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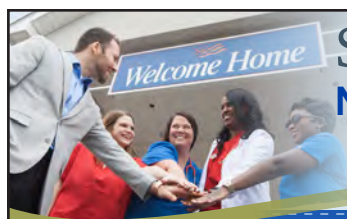
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Awi explains to a guest about Burmese puppet art doll, Yok-thae.

Night of Burma

On Nov. 14, Hope For Tomorrow hosted the first Night of Burma at Marian University, Alumni Hall. This event brought education of the Burmese culture to the students and faculty that attended. Hope For Tomorrow had nine booths that represented multiple ethnic groups within Burma. Along with this, Hope provided Lapetoh (a traditional food), Burmese tea and personalized name tags with names in Burmese letters as souvenirs.

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CG Singers. (Photo courtesy of Chris Williams)

Brightest and Best

CG Singers will soon have the opportunity to perform alongside adult professionals with the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir at this year's Festival of Carols. Center Grove High School's chosen choir will join the 200-voice Indianapolis Symphonic Choir on Dec. 3, 7 p.m. at the Howard L. Schrott Center for the Arts at Butler University.

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AROUND TOWN

Roncalli's Benge wins milestone game

600th win – Roncalli High School girls basketball coach Stan Benge earned the 600th win of his career in Roncalli's 54-27 win at Crispus Attucks earlier this evening. Benge is one of only four coaches in Indiana girls high school basketball history to win at least 600 varsity games. He ranks third in victories among



active Indiana girls high school basketball coaches. Benge has accumulated a 600-153 record over his 31 seasons as a girls varsity basketball head coach. He has spent the last five seasons at Roncalli, where he has an 81-27 record. The first 26 seasons of his career were at Ben Davis, where he won four state titles and led the Lady Giants to a state-record 81-game winning streak. Benge is one of three coaches in Indiana girls high school basketball history to win at least four state titles.

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Longacre Swimming Pool

HAUNTS & JAUNTS

By Rick Hinton

Back in the late 1960s, my mother and Aunt Janice would load the car with myself, brother, and three cousins for a journey to Longacre Swimming Pool on the Southside. It was an experience far removed from our daily lives. They would plant themselves on a blanket on the grassy hillside, trying their best to keep track of five kids bouncing about in the chaotic water of a Saturday afternoon. There was not a lot happening in Indianapolis for a kid back in those days, however, Longacre became the exception. It was the place to be! And with quite the history...

Attorney Edwin Thompson created the park in 1927. It was a parcel of rolling ground with trees, green space and endless possibilities. Initial vision soon transformed into a park-like setting of baseball diamonds and basketball courts, tennis courts, picnic area, a golf fairway, croquet and pony rides. And the diamond jewel of it all—a literal acre-sized-kidney-shaped pool fed naturally by the waters of nearby Lick Creek. Originally it housed concrete sides with a natural bottom until fully concreted in the 1950s. The passage of years witnessed a sand beach, paddle boats and canoes, bathhouse with dance hall and a modern playground. Urban Stop 6 on Madison Avenue became the destination on a hot Indianapolis weekend.

Property Manager Pam Thompson was more than cordial when I popped in unannounced. It was a hectic day! The water in the mobile home park had been turned off temporarily, with phones ringing off the hook. Working there some 20 years, she was enthusiastic about not only her memories, but of those still residing in the park since the pool years.

In 1946 the property was sold to Rufus Dodrill Jr. and was family operated until 1972. In the 1960s Dodrill had his own vision—developing the land surrounding the pool into a mobile home community. Regardless, the pool continued to remain a destination on the Southside.

With turning 16 came my drivers license. No more mom or Aunt Janice. My group of friends traveled from the far Eastside to Longacre for a day in the sun. We also wanted to pick up girls. That's what young noodle-heads from Warren Central did. We surveyed the scene, locking in upon two obviously older,

yet attractive, girls sitting on a blanket on the hillside. I approached them (the elected one) asking if they would come swimming with me and my friends. They held up their hands, wedding rings glistening in the sunlight. I walked back to the group with their laughter ringing in my ears. I'm surprised I didn't need counseling over that one!

As I pulled into Longacre Mobile Home Park off of Madison Avenue, steering onto Lick Creek Parkway, through the double railroad bridge archways, and a circular right drive to arrive at the clubhouse, the route from the 1970s came back to me. I believe the current rental office is either, close to the original entrance to the pool, or THE entrance, only drastically altered. Pam Thompson explained that back in the day there was only Longacre or Westlake on the far Westside. She visited both, but preferred Longacre. "The grass was so green, the park was well kept," she stated. Not so much like the present. Time and different ownership brings changes.

By early 1970s, crowds had begun to drop off. It could have had anything to do with more air conditioning in private homes, an influx of closer neighborhood pools, or upkeep and maintenance. Dodrill sold the complex in 1972 and the pool became open only to park residents. At least, for a short time. The pool was plowed under in the late 1970s or early 1980s. A rumor was that someone drowned and that's why it closed. "Ridiculous!" Pam states.

