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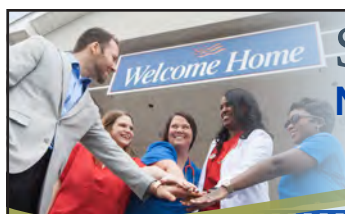
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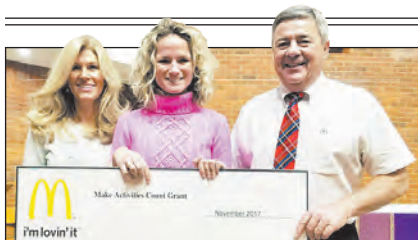
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Three Southside teachers awarded MAC Grants

Excellent ideas for classroom activities have not gone unnoticed by local McDonald's® restaurants. (St. Barnabas) Maggie Kuflewski, (Southport 6th Grade Academy) Joshua Madden and (Southport Middle School) Brooke Nelson will be awarded MAC Grants this year.

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Top, from left, Karen Wojtowicz, McDonald's owner/operator, Maggie Kuflewski, teacher and Paul Wojtowicz, McDonald's owner/operator. | Middle, from left, Pete Wojtowicz, McDonald's owner/operator and Joshua Madden, teacher. | Bottom, from left, Brooke Nelson, teacher and Pete Wojtowicz, McDonald's owner/operator. (Submitted photos)



Perry Township Kiwanis inducts Kurt Hagemmaier

The Kiwanis Club of Perry Township has inducted Kurt Hagenmaier into its membership. Inducting Hagenmaier was his sponsor, Director Steve Hadley, and President Les Branham.

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IN OUR SCHOOLS



Southport and Perry recognize Rising Stars

Class of 2019 – The Indiana Association of School Principals, along with Southport High School and Perry Township, recognized Colston Streit, John Gundersen, Yasmin McClellan and Lauren Stucky as Rising Stars among the Class of 2019. Pictured from left, Colston Streit, John Gundersen, Yasmin McClellan, and Lauren Stucky.

Southside News Quiz

How well do you know your Southside community?

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

1 Test time! Are you enjoying the new Grammar Guy column? Using his lesson for this week, which quote is written correctly?

- A. "Buddy the Elf, what's your favorite color?"
- B. "Smiling's my favorite.
- C. "I'm a Cotton-Headed Ninnymuggins!"
- D. "The best way to spread Christmas Cheer, is singing loud for all to hear".

2 Beech Grove's Shop with a Cop program gave gifts to how many children this year?

- A. 250
- B. 32
- C. 48
- D. 100

3 What does Liz Allison say is the kids' highlight of IMPD's Clothe-A-Child event?

- A. Shopping
- B. Riding in the police car
- C. Face painting
- D. The visit from Santa

4 Changing Footprints, a nonprofit organization, donated 1,200, what, to Perry Township families on Dec. 16?

- A. Pairs of socks
- B. Pairs of shoes
- C. Orthopedic inserts
- D. Hats

5 Adam Staten gives *The Shape of Water* 4.5 out of 5 stars in this week's movie review. This new release is about a girl who becomes friends with _____?

- A. A mermaid-like creature
- B. Her next door neighbor
- C. Her internet pen pal
- D. A lifeguard

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Roncalli canned food drives celebrates 47 years

Giving – For the 47th year in a row, Roncalli sponsored its annual Canned Food and Blood Drive. Over the course of its run, Roncalli has collected over three million cans for the needy of Indianapolis. This year, over 400 Roncalli students collected 35,343 cans that filled the shelves of the St. Vincent de Paul Food pantry of Marion County. Special recognition goes to the top student contributor, senior Anthony Monroe who brought in 3,480 cans! Roncalli students and staff also raised \$11,804 that will provide food for St. Vincent de Paul, Anna's House, David Moore Food Pantry, Holy Trinity Food Pantry, Catholic Charities and Hunger Inc. The drive ran the first three weeks in November with the collection day being on Nov. 18, 2017. The Blood Mobile was also on campus as the students dropped off their canned food donations and collected 104 pints of blood to help those in need.



A. Monroe



Student council volunteers toss their teddy bears.

Franklin Central hosts 3rd Annual Teddy Bear Toss

For children – With the help of the Franklin Central Boys Basketball Team and SPARKLE Cheer Team, the FC Student Council hosted their 3rd Annual Teddy Bear Toss for the Children's Bureau of Indianapolis on Dec. 16. Hundreds of new teddy bears were tossed onto the floor after the Flashes' made their first basket on a game-winning night! Franklin Township Youth Basketball players gathered the teddies, and the SPARKLE Squad collected them. Student Council deliver the donations to the Children's Bureau of Indianapolis at the Gene Glick Family Support Center this week; all donations help "support our (Children's Bureau, Inc.) mission to help Indiana children in need." The SPARKLE Squad also has a mission to "bring together students with and without disabilities."

IN OUR SCHOOLS



Franklin Township Ed. Foundation welcomes new executive director

Education – Dianna Miller-Wilson joined the Franklin Township Education Foundation this November. Dianna spent 21 years as the Manager of the Sleep Disorders Program for Franciscan Health. She worked with a team of physicians and clinical professionals to raise awareness and grow a successful program. Also, Dianna founded and led the Indiana Society of Sleep Professionals for over 15 years. This non-profit focused on professional development, patient advocacy and state licensure efforts for clinicians working in Sleep Medicine.

After leaving Franciscan Health, Dianna worked with the Indiana Association of REALTORS, the Epilepsy Foundation of Indiana, and the Franklin Township School Corporation. Dianna's background has provided her with a variety of opportunities which compliment her job responsibilities with the FTEE.

Dianna and her family are Franklin Township residents. She is a graduate of Franklin Central High School and Indiana Wesleyan University. She is married with one daughter, Grace, who is a student at Franklin Township Middle School East.

The Franklin Township Education Foundation recently celebrated 20 years of making a difference by helping, enhancing, supporting, and creating unlimited educational opportunities in the public schools of Franklin Township. Mrs. Miller-Wilson said, "I am honored to work with so many incredible individuals that share my community spirit and I look forward to building on the tremendous accomplishments of the last 20 years." For more information, contact Dianna at (317) 803-5037 or dianna@fteducation.org.



Perry's Jayla Sloan is awarded Lilly Scholarship

College – Central Indiana Community Foundation announced the 13 recipients of the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarships for both Marion and Hamilton counties. Scholars will receive up to four years of full tuition to attend any accredited public or private not-for-profit college or university in Indiana. Among the recipients is Jayla Sloan, Perry Meridian High School. Pictured from left, Brad Miller (PMHS Director of Guidance), Kert Boedicker (PMHS Principal), Jayla Sloan, Beatrice Beverly (Committee Member of Central Indiana Community Foundation), and Andy Cottingham (PMHS Guidance Counselor).



Clockwise from top left, Alisa Adhikari, Alexis Burns, Justin Xu and Ellie Jarosinski.

Four CGHS juniors honored as Rising Stars of Indiana

Scholarship – Four Center Grove High School (CGHS) juniors are among the Rising Stars of Indiana Class of 2019. Alisa Adhikari, Alexis Burns, Ellie Jarosinski, and Justin Xu were nominated by CGHS for their outstanding academic achievements. Rising Stars of Indiana is a non-competitive recognition program designed by the Indiana Association of School Principals to increase the visibility and scholarship opportunities for scholars who are in their junior year of high school. Each Indiana high school can identify up to four individuals who will graduate with the class of 2019 to include as Rising Stars of Indiana.

FROM THE EDITOR

Happy Holidays from The Southside Times

The solstice is behind us and we've been officially christened by winter-time. As trees go up and gifts fill in underneath, we're filled with a humbling joy and gratitude this time of year more than any other. The entire Southside community shines a little brighter during the holidays, inside and out.

We work hard at The Southside Times to bring our readers quality material every month and we know our readers are working just as hard out in the community that we spotlight. Of course we're biased on the subject but we feel there is no greater sense of community in the Indy area than what we've got right here; our sense of volunteerism, charity and community efforts are second to none.

