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Southside News Quiz

How well do you know your Southside community?

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1 What is the name of the town in the country of Myanmar (Burma) where Rusty Albertson and his family spent the most time?

A. Yangon
B. Panglong
C. Kawa
D. Kalaymyo

2 Where did Perry Township Kiwanis hold their most recent annual golf outing?

A. Hickory Stick Golf Club
 B. Smock Golf Course
 C. Dye's Walk Country Club
 D. Bluff Creek Golf Course

3 Who is the director and writer of the new thriller, *Midsommer*?

A. Ari Aster
 B. M. Night Shyamalan
 C. Quentin Tarantino
 D. Steven King



A close group of friends who graduated from a Southside high school recently celebrated their 71st high school class reunion. Which high school?

A. Beech Grove
B. Center Grove
C. Southport
D. Roncalli

5 Which Southside location is Frederick Douglass Park located?

- A. Fountain Square
- B. Garfield Park

C. Perry Township D. Franklin Township

SEE ANSWERS ON PAGE 18.

THIS WEEK on the WEB



Mayor Joe Hogsett recently joined city and community leaders to kick off the first night of Safe Summer. (*Submitted photo*)

Safe Summer introduced to Fountain Square and other Indianapolis communities

This summer, Indianapolis youth may enjoy free activities and food in a safe place at various Indy Parks and community partner locations, including Frederick Douglass Park in Fountain Square. Safe Summer is an extension of a partnership with the Community Crime Prevention Grant Program through the Indianapolis City-County Council

and the city's Office of Public Health and Safety. Activities include various sports, open mic nights, movie nights, pool days, BBQs, conflict resolution workshops and more.

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A clipping from the Indianapolis Recorder in 1971 shows newly-elected Indianapolis City-County Councillors, including Indiana Pacer player Roger

Brown. Brown was elected as a Republican at-large

member of the council. (Submitted photo)

IndyPL unveils 'Black History, Indianapolis History' digital collection

The Indianapolis Public Library has added family photos and memorabilia from generations of local families to its "Black History, Indianapolis History" digital archive. Notable citizens

represented include Elder Watson Diggs, educator, founder of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity and the first African American to join the Indiana Reserves; Dr. Earle Robinson, Sr., one of the first black graduates of Homer G. Phillips Hospital in St. Louis; acclaimed local artist Joseph Holiday; and local alumni of Crispus Attucks High School.

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FOR THE RECORD

Oops...

In the cover story published July 4, "Faces of Freedom," a veteran's last name was misspelled. Joe Seiter is the correct spelling. His last name was erroneously spelled as Seider. As well, his wife's name is spelled Odine. Her name was incorrectly spelled as Odeen.

We regret the errors.

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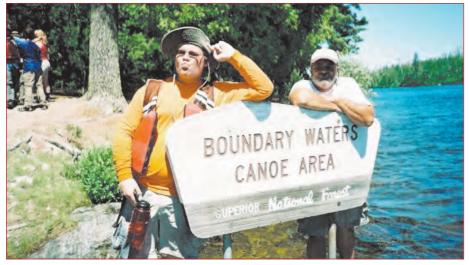
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Kyle & I after completing a week and over 50 miles canoeing the great Boundary Waters. (Photo by Rick Hinton)

That Trail: A summer camp rite of passage for scouts

HAUNTS & JAUNTS

By Rick Hinton

That Trail is a spur trail on the Ransburg Scout Reservation, just outside of Bloomington, running between camping sites situated along Ridge 4 and the graveled drive with the ranges, horse ranch and COPE course on Ridge 5.

It'll save you a few steps, yet you'll still traverse the terrifying "Heart Attack Hill" on Ridge 5, an incline with years of infamy as scouters - old and young alike have had to pause (several times) with red faces and racing hearts as they climb out of the valley and back into sanity. I have a history with this camp as does my son. Over the course of several week-long summer camps, we've both climbed this hill several times a day. We were younger ... our legs were strong! Our hearts benefited from the thunderous pounding. Yet, years bring changes. His scouting career came to a close years ago. Mine, on the other hand, continues to chug along. Sometimes ... just barely.

That Trail is the perfect metaphor for a passage - not only for the life of a Boy Scout Troop, but also a personal passage between a father and son who wanted to see what this scouting thing was all about, dug in, met some great friends along the way, and maybe learned a thing or two in the process. My appreciation for my son Kyle grew as he transformed from an awkward kid unsure of his abilities to one who, in the end, embraced a high adventure trip to the Boundary Waters. It was our last father/son trip with the troop. I wrote a book about it - Scouting the Boundary. Then came his Eagle project where he demonstrated his leadership skills and gave back to our hosting church. After that, he was done.

That Trail in the life of a troop as nothing stays the same forever. Adults and boys cycle in and out, always being replaced by the next cast of characters leaving their imprint upon a history that is dedicated to helping youth rise to the challenge. The opportunity to make a difference in a boy's life is the goal for the adult leadership in any troop. Troop 115 in Pioneer District has been blessed with a strong contingent of adults who have passed through its doors and then were gone like the wisp of smoke. Yet, there are those adults who continue to ride the years. ...

I traveled down to Camp Ransburg last Wednesday to visit the troop for the day. I had not been to summer camp for many years. The adult leaders were new to me as were the boys. The camp, however, remained timeless. I half expected my son Kyle to come bounding into the Pine Grove campsite, out of breath from running and holding his materials from a merit badge class. I sat with Joe Masterson and Terry Webster, two adult long-term leaders whose tenure shows no sign of ending anytime soon. We recollected our glory days and visited the Trading Post for ice cream and T-shirts. We were moving slower than we had in those "glory" days, however and had no desire to take on "Heart Attack Hill."



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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Left top, the Albertsons receive a warm welcome from new friends at the airport in Myanmar. | Left bottom, Kalaymyo, the foot of the Chin state, is where the Albertsons spent most of their time. | Right, the Albertsons visited several villages and towns in the mountain states. | Inset, Rusty Albertson, principal of St. Mark's Catholic School, with his wife, Julie (left) and daughter, Grace (right). (Submitted photos)

Mission of Grace St. Mark's Principal Rusty Albertson and his family experience

Burmese culture, faith and humanity during recent trip to Myanmar

By Stephanie Dolan

St. Mark's Catholic Church and School sits on the southeast corner of U.S. 31 and Edgewood Avenue. It's a staple in its community, and the school is headed by principal Rusty Albertson.

Currently, the school includes a large Burmese population of 170, and - in the spirit of understanding - Albertson, his family and a longtime friend traveled this summer to Myanmar (Burma) to immerse themselves in the culture that bred many of St. Mark's students.

"This trip was brought on by a relationship with people," Albertson said. "We left on June 12 and we returned two weeks later. It was a 24-hour flight. The whole purpose of the trip was to become more educated on the people, on the culture and on the faith. We have such a large Burmese population at St. Mark's."

[•]We left on a Wednesday, and we still arrived on Wednesday night just because of the time difference," Albertson's daughter, Grace, added.

Grace, 20, is a junior at Marian Univer-

sity, studying political science.

Much of the Albertsons' time was spend in a town called Kalaymyo.

"Kalaymyo is at the foot of the Chin state," Grace said. "A lot of people will come to Kalaymyo for work or school. I would compare the size of Kalaymyo to Indianapolis."

Grace said that, once the group arrived from their day-long trip, they were taken care of very well by the priests of the Kalay diocese.

"Bishop Felix Lian had visited here last year," she continued. "They're just now starting to establish Catholic schools in Myanmar."

A life-changing trip

'We didn't go over to try and save the world or change anything," Albertson said. 'We went to learn. We did get a chance to go out to several villages and towns in the mountain states. It was much more than I had anticipated. It really was kind of a lifechanging trip. It brings to the forefront what's important."

Albertson said that, different though it may

have been, he was further outside his comfort zone while traveling to Rome last year.

"That was more of a vacation tour," he said. "This was different. We were immersed in the culture. We titled it 'Mission of Grace'. Ambrose Kap Chin is a parishioner at St. Mark's. He was traveling with us. His sister Angela teaches for me here. He hadn't seen his family in 10 years. He was a very vital part of our trip - not just for interpreting – but to help us know where we needed to go."

Grace said that one of the things they learned was the global importance of personal identity.

"Identity is important," Grace said. "The saliency of identity and what it means to people from Burma, and how it compares to people from America. Going into it, we already had that comfort zone because we'd already been blessed by people sharing their experience of Burma. Going there I think we were very pleasantly surprised. We were in contact with all different kinds of people, professions and experiences."

The beauty in humanity

Grace continued to say that the humanity shown by the Burmese was the best part of the trip.

"I have a lot of really close friends who are from Burma," she said. "Going and getting to communicate with people was really beautiful. The humanity of it was the best part. It was really eye-opening for us in a way that we understand our own ignorance. It's a complicated country, but we had a really great starting point from where our knowledge can grow.

Albertson said that he's reached out to Bishop Felix, offering to bring two of his teachers over to spend time at St. Mark's.

"We would house them and pay the diocese for their time here to fund their teachers' salaries," he said. "It's something we have control of. We didn't learn a lot about their political state. That wasn't the point of our trip. It was refreshing for us to go with the specific purpose of soaking everything

..... Mission of Grace continued on page 5.

COVER STORY



Left top, Rusty, Julie and Grace Albertson were exposed to various aspects of Burmese culture. | Left bottom, the Albertsons enjoyed homemade meals served by friendly hosts. Right top, Grace Albertson made many new friends. | Right bottom, Rusty Albertson and his family visited orphanages and schools as part of their trip. (Submitted photos)

Mission of Grace continued from page 4.

in and then putting that knowledge into the different toolboxes we have to help."

"This idea of understanding," Grace said. "When you do something like this the idea is to go and gain knowledge and perspective. If you are able to understand culturally and even on a personal level understand where they're coming from, great, but the goal is to gain that knowledge and use that in a way that supports your student and facilitates their growth. We went, and we gained a lot of insight and amazing things."

But some Burmese children also gained some amazing things from the Albertsons' visit.