"No one ever drowned at Longacre." It very well might have become prime real estate for more potential mobile homes.

My mother and Aunt Janice have passed on. My cousins live in Tampa, Fla. Time marches forward as it should. I got a few phone numbers from girls from the pool at Longacre, but nothing ever panned out. Back in the day I was a madman upon the slide, but never had the courage for the diving platform. Well, maybe once! And, the Longacre Pool... a respite and sanctuary for, not only my brief experience, but also for the countless many throughout the years, lies under the asphalt of Charing Cross Drive.

It doesn't seem right!



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.



How it looked back in the day when the author realized that the teenage years were the most difficult! (Photo by Brian)

GOVERNMENT WATCHDOG

SOUTHPORT CITY COUNCIL

Meeting, Nov. 20

In brief...



Glenn Roquet is presented Officer of the Quarter by Chief Thomas Vaughn.

Photo by Nicole Davis

- Officer of the quarter was awarded to Glenn Roquet. Roquet pulled over a car on Sept. 20. The driver was intoxicated with a child in the backseat. In October, the officer smelled narcotics and ended up finding a house growing marijuana.
- The council elected a new council president pro-tempore. Nominations were made for Joe Haley and Larry Tunget. Haley was elected as the new president.
- A special meeting will be held Nov. 28, 7 p.m. to do additional appropriations for this year's budget.

Compiled by Nicole Davis

GREENWOOD COMMON COUNCIL

Meeting, Nov. 20

What happened:

- Ordinance 17-63 was brought before the council, Ordinance 17-64 was introduced and vote on for its first reading, and Ordinance 17-58 was tabled then re-added to the agenda.

What it means:

- Ordinance 17-63 will rezone 6 acres located on the north side of Greenwood Springs Boulevard to support a residential complex. This complex will be geared towards young professionals and empty nesters. It will be a four story apartment building with a clubhouse, gym, and resort style pool.
- Ordinance 17-64 looks to add new parking spaces to Freedom Springs. The new spaces will help traffic and make parking easier during the peak hours of summer. The cost for the spaces is projected to be \$160,000.
- Ordinance 17-58 seeks to designate a no parking law on certain sides of the street in Summerfield Village. The HOA of Summerfield desires this change to help keep the area safe and ensure residents receive their mail by limiting parking in the area.

What's next:

- Ordinance 17-63 passed with a vote of 7-1 in favor, Ordinance 17-64 passed first reading and will have a public hearing on Dec. 4, and Ordinance 17-58 will go for its first reading again at the Dec. 4 meeting.

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Taking part in the Nov. 14 presentation, from left, Nola Albrecht, director of landscape architecture for Shresberry & Associates; Doug Decker, Senior Landscape Architect at Shresberry & Associates; Pat Jacobs, principal at ARCHitecture trio; and Jim Coffman, Next Stop Beech Grove treasurer. (Photo by Nicole Davis)

Redevelopment in the planning

Next Stop Beech Grove informs and educates community about planning study funded by OCRA grant

FEATURE

By Nicole Davis

What does Beech Grove Main Street actually need to spark redevelopment?

Next Stop Beech Grove has received a \$40,000 grant from the Office of Community and Rural Affairs (OCRA) to study what Beech Grove is lacking, what it does well and what can be improved.

Next Stop held a public information meeting on Nov. 14 to not only share details of what this study will entail, but get opinions from Main Street business owners.

"There are a lot of ways we've tried revitalization in the past, but it's never focused on the business owners themselves," said Jim Coffman, Next Stop treasurer. "It can't be done by one person, a handful of people or the government itself. It needs to be done by a large group of people. The more we can get behind the cause, the more good that will happen."

Representatives from the Strategic Development Group, Shresbury & Associates, LLC and ARCHitecture trio, Inc. joined the Nov. 14 meeting to give a presentation on the potential of Beech Grove and what other communities have been able to do through this study. Pat Jacobs of ARCHitecture trio said to the crowd that a facade study may be the next step in the project. An MSRP Facade Grant could award \$500,000 to \$600,000 in a matching grant to upgrade the facades of businesses on Main Street. She also said that Next Stop should look into becoming a National Register Historic District.

"I think there's really unique potential in

Beech Grove to look at your Main Street as a National Register District with the character defined from possibly the 1940s up to the 1960s," Jacobs said. "Buildings that are 50 years old or older, qualify. I think that is something we should investigate... What that does, is it not only opens up potential for other funding, tax credits in particular but also gives you an opportunity for marketing that you have this historic collection of buildings. It's a tourism attraction."

Speakers also touched on streetscape, infrastructure, design and economic development. After the presentation, the audience was asked to share their concerns or what they would like to see happen through this project. Many business owners expressed concerns on the lack of participation from absentee landowners.

