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## Southside News Quiz

How well do you know your Southside community?

Test your current event knowledge each week with a little Q&A!

**1** Tony Smith is pastor of Elevation Church in Perry Township. What is his favorite Christmas song?

- ☐ A. O Holy Night  
☐ B. Hark! The Herald Angels Sing  
☐ C. God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen  
☐ D. Joy to the World

**2** Which local hospital was Haunts & Jaunts author Rick Hinton born?

- ☐ A. St. Francis  
☐ B. Franciscan Health  
☐ C. Johnson Memorial  
☐ D. Methodist

**3** Where is this Friday's First Taste of Solndy event?

- ☐ A. The Nest Event Center  
☐ B. Garfield Park Arts Center  
☐ C. Fountain Square Theatre  
☐ D. Hornet Park Community Center

**4** Which Southside school did Trey Mock, the mascot Blue from the Indianapolis Colts, visit?

- ☐ A. Southport Middle School  
☐ B. Central Elementary  
☐ C. Bunker Hill Elementary  
☐ D. Southport Academy

**5** From what local restaurant would you find a pizza named after Kurt Vonnegut's book, *Slaughterhouse-Five*?

- ☐ A. Vino Villa  
☐ B. Jackamo Upper Crust Pizza  
☐ C. Greek's Pizzeria & Tapp Room  
☐ D. Campbell's Highland Grille



SEE ANSWERS ON PAGE 14.

## THIS WEEK on the WEB



Foods served will include samples of wings, rib tips, gyro meat, Mexican cheesecake, and more. (Submitted photo)

### First Taste of Solndy event supports local businesses

South Indy Quality of Life Plan will host its first Taste of Solndy Friday, Dec. 13 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Garfield Park Arts Center. Local restaurants and food vendors will provide a variety of samples to neighbors and visitors of Garfield Park. In addition, guests can enjoy music and chances to win gift cards. All proceeds will benefit the South Indy Quality of Life Plan. Its mission is to foster community engagement on the near Southside.

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Jay A. Collars was inducted Nov. 8. (Submitted photo)

### Greenwood man inducted into Indiana Military Veterans Hall of Fame

Vietnam veteran SSgt. Jay A. Collars of Greenwood has been inducted into the Indiana Military Veterans Hall of Fame (IMVHOF). Collars was chosen for this award for bravery and courage as an Air Force Sergeant while serving in South Vietnam in 1965. He and his crew moved six A1-E aircraft from other burning and exploding aircraft which had been hit by enemy 100mm mortars.

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### FOR THE RECORD ANNIVERSARY



### Damon and Clara Phillips celebrate 60 years of marriage

Damon (Gene) and Clara (Holcomb) Phillips of Indianapolis celebrated their diamond wedding anniversary with a gathering of family and friends at Southport Nazarene Church, of which they are members. The couple was married Oct. 24, 1959. Together they raised their children: Brenda Malott, Damon Phillips and John Phillips. They have five grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Damon retired from National Starch and Chemical Corporation after 36 years of employment. Clara also enjoys retirement after working for Ziffren Truck Lines and Greenwood Nazarene Church for many years.

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Left top, Natalie, along with her siblings and friends, greet visitors at a fundraiser. (Submitted photo) | Left bottom, the Hodgsons hang out during a fundraiser. (Submitted photo) | Right, Natalie's father, Brett Hodgson, holding 15-month-old Warren; Natalie; and Christy, holding Cameron, 3. (Photo by Neal Smith) | Below, Natalie at an event at Topgolf in Fishers. (Submitted photo)

## Greenwood girl waits for liver transplant

Family and friends to host various local fundraisers this winter

By Nancy Price

Five-year-old Natalie Hodgson of Greenwood, like many girls her age, enjoys coloring, playing with her dolls and attending preschool. She also likes to ride her bike, visit the beach, play with her little brothers and sing in the choir at church.

The difference is that she has a disease that requires a liver transplant.

After experiencing a normal pregnancy and delivery, Christy Hodgson, Natalie's mother, brought Natalie home from the hospital. The new mother noticed that Natalie's skin was turning yellow. After the baby's first checkup, the pediatrician administered a series of tests and determined that Natalie had biliary atresia, a rare condition found in newborns. The bile ducts inside and outside the liver are scarred or blocked. Bile is unable to flow into the intestine, so it builds up in the liver, leading to scarring, loss of liver tissue and function, and cirrhosis.

A month later, Natalie had a Kasai operation, which allows the bile to drain. Yet, for the following two-and-a-half years, she was still often admitted to the hospital for cholangitis, an inflammation of the bile ducts.

During a routine clinic appointment after Natalie's fourth birthday, doctors ordered an echocardiogram and additional labs, which confirmed she had developed hepatopulmonary syndrome, which affects the lungs of those with advanced liver disease. The only cure for the disease is a liver transplant.

Despite the diagnosis, "she's doing pretty well," Christy said of Natalie. "We've been really fortunate. She loves to be outside. She loves camping, loves riding bikes with her cousins. We took the kids to the beach last summer and she talks about it all the time. She doesn't like to miss anything. She's very motherly (to her two little brothers). She's all girl, she loves dolls. She has three services to sing in the choir during Christmas service." Yet, "she's fatigued

constantly," Christy noted. "Some days she'll take four naps a day." In addition, those with liver disease have a generalized itch across the body, known as pruritus. "She scratches so much (her body) bleeds." As well, due to gastrointestinal issues, Natalie uses the bathroom more often than her peers. As a result, "she's very self-conscious (of that)," Christy said.

The family is now waiting on a call from Riley Hospital for Children

for an available liver. The

donor, ideally a small child or very petite adult, must have the same blood type as Natalie, though the hospital will not accept a liver from a live donor.

To help cover the cost of a liver, friends and family, including Mary Richardson, have hosted various fundraisers at businesses in the Greater Indianapolis area, including TopGolf Fishers, Tried & True Alehouse and

Ella's Frozen Yogurt & Candy Shop. The goal is to raise \$50,000. Currently, about \$16,200 has been raised.

"We have a couple restaurant nights in the works, and we are in the beginning stages of planning a book club event that we will launch in January," Richardson said. "We are also working on a yoga event for the spring and a scrabble tournament for late winter or early spring. We would love for people to get involved!"

Individuals or businesses with fundraising ideas, or those willing to help with a fundraiser, may contact Isabel Hawkins at [isabelhawkins3@yahoo.com](mailto:isabelhawkins3@yahoo.com).

In addition, donations are accepted at [COTAforNatalieRose.com](http://COTAforNatalieRose.com). "I would also encourage people to check with their employer; many employers will match charitable contributions," Richardson said.

"It is our hope that individuals will help share and support COTA (Children's Organ Transplant Association) for events on Facebook and via Natalie's website as well as talk about upcoming events and share Natalie's story," she added. "Lastly, it is also helpful to educate yourself and your family on transplant and organ donation."