It is our hope that each and every one of you gets the chance to put your feet up and relax this holiday season. Sit by a warm fire and enjoy a glass of eggnog or hot chocolate. It's a great time of year for the family to gather together to watch some holiday classics and keep that tradition going into the next generation.

And for those of us who work hard even through the holidays, we offer you our sincerest thanks. Folks from all walks of life find themselves on the clock during holidays every now and again – people like that are the backbone of our community.

The holidays are a special time for everyone from the kids to the kids at heart, so don't be a scrooge. Enjoy it!



The Southside Times welcomes letters to the editor in good taste.

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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.

★ **Stars:** To LifeBridge on its Operation Bright Christmas program and Indian Christian Church that donated more than 25,000 in toys and gifts for children this holiday season.

★ **Stars:** To the Fraternal Order of Eagles on Main Street in Beech Grove for the food baskets that were donated to families in need.

★ **Stars:** To the Trooper Bartram Memorial Foundation and Helping Hands for Freedom for hosting/sponsoring the annual Christmas for Kids event. This year's big event, held at the Walmart in Greenwood, helped nearly 300 children this year!

★ **Stars:** To Barn at Bay Horse Inn in Greenwood on hosting

Breakfast with Santa in the Barn - a wonderful event to bring the community together!

★ **Stars:** To all of our Southside cities on the wonderful holiday decorations lighting up the neighborhoods!

★ **Stars:** To the Kind Kids Club for donating four dozen "kindness critters," stuffed animals, to the IMPD Southeast District. Officers will give these toys away to children while they are on the road.

★ **Stars:** To the City of Greenwood on finishing the Surina connector trail project. This trail connects Old City Park to the Amphitheater furthering Greenwood's connectivity!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Maybe Christmas, the Grinch thought, doesn't come from a store."

- Dr. Seuss

HUMOR



TOP TEN REASONS TO AVOID A CHRISTMAS WEDDING

By Torry Stiles

10. A lifetime of combined presents like candy cane-themed kitchen appliances and conjugating reindeer sweaters.
9. Sure, staying up for milk and cookies sounds good now but one day it'll be Metamucil and B vitamin supplements.
8. Santa Claus doesn't carry "those" kinds of toys after he got busted in Alabama 60 years ago.
7. If you ever get divorced, the custody battle for the Charlie Brown nativity set could get vicious.
6. Somebody at the reception is bound to get drunk and act out the song, "Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer." Grandma would surely lose a hip.
5. All of your friends and family are too broke to get you any decent presents.
4. "Preachers are already working overtime. The only one you can find has a pony tail, wears sandals in winter and plays a lot of Cat Stevens music."
3. You'll get booted out of church if you ever point out that you're one up on Mary and Joseph.
2. Think of how much trouble you'd be in if you ever forgot your anniversary.
1. Twenty years from now you may not want to look in that stocking.

BELIEVE IT!

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

In Mississippi, it is illegal to teach others what polygamy is.

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GOVERNMENT WATCHDOG

GREENWOOD COMMON COUNCIL

Meeting, Dec. 18

What happened:

• Ordinance 17-66 pass second reading and Resolution 17-35 was introduced to the council.

What it means:

• Ordinance 17-66 amends Greenwood Municipal Code in order to increase the penalty for parking violations. The Ordinance, per the police chief's recommendation, increases the fee to \$50 for first time offenders and also adjusts this charge to \$35 if the offender pays within the first ten days. If the offender pays after 30 calendar days the fee will be set at \$75. Subsequent offenses will be increased as well.

• Resolution 17-35 authorizes the issuance of a Bond. This bond will be used to fund some of the costs for the Public Infrastructure Projects. These projects will include upgrades to Emerson Road from County Line to Main and improvements to Smith Valley as well.

What's next:

• Ordinance 17-66 was amended by the council per the sheriff's department to delay effective date until Feb. 1st. 17-66 will go into effect on that date. Resolution 17-35 will go before the council for its first reading at the January 3rd meeting.

Compiled by Beth Wade

SOUTHPORT CITY COUNCIL

Meeting, Dec. 18

What happened:

• Resolution 2017-21.

What it means:

• Resolution 21 is the annual appointment of the Redevelopment Commission. The appointees are Bill Leber and Jim Cooney. The mayor had appointed Duane Langreck, Wendell Adams and Steve Cook.

Compiled by Nicole Davis

ON CAMPUS



Greenwood's Jarvis Mulholland receives University of Nebraska- Lincoln degree

Science – Jarvis Andrew Mulholland of Greenwood was among 1,488 graduates who received degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln during commencement exercises Dec. 15 and 16. Mulholland earned a Master of Science from the Office of Graduate Studies. The graduates are from 41 countries, 40 states and Puerto Rico, and more than 160 Nebraska communities. For a complete list of graduates, visit go.unl.edu/4vai.

Jillian Fledderman inducted into Phi Kappa Phi

Honor society – Jillian Fledderman of Greenwood was recently initiated into The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, the nation's oldest and most selective all-discipline collegiate honor society. Fledderman was initiated at Ball State University. Fledderman is among approximately 30,000 students, faculty, professional staff and alumni to be initiated into Phi Kappa Phi each year. Membership is by invitation only and requires nomination and approval by a chapter. Only the top 10 percent of seniors and 7.5 percent of juniors are eligible for membership.



He may have not come home with us with the tree, but... Elvis is now in the building! (Photo by R. Hinton)

Merry Christmas 2017

HAUNTS & JAUNTS

By Rick Hinton

As a child living in the inner city neighborhood of Twin Aire, the mystery of Christmas was month-long in December, culminating in going to bed on Christmas Eve as the clock stroked toward midnight. I slept fitfully for a few hours, always awakening during the wee hours of morning. Kerry slept like the younger brother he was while I prowled through the house arriving at the Christmas tree, suddenly with a dramatic outlay of presents under it. I was looking for Santa, but had missed him—again! I continued to 'prowl' after our move to the far east side on South Post Road. And sometimes now, as an adult, I still prowl. Because... do you ever really want to give that up?

I've always carried the notion that Santa is a supernatural event. Our childhood engulfed us with his annual visit and presents under the tree. Christmas morning dawned with innocent wonder that something beyond the ordinary had happened while we slept. Magic! When I would spend Christmas Eve with my grandparents, they always put out a plate of cookies and a glass of milk for Santa. The next morning they were empty, with a trail of cookie crumbs littering the table.

Today for me there are twinkling lights, lawn decorations, music, food, family and friends as we continue forward in this passage through life.

There's also a feel in the air that maybe... just maybe... we can put away meanness and violence, at least for a short time, and revel in those still with us during this season and reflect on those departed. My mother always had a youthful glee while opening presents. They were few and far between during her childhood. Priceless memories!

My wife and I purchased our first live Christmas tree recently, a Balsam Fir. Laura had visions of decorating it Victorian style. She did that and more. While contemplating which tree to buy I found Elvis dressed in black leather with pivoting hips, and singing as his Christmas cap sways to and fro. "What says Christmas more than this?" I asked. Having her own plans for interior decorations, Laura stared at me.

As with the supernatural aspects of Santa Claus, and most certainly validation there's a God, and Jesus dwelt among us for a short time, comes another realization: it's a big, mysterious world out there! We must never turn our minds off to the possibilities lying in front of our eyes. For Laura, our kids and grandkids, we choose to continue the magic and legacy of Christmas. It's a comfort!

Merry Christmas to one and all!



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.

*“My midlife crisis wasn’t a sports car.
It was a heart attack.”*

— DAVE R.



He had just turned 49. He had just been to the gym. He had no idea he was about to have a heart attack. But within 25 minutes of entering the ER at Community Hospital South, Dave had a stent in place and disaster was averted. All because he knew the warning signs and took quick action. Now he encourages everyone to get an annual health screening. Like the ones Community Health Network holds at the elementary school where Dave is principal. Living proof you're never too old to learn. *Exceptional care. Simply delivered.*



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Christmas around the Southside

By Nicole Davis

The countdown is on, and the rat race of the Christmas holiday season has officially begun.