"I suspect there are several business owners along Main Street that will be excited to participate, but that 20 percent match might be prohibitive," said Brian Seyfert, State Farm, at the meeting. "Say a building needs \$40,000 worth of work, the building owner wants to participate but can't do the 20 percent down."

Coffman shared that there would be other ways to obtain those funds, an option that can be discussed down the road.

Scott Burgins, senior project manager with Strategic Development Group, expressed a much different concern.

"We see a lot more potential in Beech Grove than a lot of the other communities we're involved with," Burgins said. "My fear was, it may go faster than you're comfortable with... I don't know, one year, two years, but it won't be long."

The planning study is expected to be complete in the spring of 2018.

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This Gift Guide is our present to you this holiday season. Our suggestions are intended to make your holiday easier, inspir-

ing you with locally-crafted gifts and small-business activities for the whole family to enjoy. Explore the selection of unique merchandise available for your family and support your neighbors by shopping local this year. There will be more, last-minute ideas, in our December issue!

Here's to a joyous holiday season of fun and friends, and remember to spend time with your family this year. Snow may fade, but a happy holiday memory is forever.



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INFO:
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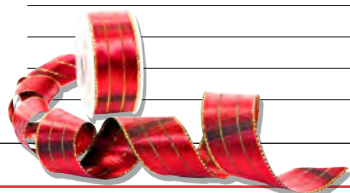
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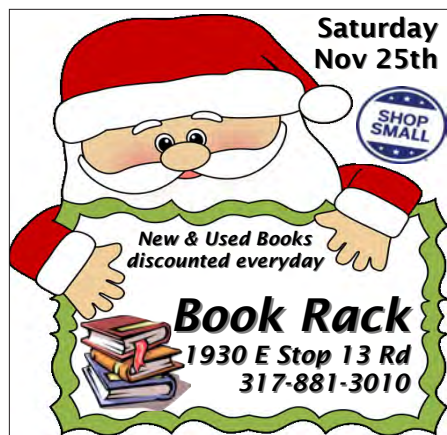
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*Southside
Santa Sightings*

Santa Has Landed • Children can stop by to whisper their wish list, then have their magical moment with Santa captured forever with keepsake photos. | When: Mall hours, Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Special hours on Thanksgiving and Black Friday. | Where: Greenwood Park Mall, Von Maur Event Court. | Info: simon.com.

Santa Train • The Town of Bargersville will hold its annual festive event where Santa and his friends come to town via train! | When: Dec. 1, 3 - 7 p.m. | Where: Town Hall, 24 N. Main St., Bargersville. | Info: townofbargersville.org.

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St., Indianapolis. | Info: sssmc.org.

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Pet Photos with Santa • Tractor Supply Company wants its furry friends to get in the holiday spirit. A local photographer will be on site during the event taking holiday-themed photos of Santa's Little Helpers and their owners. The first 25 customers who get a photo taken will also receive a free magnetic picture frame. | When: Dec. 2, 12 - 3 p.m. | Where: 8135 Brookville Rd.,

Indianapolis. | Info: (317) 356-0138.

Silly Safaris' Reindeer Reserve • Join for Silly Safaris' Reindeer Reserve starring one of Santa's Elves with a live baby reindeer and other animals from the North Pole! | When: Dec. 6, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org.

Polar Express • Many businesses and organizations along Beech Grove's Main Street will be open as Polar Express "stops" to provide candy, crafts, or other activities for the kids. | When: Dec. 9, Santa will join 1 - 3 p.m. | Where: Santa is at the Elton Geshwiler Senior Center, 602 Main St., Beech Grove. | Info: beechgrove.com.

Christmas in the Park • The Southport Parks Department will host its annual Christmas-themed event, with Santa visiting! | When: Dec. 9, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. | Where: 6901 Derbyshire Rd., Southport. | Info: southport.in.gov.

Free Family Movie Night • Santa will arrive as guests watch Polar Express! | When: Dec. 13, 5:30 p.m. dinner, 6 p.m. movie. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, Beech Grove. | Info: beechgrove.com.

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Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

Eight-year-old Virginia O'Hanlon wrote a letter to the editor of New York's Sun, and the quick response was printed as an unsigned editorial Sept. 21, 1897. The work

of veteran newsman Francis Pharcellus Church has since become history's most reprinted newspaper editorial.

Dear Editor,

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says, 'If you see it in the Sun it's so.' Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon
115 West Ninety-Fifth Street

Virginia,

Your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have

no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.



American Express provides these Shop Small canvas tote bags to businesses registered with them to participate in Small Business Saturday. (Photo by Nicole Davis)

Small Business Saturday

Southside businesses participate in American Express' annual Shop Small event

FEATURE

By Nicole Davis

The Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce, Restore Old Town Greenwood and locally owned businesses have registered with American Express for its special Shop Small event, taking place this year on Nov. 25. American Express provides canvas tote bags that participating businesses can fill with discounts or goods.

