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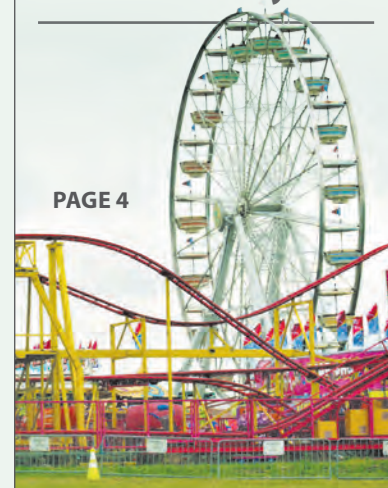
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Greenwood Kiwanis awards scholarship

The Kiwanis Club of Greenwood has awarded the Bill and Sharlene Mellencamp Scholarship to two recent high school graduates: Emmaline Csajkowski of Greenwood High School and Summer Cress of Franklin High School. Each year, Greenwood Kiwanis awards scholarships to Key Club members of Greenwood, Franklin Central and Center Grove high schools (there were no seniors this year in Key Club at Center Grove). Emmaline and Summer shared their goals and ambitions during a recent Kiwanis meeting to celebrate their achievements.

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USS Indianapolis Survivors hold reunion

A banquet for the 73rd anniversary reunion of the USS Indianapolis Survivors will be held on July 19 – 22 at the Hyatt Regency Indianapolis. The reunion will include a memorial service honoring the men of the USS Indianapolis CA-35, Still at Sea. A play, titled, *In the Soundless Awe*, will be held each day of the reunion. Room reservations at the Hyatt, located at One South Capitol Ave, can be made immediately by calling (317) 632-1234. When calling, please alert the staff that you are with the USS Indianapolis Reunion for a reduced rate (there are a limited number of rooms available at this rate).

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FOR THE RECORD ENGAGEMENT



Justin Carey and Gabby Keenan engaged to be wed

Justin Carey and Gabby Keenan of Indianapolis are announcing their engagement. The couple got engaged on July 1, 2017. Justin is the son of Bill and Cindy Carey of Beech Grove. Gabby is the daughter of Maggie and Russ Morgan of Indianapolis and Mike and Beth Keenan of Greencastle. The future groom is a graduate of Beech Grove High School while the future bride is a graduate of Decatur Central High School. Justin works for Bobby Santos Racing and Gabby works for Marion County. The couple will be married in October of this year at Rustic Gatherings in Martinsville. In the picture with them is their "baby" dog, Penske.

IN OUR SCHOOLS



Matkins and Nohlecek receive Masonic scholarships

Scholarships – Kayla Matkins, daughter of Ryan and Kim Matkins of Beech Grove and Kirstyn Nohlecek, daughter of Steve and Kim Nohlecek of Indianapolis, have both received a \$1,300 Masonic Scholarship from the Scholarship Board of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, Free and Accepted Masons. The Grand Lodge of Indiana Scholarship Board distributes earnings from an endowment, making it one of the largest fraternal scholarship funds in the country. Kayla and Kirstyn were two of 411 selected from over 435 applicants. Kayla was sponsored by her father, Ryan and Kirstyn was sponsored by her father, Steve, who are both Members of Beech Grove Masonic Lodge No. 694 F. & A.M. Kayla plans to apply her scholarship to Anderson University and Kirstyn plans to apply her scholarship to I.U. University.

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Fair celebrates 88 years of fun with various entertainment options

By Nancy Price

Fireworks, a waterskiing squirrel, a car show, country/rock and blues bands and new Midway rides kept this year's Marion County Fair an exciting one to remember.

The 88th annual fair, which was held June 15 – 24 on East Troy Avenue, also welcomed a chainsaw carver, demolition derby, and outlaw kart, Supercross and truck drag racing.

Yet crowds waiting to see Twiggy, the waterskiing squirrel, had to say "fair-well," as the famous and talented rodent is retiring after 40 years. Twiggy, along with her owner, Lou Ann Best, help kids learn important water safety messages, all while having fun.

Attendees flocked to the stage to jam to country artists, including Carly Brooke,

Rural Route 3 and Greg Rhodes, in addition to those who sang the blues: Wayne Ellis Watson, RC Blues Band and Heaven Cansler. For those with different tastes, there was variety: 45 RPMs (60s British invasion), a gospel music celebration, and orchestra (Indianapolis Municipal Band).

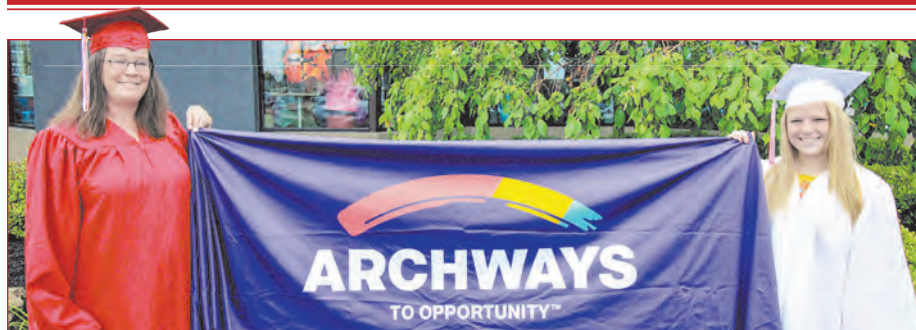
For the second consecutive year, sisters were crowned during the fair's opening night. Paige and Julia Wells were named queen and princess, respectively. The sisters both of whom won scholarships, hail from Franklin Township.

Other members of the 2018 court included Desiree Lee Cowling, Marion County Fair Queen 1st Runner-Up; Jo Dee Lynch, Miss Congeniality and Allison Brackin, Miss People's Choice.

Congratulations to all winners. Fair-well until next year!



1. New Midway rides kept this year's Marion County Fair an exciting one to remember. 2. Wonder Woman made a guest appearance at the fair. 3. A llama was quick to pose for the camera. 4. "Do you like my new hairpiece?" asks a trainer at one of the animal shows. 5. A friendly camel flashes a smile for the camera. 6. Ethan Ankrom, 8, of Lewisville, Indiana was feeling courageous. 7. Friendly sheep made the rounds in the barn. (Photos by Brandon Hargis)



Above and below, Victoria Bell-Bryant and her daughter Destiny Bryant wear their graduation gowns and hold degrees outside the Greenwood Place McDonald's where Victoria is a manager. Both diplomas, for high school graduation and professional skills development, are Victoria's. (Photos by Cleveland Dietz)

Mother and daughter graduate high school in same month

FEATURE

By Cleveland Dietz

With the aid of an employer education program, a local mother and daughter graduated high school in May.

Victoria Bell-Bryant, 35, completed the McDonald's Archways to Opportunity program to receive her diploma and a professional skills development certificate. Her oldest daughter, Destiny Bryant, 18, graduated from Southport High School after an active career in sports and the student newspaper while working full-time.

Bell-Bryant didn't consider herself a goal-setter, but she knew the time was right.

A learning disability made it difficult for her to concentrate in traditional classroom settings and other adversities she faced during high school contributed to her dropping out with seven credits. She spent the next 17 years tending to her children – 18, 16, 16, and 14 now – but they no longer need her as much.

"When I finally got this opportunity, I decided to go to a goal and succeed with it," she said. "To prove to myself and everybody else that I'm grown now instead of the young, stupid person I was back in the day."

Peter Wojtowicz, the owner and operator of the Greenwood Place McDonald's, said Bell-Bryant jumped on the chance to participate in the Archways to Opportunity program after it was announced.

"I'm excited for Victoria," he said. "Ever since this came along, she went into management also, so she felt more confident about herself. It's really been nice."

Bell-Bryant said everyone pushed her to do it and supported her along the way. Her oldest daughter took on transportation duties for the other kids, carting them to and from school as well as other activities.

"We are really proud of her," Bell said.

Bell said she appreciated going through the challenges of high school with her mom. They struggled with the same subjects – history, math – and leaned on each other for support when things got especially tough.

Bell played high school softball for three years, then transitioned to being a baseball manager when she couldn't play anymore. During her sophomore and junior years, she was also a tutor. She's looking forward to studying nursing next year.

Though they're both recent graduates, there won't be a joint graduation party.

"This is mainly her moment, because she accomplished it and didn't give up," said Bell-Bryant. "I'll let her have her shine."

The Archways to Opportunity program offers McDonald's employees an opportunity to learn English as a second language or complete their high school education. It also provides tuition assistance.

"I encourage anybody that has the motivation and willpower to do it," Bell-Bryant said. "Don't let your kids stop you."

Six employees have completed the ESL program at the Greenwood Place McDonald's. Several more are receiving the tuition assistance benefit. Bell-Bryant is the only graduate of the high school completion track so far. The McDonald's will soon hold a graduation ceremony for her, because it's never too late to turn the tassel.




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FROM THE EDITOR

Independence Day brings perspective of freedom

What comes to your mind when you think of Independence Day?

When I was growing up and had not a care in the world, the holiday meant running around my big yard in the country with sparklers in hand, twirling them around until I was dizzy and laughing while gazing at the stars on a very clear night. Eating a home-made fruit cobbler (ala mode, of course!) with cherries picked from our tree and popping in the kitchen every once in a while to visit with extended family.

Now I spend more time thinking about what the holiday actually means. When I have a bad day and cannot think of as many things to be grateful for, I remind myself that I have my freedom. I used to take that for granted until I went through a challenging time in my life. I remembered once when an acquaintance told me long ago, "Don't forget to thank God." I realized that I had so much more to be thankful for than I realized. I had freedom to attend any church I wanted without fear of persecution. Freedom to drive anywhere I wanted, at any time. Freedom to vote, work, marry or be single and have my own home.

This freedom is nothing that I've earned. This is a privilege due to millions of men and women who fought in battle and were willing to sacrifice their lives so that we could be free. I think of the movie Unbroken that is based on the true story of the late Louis Zamperini, an Olympian and World War II veteran who spent more than 40 days trying to survive on a raft with two crewmen. As if that wasn't bad enough, he is captured by the Japanese navy and sent to a prisoner-of-war camp, enduring horrific conditions that nearly ended his life.

Yet somehow Louis found an inner strength within him to continue to endure constant beatings until he was rescued.

Remembering this puts a "bad day" into perspective. Thank you to all of the brave, strong servicemen and women who have fought and continue to fight for our freedom.