"One of the last places we went in Kalaymyo right before we were leaving to get on a plane that afternoon for Yangon was a seminary," Albertson said. "There were 100 young men in there studying to be priests. It was really moving. You don't have that here in America. You may have 20 or 30 people. We ate breakfast with them. One of the sisters was there with some of her children. She said that we needed to come and visit her convent. It's in the same complex. Those children she had were all ill."

"They were orphans," Grace added.

"We were getting ready to leave, and my wife was very moved by it," Albertson continued. "Any money we had left we gave to the sister. They have to drive on a bus 11 hours one way to get the medicine for these children. The medicine is expensive. We started a GoFundMe page when we got home, and it's already up to \$1,200. We're going to send that money directly to the sisters. We did that because it was the right thing to do, and those are very small things. Pope Francis says just solve the problem in front of you ... just do what you can."

The Albertsons plan to return to Burma next summer.

"I think this was a first step in hopefully a partnership, a relationship, with this country and with its people," Albertson said.



Southside residents celebrate freedom in Beech Grove and Southport

By Rick Hinton and Angela Morefield

Beech Grove's annual All American Day in the Park & Fireworks and Southport's 7th Annual July 4th Parade and Festival fired on all cylinders, day and night.

The festivities began July 3 with Beech Grove Promoter's Club hosting All American Day in the Park. Families from the Southside celebrated the day with music, playing games and relaxing together during the fireworks show.

Southport's parade on July 4 began its route at Southport Elementary, find-

ing its way along Southport Road and ending in Southport City Park. Spectators, wearing their best 4th of July gear, cheered on numerous vendors, councilmen and representatives of Southport and Perry Township.

The festivities continued in Southport City Park with the Independence Day Service, welcomed in by Mayor Russell McClure. Complimentary food and tasty offerings from Kona Shaved Ice truck transitioned the morning into the blue sky of afternoon.

1. Parade spectators troop into Southport City Park. (Photo by Rick Hinton) 2. Murat Shrine clowns yucking it up during Southport's parade. (Photo by Rick Hinton) 3. Beech Grove officials gathered together to visit during the All American Day in the Park. (From left, Deputy Chief Michael Maurice, Mayor Dennis Buckley, Sargent Nathan Ricks, Major Tom Hurrle, Broadcaster Jim Pich and Police Chief Mark Swartz. (Photo by Angela Morefield)



Tips for protecting your pet from the heat

Temperatures on the Southside are climbing into the 90s; adding long, sunny days to that can spell trouble for not only humans, but pets as well.

To help prevent your pet from overheating, the ASPCA offers the following precautions:

- Frequently check your pet's bowls outside to ensure that plenty of fresh, clean water is provided.
- Don't over-exercise your pet and make sure it has a shady place to retreat from the sun.
- Know the symptoms of overheating: excessive panting or difficulty breathing, increased heart and respiratory rate, drooling, mild weakness, seizures, bloody diarrhea, vomiting, elevated body temperature of over 104 degrees, stupor or collapse.
- Never leave your pets alone in a parked vehicle; this can lead to fatal heat stroke and is illegal in several states.
- Animals with flat faces (Pugs and Persian cats) are more prone to heat stroke since they can't pant as effectively, as well as pets that are elderly, overweight or with heart and lung disease. They should be kept cool in air-conditioned rooms as much as possible.
- Never leave pets unsupervised around a pool – introduce your dogs to water gradually and make sure they wear flotation devices when on boats. Don't let your dog drink pool water; it contains chlorine and other chemicals.
- Keep all unscreened windows or doors in your home closed and make sure adjustable screens are tightly secured. Unscreened windows pose a danger to pets, who often fall out of them.

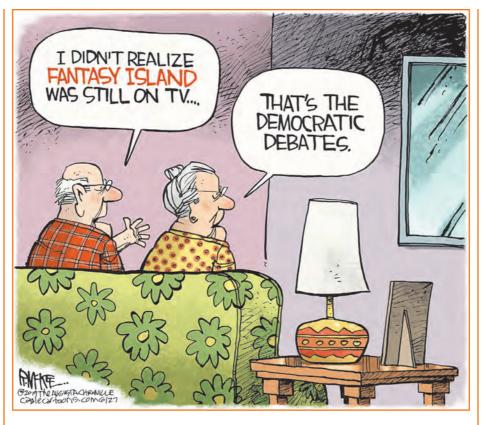
For more tips, go to aspca.org/petcare/general-pet-care/hot-weathersafety-tips.

BELIEVE IT!

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

In Elko, Nevada, everyone walking the streets is required to wear a mask.

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STARS & STRIKES ON THE SOUTHSIDE

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

Stars: to the Beech Grove Promoter's Club for an amazing July 3rd fireworks event.

Stars: to the city of Beech Grove, Hanna's Wrecker Service and AllShred for providing free paper shredding and metal recycling this Saturday from 9 a.m.-noon, behind City Hall! **Stars:** to WIC Indiana and the Beautify Beech Grove Farmers Market for helping to provide quality, locally-grown produce to families.



TOP 10 THINGS I LEARNED NOT TO DO DURING MY LATEST STAY IN THE HOSPITAL

By Torry Stiles

(Dear readers – I did it again. I went and got sick enough to have to spend a few days in St. Francis Hospital. I just can't seem to stay away. I think it's because of the free WiFi.)

- 10. Don't panic when I see something fly past my window. It's not a vulture but a Cessna heading to the Greenwood Airport.
- 9. Don't make fun of the nurse by pointing out that you had a Capri Sun juice pouch hanging from the IV rack since the shift change.
- 8. They expect some pilferage but really frown on you stealing enough gauze to re-enact the chase scene from *The Mummy*.
- 7. The chaplains at St. Francis are fantastic people who do great work. That being said, I wish they had a better sense of humor when I'd go into my whole *Exorcist* bit.
- 6. Everybody hates it when you scream. Even more when you just randomly yell, "Bingo!" all night long.
- 5. They appreciate you being helpful but refuse to let you join them on their rounds and give a second opinion.
- 4. Do not bring raw chicken parts with you to "cough up" later.
- 3. Don't hire your cousin's kid to wander around whispering, "I see dead people."
- 2. Nurses hate it when you walk into a stranger's room and proclaim, "Wow. I was betting with day nurse that you' d be gone by now."
- Be good during your stay. You may be back one day and they'll remember you – especially if you're a biter.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"There is nothing I like better at the end of a hot summer's day than taking a short walk around the garden. You can smell the heat coming up from the earth to meet the cooler night air."

- Peter Mayle, British author

READERS' WRITES

African-American blood donors needed to help those with sickle cell anemia

Diseases like sickle cell anemia require rare blood traits that demand diversity within our blood supply. Increasing African-American donations is vital because blood types O and B, the blood types of about 70 percent of African-Americans, are also the blood types most in demand.

African-American blood donors are also more likely to be a match for most people living with sickle cell disease, which makes them the perfect donors to help sickle cell patients in need of routine or emergency blood transfusions. African-American blood donations are crucial to ensure the closest blood matching for successful blood transfusion outcomes.

We are always in need of diversifying Indiana's daily blood supply. We are also constantly encouraging everyone who can to donate life-saving blood on a regular basis. The need for blood donations now is especially important. Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Hospitals throughout Indiana rely on blood donations for surgery patients, trauma victims and those battling a variety of diseases.

It's also summertime, a time when we see a sharp decline in blood donations. Throughout the academic year, we rely heavily on high school and college students for 30 percent of our blood supply. But when school's out, there are no high school or college blood drives.

Donating blood is easy and only takes about an hour. Anyone age 17 or older in good health who meets eligibility requirements is encouraged to give; parental consent is required for donors age 16 to donate blood.

People need people. Please help save lives and help diversify our blood supply by becoming a blood donor. We are truly stronger together.

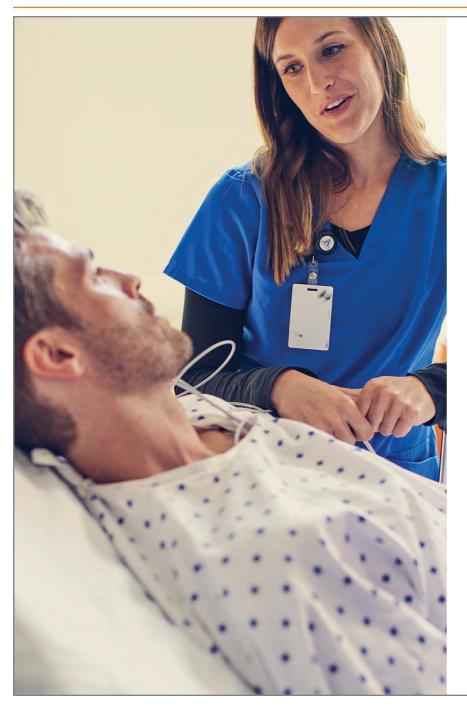
Dr. Charles Miraglia President, Versiti Blood Center of Indiana



Southport Lions to host free eye screenings in July

The Southport Lions Club would like to make your readers aware of our monthly free eye screenings, which we hold at the Southport Public Library, 2630 E. Stop 11 Road. The screenings are for children ages 1 to 6 and are conducted from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, July 16, 17 and 18. No reservations are necessary. For more information, please call Lion AJ Johnson at (317) 250-3556 or Lion Pauline Ulrey at (317) 374-7294.

Thank you, Lion AJ Johnson



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WHAT WILL THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR BRING?

By Nancy Price

The Southside Times thanks the educators in our school system to provide the tools necessary for students to be successful in life. The community is blessed to have such diligent and dedicated educators from our local private and public schools. Thank you also to the parents who believe that education begins in the homes. Beech Grove City Schools, Center Grove Community School Corporation, Franklin Township Schools, Greenwood Christian Academy, Greenwood Community School Corporation, Lutheran High School, Perry Township Schools and Roncalli High School have proudly shared their success stories from the previous school year. We look forward to hearing what they have planned for the upcoming 2019-2020 school year. We're confident that the schools will be having yet another successful and productive year.



Beech Grove City Schools

Dear Beech Grove students and parents,

Another exciting year for Beech Grove City Schools is about to begin! We look forward to welcoming our current students, and those new to the district. The first day of school is Wednesday, July 31, which is a full day for all students, except our kindergarten students; their first day will end at 12:20 p.m. to help our littlest Hornets get adjusted to attending a full day of classes and to help them practice their afternoon transportation procedures without the first graders present.