"Black Friday is one of the busiest shopping days of the year," said Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce board member and owner of Eckstein Shoe Store & Repair, Jim Coffman. "Part of that is when you go shop those big stores, you get those great deals, but a lot of people don't realize there are still a lot of small shops left and you can still get those great deals there."

For the third year, the Beech Grove chamber will pass out Shop Small bags to local shops on Nov. 25 at the Delta Theta Tau Craft Fair, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Beech Grove High School. From there, shoppers can venture on to Main Street to shop the local businesses and receive special deals.

Participating businesses include Beech Grove Bowl, Treasure Trove in the Grove, Spalding Jewelry, The Vault, Rustic Root, Tea Room at Rustic Root, Eckstein Shoes, Face It Your Nailed and Mom's Family Restaurant. Those that participate in the chamber's Main Street Shop Small passport can turn the completed passport in to Beech Grove Bowl, Eckstein Shoes or Rustic Root for a chance to win a \$100 gift basket.

"A lot of my customers, I have met through doing this Shop Small Saturday event," said Tammy Hanna, owner of Rus-

tic Root and the Tea Room at Rustic Root. "It's been a real benefit to us. We get to give coupons, pens or whatever gifts that business owners want to put in there and then we hand them out at the craft fair so people can venture down Main Street. We're really excited about it."

Restore Old Town Greenwood will participate in Shop Small Saturday for the first time this year with American Express. The all-volunteer group will hand out 200 canvas tote bags at Take Root Country Store, 202 N. Madison Ave., Greenwood, from 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. The first 50 shoppers to arrive will receive totes filled with treats and coupons plus coffee and doughnuts. Twenty of those bags will have discount cards, named "Old Town Dollars" to spend at selected businesses.

"We hope people will come out and take advantage of the fun," said Jennifer Hollingshead, Restore Old Town Greenwood member who is coordinating the Shop Small event. "I'm hoping it brings some excitement. I'm hoping we have a large crowd and meet some residents, whether they're from Old Town Greenwood or traveling from somewhere else."

Eclective, 2915 S. Meridian St. Indianapolis, will hand out tote bags to the first 50 guests who come through the door, filled with handmade items chosen from the shop's selection of 80 vendors. Eclective will do giveaways throughout the day, 10 percent off the entire store and serve refreshments.

"People need to think outside big box stores and think of supporting not only local businesses, but also our shop is filled with 80 other small business owners," said Eclective Co-owner Melinda Hess. "It's important to support your community and small businesses around you so they can thrive."

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Southside News Quiz

How well do you know your Southside community?

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

1 Many local businesses are taking part in Small Business Saturday, offering special discounts on Nov. 25. This Shop Small event is led by which organization?

- A. The Small Business Administration
 B. Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce
 C. American Express
 D. Simon Malls

2 Haunts & Jaunts columnist writes this week about the fun he had at Longacre _____, which used to be located on the Southside of Indianapolis. This amenity is no longer in existence.

- A. Carousel
 B. Pool
 C. Skating Rink
 D. Mobile Homes

3 Southside nonprofit Hope For Tomorrow hosted Night of _____ last week, letting guests experience many different cultures.

- A. Burma
 B. Southside
 C. Tomorrow
 D. Chin

4 Next Stop Beech Grove is looking into a redevelopment opportunities, such as the need for a _____ grant, thanks to an OCRA grant they received to study what could be improved in the city.

- A. Sidewalk
 B. Streetscape
 C. Facade
 D. Business Incentive

5 Roncalli's girls _____ coach Stan Bengé recently earned the 600th win of his career on Nov. 16.

- A. Basketball
 B. Volleyball
 C. Tennis
 D. Swimming

ANSWERS ON PAGE 17

NIGHT & day LOCAL ENTERTAINING ENTERTAINING

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BEECH GROVE

Artisan Holiday Market • Delta Theta Tau presents its 42nd Annual Holiday Market. | When: Nov. 25, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Where: Beech Grove High School. | Info: fb.com/events/1804453636439182.

Indy South Train Show • View all scales, operating layouts with 100 selling tables. Food available. Free parking. | When: Nov. 25, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Where: Independent Nazarene church of Beech Grove, 5152 Hornet Ave. Go to the building at the rear of the church. | Info: Dennis Scamihorn, (317) 340-8181, dscamihorn@marian.edu.

38th Annual Breakfast with Santa • Zeta Theta will host its 38th annual Breakfast with Santa. Tickets to attend are \$8 and available as advance sale only. Ticket cost covers breakfast, a visit from Santa at your table, games, music, and a craft. Pictures with Santa are an additional \$8.00 each and there will be a shopping boutique. | When: Dec. 2, 9 a.m. | Where: Beech Grove High School. | Info: Marilyn Green, (317) 888-9356

Servant's Heart Christmas Celebration Dinner and White Elephant Auction • Kick off the Christmas season by raising money for Servant's Heart Christmas Project. | When: Dec. 2, 4:30 doors open, 5 p.m. dinner, 6 p.m. auction. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. | Cost: \$10 adults, \$5 children 6 - 12. | Info: RSVP by Nov. 29 to info@servantheartofindyo.org.

