploring our lot in life. Those were strange days indeed!

Always blue jeans, and most often no shirts; cowboy hats, no ball caps; a diet of the Marshall Tucker Band, Pure Prairie League and Poco for enlightenment; camping and caving near Bloomington to soothe the soul; an impromptu trip with Paul to Canada, then one to the Mardi Gras where we were almost arrested in Mississippi and our van blew an engine as we rolled into New Orleans. Yes ... those precious moments!

My friend Mike invested – working his way to his first million dollars – in two houses on North Delaware Street in Indianapolis long before the current renovation craze. He had decided to become a slumlord. It was all good! He talked Paul and I into living in an apartment in one of the houses. Yes ... we were the hit of the neighborhood! During that cold winter we often found ourselves often lying in a crawlspace under one of the homes, fixing busted water pipes in the middle of the night; collecting weekly rent required while carrying a gun; and most often finding a homeless person sleeping in our car when we left to go to work in the morning.

Yet, there are those memories – fuzzy, yet timeless: frugal Mike providing the food (often buying cases of unlabeled can goods that became a surprise when opened); sitting on the stone porch with the neighbors, sipping adult brew and watching cars march forth on Delaware Street; playing drums (me), congas (me) and electric guitar (not me), fully knowing that all of the other residents of the house, and street, were listening, trying to make sense of it all.

The three of us have reconnected. Was there any doubt that at some point we would? Friends are eternal. We hold them close. They're an heirloom to our past, growth and hopefully a part of our future. Never let them go!

"It seems to me a crime that we should age, These fragile times should never slip us by, A time you never can or should erase, As friends together watch their childhood fly."

- ELTON JOHN, "FRIENDS" (1971)



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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FROM THE EDITOR

Youth aging out of the foster system need your support

A recent report by the state of Indiana shows that youth in foster care have far lower graduation rates than other students, higher graduation waiver rates and much higher rates of suspension.

The report, mandated by House Enrolled Act 1314 (HEA 1314), was approved by the Indiana General Assembly and signed by Governor Eric Holcomb in 2018. The report is the first effort by the state to track and compile education data.

The statistics are as follows:

· 64.6 percent of foster students graduate high school, compared with 88.1 percent of their peers. • Nearly 21 percent of foster youth receive a graduation waiver, compared to 8.9 percent of their peers. • 21 percent of foster youth are suspended each

- year, compared to 8.9 percent of their peers. Foster students are expelled at nearly two times the rate of their peers.
- Black foster students are expelled at four times the rate of their peers.
- •9.1 percent & 28.7 percent of foster students in 10th grade pass the Math and English ISTEP tests, respectively.

Although the statistics are bleak, an Indianapolis-based nonprofit is helping youth who have, or about to age out of the foster care system. Indiana Connected By 25 provides financial, educational and social support for those who have been in foster care after their 14th birthdays.

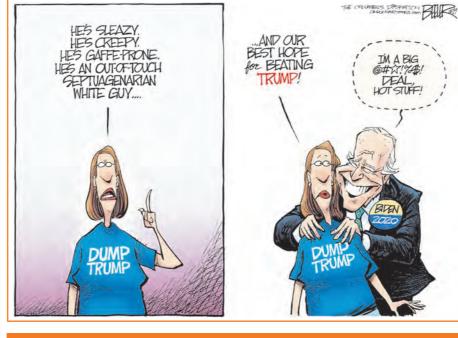
If you're looking for a meaningful way to give back, Connected By 25 welcomes those who wish to donate or become an ambassador for foster youth. For more information, go to fostersuccess.org.

READERS' WRITES

Lions Club to hold free eye screenings in April at Southport Library

The Southport Lions Club would like to make your readers aware of our monthly eye screening event at the Southport Public Library, 2630 E. Stop 11 Road. This month we will be there on Tuesday, April 16, Wednesday, April 17 and Thursday, April 18, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. We screen children between the ages of one 1 and 6 years old. This is a free service that we offer and no reservation is required. For more information, please contact Lion AJ Johnson at (317) 250-3556 or ladylion438@EarthLink.net.

> Thank you, Lion AJ Johnson



STARS & STRIKES ON THE SOUTHSIDE

The Southside Times is all about people and our community. What do you like in your neighborhood? What don't you like? Who has done something nice, no matter how small, and should be recognized? Email vour "Stars and Strikes" to news@ss-times.com. Jim Coffman and Julie Lockwood of Perry Township contributed to this week's Stars and Strikes.

Stars: to Indiana Animal Care Ser-

vices' Adoption EGGSstravaganza.

Stars: to the City of Beech Grove for offering a FREE paper shredding and large metal recycling event.

Stars: to new yoga classes on Thursday nights at Hornet Park Community Center.

Stars: to a fun science class for kids at Fountain Square Library: Science of the Fidget Spinner Class for Kids.

Stars: to The Beech Grove Police Department for their work on Grovewood Avenue.

tion fees will run from free to \$15. Stars: to Greenwood Community Band's free spring concert this

During the month of April, the shelter is

running an adoption promotion. Adop-

Stars: to another new business on

Main Street in Beech Grove. Welcome to the Y Store. They have antiques

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Behold, my friends, the spring is come; the earth has gladly received the embraces of the sun, and we shall soon see the results of their love!"

- Sitting Bull



TOP 10 SUGGESTIONS FOR THE UP-AND-COMING TOP **TEN LIST WRITER**

By Torry Stiles

- 10. Never take yourself too seriously. Remember: your wife may love you but she still thinks you're an idiot.
- 9. Never be afraid to try new things, especially if they worked before.
- 8. Relax. Nobody remembers the crappy ones.
- 7. Never open lumpy fan mail.
- 6. If you have to steal someone else's joke make sure it isn't anybody famous.
- 5. Avoid putting funny stuff in the fifth spot. Folks need a rest from laughing. ... See?
- 4. Ask for the corner office, settle for a card table in the hall. Get too demanding and next week the editor replaces you with old Andy Capp comics.
- 3. Avoid any dirty words stronger than "crappy" or "booger."
- 2. Tell the kids you work for the Mob or are a stripper. They don't need the shame of knowing you do this.
- 1. Don't sweat the folks writing those letters to the editor. You'll be in next week's paper and they'll be back at the house yelling at the squirrels to get off the lawn.

BELIEVE IT!

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Bring your garden, yard and home back to life this spring

By Brian Ruckle

The tilt of the earth finally overcame winter's grasp and now is the time to start working on your garden, home and lawn.

Bring back color to your home with some flowers or start on your garden by stopping by the Gary Greenhouse open house April 27 & 28 at 4706 Bluff Road. Melinda Gary, of Gary Greenhouse, has spotted a few popular trends, including container and raised bed gardening.