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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 recog-

nized? Email your "Stars and Strikes" to news@ss-times.com. Julie Lockwood of Perry Township contributed to this week's Stars and Strikes.

★ **Stars:** to Independence Day, our forefathers who signed the Declaration of Independence and the service of our brave and courageous military members.

★ **Stars:** to the 33rd annual Greenwood Freedom Festival and the accompanying parade, fireworks and live entertainment.



★ **Stars:** to the NPO for awarding the city of Beech Grove \$410,836 for the multi-use trail on Thompson Road that will start in 2022.

★ **Stars:** to continued support of the Beech Grove Police and Fire Departments.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"My early childhood memories center around this typical American country store and life in a small American town, including 4th of July celebrations marked by fireworks and patriotic music played from a pavilion bandstand."

– Frederick Reines

HUMOR



TOP 10 SIGNS THAT FLEA MARKET PURCHASE MAY NOT BE LEGIT

By Torry Stiles

10. Perhaps the most common "essential oil" is "snake".
9. He actually used the phrase "full semi-automaticable".
8. You just passed the fourth booth that's selling that unique, one of a kind, handmade shirt.
7. He's got seven perfectly good, start-on one-pull lawnmowers for sale and "forgot" to get gas so you could test them out.
6. Among the ingredients listed for the herbal medicine is some herb called, "placebo".
5. Don't you think four years past the "Sell By" date is pushing it?
4. Dale Earnhardt apparently autographed a 2010 Brickyard 400 program despite having died in 2001.
3. The kids are playing with their new superhero action figures: Supperman, Bateman and Wander Woman.
2. Your Americana was made in Pakistan.
1. The booth with the "Hoosier Pride" and "Buy Local" signs is offering coconuts, bananas and oranges.

BELIEVE IT!

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

In Indiana, if any person has a puppet show, wire dancing or tumbling act in the state of Indiana and receives money for it, they will be fined \$3 under the Act to Prevent Certain Immoral Practices.

Source: dumblaws.com

READERS' WRITES

Vinyl records commended

Greetings, sir. I wish to convey my pleasure of your outstanding cover story, "Take those old records off the shelf," by Jeremy Dunn. It brought back a flood of memories to this old vinyl record buff. I remember buying my first record album at the age of 12 at Lyric Records (remember them?). The Ruark's dedication and commitment to their maintaining the preservation of vinyl records is to be commended and I wish them all the best in their continuing endeavors. The rich history of music and the vinyl EPs on which they were recorded deserve every effort to preserve them.

Sincerely,
Doug Horton
Indianapolis

Southside
News Quiz

How well do you know your
Southside community?

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

1 Seth Hall is a Franklin Township army veteran. What is his current occupation, inspired by his dad?

- ☐ A. Optometrist ☐ B. Dentist
☐ C. Phlebotomist ☐ D. Teacher

2 What is the name of the active component in a chili pepper that makes it hot and can alleviate pain?

- ☐ A. Capsaicin ☐ B. Cardamom
☐ C. Cumin ☐ D. Wasabi

3 What is the least popular word in the dictionary, according to Grammar Guy?

- ☐ A. Supple ☐ B. Moist
☐ C. Irregardless ☐ D. Phlegm

4 In which war did Greenwood resident Ed Cammon serve?

- ☐ A. Korean ☐ B. Gulf
☐ C. World War II ☐ D. Vietnam

5 Which art gallery did Rick Hinton visit where his friend, Steve, has paintings?

- ☐ A. Brown County
☐ B. Thomas Kinkade Zionsville
☐ C. Stutz Artspace ☐ D. Grunwald

SEE ANSWERS ON PAGE 16.



Left, Steve Edwards at work. | Left inset, one of three of Steve's paintings on display at Brown County Art Gallery: "Early Morning Along Owl Creek." | Right, tools of an artist. (Photos by Rick Hinton)



Life after the Paranormal

HAUNTS & JAUNTS

By Rick Hinton

When we parked at the Brown County Art Gallery in Nashville, Indiana, it was hot. Very hot! Temperatures were in the 90s. Downtown Nashville was buzzing with sidewalk pedestrians seeming to hurry from shade to shade along the storefronts. Parking was at a premium! We had stopped prior for fudge, nuts and ghost pepper salsa, then made our way to the art gallery, far removed from the congestion of the main drag. My friend, Stephen Edwards, was giving a demonstration of water-color techniques there. Steve and I had been involved in the paranormal for years together. He and his group had taken me in on what I consider my first serious exploration of the "unknown," opening my eyes, ears and brain to the rationale of it all. We became kindred souls because of our similar thought process. Then suddenly... Steve left it all behind, focused now solely on his art.

That morning in Nashville, I told my wife, Laura and her mother, Jennifer not to mention the "paranormal" around Steve. "He won't talk about it." I was wrong!

Steve did talk about it, even volunteering information in a casual chat to a couple of ladies sitting in for the duration of his demonstration. They had come for the art, but received an extra bonus of ghosts and spirits. Steve made his way back during his presentation to the composition of a painting, explaining how to measure and lay out planes that first capture a viewer's attention and interest. The attendees took notes on

the art but also wanted to hear the ghost stories. Steve obliged, giving them recollections of not only his, but **our** travels together. He said the matter of hauntings were very much a matter of physics and energy remaining behind. And what does remain behind? Is it the gray areas of the Bible? Is it Alien in nature? Is it the ancient meanderings of the Jinn and all that encompasses? That's the question that's eluded paranormal investigators for countless years. Steve (and I) feel, "It's not good. It's been here for a long time!"

"Too many people think it's 'fun' and have no idea what they're dealing with or what doors it can unlock," Steve stated. He is correct. Paranormal investigators are no closer to the truth than we were a few centuries ago. Nothing has changed. No monumental revelations. Our weekend endeavors prove nothing other than there is "something" out there. We already know this. Most paranormal investigators do. So... what exactly are you proving? What are long weekends garnering countless hours of video and audio going to do at the end of the day? Proof of something we already know? Or perhaps something darker and not what we think it is. A grand imitator? As Steve moved forward in his investigative group (NCP) he came to the realization, "Whatever it was, it was not of human origin. It got darker. It became evil. I admit... I pushed the envelope more than I should have. I have no desire to revisit — none!"

And then there's his art...

Steve's wife, Sheree, says Steve has been painting for 45 some years with no prior formal training. He stopped in 1989. In

2006 – 2007 he resumed for a short period, selling 14 paintings. Then came paranormal investigations which took all of his time and energy. The art was set aside. Steve retired in December of 2016. With ghost investigations done, he resumed painting in 2017, mostly Indiana landscapes from his photographs. Paranormal investigations are now a point in past history. Life has changed. It's moved forward into an arena not so dark. And one presenting a brighter future going forward. "I feel better physically, finances have improved and I'm in a better state of mind," Steve says. "I still have activity in my house, yet I can live with it. Maybe I should write a book on my experiences with the paranormal!" He pointed to me with a sly fox smile. "You can be my ghost-writer." I gave a nervous grin. Yes... I could and most likely will!

Steve Edwards shared his reaction to last week's article: "In a galaxy far, far away... nice article from Rick Hinton about days gone down a road not forgotten but never to be traveled again. I miss the people but not the knowledge gained. The more you learn, the more it gets scary and at a point, you **know** you have learned enough!"

Steve's work can be followed on [Facebook](#) — **Stephen Edwards WSI Watercolor Artist**.



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.

IN OUR SCHOOLS



Southport Elementary students receive awards

Awards – Congratulations to Tracy Par and Tin Kyaw (Micah) Shwe, fourth-grade students at Southport Elementary School. These students were honored at the 2018 Juried Exhibition of Student Art presented by the International Violin Competition of Indianapolis. They each placed as regional winners from over 26,000 entries.

Harpe appointed principal of Center Grove Middle School North

Staff announcement – Davin Harpe will become the new principal of Center Grove Middle School North in July. Dr. Harpe is currently the principal of Sugar Grove Elementary, a position he has held since July 2013. Dr. Harpe also served for 14 years as a principal, assistant principal and teacher in various schools in Brownsburg, Franklin Township, Hamilton Southeastern and Western Boone school corporations. In 2016, Dr. Harpe was awarded the Indiana Association of School Principals Elementary Principal of the Year. In 2017, he was recognized in Washington, D.C. as a National Distinguished Principal. Dr. Harpe holds a bachelor's degree from Indiana University, a master's degree from Ball State University and doctorate in educational leadership from Purdue University. He will replace Scott Johnson, who announced his resignation from the position at the end of the school year.



Drake named to president's list

Academics – Rachel Drake of Greenwood was named to the president's list at Capital University. Capital has three lists denoting academic distinction among full-time, degree-seeking students: the president's list, provost's list, and dean's list. The president's list indicates the highest level of academic distinction. To be named to the president's list, students must have achieved a grade point average of at least 3.85.

NIGHT & DAY

LOCAL Entertainment ENTERTAINING

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BEECH GROVE

Be a H.E.R.O. Magic Show • Children of all ages are invited to join Daniel Lusk for this 45-minute interactive magic show about First Responders and how kids can be a hero at home and school. This program is made possible by Friends of the Library through gifts to The Indianapolis Public Library Foundation. | When: July 3, 1 p.m. | Where: Beech Grove Library, 1102 Main St., Beech Grove. | Info: (317) 275-4560.

Free All American Day in the Park • Food vendors provided by local businesses and not-for-profit organizations. DJ, 50/50 raffle drawing, bounce house for the kids and fireworks at dark (approximately 10 p.m.). Limited parking spaces within the park reserved for vehicles with valid handicapped tags or license plates only. | When: July 3, 5 – 10:30 p.m. | Where: Sarah Bolton Park, 1300 Churchman Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: BGPromoters.org.

Free block party: First Baptist Church of Beech Grove • Bounce house, hot dogs, drinks and homemade sides and desserts. | When: July 4, 6:30 p.m. | Where: 5521 Churchman Ave., Indianapolis. | (317) 784-1478; FBCbeechgrove.com.

Family Diner & Movie Night • Pasta dinner served at 5:30 p.m. The movie, *Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs*, will start at 6 p.m. | When: July 11, 5:30 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: (317) 788-4986; beechgrove.com/community-events.