CENTER GROVE

Messy Art: Scratch and Sniff Art • Explore the world of art through new creations each month. Dress for a mess. | When: Nov. 27, 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org.

Robot Petting Zoo • Adults can learn about the most popular tech toys on the market just in time for the holidays. Staff will teach about Little Bits, Dash, LEGO WeDo, Sphero, and more. Then, get hands-on experience trying them out during a robot petting zoo. | When: Nov. 27, 6:30 - 8 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org.

Christmas Bazaar • Shop for the Christmas season! | When: Dec. 3, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. | Where: Saints Francis & Clare Catholic Church, St. Clare Hall, 5901 Olive Branch Rd., Greenwood. | Info: rstone@ss-fc.org.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

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FOUNTAIN SQUARE

Create Your Own Catapult • Children ages 6 and older are invited to use their math and engineering skills to create a working catapult out of materials such as cans, tape and marshmallows. | When: Dec. 2, 2 p.m. | Where: Fountain Square Branch library, 1066 Virginia Ave., Indianapolis. | Info: (317) 275-4390.

GARFIELD PARK

I Like Myself: Preschool Art Workshop • Preschoolers are invited to celebrate the unique and wonderful YOU with a multimedia masterpiece led by the Art Lab. | When: Dec. 2, 10:30 a.m. | Where: Garfield Park Branch library, 2502 Shelby St., Indianapolis. | Info: (317) 275-4490.

GREENWOOD

The Annual Turkey Burn • This Thanksgiving Day Fun Run/Walk is in memory of Jamie Sue Ramey, with proceeds going towards her children's trust fund. Choose 1.5 miles, 5K or 10K. Find a Turkey, win a prize! | When: Nov. 23, 9 a.m. run, 9:05 walk. Packet pick-up, 7:30-8:30 a.m. at the Amphitheater. | Where: Craig Park, Greenwood. | Info: fb.com/TurkeyBurn, racemaker.org/event/turkeyburn.

SALI Super Sale • The Southside Art League Off Broadway Gallery will exhibit original art works perfect for gift giving this Christmas season. A wide variety of styles, subjects and prices will be available. | When: Dec. 1 - 23, regular hours, Wednesday - Saturday, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Where: 299 E. Broadway St., Greenwood. | Info: (317) 882-5562.

Chocolate Extravaganza • This Christmas shopping holiday bazaar features 38 local vendors with a wide variety of items. There will be a raffle, tables with chocolate desserts and more! The event will help raise funds for Biglife Ministries and Haven Women's Ministry. | When: Dec. 2, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Where: The Barn at Bay Horse Inn, 1468 W. Stones Crossing Rd., Greenwood. | Info: fb.com/ChocolateExtravaganza.

INDIANAPOLIS

Stutz Starry Night Artist Holiday Open House • See and purchase local artwork, including Southside artist such as Greenwood's Chuck Horsman. | When: Dec. 1, 5 - 10 p.m. | Where: Stutz Business Center, 212 W. 10th St., Indianapolis. | Info: stutzartists.com/holidayexhibition.html.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Choral Concerts • Franklin College's choral concerts will feature all three college choirs: The FC Singers, the Women's Chorus and the Men's Chorus. All events are free and open to the public. | When: Dec. 1, 7 p.m. and Dec. 2, 2 p.m. | Where: Clarence E. & Inez R. Custer Theatre in Old Main, Franklin. | Info: (317) 738-8185.

Santa Train • The Town of Bargersville will hold its annual festive event where Santa and his friends come to town via train! | When: Dec. 1, 3 - 7 p.m. | Where: Town Hall, 24 N. Main St., Bargersville. | Info: townofbargersville.org.

PERRY TOWNSHIP

Santa at Southern Plaza • Santa will arrive at Southern Plaza on a fire truck! | When: Nov. 25, 5 p.m. | Where: 4200 S. East St., Indianapolis. | Info: (317) 791-0420.

Perry Township/Southport Historical Society • This month's meeting will showcase the archive of Southside newspapers including *The Spotlight*, *The Community Chief*, *The Perry Weekly*, *The Southside Times* and *The Southsider Voice*. Get a chance to peruse these old papers along with others who enjoy discussing the news of the past and present. | When: Nov. 28, 7 p.m. | Where: Perry Township Education Center, 6548 Orinoco Ave. | Info: (317) 789-3979.

Breakfast with Santa • Vendors and crafters will sell items. Come eat, visit Santa and Shop! | When: Dec. 2. Breakfast and Pictures with Santa 8:30 - 10:30 a.m.. Games for children and our craft booths will be available from 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Where: RISE Learning Center, 5391 Shelby St., Indianapolis. | Info: ssmc.org.