"Both options allow the gardener to control growing variables, such as water, soil and light. Trending planters include upcycled items boots, metal household items, etc. - with added drainage and moss liners," Gary said.

Kelly Bowling of Indy Rental and Sales stocks equipment to help homeowners with spring projects, whether it's preparing the lawn or installing a new fence or patio. Popular rental items are seeders, aerators and dethatchers to keep lawns green and healthy. Bowling keeps other tools on hand - like ladders, scissor lifts, skid steers and mini excavators - to make tasks easier and safer. Paver patios are especially popular right now.

After a long winter, you may be able to give

your heating and air conditioning system a temporary rest. You may wish to check out your system before the temperature climbs again.

Joe Annee, of Annee and Bartram, urges homeowners to get their furnace and air conditioner checked in the spring.

"We're going to have some cold weather through May, so it still needs to work properly on the heating cycle," Annee said. "The blower runs constantly on the air-conditioning cycle, so it's important to have that running properly also."

Chris Huser of Lamping/Huser Heating and Cooling, reminds homeowners to maintain their furnace filters.

"Always make sure your furnace filter is cleaned, and check your outdoor condenser coil, which can get clogged up with cottonwood and other debris," Huser said. "Have a professional check the Freon and controls in your air conditioner to ensure proper operation."

Dan Hornaday, of Flooring by Stretch Rite, said today's big flooring trend is hard surfacing. "Many consider replacing carpet in large room areas, (since) hard surfaces are more durable in high-traffic areas, especially after winter, with salt and snow tracked in," he said.







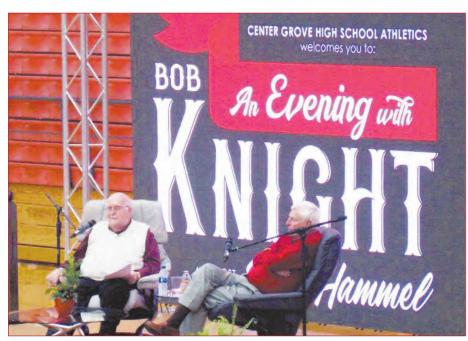


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Retired IU basketball coach, Bob Kniaht, right, spoke to hundreds of attendees at Center Grove High School. Former sports editor, Bob Hammel, moderated the event. (Photo by Angela Norris)

Bob Knight recalls memories as former IU coach

FEATURE

By Angela Norris

Former Indiana University college basketball coach Bob Knight captured the attention of an audience at Center Grove High School as the coach that was once a hero to thousands of people, young and old.

The Hall of Fame coach, also known as "The General", spoke to an audience of several hundred people for 90 minutes at the high school on April 4. Knight coached from 1971 to 2000.

Former sports editor of the Bloomington Herald-Times, Bob Hammel, moderated the event and sat beside Knight, helping the coach to remember some of his fondest memories from his time with IU.

"I meant to tell you all earlier, by the way, I'm 82 and Bob is 78. Now, if you have a grandpa or great-grandpa that age, I guarantee you (that) A: his memory isn't what it used to be and B: probably his hearing isn't very good, either," Hammel said, covering for his friend, Knight.

Knight displayed emotion at times and mentioned more than once that the best days of his life were when he coached IU. The first time he said it, he received a standing ovation.

At one point, Hammel said that he was going to read a list of great basketball players who lost their final college game to Knight and IU in the NCAA tournament. Included on the list was Michael Jordan, Shaguille O'Neal and Don MacLean. Hammel started

talking about the Olympics gold medal game Knight coached in 1984, when the U.S. beat Spain by more than 30 points.

After that, an audience member asked Knight for his advice on coaching mental toughness; then Knight's cellphone rang. "Hang on," Knight said to the audience, and answered the phone. "What the hell do you want?" he said to the caller. "Well, I'm busy. Can you give me a call? Give me a call in about a month. All right, well, call me in a little bit. Well, hell, yes I'm busy. What do you think? You know, I don't just sit around on my ass like you do." The audience erupted in laughter and applause at the usual witty banter from the coach.

Hammel then introduced his and Knight's wives, who were sitting in the audience. Minutes later, after their wives had been introduced, Knight interrupted a story to ask if his wife was there. "My wife is over there; where are you?" Knight said. "Please stand."

"OK, well, the reason I ask for my wife to show her presence ... she's without any exception the smartest person I've ever known and she was a damn good coach and I actually would listen to her."

He then reflected on the past, time spent with the players and coaches and talked about his appreciation for them.

When asked by an audience member his predictions for the final four, Knight said, Well, I think it will be the team with the best defense." The audience cheered.

The former coach's legacy will be remembered throughout generations of basketball and Hoosier fans alike.



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AROUND TOWN

White River Alliance Clear Choices Clean Water initiative seeks volunteers

Conservation - The White River Alliance's Clear Choices Clean Water initiative encourages Indianapolis residents to take a pledge for improving water quality and conservation in Indiana. Participants who pledge can choose to plant more native plants, conserve water both indoors and outdoors, or they can volunteer in their own neighborhoods. Residents can "adopt a storm drain" by keeping their neighborhood storm drains free of debris and reporting polluters that they indiana.clearchoicescleanwater.org/service/adopt-asee: storm-drain. Residents can also form SWAT teams (Storm Water Actions Teams) in their neighborhoods. These teams remove leaves and debris from around storm drains in the neighborhood, mark the drains with educational markers and place Clear Choices Clean Water Adopt-a-Storm Drain door hangers on residents' doors: thewhiteriveralliance.org/ programs/storm-water-action-teams-swat. For more info, visit indiana.clearchoicescleanwater.org.

Relax and create through Arts in the Parks program

Parks & Recreation – Enjoy beautiful scenery while creating works of art through the Arts in the Parks and Historic Sites program, sponsored by the Indiana Arts Commission. The program is designed to draw upon both traditional and nontraditional arts and artists in Indiana and weave arts programming into the natural beauty and rural settings of Indiana. More than 250 projects are taking place across the state this year that encourage the creation of and public engagement with art, as well as the chance to experience Indiana's state park and state forest system, and its historic sites. Arts programs at Indiana State Parks properties range from a natural dyes workshop at McCormick's Creek State Park to creating art projects out of recycled materials at Versailles State Park to traditional Miami plant- and food-knowledge hikes at Chain O'Lakes State Park and crafting music in the trees at Mississinewa and Salamonie lakes. A complete listing of 2019 opportunities, including dates, locations and program summaries is at IN.gov/arts/files/IAC 2019-APHS-Activities. xlsx. For more information about Arts in the Parks and Historic Sites, visit IN.gov/arts/2905.htm. To view all DNR news releases, please see dnr.IN.gov.