FRANKLIN

Family Program: Duck! Rabbit! • We'll read the book, *Duck! Rabbit!* by Amy Krouse Rosenthal using Tumblebooks, followed by fun games and a craft. | When: July 2, 10 – 10:45 a.m. | Where: RB-Community Room (Whole Room), Johnson County Public Library - Franklin Branch, 401 S. State St., Franklin. | Info: (317) 738-2833; pageafterpage.org.

Teen/Young Adult Program: Harry Potter game • Test your Harry Potter knowledge and your puzzle-solving skills in this challenging escape room. Can you put together the clues before time runs out? | When: July 6, 3 – 4 p.m. | Where: FRB-Community Room (Whole Room), Johnson County Public Library - Franklin Branch, 401 S. State St., Franklin. | Info: (317) 738-2833; pageafterpage.org.

FOUNTAIN SQUARE

Homework Lounge: Get caught reading! • School-age children and teens are invited to use the library to work on their assignments or spend

15 minutes reading. Those who participate can get a prize from the treasurer chest for completing their homework. | When: June 28, 4 – 5:30 p.m. | Where: Fountain Square Branch Library, 1066 Virginia Ave., Indianapolis. | Info: (317) 275-43960.

GARFIELD PARK

Garfield Park Concert 2018 • Every year Greater Greenwood Community Band performs an outdoor concert in the MacAllister Amphitheater in Garfield Park and draws a large crowd. With comfortable seating and a great stage, expect to be entertained with people-pleasing concert band arrangements for a live music experience that's free to the public. | When: June 28, 7 – 8 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Amphitheater, 2432 Conservatory Dr. | Info: garfieldparkindy.org/park.

Indiana Pacers Summer Reading Tour • The Indiana Pacers will begin their highly-successful Pacers Summer Reading Tour at select Indianapolis Public Library branches in mid-June. Guest readers and other special guests, including Pacers players & alumni, members of the Indiana Pacemates and the Pacers All-Star Reading Team, will share their favorite children's stories with those in attendance. Each child at the Reading Timeout will receive a Pacers Read Like A Pro poster and have the opportunity to play for their chance at winning a variety of Pacers prizes. | When: July 5, 10:30 a.m. | Where: Garfield Park Library, 2502 Shelby St. | Info: (317) 275-4083.

GREENWOOD

Greenwood Freedom Festival concert • The Greater Greenwood Community Band will play "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "The Stars and Stripes Forever" in addition to the band's playlist. Concert is free | When: June 29, 7 – 9 p.m. | Where: The Greenwood Amphitheater (Surina Square Park), 100 Surina Way, Greenwood. | Info: (317) 881-4545; greenwoodband.org.

Greenwood Freedom Festival • Kick off the day with the parade at noon and then stroll through the festival and visit over 200 booths filled with smiles and something for everyone. | When: June 30, noon – after the fireworks at 10:15 p.m. | Where: The Greenwood Amphitheater (Surina Square Park), 100 Surina Way, Greenwood. | Info: greenwood.in.gov/festival.

One-artist show by Indiana artist, Karen Stanley • Guest artist, Karen Stanley, will be exhibiting impressionistic landscapes and still life subjects in oil. Most of her paintings will be for sale. To see more of her artwork, visit her website: KarenStanley.com | When: Wednesdays – Saturdays through June 30, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. | Where: Southside Art League Off Broadway Gallery, 299 E. Broadway St., Greenwood. | Info: (317) 882-5562; southside-artleague.org.

Lemon Wheel at Fireside Brewhouse • Disco, rock, classic rock, pop and country top 40 hits; Lemon Wheel is a crowd favorite at Fireside. | When: June 30, 9 p.m. | Where: Fireside Brewhouse, 997 E. County Line Road, Ste. B, Greenwood | Info: (317) 859-9505; firesidebrewhouse.com

Carman Domenic Licciardello at Mount Auburn United Methodist Church • Contemporary Chris-

tian artist, Carmel Domenic Licciardello presents a free concert open to the public. | When: July 1, 6:30 p.m. | Where: Mount Auburn United Methodist Church, 3100 W. Stones Crossing, Greenwood | Info: (317) 535-8555 ext. 1318; mtauburnumc.org.

Le Leche League of Greenwood/Indy South

• Who is welcome? Nursing mothers and their babies/toddlers, pregnant mothers and grandmothers. A La Leche League Leader is there a half hour before start time, if you would like to come early. You may also come late; our discussion usually ends about 7:30 p.m. | When: July 3; the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. | Where: Methodist Plaza Community Room, 8830 S. Meridian St. Please enter the room from the door on the south side of the building. | Info: Ill.of.indianapolis@gmail.com; (317) 782-5082; LLC of Greenwood Chat & Discussions.

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Quilt Connection Guild • The July meeting is the guild's annual summer party. Come and enjoy delicious food and the lively company of fellow quilting arts lovers. Guests and new members are always welcome. | When: July 5, 7 – 9 p.m. | Where: Greenwood United Methodist Church, 525 N. Madison Ave., Greenwood. | Info: (317) 881-1653; quiltcg.com.

Special Lunch at the Social of Greenwood • Join your friends at The Social for BBQ chicken sandwiches, corn casserole, green beans and salad. | When: July 11, 11:30 a.m. | Where: The Social of Greenwood, 550 Polk St., Greenwood. | Info: (317) 882-4810; thesocialofgreenwood.org.

Greenwood Greif Share • Whether your grief is fresh or recurring, the Grief Share groups are designed to help with your journey. Some of you have attended previously and we want to welcome you to back. Many of you have just begun your journey and those feelings of loss and confusion are something we all share. Southland's Grief Share group is open to all denominations and you can start any week; however, we would like you to register. | When: Begins July 11, 6 – 8 p.m. | Where: Southland Community Church, 5800 W. Smith Valley Road, Greenwood. | Info: Register by email to Mary (gerlachme@yahoo.com). The cost is \$20 for the workbook, unless you already purchased one and can be paid during class. Call (317) 513-9203 or (317) 340-3284.

Book Chat: Books & Tea • Greenwood Public Library (GPL) will be hosting Books & Teas, a Book Chat at Sassafras Tea Room. This is the fourth in a series of Book Chats following ones at Brickhouse Coffee, Vino Villa and Oaken Barrel Brewing Company. Each event gives participants the opportunity to try some tasty treats while learning about upcoming new releases from GPL librarians. | When: July 12, 6 p.m. | Where: Sassafras Tea Room, 229 N. Madison Ave., Greenwood. | Info: Free event; registration preferred at greenwoodlibrary.us.

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Greenwood Summer Concert Series: Tastes Like Chicken • Greenwood's downtown is experiencing significant momentum and city officials expect another year of record crowds for the city's Summer Concert Series. Nearly every Saturday evening between June and September, Greenwood residents, visitors and their families will gather with lawn chairs, blankets and snack-filled coolers to enjoy live performances spanning a variety of musical genres. | When: July 14, 7 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Amphitheater in Craig Park, 300 S. Washington St. | Info: (317) 881-4545.

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Quilters Guild of Indianapolis (QGIS) south side satellite meeting • Learn about "Fresh Finishes for Unfurnished Quilt Tops" by Capi Sexton and Stephanie Coy-Lykes from Noblesville's Always in Stitches Quilt Shop. | When: June 28, noon. | Where: Friends United Church of Christ, 8300 South Meridian St. | (317) 268-4064; quiltguildindy.net.

Into the Woods • Footlite Musicals is excited to announce the initial production of its 63rd season, Into the Woods. This Young Adult production is performed by actors age 18 – 25. | When: Begins June 29 and runs through July 15; 7:30 p.m. for Thursday – Saturday productions; 2:30 p.m. for Sunday shows. On Saturday, July 7, an evening performance will be signed for deaf patrons. Admission is \$25 for adults and \$15 for youth 17 and younger. The Thursday and first Sunday performances are \$10 for all seats. | Where: Hedback Community Theater, 1847 N. Alabama St. | Info: Tickets may be purchased online at footlite.org or by phone at (317) 926-6630.

Meet the Beatles – A Tribute to the Beatles • From Ed Sullivan to Abbey Road and Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of "The White Album". | When: 7 p.m., July 28 | Where: Irving Theater, 5505 E. Washington St., Indianapolis. | Info: (317) 356-3355; markgasperpresents.com

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Adult Learning: English as a Second Language • Practice speaking English and learn American culture. | When: July 3, 1:30 – 3 p.m. | Where: WRB Community Room (kitchen side), Johnson County Public Library – White River Branch, 1664 Library Blvd (25.25 mi), Greenwood. | Info: Contact Wendy Preilis at (317) 738-4677; pageafterpage.org.

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Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom

Big, loud and dumb

MOVIE REVIEW

By Adam Staten

Dinosaurs are a topic that fascinates many people. No matter how much time and energy are invested into the study of these mammoth beasts, we're always left wanting to know more. How did they die exactly? Approximately how many variations of these awe-inspiring beings did exist? For all of our wonder and intrigue with dinosaurs and the many questions left unanswered, they always make for entertaining subject matter. Hollywood, understanding our fascination with dinosaurs, has produced yet another flick featuring these beasts.

Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom is the follow-up to 2015's box office smash *Jurassic World*. After saving the world from certain destruction in the first film, our main characters (Claire and Owen), have gone their separate ways. Claire, having given up trying to profit off dinosaurs, is now the head of a nonprofit organization totally committed to the protection and preservation of the beasts. Owen, on the other hand, has taken a decidedly different path. He lives a life of seclusion, choosing to live alone from everyone and everything. When we first encounter him in the sequel, he's building his home with his bare hands.

However, all doesn't stay perfect for our main characters for long. Seemingly out of the blue, the estate of a wealthy philanthropist contacts Claire. Claire is told that they have constructed an island paradise where the dinosaurs can live and prosper. Claire is given the task of wrangling up the dinosaurs, but

she'll need help. She recruits Owen and he reluctantly tags along. As expected, things go from bad to worse for everyone involved. Not everyone's intentions are pure, which leads to genetically modified dinosaurs being weaponized and sold to the highest bidder.

While *Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom* does sport one of the biggest and most likable stars in Hollywood, Chris Pratt, it's not enough to salvage this mess. The film has such a weak and frankly, dumb story. Instead of a plot with anything resembling originality or creativity, we're given dinosaurs being bought and sold for combat purposes. There are also genetic modifications (which we already had in the first film), in order to create a "super dinosaur."

In addition to the weak story, the characters are also incredibly stupid. Early in the film, the characters head to an island where a volcano is erupting and dinosaurs roam free. Any guesses as to what happens next? Everyone ends up running and screaming for their lives with dinosaurs and lava hot on their trail. This is just one example of many similar such situations throughout the film.

Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom will go on to gross a ton of money. However, like the dinosaurs, this film franchise should consider going extinct.



Adam Staten lives in Perry Township and is a movie buff. Staten graduated from University of Southern Indiana with a degree in Communication Studies. He can be reached at adam.staten1@gmail.com

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Eskenazi Health encourages the public to take special precautions this Fourth of July

By Dr. Rajiv Sood, medical director,
Richard M. Fairbanks Burn Center
at Eskenazi Health

Fireworks account for nearly 12,000 injuries each year in the United States.

Statistics from the Consumer Product Safety Commission show most of these injuries are burns, which often result from improper use of sparklers and other legal and illegal fireworks, and they usually involve the hands, face, eyes, arms and legs.

Many of these injuries could be avoided or minimized by following some simple safety measures. The Richard M. Fairbanks Burn Center at Eskenazi Health, the only adult burn center that serves Central and Southern Indiana, works to educate the public about proper burn prevention procedures every Fourth of July.

Burn prevention is an integral part of the education services our burn center provides for the community. Almost 30 to 40 percent of the burns we see are preventable with the appropriate education.

I always recommend that people leave fireworks to the professionals but if you choose to use fireworks at your home, it is important to take some special precautions. Some helpful safety tips include:

- Never re-light a "dud" firework (have a bucket of water nearby)
- Never build or experiment with home-made fireworks
- Make sure only adults handle fireworks

- Give children glow in the dark wands and noise makers instead of sparklers
- Read and follow all instructions
- Check with local police and fire departments to see what can legally be discharged in your area

In the unfortunate event that an incident occurs, it is important to respond to the situation immediately. If clothing catches on fire, the best way to put out the fire is to "stop, drop and roll." Once the fire is extinguished, the clothes from the area of the burn should be removed and any burned skin should be cooled for five to 10 minutes. The burned area should then be wrapped in a clean, dry dressing or warm blanket. As with any medical emergency, call 911 immediately.

Remember, no firework is truly safe for people to light themselves at home. Even fireworks that may seem harmless have potential to cause serious injury. Avoidance is the best medicine when it comes to fireworks.




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Southside military veterans' experiences shape them into leaders

Millions around the country will celebrate Independence Day this year with family, friends, fireworks, cookouts and perhaps a concert. While listening to "The Star Spangled Banner," "You're a Grand Old Flag" and "Yankee Doodle Dandy," take a few moments to remember those brave and courageous men and women who have selflessly fought for our freedom.

Each year, *The Southside Times* recognizes a few of those honorable and loyal veterans. This year, we are featuring four Southside individuals who have their own stories of how their past military service has shaped them into the people they are today: Ed Cammon (Army/Navy), Seth Hall (Army), Tim Jeffers (Army) and Chavis Kendrick (Air Force).

Each veteran spoke of his experience and skills learned in the military and how that practice has changed his life.

Cammon, a Greenwood resident who served in the Navy during the Vietnam War, decided to re-enlist years later by joining the Army; his love of aviation brought him back into the military.

Hall, a Franklin Township dentist, put his skills learned in college to use while in the Army. Chavis, meanwhile, followed the advice of his own Dad, a navy veteran. His father suggested that he go into the armed forces to help pay for his education.

Jeffers, an Army veteran, learned valuable leadership skills in service that have inspired him to currently run as a state representative from District # 90.

On Independence Day, take a moment to remember those who have fought for our country and thank a veteran for his or her service.



Right, known for his passion for life and lively personality, Chavis Kendrick embraces the opportunity to spend time with his wife, Brittany. | Middle, Air Force Staff Sergeant Chavis Kendrick enjoys a 3-lap NASCAR ride along at the Daytona 500. | Right, following the advice of his father, Staff Sergeant Chavis Kendrick joined the United States Air Force at the age of 17. (Submitted Photos)



AIR FORCE: Chavis Kendrick

By Jeremy Dunn

As a teenager, Chavis Kendrick quickly learned that life does not always unfold how one may plan it to. Born and raised in the inner city of Miami, he eventually moved to South Carolina and graduated from Goose Creek High School when he was 17 years old. Kendrick planned to attend college and major in sports marketing and hospitality retail management at one of the five well-known universities that he had been accepted to; that included the University of South Carolina, Clemson University, Francis Marion University, Coastal Carolina University and North Carolina A & T State University.

However, the young Florida native quickly realized the high costs associated with higher education. Unsure of how he would pay for college, Kendrick turned to his father for advice. The 10-year Navy veteran recommended that Chavis explore Armed Forces but the 17-year-old was skeptical. He recalled, "Due to ignorance, I believed that joining the military was basically turning yourself into a robot. As the school year came to a close, I realized I had to make a decision for my adult life and I began to let go of my fears and explore the facts of serving."

A father's wisdom

Upon his decision to join the military, Kendrick once again turned to his father, who offered the following advice: "If you join any branch, it better be the Air Force. You will not regret it." By June of 2012, Chavis embraced his father's suggestions and joined the Air Force. His first career placement found him as a pharmacy craftsman before being temporarily assigned as a Force Protection Escort while serving overseas. Kendrick

has been deployed to Kuwait and the Kingdom of Jordan while also being temporarily placed in Ireland, Germany and various locations throughout the United States. He has been permanently stationed at Patrick Air Force Base in Florida and currently in Indiana. The worldly traveler is now assigned as an Enlisted Accessions recruiter, responsible for engaging, inspiring and recruiting the brightest, most competitive and diverse men and women for service with the United States Air Force.

Kendrick perceives his time overseas as one of the most memorable parts of his service. "The greatest memory of my career thus far was deploying overseas to the country of Kuwait and the Kingdom of Jordan," he said. "The experience of learning another culture and protecting a couple of allied host nations was priceless. That tour significantly humbled me and allowed me to realize how fortunate we are in America."

Defining a hero

The staff sergeant's time with the Air Force has helped him define what a hero truly is. "A hero is someone who is not the strongest nor the bravest but the one who steps in and does what is right when it needs to be done. A hero thinks of themselves last and those in need first and never gives up," Kendrick said. He credits his aunt, Cha-Cha, a two-time cancer survivor as being his biggest hero. "She continues to remain resilient and take care of her family. She is a soldier for sure," he said. Kendrick also acknowledges his brother and sisters in arms as being true heroes. "They have vowed to defend the U.S. Constitution with their lives, and I salute all of those who have served honorably and those young men and women who are planning on joining in the future."

Motivating the future

Just as his father had advised him, Kendrick urges today's youth to embrace the potential of building a future for yourself. "Never let anyone tell you that you cannot accomplish your goals. The world is your canvas that you can use to create a masterpiece how you see fit. Always do what is right even when no one is looking," he said. The Air Force recruiter also credits his time in the service as the best preparation for establishing a solid foundation for life. "The Air Force teaches you skills you need to propel your life as an adult. Whether that be financial responsibility, leadership skills, critical thinking or the importance of physical fitness and health, there is always an opportunity to create a great life for yourself but the older you get the harder it becomes."

Writing the next chapter

Thanks to his service, Staff Sergeant Kendrick has now earned two associate degrees in pharmacy technology and human resources management along with a bachelor's degree in sports marketing and media. Reflecting on his father's advice to him at 17, Kendrick shared, "He was completely correct. Since joining the Air Force, I have had nothing but great experiences and a start to my adult life that I could not be more grateful for! During my career, I have made life-long friendships, gained endless job experience, traveled to places at the age of 18 that some individuals may never see in their lives and had the opportunity to serve this great nation."

Now, Chavis Kendrick hopes to keep his father's words alive by passing his wisdom onto the next generation of service for our country.



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Tim Jeffers, an avid Cubs fan, values time with his family. He hopes to improve the future for his children by running for state representative from District #90. | Inset, Indiana National Guardsman Tim Jeffers served under Lieutenant General David H. Petraeus during Operation Iraqi Freedom. (Submitted Photos)

ARMY: Tim Jeffers

By Jeremy Dunn

Tim Jeffers comes from a long line of service. His father, grandfather and five uncles served in the United States military. Jeffers recalled, "My grandfather, Robert L. Murphy, volunteered for WWI and became a sergeant major for COL Robert Moorhead, who commanded the 4th Indiana Infantry, the 139th Field Artillery. These troops made it to England and eventually France just before the war ended. Fortunately, hostilities ended before they saw combat. However, I found out some years ago that the troop ship they were sailing on was torpedoed not once but twice and hobbled its way into Britain. I mention this only to emphasize how luck plays into our lives and how fate dictates so much. If Grandpa Murphy doesn't survive the torpedo attack in 1918, I don't make the picture... no mother, no uncles, no cousins, nobody."

Tim Jeffers has worked for four Indiana governors, three Indiana speakers, two congressmen, two general officers and countless hours of service to our country.

rived in the country on Christmas Eve 2004 and left in September 2005," Jeffers said.

When asked of his greatest memories of his time in service, Jeffers reflected, "Two things come to mind. One, the smiles on the young faces of young children when Guardsmen and women from Alabama and Indiana participated in a mission to renovate a hospital and an AIDS orphanage in Constantia, Romania in 1996. Secondly, the images of Iraqi citizens leaving various polling stations where they voted for the first time in 2005 and showing off their purple thumbs."


Heroism and looking forward

The local guardsman finds extraordinary courage to be the determining factor in defining true heroism. "A hero is someone who displays extraordinary courage in difficult circumstances and may risk their life, personal status, or reputation in an effort to defend another person, value, belief or idea," he said. Jeffers hopes to inspire the next generations of heroes to navigate, what he has come to see as, a changing landscape throughout the United States. "Consider a career in public service or the military," he advised. "Times are changing very rapidly and our government, media and businesses are having difficulty keeping up with the changes."

Defining his own timeline

In 1994, Jeffers made his first attempt running for office as secretary of state unsuccessful.

As the potential state representative from District #90 prepares for a new campaign, Jeffers still holds true to the importance of luck and how it can be the ultimate dealer in hand that fate is dealt. He poetically concluded, "My first cousin, Mike Murphy, used to serve in the same house seat. Yes, another Murphy who would not have been around to serve if that German U-boat would have gotten the job done in 1918. Thank goodness luck smiles on us from time to time."