St. Francis Hospital in Beech Grove. (Post card image from Joe Seiter's collection)

## Hospitals: Fuel for a paranormal fire?

### HAUNTS & JAUNTS

By Rick Hinton

Hospitals can be a strange mixture of both hope and despair, and the ongoing saga of the human condition – life and death. Hospitals can also be the last hotel in which one checks into and never checks out. Many times, hospitals retain “remnants” that play havoc on the employees who work there. It quickly becomes a job they didn’t sign up for. Administrative staff and the sisters at the former St. Francis Hospital in Beech Grove would never admit to paranormal ramifications while the aged hospital still stood. Regardless, the drama of hospitals in general can be the fuel for a paranormal experience. And St. Francis, it would appear, had this fuel. ...

One employee – Ken – had multiple experiences while working in the original section of the old building. On the second-floor surgery wing, he had his clothes and hair frequently pulled as he did rounds. Sometimes it was just a gentle caress. There was, however, an incident when he did panic after being aggressively pushed on the shoulder. He ran! Another was a door slamming in his face as he made his way from surgery to a newer section of the building. Again, he ran!

On the third floor he witnessed a stack of papers fly across the room – lifting one at a time, sequentially. In various locations on this floor he was engulfed in cold spots as the temperature suddenly plummeted. And once while waiting on an elevator Ken windmilled his arms, testing the cold spots surrounding him. A longtime nurse came upon him and simply commented

– “Don’t do that; we know they’re here.”

While Ken was on vacation, a girl covering his shift abruptly quit. “People here have had encounters, particularly in the overnight hours,” he stated bluntly. “It’s not something they’re going to bring up to management. They want to keep their job!” On one occasion, when a nurse did bring up the strange occurrences to a Catholic Sister, the sister raised her hand to stop the conversation, declaring, “Just let it be.”

I was born in St. Francis Hospital. I had always desired to visit the maternity ward where I had entered into this world. I finally did. It was no longer a maternity ward, but a restricted area for high-risk patients. My stroll down memory lane came to an end and I felt a sense of completion. Afterward, there was a walk through the empty hallways on the basement level, with all roads leading to the morgue, where many had unexpectedly experienced their own sense of completion.

Whatever lingered at the former hospital in Beech Grove appeared willing to interact; possibly it was a mixture of playbacks from the past ... of those who have come and gone over the years. Life began for many at St. Francis Hospital, and many took their last journey there. To this day I keep a watchful eye when visiting a hospital. You never know what you may see ... especially at night!



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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**Perry Township Education  
Center hosts Thanksgiving for  
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**Thanksgiving** – Perry Township Education Center recently hosted Thanksgiving for employees. Pictured, from left side of table: Kee-sha Hughes, Kelly Pieratt and Chris Sampson. Pictured, from right side of table: Ronda Meyers and Toni Humes. Employees appreciated each other and reflected on their blessings.



## Five minutes with Pastor Tony Smith

Pastor of Elevation Church, Perry Township

### FEATURE

By Rick Hinton

#### How do you welcome the holidays?

The Friday after Thanksgiving our family goes to Monument Circle for the tree lighting. We stand outside, sing songs and wait for them to flip the switch. We've done it for many years. After Thanksgiving we decorate the house and start with the Christmas songs pretty early.

#### Real tree or artificial?

Artificial ... sometimes multiple trees. We've had a real one a couple of times.

#### When do you decorate it?

Thanksgiving night.

#### How long before it's "done for the season?"

Generally, a few days after the first of the new year.

#### Favorite local shop and why?

Take Root Country Store on Madison Avenue in Greenwood. I enjoy the Christmas décor and handmade items.

#### Do presents go under the tree when wrapped or appear Christmas Eve?

We put them under the tree, but there's always something unwrapped out there on Christmas morning."

#### Does Santa leave special gifts unwrapped?

There's always something unwrapped out there on Christmas morning.

#### What is the best gift you've ever given, and to whom?

One year I gave my wife, Kim a little musical church that lights up. She really wanted one beforehand, but they were sold out and you couldn't get one. Unbeknownst to her, I made the effort and went to great links to make sure she would have one for Christmas.



Pastor Tony Smith and his family during the recent annual Circle of Lights on Monument Circle in downtown Indianapolis. (Submitted photo)

One of my love languages is giving gifts. I'd rather give than receive."

#### What is the best gift you have ever received, and from whom?

When I was a kid it was the action figures Big Jim and Dr. Steel, and the truck they rode in. That was a pretty big deal! I got those after circling my wish list in the Sears catalog and giving to my parents.

#### What is your favorite Christmas tradition?

We're pretty traditional – watching It's a Wonderful Life and Home Alone. Traditional song favorite is God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen."

#### What is your favorite Christmas memory?

Our daughter Samantha is adopted. She was 4 years old when she came into our life. It was probably the biggest Christmas gift we got. The gift was sharing Christmas with her and giving her gifts.

#### Favorite Christmas song?

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen."

#### Have you ever had a Christmas mishap? Tell us about it.

Our dog Revival, a German Shepherd, had never seen a Christmas tree. That next year we had a big one ... about 9 feet high. When he saw it, he went into attack mode because he didn't know what it was. It scared him ... it could have been worse.

#### Your Christmas dinner. Is it formal or casual?

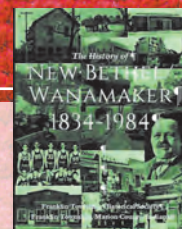
Casual – turkey and the fixins. We've had ham in the past, but my doctor wants me to stay away from pork.

#### All I want for Christmas is ... ?

Good health ... my family and the church family.

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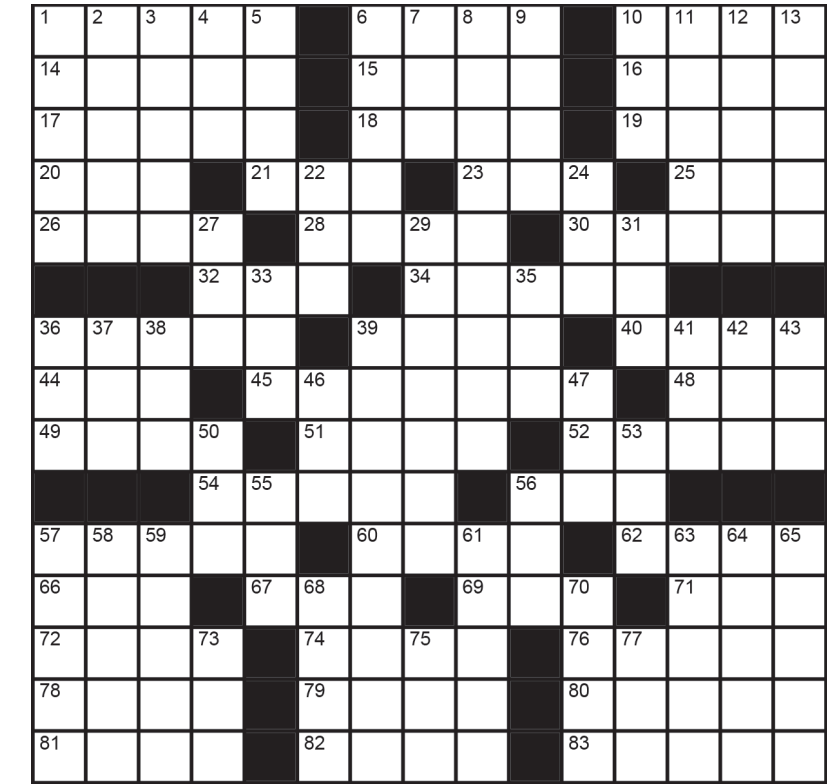
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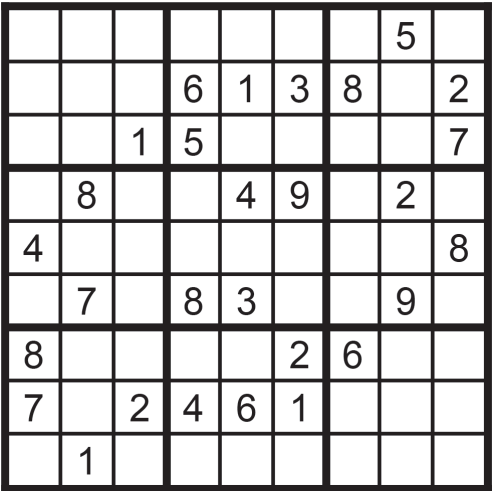
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**For a complete listing of Southside events, please go to [ss-times.com/category/night-day](http://ss-times.com/category/night-day).**