Be a lifesaver: give blood with the Red Cross this spring

Donors needed – Eligible blood donors of all blood types – especially type O – are urged to give blood through the American Red Cross now to help ensure a sufficient supply for hospital patients this spring. Make an appointment to help save lives now by downloading the free Red Cross Blood Donor App, visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Upcoming blood donation opportunities through April 15 include, in Indianapolis: April 2, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Indiana University School of Dentistry, 1121 W. Michigan St.; April 11, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., IUPUI - Taylor Courtyard, 801 W. Michigan St.; and April 15, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., IU Health Methodist Hospital, 1701 Senate Blvd. In Johnson County, dates include the following: March 29, 2-6 p.m., Walmart, 2125 N. Morton, Franklin; and April 10, 3-7 p.m., Walmart, 1333 N. Emerson Road, Greenwood.

PERRY TOWNSHIP MARKETPLACE

AROUND TOWN



Perry Kiwanis inducts Kimtoiya Sam

Induction – Kimtoiya Sam was inducted into Perry Kiwanis by member and Lt. Gov. of the Kiwanis Capitol Division, Steve Hadley (right), with assistance from member Kevin Wheeler. A native of Gary, Sam graduated from Roosevelt High School. She received a bachelor's degree in field business sociology from Indiana State University and a master's degree in field business management from Indiana Wesleyan University. Presently, she is pursuing her doctorate in psychology from Walden University in Minnesota. Sam is a team leader/licensed substance abuse therapist. She and her husband, Martin, have two children: India, a Pike Twp. teacher, and Martin, a student at Franklin Twp. Middle School - East.



Mary Bryan Elementary supports first grader with cancer

Support - Mrs. Aud's first grade class from Mary Bryan Elementary is showing support for their ailing friend. Pictured (not in order): Mrs. Aud's class, Christina Steele (Riley Educational Liaison), Andrew Autajay (Riley Foundation), Susan Miles (Riley Foundation), Adam Karcz (Director of Infection and Prevention at IU Health), Adairius Gardner (Director of Government Affairs at IU Health), Principal Dana DeHart and Assistant Principal Jack Heath. First grader Bawi Sang was recently diagnosed with a brain tumor and is receiving medical treatment in Cincinnati. Riley Children's Foundation, in partnership with IU Health and Speedway LLC, brought their Bear in a Chair program to the class, so Bawi will have a giant bear keeping his seat warm until he returns. Students also show love for their friend via video phone calls and writing letters. The following organizers made this gesture possible: Christina Steele (Riley Educational liaison), Andrew Autajay (Riley Foundation), Susan Miles (Riley Foundation), Adam Karcz (Director of Infection and Prevention at IU Health) and Adairius Gardner (Director of Government Affairs at IU Health).





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SUNDAY, APRIL 14: Palm Sunday Masses 7:30 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am

TUESDAY, APRIL 16: Chrism Mass 2 pm at SS Peter and Paul Cathedral

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17: St. Jude School Mass 9 am

> THURSDAY, APRIL 18: Holy Thursday 7 pm

FRIDAY, APRIL 19:

St. Jude School Presentation of The Stations of the Cross 10:30 am Good Friday Service with Veneration of the Cross & Communion 2 pm Stations of the Cross 6 pm

> SATURDAY, APRIL 20: Easter Vigil 8 pm

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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GARFIELD PARK

Yoga • Yoga classes are now held each week on Thursdays. \$5. |When: April 11 & 15, 6 p.m. |Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave. |Info: Call (317) 788-4986 for questions.

Movies • Movie follows dinner. Free of charge. | When: April 11, 17 & 24, 5:30 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave. | Info: Call (317) 788-4986 for questions.

Spring Euchre Tournament • The tournament is a fundraiser to benefit Servant's Heart of Indy. The \$20/person price includes play, food and an entry for a door prize; 50/50 tickets will be sold separately. Prizes will be awarded for first, second, third place and loaners. | When: April 13, doors open at 5 p.m., dinner at 5:30 p.m.; games begin at 6 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community center, 5245 Hornet Ave. | Info: Reserve your spot by sending an email to euchre@servantsheartofindy.org.

Mini Monday • Learn and play program for preschoolers. Free of charge. | When: April 15, 10 a.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave. | Info: (317) 788-4986.

Zumba • Zumba classes are held each week on Mondays \$5. | When: April 15, 6 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave. | Info: Call (317) 788-4986 for questions.

Fourth Annual Going Green in the Grove Arbor Day Celebration • Crafts, activities and education. Five hundred free native trees, art contest voting, collaborative art projects. Free event. | When: April 27, noon-4 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave. | Info: Call (317) 788-4986 for questions.

National Day of Prayer 2019 • Love One Another. John 13:34-35; Pray for America. Spiritually & political harmony. | When: May 2, noon-12:30 p.m. | Where: Beech Grove City Hall (weather permitting), 806 Main St. | Info: (317) 788-4979

FOUNTAIN SQUARE

Science of the Fidget Spinner Class for Kids • Children ages 7 and up are invited to use Legos to explore the physics of energy, friction and forces. | When: April 13, 2-3 p.m. | Where: Fountain Square Library, 1066 Virginia Ave. | Info: Call (317) 275-4390; attend.indypl.org/event/1521566.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

Preschool Storytime at Franklin Road • Preschoolers ages 3-6 and an adult are invited to listen to stories and participate in preschool activities. | When: April 30, 1:15-2:15 p.m. | Where: Franklin Road Library, 5550 S. Franklin Road. | Info: (317) 275-4380; attend.indypl.org/event/1699651. **Spring Forum for Church Women United** • The Pastor, Gloria Vaughn, will be speaking about her recent trip to Egypt. An offering will be taken for Girls Inc. for camp scholarships. | When: April 15, 9:30-11:30 a.m. | Where: Garfield Park Baptist Church, 1061 E. Southern. | Info: sherrillfranklin@yahoo.com.

GREENWOOD

SALI Open House • Free art show by Hoosier artist, Arylne Springer. She will be exhibiting a collection of fascinating prints. Light refreshments will be served. | When: April 12, 6-8 p.m. | Where: The Southside Art League, Inc. (SALI) Off Broadway Gallery, 299 E. Broadway St. | Info: (317) 882-5562.

Spring concert • Sit back and enjoy an hour of live music from Greenwood Community Band's 90-plus piece group, performing a wide range of well-rehearsed concert band arrangements. A concert ticket is not required for you or your friends to attend, but a donation of canned goods for the local Salvation Army is greatly appreciated. | When: April 14, 2-3:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Community High School, 615 Smith Valley Road. | Info: greenwodband.org/events.