“Do I have time to buy just one more present?”

“Should I get that new serving bowl to outdo Aunt Virginia’s from last year?”

“Do I have the best sheets out for the inlaws?”

“Do my holiday decorations outshine the neighbors drab looking ones?”

Do these questions sound ridiculous? They should. So many of us have a misconception – a distorted view – of the holiday season. Each holiday season for many of us is about incessantly being bigger and better and outdoing. The “stuff” (lights, presents, cutlery, etc.) doesn’t matter. The memories of time spent with loved ones do matter.

So, what memories have been created so far across the Southside? While we can’t cover it all, we did our best to attend and obtain photos from various community events across our coverage area. We hope you’ll enjoy some scenes of the Southside holiday festivities, best spent with friends and family, while taking the time to create your own memories this year! **Merry Christmas!**



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1. Jayvon gets his photo taken with IMPD Southeast Community Relations Officer Andrew Sheler. 2. Scarlett Reyes and Officer Madeline Green stand amongst the gifts that Santa would soon distribute. 3. IMPD Southeast District officers pose for a photo. 4. Promise, left, gets a balloon made. (Photos by Nicole Davis)



3.



4.

Clothe-A-Child

IMPD gives 40 children holiday cheer with gifts of clothing, toys and a visit with Santa

By Nicole Davis

The Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Department hosted its annual Clothe-A-Child program at Hubler Chevrolet on South US 31 on Dec. 13. Forty children enjoyed a full day of festivities, leaving the dealership in the morning escorted in police cars with lights and sirens blaring, to go shopping for shoes, clothes and other needs.

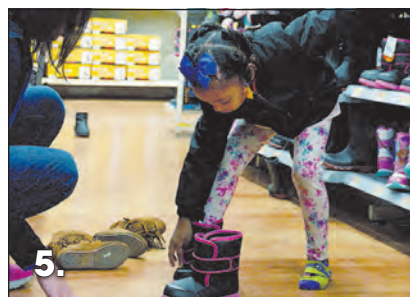
“When we see the cars all take off in the morning, that stream of cars coming out of here, red lights and sirens, is something to behold,” said Liz Allison, an organizer of the event. “I always cry during that. But Santa is the highlight (for the kids).”

Once the shopping is done, police officers and the children return to Hubler Chevrolet for lunch, face painting and balloons. Santa visits and distributes presents to each of the children.

The Clothe-A-Child program is made possible by the support of Hubler Chevrolet, J.C. Penney Department Stores, Meijer, and Shoe Carnival.



1. Captain Robert Mercuri helps Jahrell pick out shoes. 2. Children enjoy a breakfast after shopping. 3. Santa joined Beech Grove's Shop with a Cop to give each child a special present that was on their wish list this year. 4. Carrion Hale with Beech Grove Mayor Dennis Buckley. 5. Ciara Jones finds some new boots. 6. Beech Grove Officer Matthew Bragg with Dylan Mikesell. 7. Beech Grove Officer Elizabeth Keisler with Chloe Heavrin. (Photos by Nicole Davis)



Shop with a Cop

Beech Grove Police Department gives 32 children holiday gifts of clothing and toys

By Nicole Davis

Shop with a Cop came early in Beech Grove this year. The Beech Grove Police Department spent Dec. 2 with 32 children, shopping for clothing and toys at Walmart before heading to Hornet Park Community Center for a breakfast by Edwards Drive-In and a visit from Santa.

"Like every year, it's important to spread the holiday cheer to the kids that are less fortunate," said Officer Mike Treat, who organizes the event each year with his wife. "We get the necessities such as clothes, socks, shoes and underwear, but we'll get the toys and a few things that will put a little sparkle in their eye as well."

Children are picked up in the morning by some of the officers and a school bus. Volunteers from Beech Grove High School, the mayor and city council also joined to help the children shop. Treat said the purpose of the day, aside from giving back, is to put a spotlight on the kids.

"I think it is important that we're fostering the relationship between the youth and us," he said. "I've asked other officers, what do you want these kids to see you as? The biggest response I've gotten is they want to be seen as a role model, grab their attention and establish that trust for down the road. This is an easy way to do that."

Treat said the day is made possible thanks to donations from The Railroaders Car Club, Walmart, Beech Grove Clayworks, several church organizations and John and Jean O'Gara and Jim Oakley, who sponsors the Carz R Us event that gives to the program.

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December 24 - Christmas Eve

Children's Liturgy, 4 p.m.

Doors Open, 3:30 p.m.
Eye of the Storm Youth Choir
Prelude, 3:30 p.m.

Evening Mass, 7 p.m.

Joyful Spirit Prelude, 6:45 p.m.

Christmas Evening Vigil Mass, 10 p.m.

Instrumental Prelude, 9:45 p.m.

December 25 - Christmas Day

Morning Mass, 10 a.m.

Sacred Sing-A-Long, 9:30 a.m.

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Left, advent wreath. | Middle, from left, the Rev. Gale Stutz, and Rev. Sarah LFM Hannigan. | Right, stained glass window at Franklin Central Christian Church. (Submitted photos)

Blue Christmas

Franklin Township ministers seek to console hearts that cry out

FEATURE

By Marianne Coil

A small group enters Franklin Central Christian Church on an overcast December night.

Soft piano music greets them, and then a minister gives the call to worship. But the somber words don't suggest a celebration.

"In the midst of festivities, shouts and bright lights, we feel the darkness of our souls," the pastor says.

This is Blue Christmas, one of many gatherings around the city of Indianapolis for those facing hardships, such as the loss of loved ones, sickness, and unemployment.

Last Sunday, the Franklin Township Ministerial Association sponsored its own observance for the second time. Rev. Gale Stutz of Franklin Central Christian led the meeting with assistance from Rev. Sarah LFM Hannigan of Zion United Church of Christ.

So what does the story of the Nativity offer to people who feel alienated? A message of hope, Stutz said, "That this is not the end – God will have the final answer."

After more music, prayers, and scripture readings, the ministers light the Advent candles, which normally represent hope, love, joy and peace. But at Blue Christmas, the candles symbolize grief, courage, memories and love. The leaders

also light the Christ candle, representing the life of Christ coming into the world.

At this point, worshippers are invited to come forward one by one. The usher, "Dave," lights a votive candle, turns to face the handful of sojourners, and says the last 14 months have been difficult. His wife died after a stroke, and both his brother and his sister passed away.

Others step up to light candles on the blue tablecloth. Spouses, siblings, children, and older generations are remembered in brief comments.

Before the blessing, the group sings one last hymn, "Silent Night." Leaving the sanctuary, the faithful pick up tiny, blue glass hearts from a box next to the door.

Stutz suggested holding the service two years ago in response to "tremendous losses" in her own congregation, which has a typical Sunday attendance of about 50 parishioners. Two long-time church leaders died after lengthy illnesses, and although their spouses wound up marrying each other, those losses "hit the church hard," she said.

The observance of All Saints Day is to commemorate the departed, but the service wouldn't have been held until November of the following year.

"It felt like something was left undone," she said. The church had to acknowledge its broken heart.

After the ministerial association talked things over, another pastor found a liturgy for Blue Christmas that makes the experience "tangible and cathartic," Stutz said.

In her 10th year since ordination, Stutz says she and her colleagues are trained to handle the emotional stress of ministering to those in grief. "We put on our raincoats." But after the first Blue Christmas service, the ministers prayed together.

"We hugged each other, and we cried," she said. "You don't leave a service like that unscathed!"

Stutz took over Franklin Central Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) more than five years ago. Previously, she'd been associate pastor of a Quaker church, which hired her after she completed a master's degree at Christian Theological Seminary.

A criminal justice major, her original plan was to be a juvenile probation officer. Raised in Indianapolis, she went to the University of Evansville, but upon graduation, few jobs in the probation field were open. Embarking on a career in restaurant management, she met her husband, Tom, who remains in the food service industry.

Still wanting to work with youth, she felt a call to ministry and went to graduate school. "I was in seminary with four kids at home, and I said, 'God, are you crazy?'"