### BEECH GROVE

**Christmas Sing-a-Long!** • Help us welcome Santa by joining Big Daddy Jay in a Christmas Sing-a-Long. Free dinner, sharing table, music and a visit from Santa. | When: Dec. 18, 5:30 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave. | Info: (317) 788-4986.

**Family Storytime** • Families are invited to the library to listen to seasonal stories. | When: Dec. 18, 6 p.m. | Where: Beech Grove Library Branch, 1102 Main St. | Info: (317) 275-4560.

### FOUNTAIN SQUARE

**Pajama Storytime at Fountain Square** • Families with children up to age 11 are invited for holiday stories, songs and a craft just before bedtime. Wearing pajamas is encouraged! | When: Dec. 13, 18, 20 & 27, 6 p.m. | Where: Fountain Square Library Branch, 1066 Virginia Ave. | Info: (317) 275-4390.

**Santa in the Square** • Children and families are invited to have their pictures taken with Santa, decorate cookies, hear stories and enjoy a carriage ride! | When: Dec. 14, 10 a.m.-noon. | Where: Fountain Square Library Branch, 1066 Virginia Ave. | Info: (317) 275-4390; [attend.indypl.org/event/3261325](http://attend.indypl.org/event/3261325).

### FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

**Jingle Bell Rock Dance Party** • Preschoolers ages 3-6 and an adult are invited to listen, jump and dance to holiday music with Miss Kasey. Scarves and rhythm instruments will be provided for added fun. | When: Dec. 18, 1:15 p.m.; Dec. 19, 10:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. | Where: Franklin Road Branch Library, 5550 S. Franklin Road. | Info: (317) 275-4380.

**Christmas in Wanamaker 2019** • Christmas will be here before we know it and Wanamaker will be celebrating in style again this year. Christmas in Wanamaker is the chance for the town to kick off the Christmas season. There will be vendor booths set up around town, a parade, several of the local businesses will be having open houses, drawings for some wonderful

door prizes, entertainment, and of course, Santa will be in town for those wanting to make special requests. For information regarding booth rentals contact Melinda Reynolds at [purseptionsboutique@yahoo.com](mailto:purseptionsboutique@yahoo.com). To enter a unit in the parade or to help with this year's event please contact Paul Hilton at [paul\\_hilton@sbcglobal.net](mailto:paul_hilton@sbcglobal.net). The vendor booths will be located in the Advanced Limousine building and the Skillman Building at 8620 Southeastern Ave. (former Humphrey/Mahoney Chevrolet building), the Back Porch Garden & Pool and Mascari's Cleaners. They will be open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. | When: Dec. 18, 1:15 p.m.; Dec. 19, 10:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m. | Where: The parade will start at the corner of McGaughey Road and Southeastern Avenue and will end at New Bethel Baptist Church. | Info: [WanamakerConnections.com](http://WanamakerConnections.com).

### GARFIELD PARK

**Taste of SolIndy** • Join us for an evening of tastings from local restaurants and food vendors, music, craft beer and wine from Garfield Brewery and SolIndy residents. Proceeds benefits the 2020 initiatives of the South Indy Quality of Life Plan. Our growing list of tasting vendors include Jailbird, Rooster BBQ, Shelby Street Saloon, King Gyros, Wing Street at Pizza Hut, Books & Brews, Community Hospital South and Normal Coffee. | When: Dec. 13, 6:30-8:30 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Arts Center (GPAC), 2432 Conservatory Dr. | Info: [Eventbrite.com/e/taste-of-soindy-tickets-79743895137](http://Eventbrite.com/e/taste-of-soindy-tickets-79743895137).

**Christmas at Garfield** • Christmas at Garfield is a Garfield Park holiday event for the whole family! Join the elves the Garfield Park Arts Center for holiday crafts, live music and performances. Mrs. Claus helps over at the Burrello Family Center with cookies and crafts. Visit the Conservatory to meet Santa and see Conservatory Crossing, the holiday train and poinsettia show. Spend the holidays at Garfield Park! | When: Dec. 14, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Drive. | Info: (317) 327-7183; [garfieldconservatory.org/concross18](http://garfieldconservatory.org/concross18).

### GREENWOOD

**Holidazzle II: Dinner and Show** • It's that time of year to welcome Santa and Mrs. Clause but are they up for the annual

## AN OPTION

### Jockamo Upper Crust Pizza

Located in Old Town Greenwood, Jockamo Upper Crust Pizza has served Southside residents for nearly a decade. Owned by Mick McGrath, his wife, Nancy Duncan, and their friends, Bob and Laura Stark, the family-friendly casual pizzeria has a separate bar area, with specials on beer and wine throughout the week. Popular pizzas include the Slaughterhouse Five, "five different meats, named in honor of Indy's own Kurt Vonnegut and the best seller at all three locations," according to McGrath; the Cheese Louise, with five different cheeses; the BBQ; and Thai, with homemade peanut sauce. A few of the more unusual choices include the Tecumseh with fresh venison sausage from the Knightstown Locker and the Creole with housemade etouffee sauce from Mama Roux on the eastside. "What makes us different is our dedication to making everything in-house," McGrath said. "Our dough, our sauces, our salad dressings,



Pizza dough and sauces are made in-house and cheeses are ground daily. (Submitted photo)

our soups are all made fresh every day. We also grind our blend of cheeses every day." In addition, Jockamo's offers a 10-inch gluten-free crust, vegan mozzarella and lite dressings. Lunch specials offer guests a choice of five different pizzas by the slice with a salad or two breadsticks with dipping sauce and a drink. For dessert? Try the white chocolate bread pudding.

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Amy Lee, Greenwood

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Compiled by Nancy Price

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## Marriage Story The subtle pain and pleasures of vulnerability

### MOVIE REVIEW

By Bradley Lane

Intimacy with another person is one of the most human experiences one can be a part of, and it is intimacy that is at the center of writer-director Noah Baumbach's *Marriage Story*. However, the film focuses not on two people falling in love with one another, rather the story is all about their divorce after a few years of tumultuous marriage. At the heart of the narrative is the idea that vulnerability and openness are required to sustain a relationship, but those same traits can so easily be weaponized to hurt the other person. Through exploration of these ideas *Marriage Story* serves as a poetic reaffirmation of the value of intimacy in relationships, while exploring, and even accentuating, the pain and danger associated with fully opening yourself up to another person.