SOUTHPORT

Family Game Day at Southport • Families and children of all ages can drop in any time to make new friends while playing board games or solving puzzles. | When: Dec. 2, 12 - 4 p.m. | Where: Southport Branch library, 2630 E. Stop 11 Rd. | Info: (317) 275-4510.

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Jason Momoa, Gal Gadot, Ezra Miller and Ray Fisher in Justice League. (Photo by Courtesy of Warner Bros. Picture - © 2016 Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc., Ratpac-Dune Entertainment LLC and Ratpac Entertainment, LLC)

Justice League

Fun, action-packed film

MOVIE REVIEW

By Adam Staten

As profitable as the Marvel films have been, DC Comics haven't experienced the same level of box office success. It's essentially a guarantee that whenever any film with the Marvel logo opens in theaters, it's going to be No. 1 that weekend and will likely stay there for several weeks. On the other hand, DC's *Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice* and *Suicide Squad*, were big letdowns both critically and in terms of ticket sales. However, the tide may be turning for DC. This year's *Wonder Woman* was likely the biggest surprise of the year so far. With DC's latest release, will they keep the momentum from *Wonder Woman* going or falter once again?

Justice League brings together arguably DC's most popular characters. Following the death of Superman, things have gotten even worse in Gotham City. Grottesque creatures begin terrorizing the citizens of Gotham. Acting as protector of the city, Batman steps in, but things are far worse than he ever expected.

He soon realizes this job is too big for him and begins putting together a team. After spending a lot of effort in recruiting, Wonder Woman, The Flash, Aquaman, Cyborg and the Caped Crusader join forces. The team of superheroes is soon battling an ancient, mythical being with out of this world power that is dead set on destroying the world. To make matters worse, the one individual who might give the Justice League a fighting chance remains six feet underground.

Justice League is a film that is action packed from the moment it begins until the closing

credits being to scroll. This is both good and bad. It's great because it fits a ton of story in two hours, never allowing for anything resembling a lull. You stay locked in and interested the entire two-hour runtime. However, it's a problem much for the same reason. Except for Batman and Wonder Woman, the film introduces several characters that we haven't seen yet. As such, it often feels like these other characters and their origin stories don't receive the proper time and attention.

Additionally, while the writing manages to keep you engaged throughout, there are some issues. The most noticeable flaw comes from the comedic elements the film implements. The Flash, being the youngest of the group, delivers one line after another that is meant to be witty, clever and funny. The problem is that it's often not, but instead feels very, very forced.

Justice League is a fun, action-packed film and a strong follow up to *Wonder Woman*. 4 out of 5.

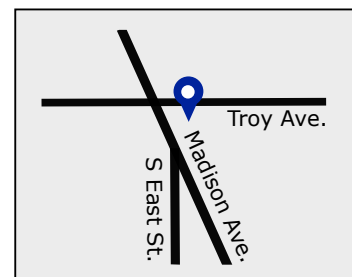


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FROM THE EDITOR



Thanksgiving is not just for one day

Like many holidays, we forget the original intent. We get caught up in a sporting event or family time or a large meal, while we turn our focus to Christmas. But we're missing an opportunity to remember how we got here. It's been 400 years since the colonists landed. We all know the story and yet we are too far removed for it to have meaning. So we spend our time on Facebook posting our thanks for this or that, then we return to the hustle and bustle of our lives. But we have so much to be thankful for every day. Our lives could be richer for just stopping to remember what we have.

It's easy to get stressed about the orange barrels lining the highways and byways of our daily commutes, but without the proper care, the streets cannot get us to our destinations.

What about advances in healthcare? Sure it costs a pretty penny, but we're alive to complain.

Food is another thing we take for granted. We don't have to forage for a meal; spend the day preparing and the growing season toiling.

We are blessed. Live in the moment. Eleanor Roosevelt was once quoted saying, "The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience." Carry that throughout your days and it will make a difference in your attitude.

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matter how small and should be recognized? Email your "Stars and Strikes" to news@ss-times.com.



Lisa Graves and Marion County Sheriff John Layton.

★ **Stars:** To the Marion County Sheriff's Office Employee of the Quarter, Lisa Graves. Graves resides on the South-west side of Indianapolis. Congratulations!

★ **Stars:** To Beech Grove High School for providing a free Thanksgiving dinner to the community on Nov. 20! The school continues this annual event as an effort to show appreciation to the community and bring everyone together for a holiday meal. What a wonderful thing!

★ **Stars:** To the City of Greenwood Street Department for their tireless work collecting fall leaves and limbs around the City.

★ **Stars:** To the city of Greenwood on the progress being made at Amphitheater Park and on the Surina Trail extension. Absent spring plantings, the project should be complete by the end of the month, according to the city's social media.