Be sure to check out the Hornet Blast, our

weekly e-newsletter that is distributed via email every Thursday morning. The Hornet Blast Newsletter includes important information, so be sure you don't miss an issue! Also, be sure to "like us" on our district Facebook page in order to receive regular posts from Beech Grove City Schools.

As you are aware, our high school suffered tornado damage on Saturday, June 15. Although the damage was extensive to portions of our high school building, I want to assure you that Beech Grove High School will be back and better than ever! Although there will be a few changes in the way and where our instruction is conducted at the high school while renovations are being completed, the high quality of instruction will continue and the safety and security of our students and staff will remain our highest priority.

Thank you for your support as we strive to provide the best educational environment for our students and community.

Welcome back, Beech Grove City School students!

Small schools. BIG opportunities. It's always a great day to be a Hornet!

Paul A. Kaiser, PhD Superintendent

Center Grove Community School Corporation

On behalf of the Center Grove Board of School Trustees, administration, faculty and support staff, we would like to welcome everyone back to school on Aug. 6, 2019! We have been counting down the months and days to the 2019-2020 school year for almost two years as we eagerly await the opening of our sixth elementary school, Walnut Grove. This school has been carefully designed to meet the learning needs of our current students, while providing the vision and flexibility we will need for future students.

We invite you to an open house and dedication for Walnut Grove on Saturday, Aug. 3 from 1-3 p.m. We are proud that construction of this school was funded without impacting the tax rate for White River Township taxpayers. While Center Grove's core mission is to educate the nearly 8,500 students we serve, we must also keep those students safe while they are in our care. We are proud of the investments in safety and security we have made over the last five years. We have added school resource officers, school safety officers and security cameras in buildings and on school buses. We've also made investments in our buildings to secure vestibules and developed procedures for access to our buildings.

The recent school tragedies in our country from Colorado to Florida to nearby Noblesville and Richmond, Indiana have led us to scrutinize even more deeply the safety and security measures we have in place. In 2018, we commissioned the Safe Havens International group to conduct a thorough audit of safety and security throughout all school facilities. They found several things Center Grove is doing well, along with recommendations for improvement. Next, we surveyed our community via Thought Exchange to hear what our parents, staff and community members wanted to see in our schools to improve safety and security and provide mental health support for our students. The needs identified by Safe Havens and identified in our community survey aligned into three main areas: live monitoring, fast response/ deterrents and mental health & classroom/ teacher supports.

The Center Grove Board of School Trustees and Administration has worked diligently for the last decade to fund building and other projects while keeping the tax rate flat. We have also provided pay increases to our teachers and staff for four of the last five years. That's even more impressive when you realize Center Grove is consistently among the lowest funded school districts in the state. In 2018, Center Grove's funding per student was 276th out of 289 school districts. We are also fortunate that we have not had to deal with substantial tax cap losses. But as our home values continue to increase, we estimate we will lose just over \$12 million in financial support in the next eight years. The board and our leadership team have discussed the importance of investing in the areas identified by the Safe Havens Safety Audit and the Thought

Exchange survey.

As you may know, state law restricts how schools can spend the money in each of their funds. We do not want to wait and hope that we will be able to fit these needed improvements into our budget over the next five, 10, or 15 years. We want to make these investments as soon as possible, so that the students we have right now will benefit from them. To make these investments, the board has voted to place a referendum on the Nov. 5 ballot that, if approved, would provide 11.5 cents per \$100 in assessed value to support our schools. The referendum would establish a new, separate fund from which Center Grove could pay for safety, security and mental health/classroom support investments. Please know that the decision to seek a referendum is not a decision that our school leadership came to guickly. My team and I have spent months reviewing the recommendations from the Safe Havens International Safety Audit and the thoughts shared through our community survey. We have revised our list of priorities to include only the investments that are most important to keep the tax levy as low as possible. We have developed a website with information in an effort to provide information that is both transparent and thorough to help you make well-informed decisions at centergrove.k12.in.us/SaferCG.

Keeping our students safe is a tremendous responsibility in the world in which we now live. It is a responsibility I take very personally as your superintendent and the parent of two children who attend Center Grove Schools. Putting off these investments is not a risk we want to take. We appreciate the tremendous partnership we share with our parents and residents of our community as we work to provide exceptional educational experiences for our students. I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions and additional recommendations. Please remember that the school referendum will be on the Nov. 5, 2019 ballot.

> Sincerely, Richard A. Arkanoff, Ed.D. Superintendent

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Franklin Township Community School Corporation

On behalf of the Franklin Township Community School Corporation School Board, administration, faculty and support staff, we would like to welcome everyone back to school for the 2019-2020 school year!

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Franklin Township Community School Corporation focuses on learning, collaboration and results. In the 2018-2019 school year, besides leading Marion County public township schools in ISTEP+ scores, FTCSC had four four-star schools and six schools rated "A" by the Indiana Department of Education, the most for any Marion County public school district. Franklin Central High School (FCHS) earned Silver Status and is ranked as a Best High School in Indiana and America by U.S. News & World Report for the sixth straight year. FCHS is ranked in the top 10 for central Indiana, top 16 for Indiana and in the 10 percent nationally for Best High Schools. In addition, FCHS is once again recognized by the Indiana Department of Education as an Indiana top high school for our Advanced Placement exams passing percentage.

The Wanamaker Early Learning Center will be opening this school year. The Wanamaker Early Learning Center has openings for children ages 3-5 years old. You may learn more about the Wanamaker Early Learning Center at their website, welc.ftcsc. org or by following them on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

We know that student success increases when our parents and the community are actively involved in our schools. We encourage you to contact your child's school to find ways to volunteer in the school. In addition, please visit and bookmark our website at ftcsc.org for resources and information to help your child experience success this school year. Finally, you can also stay current by following our central office, schools, classrooms, teams and clubs on social media -Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and YouTube. Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! #WeAreFlashes

> Kent Pettet, Ph.D. Chief People Officer

Greenwood Christian Academy

With over two decades of service to families of the greater Greenwood community, Greenwood Christian Academy (GCA) has reset its mission, vision and strategic plan for the future. There have been many changes in the past 18 months leading up to the 2019-2020 school year. After a yearlong search, GCA has hired Mr. Michael C. Chitty to serve as Superintendent of

Schools. Mr. Chitty comes to GCA with 26 years of educational experience and is focused on resetting GCA for a future of growth, community leadership and improvement. GCA is an interdenominational Christian school with a student body of more than 500 students in grades PK through 12, representing more than 80 local churches.

There are many reasons to consider Greenwood Christian Academy including, but not limited to, the following:

- 1. A safe, fun and Christ-focused learning environment
- 2. Twenty-first century preparedness, including curriculum that keeps God #1
- An emphasis on serving, leading and others
 A comprehensive education, focusing on
- the whole child
- 5. Technology integration in the classrooms
- 6. Dual credit college courses

- 7. Special Needs Department
 - 8. Fine Arts Department (drama, choral, band, art)
 - 9. Athletic members of the IHSAA (many sport options for both girls and boys)
 - Graduates accepted and attend the best colleges/universities around the country
 Affordable tuition with many voucher
 - and financial aid options 12. Accredited by the State of Indiana
 - 13. Bus route options
 - 14. A highly qualified, certified and experi-
 - enced faculty and staff 15. Value system encouraging integrity,
 - discipline, character, etc.

It is true that parents have only one chance to raise their children. In an everchanging and challenging society, it is imperative that parents place their children in a safe, caring environment that reinforces and teaches the belief systems and values taught at home. Greenwood Christian Academy seeks to be an extension of the home, partnering with parents to help raise their children. For more information about all that GCA offers, please visit our website at gcak12.org or call (317) 215-5300. Our first day for students is Aug. 6.

> Michael C. Chitty Superintendent of Schools

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Greenwood Community School Corporation

On behalf of the Greenwood Community School Corporation Board of Education, I would like to welcome students, parents, staff and community stakeholders back for the 2019-2020 school year. As always, we look forward to seeing our students!

I want to first mention the members of our board of education. Our success as a school district starts with this governing body. Members of our board of education are Steve Moan, president; Jack Napier, vice president; Mike Metzger, secretary; LaDawn Weston, member; and Brian Ford, member.

I begin my seventh year as the superintendent here in Greenwood. I continue to be so appreciative of the opportunity to serve the Greenwood Community School Corporation and the community of Greenwood. The key word in the Greenwood Community School Corporation is "community." It takes a community to help educate students. Everyone — whether you are a parent, staff member, business leader or a resident with no children in our school system — has a responsibility to our young people.

Our school district enrollment has grown steadily over the last six years to where we are projected to begin this year with over 4,000 students. We always appreciate the feedback we get from parents new to our district regarding the positive culture and climate that exist for our students.

Thank you for being a part of the Greenwood Community School Corporation. Please know that we don't take you for granted. We are a service organization, and we take our service responsibility to our students, parents and community seriously.

Please help us to carry out this mission by volunteering your time and talents to better serve our students.

Here's to a great 2019-2020 school year!

Respectfully,

Kent DeKoninck, Ph.D. Superintendent

Lutheran High School of Indianapolis

New and improved is what the Saints will experience this fall at Lutheran High School.

The new year brings new college and career readiness through new computer science and programming classes, new career internship opportunities for juniors and seniors, new course offerings through Indiana University and Purdue University and a new business curriculum giving students a taste of being an entrepreneur by forming their own business blueprint.

Students who graduate with an LHS diploma will have built a strong high school resume that displays college and career readiness, the Christian character of service and leadership and the fortitude of a Saint who is ready for the challenges of a meaningful life. from our creator who gives us direction and purpose through His biblical word where we read, "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing," 1 Thessalonians 5:11. The Saints look forward to the many opportunities they will have in applying these words in the classrooms, in the halls, on the court or field or stage and throughout our community of families.

We welcome the incoming class of 2023 who come to us from seven of our surrounding counties. Praise the Lord for all schools and families who are preparing for an exciting year.

Check us out at LHSI.org.