The film follows Charlie (Adam Driver) and Nicole (Scarlett Johansson) as they navigate an often tricky and ill-communicated divorce that tears their family between two sides of the country, New York and L.A. Nicole is under the impression that

their son Henry's best environment would be amongst her family in L.A. where he would have the support of a stable household surrounded by his cousins and a loving aunt and grandmother. Conversely, Charlie runs a theater company in New York where the family had been living together and sees Henry's best option to uphold the status quo in New York. The film becomes a sometimes funny, often devastating, and ultimately reassuring tug-of-war between the two parties as they struggle to adjust to the complexities of maintaining a separated family.

*Marriage Story* begins with, first Charlie, then Nicole listing off what it is about the other person they fell in love with during their relationship and parenting of their son Henry. After learning about the characters from the perspective of one another we are ingeniously introduced to the characters' flaws, strengths and insecurities of the two that perfectly set the stage for the film's events. Only made more impactful by Driver's, and especially Johansson's, career defining performances.

Despite centering on a divorce Baumbach's film is assuredly hopeful

when it comes to relationships. His script never feels like it sides with either Charlie or Nicole; rather, it shifts focus on to their motivations for their actions and how those actions affect the other person. This approach never feels lopsided; rather throughout the narrative we deeply relate to both characters so that once we arrive at the emotional finale of the film, the audience is forced to reconcile with the fact that despite a long and ugly divorce, these characters still must depend on one another. This dependency requires a level of vulnerability with one another they will never be able to hide from.

*Marriage Story* is a beautiful look into one of the most difficult experiences two people could ever have to go through together and is one of the year's most thoughtful and tender films.



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

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Christmas tradition of delivering goodies and cheer? You guessed it ... just as the big night approaches, not one but BOTH come down with the flu! But not to worry, their special elf nephew comes to the rescue and adds a little bit of dazzle while he's at it! Ticket prices start at \$42.50; price include taxes, gratuities and ticket transaction fee. | When: Thursdays-Saturdays, Now through Dec. 21, 7 p.m. | Where: Stage to Screen Studios, 916 E. Main St. | Info: (317) 360-2733; [cateredcabaret.com/shows](http://cateredcabaret.com/shows).

**Joyful Sound** • Joyful Sound is a professional handbell choir based out of Greenwood and has been performing and educating the community since 1999. All concerts are family-friendly and open to the public. Admission is free, though a donation to Joyful Sound is welcome! | When: Dec. 13, 7 p.m. | Where: First Baptist Church of Greenwood, 99 W. Main St. | Info: [joyful-sound.info/upcoming-concerts](http://joyful-sound.info/upcoming-concerts).

**Christmas Concert** • The Greater Greenwood Community Band is performing its

annual Christmas concert. Narrated by Greenwood Mayor Mark Myers, this musical event is packed with festive Christmas favorites, multimedia, special guests and a visit from Santa. Directors Ora Pemberton and Randy Greenwell will be conducting the not-for-profit 80-plus piece band of volunteer musicians, plus special guests including Liz James, Whiteland High School's choir director, and a troupe of dancers from Style Dance Academy. | When: Dec. 15, 2 p.m. | Where: Greenwood High School auditorium, 615 W. Smith Valley Road. | Info: [greenwoodband.org](http://greenwoodband.org).

### INDIANAPOLIS

**Vox Sacra Annual Christmas Concert** • Vox Sacra (Sacred Voice), the Schola Cantorum of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, joined by the Archdiocesan Youth Choir, is presenting two opportunities to spend an evening filled with sacred music as we prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Christ. The Schola's fourth annual concert of Advent and Christmas music features works by Byrd, Palestrina, Pearsall, Stopford and more. The concert is free

and open to the public. | When: Dec. 14, 7 p.m. | Where: Holy Rosary Parish, 520 Stevens St. | Info: (317) 236-1483; [ctuley@archindy.org](mailto:ctuley@archindy.org); [voxsacra.com](http://voxsacra.com).

### SOUTHPORT

**SIS Annual Christmas Concert** • SIS (Sisters in Song) is 50-plus gals who represent 22 churches on the Southside. We sing every Friday morning homes, assisted living and etc. from the Southside of Indy to Franklin. We started doing a Christmas concert last year and had a really great turnout so we're doing it again this year. | When: Dec. 15, 5 p.m. | Where: Southport Heights Christian Church, 7154 McFarland Road. | Info: (317) 783-7714; [southportheights.org](http://southportheights.org).

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## BUSINESS

## Franciscan Health surgeon honored with Healing Hands Award

**Award** – Don King, MD, is the second quarter winner of the Healing Hands Award. Dr. King, left, is pre-sented with the Healing Hands Award by Dr. David Mandelbaum, medical director of Francis-can Health's palliative care services. King is a general surgeon with Franciscan Physician Network Indy Southside Surgical and has been on staff since 1993. Dr. King's award nomination included comments from patients who wrote to recommend him. Their comments included the following: "He is friendly, explains your situation so you can un-derstand. He doesn't talk about you but to you. He's polite." "He knew exactly what he needed to do to rid me of great pain ... I'm so grateful for his knowledge



and skill. ..." Dr. King responded to the comments, stating, "When I get out of my car and head inside, I just say, 'Let's see if we can help somebody today.'" Dr. King is a former president of the Indianapolis medical staff and has been a familiar name on *Indianapolis Monthly's* "Top Docs" edition. Dr. King is a former president of the Indianapolis medical staff and has been a familiar name on *Indianapolis Monthly's* "Top Docs" edition.

## American Senior Communities honors employees

**Recognition** – Spencer Lawson, payroll specialist at Greenwood Meadows, was among 86 employees of American Senior Communities honored for outstanding service to patients and residents. The employees were recognized during ASC's 19th Annual Quest for Excellence Awards Banquet, held at the downtown Marriott Hotel in Indianapolis. With close to 11,000 employees across the state, the Quest for Excellence Ban-

quet celebrates a team member from each community for their dedication to their role and exemplification of ASC's core values. Honorees included clinical staff, therapists and culinary staff, as well as business office, housekeeping and maintenance team members. ASC provides a variety of services, including Moving Forward Rehabilitation, Auguste's Cottage Memory Care, Skilled Nursing Care, Long Term Care, Respite and Hospice Care and living centers, including Garden Homes and Independent Living Apartments. For more information go to [ASCCare.com](http://ASCCare.com).



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## AROUND TOWN



### State Rep. Bob Behning visits Southport Middle School

**Legislation** – Southport Middle School welcomed Representative Bob Behning. Pictured, from left to right: Principal Stephanie Quinlan, Giovanni Ramirez, Johana Dempsey, Aiden Hickman, Trenton Filzen, Trent Slezmore, Katie Metzger, Carter McGaha, Elijah Deaton, James Perez, Lauren Lowry and Rep. Bob Behning. He toured the building and had a conversation with Principal Stephanie Quinlan and Assistant Superintendent Robert Bohannon about the teachers, students and curricular offerings at SMS. Rep. Behning was able to share his vision of future legislation that may impact education.