Introducing the Soil Food Web: Soil Biology Basics for Organic Gardening • This class will introduce you to the great diversity of life residing in good soil, and the role they play in nurturing that soil to produce healthy and thriving plants. |When: April 23, 6-9 p.m. | Where: White River Branch Library, 1664 Library Blvd. | Info: eventbrite.com/e/ introducing-the-soil-food-web-soil-biology-basics-for-organic-gardening-tickets-58589500774.

Mother's Night Out Purse Bingo • Tri Kappa Greenwood/Delta Lambda Chapter presents "Mother's Night Out". All proceeds stay local to support charities and scholarships. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 for reserved tables. Must be 18 to enter. Cash only. | When: May 8, 6:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Moose Lodge #2079, 813 W. Smith Valley Road. | Info: (317) 727-5662; trikappa. greenwood.bingo@gmail.com.

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Gala for the Grove • Join us for an elegant evening supporting Center Grove students and teachers. Proceeds from the Gala allow the Center Grove Education Foundation to provide additional learning experiences and resources for Center Grove students and teachers. Black tie optional. | When: April 13, 6 p.m. | Where: The Indiana Roof Ballroom, 140 W. Washington St. | Info: centergrovefoundation.org/2019-gala-for-the-grove.

All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church Rummage Sale • All Souls Unitarian Church will have its annual rummage sale. There will be a large selection of housewares, electronics, sports equipment, lawn equipment, clothing and books. Come early for the best selection. | When: April 25 & 26, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Where: 5805 E. 56th St. at Channing Road. | Info: allsoulsindy.org.

Die Fledermauschen Tanzgruppe • "On with the dance: let joy be unconfined!" die Fledermauschen, Dans Norden and the Kindertanzgruppe. Come see your dancers at Frulingfest. New interested dancers of all ages and abilities are always welcomed! | When: April 28, 1-2 p.m. | Where: Bethlehem Lutheran Church (corner of 52nd/Central). | Info: Contact Marie Lawlor at mlawlor63@yahoo.com.

PERRY TOWNSHIP

Meeting for new library branch • The Indianapolis Public Library is planning a new branch to serve the community in West Perry Township. Share your thoughts and ideas about your new library! | When: April 11, 7-8:30 p.m. | Where: Meridian Woods Park Clubhouse, 6760 Yellowstone Parkway. | Info: (317) 275-4012; jhelling@indypl.org.

Lenten Breakfast Series • Men, women and children are welcome to the no-charge breakfast. A free-will offering will help support the host churches' Mission Target and 100 percent of the money goes to the Mission Target. | When: April 13, 7:30-8:55 a.m. | Where: Edgewood United Methodist Church, 1820 E. Epler Ave. | Info: 317-730-2939.

Caregiver Support Group: Relax with Tai Chi -Catholic Charities Indianapolis sponsors monthly caregiver support groups for family members/ friends who are caregivers of older adults. Meetings are open to current caregivers as a way to share and learn from each other. Please confirm attendance. | When: April 15, 5:30-7 p.m. | Where: St. Mark Catholic School, 541 E. Edgewood Ave., 46227. Door #1 is now the entry point. | Info: Monica Woodsworth at (317) 261-3378 or mwoodsworth@archindy.org.

St. Jude Good Friday Fish Fry • Boy Scout Troop 51 is hosting the annual Good Friday Fish Fry. Dinner includes a fish filet plate or sandwich, choice of sides (macaroni and cheese, coleslaw, green beans or applesauce), a drink and dessert. | When: April 19, 5-7 p.m. | Where: St. Jude Cafeteria, 5353 McFarland Road. | Info: (317) 753-0866; haggenjos04@gmail.com.

SOUTHPORT

ABCs of Diabetes • A free four-part diabetes education series instructed by the Marion County Public Health Department. Topics include eating healthier, increasing activity, taking medications and preventing complications. Please plan to attend all four classes. Registration is required. | When: Tuesdays, April 16 and 23, 5:30-7 p.m. | Where: Southport Library, 2630 E. Stop 11 Road. | Info: (317) 221-2094.

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Pet Sematary Some things are best left dead

MOVIE REVIEW

By Bradley Lane

Pet Sematary was originally written by Stephan King in 1983, shortly after it was adapted into a feature film in 1989. So, now after 30 years have gone by, we are getting an updated version from the directing duo, Kevin Klösch and Dennis Widmyer. In 2017 Stephan King's *It*, a similarly remade property, was released and made its money back 20 times over with a budget of \$35 million. This sort of box office success nearly ever goes unnoticed, so of course in the coming years we can expect a slew of Stephan King remakes and reboots, of which *Pet Sematary* is the first.

Pet Sematary follows the story of the Creed family as they uproot their lives in Boston to move to Ludlow, a rural town in Maine. Soon after arriving in their new house, they soon discover a cemetery for the town's pets that have passed in the woods on their property. Soon after this discovery, strange things start to happen to each of the family members, including their cat, Church. After Church is presumably hit by a car, Louis, the father of the family, and Judd, their new neighbor, go to bury him in the pet cemetery. However, Judd shows Louis a dark secret deep in the woods that leads Louis down a dark path that will affect everyone he loves.

So many elements of Pet Sematary are incredibly frustrating, none more frustrating than the first and second acts of this film. The first act of Pet Sematary, and more specifically the first 20 or so minutes, are fantastic. The film does a great job of foreshadowing what horrors await as well as teasing heady themes of death, past trauma and letting go. Unfortunately, after those opening sequences, the film dips dramatically in quality. For the next hour audiences will be treated with ample expositional dialogue, bland generic jump scares and character building that leads to nowhere. It is a long slog to get to the third act, and even then the film fumbles the ending, leading to a very anti-climatic ending.

The performances range from great to just okay. Jason Clarke, and especially John Lithgow, give emotional and convincing performances, while Amy Seimetz and the child actors give performances that are passable, but never hit the emotional depths that their roles demand.

Pet Sematary's weakest elements, however, lie in the filmmaking surrounding the story. The gray and washed out color palette they use at night and in the forest is visually displeasing, and the green screen utilization in the woods does not belong in a movie with a wide release in 2019. Additionally, the shot structure and editing in this film leaves a lot to be desired.

The most puzzling decision that the filmmakers made was the decision to remake this film. The original is certainly not a masterpiece in any right, but the remake does not further the themes of the original, nor does it have anything new and distinct to say about the source material. The film and source material deal heavily with letting go and the idea that things get nasty when you try and drag something back from the past. If only the producers, writers and directors had paid more attention to the messaging within their own film.



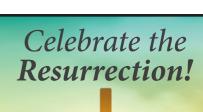
Bradley is a Beech Grove High School alumnus and has been enamored by film for as long as he can remember. He is currently in his third year studying at IUPUI, majoring in Media and Public Affairs with a minor in Film. Bradley can be contacted at blane2214@gmail.com.