Always finding a reason to smile, Army veteran Seth Hall embraces the opportunity to enjoy time with his niece, Sadie. | Inset, Seth Hall served as an Army dentist during a tour in Afghanistan. (Submitted Photos)

ARMY: Seth Hall

By Jeremy Dunn

2009's hit comedy *The Hangover* contained a running joke throughout the film that teased Ed Helm's character Stu as being "just a dentist." Do not let Seth Hall's fun-loving personality mislead you. The Franklin Township dentist and Army veteran is much more than "just a dentist." Following in the footsteps of his father, he strives to find happiness and help others through his service.

Mark, as a role model. Mark Hall was a well-respected dentist and a driving inspiration in his son's future plans. "My dad has always been my role model and is the reason I wanted to become a dentist" Seth said. "He is an amazing man and has always been someone I looked up to and wanted to do well in sports and school for him."

Witnessing his father's ability to help others inspired Seth to enroll in the Indiana University Dental School. By 2010, Hall graduated and was eager to begin his journey as a dentist. However, his path took an interesting turn when he decided to use his skills to help serve his country by becoming a dentist for the United States Army. "Joining the Army was a decision that just seemed like the right thing to do and you always want to give back to the country that gives us freedom." Hall recollected.

The life of an Army dentist

Hall's service led him to a stint at Fort Benning in Georgia, a tour in Afghanistan and an assignment in Kentucky at Fort Knox. The Mitchell native found himself practicing dentistry while serving on some of the biggest military stages our country has to offer. However, it was his time in Afghanistan that he found the most moving. "My greatest memories came during my time in Afghanistan in the interactions with those men and women that sacrifice daily for us. Hearing their stories were surreal and made me appreciate more what those in the military do," he said. In 2014, Hall, inspired by his experiences while serving in the Army, moved back to Indiana to open his own dental practice, Hall Family Dentistry on the southeast side of Indianapolis.

A life dedicated to service

The Franklin Township dentist strongly believes that his time in the Army best prepared him to be his best and serve others. Hall reflected, "Serving in the military has helped me appreciate life more and embrace the good things. It has made me a better person and makes me want to serve my awesome patients and make each person smile every day I am at the office. To all of those who have served, are currently serving and will serve, I truly thank you for your service."

A hero inspiring heroes

Reflecting on his father and time in the military, Seth Hall defines a hero as, "... someone who makes you want to be a better person by seeing the way that they carry themselves. I was blessed to meet a ton of people I would call heroes in my military career." Poetic as it is, Hall finds himself being a living example of his very definition of heroism. Each day, striving to share an infectious smile and passion for living, Mark Hall's son is serving as the same role model to others as his father was to him.



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Left, Ed Cammon is a fan of flying and aircraft, which pulled him back into the service. | Right, Cammon, a Greenwood resident, was in the last round to be drafted into the Vietnam War. (Submitted photos)



ARMY | NAVY: Ed Cammon

By Stephanie Dolan

Some men enter the service with their discharge already in sight. They count the days, they do their time and they leave their branch of the military proud to have served but thankful that the service has come to an end.

Others, like Ed Cammon of Greenwood, enter the service out of a sense of duty and they re-enlist happily knowing that even more years will be spent giving back to the country they feel has given them so much.

Cammon, 64, initially enlisted in the navy at the age of 23. He was in the last round to be drafted during the Vietnam War in 1977.

"It was a different time," he said. "My number was up and I knew I was going into some form of military service. I signed into the navy and signed up for aviation school to learn electrical systems."

Originally from upstate New York, Cammon did four years and seven months in the navy. The oldest of his two sons, Pat, was born in a naval hospital in Pensacola, Fla.

While in the navy, Cammon worked for a training squadron and spent a lot of time on aircraft carriers.

Always a fan of flying and aircraft, this is what ultimately pulled Cammon backed into service in 1992.

"I did five years in the army," he said, recalling the request he received to enlist and work with helicopters. "They needed technical people and I had experience with electrical systems on aircraft. They took me in as a technical inspector."

This time around, Cammon's unit was activated to go to the first Gulf War. Ultimately, though, he stayed

stateside because the helicopters he would be working with didn't include the preferred form of armament.

"I enjoyed the camaraderie with the technicians and helping everybody work on the aircraft," he said. "That's one of the things I like about aviation period is the quality aircraft."

Yet, even though Cammon had two very substantial stints in the military, he feels as though his greatest contributions came during his time as a civilian.

"My military work goes far beyond my time in the army and navy," he said. "I was a contractor over in the middle east, two years in Iraq and three years in Afghanistan building infrastructure for military and NATO allies."

Cammon noted that, while he was never sent to warzones while in the military, he was right in the thick of it as a civilian contractor.

"I saw some instances of guys who weren't going to come back," he said. "I used to listen to a lot of the stories of what they did while they were out on patrol. Some were pretty brutal."

While Cammon still enjoys his work as an electrical engineer, he has no intention of re-entering the theatre of war.

"I feel like I did my part in both my services to the navy and to the army," he said. "But I feel like I was able to actually do more as a civilian."

And of course, Cammon missed his family.

"There are times I know I missed a lot of the little thing," he said. "But I'm glad I didn't shirk of the responsibility of ensuring the safety of my family as well as the safety of the country."

Cammon is proud of and thankful for his time serving both in and out of uniform.

"I'd do it all over again," he said.



Colonel Todd Finley is retiring from 28 years in the service. (Submitted photo)

Finley retires from Marine Corps

Colonel Todd Finley is retiring from his service in the Marines at the end of June. Finley, a graduate of Perry Meridian High School, completed Officer Candidate School in 1990 and received his commission in May 1991. Following graduation from The Basic School, he reported to the Field Artillery Basic Course at Ft. Still, Oklahoma. Finley served as the Commanding Officer, Combined Arms Training Center, Camp Fuji, Japan from 2015-2016 and most recently served as the Sustainment Division Chief within the Operations Directorate at U.S. Transportation Command.

Colonel Finley is married to wife, Lisa (Brown) Finley, and has two children, Mitchell and Arden. His parents are Linda and Harlan Finley of Perry Township.



FEATURE

Who should join a chamber

By By Renee Harlor, Executive Director,
Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce

I'm not only the executive director, I am a member of three chambers. I knew understanding things from a member's perspective would help me create an environment where our members' needs come first.

We want to create value for our members. Understanding that each business has unique needs and faces different challenges helps us create and adjust programs to meet their needs. Two of the first things I ask someone interested in joining our chamber are why they want to join and what they expect. We want to exceed our members' expectations.

Prior to this position, I was a small business owner. I know first-hand some of the challenges small businesses face. A small business will benefit from additional marketing, training classes designed to save time and increase the bottom line and networking events.

There is also value for large businesses. According to a study conducted by The Schapiro Group, "when consumers know that a large business is a member of the chamber, they are likely to patronize the company more often and to express favorable opinions." Large businesses can also easily enjoy the many benefits of being involved in the community through chamber membership.

Finally, I would encourage nonprofit organizations to join. We offer a nonprofit training day and other helpful programs, all free with your membership. Our networking events could easily lead you to your next supporter or volunteer.

If you own a business or run a nonprofit organization in the Greater Beech Grove area, I invite you to consider joining our chamber. I would be happy to talk with you about ways that we can work together. The Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce is partnering to build a dynamic community. I invite you to join us.

UPCOMING BEECH GROVE
MEETINGS & EVENTSBeech Grove Chamber
announces training program

The Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce will offer monthly classes geared toward small businesses and nonprofit organizations. These classes are free for members. They are open to non-members for a nominal fee. The summer lineup includes Social Media Marketing, Cost Effective Marketing for Small Business, Employee Engagement and a nonprofit training day. "We are excited to make these classes available to small business owners and nonprofit organizations; I think they will be very well received," said Renee Harlor, executive director. You can register by visiting the chamber's website at beechgrovechamber.org and selecting chamber news/events.

27 – Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce: Social Media Marketing | When: June 27, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: beechgrovechamber.org

July

18 – Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce: Nonprofit Training Day | When: July 18, 8:30 a.m. – noon. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: beechgrovechamber.org.

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Sarah T. Bolton Park - Hilltop Shelter

06/29: Fun Lunch: Nature Walk
07/03: BG Promoter's Club All American Day
(Fireworks, Face painting, food and fun) 3 p.m.
07/06: Fun Lunch: Holiday Fun
07/10: Art in the Park: Create art to take home
07/10: Make Your Own Terrarium • 07/17: Nature Craft: Rock Painting
07/20: Fun Lunch: Nature Walk & Scavenger Hunt

Don Challis Park

07/04: Independence Day! Have a picnic in the park
07/11: Scaly Tails Animal Show
07/18: Southport Equestrian Horses

Hornet Park Community Center
EVENTS

07/02: Fun Lunch: Holiday crafts • 07/05: Geocaching
07/09: Snakehead Ed: Creatures of the Rainforest
07/11: Family Dinner & movie night 5:30 p.m.
07/12: Take Flight! Birds of Prey demonstration
07/16: All Kids Can Cook Class, 10a-12p, 1p-3p, \$30
07/19: Touch-a-truck! Come see all the trucks! 1-4p
07/25: Back to School Family Dinner and Game Night!
With special guest Mark Booth and his animal Friends.

ON-GOING ACTIVITIES

Mondays at 10 a.m.: Mini Monday! for preschool friends
Mondays Group Exercise Classes: 6 p.m. Zumba
Tuesdays at 11 a.m.: Parent and Preschool fitness class
2nd Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.: Family dinner and movie night
4th Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m.: Family Game Night
Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.: Weight Watchers • **6 p.m.** Yoga Social
Friday at 5 p.m.: Unwind Fridays Crochet group
Saturdays Group Exercise Classes: 8:30 a.m. Kickboxing
10 a.m. Core Fitness • **11 a.m.** Full body circuit training

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Mo Hotta, Mo Betta

By Wendell Fowler

Friends, you “all just gotta” wake up. Clearly, the rest of the world knows more about preventing chronic disease with nature’s “farmacy” than we do. Capsaicin, the stuff that makes peppers hot, is an example. Since chili peppers are not a part of our Midwest tradition, Hoosiers have wimpy taste buds for hot, mouth-searing, albeit health-stimulating peppers flavoring their food. Excluding a cocktail party, when inebriated men exhibit their machismo by seeing who can eat the hottest pepper.

When capsaicin is consumed in a slightly diluted form, such as in hot sauce, chili peppers or cayenne peppers, it offers a myriad of health benefits. The hotter the chili pepper, the more capsaicin it contains.