This year's third Sunday of Advent gave her bookends. In the morning, she preached a sermon about joy, and in the evening, she encouraged reflections on hardship and "turning it over to God."

"But you're inviting other people to share that burden with you, and you've shared it in God's house."



Top, tables were set up in the gym at the Perry Township Education Center for families to pick out shoes, clothes and other winter supplies. (Submitted photo) | Bottom, High School volunteers, along with Changing Footprints Jack Williams (third from left) and Scott Splichal (left) and Director of Student Services for Perry Township Schools Louis Norris (right). (Photo by Nicole Davis)

Quite the feet

Changing Footprints donates 1,200 pairs of shoes and winter clothing items to Perry Township families

FEATURE

Compiled by Nicole Davis

Changing Footprints will collect anything that fits people's feet. On Saturday, Dec. 16, the organization set up to distribute 1,200 pairs of shoes, along with other winter clothing items, to Perry Township families in need.

"For the first year, the event was a huge success," said Scott Splichal, of Changing Footprints, a 501c3 volunteer organization with a mission of "Changing the World Two Feet at a Time."

The idea for the event developed just three weeks prior, planned by Splichal, Jack Williams of Changing Footprints and Director of Student Services for Perry Township Schools Louis Norris. Norris helped secure the location as well as promote the event to Perry Township families.

Splichal secured a \$500 donation from Perry Township Kiwanis, of which he is a member and treasurer. He went to Walmart on S. US 31, which gave an additional gift card,

and bought socks, underwear, t-shirts, hats, gloves and mittens. Kroger, which he works for, gave apples and bananas for volunteers. Dentist, Mark Gleixner DDS gave a donation which helped feed the over 70 volunteers. Tom Jackson, owner of Jackson Systems, donated drinks.

All of the donated supplies were delivered to the Perry Township Education Center, where volunteers from 12 high school groups, members of the Perry Township Kiwanis, teachers and school administrators helped to set up. In one day, Changing Footprints gave away almost 800 pairs of shoes and nearly every other item that was purchased. All leftover shoes were donated to RACCHEL'S Children which is Reaching African and Caribbean Children Health Education Loving Services run by founder Emma Sanders. The shoes will go to Liberia. The leftover coats went to Servant's Heart Pantry and Mission which services those in need in Beech Grove.

"This truly was community effort and we look forward to next year an even bigger success for those in need," Splichal said.

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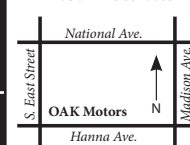
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Christmas for Kids

Annual shopping event honors fallen Southport Lt. Aaron Allan

By Nicole Davis

Southport Police Lt. Aaron Allan was a familiar face at the annual Trooper Bartram Christmas for Kids event, each year shopping for clothing, toys and other items to children in need for the holiday season. This year, the event honored Lt. Allan, who was killed in the line of duty on July 27.

"I met him twice a year at the poker run (fundraiser) and Christmas for Kids," said Kimberly Bartram Van Jelgerhuis, the foundation's co-founder. "I'm amazed at the amount of people's lives that he's touched and the stories we've heard. It's humbled me beyond humble to honor someone who was part of my organization that I didn't know was so giving."

The foundation hosted a shopping event on Dec. 9 for 50 children with special needs at Meijer. On Dec. 16, nearly 250 children, their families, law enforcement officers, firefighters, military and other volunteers joined for the shopping event at Walmart on County Line Road in Greenwood. This was the largest Christmas for Kids to date. Officers help choose the children who need the assistance during the holiday season. Helping Hands for Freedom also selected children.

Before the shopping on Dec. 16, presentations were made to introduce guests to the program, and to honor Allan. Southport Police Chief Thomas Vaughn and Mayor Russell McClure spoke about the lieutenant while his family stood in the audience, there to see the event that Allan cared so much about.

Vaughn presented a gift, a blanket, to Malachi, a boy from Kokomo who donated \$2,000 worth of proceeds from his lemonade stand to Allan's family. Vaughn and event organizer Indiana State Trooper Patrick Etter, were presented with a flag, flown over the nation's capital, given for their service to community, leadership, and passion for others.



1. Drayden and Michael with Homecroft Officer Dave Hodge. 2. From left, Lt. Allan's wife Stacy, Southport Police Chief Thomas Vaughn and Southport Mayor Russell McClure. McClure discusses the professional nature in which Chief Vaughn handled the passing of Lt. Aaron Allan earlier this year. 3. Southport Assistant Chief David Howe watches as a boy comments on the toy aisle. 4. Southport police officer Jay Thomas helps pick out toys. 5. Marion County Sheriff's Department Sgt. Christopher Berry and Kaleigh. Berry was best friends Lt. Allan, saying, "Since this meant so much to him, I thought I'd come out here today, have some fun." 6. Southport Police Officer Todd Craighead. 7. From top, Southport Police Sworn Desk Officer Sam Riddle shops with Braydon and Jaylon. 8. Southport Police Chief Thomas Vaughn holds up Malachi, a boy from Kokomo who ran a lemonade stand this year to give back to the family of Lt. Aaron Allan. (Photos by Nicole Davis)





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Christmas at the Park

Southport Parks Department provides crafts, food and a visit from Santa to spread holiday cheer

Compiled by Nicole Davis

Southport held its annual Christmas at the Park event on Dec. 9. The community center was filled with children, anxiously awaiting the arrival of Santa, while they spent their time enjoying pizza, decorating cookies and crafting ornaments provided by the Southport Parks Department. Santa, who was escorted to the community center with help from the Southport Police Department, drew a line of children which wrapped around the room.

1. Madisyn Marry couldn't stop smiling as she talked to Santa. 2. Southport CyberCards students, Payne Sutherland and Lindsey Fraley, volunteer to help children gather cookie-making supplies. 3. Homemade ornaments was just one craft the Southport Parks Department offered. 4. Cruze Gable shows off the ornament he crafted.

On the front cover, from left, Peyton, Lily, Lincoln and Mikey Collins gift santa with a decorated cookie.

(Photos by Nicole Davis)

Franklin Township Historical Society celebrates the old-fashioned way

By Nicole Davis

The Franklin Township Historical Society celebrated an Old-Fashioned Christmas on Dec. 10 at the 1871 Meeting House, 6510 S. Franklin Road. Sixty people came for the Christmas carols, music from the society's original pump organ, Christmas readings, cookies, punch, Santa and more!

1. Candles light the way to the event. 2. Santa stops by to say hello. 3. Sixty people attended the Old-Fashioned Christmas celebration.

(Photos courtesy of Nancy VanArendonk)



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Franklin Township Chamber has a Chamber Christmas!

By Nicole Davis

The Franklin Township Chamber of Commerce celebrated an evening of holiday fun with its It's A Chamber Christmas on Dec. 4 held at Advanced Limousines. Guests were treated to a catered reception by Your Budget Catering, community theater with Buck Creek Players, a visit from Santa and more.

1. David Brenton, Amanda Henson, Debra Jones. 2. Holiday gifts ready for the chamber event. 3. Caterer Julie Wilcher of Your Budget Catering.

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Make your home merry in 2018

By Brian R. Ruckle

You better watch out, you better not pout, today is the first day of winter. Enjoy the holidays and prevent the winter blues by winterproofing your home so you can snuggle in and enjoy the cold months. Local businesses and home services can have the expertise to help you make the winter months more bearable.

Local heating and cooling experts advise that now is the time to make sure your unit is functioning well and if there is a decrease in performance to have it checked out.

"Your unit is running a lot," said Chris Huser of Lamping & Huser Heating & Cooling. "Make sure the burners, gas valves and safety controls are operating properly."

Joe Annee of Annee & Matry Heating and Cooling said that one of easiest and most important things that people can do is change out your heating and air conditioning filter. He said they receive calls from people who complained that their house wasn't heating and their filter was stopped up. Also important is to monitor the thermostat and not delay when there is a problem.

"In extreme temperatures, people need to call somebody before it gets too cold in the house. Call a service technician as soon as possible, because most everybody is busy right now. We will get there the same day but it does get busy when it is this cold out," Annee said.