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Breakfast with the Easter Bunny • The Easter Bunny is hopping by for breakfast on the way to Main Street Easter Express. Space is limited! Registration required. \$10 per family. Visit with the Easter Bunny for free afterward at Elton Geshwiler Senior Center during the Main Street Easter Express. | When: April 13, 9:30-10:30 a.m. (breakfast); 11 a.m.-noon (Main Street Easter Express). | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave.; Geshwiler Senior Center, 602 Main St. | Info: Call (317) 788-4986 for questions; register for breakfast at bit.ly/easterbunnybreakfast.

Community Good Friday Service • Come let us sing praise unto the Lord and let His words speak to our hearts. Everyone is welcome. | When: April 19, 7 p.m. | Where: South Emerson Church of God, 3939 S. Emerson Ave. | Info: (317) 787-0467

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

Community Easter Egg Hunt • Our team welcomes you to an afternoon of family fun. Take part in our Easter egg hunt, enjoy prizes and learn more about our center. Bunny, pictures, food and fun.| When: April 20, 1:30 p.m. | Where: SouthPointe Healthcare Center, 4904 War Admiral Dr. | Info: Contact Alexis Zollman, admissions director, at (317) 315-6210.

GREENWOOD

EASTER EVENTS

Easter Egg Hunt with Greenwood Public Library • Carpenter Realty, Bailey & Wood Financial Group and Greenwood Public Library are sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt. This free, family-friendly event will feature egg hunts for ages 0-10 and more family fun! When: April 13, 10 a.m.-noon. | Where: 615 Smith Valley Road. | Info: (317) 885-1330; pageafterpage.org/white-river-branch.

Pet Photo Night • Pet Photo nights are hosted after regular mall closing and the set gets an extensive cleaning following the event to remove any potential risk to allergy sufferers. | When: April 14, 6:30-8 p.m. | Where: Von Maur Court, Greenwood Park Mall, 1251 U.S. 31 N. | Info: evensi.us/pet-photos-easter-bunny-47-greenwood-park-mall/293938896; eventbrite.com/e/pet-photos-with-easterbunny-414-tickets-57025224983.

Caring Bunny • Greenwood Park Mall provides an opportunity for people with all spectrums of special needs and their families to enjoy this time-honored holiday tradition through a sensory-friendly Caring Bunny event in association with Autism Speaks. Photos will be taken and available for purchase at this event. | When: April 14, 8:30 a.m. | Where: Von Maur Court, Greenwood Park Mall, 1251 U.S. 31 N. | Info: simonbunny.com.

Free Easter Egg Hunt • All are welcome! For ages up to 10. Dress for weather outside hunt. Bring container for eggs. | When: April 20, 3 p.m. | Where: Triumph Church, 99 W. Broadway. (Corners of Broadway and Brewer in Old Town Greenwood, 46142.) | Info: Anna E. Camden at (317) 513-2251.

SOUTHPORT

Easter Egg Hunt • Join us for a free Easter egg hunt and take a photo with the Easter bunny. | When: April 13, 11 a.m. | Where: Southport Park, 6901 Derbyshire Road.| Info: southport.in.gov.

Community Easter Egg Hunt • Calvary Lutheran Church & School is holding a Community Easter egg hunt. The fun will include food, a petting zoo, a bounce house, crafts, a puppet show and of course, the Easter egg hunt. There will be a separate area dedicated to younger children. Bring the kids and their friends. This free event is open to the public and all are welcome. |When: April 13, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. | Where: Calvary Lutheran Church, 6111 Shelby St. | Info: (317) 753-0866; haggenjos04@gmail.com. Holy Thursday Mass 6:30PM Good Friday Service 6:30PM

Saturday Easter Vigil Mass 8PM Easter Sunday Mass 10AM

Good Shepherd Catholic Church 2905 Carson Avenue, 46203 (317) 783-3158 goodshepherdindy.org completely handicapped accessible

Triumph, joy and validation after a successful surgery

NUTRITION

By Wendell Fowler

Words fail to express our joyous gratitude for the successful outcome of Sandi's tumor removal surgery. We call it a miracle and the surgeon described it the perfect scenario: healthy going in, healthy going out. (Exhale!)

After physical, mental and spiritual preparation, the successful surgery to remove the tumor was due to what her delighted surgeon explained: Sandi's confidant, optimistic attitude, our plant-based diet and lifestyle, exercise, community support, meditative prayer and intentions. Plus, at 72, she has no age-related disease like high blood pressure, heart disease, obesity, or diabetes, which "made surgery a breeze", the surgeon remarked. Because she entered surgery heathy, the surgeon said the outcome may not have been so good. Instantly, the sadness, worry or fear lifted as our hearts danced in joy.

Not just cancer, but the American Cancer Society states a plant-based diet can be used as a powerful potential treatment for chronic diseases and conditions — such as hypertension, heart disease, stroke, type 2 diabetes, obesity, osteoporosis and multiple types of cancer. Eighty percent of all healthcare spending in the U.S. is tied to the treatment of conditions rooted in the poor lifestyle choices you are going to change, right?

As sure as the sun's going to shine tomorrow, the plant-based diet and lifestyle I've been preaching is set in stone worldwide as your antidote to the current plague of largely preventable diseases of modern society. Reminder: a plant-based diet (PBD): A wholefoods plant-based eating pattern rich in non-GMO, fresh local fruits and vegetables, beans, herbs, nuts and seeds, good fats, minimal unprocessed whole grains, low in meat, dairy and zero-processed junk foods. (The genesis of many diseases.) A PBD, along with other healthy living habits, can improve many chronic health conditions and help keep your sacred temple healthy and energetic. It's doable because everyone has full access to the knowledge of how to prevent the heartbreak.

Health is the sum of our choices ... not a family hand-me down as you'd like to think. Genes may load the gun, but you pull the trigger. We must be thankful this info has come forward. We most certainly are!



It's about time we discussed this, noon or midnight

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

If having kids has taught me anything, it's that I'm never going to be on time for anything again in my life. At best, I'll be 10 minutes late with at least one person crying and at least one person sporting an unidentified stain. But if time is all relative, does it really matter? Unfortunately, yes. In our culture of scheduled meetings, being time savvy is important.

I often hear people wondering about "next Thursday." When a corporate headhunter suggests you have an interview lunch at the steakhouse next Thursday, does she mean "Thursday a few days from now?" or "Thursday next week?" Is there a correct way to refer to this? Obviously, if she would have said "this Thursday," she would mean "Thursday a few days from now." But "next" is a relative term; there's no general agreement on "next Thursday." When in doubt, be as specific as possible and try to avoid confusion.