Michael Brandt Head of School



Roncalli High School

Roncalli High School continues to offer young people and their families a life-changing experience that propels them on a path for success in life!

Guided by our Catholic faith and bolstered by a tradition of academic and extracurricular excellence, Roncalli is not so much an academic institution as much as it is a transformational institution. RHS principal, Chuck Weisenbach, commented, "We truly believe that the experience that awaits all students at our school is transformational! When you allow the Holy Spirit to be a vibrant part of your daily life, one cannot help but to be transformed. We have worked very hard to attract and retain some of the state's finest, most passionate, faith-filled educators! They are the ones that work daily with students, in and out of the classroom, helping them in their efforts to discern their talents, develop their talents and share their talents with the world. When done well, we are helping to make the world a better place while building up God's kingdom here on Earth."

Roncalli is proud to offer the most comprehensive academic programming for any faith-based school in our state. The school offers rigorous, challenging coursework for students of all academic levels, including students with special needs as well as those seeking training for post-secondary vocational opportunities. It truly lives out its mission to be a life prep school!

Students find joy, fulfillment and life-impacting experiences through a dynamic performing arts program and a highly respected and successful athletic program, as well as a plethora of wide-ranging clubs!

To assist in their understanding of the Biblical message that it is better to give than to receive, all students complete a minimum of 144 hours of community service by the time they graduate. Most of these hours are spent serving those less fortunate in and around central Indiana. The overwhelming majority of our graduates far exceed the required number of 144 hours.

Roncalli is a welcoming community whose overarching mission is to help each person in our school and school family (students, faculty, staff, parents, etc.) in their daily walk with Christ. I invite and encourage all parents to consider Roncalli as they explore high school options for their child!

> Chuck Weisenbach Principal

Perry Meridian and Southport high schools

On Wednesday, July 24, a new school year begins, signaling a fresh start for students and staff. However, a successful new year doesn't begin on the first day of class. It starts months before, and it requires effort from our devoted village to make it happen.

This summer, teachers and administrators spent weeks supporting our youngest students. Incoming kindergarten and firstgrade students were enthusiastically welcomed to our Jump Start programs. During Jump Start, kindergarten students received their first introduction to our kindergarten academies and the academic experience. They learned about boarding the school bus, standing in the lunch line and following directions from their teacher and aides. Incoming first-grade students who are transitioning from their kindergarten academies learned the lay of the land at their new elementary schools.

Our secondary students have a lot to look forward to, as well. When classes resume at both middle schools and sixth-grade academies, students and staff will notice the classroom expansion project is complete. To keep up with projected growth, the district added 39 new classrooms at both middle schools and sixth-grade academies. At Perry Meridian 6th Grade Academy and Middle School, 21 classrooms were built, while Southport 6th Grade Academy and Middle School received 18 additional classrooms. The extra space will allow our district to accommodate more than 450 additional 6th through 8th graders we expect to enroll by 2021. There will be no tax increase. This project was paid for with savings from our existing construction fund and rainy-day funds.

At Perry Meridian High School, new carpet will line the hallways and classrooms. Visitors will notice new bleachers in the gym, as well. It is our hope to make small improvements each year to keep the learning environment comfortable and inviting for all students. Students and staff will also notice new energy efficient LED lights at Perry Meridian High, as well as the James Whitcomb Riley Alternative Program. In fact, all our schools will be transitioned to LED lights before December.

While we are excited to roll out a few new features, some hallmarks will never change – specifically our commitment to providing an excellent education to all. Our award-winning staff looks forward to providing an innovative 21st century education that will prepare students to excel in the classroom and in the real world.

Perry Township Schools Administration



Amanda Blankenburger & Katie Minton 2019 Salutatorian & Valedictorian



Ethan Lockard Admitted to West Point



Go to 50.roncalli.org for more information.

50th Anniversary Kickoff



TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE

- The Class of 2019 earned over \$28 million in college scholarships.
- The Class of 2019 included 5 National Merit Scholars.
- Roncalli offers 19 Advanced Placement courses with eligibility for college credit.
- Roncalli is the home to 18 Indiana Academic All Stars since the program's inception in 1987.
- The Class of 2019 completed 65,400 hours of community service during their four years at Roncalli, which averages over 205 hours per senior.
- In the past 25 years, Roncalli students have collected more than 2 million canned food items for the poor.
- Over 100 students participate in our comprehensive special needs resource program STARS – which addresses the needs of students with learning and physical disabilities.

Take a closer look. Open House, November 7, from 6-8 PM RONCALLI.ORG

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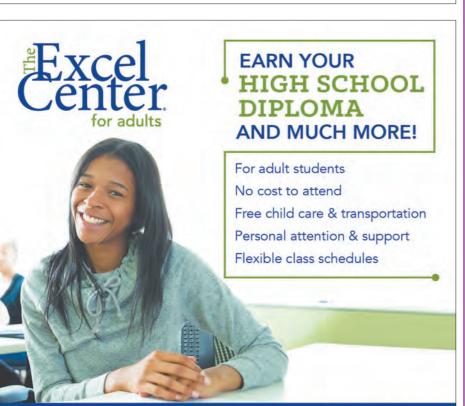
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the opportunity to review, learn and/or improve basic academic skills such as reading, writing and mathematics. Instruction is tailored to meet the individual needs of the students and is intended to prepare students to take the high school equivalency test in five different testing areas: mathematics, writing, reading, science and social studies. To start your HSE journey, sign up for a four-day orientation, then continue with classes two days a week until you are ready to test. We have AM and PM options at a variety of locations.

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Take the first step toward your educational goals! For more information on ESL and HSE Orientations and Continuing Education classes offered by Central Nine, or to see how we can help put on the path to success, call our office (317-888-4401 x222) or check out our website at centralnineadulted.org.

Adults can earn a high school diploma and certifications at The Excel Center®

By Jennifer Rendant Education Marketing and Communications Director for Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana

The Excel Center[®] is a free public charter high school where adults can earn a



high school diploma and begin post-secondary education. By earning a Core 40 diploma, college credits and job certifications, graduates are better positioned to secure employment. Some cer-

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The Excel Center is tailored to the lives of busy adults to set them on a path and prepare them for success. Dedicated, licensed teachers lead direct-instruction classes. Students are also paired with a life coach who helps address any barriers to the students' education and success. In addition, The Excel Center offers free child care, transportation assistance and a flexible learning environment. Year-round class sessions allow students to learn at their own pace and complete needed educational requirements.

To graduate, students must fulfill Indiana's requirements for a diploma. However, the school meets students where they are in their education, so adults can pick up where they left off.

The Excel Center now has 15 locations in Indiana, including one in University Heights (3919 Madison Ave.) and one that will open in Bloomington this summer. All are operated by Goodwill of Central & Southern Indiana.

Indiana residents who do not have a high school diploma may enroll at The Excel Center, including those who have a GED/HSE. For more information or to enroll, visit excelcenter.org or call (317) 524-3925. **AROUND TOWN**

Perry Township Kiwanis supports school supply drive

School supply drive - Perry Township Kiwanis will support S.H.A.R.E. (Students and Staff Helping to Acquire Resources), a Perry Township Schools program that supplies needy students with classroom items. This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, July 20, at the Perry Meridian 6th Grade Academy. "Our club was approached about helping purchase school supplies for families in need," said Perry Township Kiwanis President Les Branham. "We decided again this year to purchase backpacks, which the school system requires be used by all students. We've purchased 600 of the 17-inch bags. They are the same type as last year, which are very good quality and come in red, blue, green and black." Club members will help distribute supplies during the event.

Perry Township Kiwanis hosts annual golf outing at Smock's

Golf outing – Perry Township Kiwanis held their annual golf outing June 6 at a new location: Smock Golf Course. Pictured are Scott Splichal, treasurer and golf outing coordinator (left), member Jeff Udrasols (center) and President Les Branham. "Changing the date was a smart move and we have already secured the first Thursday in June for next year," said Scott Splichal, treasurer and golf outing coordinator. He reported that 12 foursomes participated this year, up from eight the previous year. "The course was in great shape and changing to Smock also was a good move. The staff and management were exceptional in making sure we had a great experience and didn't have to worry about anything other than enjoying the outing. We raised a lot of money selling mulligans and 50/50 tickets as well as holding a



putting contest and the silent auction. Our appreciation goes to everyone who golfed, sponsored or donated food or silent auction items. Thanks also to SECURA Insurance for the \$10k hole-in-one prize, Trophy House for the trophies and Smock for donating a round of golf for the winners."

Roncalli students named to Softball All-Conference team

Athletics – The Circle City Conference has announced the 2019 All-Conference team for softball. The team was selected from nominations made by the coaches of the Circle City Conference teams. Those from Roncalli High School named to the team are as follows: Amanda Prather, Amber Linton, Chloe Parks and Kaelin Cash. The Circle City Conference was established in 2016 and brings together like-minded schools from the Greater Indianapolis area in interscholastic athletic competition.







CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BEECH GROVE

Beautify Beech Grove Farmers Market • Produce and more from local vendors, including Mithoefer Produce, Fletch's Apple Lane, Selb's Hoosier Honey, McGowans Market, Hoosier Sugar Daddy Syrups, Simply Divine Cupcakes and Brumbly Farms. When: Tuesdays through Oct. 26, 3-7 p.m. | Where: South Emerson Church of God, 3939 S. Emerson Ave. (In the parking lot.) | Info: (317) 850-6898; BeautifyBeechGrove@gmail.com.

Summer Lunch Program • Free lunch for children 18 and under: \$3 for adults. | When: June 3-July 19, M-F, lunch at 1 p.m., park program at 1:30 p.m. | Where: Mondays & Tuesdays at Hornet Park Community Center; Wednesdays at Don Challis Park; and Thursdays & Fridays at Sarah T. Bolton Hilltop Shelter. | Info: (317) 788-4986; beechgrove.com/ hornet-park.

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

Paper shredding and appliance recycling There will be assistance available. You may witness document shredding. | When: July 13, 9 a.m.-noon. Where: Behind Beech Grove City Hall, 806 Main St. | Info: (317) 791-6060; beechgrove.com.

Mini Monday • Learn and play program for preschoolers. Free of charge. | When: July 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: July 15, 6 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave. Info: Call (317) 788-4986 for questions.