### Newly elected Southport officials take office

**Election** – Recently-elected Southport officials took the oath of office Nov. 23, administered by the honorable Judge John Kitely. Pictured from left, District 2 Councilor Carol Bowling, District 1 Councilor Jeff Vogt, Judge Kitely, District 3 Councilor Joe Haley, Councilor-At-Large Charles Lynch, District 4 Councilor Larry Tunget and Mayor Jim Cooney. Clerk-Treasurer Diane Buchanan was not able to attend the ceremony. Those elected will begin their terms January 2020.



### Indianapolis Colts mascot visits Southport Academy

**Presentation** – Southport Academy held a special assembly hosting Trey Mock, better known as mascot Blue from the Indianapolis Colts! Trey spoke with students about the importance of giving back to the community and learning to choose to love one another instead of passing judgement and bullying. He encouraged students to leave Southport Academy better than they found it, providing a pin to remind each student to take care of one another.

## UPCOMING PERRY TOWNSHIP MEETINGS &amp; EVENTS

**Baby and Toddler Storytime at Southport** • Babies and toddlers up to age 3 with an adult are invited for an active class featuring stories, songs and rhymes that focus on early literacy skills. This program will be followed by playtime with age-appropriate toys and sensory activities. | When: Dec. 12 & 13, 10:30 p.m. | Where: Southport Library Branch, 2630 E. Stop 11 Road. | Info: (317) 275-4510; [indypl.org/locations/southport](http://indypl.org/locations/southport).

**Roncalli Boys Varsity Basketball** • Roncalli boys varsity basketball home game vs. Whiteland. | When: Dec. 14, 7:30 p.m. | Where: Roncalli High School, 3300 Prague Road. | Info: (317) 787-8277; [info@roncalli.org](mailto:info@roncalli.org).

**Teen Paint Your ART Out: Galaxy Quotes** • Teens are invited to discover new watercolor and acrylic ink techniques to create a galaxy-inspired painting. Learn lettering styles to add an inspirational quote to galaxy backgrounds in this mixed media workshop presented by Art With a Heart. Call to register. | When: Dec. 15, 2-4 p.m. | Where: Southport Library Branch, 2630 E. Stop 11 Road.

| Info: (317) 275-4510; [indypl.org/locations/southport](http://indypl.org/locations/southport).

**Sisters in Song Concert** • An evening of Christmas entertainment featuring Southport Heights Sisters in Song Choir. | When: Dec. 15, 5 p.m. | Where: Southport Heights Christian Church, 7154 McFarland Road. | Info: (317) 783-7714; [southportheights.org](http://southportheights.org).

**SOPD Community Training** • Traffic Safety and Rules of the Road: Reporting Crashes. | When: Dec. 16, 6-7 p.m. | Where: City of Southport, 137 Worman St. | Info: (317) 786-5489; [southport.in.gov](http://southport.in.gov).

**Stormwater Utility Board Meeting** • Monthly stormwater utility board meeting. | When: Dec. 16, 6:30-7 p.m. | Where: City of Southport, 137 Worman St., Public Meeting Room. | Info: (317) 786-5489; [southport.in.gov](http://southport.in.gov).

**City County Council Meeting** • Monthly Southport City County Council meeting. | When: Dec. 16, 7-8 p.m. | Where: City of Southport, 137 Worman St., Public Meeting Room. | Info: (317) 786-5489; [southport.in.gov](http://southport.in.gov).

**Southport Evening Book Discussion** • Adults are invited to this evening book discussion group. The book to be discussed is, *The Mistletoe Secret*, by Richard Paul Evans. | When: Dec. 17, 6:30 p.m. | Where: Roncalli High School, 3300 Prague Road. | Info: (317) 787-8277; [info@roncalli.org](mailto:info@roncalli.org).

**Paws to Read at Southport** • Children who are reluctant readers are invited to read to Abbey, a registered therapy dog who loves to listen to stories! This activity can help improve a child's reading skills and self-confidence. Participants can sign up for a 15-minute reading session with Abbey. | When: Dec. 19, 6-7:30 p.m. | Where: Southport Library Branch, 2630 E. Stop 11 Road. | Info: (317) 275-4510; [indypl.org/locations/southport](http://indypl.org/locations/southport).



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## Is it jargon or slang when describing Dr. McDreamy as 'the bee's knees?'

### GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

Let's face it — the trajectory of our language is trending slangular (a word I'm confident I just invented). With the proliferation and pervasiveness of internet culture, slang is everywhere. You know this is true when your grandma comments that your new shoes are "on fleek." What is slang, and how should we properly utilize it in our communication?

It's time to load up our slangshots to attempt to define slang. Slang is informal language spoken by a specific group of people. These words and phrases incubate among particular groups — whether they be teenagers, minority groups or certain geographical regions. Slang starts conversationally, whether or not it ever translates into written language. Using slang is a way for individuals to communicate with their own set of words that help them to identify as part of a group.

Slang isn't jargon. Jargon is language that applies to a particular professional group. So, for instance, you'll hear tons of medical jargon in a TV hospital drama: "The patient has a localized, sub-therapeutic, idiopathic, epidermal pathogen that needs to be stabilized, stat!" To be honest, I have no idea what any of that means; however, since these seemingly foreign terms are specific to the medical community, they count as jargon, not slang.

Let's walk through an incomplete recent history of slang with examples. In the '20s, if you called your sandwich the "bee's knees" or cat's pajamas, you'd be saying that it was a particularly good sandwich. In the 1950s, if you had a shiner (black eye), you might want to cover it up with a pair of shades (sunglasses). In the 1960s, you'd be bummed out (depressed) if a choice babe (pretty girl) rejected your advances. If you're still telling people to "talk to the hand," the 1990s called from their gigan-

tic cell phone; they want their slang term for a scornful rejection of what someone has said back.

Use slang in informal situations: in conversations, at parties, online and when communicating with people with whom you already have a well-developed rapport. Don't use slang on your resume, in a job interview, in a Nobel prize acceptance speech, or in any kind of formal writing — which includes business emails.

Although I'm a fan of slang, you need to exercise caution when using it, especially in writing; a misplaced use of "off the chain" in the wrong context will not only lose you style points, but it could also hurt your chances of getting ahead at work.



Curtis Honeycutt is an award-winning syndicated humor columnist. Connect with him on Twitter (@curtishoneycutt) or at curtishoneycutt.com.

### Southside New Quiz SEE PAGE 2

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## VIEWS



## HUMOR



## Top 10 Things I've Learned from 50+ Years of Christmas Television Specials

By Torry Stiles

10. Santa's reindeer don't poop.
9. The Grinch story would've ended a lot sooner if he just had a pair of Dr. Scholl's shoe inserts and a decent cardiologist.
8. Santa doesn't mind stowaways as long as they are wearing pajamas.
7. Elves and Victorian Londoners are naturally gifted dancers.
6. New England is full of family inns on the verge of bankruptcy.
5. If I could've talked my buddy in grade school to lick the flagpole, I would've done it in a heartbeat.
4. Santa could stand toe-to-toe with Superman, but I think Wolverine would be a tough fight.
3. Elves should not be trusted with power tools.
2. The girl in the Hallmark movies will fall in love with the guy in the plaid shirt.
1. Christmas, as we know it now, would not exist without Jewish actors and Japanese animators.