World cultures who use hot peppers liberally in their meals have significantly lower rates of heart attack and stroke than cultures that do not. Capsaicin may help

to protect the heart by reducing cholesterol, triglycerides and platelet aggregation.

“Capsaicin inhibits the growth of human prostate cancer cells in petri dishes and mice,” said lead researchers at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. A study published in *Cancer Research* found capsaicin caused cancer cells to commit suicide.

A topical form of capsaicin is used for osteoarthritis pain and alleviating pain from diabetic neuropathy. Capsaicin is a potential treatment for arthritis and psoriasis. Studies have found that capsaicin relieves and prevents cluster headaches, migraine headaches and sinus headaches.

When I’m congested, among other natural treatments, I eat food spiced with hot peppers. Capsaicin stimulates secretions that help clear mucus from your nose, thus relieving nasal congestion. Capsaicin has potent antibacterial properties that fight and prevent chronic sinusitis too.

We must address the root cause. Why treat just the symptoms? Why hush our temple’s way of telling us something’s

wrong? That’s illogically insane. We’ve been pharmaceutically disconnected from mother nature; told plant-based naturopathic medicine is hokum and trained, yes trained, by aggressive TV advertising to, despite the horrific side effects, obediently take a pill and the symptoms will disappear. Really? Perhaps, but the source still exists... you just don’t hear your temple’s screams for help.

Add more chili pepper spice to our life. Keep a container of powdered cayenne or hot pepper flakes on the table right next to the pepper mill, so you and your family can add a pinch of extra spice to any of your meals. Chili peppers burn your butt? Small price to pay. And by the way, they are not intended to be used as suppositories.



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The disappointing truth about your least favorite word

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

You’re not going to like this.

On the contact form on my website, I have a field where I ask people what their least favorite word is (for the record, mine is *supple*). The word that by far gets the most entries is “irregardless.”

I’m sorry to break it to you, but irregardless is a word.

Yes, irregardless is a word. Type it into a new Google document and it won’t get the red squiggly underline treatment. Look it up in a dictionary and you’ll find it there along with all of the other officially-sanctioned words.

When people jokingly use irregardless, they are doing it wrong. Those who utter it accompanied by an ironic smirk simply use it instead of regardless, to the frustration of word purists.

Many have dismissed the word irregardless

less because they view it as redundant; regardless is all we need, they argue. Adding “ir-” in front of regardless downright irritates people.

But that’s the wrong way to use irregardless. You see, irregardless is a way to drop the mic on an argument after someone has already used “regardless.” Here’s an example:

ROBIN: Batman, will you let me pick the music on the Bat Radio next time we’re in the Batmobile? I promise not to sing along.

BATMAN: Absolutely not. Regardless, your taste in music is terrible.

ROBIN: Holy *supple* salamanders, Batman! I won’t play any Creed or Nickelback. Can I pick the music, please?

BATMAN: Irregardless, my answer is “no.” To the Batcave.

In this scene, Batman shuts down the argument by putting extra emphasis on “regardless” by saying “irregardless.” Batman knows how to use irregardless properly. Also, he’s the one who wears the pants in the Dynamic Duo (okay, technically they’re tights, but Rob-in only wears green underwear).

Most of the time irregardless is used, it’s misused — probably in a knowingly tongue-in-cheek manner. And its intent comes through; people either get bothered by their friend’s usage of irregardless or they think it’s funny. Either way, unless you’re using irregardless like Batman, you’re doing it wrong.

Batman once said “It’s not who I am underneath, but what I do that defines me.” I say: leave the defining up to the dictionary; we can all do a better job of improving our grammar and word usage to make our lives more awesome.



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

Puzzles & Answers

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Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:
Teams: ANGELS, CLIPPERS, DODGERS, KINGS, LAKERS, RAMS;
Bands: BON JOVI, DEF LEPPARD, DURAN DURAN, THE POLICE, VAN HALEN;
Departments: BOOKS, CLOTHING, ELECTRONICS, TOYS;
Players: ACHONWA, DUPREE, MITCHELL;
Waterfalls: BIG CLIFTY, CATARACT;
Location: DELPHI

Q&A

SEE PAGE 7

1. B, 2. A, 3. C, 4. D, 5. A

P	A	S	T	E		F	U	S	E		G	L	U	M
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8	7	4	6	9	1	2	3	5
2	6	1	5	3	4	7	9	8
6	2	7	3	5	8	9	1	4
9	8	5	1	4	6	3	7	2
1	4	3	9	7	2	5	8	6



Find the items in the puzzle going up, down, sideways or diagonally and list them. Each letter is used no more than once.

D
C U V
C L R A L
B A O A N L A
S O T T N H E W A
B G N A H D A H N N D
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Y O I O A N R E T H E L U
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4 Amazon.com Departments

3 Indiana Fever Players

2 Indiana Waterfalls

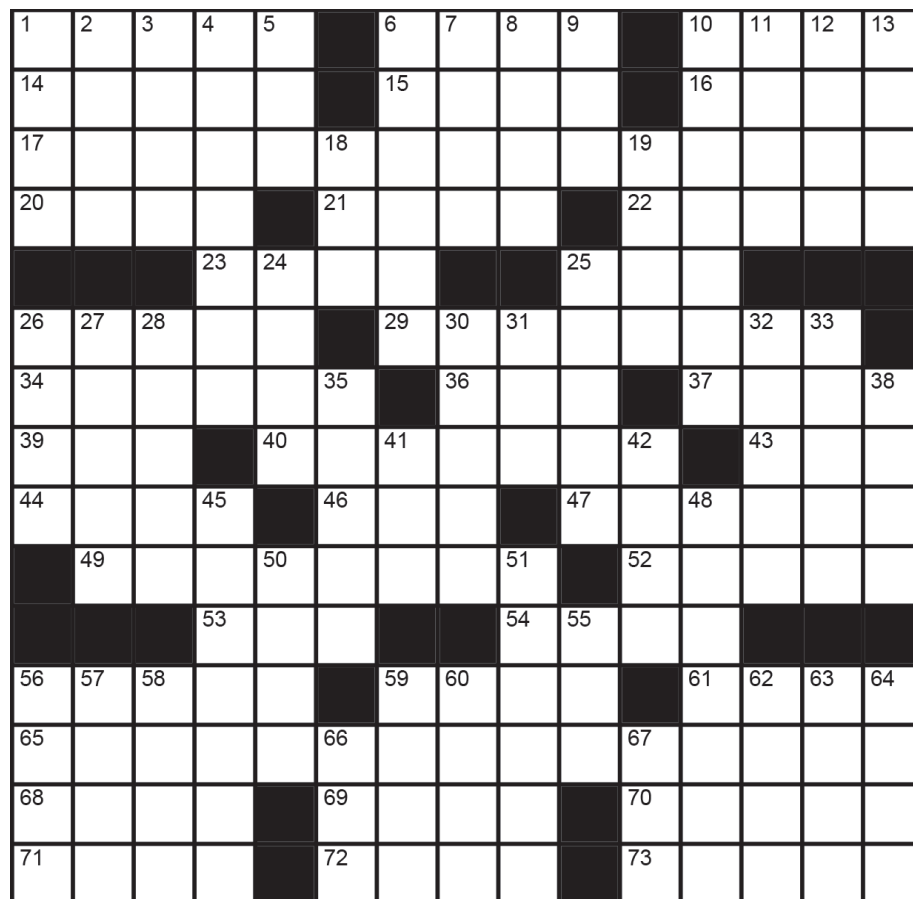
1 Indiana Bacon Festival Town

ACROSS

1. Southwest Elementary School sticky stuff
6. Firecracker cord
10. Unhappy
14. Eightsome
15. Hit the ground
16. Prego rival
17. Start of a quip
20. Observed
21. Breakfast grain
22. ___ Merlot's
23. Church section
25. Texans, on a Lucas Oil Stadium scoreboard
26. IRT area
29. Set off fireworks at the Freedom Festival
34. Ball State conference foe
36. Fire
37. Panera Bread buy
39. Indiana Poet Laureate's "before"
40. Quip, part 2
43. Before now
44. IMA painter Chagall
46. Big ___ Conference
47. With gusto
49. Santa's landing site
52. Still runny
53. Fasten
54. Duke Energy units
56. Sandwich cookies
59. Like some ale at Union Brewing
61. "Yikes!"
65. End of quip
68. "Ciao!"
69. Office plant
70. Hard-to-find book character
71. Burden
72. Dirt clump
73. Indiana National Guard command

DOWN

1. Bluebeard kitchen collection
2. Farm fraction
3. Indiana Eye Clinic concern
4. Time of life
5. IND flight info
6. Became fine, weatherwise
7. Arm bone in a UIndy anatomy class
8. Leo, for one
9. Sci-fi aviators
10. Slow-paced
11. Placed
12. Wrinkly fruit
13. Ponder
18. Conan channel

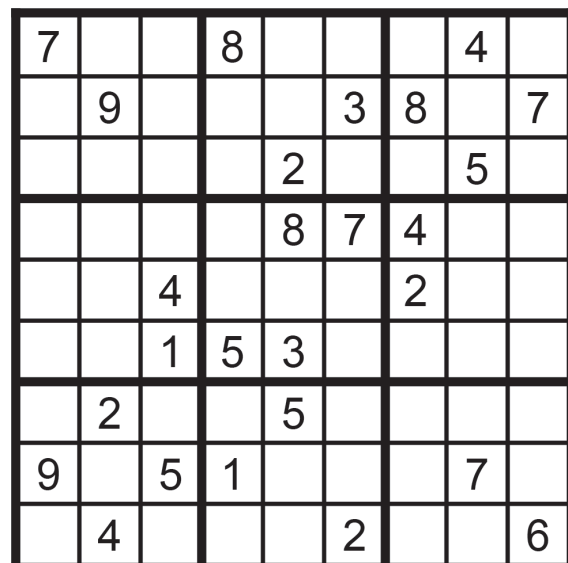


19. Element #10 in a Center Grove HS science class
24. Luxury Nails offering, familiarly
25. Ed Martin car brand
26. Fruit throwaway
27. Congregation Beth-El Zedeck scroll
28. Old Olds
30. ___ Lodge
31. Butler frat letter
32. Horned hoppers

33. ___ Creek Park
35. A lot
38. IMS' A.J.
41. Nevertheless
42. Midwest Fertility egg cell
45. Ornamental roof structures
48. To such an extent
50. Spanish ayes
51. Warsaw's place
55. "For ___ a jolly..."
56. Not fooled by
57. Hoosier Park horse color

58. Caesar's immortal "And you?"
59. Lime cover
60. Darnell Hillman's playing days 'do
62. Grasp
63. Lymph ___
64. Landfill emanation
66. The Colonel's restaurant
67. Number of Super Bowl appearances for the Indianapolis Colts

Answers See page 16.