Another home improvement that can improve the warmth of a home and energy efficiency is insulating blinds. Steve Cambridge of Indy Shades said

that these shades, also called honeycomb or cellular shades, will keep your house warmer during the winter.

"They can be used year-round but are great during the winter time as they are good for managing energy bills during the winter. They are popular year around, even during the summer, as they insulate from the heat coming through the windows also," Cambridge said.

Flooring and carpets take a lot of wear and tear during the winter months.

Mike Cleary of Cleary Vacuum said that vacuum repair work goes up in December.

"Right now we are doing a lot of repair because people breaking their vacuums right now," Cleary said.

Cleary Vacuum also provides cleaning solutions for carpets and floors.

"Hard surface floors have some unique floor care needs. We have some good hard surface options right now as people are looking to keep the salt off their floors and that kind of stuff," he added

For those people whose carpet or floors that need replacing rather than cleaning or fixing, Southsiders can turn to Flooring by Stretch Rite and Mainstyle Flooring.

Dan Hornaday of Flooring by Stretch Rite said carpeting is a good choice in colder temperatures to warm the house up. Popular options include Mohawk's Silk SmartStrand product that is soft and also durable. Water-proofed carpeting and heated floors are also good options.

"Heated floors can be put underneath hardwood or tile and this is a good time to do that," Hornaday said.



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Why cats need yearly veterinary visits just as dogs do

PAWS for THOUGHT

By Dr. Bruce McLaughlin

It is a common misconception that cats don't need to go to the vet as often as do dogs. This misconception exists for many reasons including:

1 House cats don't go outside so they do not need vaccinations. This is not necessarily true. Being a house cat does NOT mean a cat cannot be exposed to potentially fatal diseases such as Feline Leukemia or Feline Immunodeficiency virus.

2 Cats don't get sick as often as dogs. Cats are no healthier than are dogs. Cats are however masters at hiding disease and not showing symptoms. Often times by the time a cat acts truly sick the disease or sickness has progressed into an advanced stage. This is why it is so important to have an annual blood screening to determine the health of your cat.

3 Cats are self-sufficient and don't need a lot of care. This is definitely a misperception. It may be true that cats use litter boxes and don't need to be let outside. However, cats do require attention from owners, play time, petting, grooming, regular feeding, etc. When cats do not receive an appropriate amount of attention it often manifests in behavioral is-

suess such as improper elimination outside of the litter box and other behavioral issues.

4 Cats are harder to take in a car or into the vet's office. Cats definitely are creatures of habit and don't like going in the car or going into a vet's office. However, strides have been made in how cats are handled in a vet's office. We now work very hard at making visits for cats as stress free as possible. We often use spray pheromones that help calm cats and other measures that make their visits less stressful for both the cat and cat owner.

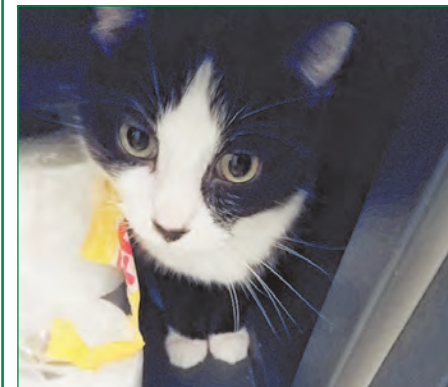
In summary, it is very important that your cats receive annual examinations and periodic lab work. There is a high incidence of kidney disease, thyroid disease, and diabetes in cats. If these issues are caught early (before your cat shows outward symptoms) the issues are treated more successfully and the life of your cat is extended.

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Understanding real estate commissions

REAL ESTATE

By Dawn Whalen

When it comes time to purchase or sell a home, there are generally several questions regarding who is responsible for paying the real estate agent, such as what is the commission rate and what does that money go towards?

Who pays the realtor?

Standard practice is for the home's seller to pay the real estate commission. Sometimes there are exceptions to this practice, which is why potential sellers should always have an open conversation with their agent when preparing to list a property.

What is commission rate?

Commission rates vary by brokerage. While some agencies and agents may offer lower commission rates, it's important to understand the difference between full-service agents and fee-based/flat-fee agents. Full-service agents tend to charge slightly more in

commission as they usually include:

- More in-depth knowledge of the market
- A team of associates
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- 25 percent to taxes (\$1,125)
- 20 percent to marketing expenses, signs, website postings, photography, lockboxes and travel (\$900)
- 25 percent to the individual agent (\$1,125)

An agent's fees should be outlined in the listing agreement when the agent is hired; however, its highly encouraged for sellers to ask questions about the fee. Also, its important to remember that real estate commissions, along with costs associated with buying and selling a home, are tax deductible.

What does a commission cover?

Money from a realtor's commission can be cut numerous ways; however, below is a common breakdown, based on a \$150,000 home sale with a six percent commission rate (\$9,000) that is paid by the seller.

- 50 percent to the buyer's agent (\$4,500)
- 30 percent to the buyer's agent's brokerage (\$1,350)

The amount an agent brings home covers their time taking and editing photos, securing advertising, adding online listings and meeting with the seller to make the home ready for buyers.

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BUSINESS

Interventional Cardiologist, Almanfi, joins Franciscan

Heart health – Abdelkader Almanfi, MD, has joined Franciscan Physician Network Indiana Heart Physicians. He joins a team of physicians, advanced practice providers and other clinicians, who provide care to patients in Indianapolis, Franklin, Martinsville, Columbus, Shelbyville, Crawfordsville and Greencastle. Dr. Almanfi is board-certified in internal medicine, cardiovascular medicine, interventional cardiology and endovascular medicine. Dr. Almanfi, who specializes in interventional cardiology and vascular care, most recently was the founder and director of the Structural Heart Program at Owensboro Health Regional Hospital in Kentucky. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Almanfi, call (317) 893-1900.



A. Almanfi

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33. Kayaking challenge
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39. Handle the food for a party
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61. English channel
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66. Lilly at the NYSE

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Winter Wonderland Party • Embrace the cold and celebrate the winter season with snowy activities, frosty treats, and chilly crafts. | When: Dec. 21, 2 - 3:30 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org.

uPaint Ladies Night • All ladies receive half-price studio fee. No reservation or experience needed. uPaint Pottery Studio is a paint your own pottery studio. | When: Dec. 22, 5 - 9 p.m. | Where: 3113 W. Smith Valley Rd., Greenwood. | Info: (317) 893-5700.

Life Size Games • Teens between 12 and 17 years old can compete in their favorite games, but life sized! Be the game piece in popular games like Hungry Hungry Hippos, Jenga, and Kerplunk. | When: Dec. 29, 3 - 5 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org.

Ring in the New Year Barn Style! • Join Barn at Bay Horse Inn to ring in the New Year. Admission is \$25 at the door. Enjoy live music by Smoke'n Guns, a cash bar, dancing and food trucks. | When: Dec. 31, 8 - 11:59 p.m. | Where: 1468 West Stones Crossing Road, Greenwood. | Info: (317) 760-8778 to RSVP.

GREENWOOD

New Year's Eve Party • Greenwood VFW Post 5864 will host its annual New Year's Eve Party which includes music, food, champagne for a toast, and favors. The theme of this year's event is "Mardi Gras." The meal includes New York Strip Steak, baked potato, green beans, corn, salad, roll, butter and dessert. At the end of the evening, biscuits and gravy will be served. | When: Dec. 31, 6 p.m. - 1 a.m. | Where: 333 S. Washington St., Greenwood. | Cost: \$25. Music only is \$10. | Info: (317) 888-2488.

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Advent and Christmas Concert • Vox Sacra (Sacred Voice), the Schola Cantorum of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis presents its second annual concert of Advent and Christmas music featuring works by Byrd, Sweelinck, Vaughn Williams, and more. The concert is free and open to the public. | When: Dec. 16, 7 p.m. | Where: Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church, 1530 Union St., Indianapolis. | Info: Office of Worship, (317) 236-1483, 1-800-382-9836, ext. 1483 or voxsacra.com.