Next Stop Beech Grove • Open to all Main street businesses and property owners, as well as those wishing to help our mission. Meets the fourth Tuesday of every month. Open to everyone! | When: July 23, 10 a.m. | Where: Beech Grove City Hall, 5520 Churchman Ave. | Info: f/NextStopBeechGrove.

Beech Grove Comprehensive Drug Free Coalition • A group of community members from Beech Grove and the surrounding area with a commitment to reduce substance use disorder/ addiction and promote behavioral health across the lifespan of its citizens. Meet the fourth Tuesday of each month. | When: July 23, 5-7 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave. | Info: beechgrovecdfc.org

Music on Main • Music on Main is guickly becoming a premiere music event in Beech Grove. This summer concert features local and regional musical talents and attracts visitors throughout Central Indiana. Food trucks, a kids zone, unique arts, crafts, jewelry, health products, a beer garden and much more make Music on Main a popular, free, familyfriendly event. There will also be a live performance by The Second Half Band & Full Moon Dogs. When: Aug. 24, 4-9 p.m. | Where: Main Street. | Info: beechgrovechamber.org/music-on-main.

FOUNTAIN SQUARE

Summer Showtime Films • Children and families are invited for a showing of the film, Mary Poppins Returns (PG). | When: July 17, 1 p.m. | Where: Fountain Square Library Branch, 1066 Virginia Ave. | Info: (317) 275-4390; attend.indypl.org/ event/1871060.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

Summer Showtime Films • Children and families are invited for a showing of the film, The House with a Clock in Its Walls. | When: July 16, 10:15 a.m. & 2 p.m. | Where: Franklin Road Library Branch, 5550 S. Franklin Road. | Info: (317) 275-4380; attend.indypl.org/event/1850700.

GARFIELD PARK

Garfield Park Concert • Every year Greater Greenwood Community Band performs an outdoor concert in the MacAllister Amphitheater in Garfield Park and draws a large crowd. With comfortable seating and a great stage, expect to be entertained with people-pleasing concert band arrangements for a live music experience that's free to the public. | When: July 11, 7-8 p.m. | Where: MacAllister Amphitheater, 2450 Conservatory Dr. | Info: ggcband@gmail.com; greenwoodband.org.

GREENWOOD

Grief Share Support Group • Whether your grief is fresh or recurring, the Grief Share groups are designed to help with your journey. Some of you have attended previously, and we want to welcome you back. Many of you have just begun your journey and those feelings of loss and confusion are something we all share. Southland's Grief Share group is open to all denominations and you can start any week; however, we would like you to register by return email to Mary. The cost is \$20 for the workbook, unless you already purchased one, and can be paid during class. When: July 3-Sept. 25, 6-8 p.m. | Where: Southland Community Church, 5800 Smith Valley Road. | Info: Mary at (317) 340-3284 or gerlachme@yahoo.com.

Book Chat: Books & Tea • Come find your next favorite read and support a local business at the same time. We'll fill you in on new titles added to the GPL collection and exciting selections that should be on your reading radar. Join us for a fun discussion. | When: July 12, 6 p.m. | Where: Sassafras Tea Room, 229 N. Madison Ave. | Info: (317) 885-5036; greenwoodlibrary.us.

Southside Art League Open House • A One Artist Show by Hoosier artist Lola S. McElyea. Our guest artists will be exhibiting a collection of art using a variety of media and innovative techniques. Lola considers herself a "Progressive Traditionalist" because she is always on the lookout for any new medium or a better way to produce art. New products allow her to varnish her watercolor paintings that require no matting or glass when framed. She also paints using Genesis Heat Set Oils. Lola does commission portraits and other subjects. Contact the artist at (317) 745-9939 or at lomac240@ att. net. Light refreshments will be served. | When: July 12, 6-8 p.m. | Where: Southside Art League, 299 E. Broadway St. | Info: Bev Mathis at (317) 888-6565 or (317) 313-5922.

Summer Concert Series • Nearly every Saturday evening between June and August, Greenwood residents, visitors and their families gather downtown - known locally as Old Town - with lawn chairs, blankets and snack-filled coolers to enjoy live performances in an energetic and welcoming atmosphere. Summer Concert Series performers cover a variety of musical genres ranging from country to pop, rock and funk. Toy Factory performs on July 13; The Big 80s performs July 20. When: July 13; July 20, 7 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Amphitheater in Craig Park, 100 Surina Way. | Info: greenwood.in.gov.

Little Scientists • Discover the wonders of science through books, simple experiments and interactive learning. | When: July 17, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Where: Community Room (whole room), White River Branch Library, 1664 Library Blvd. | Info: (317) 885-1330; pageafterpage.org.

Greenwood Mall Summer Concert Series • Every Thursday this summer, Greenwood Park Mall will present a different artist or band, providing community members and families with entertainment all summer long. All performances will begin at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted online. Performances will take place near the outdoor fountain on the mall's north side. My Yellow Rickshaw plays. | When: July 18, 6:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Park Mall, 1251 US-31 N. | Info: shopgreenwoodparkmall.com.

Croc Talk Newport Aquarium Visits the Library

 Newport Aquarium's Wave Foundation visits JCPL with a very special guest, a real baby alligator! Learn what it means to be a reptile and have an in-depth conversation about Crocodilians: crocodiles, alligators, gharials and caimans. Please note that registration for this program is capped at 100 participants per branch, at the request of the Aquarium. Each person attending must register. | When: July 23, 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Where: White

River Branch Library, 1664 Library Blvd. | Info: (317) 885-1330; pageafterpage.org.

2019 Chamber Golf Classic • There's no better way to mix business with pleasure than by playing in or sponsoring the Southside's largest business networking event! This outing is popular because we provide breakfast, lunch and dinner, not to mention the games, prizes and camaraderie! Spend a warm summery day networking with local businesses on the beautiful rolling fairways at Dye's Walk Country Club. You'll make valuable business connections, enjoy plentiful food and drink and support your local chamber. All golf registrations will be held on a first-paid basis! Dye's Walk Country Club phone number for day-of-event directions is (317) 5358635. When: July 25, 7:30 a.m.-7 p.m. | Where: Dye's Walk Country Club, 2080 S. State Road 135. | Info: greenwoodchamber.com/events.

Friends of JCPL Book Sale • Books, CDs, DVDs, audio and video tapes and books-on-tape/CD will be sold for \$5 a bag. Items may be purchased with credit card, cash or check. We offer gently used hardback and paperback books for every age in every genre, including large print files. Items in the book sale include withdrawn library titles and items donated by JCPL patrons. | When: July 26, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; July 27, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. | Where: Community Room (whole room), White River Branch Library, 1664 Library Blvd. | Info: (317) 885-1330; pageafterpage.org.

ESL Conversation Group • Practice speaking English and learn American culture. | When: July 31, 10:30 a.m.-noon. | Where: Community Room (kitchen side), White River Branch Library, 1664 Library Blvd. | Info: Wendy Preilis at (317) 738-4677; pageafterpage.org.

Adult Book Discussion • If you love talking with others about a book you've read, you'll want to attend these events. We will discuss Woman Warrior by Maxine Hong Kingston. Copies of the titles will be available at the checkout desk the month before each meeting. | When: July 31, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Where: Community Room (whole room), White River Branch Library, 1664 Library Blvd. | Info: (317) 885-1330; pageafterpage.org.

Center Grove High School Class of 1969 50th **Reunion** • Visit with your old friends and find out what your classmates have been up to! Check in starts at 11:45 a.m. | When: Sept. 15, 2-6 p.m. Where: Barn at Bay Horse Inn, 1468 W. Stones Crossing Road. | Info: Jeanne at (317) 216-5991.

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MOORESVILLE

Kidney Talk • Kidney Talk, a support group for those living or caring for someone with kidney disease, will present its fifth program of the 2019 series. Featured speaker will be Heather Palmer,

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Midsommar A beautiful day for a nightmare

MOVIE REVIEW

By Bradley Lane

Midsommar is a horror movie that shuns genre convention. Nearly all horror movies drape their scenery in darkness to hide the horrors that lurk within the blackness of night. It capitalizes on the fear of the unknown by hiding information from the audience; but what is scarier? A monster concealed by shadows, invisible to the naked eye, or the horrific knowledge of being fully aware and cognizant of the threat in front of you? If this is the question, Midsommar is the answer. Directed and written by up-and-coming horror superstar, Ari Aster, Midsommar makes clear that Aster is here, and here to stay.

Ari Aster exploded onto the horror and arthouse scene last year with his debut feature film, Hereditary. Hereditary did not just shock me, it left me utterly speechless. I had to subject myself to multiple viewings to come to grips with the film. It was by no means an enjoyable experience, but the film was a technical marvel filled with soon-tobe iconic horror imagery, immaculately detailed character writing and rich and impactful themes including, but not limited to, loss, family, sacrifice, traumatization and ultimately, how we process grief. When all was said and done, Hereditary was not only one of my favorite movies of the year, but also a cornerstone in the modern horror canon.

Now, barely a year removed from Hereditary, Aster has released his follow-up film, Midsommar. The film focuses on Florence Pugh's character, Dani, suffering through an unfathomably traumatic loss. In an attempt to find closure, support, or even escapism, she embarks on a trip to rural Sweden to celebrate an annual Midsommar festival with her boyfriend and his friends from his university's anthropology department. However, soon after Pelle, played by Vilhelm Blomgren, leads the group to his small village in Sweden it becomes very apparent that they are in way over their heads.

Midsommar is a profoundly unique film, not in story or plot so much as its painstakingly detailed visuals and incomparable tone. Throughout most of the film our protagonists are on some sort of psychoactive substances that influence the look of the film by portraying the character's specific type of drug-fueled subjectivity. Subtle distortion of the colorful, brightly lit background foliage and even slight facial manipulation put the audience in an uncomfortable perspective throughout the film. It never reveals itself as scary necessarily, but rather defines its horror through feelings of discomfort, paranoia and severe anxiety. No doubt feelings inspired by bad trips on psychedelic substances. These feelings build into a mind-bending final scene, which is sure to stick with you for days after viewing.