What about a.m. and p.m.? Great question. Some would suggest a.m. stands for "after midnight" and p.m. stands for "post midday," but that isn't true. These abbreviations are Latin: a.m. is short for "ante meridiem" (before noon) and p.m. is short for "post meridiem" (after noon). AP Style suggests writing these abbreviations with lowercase letters and periods after each letter (e.g., 8 a.m.).

While we still have some time, let's discuss noon and midnight. To avoid redundancy, don't say "12 noon" or "12 midnight." You can say "I left the bar around midnight," but it would be redundant to say, "I left the bar around 12 midnight."

Finally, we have to talk about time zones (because you'll inevitably find yourself in one before too long). Most of Arizona

doesn't even observe Daylight Savings Time, so why do we need to bother with abbreviations like EDT and EST? EDT stands for Eastern Daylight Time (roughly spring and summer), and EST stands for Eastern Standard Time, which is approximately autumn and winter. Do we need to specify? Probably not, because it's just confusing. Instead, I suggest using "ET" for Eastern Time, "CT" for Central Time, and so on.

Now I'm officially out of time, although there are plenty more timely topics we could continue to discuss. Let me know what grammar-related time troubles you experience.

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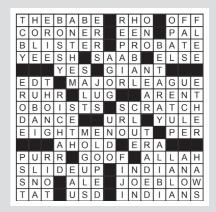


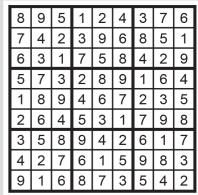
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OBITUARIES

Patricia Jean Allen

Patricia Jean Allen, 90, of Plainfield, and longtime Southside resident, died April 6, 2019. She was born April 7, 1928 in Charles City, lowa to the late Roy N. and Stella V. Virchow. She was preceded in death by her husband, Donald E. Allen, Sr.; daughter, Rebecca J. Fishel; and grandson, Donald Joseph Allen. Survivors include her sons, Donald Allen and Stephen (Barbara) Allen; grandchildren, Nathan (Tammy) Fishel, Natalie (Zane) Brodie, Samantha (Lee) Cherolis, Max (Carina) Allen; and great-grandchildren, Noah, Micah, Summer and Lena. Services will be private for her family. Arrangements have been entrusted to G.H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home. She will be buried in Washington Park East.

Glen A. Braden

Glen A. Braden, 86, of Gurnee, Illinois, died April 3, 2019. He was born on Dec. 27, 1932 in Indianapolis to the late Russell and Margaret (Yarling) Braden. Glen served his country in the United States Navy for 26 years, serving in the Vietnam and Korean War, where he received the Silver Star. After retiring from the Navy, he worked for the post office as an inspector for 26 years. He was a member of the Moose and VFW in Gurnee, Illinois. Glen and Lois enjoyed being snowbirds down in Ft. Myers for 23 years, traveling in their RV, boating, camping, fishing and just spending time with family and friends. He was preceded in death by his step-son, Richard Braden in 2013 and brother, William Braden. Survivors include his wife, Lois R. (Holsapple) Braden; four children,

Carl Braden, John

Braden, Cheryl Griffen and Glen Allen Braden; stepdaughter, Robin Braden; two grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m., Friday, April 12 at Warren Funeral and Cemetery, 1475 N. Cemetery Road, Gurnee, Illinois, with visitation from 11 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial will be at Warren Cemetery, Gurnee, Illinois, with full military honors.

Stella K. Carmer

Stella K. Carmer, 56, of Indianapolis, died April 4, 2019. Stella was born Oct. 19, 1962 to William & Jerry (Israel) Stewart. Stella was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Amber Carmer; and sister, Charla Baker. Stella is survived by her husband of 35 years, David M. Carmer; son, Michael Carmer; grandchildren, Aryanna Pierson, Zayden Carmer, Brayden Pierson and Kaysen Carmer; sisters, Leslie Chesher and Crystal Chesher; and a host of other family and friends. Services were held April 10 at Newcomer - Indianapolis Chapel, 925 E. Hanna Ave., Indianapolis. Burial was in New Crown Cemetery.

Jacob Douglas Cole

Jacob Douglas "Jake" Cole died April 1, 2019. Jake was born Aug. 19, 1987 in Indianapolis to

Mark and Laura (Krupinski) Cole. He was preceded in death by his brother, Justin. He is survived by his parents; his sister, Jill; and his brother, Jared; grandmothers, Carol Cole and Shirley Krupinski; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. Services will be held at



Lynhurst Family Mortuary, 1202 S. Lynhurst Dr., Indianapolis, on Saturday, April 13. Viewing will begin at 10 a.m., with a funeral service at noon and burial immediately following in New Crown Cemetery, 2101 Churchman Ave., Indianapolis.

Judith A. Davee

Judith A. Davee, 70, of Indianapolis, died on April 7, 2019. Judy was born March 1, 1949 to the late David and Helen (Jones) Curd. Judy is survived by her brother and sisterin-law, Stephen & Sherrill Curd; cousins, Mary Ellen Jones, Melissa Barnes and Susan Pitcher.

Deedee Rose Batman Malott

Deedee Rose Batman Malott, 52, died March 28, 2019. She was born June 10, 1966 to Richard E. Batman and Mary E. (Poncho) Robertson Batman in Indianapolis. She attended Stout Field Elementary, South Wayne Jr. High and Ben Davis High School. While in grade school, she was active in 4-H and was able to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair. She also delivered The Indianapolis Star, where she won trips to St. Louis and Washington, D.C. While at BDHS, she was in the ROTC. Dee loved animals and was always bringing in strays. Deedee married Phil R. Malott on June 13, 1986. She is survived by her children, Desiree (Jerry) Hendricks, Philip Edwin Malott and Amanda Marie Latner: four grandchildren, Kirsten Michelle Roell, Morgan Michelle Roell, Blake Awesome Hendricks and Toby Andrew Inman. Deedee worked for the Dept. of Workforce Development for over 20 years. She had a good heart and would do without in order to help her family and friends. Dee is proceeded in death by her first husband, Phil; her dad, Richard; and her brother, Richard Allen. A Celebration of Life was held April 6 at Heartland Church of Christ, 1693 W. Main St., Greenwood, IN 46142.