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**Blood donors needed this summer**

Health – The American Red Cross urges donors of all blood types to give now to help prevent delays in patient care this summer. During the summer, especially around holidays like Independence Day, donations often don't keep pace with patient needs. The Red Cross is thanking all those who come to donate July 2 – 7 with an exclusive Red Cross Missing Types T-shirt, while supplies last. Make an appointment to donate blood by visiting RedCrossBlood.org or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).

Kirchhofer to chair health committee

Appointed – Indiana State Rep. Cindy Kirchhofer (R-Beech Grove) was recently selected to chair the Interim Study Committee on Public Health, Behavioral Health and Human Services. In the upcoming months, the committee will examine several topics including opioid treatment programs, joining the nurse licensure compact and issues related to the use of medical marijuana. "Summer study committees are critical components to the legislative process," Kirchhofer said. "For issues that need a deeper review, we are able to hear from the public and expert witnesses on what Indiana should do to keep up with best practices. Sometimes that leads to legislative action and other times we find a new law isn't needed." Kirchhofer said interim study committee hearings, which typically occur at the Statehouse in Indianapolis, can be viewed live online at iga.in.gov. This site also provides committee calendars and meeting agendas. Members of the public are welcomed to attend and testify.



OBITUARIES

Clayton Dean Arthur

Clayton Dean Arthur, 77, of Greenwood, died on June 24, 2018. He was born on March 3, 1941 in Washington, Indiana to the late Clyde and Cordia Miller Arthur. He was retired from General Motors, Allison Division. His passion was bow hunting and he enjoyed helping his daughter with her horses. Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Patricia Hicks Arthur; two daughters, Michelle Arthur and Kimberly Cahill; his sister, Mona Small; sister-in-law, Sandra Baumeier and brother-in-law, Gerald Hicks; nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews and great-great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Jimi Cahill; his brother, Eddie Arthur and niece, Cathy Ahlf; and brother-in-law, Ron Baumeier. Visitation will be on June 29 from 5 – 7 p.m. at G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home at The Gardens Of Olive Branch, 1605 S. State Road 135 and Olive Branch Road with the service at 7 p.m. He will be laid to rest at 11 a.m., June 30 at Fairview Cemetery, Elora, Indiana.

Carol S. Blair

Carol S. Blair, 62, of Indianapolis, died on June 17, 2018. Carol was born in Indianapolis on May 15, 1956 to the late Richard J. Bardy, Jr. and Victoria A. (Golg) Bardy. In 1990 she was married to Steven D. Blair. Carol was a 1974 graduate of Perry Meridian High School. She has enjoyed working for Goodwill Industries for the past 33 years. Survivors include her husband, Steve; her sister, Ann (Michael) Hurley; three brothers, Richard J. (Beverly) Bardy, III; Patrick (Julianne) Bardy and Dennis (Cathleen) Bardy and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Visitation and a funeral service was held on June 23 in the Daniel F. O'Riley Funeral Home, 6107 S. East St., Indianapolis. Burial followed at Calvary Cemetery in Indianapolis.

**Therese R. Cain**

Therese R. Cain, 85, of Indianapolis, died on June 21, 2018. Therese was born in Indianapolis on June 19, 1933 to the late George J. and Rosemary C. (Hornberger) Speth. She married Charles F. Cain; he preceded her in death. Therese was a graduate of Sacred Heart High School. She worked at Speth Bakery and for her brother-in-law at Ray Brothers Cleaners. She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles F. Cain and her brother, George Speth. Survivors include two sons, Ken (Patty) Cain and Steve (Karen) Cain; her daughter, Linda (Dean) Teagardin; her siblings, Kate Lamping, Mickey (Edie) Speth, Angie (Tom) Egan and Dave (Mary Ann) Speth; her sisters-in-law, Steph Speth and Nelda Amos; grandchildren, Andrew (Jenna) Cain, Chris (Alison) Cain, Paul (Viki) Cain, Craig (Jessica) Teagardin, Amanda (Jerry) Rush, Olivia and Rachel Cain; and 11 great-grandchildren, Caleb, Henry, Mackenzie, Reagan, Monroe, Damian, Dominic, Gianna, Everett, Garrett and Harrison. Visitation was held June 24 in the Daniel F. O'Riley Funeral Home, Indianapolis; services were held June 25 in the funeral home, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mark Catholic Church. Burial followed at Calvary Cemetery.

Avanell DeVore

Avanell DeVore, 94, of Greenwood, died on June 16, 2018. She was born on Nov. 11, 1923 in Johnson County. Avanell is survived by her son, Stephen (Nancy) DeVore; daughter-in-law, Diane DeVore; brother, Don Sullivan; grandchildren, Travis (Alexandra), and Paul (Eva) and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Forest and Gertrude Sullivan; son, Rick DeVore; and sister, Eldred Swanson. Per Avanell's wishes, a private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Margarita Garcia-Tinajero

Margarita Garcia-Tinajero, 57, of Indianapolis, died on June 18, 2018. She was born on July 20, 1960 in El Jiral, Guanajuato, Mexico to the late Hipolito Garcia and Sara Tinajero. At the age of 14, Margarita entered the religious community of the Virgen of Fatima in Salvatierra, Guanajuato and became a nun. After leaving the convent when she was 22, she relocated to Indianapolis and became active in St. Patrick Catholic Church, where she spent much of her time as a volunteer. Survivors include her son, Giovanni Garcia Arreguin; brothers, Jorge (Marisela) Garcia, Agustin (Rosa) Garcia and Armando (Christina) Garcia; sisters, Ana (Filiberto) Garcia, Luisa (Isidro) Garcia, Facunda (Julio) Garcia, Martina (Guadalupe) Garcia Audelia Garcia (Antonio), Claudia Chavez (Ramon) and Rosario Garcia (Antonio); 13 nieces and 15 nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial was held June 22 in St. Patrick Catholic. Burial followed services in Calvary Cemetery, Indianapolis. Arrangements and care were provided by Lauck & Veldhof Funeral & Cremation Services.

**Maynard Houston**

Maynard Houston, 89, of Indianapolis died on June 24, 2018. He was born on May 25, 1929 in Indianapolis to the late Elmer and Velma Houston. Maynard was a self-employed brick mason. He enjoyed time with his family, travel, boating and fishing. Survivors include his children, Karen (John) Webb, Kathy Wallace, Debi Houston, Joe (Brenda) Houston, Julia McQueen, Kevin (Stacey) Houston, Janice (Jeff) Faris, Kim (Scott) Whyde; 30 grandchildren; 49 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, Peggy Houston; son, Danny and daughter, Linda; one brother; and three sisters. Visitation will be held on June 28 from 11 a.m. until the time of service at 1 p.m. at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis. Maynard will be laid to rest in Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Estill C. King

Estill C. King, 90, of Indianapolis, died June 23, 2018. Estill was born April 25, 1928 in Liberty, Kentucky, to the late William & Frances M. (Murphy) King. He worked for Mitchell & Scott Machine Company for 46 years, retiring in 1992. Estill is survived by

his wife of 68 years, Irene King; son, David King; daughter, Vera Christenberry; brother, Marshall King; sisters, Ruth Attwood, June Ford and Verda Fleener; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Visitation was held June 27 at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory, Greenwood Chapel, 481 W. Main St. and will be held June 28 with calling from 9 – 11 a.m. The service will be held immediately after at the funeral home. Burial will be in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Joseph E. Looney

Joseph E. Looney, 56, of Indianapolis, died on June 22, 2018. Born in Beech Grove on July 13, 1961, Joe was the son of the late Francis E. and Julia T. (Callahan) Looney; his mother survives. Joe was a member of Holy Name Catholic Church, a 3rd degree member of the Knights of Columbus, Monsignor Downey Council #3660. He worked in manufacturing for Allison Transmission and was a member of the U.A.W. local union #933. Previously, he worked as a purchasing agent at Egenolf Machine in Indianapolis for several years. Survivors include his wife of 27 years, Linda L. (Cooper) Looney; his children, Wes K. (April) O'Hair of Knightstown, Anastasia "Anna" Looney and Emma C. Looney; five brothers, Mark W. (Robin) Looney, Paul A. (Rosie) Looney, John K. Looney, Tom M. Looney, Steve F. (Karen) Looney; two sisters, Julie M. (Patrick) Bardy of Indianapolis and Mary E. (Lantz) Turner; and four grandchildren, Cheyenne, Makenna, Chase and Kenton. Morning prayers will begin at 9:15 a.m. June 28 at Daniel F. O'Riley Funeral Home, 6107 S. East St. (U.S. Hwy 31 S.), Indianapolis, followed by 10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at Holy Name Catholic Church. Entombment will follow at Calvary Cemetery.

**Mary Evelyn Mitchell**

Mary Evelyn Mitchell, 82, of Greenwood, formerly of Sholas, died on June 15, 2018. Mary was born in Sholas, Indiana on March 15, 1936 to the late Leland Edward and Edith Grace (Ray) Grissom. Mary worked for Stockly Van Kamp as an assembly line worker for 26 years before retiring. Mary loved going to church and Gospel Sings. Her favorite hobby was shopping, be it thrift stores, garage sales or regular stores. She had a knack for fixing broken toys, of which she would buy and repair. Mary loved spending time with her family. Mary is survived by her children, Darlene (Bruce) and Kenneth (Lisa); her grandchildren Terry, Jennifer, Amber, Kenny, and Mikayla; her great-grandchildren Andrew, Savannah, Ryan and Nicholas; her sisters, Francis, Lorene, Phyllis and Linda; her church family; and many friends. In addition to her parents, Mary is preceded in passing by her husband, Kenneth Mitchell; and her siblings, Imogene, Loretta, Eddie, Delema and Lelah. Funeral services were held June 19 at House of Victory Church. Burial followed at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

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Charles Nielsen

Charles Nielsen, 78, of Indianapolis, died on June 20, 2018. He was born on May 10, 1940 to the late Jens and Ruth Nielsen in Englewood, New Jersey. Charles served his country in the United States Army National Guard for 32 years, before retiring as Chief Warrant Officer. Charles is survived by his daughters, Heather (Justin) Welling and Kelsi Nielsen; grandchildren, Kasen Welling and Jacinda Welling; sisters, Arline Rock, Carol Shaw and Kate Nielsen. In addition to his parents he is preceded in passing by his sister, Claire Lovejoy. A memorial service with military honors will be held at 4 p.m., June 28 at Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center. Visitation will be held from 3 p.m. until service time.