Midsommar is not without its flaws, however. Unlike its predecessor, Midsommar does not always show respect for complex character motivations, often inserting manufactured drama to serve the plot despite it not being in service to the film's overall story or messaging. This can lead to some slower spots in the story, which can also be attributed to the film feeling slightly self-indulgent in its visual aesthetics. Additionally, Aster's treatment of disabled and mentally ill characters was verging on problematic in Hereditary and takes a further step in that direction in Midsommar. It made me uncomfortable watching the film, a decidedly different discomfort than what was intended by the filmmakers.

Despite its flaws however, Midsommar stands as one of the most visually striking, and tonally unique, films of the year and should not be missed.



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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LCSW with Fresenius Dialysis, discussing "Emotional Health and Chronic Disease." The program is free to attend. No reservations are needed. When: July 18, 2 p.m. Where: Center for Hip and Knee Conference Room, Franciscan Health Mooresville, 1199 Hadley Road, Ste. 106. | Info: Janice Steuri, MSW with Franciscan Health ACO, at (317) 528-2006.

PERRY TOWNSHIP

Health/Medical/Fitness Discussion • Mr. Brian Peavler has volunteered to join us again for an informal discussion to answer your medical, health and fitness questions. Bring friends and family. Open to all ages. This is a rare opportunity to have such a qualified person to answer questions on all three levels. | When: July 13, 10 a.m. | Where: Carole's Fitness, 5661 Madison Ave. | Info: (317) 788-8377; pefley.carole@gmail.com.

German Folk Dance Lessons • Come break a leg with us on Wednesday nights! Want to experience Oktoberfest a whole new way? Dance! Join now to learn German Folk Dance and perform with Die Fledermauschen Tanzgruppe at the German American Klub Oktoberfest. | When: July 17, 7:309 p.m. | Where: German American Klub, 8602 S. Meridian St. | Info: Marie Lawlor at (317) 501-4814; mlawlor63@ yahoo.com.

Cultivating Garden Club • Topic: "Container Gardening for All Four Seasons." Speaker: Beckie Mc-Guire, Master Gardner Educator. New members are welcome. | When: July 18, 6 p.m. | Where: St. John's UCC, U.S. 31 & Southport Road. | Info: Diana Williams at (317) 258-7916.

The St. Mark Inclusion Ministry • Topic: Mental Health & Spirituality Pitch-In Luncheon. Speaker: Jim Dilger, Eskenazi Health. All are welcome. When: July 21, following 11:45 a.m. Mass. | Where: St. Mark Catholic Church, U.S. 31 & Edgewood Ave. | Info: Text Ginny O'Brien at (317) 306-5263.

Helping Heroes Freedom Ride . Do you love live music, food trucks, door prizes and a policeescorted motorcycle ride benefiting homeless veterans? Then you'll love Helping Heroes Freedom Ride. | When: July 27, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. | Where: Marion County Fairgrounds, 7300 E. Troy Ave. Info: (800) 4004520; in.gov/dva.

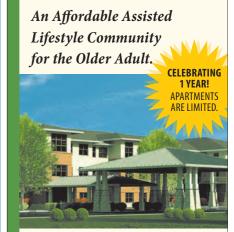
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Perry Township Annual Gently Used School Uniform Sale • Annual uniform sale. | When: Saturday, July 13, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. | Where: Southport High School (enter through door 17), 971 E. Banta Road. | Info: (317) 789-4800.

English Conversation Circle • Adults are invited to practice and improve their English skills in a comfortable, welcoming place. | When: July 15, 6-7 p.m. | Where: Southport Library Branch, 2630 E. Stop 11 Road. | Info: (317) 275-4510; indypl.org/event/1815128.

West Perry Branch Community Meeting • The entire community is invited to provide input on the proposed design for the new West Perry Branch library. This meeting will be led by architects of the project, Schmidt Associates and HBM Architects. The \$9.2 million, 25,000 square foot branch is scheduled for opening in 2021. | When: July 18, 7 p.m. | Where: Southport Library Branch, 2630 E. Stop 11 Road. | Info: (317) 275-4510; attend.indypl.org/event/2781434.

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AROUND TOWN



Eight new physicians join Franciscan Health's medical staff

New staff – A new class of eight physicians has been selected for the Family Medicine Residency Program at Franciscan Health Indianapolis and began their training July 1: Derek Evan Bast, DO, Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine; Savanna Heather Bruski, DO, Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine; Blake Michael Christy, DO, Marian University College of Osteopathic Medicine; Margaret Claire deRoos, DO, Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine - Carolinas campus; David Thomas deRoos, DO, Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine - Carolinas campus; Kathryn Rose Keefer, MD, University of Iowa Roy J. and Lucille A. Carver College of Medicine; Dakota Ryan Lammy, MD, University of Illinois College of Medicine-Rockford; and Stephanie Sproesser Rosa, MD, Indiana University School of Medicine. The residency program lasts 36 months and launches the residents' careers in family medicine. They will practice out of the Franciscan Health Family Medicine Center in Indianapolis, and they will see a variety of patients across all age groups and income levels. One of their more specific responsibilities will be providing care for expectant mothers and eventually delivering babies for the same patients at the Indianapolis hospital.

Express Employment Professionals named a Top Workplaces award winner

Recognition – Express Employment Professionals has been selected as one of The Indianapolis Star's 2019 Top Workplaces in central Indiana. Express Employment Professionals is a full-service Human Resources solutions company and staffing agency that is headquartered in Oklahoma City, OK. Express specializes in recruiting and hiring candidates in professional, administrative and light industrial positions with local businesses. Express has now been selected as one of the Top Workplaces six times and landed i n the top 25 for small businesses each time. The Top Workplaces lists are based solely on the results of an employee feedback survey administered by Energage, working in partner-ship with The Indianapolis Star. The surveys asked questions on company culture, management, engagement, leadership and more.

Mike Heffner, local franchise owner of the Indianapolis South and Columbus offices, said, "We work really hard to provide our customers not only with the workforce they need to be successful, but great customer service while we're

doing it. Our internal employees are competitive and passionate about what they do and it shows every day. We truly have a great team here in central Indiana and are honored with this award."



Cooling it in hot weather: why some cold food and drinks may do more harm than good

NUTRITION

By Wendell Fowler

Much to the delight of shrieking children and helpless parents, there're here: enticing ice cream trucks blaring Pop Goes the Weasel, trolling neighborhood streets. On a hot day consuming popsicle, ice cream bars, cold beer and margheritas might seem like natural choices when you want to cool off (spoiler alert) but they may do more harm than good.

Cold food and drinks might give you a short-lived cooling effect but consuming these beverages and food leads to an increase in temperature as the process of digestion is heat-generating. This, combined with the rapid cooling initiated by cold food and drinks, means your temple over-compensates by increasing your core temperature. So, you may actually end up feeling hotter than you did to start!

We mean well, but rehydrating our temple with diuretic diet coke, coffee, diet soda, energy drinks, beer and icy cocktails is not the wisest decision as caffeine and alcohol contribute to rapid dehydration. Excess alcohol consumption can cause dehydration in a variety of ways and sugary desserts, doughnuts, ice cream, muffins, highly processed breads, pasta and grains require a lot of water to digest. Plus, you don't get any nutrients, just unpleasant effects. Dietitians agree the temple uses a lot of water to metabolize these kinds of foods, which depletes water reserves, which can lead to dehydration.

Certain fruit and vegetables score highly in this regard, and we should consider eating more strawberries, cucumber, zucchini, celery, lettuce and watermelon if we want to up the H2O. Watermelon is the juiciest and one of the most colorful of fruits. This columnist thinks chowing a wedge of icy-cold, vitamin-packed watermelon is even more refreshing than a cold can of fizz, and with a 92 percent water content, it's a tasty way to rehydrate, too. Drink a large glass of filtered water with electrolytes before you go to bed.

Include a dark, leafy green salad with a rainbow of colorful vegetables. Lettuce is 95 percent water so it keeps you both cool and hydrated. Throw some extra cucumbers on top, which are 96 percent water, and you've created a rehydrating salad.

When water doesn't cut it because its tasteless, make pitchers of cucumber, fresh mint, peaches and strawberry water and carry a reusable water bottle with you throughout the day. Plain and simple, hydration is needed for optimum health; what the temple requires to stay vibrantly alive. Not diet cola.

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end up vitamin-packed watermelon is even more refreshing than a cold can of fizz, and with a 92 percent water content, it's

Is 'gotten' rotten? Why some past participles that sound wrong are actually right

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

Can something sound wrong, but actually be right? Take, for instance, French fries dipped in a Wendy's Frosty. This combination shouldn't be good, but it's actually a dollar menu match made in heaven. There's something indelibly delicious about the salty, slightly crispy potato strips when they fuse with the frozen softserve sweetness of the Frosty. Believe me, Wendy's isn't paying me as some kind of a grammar columnist/cultural influencer (although, I'd happily accept tall stacks of its fine Frosty money). Fries dipped in a Frosty sounds wrong – but it's so right.

What's the grammar equivalent of the Frosty-French fry connection? How about the word "gotten?" You probably use it and simultaneously think, *Wait, that can't be right – can it?* Let's explore.

I'll clear this up right away: British English doesn't use "gotten;" instead, it used "got" as the past participle of "get." The British also call French fries, "chips" and drive on the wrong side of the road. I suppose you can't be right all the time.

"What is a past participle?" some may ask. Let's have a quick refresher. A past participle is one of the four principle parts of a verb. It usually signifies an action that has been completed. With regular verbs, simply add had, have or has before the verb and -ed to the end to get your past participle. Examples include "have played," "had closed" and "has purchased." However, many verbs are irregular; "get" is one of these irregular verbs (and adding fiber to its diet hasn't changed a thing).

The present tense of get is "get." Get's past tense is "got." In American English, the past participle of get is (have) "gotten." You would be correct to say, "I have gotten lazy in studying my Eastern European capitals lately." Consider another example: I have gotten many angry emails from red pen-toting grammar purists lately. Even though it may sound wrong, it's technically correct grammar to use "gotten" with a companion word like have, has, or had. That doesn't mean I like it.