PERRY TOWNSHIP

Blue Christmas Service • Some may not be feeling joyous during the Christmas season. To recognize those feelings, St. John's will host a Blue Christmas Service. A tradition of Pastor Ross Tyler's ministry, this quiet, informal service is offered to anyone experiencing dark feelings at Christmas. | When: Dec. 23, 5:30 p.m. | Where: St. John's United Church of Christ, 7031 S. East St., Indianapolis. | Info: (317) 881-2353.

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Alfreida Woodfield, David Hewlett, Michael Shannon, Octavia Spencer, and Sally Hawkins in *The Shape of Water*. (Photo by Kerry Hayes - © 2017 Twentieth Century Fox)

The Shape of Water

An expertly made, enormously entertaining flick

MOVIE REVIEW

By Adam Staten

Boy meets girl. Boy is smitten from the very beginning. Girl is intrigued at first, but unsure for a whole host of reasons. She then starts to come around to the idea of being with this guy, but something happens which makes her second guess herself only to come around as the couple ends up happily ever after by the conclusion. Whether it's in the form of a TV show, a made-for-TV movie, a soap opera, or a trashy romance novel, this formula is probably pretty recognizable. One new film takes this idea of a love story and goes in a very different direction.

The Shape of Water is the story of Elisa, a mute janitor working in a government research facility during the 1960s. Due in large part to her physical disability, Elisa leads an extremely solitary life. Her only human interaction comes in the form of her just-as-alone next-door neighbor, a closeted gay, unemployed artist in his 50s, and her best friend at work, Zelda. In addition to being painfully alone, Elisa has a detailed, routine and boring life. However, things soon change dramatically.

One day at work, Elisa happens to come across a mysterious, mermaid-like creature that the government is secretly housing in the facility. Her initial intrigue with the creature soon blossoms into a genuine friendship and ultimately, a much deeper connection. Soon enough, Elisa is forced to make a series of decisions that puts her and the lives of her neighbor and Zelda in jeopardy.

Right off the bat, the first thing one notices about *The Shape of Water* is the expert

cinematography work. The film begins with a voiceover as the camera pans a series of underwater displays. Luckily, this extends throughout the entirety of the film's nearly two-hour run time. The beautiful contrasting hues in nearly every scene are a sight to see. Additionally, the film's story is so different and unique and the characters so well drawn that your attention never wanes in the slightest.

The Shape of Water also features a number of delightful performances. Sally Hawkins, as Elisa, is rightfully garnering a ton of attention for her work here. She is nothing short of terrific. However, Michael Shannon, as the film's maniacal, creepy and driven villain, is the true definition of a scene-stealer. He manages to keep the audience on edge, because you're never quite sure what he's going to do next.

The Shape of Water is a film that showcases excellence on a number of fronts: cinematography, directing, writing and acting. It's one to catch for sure. 4.5 out of 5.



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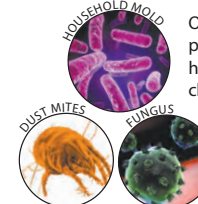
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IN OUR SCHOOLS



Beech Grove 7th graders compete in national youth football championship

Athletics – Adonis Adams, Mactavis Smith, Ethan Thompson, David Sims and Tristen Moles were all selected to represent Indiana as part of the 7th grade Indy Elite team that will compete in the Hall of Fame National Youth Football Championship in Canton, Ohio December 14-17. Ian Thompson will also represent Beech Grove as part of the 6th grade team.



Young Titan team has a great season

Basketball – The Nativity Titan 3rd-grade basketball team played in the Holy Name South Deanery basketball league, under coaches, Doug Clark and Chris Render, and went undefeated (6-0) on the season. Pictured, from left bottom, Titans, Lucy Perry, Hailey Engel, Leah Clark, and Ellie Render and back row, Caroline Schoettle, Elliot Leffler, and Lily Daming are all smiles after their season.



From left, Story Ellis and Natalie Stigall.

Two Rebels earn perfect ACT scores

Testing – Roncalli High School announced that two more members of this year's senior class registered a perfect score on one section of the ACT. Congratulations to Story Ellis (ACT Reading) and Natalie Stigall (ACT English) who join nine other Rebel ACT/SAT All Stars: Collin Prince, Carolina Whitaker, Tyler Hicks, Grace Murphy, Luke Dow, Liam Collier, Cassie Petroff, Dave Schrader and Elizabeth Woodruff.



Three Perry juniors attend Lugar Symposium

Leadership – PMHS Juniors Nathan Mertz, Maggie Sears, and Andrea Alvarez were selected to participate in the 41st Richard G. Lugar Symposium for Tomorrow's Leaders at UIndy. Pictured from left, Nathan Mertz, Maggie Sears, and Andrea Alvarez.

Perry's Hanna Escobar wins holiday card contest

Art – Hanna Escobar, junior at Perry Meridian High School, won the school's annual holiday card contest. Her festive masterpiece will be the district's official holiday card.



Merry Christmas, burp!

NUTRITION

By Wendell Fowler

No one likes the joy sucked out of their holiday vibe by a sermon on moderation and healthy eating. We adore our comforting traditions, so we make deals with ourselves to justify our inevitable tumble off the sleigh of health. Except for my steadfast vegan friends, those who have lost excess weight or overcome chronic disease, it's tattooed on each cell to bend the rules. Clearly, moderation is key, but that flies out the window this most wonderful time of the year as we consume holiday food that makes us feel good all over because we're eating happy memories.

After years of being a Christmas Scrooge chastising and avoiding all the goodies, it finally set in: I was making everyone around me uncomfortable. Plus, by stressing over food, I wasn't enjoying myself either. Stress depletes us in so many ways. So, I've evolved and sensibly eat my sweets. After all it's just one day, and then the next day I "right the ship."

I do however, draw the line at irresponsible boozing. Thankfully I stopped years ago after recklessly drinking the first half of my life. If you don't cocktail, then you'll relate to watching everyone around you get wasted, puke on their expensive shoes and morph into three sheets of regrettable social behavior.

The day after, there are several actions you can do to undo the ac-

id-creating, cancer causing, artery-clogging, fattening, inflammatory carnage. Don't jump back into the fire and eat greasy fried eggs, sausage gravy, flap jacks, bacon and hash browns. Before placing food in your belly, mix 8 oz. warm, not hot water, the juice of one fresh lemon, ½ tsp. baking soda and chug it down. Give the beverage a few minutes to settle, then eat a boiled egg, grain toast and real fruit juice to chase your multi-vitamin. Coffee, not so much... you're already dehydrated and coffee is a diuretic which further narrows your blood vessels, increasing blood pressure more. Your brain screams for water! Sports drinks with electrolytes help rehydrate and resupply lost nutrients.

The Inflammation Grinch is the genesis of 80 percent of all of today's preventable diseases. Inflammation is your temple's response to stress - whether from your diet, lifestyle or environment. Too much fat, sugar, and protein in your diet, constant dehydration, drinking too many sodas or caffeine, inactivity, and lack of sleep can intensify inflammation. You're only human. Just get back on the sleigh the very next day.



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Don't Hang Your Stockings Inside the Fireplace

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

When you hang your stockings by the chimney with care, do you hang them inside your fireplace, ensuring they'll achieve flame status before midnight? I'm guessing you hang stockings *outside* the fireplace. Only you can prevent stocking fires.

This holiday tip hardly seems like a hack to help you remember something that seems so obvious, but I'm about to apply it to punctuation (and there was great rejoicing among the entire host of grammar angels!)

In the same way you *always* hang your Christmas stockings on the *outside* of your fireplace, in most of your writing, you should *always* put quotation marks on the *outside* of your punctuation. This applies to a majority of your writing (not all). For instance, you should always put quotation marks outside commas and periods: "I encouraged Buddy to meet his Etch-a-Sketch quota today," Ming Ming, the North Pole foreman reported to Santa. "Alas, he only completed 85." The quotation-marks-inside-punctuation rule also applies to question marks and exclamation points: "Why don't you just say it?" replied Buddy, clearly noticing Ming Ming was disappointed in his lethargy. "I'm a Cotton-Headed Ninnymuggins!"