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*"If opportunity doesn't knock, build a door."*

– Milton Berle  
American comedian

## OBITUARIES

### Donald F. Behrens Sr.

Donald F. Behrens Sr., 85, of Greenwood, died Dec. 2, 2019. He was born Dec. 27, 1933 in Indianapolis to the late Fred and Ella Behrens. He was a member of Friedens United Church of Christ, Southport Masonic Lodge # 270, Scottish Rite and the Murat Shrine. He served many areas in his church. He is preceded in death by his wife, June and his siblings. Survivors include his sons, Donald (Patricia) Behrens, Jr. and David (Sally) Behrens; four grandchildren, Patrick, Jennifer, Allison and Emily. Services were held Dec. 5 at G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, 1605 S. St. Rd 135, Greenwood. He was buried in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

### Susan Kay Browning

Susan Kay Browning, 71, of Greenwood, died Dec. 5, 2019. She was born May 4, 1948 in Indianapolis to the late Devota (Floyd) & William Alexander. She graduated from Shortridge High School in 1966. She married Richard A. Browning Sept. 7, 1968. He preceded her in death March 5, 2008. She is survived by her two children, Stacy Roycraft (Kevin) and Wendy Browning; grandchildren, Sydney Roycraft, Nolan Roycraft, Dylan Bastin and Hailey Bastin; a sister, Bette Erleben (Walter) and James Alexander. Upon wishes the family will hold a private memorial. Arrangements were entrusted to G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home.

### Karen Kay Bumpus

Karen Kay Bumpus, 62, of Bargersville, died Dec. 8, 2019. She was born July 23, 1957 in Harrisburg, PA to Henry and Blanche Shank. Karen worked with computers and customer service for many years. Karen is survived by her husband, Gary Bumpus; stepchildren, Melissa and Gary II; grandchildren, Alexis, Tyson, Kiana and Lucas; as well as her sister, Sharon (Jerry) Williams; and her family. No services are scheduled. Arrangements are entrusted to Simplicity Funeral & Cremation Care, Indianapolis.

### Michael Eakle

Michael Eakle, 44, of Indianapolis, died Dec. 4, 2019. Born Dec. 20, 1974 in Indianapolis, he attended Manual High School. He enjoyed fishing and hunting with his dad. His other hobbies included water and snow skiing, softball and baseball. He was preceded in death by his mother, Penny Eakle in 2006 and son, Michael Eakle Jr. in 1995. Survivors include his father, Leon (Eva Beatty); four children, Michaela, Ryan, Michael and Briana; two sisters, Kimberly (Devin) Hale and Kristy (Michael) Barron; three nephews, Donovan (Emily) Hale, Kevin Wright and Kobe Wright; a great-niece, Marley Mae Hale; with a granddaughter, London on the way. Services were held Nov. 9 at G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home at The Gardens at Olive Branch, 1605 South State Road 135. Burial will be at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

### Sue Karen Hall

Sue Karen Hall, 80, of Indianapolis, died Dec. 4, 2019. Born Jan. 15, 1939 in Danville, IN to William Milton Berry and Norris Berry, she was a member of OES and enjoyed spending time with her family, gardening and her dog. She is preceded in death by her husband, Donald Hall; children, Ronnie Hall and Carey Hall; and grandchildren, Shauna Hall and Danielle Hall. Survivors include a brother, Bill Berry (Sandy); a son, Barry Hall (Amanda); grandchildren, Amanda Alumbau (Nick), Raymond Schum, Christopher

Flack, Morgan Williams (Nathan), Taylor Hall, Colin Hall, Cruz Hall and great-grandchildren, Maddox, Aliviah, Madason, Aidan, Ava, Aristella and Addison. Visitation was held Dec. 8 at G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home at The Gardens of Olive Branch, 1605 S. State Road 135. A funeral service was conducted on Dec. 9. She was buried in Greenwood Cemetery.

### Joseph Francis Kieffer

Joseph Francis Kieffer, Jr., 92, of Indianapolis, died Nov. 29, 2019. Joe was born in Beech Grove Sept. 18, 1927 to the late Joseph Francis, Sr. and Matilda (Schafer) Kieffer. On April 23, 1949 he married Grace (Lynskey) Kieffer, who survives. Joe was a graduate of Cathedral High School. Joe worked for Naval Avionics, retiring as a foreman in 1988. Joe was a longtime member of St. Jude Catholic Church and previously St. Catherine of Sienna Catholic Church where he was a eucharistic minister. Joe was also a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters. Joe truly loved the outdoors; he enjoyed fishing, hunting and camping. Joe especially loved ceramics and woodworking. If the radio was on, Joe was often listening to country western music. Joe is preceded in death by a son, Joseph Kieffer. Joseph is survived by his wife, Grace (Lynskey) Kieffer; children, Mary Kay (Paul) Segasser, Patricia (Charles) Parker, Liz (Danny) Appleby, Ed Kieffer, Kevin (Jenny) Kieffer and Christine (John) Hamilton; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. The funeral mass was celebrated Dec. 5 at St. Paul Hermitage. Burial followed in Calvary Cemetery, Indianapolis. Arrangements were handled by Daniel F. O'Riley Funeral Home.

### Kevin Thomas Kowalik

Kent Thomas Kowalik, 53, of Indianapolis, died Dec. 3, 2019. Kent was born Jan. 23, 1966 in Orange, CA to the late Thomas J. & Charlotte (Pieper) Kowalik. Kent graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee with a bachelor's degree. After graduation, Kent pursued a career in real estate development. Kent was known for his love of music and ability to play multiple instruments; some of his favorites included the piano and the guitar. Kent also enjoyed jogging, snow skiing and financial investing. Along with his parents, Kent is preceded in death by a nephew, Colin Kraus. Survivors include his siblings, Jeff (Cindy) Kowalik and Kerri Kraus; and nephews, Kent (fiancée, Stephanie) Kraus and Kyle Kraus. Graveside services for Kent will be held privately. Final care and arrangements are entrusted to the Daniel F. O'Riley Funeral Home, Indianapolis.

### Joseph A. Lewis

Joseph A. Lewis, 85, of Indianapolis, died Dec. 7, 2019. Lewis was born Dec. 16, 1933 in Indianapolis to the late Joseph A. and Thelma (Harms) Lewis. Following graduation from Emmerich Manual High School, Joe served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He worked as a forklift driver for John Sexton & Company for 42 years. He was also employed at Wilson Bros. Cadillac Corner. An avid sports fan, Mr. Lewis enjoyed watching IU basketball and the Cincinnati Reds. Joe will be remembered for his honesty and generosity. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of more than 50 years, Shirley (Fishburn) Lewis; and two sisters, Josephine Archer and Edna Ann McCarty. Survivors include one daughter, Sherri (Ken) Massie; sisters, Evelyn (the late Gene) Hemelgarn and Alice (Jack) Shuford; brother, Harold "Bo" Lewis; grandchildren, Christie (Daniel) Boat, Erin Massie and Terri Gast; and great-

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grandchildren, Harrison Boat and Beckett Massie. Visitation will be held Dec. 13, 4-8 p.m., in the O'Riley Funeral Home, 6107 S. East St., Indianapolis. The funeral service will begin at 1 p.m. Dec. 14 at the funeral home. Burial will be at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Glens Valley.