Ralph J. Organ, Jr.

Ralph J. Organ Jr., 57, of Ingalls, Indiana, died on June 23, 2018. He was born on Jan. 25, 1961 in Indianapolis to James J. Organ Sr. and Marsha Cartmel. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m., June 29 at G.H. Herrmann East Street Funeral Home, 1505 S. East Street, Indianapolis, with visitation from 11 a.m. until the time of the service at the funeral home. Burial will be at New Crown Cemetery.

Betty J. Schneider

Betty J. Schneider, 70, of Greenwood, died on June 25, 2018. Betty was born in Connersville, Indiana on Feb. 27, 1948. Betty is survived by her children and their spouses: Bill L. (Lisa) Ripberger, Beth J. (Mark) VanHoose, Charles E. (Stacey) Barnett II, Craig M. (Becky) Wheeler; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; sister, Diana Welch; best friend, Mary Jones; stepfather, Daugh Hubbard; step-sisters, step-brothers and a host of other family and friends. Betty was preceded in death by her father, Fredrick Ripberger; mother, Wanda Hubbard; husband, Clarence Schneider; brothers, Kenny Ripberger and Keith Ripberger; and stepbrother, Earl Hubbard. Visitation will be held on June 29 from 2 p.m. until her funeral service at 3 p.m. at Newcomer Cremations, Funerals & Receptions, 925 East Hanna Ave., Indianapolis.

Meredith Leon Shotts

Meredith Leon Shotts, 91, of Indianapolis, died on June 21, 2018. Born Nov. 25, 1926 in Indianapolis to the late Jude and Ola Shotts, he graduated from Sacred Heart High School and then attended Indiana Business College for accounting and proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during WWII. Meredith was an officer of the Justus Companies, retiring after 50 years. He won the WRTV6 Leadership Award for his volunteerism and devotion to a Southside work center for the developmentally disabled adults, formerly known as Handi-Capable Hands (now Crossroads) that was started by him and his wife along with several other parents. Meredith enjoyed golf and traveling with family and friends. He is survived by his daughter, Carol (Robert) Farnsworth;

son, James J. (Karen); daughter, Mary Shotts; and brother, Charles (Jo) Shotts; along with many grandchildren, great- and great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jean of 70 years; and two sons, Michael G. and Timothy B. Shotts. Visitation was held June 25 at St. Roch Catholic Church, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial. He was buried in The Court of Apostles mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to G.H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home.

Thomas Mack Steinkamp

Thomas Mack Steinkamp, 74, of Greenwood, died on June 20, 2018. He was born on July 23, 1943 in Seymour, Indiana to the late Mack and Martha Steinkamp. Tom operated his own business, Albany Liquors in Beech Grove. He was a connoisseur of fine wine and was president of a local wine tasting club, Les Ami Du Vin. Tom also led tours of various wine regions in California and France. He was a long-time member of St. John Lutheran Church and was a past vice president of the Sertoma Club. His other interests included reading and spending time with his family. He is survived by his son, John T. Steinkamp (Jean DeLong) of Greenwood; his daughter, Rachel Putnam of Indianapolis; his brother, Steven Steinkamp; his three grandchildren, Sarah Ritchie (Noah), Jordan Steinkamp, and Jaclyn Steinkamp; his great-granddaughter, Minerva Ritchie. Aside from his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife, Donna Lea Steinkamp. A funeral service was held June 26 in Lauck & Veldhof Funeral & Cremation Services with burial at Greenwood Cemetery.

Joseph J. Underwood

Joseph J. Underwood, 87, of Greenwood, died on June 22, 2018. He was born on June 24, 1930 in Dayton, Ohio to the late Joseph Underwood and Dessie Fields. Survivors include his wife, Ruth Ann Williamson Underwood; children, Daniel (Karen) Underwood, Deborah Wagner and Dean (Eileen) Underwood; grandchildren, Dan (Judy) Underwood, Jr., David (Amber) Underwood, Jennifer (Jason) McGee, Josie Underwood, Camen Underwood, Megan Wagner and Patrick Wagner; great-grandchildren, Austin, Emma, Lucas, Jaxon, Gavin, Madelynn and Brooklyn. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Opal J. Underwood; and siblings, Bill Underwood, Lola Steelman and Eddie Underwood. Joseph was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served as a Master Sgt. in the Korean War. He was also an avid pilot (who acquired his pilot's license at age 15), fisherman, hunter and outdoorsman. Visitation was held June 27 at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, Indianapolis. A funeral service will be conducted at noon on June 28 at Mt. Gilead Church, 6019 E. State Road 144, Mooresville. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery.

Thomas R. Utterback

Thomas R. Utterback, 71, of Indianapolis, died on June 18, 2018. Born in Washington, Indiana on Oct. 8, 1946, Tom was the son of the late Ralph E. and Rita L. (Doyle) Utterback. Tom was a graduate

of Secena High School and attended Indiana University. He served his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War and was a member of the V.F.W. Post #6978 in Whiteland, Indiana and the American Legion Post #355, Indianapolis. He worked as a manufacturing sales rep. for EPCO in Indianapolis for 25 years. Tom was a member of St. Barnabas Catholic Church. During his spare time, he enjoyed fishing, gardening, golfing and spending precious time with his grandchildren. Along with his parents, Tom is preceded in death by his son, Ryan J. Utterback; his sister, Teresa Utterback and his brother, Tim Utterback. Survivors include his wife, Meghan; his son, Joseph P. (Michal) Utterback; two step-sons, A.J. (Sarah) Platt and Nicholas Hubbard; his brother, William (Tammie) Utterback; his two sisters, Sharon (Paul) Jeffry and Susan Dougherty; five grandchildren and three step-grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on June 23 at St. Barnabas Catholic Church. Burial followed at Calvary Cemetery.



Mary M. Watkins

Mary M. Watkins, 85, of Indianapolis died on June 17, 2018. She was born on May 24, 1933 in Central City, Kentucky, to the late Clarence and Mary-Ann Greenwood. She enjoyed working in the yard, flowers, gardening and garage sales. She was also known as "Grandma Mary". Survivors include her son, John Watkins; granddaughter, Kendra (Joe) Ferrero; four great-grandchildren, Mason, Evan, Kemper and Jocie; her brother, Junior Greenwood; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Walton "Ray" Watkins and her son, Marion Watkins. Visitation and a service was held June 22 at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, Indianapolis. Burial was held at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

Marcy Faye Wertzberger

Marcy Faye Wertzberger, 60, of Indianapolis, died on June 15, 2018. She was born on March 26, 1958 in Indianapolis to James and Mary Francis Wertzberger. She was a member of The Journey Church. She enjoyed searching for one-of-a-kind antiques, rescuing animals that were in search of a home and most of all, spending time with her family and grandbabies. She graduated in 1976 from Franklin High School, later to succeed as a real estate agent and then on to a medical assistant to families in home health care. Survivors include her daughter, Sara Frizzell; sister, Julie Kubacki; brother, Scott Wertzberger; father, James Wertzberger; five grandchildren; cousins, a niece and nephew. She was preceded in death by her son, Matthew James Angel and mother, Mary Wertzberger. A memorial service was conducted on June 21 at G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, 1605 S. State Road 135 and Olive Branch Road.

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4 Then said the Lord unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in My law, or no.

5 And it shall come to pass, that on the sixth day they shall prepare that which they bring in; and it shall be twice as much as they gather daily.

EXODUS 16:4-5

Sometimes it is very difficult to understand the purposes and the ways of the Lord. Of all things and of all ways to see to the needs of His people food wise, why Manna? As I understand it this was a gum-like substance. Its very name, manna means "what is

this". It was a totally new substance that God caused to rain down from heaven fresh every day. It was particularly for them and no one else and only for as long as they needed it and no longer. A pot of it was kept in the Ark of the Covenant for posterity's sake. That is all that could be kept for any who would attempt to keep more than they were to gather on a daily basis. They found that yesterday's supply was spoiled and full of worms. The only day that anyone could gather a double portion of manna was on the day before the Sabbath and then they could gather only that much and no more. This is what they were given to eat and it took care of all of their nutritional needs. They needed nothing more.

The true name of this substance is "what-

ness". It was their bread of life. It was a gift from God so long as they were migrating from Egypt to the Promise Land. It never failed. It continued every day. It was there in the morning and melted away in the heat of the sun. The only manna that survived through the day was that which was gathered in by every individual for their household.

It was for then and not for now. None remains to this day so that we can test it to see what it consisted of and we will never know exactly what it was.

This is typical of Jesus Christ to the church. He is our "Bread" of life. We consume Him as we study His words and use them to nurture our spirits. He is in many ways a mystery to all of us but He is real and

He will suffice for all of us until the end of time, either the world's end or our personal end. He gets us through the day and we have comfort as we retire for the night that the same Jesus that was there yesterday will be there when we wake up in the morning.

So much to be said and so little space to say it in but know this: He came down from heaven as did the manna and it was God that supplied Him to us for us to find life in and through. May we all do that for His life is more than natural life; it is supernatural and eternal.

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.

St. Vincent opens new Southside neighborhood hospital



Above, a ribbon-cutting ceremony and public open house for the new St. Vincent Neighborhood Hospital – Indianapolis South was held June 26. (Submitted photo) | Left, Fr. Jude Nwaigwa blesses St. Vincent Neighborhood Hospital Indianapolis South on June 26 during a blessing/ dedication of the new micro hospital, which is located at 84515. Emerson Ave. (Photo by Rick Myers)

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Cotter joins Nursing Honor Society

Academics – Bianca Cotter, a resident of Indianapolis, was one of 14 students recognized as a new member of the Lakeview College of Nursing Honor Society during the end of the spring 2018 semester. In order to be considered for the Lakeview College of Nursing Honor Society each student was required to be within the top third of their graduating class, hold a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better and

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