If you're wondering why you see the exact *opposite* rule applied by people who practice

British English, that's because after they unfairly taxed us without allowing for American parliamentary representation, we pretty much decided to do things the opposite way of the British out of spite: they like tea; we like coffee. They drive on the wrong side of the road; we drive on the right side. They put their punctuation *outside* of their quotation marks; we put ours on the *inside* of quotation marks. It's just another way to celebrate freedom.

Some notable (albeit more rarely used) exceptions to this rule include quotation marks with dashes, colons and semicolons. I've heard you say, "I don't believe in Santa" but as for grandpa and me we believe. Almost everyone in Central Park was singing along to "Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town"; once Buddy's dad joined in, Santa's sleigh had enough Christmas spirit to fly.

For most of your writing, pretend quotation marks are cute little Christmas stockings, and take care to hang them outside the fireplace (a.k.a. your punctuation). Doing so will severely limit your Christmas Eve chimney fire emergencies.



Curtis Honeycutt is a freelance humor writer. Have a grammar question? Connect with him on Twitter @curtishoneycutt or at curtishoneycutt.com.

BUSINESS

Wooden McLaughlin welcomes new associate

Law - Indianapolis - Chelsea Ringlespaugh Spickelmier has joined Wooden McLaughlin LLP as an associate. She will practice in the firm's Indianapolis office. Spickelmier will practice in real estate working with the firms development, finance and leasing clients on various real estate transactions. She is also a certified civil mediator.



C. Spickelmier

Prior to joining Wooden McLaughlin, she practiced with a small Columbus, Indiana, firm where she practiced both in the real estate transaction and litigation areas and the wealth management area. A graduate of I.U. McKinney School of Law, she received a certificate in corporate and commercial law and served as vice president of the Business Law Society. Spickelmier also received her undergraduate degree from IU. As an undergraduate, she was an IU cheerleader for both football and men's basketball. Wooden McLaughlin is a mid-sized Indianapolis-based law firm with national real estate development, real estate finance, and litigation practices. The firm also maintains offices in Evansville and Bloomington.



IMCU provides assistance for the Angel Tree Program

Holiday - Indiana Members Credit Union (IMCU) partnered with CBS4 and The Salvation Army for this year's Angel Tree Program. This seasonal program brings joy and happiness to those less fortunate during the holiday season by providing clothing, special-needs gifts and other wished-for items such as toys and games. Through the partnership, IMCU adopted 26 Angel's from Central Indiana which will ensure these children have a happy holiday. IMCU branches and its' corporate headquarters shopped from the children's specific lists to help fill their needs and prepared the gifts for delivery to The Salvation Army on Dec. 11.

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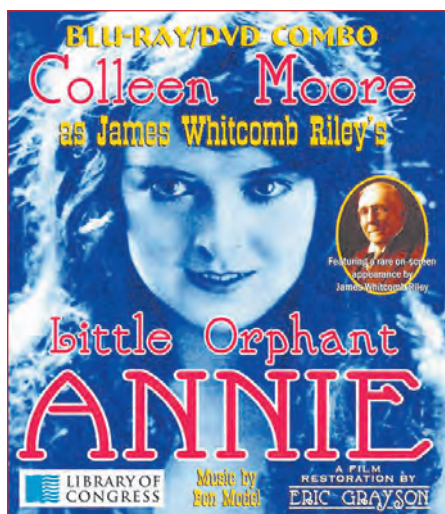
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AROUND TOWN



Eric Grayson restores 1918 film, Little Orphant Annie

Film – Indianapolis-based film historian Eric Grayson has restored the classic 1918 film, Little Orphant Annie, starring Colleen Moore, and based on the James Whitcomb Riley poem. The poet makes a cameo appearance, using footage from the Indiana Centennial film shot two years earlier just before Riley died. Grayson's lengthy restoration process, performed in cooperation with the Library of Congress, included the reinstatement of about five minutes of the film and the recreation of the elaborate tinting that was only seen in the 35mm nitrate prints. The result, available on DVD and Blu-Ray, is made up of five different prints, including parts of a deteriorating nitrate and several 16mm prints.

"The prints don't always match flawlessly, and they can't," Grayson said, "but this film is a highly unusual delight for silent film fans and it's the oldest surviving film starring Colleen Moore." He added, "This is one of those films that everyone has seen, but never in a good print."

The DVD/Blu-Ray package (\$25) includes an original piano score by Ben Model; commentary by Jeff Codori, Moore's biographer, on the film star and the history of the film; commentary by Eric Grayson and Glory-June Greiff on the restoration and Riley; an interview with Grayson at the premiere of the restoration; and a reading by Greiff of Little Orphant Annie and excerpts from Where is Mary Alice Smith?, both of which are referenced in the film. The film is available from amazon.com, drfilm.net/annie, and from the James Whitcomb Riley Boyhood Home & Museum in Greenfield, jwripley@greenfieldin.org or (317) 462-8539.

St. Mark welcomes Catholics home

Program – St. Mark The Evangelist Catholic Church will offer a six-week series for Catholics who have been away from the Church. Sessions begin Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. These six consecutive Tuesday sessions will address questions for those wishing to return to their Catholic faith. St. Mark is located at 535 East Edgewood Ave., Indianapolis, in the Cenacle located directly behind St. Mark Catholic School. Included will be an informal sharing led by former non-practicing Catholics and an update of the Church today. For more details, contact Gemma, (317) 694-4862, Sherry, (317) 743-8424 or the Parish Center, (317) 787-8246, Ext. 104.



Lee Money and Tom Vander Luitgaren. Photo by Rick Myers

Greenwood Rotary honors Tom Vander Luitgaren

Service – Greenwood Rotary Club member Lee Money presented member Tom Vander Luitgaren with the Ernie Mishler Distinguished Service Award on Dec. 18. Vander Luitgaren was presented this honor for "his example for upholding and furthering the principles and ideals of the Rotary way of life."



Greenwood Lions provides dictionaries to third graders

Literacy – The Greater Greenwood Lions Club presented 347 dictionaries to excited third grade students at four Greenwood schools. The students get to keep these for their own, personal use. This is one the club's annual projects, along with vision screening, assistance for those who need glasses and cannot afford them, and many other programs. Information about meetings is available by calling President Vickie Gilmore, (812) 603-4440.

OBITUARIES

Clara Belle Graf Brownlee

Clara Belle Graf Brownlee, 95, died on Wednesday Dec. 13, 2017. Clara Belle was born March 28, 1922 in Oakford, Ind. (Howard County) to her late parents George Graf and Lucretia Ally Graf. She was preceded in death by her husband William Ebert Brownlee; brothers, Dale, Joseph, Johnny; and sister Beatrice Pfothenauer. Clara Belle graduated from Sharpville High School in 1940. She was a member of The Order of the Eastern Star. She married her best friend William "Bill" Brownlee and they then adopted their only child Peggy Jo. Clara Belle "Mamaw" is survived by her daughter Peggy Jo Schaub (Gregory); two grandsons Paul (Kellie) and Patrick (Brittanie) Schaub; seven great-grandchildren, Avery, Evan, Addison, Ella, Ian, Lillie and Joseph; nieces, Donna Williford (Mitch), Karen Michael (Ed), Karla Katterhenry (Jim), Elyce Meilstrup (Ron), and Terry Pfothenauer (deceased) (Sue). She was a homemaker, Pacer fan, worked in multiple factory jobs and retired from Wavetek in Beech Grove. She also volunteered at the Children's Guardian Home. A Rite of Christian Burial was celebrated by Fr. Gerald Kirkhoff on Dec. 18 at St. Roch Catholic Church. Burial followed at Washington Park East. Arrangements and care were provided by Lauck & Veldhof Funeral & Cremation Services.