**Ted Maple**

Ted Maple, 96, died Dec. 7, 2019. Ted was born in Waldron, IN in 1923, where he developed his love of music in the Waldron High School band. After serving in the Navy during WWII, he went on to work as a safety engineer for 21 years. He married Patricia June Thacker in 1949. Ted loved the piano. He and his family attended Life Tabernacle for several years. He and Pat were more recently attending Stones Crossing Church in Greenwood. The two of them had a traveling musical ministry. For 40 years, Ted and Pat also performed in plays together through the Christian Theological Seminary. In their later years, they were given an opportunity to record and perform their gospel music. He was preceded in death by his mother, Glenna Roberts; and sister, Helen (Maple) Hantzis. Ted is survived by his wife, Patricia; daughter, Regina Maple-Carley (Rob); son, Matt; and grandson, Taylor Carley; his nieces, Shirley Halterman (Dave) and Sandee Keller; and nephew, James Hantzis, Jr., as well as several sisters-in-law, brother-in-law and other nieces and nephews. Services were held Dec. 7 at G.H. Herrmann Funeral Home, 1605 S. State Road 135, Greenwood, IN 46143.

**Martha Jane May**

Martha Jane May, 80, of Indianapolis, died Nov. 28, 2019. She was born in Batesville, IN to the late Clyde and Lois (Tarpennig) Vankirk. She was a file clerk with State Life Insurance Company in Indianapolis in her earlier years. She was a longtime member of Southwood Baptist Church and a lifetime member of the VFW Auxiliary 2999 and made an Honorary Citizen of Beech Grove for her volunteer work at St. Frances Hospital. She was a cat lover and loved being outdoors. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Joye Branden; her second husband, Thurman May; her infant son; and her brothers and sisters. She is survived by her good friends and neighbors, Debra Brant and Hilda and Leo, Michael and Ashley Cooper, Corey Cheshier and her church family. Services were entrusted to Little & Sons Funeral Home, Beech Grove Chapel. Burial will be in the Booher Cemetery in Napoleon, IN.

**David Wayne McKee**

David Wayne McKee, 47, died Dec. 2, 2019 in Beech Grove. He loved spending time with his grandbabies. He was a drummer, loved to build computers, make burgers and was an Iron Maiden fan. He is survived by his parents, Donald and Carolyn McKee; his wife, Joan; his siblings, Micheal (Kris) and Peggy; his children, Dillion (Rachel) McKee, Brandi (Harley) Lacefield and Brittany Wilson; four grandchildren, Lianna, Isaiah, Olsen and Miles. Visitation was held Dec. 9 at G H Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis.

**James Bernard McKenna**

James Bernard McKenna, 72, of Indianapolis, died Dec. 7, 2019. He was born April 21, 1947 in Indianapolis to Frank and Margaret McKenna. James served his country in the Army during

the Vietnam War and married Sally Dec. 16, 1972. Together they enjoyed nearly 47 years of marriage. He retired from Navistar International in 2004, where he worked as a machinist. He was an avid gardener who could grow both flowers and vegetables, and a sports fan who rooted for the Colts and Notre Dame. He is preceded in death by his son, Seamus McKenna; parents, Frank and Margaret McKenna; and four brothers. James is survived by his wife, Sally McKenna; son, Timothy McKenna; grandchildren, Erin McKenna and Meghan McKenna; sisters, Cathy, Josie, Margi and Betsy; as well as a host of nieces and nephews. No services are scheduled. Arrangements were entrusted by Simplicity Funeral & Cremation Care, Indianapolis.

**Alan Leroy Meese**

Alan Leroy Meese, 80, of Beech Grove, died Nov. 28, 2019. Alan was born Feb. 18, 1939 to the late Rosene (Boothby) Meese and Roger Schultz Meese. He is also preceded in death by his sister, Brenda Meese; son-in-law, Edmond Thurman; grandchild, Sara Collins; and infant twin siblings. Alan retired from Eli Lilly. He was a past master of the Beech Grove Masonic Lodge and past patron of Eastern Star. Alan is survived by his wife, Susan (Helkema) Meese; daughters, Elaine Stroud (Randy), Barbara Koenig, Sheila Thurman and Lenore Gallagher (Paul); son, Jeff Meese (Trinity Collins); sister, Noreen Preston; grandchildren, Allen Rushing, Adam Rushing, Amanda Groover, Kaitlin Koenig, Jessica Koenig, Elizabeth Loy, Greg Gallagher, Emily Meese, Maxwell Meese, Lily Meese and Anna Blackburn; and great-grandchildren, Nathaniel McQuay, Remington Terry, Joseph McQuay, Ramsey Rushing, Zeke Rushing, Jonathan Misner, Kinlee Groover, Maddilynn Rushing, Kylee Groover, Sofia Lane, Junior Flowers, Brody Rushing, Blake Lee Flowers, Juliana Gallagher and Ryder Loy. Services we entrusted to Little & Sons Funeral Home, Beech Grove Chapel. Burial was at Washington Park East Cemetery.

**Clark Elijah Morris**

Clark Elijah Morris, Indianapolis, died Dec. 2, 2019. He was 22. He was born Sept. 3, 1997 in Shelbyville, IN, a son of Joy D. Morris. Clark was employed in the construction industry and had attended the Church of the Firstborn in Indianapolis. He is preceded in passing by his grandmother, La Verne Morris. Clark is survived by his mother, Joy Morris; his son, Elijah Friend; his biological parents, Brandy (Tom) Oleksiak and Dustin Hunt; his grandparents, Rex Morris, Cindy Murphy and Carol Hunt; his brothers and sisters, Bryant Morris, Marc Morris, Miya Morris, Tyee Morris and Sabrea Morris; an aunt, Faith (Shane) Pilon; an uncle, Shawn (Rebekah) Morris; as well as several cousins. A Celebration of Life is being planned and those arrangements are pending at this time.

**Judith Ann Morrison**

Judith Ann Morrison, 81, died. She is preceded in death by her husband, Michael E. Morrison. She had four siblings, Jane(Bob) Shadbolt, Bill(Debbie) Zimmermann, Dave(Marilyn) Zimmermann and Don (Sandy) Zimmermann; three children, Tim Morrison, Tedd(Jill) Morrison and Jaynie Morrison-Davis (Brad); three grandchildren, Mike(Kaylee) Davis, Gus Davis and Elise Davis; and three great-grandchildren. Family & friends are welcome to gather in her memory Dec. 15 at Copper Chase at Stones Crossing apartment clubhouse, 2345 Thorium Drive, Greenwood, IN 46143 from 2-9 p.m.

**Randell Alan Newman**

Randall Alan Newman, 66, of Indianapolis, died Nov. 30, 2019. He was owner of the Compass Rose Taxi Company of Southport, and a former longtime driver for Yellow Cab and Indy Airline Taxi. Newman was a lifelong resident of Indianapolis, played football at Manual High School, graduated in 1972 and played minor league baseball for a short time. His father, Ralph A. Newman, Sr., preceded him in death. Newman is survived by his wife of 37 years, Cindy Newman; daughter, Sheena (Thomas) Winn; son, Chris Newman; and his mother, Lila Newman; five grandchildren, Cody C., Ryan C. and Sean C. Newman and Isabella "Izzy" and Charlie "Char Char" Winn; sister, Laura Reading; and brothers, Ralph A. "Andy" Newman, Jr. (Pam), John Newman (Christa) and Tom Newman. Visitation was held Dec. 7 at Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel, 3333 E. Thompson Road.