No, I don't like "gotten." Instead, I encourage you to use nicer-sounding words like "become" or "grown" in the first above example or "obtained" or "received" in the second example. When you read Grammar Guy next week, I hope to write something like: This columnist has received a lifetime endorsement deal from Wendy's; after all, sometimes the most unlikely combinations turn out to be perfect partnerships.

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OBITUARIES

Craig Steven Beard

Craig "Boom" Steven Beard, 52, of Indianapolis, died June 29, 2019. He was born May 7, 1967 in Indianapolis to Steven Louis Beard and Paula J. (Morrison) Beard. He was employed as a truck driver with Trans Corr Logistics. He was a member of Ancient Landmarks Masonic Lodge No. 319, F. & A. M. and Vigilante's M/C. He was preceded in death by his father, Steven Beard; and his sister, Casandra "Candy" Jarosinski. Craig is survived by his daughter, Kalynn Beard; mother, Paula J. Beard; fiance', Tracy Bowen; grandchildren, Jaxson Craig Beard and Kaiden Paul Beard; niece; Jessica Jarosinski; and cousin, Darren Parrish. Services for Craig were held July 6 at Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center.

Eva Birtchman

Eva Birtchman, a lifetime resident of Indianapolis, died June 29, 2019. She was born July 8, 1943,

to Joaquin and Otila Sanchez in Honda, Texas. She worked for many years at the IU School of Dentistry and later at the Indiana Hoosier Dome. Eva is survived by her husband of 44 years, Michael Birtchman; daughter, Lissa Scherer Capen; and son,

Matt Birtchman; two grandsons, Cruz Capen and Elijiah Birtchman; five sisters and one brother. A mass of Christian burial was held July 8 at Holy Name Church in Beech Grove, followed by a celebration of life at the church.

Archie Roy Curtis Dobbins

Archie Roy Curtis "Curt" Dobbins, Jr., of Indianapolis, died June 22, 2019. He was born Oct. 28, 1944 in Norfolk, Virginia to the late Archie Roy Curtis and Margaret Louise (Mosley) Dobbins, Sr. He retired from Chrysler as a buyer in 1994 and was a veteran sergeant in the United States Airforce, serving in England during the Vietnam era. After retirement he worked for Now Courier as a driver and Shirley Brothers Mortuary as a driver and greeter. Curt was also preceded in death by his former wife, Sharon F. (Thomas) Dobbins; infant sister and his pet Yorkie, Little Bit. Survivors include his wife, Vicky Lynn (Freels) Dobbins; daughter, Cheryl Warren; stepdaughter, Kelly Lucid (Paul) Meek; stepson, Stephen (Christine) Lucid; sisters, Brenda (Ralph) Walton, Kathryne (Robert) Faenzi and Tamara Milam; nine grandchildren; mother-in-law: Dolores Freels; and several nieces and nephews. Graveside services were held June 25 at Marion National Cemetery in Marion Indiana with Military Honors. A celebration of Curt's life was held after the burial at American Legion Post 355. Indianapolis, on June 25. Arrangements were entrusted to Grinsteiner Funeral Home.

Carol E. Fisher

Carol E. Fisher, 84, died June 29. She was born Jan. 9, 1935 in Chicago, the daughter of Harold and Burnis (Parrish) West. Carol was a 1952 graduate of Warren Central High School. During the following year she would become a wife and mother. She was a loving

and nurturing mother to her three sons. After the boys were raised, she went on to highly successful careers in floral and interior decorating, working for McNamara Florists and JCPenney as well as owning her own business, Flowers Forever. Carol was an avid card player and voracious reader. She was a longtime member of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. She was preceded in death by her parents and daughter-in-law, Kim Fisher. Carol is survived by her devoted husband of 67 years, Donald M. Fisher, Sr.; her children, Donald, Jr. (Paula), John Fisher and Robert Fisher; and her brother, Timothy (Sheryl) West. She will be greatly missed by her six grandchildren and nine greatgrandchildren. Visitation will be held at Little & Sons, 4901 E. Stop 11 Road, Indianapolis from 2-4 p.m. on July 20. Carol's memorial service will follow immediately at 4 p.m. Memorial gifts may be made to the American Heart Association or the American Lung Association. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Neptune Society, where condolences may be shared.

Sherrie Haussecker

Sherrie Haussecker, 58, of Indianapolis, died June 30, 2019. Sherrie was born Oct. 21, 1960, in Beech Grove, the daughter of Floyd "Bill" William and Lelah (Ivory) Young. She married John Haussecker on June 26, 1987, at Eagle Creek Park. He survives. Sherrie graduated from Lawrence Central High School in 1979 and later graduated from Marian University. She was a member of the Vineyard Church in Greenfield. Sherrie enjoyed helping out at the food pantry and in child care. She is also survived by her parents, Bill and Lelah Young; one daughter, Amy Haussecker; five sons, Benjamin, John, Stephen, David and Jeremiah Haussecker; four brothers, Robert (Debbie) Young, Bill (Jane) Young, Mike (Katina) Young and Chris Young; one sister, Tammy Wildrick; and several nieces and nephews. A celebration of Sherrie Haussecker's life was held July 6 at Norman F. Chance Funeral Home, with Pastor Joe McDaniel officiating. She was buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Greenwood.

Betty J. Johnson

Betty J. Johnson, of Indianapolis, died July 4, 2019. She was 66 years old. A memorial service will be held Thursday, July 11, 5 p.m. at V.F.W. Post 1120 -1850 South East St. Indianapolis, 46225. Arrangements were made through the Cremation Society of Indiana.

COLTS



Frederick Boston McQueen, 83, of Indianapolis, died July 6, 2019. He was born May 23, 1936 in Marion County as the son of Boston and Florence (Davis) McQueen. Fred served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. Fred worked in the real estate industry. He was a member of Mount Pleasant Christian Church. Fred loved his country, the outdoors, travelling and spending time with his family and friends. Fred volunteered to help those in need. He was president of the Indianapolis chapter of Indiana Vet to Vet. Fred was preceded in death by his parents, Boston and Florence McQueen; and siblings, Idena McQueen, Billy McQueen, Kenny McOueen, Sharon Treece, Bob McOueen, Dave McQueen, Betty McQueen and Larry McQueen. Fred is survived by his wife, Janet; son, Steve (Sarah) McQueen; daughter, Cathy (Fuzzy) Smith; stepsons, Jeff (Annette) Green and Chris (Robin) Green; siblings, Pat (Daryl) Rucker, Richard McQueen, Don McQueen, Roy McQueen, Preston (Laura) McQueen, Karen (Chris) Butcher and Mark McQueen; nine grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held July 20, 2-4 p.m. at Simplicity Funeral and Cremation Care, 7520 Madison Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46227 with a celebration of Fred's life starting at 4 p.m.

Roselyn Conaway Schneider Nagle

Roselyn "Rosie" Conaway Schneider Nagle, 77, died June 30, 2019. She was born Aug. 31, 1941, the daughter of the late Ralph and Mary (Benson) Conaway. She was the widow of Doug Nagle and was previously married to Jack Schneider, who also preceded her in death. Rosie is survived by her sister, Beverly Easton; her daughter, Theresa (John) Marlin; her sons, Mike (Jodi) Schneider and Jim (Mandy) Schneider, nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. Rosie was a member of Nativity Catholic Church. Visitation was held July 5 at Wilson St. Pierre-Franklin Township Chapel, 5950 E. Thompson Road, Indianapolis 46237 with a funeral mass July 6 at Nativity Catholic Church.

Margaret Norkus

Margaret Norkus, 77, died July 1, 2019. She was born to the late Melvin McCurdy and Margaret Mary (Repine) Sipe in Chicago. Margaret was a nurse for over 50 years. After retiring, she continued volunteering under the Spiritual Care Department at IU Health Methodist Hospital. She also volunteered at IU Riley Hospital. Her favorite activity was rocking newborns. Margaret spent the last two years at Greenwood Village South. She loved going to the art and exercise classes. She loved to make people happy and she could talk for hours about her cats. Margaret

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Perhaps they are not stars in the sky, but rather openings where our loved ones shine down to let us know they are happy.

Loved & missed, Steve



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AROUND TOWN



Design plans unveiled for new West Perry Library Branch

New library – The public is invited to view proposed design plans for the new West Perry Branch of The Indianapolis Public Library during a special community meeting held Thursday, July 18 at 7 p.m. at the Southport Branch, 2630 E. Stop 11 Road. Led by project architects from Schmidt Associates and HBM Architects, the meeting will solicit citizen comment on the design of the new \$9.2 million branch to be located near Harding Street and Southport Road, as well as services to be offered within the branch. The new branch, scheduled for opening in 2021, would encompass 25,000 square feet and fill a large geographical gap in service for south Marion County residents. The West Perry Branch and other planned IndyPL capital projects are funded from individual bonds approved by the Indianapolis City-County Council totaling over \$58 million that are assessed with no increase in the library's current debt service tax rate. For more in-formation about the West Perry community meetings, call (317) 275-4012 or email jhelling@indypl.org.



Southport High School graduates celebrate 71st class reunion

Class reunion – Nine graduates of Southport High School recently met to celebrate their 71st high school class reunion. Front row, from left to right: Betty Downton and Marjorie Thompson. Back row: Gloria Black, Mary Frances Rubley, Delores Seay, Joan Clampitt, Judy Johnson, Delores Christie and LaDonna Kauffman. The women graduated May 28, 1948 and still get together for lunch. The picture was taken at Rosegate Village in Franklin Township, where one of the classmates lives. The staff at Rosegate made lunch and provided balloons for the occasion. The women are all around 89 years young.