James N. Dunn

James N. Dunn, 69, died on Dec. 11, 2017. Born the second of three sons to Herbert and Laura Dunn, Jim was raised on Indy's far Southside. He attended Glens Valley Elementary School, St Mark's Middle School, Our Lady of the Lake Seminary, Syracuse, Ind. and graduated from Southport High School in 1966. He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corp and spent 16 months in DaNang, Vietnam, serving meritoriously with III Marine Amphibious Force receiving the Naval Achievement Medal with Combat "V." Jim began his 36-year professional career in the retail dry-cleaning industry joining Tuchman Cleaners in 1975. He was named President in 1982 when the company was sold to Johnson Group Cleaners, PLC, of the UK. During the Johnson Group's ownership, he held several executive management positions including President of Johnson Group's Midwest Division, managing 124 retail locations in a 7 state area, and was appointed to the board of Directors. Jim retired in 2011 as President of Tuchman Cleaners and Director of Operations for US Drycleaning. Jim is survived by his wife, Vicki, son Dr. Eric (Jennie) Dunn, daughter Jennifer (Tom) Ferrell, brother Michael Dunn, grandchildren Nicholas, Elijah, Samantha and Abigail Dunn, Jackson and Lainey Ferrell and ten nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his older brother William L. Dunn. Visitation was Dec. 14 with a Mass at St. Mark Catholic Church, 535 E. Edgewood Ave., Indianapolis. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery.

Arlene Hanley

Arlene Hanley, 83, of Munster, Ind., died on Dec. 16, 2017. She was born Nov. 6, 1934 in Chicago, Ill. She is survived by her daughters, Jennifer Worley and Debra Wilson. There are no services scheduled. Arrangements were entrusted to Simplicity Funeral & Cremation Care.

Charles N. Herron

Charles N. Herron, 90, of Mooresville, died on Monday, Dec. 11, 2017. He was born on July 15, 1927 in Indianapolis to the late Charles Edward and Clara (Turner) Herron. He was a proud veteran of WWII. Survivors include his brother, Ned Herron; sister, Linda (Marvin) Ward; two sons, Steven (Cathy) Herron and Nathan (Tracy) Herron; two daughters, Elaine (Don) Cravens and Laura (Jeff) Dixon; and several grand and great-grandchildren. Private services will be held. Arrangements and care were provided by Lauck & Veldhof Funeral & Cremation Services.

Fred Brian Lynn

Fred Brian Lynn, 50, died Dec. 11, 2017. He was born July 10, 1967 in Indianapolis. There are no services scheduled at this time. Arrangements were entrusted to Simplicity Funeral & Cremation Care.



Michael John McHugh, Sr.

Michael John McHugh, Sr., 74, died on Monday, Dec. 11, 2017. He was born on Sept. 14, 1943 to the late Patrick F. and Marjorie F. (Butcher) McHugh. Mike was proud to have served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. Survivors include his children, Michael John McHugh, Jr., Timothy J. McHugh (Billie), Bryan Francis McHugh, Patrick "Kevin" McHugh (Jennifer), Sean Phillip McHugh, Gregory Ryan McHugh, Anthony C. McHugh (Cynthia), Thomas Joseph McHugh and Michelle Lynn McHugh; sister, Mary Ellen Reed; and many grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Lynda McHugh; and siblings, Patrick F. McHugh, Jr., Marjorie A. McHugh and Thomas J. McHugh. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Dec. 14 in St. Anthony Catholic Church. Burial followed in Calvary Cemetery. Arrangements and care were provided by Lauck & Veldhof Funeral & Cremation Services.

Vincent V. Patarino

Vincent V. Patarino, 79, of Indianapolis, died on Dec. 11, 2017. He was born on Sept. 5, 1938 in Brooklyn, N.Y. to the late Egidio and Vincenza Patarino. He proudly served in the United States Army and the NY National Guard. Vincent worked for Queen's Printing in Indianapolis and then Ivy Hill Printing Company in Terre Haute where he retired in 2003. He was a past member of St. Barnabas Catholic Church and the sports memorabilia club. Vincent enjoyed watching the Brooklyn Dodgers and the Indianapolis Colts. He also enjoyed cooking and making his special pasta sauce. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Sheryl J. Patarino; four children, Vincent V. (Jennifer) Patarino Jr., G. Michael (Stacia) Patarino, Donald T. (Michele) Patarino, and Christina Patarino; 10 grandchildren, Alec, Benjamin, Abigail, Sage, Adam, Sarah, Anna, Amanda, Makenzie and Cassidy and three great-grandchildren, Oliver, Mallory and Wesley. A Mass of Christian burial was Dec. 15 at St. Barnabas Catholic Church, 8300 Rahke Rd., Indianapolis. Visitation was Dec. 14 at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave. He will be laid to rest in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Glens Valley.

Mary Jane Schaeffer

Mary Jane Schaeffer "Janie," 79, died on Wednesday, Dec. 13, 2017 in Indianapolis. Janie was born on June 26, 1938 in Portland, Ind. to Darius and Jeanette (Bishop) Hamma both of whom precede her in death. Janie graduated from Angola High School in 1956 and furthered her education at Ball State University earning a degree in education and then earning a Masters at Indiana University. Janie taught fifth grade at Avon Community Schools for 27 years until her retirement in 1997. She was a member of Bartlett Chapel United Methodist Church. One of Janie's hobbies was making handmade greeting cards and she shared that with others by teaching a class to church friends. Janie is survived by her husband of 57 years, Lee J. Schaeffer; daughters, Diane Schaeffer; Lisa Ann (Schaeffer) Acevedo; and many other family and friends.

Roderick Kelvin Smiley

Roderick Kelvin Smiley "Mr. Rick," 58, of Indianapolis, died on Dec. 13, 2017. Roderick was born in Indianapolis on July 20, 1959. He graduated from Emmerich Manual High School in 1978. Roderick was always the life of the party; he enjoyed visiting and entertaining others. He was affectional known as "Boom Boom." He is survived by his mother, Delories Amos; children, Tiia Smiley, Paul Michael Smiley, DeeDee Smiley, Roderick Smiley II, Brandon Smiley, Jackson Smiley; many grandchildren; siblings, Reginald, Fonda, Delories Fay, Raymond, Russell, Andre', Kim, Rodney, Kanisha, Kathi, Royal; and many other family and friends. Roderick was preceded in death by his father; grandparents, Edmund Squires and Catherine Squires; uncle, Ronald Lee Squires. Visitation is Dec. 22, 10 a.m. until the funeral service at 11 a.m. at Newcomer - Indianapolis Chapel, 925 E. Hanna Ave.. Interment will follow at New Crown Cemetery.

Julia C. Taylor

Julia C. Taylor, 90 of Indianapolis, died on Dec. 13, 2017. Julia was born in Indianapolis on June 3, 1927 to Cecil L. and Susie Slinkard. On Jan. 10, 1948 she married Robert H. Taylor. She had worked for Lane Bryant and attended Gray Road Baptist Church and New Beginnings Church most recently. She will be remembered for her musical talents that she used playing the piano for Calvary United Methodist Church; she volunteered at the Community Hospital and loved to travel and spend time with her family. Julia is survived by her children and their spouses, Timothy A. and Linda Taylor, Andrew R. and Judy Taylor, Tarea S. and Jim Kirby, Anna L. and Ric Anderson, Ami E. Higgins and Skip Sweet; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren and many other family and friends. Julia was preceded in death by her parents; husband; sisters, Margie Walker and Norma Williamson. Visitation was Dec. 15 at Newcomer - Indianapolis Chapel, 925 E. Hanna Ave. Funeral service was Dec. 16. Interment followed at Washington Park East Cemetery.

Sheila Jo Turner

Sheila Jo Turner, 53, of Indianapolis, died on Dec. 11, 2017. She was born on Sept. 11, 1964 in Somerset, Ky. Sheila's passion was being a loving and caring mother. Survivors include, children, Trevor Byrd, Natalie Byrd, Dylan Wilson, and Haley Turner; grandchildren, Triton Byrd; sister, Sherry Bradley; and aunt, Connie Leigh. She is preceded by her, mother Della Faye Kavanaugh, siblings, Chris and Michael Kavanaugh. Visitation and service was Dec. 16 at G.H. Herrmann East Street Funeral Home, 1505 S. East St., Indianapolis.

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



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