Bobby Gene Ralph

Bobby Gene Ralph died on April 3, 2019. He was born July 9, 1929, in rural Hardin County, Illinois, the son of Frank and Lena (Robinson) Ralph. Bobby was preceded in death by his parents: his wife, Martha Faye Ralph; two brothers; and four sisters. He is survived by his seven children, Judy (Tom) Lloyd; Connie (Ron) Potts; Roger (LaDonna) Ralph; Melinda (Daniel) Holtzclaw; Lena (Robert) Mayer; Barbara (James) Weber; and Martha Drake; 17 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. He was employed for 45 years at Inland Steel Company in Gary, IN and lived in Portage, IN for 60 years. He was a Shriner and a member of the Masonic Lodge for over 60 years. He served on the Shriner Child Transport Unit, taking children for treatment to the Shriner Hospital in Chicago for many years following his retirement. G.H. Herrmann Funeral Home of Greenwood is handling visitation arrangements in Indiana. Aly Funeral Home of Eddyville, IL will handle the funeral service at the Ralph homeplace near the Old Iron Furnace, with burial in Rose Cemetery.

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Joyce A. Roe

Joyce A. Roe, 90, of Greenwood, died April 2, 2019. She was born on April 1, 1929 in Indianapolis to the late Frederick and Fay (Moore) Nikoll. Joyce was a member of Olive Branch Christian Church for more than 80 years; and then with First Christian Church of Beech Grove. She worked for Indiana Bell Telephone before going to the Indianapolis Housing Authority as their payroll technician before retiring in 1994. She enjoyed working in her flower garden, volunteering at the church and helping the ladies in the Esther Circle run the various fundraisers. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of more than 40 years, Robert E. Roe; and brother, Fred Nikoll. Survivors include a daughter, Kay (Roe) Brady; her husband, Robert Brady; son, Ken Roe, his wife, Linda Peterson-Roe; and four grandchildren, Andrew Brady, Alexandra Brady, Erin Roe and Kelsey Roe. Funeral services were conducted at 11:30 a.m., Monday, April 8 at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., with visitation from 10:30 a.m. until the time of the service. She will be laid to rest at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

Karen L. Rose

Karen L. Rose, 69, of Indianapolis, died on April 7, 2019 at her residence. Karen was born Sept. 28, 1949 to Leroy and Effie (Hornaday) Barnes in Beech Grove. Karen was preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Linda Kermode. Karen is survived by her husband of 48 years, George Rose Sr.; son and daughter-in-law, George & Cindy Rose Jr.; grandson, Clayton E. Rose; siblings, Tricia Dudgeon, Diane Phelps, James Barnes and Leroy Barnes, Jr.; and a host of other family and friends. A Celebration of Life service will be held Thursday, April 11, 6 p.m. with visitation from 5 p.m. until the service at Newcomer - Indianapolis Chapel, 925 E. Hanna Ave., IN 46227.

Gerald W. Tabor

Gerald W. "Gerry" Tabor, 77, died April 5, 2019. He was born March 25, 1942 in Lake Charles, Louisiana to the late Wayne E. and Hazel M. (Armistead) Tabor. He served his country in the United States Air Force. Gerry loved spending time with his family, especially his grandson. His greatest joy and hobby was golfing, along with working crossword puzzles, reading, shooting guns and fishing. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Kelly S. Tabor; and sister, Lorelei Jarzombek. Survivors include his wife, Terry L. (Quinlin) Tabor; son, Eric W. Tabor; grandson, Gavin Tabor; and two sisters, Peggy Duranleau and Ginny Stevens. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. on Thursday, April 11 at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 12 at the funeral home. He will be buried in Round Hill Cemetery.

Richard Steven Thomas

Richard Steven "Rick" Thomas died March 24, 2019. He was 73. He was a Marine Corp veteran, serving in the Vietnam War and serving as an interpreter in at least two languages across several continents. He attended IUPUI, majoring in Economics. He was a People's Bank assistant manager for 10 years before briefly working for the state before retiring. Rick was preceded in death by his parents, Robert T. and L. Marie Thomas; brother, Bobby; and by one nephew, Larry. He is survived by four siblings, Ray Thomas, Angela Hilleman, Patti (David) Gentry and Dennis (Karen) Thomas; and by his nephews and nieces, Robert, David and Diane Thomas, Anita Hill, Michael Thomas, Lorne and Cameron Gentry, and Stacy and Marissa Thomas. Visitation will be held Friday, April 19, 4 p.m. until the time of memorial service at 6 p.m. at Simplicity Funeral and Cremation Care, 7250 Madison Ave., Indianapolis, IN. 46227. Arrangements were entrusted to Simplicity Funeral and Cremation Care, Indianapolis.

Billy Elton Watson

Billy Elton Watson, 63, of Indianapolis, died on Feb. 14, 2019. He was born Feb. 1, 1956 in Indianapolis to Richard L. Watson and Betty Lou (Adams) Jackson. He is survived by his daughter, Nichole Adams; and son, Nicholas Watson; as well as three granddaughters. No services are currently scheduled.

Nancy Lou Wilson

Nancy Lou Wilson, 71, of Greenwood, died on April 2, 2019. She was born July 23, 1947 in Indianapolis, to the late Charles and Adeline White. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernie Wilson; and grandson, Jayden Wilson. She is survived by her children, Brian Wilson, Brad (Kim) Wilson and Brittany (Brent) Harris; grandchildren, Justin, Kendall, Garrett, Jozi, Braden, and Brock; great-grandson, Bryar Jay; brother, Bob (Betty) White; and several nieces and nephews. She was a member of Mt. Auburn United Methodist Church. She enjoyed shopping, traveling and spending time with her family and friends. Visitation was held Tuesday, April 9 at G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home at The Gardens of Olive Branch, 1605 S. State Road 135, Greenwood. Nancy was buried in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

Obituaries are printed free of charge. Funeral directors are encouraged to send obituaries and photos to news@ ss-times.com. Information received by noon Tuesday will be published Thursday, space permitting.

PLACES OF WORSHIP

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org. | Sun. Traditional Worship: 9 a.m. &

Edgewood United Methodist • 1820 E.

Epler Ave. | Ph: (317) 784-6086. | Rev. Paul

Wagner. | Sun. Worship: 9 a.m. | Sunday

ASSEMBLY OF GOD

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

P BAPTIST

Crossroads Baptist Church • 1120 S Arlington Ave., Indpls. | Ph: (317) 357-2971. | Pr. Guy Solarek. | Sun.: 10 a.m., 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. | Wed.: 7 p.m. | cbcindy.com.

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

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

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

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

Ritter Avenue Baptist Church • 23 S. Ritter Ave., Indpls. | Ph: (317) 709-1788. Pr. Earl Chestnut. | Sunday School: 10 a.m. | Morning Worship: 11 a.m. | Sun. Evening: 6 p.m. | Thurs. Night: 6 p.m.

CATHOLIC

Good Shepherd Catholic Church • 2905 S. Carson Ave., Indpls. | Ph: (317) 783-3158. | Rev. Bob Robeson, Administrator. | Rev. John Beitans, Sacramental Assisstant. | Sat. Mass: 4:30 p.m. | Sun. Mass: 10 a.m. Completely Handicapped Accessible. All Welcome!