Award-winning local author to sign book at Greenwood **Barnes & Noble**

Book signing - Indianapolis author and Franklin Township resident Laura VanAren-

donk Baugh, whose works have earned numerous awards, including the highest possible rating on Tangent's "Recommended Reading" list, will be doing a book signing at Barnes & Noble Greenwood on July 13

from 3 to 5 p.m. Baugh, who recently returned from speaking at a Young Writers seminar in New Zealand, is the author of many books and short stories. Her best-seller was the nonfiction Fired Up, Frantic, & Freaked Out: Training Crazy Dogs from Over-the-Top to Under Control, but her fictional forays into fantasy and mythology have garnered attention from the publishing world. Industry publication Kirkus Reviews, for example, writes of her last book, The Songweaver's Vow, "In this expressive banquet of love, legends and exploits, VanArendonk Baugh channels the charm and grandeur of the Norse pantheon effortlessly." Publisher's Weekly called her short story, To Go West, a "claustrophobic thrill-er." Baugh's latest work, Shard & Shield ("He can save her life - if he sacrifices himself and those he swore to protect," Baugh says of the book), was released July 2. She will be signing copies of that book and her immediately-previous novel, The Songweaver's Vow, at Barnes & Noble. For more information, visit LauraVanArendonkBaugh.com.

Greenwood Library adds two new digital resources

Digital resources - GPL recently expanded their digital offerings with Gale Legal Forms and ChiltonLibrary. GPL patrons can now access Gale LegalForms, a robust online collection of legal forms for free with their library card. With access to authentic "attorney forms," residents can better understand common le-gal procedures and the involved documents. Gale LegalForms offers a well-organized collection of forms actually used in legal practices and allows users to edit the forms as they need. In addition, patrons now also have access to reliable automotive help 24/7 through ChiltonLibrary. ChiltonLibrary provides access to repair, maintenance and service information on the most popular cards, trucks, vans and SUVs on the road today. This continually updated resource provides stepby-step repair procedures as well as troubleshooting guides and diagnostic trouble codes, photos, illustrations, diagrams and multimedia to help simplify even the most complicated tasks. Both of these resources are now available on GPL's website at greenwoodlibrary.us.

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was preceded in death by her husband, Gunars Norkus. Margaret is survived by her sisters, Elizabeth McNeil, Mary Catherine Rimmer and Carol Harter; a nephew, Karlis (Peggy) Norkus; as well as nine nieces and nephews. A funeral mass was held July 5 at Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic Church. She was buried in Calvary Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory, Greenwood Chapel.

Florence C. Petersen

Florence C. Petersen, 88, of Indianapolis, died July 8, 2019. Born Jan. 14, 1931 in Providence,

Rhode Island, Florence was the daughter of the late Francis M. and Florence (LaPorte) Neary. She was united in marriage to Frederick C. Petersen ,who preceded her in death on March 8, 2012. Florence was a graduate of the Rhode Island

Hospital School of Nursing and worked as a registered nurse for many years at Hancock Regional Hospital in Greenfield, Indiana and retired from Arnett Clinic in Lafayette, Indiana in 2000. She was a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church. She enjoyed reading and loved to spend time with her grandchildren. Florence is also preceded in death by her sonin-law, Robert Hueseman. Survivors include her children, Margaret E. Hueseman, Patricia S. (John) Ginda, Frederick C. (Judith) Petersen, Jr., Susan (Glenn) Litts, James F. (Bobbi) Petersen and Matt (Diane) Petersen; her brother, Francis Neary: sister, Joan Neary: 17 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. A celebration of Florence Petersen's life will be held July 12, 10-11 a.m. at Resurrection Lutheran Church, 445 E. Stop 11 Road, Indianapolis. The funeral service will begin at 11 a.m. Burial will follow in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Glenns Valley.

Dennis William Pyritz

Dennis William Pyritz, 71, of Indianapolis, died July 1, 2019. He was born Aug. 28, 1947 in Indianapolis to the late Stanley and Rosemary "Kit" Pyritz. As an oncology nurse. Dennis worked at Community Hospital East and at IU Health University Hospital. Dennis had been a volunteer with International Union Against Cancer, for which he traveled the world to teach oncology nursing courses to nurses in developing countries. Dennis loved the ocean and enjoyed working on boats in his free time. He is survived by his wife, Tish Pyritz; his sons, Nathan Pyritz (Coppelia Liebenthal), Benjamin (Dorothy) Pyritz and Aaron Pyritz; his siblings, Mark David (Susan) Pyritz, Garry Allen Pyritz, Barbarann (Mike) Van Den Berg, Kathy Stokes and Kim Isaacson; and his grandchildren, Sophia, Isabel, Gemma and Molly Pyritz. He is also survived by numerous extended family and close friends. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated July 5 in St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church in Indianapolis. Burial was held in Our Lady of Peace Cemetery, Indianapolis. Arrangements and care were provided by Lauck & Veldhof Funeral & Cremation Services, Indianapolis.

Carolyn Sue Rackemann

Carolyn Sue Rackemann, 57, of Indianapolis, and formerly of Florida, died July 9, 2019. She was

born April 6, 1962 in Indianapolis to Violet "Bonnie" L. (Wallace) Collins and Wilfred H. Rackemann. She was an active member of the Apostolic Pentecostal Church in Florida. Carolyn had many friends on Ancestry.com and she loved to read; most especially, history.



She also enjoyed spending her time crocheting. She was preceded in death by her father, Wilford H. Rackemann; and brothers, Bill Rackemann and Kenny Stephens. Survivors include her mother, Violet "Bonnie" Collins (Charles); children, Brad Butler (Erika) and Desiree Dellaperuta (Nick); sisters, Janet Moreno and Crystal Rackemann; brother, Don LaRussa (Pamela); and grandchildren, Bravden Drake and Karcher Butler. Services will be held at a later time.

Millicent Constance Vance

Millicent Constance Vance, 53, of Indianapolis, died July 1, 2019. She was born Feb. 7, 1966 in

Indianapolis and raised by her mother, the late Della Troxell Spiker. Survivors include her life partner, Anthony Sanders; daughter, Ashley Vance (Immanuel Lovitt); brothers, Wade Vance and Joe, Charles and A.J. Spiker; sister, Millissa Cash; and grandchildren,



Makavla, Payton and Emerson. Services were held July 6 at Lauck & Veldhof Funeral & Cremation Service.

Opal Lee Wilmoth

Opal Lee Wilmoth, 85, of Indianapolis, died July 5, 2019. Opal was born to the late James and Rose (Black) Meredith in Bell County, Kentucky. Opal worked at Perry Meridian High School for over 25 years. Opal is survived by her husband of 56 years, Roy Wilmoth; three children, Roy Wilmoth II (Michele), Marna Hawley (Jim) and Vickie Cooper (Don); two grandchildren, Gavin Wilmoth and Kristina Gossett, two brothers, Frank and Raymond Meredith; and one sister, Mildred Taylor. A funeral service was held July 10 at Simplicity Funeral & Cremation Care, 7520 Madison Ave., Indianapolis, IN, 46227. Friends and family may gather from 4 p.m. until the time of service.

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



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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.

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Sacred Heart Catholic Church • 1530 Union St., Indpls. | Ph: (317)638-5551 Fr. Larry Janezic | Sat. Anticipation Mass: 5 p.m. | Sun. Masses: 8 & 10 a.m.

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.

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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 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. 🕆 LUTHERAN

Concordia Lutheran Church and 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 · 1224 Laurel St., Indpls (Inside historic Fountain Square). | Ph: (317) 632-1486. | Pr. Raymond Smith. | Worship Sun.: 10 a.m.

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

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

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Church of Acts • 4402 Creekview Dr., 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.

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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.

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.

P SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

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.

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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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Faith United Church of Christ • No matter where you are on life's journey, you are welcome in our community. | 4040 E Thompson Road. | Ph: (317) 784-4856. | Pr. Scott Simmons. | Worship Service: 10:30 a.m. | Sermons Online: myfaithucc.org.

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

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

† UNITED METHODIST

Center United Methodist Church • 5445 Bluff Road, Indpls. | Ph: (317) 784-1101 | Email: info@center-umc. org. | Sun. Traditional Worship: 9 a.m. & Contemporary Worship: 11:15 a.m.

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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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.

Whiteland United Methodist Church • 309 Main St., Whiteland | Ph. 317-535-4287 | Rev. Bill Clark | Sun. Worship 10:30 | WUMCINDIANA.org | //WUMC01.

🕆 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. | unitvofindv.com.

WESLEYAN

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Southview Wesleyan Church • 4700 Shelbyville Road, Indpls. | Ph: (317) 783-0404. | Pr. Rick Matthews. | Sun.: 10:30 a.m. & 6 p.m. | Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Weekly Devotion

21 Tell me, you that desire to be under the law, do you not hear the law?

22 For it is written, that Abraham had two sons, the one by a bondmaid, the other by a freewoman.

23 But he who was of the bondwoman was born after the flesh; but he of the freewoman was by promise.

24 Which things are an allegory: for these are the two covenants; the one from the mount Sinai, which genders to bondage, which is Agar.

25 For this Agar is mount Sinai in Arabia, and answers to Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children.

26 But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all.

GALATIANS 4:21-26

Here is the question for today: How do you see the church? I was visiting a lady from my congregation in a hospital one day. She was having surgery and while I waited with members of her family for the surgery to be over, we got into a conversation concerning physical and spiritual Israel. There are the two today which coexist on this planet together, but which are not one and the same in the eyes and heart of God.

Paul is afraid for the church of God in Galatia because it seems to have gone back to the law and bondage to it for salvation. This is not light issue with Paul. He is very afraid for them and writes to them as plainly as he knows how to warn them to come back to Christ for their salvation and Christ alone and no one or nothing other than Christ. Otherwise, they will be lost – eternally lost.

He goes back to Abraham to point out that he had two sons. One was the product of a lustful, fleshly relationship and the other was the product of a life of faith in the promise of God to raise up from him a seed that would become God's own and very special people. From Isaac comes Israel (Jacob). From Ishmael comes heartache and trouble and a people that has troubled Israel from the beginning. These two people typify the world and the church. Israel is the foreshadowing of the church which God was through her preparing a people into which His only begotten Son could be born and live and teach.

This format is way too limited to explain all of this but let me just briefly say that the church is not a by-product of God's failed attempt to have a very special people which He could call His own. The church is the goal God had all along to have such a people. If you have a hard time understanding this read I Peter chapter two and Hebrews 12 and pray and seek the truth these passages are speaking about. Praise the Lord I know that I am not an afterthought of God, I am a forethought. Hallelujah! Wake up church to your importance to this world that is so lost in the dark that it thinks that the artificial light is God's light.

God bless and go and have a great day.

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