**Maria Jessie Sparkman**

Maria Jessie Sparkman, 78, of Indianapolis, died Nov. 27, 2019. She was born April 19, 1941 in Austin, TX to the late Uvaldo Rodrigues and Elivera Flores. She attended Villa Baptist Church in Indianapolis. Survivors include her children, Rudy Gil, Maria Cahill, John Travisson and Sandy Reese; 13 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews. Services were held Dec. 6 at G.H. Herrmann East Street Funeral Home, 1505 S. East St., Indianapolis.

**Gary W. Spear**

Gary W. Spear, 66, died Dec. 8, 2019. He donated his body to I.U. Medical School. He was born Oct. 29, 1953 to Robert and Doris Spear, was raised in Beech Grove and graduated from Beech Grove High School in 1972. Gary had many occupations over the years including the last 18 years at Klosterman Bakery. He is preceded in death by his mother. Survivors include his father; siblings, Gordon, Tim (Janice), David (Margaret) and Susan (Paul) Ware. A memorial celebration of life will be in the spring of 2020 at Knob Hill, Lake Lemon.

**Amanda Jo Steagall**

Amanda Jo Steagall, 29, of Indianapolis, died Dec. 4, 2019. Amanda was born March 17, 1990 in Beech Grove to the late Rick Steagall and Kim (Crandell) Vinson. Amanda graduated from Franklin Central High School in 2009. Amanda loved roller skating and dancing. She loved little kids and caring for her nieces and nephews who loved calling her Aunt AJ. Amanda is preceded in death by her father, Rick Steagall; her paternal grandmother, Sandra Pettaway; and her great-grandmother, Gloria Pugh. Survivors include her mother, Kim (Gary) Vinson; siblings, Andrew M. (Shannon) Steagall, Christopher (Megan) Hawn, Ashley Stegall and Sasha Tuason; nieces and nephews, Mason, Parker, Brayden, Carson, Hudson, Haiden, Kaylin, Levi, Raegan, Avelina and Bennett, Jr. Services were held Dec. 6 at the Daniel F. O'Riley Funeral Home, 6107 S. East St., Indianapolis.

**Andrew V. Tunstall**

Andrew V. Tunstall, 19, of Indianapolis, died Nov. 24, 2019. Andrew was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Linda Jones and Paul Sykes Sr. Andrew is survived by his parents, Marcus and Karla Tunstall; sister, Carla Sykes; twin brother, Anthony Tunstall; aunts and uncles,

Alisha Sykes, Paul Sykes Jr. and Sonya Tunstall; nephew, Andre Conner; cousins, Mai'lisha Strane and Joshua Gill; and paternal grandparents, Hazel (Harold) Tunstall-Hooks and Charlis Tunstall. He was also survived by many friends and additional family. Services were entrusted to Little and Sons Funeral Home on Stop Eleven Road.

**Gary Beryl Underwood**

Gary Beryl Underwood, 69, lifelong resident of the Southside, died Dec. 3, 2019. Gary was born to Beatrice and Lonzo Underwood Oct. 26, 1950. He graduated from Southport High School in 1968 and went on to work as a senior lab technician at Eli Lilly for 32 years. When he retired, he loved to spend time gambling and being with family. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Larry Underwood; and his son, Devon Underwood. Gary is survived by several remaining siblings and extended family, Brenda Bertel (Joe), Sherry Underwood, Jerry Underwood (Shirley), Michele Cambridge (Steve), Mike Underwood (Carla Myers), Sherry Henry (Cameron) and Sharon Chandler (Jason); and one daughter, Nicci Fravel; and two grandsons, Dylan and Daniel. He is also survived by several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Gary only wanted a graveside service. Graveside services will be conducted Dec. 16 at 1 p.m. at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

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## ✚ BAPTIST

**Faith Baptist Church** • 1640 Fry Road, Greenwood. | Ph: (317) 859-7964. | Pr. Scott Mauldin. | Sun.: 10:30 a.m. & 5 p.m. | Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. | Wed.: 7 p.m. | KJV.

## ✚ CATHOLIC

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

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7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. | Sat. Anticipation Mass: 5 p.m.

## ✚ CHRISTIAN CHURCH

**Mount Pleasant Christian Church** • 381 N. Bluff Road, Greenwood. | Senior Pr. Chris Philbeck. | Sun.: 9:15 a.m., 11 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 jewshdccc@yahoo.com.

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

## ✚ DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

**Tapestry Church** • 4135 Smith Valley Road, Greenwood. | Ph: (317) 784-4431 | Woven Service: 9:15 a.m. | Traditional Service: 10:45 a.m. | gototapestry.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.

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

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

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

**Tallwood Chapel Community Church** • 5560 S. Shelby St., Indpls. | Ph: (317) 787-5595. | Pr. Daniel Smith | Sun.: 10:30 a.m. | Bible Study & Youth Outreach - Wed.: 7 p.m. | BIBLE CHURCH, Ministry of HOLY WORD.

## ✚ PRESBYTERIAN

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

## ✚ 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.

## ✚ SOUTHERN BAPTIST

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

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

## ✚ SPIRITUALIST

**The Spiritualist Church of Indianapolis** • 3020 S. Meridian St. Ste. E & F, Indianapolis 46217. | Sunday Services: 6:30 p.m. | TSCOI.org.

## ✚ UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**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.

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

## ✚ WESLEYAN

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

**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

10 And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the Lord, nor yet the works which He had done for Israel.

11 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and served Baalim:

12 And they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the Lord to anger.

## JUDGES 2:10-12

Isn't it strange how history keeps repeating itself over and over again? The God that most people imagine is a god of convenience who is necessary only in times of emergency. He is a God who is just lingering around somewhere in the periphery of their lives and is definitely not at the core of it. It seems that our children do not accept the reports of their grandparents or parents about better times when God was so highly revered that even sinners recognized that they needed to at least respect Him and those that served Him meaningfully. Today, such is not the case. The God that most people say they serve is merely an influence but not a driving force. They know that He is there, or they think He

might be there, but they are not sure He is there. In essence they have forsaken the God of their forefathers and have invented an imaginary God that they can control instead of allowing themselves to be controlled by Him.

This nation and the world in which it exists is here because God is a God of mercy and great patience. He would have been justified if He had brought it to an end years ago. Sometimes I am amazed that He has not already done so and they are based on His patience with all of mankind and not just those of us of the western world but all!

When will we ever learn that just because God is patient with us, this does not mean that we have met with or are meeting with His approval? He will give us time to repent but if we don't repent, He will reject us as His people in the future and there will be dire consequences when He does.

Like Joshua of the Old Testament I say to you this day, choose who it is that you will serve. As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

God bless and go and have a great day.

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

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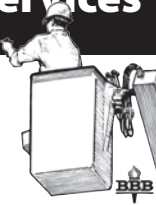
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