★ **Stars:** To Center Grove High School's Mrs. Jen Perkins on being named the Indiana Association of School Principals' Assistant Principal of the Year!

★ **Stars:** To Beech Grove High Schoolers on its newest music video production, the BG winter hype video, Tevin Studdard Beech Grove Music Video Tribute, featuring fall sport athletes. The video can be found at youtube.com/watch?v=45Rbys3wJko&feature=youtu.be. What a great way to show school spirit!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"If you are really thankful, what do you do? You share."

– W. Clement Stone

HUMOR



TOP TEN THINGS I AM THANKFUL FOR THIS YEAR

By Torry Stiles

10. Jonathan Winters and Will Rogers for getting me started.
9. A whole slew of political hacks and pundits who are running out of excuses for whichever party they back.
8. Modern science, especially the part that gave us our good medicines, the Internet and Dippin' Dots ice cream.
7. A sympathetic and open-minded editor who understands that sometimes the word, "poopy" is appropriate.
6. The men and women in blue and brown or khaki or camo or heavy canvas jackets or sailor's white who help keep me safe.
5. That, although I never visit nearly as often as I should, my parents are just a few minute's drive from me.
4. The new management and attitude at the Indianapolis Speedrome that has made it my home once again.
3. Sushi Club and Long's Donuts. Not at the same meal, though.
2. A kind, loving and understanding wife with really good insurance.
1. Kind readers who understand that I often mumble because my tongue is planted firmly in my cheek.

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	ART GARFUNKEL: IN CLOSE-UP THU JAN 25 7:30PM		RICHARD MARX: SOLO ACOUSTIC SAT JAN 27 8PM		DUBLIN IRISH DANCERS SAT FEB 3 8PM		CHINA NATIONAL SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA FRI FEB 9 8PM
	STORM LARGE FRI FEB 16 8PM		THE SUMMIT: THE MANHATTAN TRANSFER MEETS TAKE 6 SAT FEB 17 8PM		THE MIDTOWN MEN FRI FEB 23 8PM		RONNIE MILSAP FRI MAR 2 8PM
	HOWARD JONES FRI MAR 9 8PM		STAATSKAPELLE WEIMAR ORCHESTRA FRI MAR 9 8PM		PAUL GALBRAITH THU MAR 15 7:30PM		CELTIC NIGHTS: OCEANS OF HOPE FRI MAR 16 8PM
	PINK MARTINI SAT MAR 17 8PM		"WEIRD AL" YANKOVIC THU MAR 29 7:30PM		MICHAEL FEINSTEIN WITH SPECIAL GUEST SAT APR 21 8PM		ITZHAK PERLMAN SAT APR 28 8PM



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Puzzle Time



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

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6 Astronomy Words

4 Names for a Bar

3 Indianapolis Museums

5 Largest U.S. Cities

2 Indy Area Electric Companies

1 IU Basketball Coach

ACROSS

1. "May the ___ be with you"
6. Assumed name on an IMPD blotter
11. Beech Grove winter hrs.
14. PU football coach
15. PU color
16. Southside Farmers Market veggie
17. Steel girder
18. Circle of Lights honored guest
19. 18-Across helper
20. UIndy homecoming attendee
22. Bank job
24. Vito Provolone good-bye
28. Apt nickname for Delphi HS
31. PU color
33. Raw meat at Eddie Merlot's
37. Two or more
38. Take to Marion County Court
39. Cowboys on a Lucas Oil Stadium scoreboard
40. Speck in the ocean
41. Magic on a Banker's Life Fieldhouse scoreboard
42. "Speak of the ___"
44. Have a pepperoni pie at Brozinni Pizzeria
45. WTTV drama
46. Fine fur
47. Kind of analysis
50. IU color
51. Place to put the feet up
53. Cravings
54. Victory Field's extra inning
57. Holcomb Observatory "bear"
59. Carly ___ Jepsen
60. Preface to an IUPUI textbook
63. Slashed pronoun
68. Greenwood hardware store
69. IU color
70. IU football coach
71. The third degree at BSU
72. De-ices, in a way
73. Indy Zoo eco-community

DOWN

1. G-men
2. James Whitcomb Riley's "eyeball"
3. Caviar
4. Half a dance
5. 1996 movie starring Gwyneth Paltrow
6. Laughable
7. Indiana State Fair wooly animal
8. 007 creator Fleming
9. Perform with the Buck Creek Players
10. Athlete on blades
11. Indianapolis Fencing Club sword
12. Frequent portrait subject at IMA

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13. President before Wilson
21. Take it easy
23. DDE predecessor
24. Knockoffs
25. "You got that right!"
26. Full-price payers
27. Fairy tale villain
29. Keyboard key
30. Put down
32. Hoosier Park feedbag morsel
34. Counsel
35. Spoil, as a parade
36. DeGeneres and Burstyn
38. Numerical prefix
41. ___ buco
42. Soft & ___ (Gillette product)
43. Award won by Warren Central's Ryan Murphy
45. "Gone Country" net.
46. Sea eagles
48. Young 'un
49. Notre Dame Law School class
50. Pacers rebounds
52. Indy concert venue, briefly
54. Hickory Stick Golf Club hazard
55. Apiece
56. DePauw scholarship criterion
58. *Moby-Dick* captain
61. Pro-Second Amendment org.
62. Bus. card abbr.
64. A Manning
65. ___-pitch softball
66. Sue's Alterations bottom line
67. Indy-to-Pittsburgh dir.