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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.

St. Athanasius Byzantine Eastern - Rite Catholic Church • Blaine Ave., Indpls. | Ph: (317) 632-4157. | Fr. Bryan Eyman. | Sun. (Divine Liturgy Celebrated): 10 a.m. Parish luncheon follows liturgy. saindy.com.

St. Jude • 5353 McFarland Road, Indpls. | Ph: (317) 786-4371. | Fr. Stephen Banet, | Sun.: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. | Sat. Anticipation Mass: 5 p.m.

St. Mark Catholic Church • 535 E. Edgewood Ave., Indpls. | Ph: (317) 787-8246. | Fr. Bill Marks. | Deacon Paul Fisherkeller, | Sun.: 7:30, 9:30, 11:45 a.m. Sat. Anticipation Mass: 5:30 p.m.

† CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Mount Pleasant Christian Church • 381 N. Bluff Road, Greenwood. | Senior Pr. Chris Philbeck. | Sun.: 10 a.m. (ASL Available). | Sun.: 8:45 a.m., 10 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. MPCC online campus: MPCC live at 10 a.m. ET. | mpcc.info.

Southport Heights Christian Church • 7154 S. McFarland Road, Indpls. | Pr. Steve Ferguson. | Bible School: 9 a.m. | Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. | Deaf Ministry: James Wines (317) 493-0414 VP or jewshdcc@ vahoo.com.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

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

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

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Community Church at Murphy's

Preschool • 305 Howard Road, Greenwood. | (317) 881-4477. | Worship Sun.: 9 a.m. | Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. | concordia-lcms.com.

Emmaus Lutheran Church & School Fountain Square). | Ph: (317) 632-1486. a.m.

St. Mark's Free Lutheran Church • 1301

Englert. | Sun.: 10:30 a.m. | Adult & Children's 🚦 🕆 SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Come join us for a traditional style worship experience followed

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Cross-Way Community Church of the Nazarene • 1248 Buffalo St., Beech

Grove. | Pr. Mark Ramsey. | Sun.: 11 a.m. |

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Landing • 7401 S. Harding St., Indpls. | Ph: (317) 807-0222. | Pr. Paul Erny. | Sun.: 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School: 11 a.m. | yourccml.org.

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Church of Acts • 3740 S. Dearborn, Indpls. | Ph: (317) 783-ACTS (2287). | Pr. Bill Jenkins. | Sun.: 10 a.m. | Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m. | Celebrate Recovery Thurs.: 7 p.m. | churchofacts.org.

Church Without Walls • 8977 N. 700 W., Fountaintown. | (317) 771-4689. Sun.: 11:30 a.m. | "Safe Place to be Real." christianspeakingministries.com.

Community Church of Greenwood • 1477 W. Main St., Greenwood. | Ph: (317) 888-6024. | Sun.: 9:20 & 11 a.m. | Real Church. Real People. | ccgonline.org.

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

Foundation Life Bible Church 1500 Windhorst Way, Greenwood. | Ph: (317) 679-1938. | Pr. Sam Pierce. | Sun.: 10:30 a.m. | foundationlbc.com.

Tallwood Chapel Community Church 5560 S. Shelby St., Indpls. | Ph: (317) 787-5595. | Pr. Daniel Smith | Sun.: 10:30 a.m. BIBLE CHURCH, Ministry of HOLY WORD.

PRESBYTERIAN

Greenwood Presbyterian Church • 102 W. Main St., Greenwood. | Ph: (317) 881-1259. | Rev. Peter Zinn. | Sun.: 10:30 a.m. Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

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

P SOUTHERN BAPTIST

Calvary Baptist Church • 200 Sunset Blvd., Greenwood. | Ph: (317) 881-5743. Josh Blight, Associate Pastor of Youth & Families. | Sun.: 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School: 9 a.m. | Something for All Ages.

Southwood Baptist Church • 501 S. 4th Ave., Beech Grove | Ph: (317)786-2719 | Pstr: Rick Porter | Worship Service: 10:45 a.m. | Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. | Sun. & Wed. Eve Worship: 6:30 p.m.

Trinity Baptist Church • 375 E. Southport Road, Indpls. | Ph: (317) 881-2122. | Pr. Douglas Rumsey. | Sun. Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. | Sun. Services: 10:45 a.m. & 6 p.m. | Wed. Bible Study: 7 p.m.

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

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Rosedale Hills United Methodist • 4450 S. Keystone Ave., Indpls. | Ph: (317) 786-6474 | Email: officerhumc@att.net. | Rev. Jill Howard. | Sun.: 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School: 10:45 a.m. | rosedalehillsumc.org.

Smith Valley United Methodist Church

• 5293 Old Smith Valley Road, Greenwood. | Ph. (317) 881-1641. | Sun. Worship: 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School: 11 a.m. | Bible Study Wed.: 6:30 p.m. | smithvalleyumc.org.

UNITY

Unity of Indianapolis Church of the Daily Word • 907 N. Delaware St., Indpls. Ph: (317) 635-4066. | Rev. Bob Uhlar, Senior Minister & Rev. Carla Golden, Director Lay Ministries. | Celebration: 10 a.m. | unityofindy.com.

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Circle of Hope Wesleyan Church • 120 S. 4th Ave., Beech Grove. | Ph: (317) 507-3905. | Sun.: 10:30 a.m. | Wed.: 6:30 p.m. | Food Pantry: 2nd & 4th Wed. 5-7 p.m.

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God is not the author of this

torment. Satan is the author of

that and he works all the way to

the end to try to get us Chris-

tians to die in despair. That we

must not do. We must remem-

ber that even Christ cried from

the cross, "My God, My God,

why have you forsaken me?" He

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Weekly Devotion



14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you.

EXODUS 3:14

43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

JOHN 5:43

I chose these two passages (one from the Old Testament and the other from the New) to illustrate the ongoing presence of God among and with His people. He is a constant presence even if we don't know it or are not aware of it. We find by these two passages of Scripture that He is one with His people even when they are going through some very disappointing and even disastrous times. He has promised that He will never ever forsake us nor leave us to be alone. He is the ever-present "I AM". He was this to Moses and Israel and He was this to Israel in the time of Christ and He is this to His church today.

Sometimes it appears that the Devil is winning. He is not. God knows exactly where he is and what he is doing and how far he has come and just how far he can go. All of this serves God's purpose and we must remember in times of great stress that we are "sheep accounted for the slaughter" and subject to some very hard times but in those times we must remain faithful to God.

It is not easy, I know. It is hard to understand the timing of God. People we know and love go through torment, but

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