Answers See Page 17

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Beets Beat disease

NUTRITION

By Wendell Fowler

Sandi is still cleaning up purple, pink and red polka-dots off the floor and walls after a recent dinner party which involved a certain red root vegetable, dear friends, and a 2 year old who had never seen beets.

The rich, magenta colored balls captivated the tike who reached out for the steaming bowl as four shrieking, horror-struck adults simultaneously leaped to avert the inevitable tragedy in red. Startled, the child flailed her hands in excitement, struck the serving bowl, sending jets of molten, scarlet liquid globules onto the ceiling, walls, chandelier, grandma's filigree tablecloth, the carpet, our guests, and the bewildered dog. Convulsive laughter ensued as everyone agreed we resembled the waiting room at a measles clinic.

Crunchy, earthy, beets date back to pre-historic times where beets were grown for the medicinal quality of their tops, related to chard, spinach, and quinoa. As Charlemagne was leaving his mark on the French empire, the beet was becoming embraced. During the 16th century, the beet traveled from France to Germany where it was known as Roman Beet. Reminiscent of the Romans, the 'beet-went-on' and crossed the English Channel. From there the technicolor orb landed on Thanksgiving tables throughout the New World.

Beets brim with vitamin C, folate, potas-

sium, manganese, calcium, iron, beta carotene, sulfur, iodine, copper, carbohydrates, protein, vitamin P, and vitamins B1, B2, B6, niacin, anti-cancer agents and colon-cleansing fiber, ala roto-rooter. The plant-nutrients in beets help rid the temple of those naughty fatty deposits and maintain whole health. Be sure to include the tops which are packed with beta-carotene and a bounty of anti-cancer compounds. The greens contain oxalic acid which may inhibit our body from absorbing calcium and iron, so don't go nuts.

Heart-healthy, anti-inflammatory ruby jewels can be roasted, steamed, boiled, sautéed, or preferably eaten raw (grated) in a salad or blended smoothie. Beets lose a lot of their nutritional value if cooked more than 15 minutes. It beets me why beets bleed, but, please don't let that prevent you from eating the root and its nutritious leaves. Powdered mixes, meh, not nearly as effective as fresh and raw.

My physician brother in Vermont told me a story about a frightened male patient, alarmed by his psychedelic ruby stool. The red-faced patient, however, was relieved to learn it was only his excessive friendship with his very first harvest of beets.



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IN OUR SCHOOLS



Uindy partners with Roncalli to offer scholarships

College - Roncalli High School announced that the University of Indianapolis is offering eight scholarships that range in value from \$14,000 to full tuition exclusively to 2018 Roncalli graduates who are eligible for admission and enroll as a full-time undergraduate student. To be considered for this generous scholarship program, Roncalli students must complete the application for admission by Feb. 1, 2018 and file the FAFSA each year. Preference will be given to students majoring in Engineering or Education or students who have demonstrated a commitment to community service or who intend to pursue a career in church ministry work.



Left, Nancy Mobley and right, Aaron Lamb.

Beech Grove says goodbye to school board member Nancy Mobley

Leadership - Beech Grove School Board Member Nancy Mobley has served as a school board member since 2008. Her contributions to our district have been many, and she provided strong leadership in her many roles on the Board. Mobley currently serves as the Board Secretary. Mobley is moving out of the district in December, which required her to submit her resignation as a School Board member. Board President, Christa Smiley, presented Mobley with her appreciation plaque, and she was also congratulated and thanked by Superintendent, Dr. Paul A. Kaiser, and Board Vice President, Beth Prindle.

Mr. Aaron Lamb was appointed by the School Board on Nov. 14 to replace Mobley. Mr. Lamb will assume his school board duties in January.

READERS' WRITES



Visit Main Street while Shopping Local

On behalf of the City of Beech Grove, I want to wish everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving. Please keep in your thoughts those who may not eat on Thanksgiving and those who are homeless.

For those who live in Beech Grove and generally have their trash picked up on Thursday, your trash will be picked up on Friday. For those who live in Beech Grove and generally have their trash picked up on Friday, your trash will get picked up on Monday. Also, City Hall will be closed on Thanksgiving and the following day (Friday). City Hall will re-open on Monday November 27th at 8AM.

Saturday November 25th is designated as "Shop Local." We strongly encourage you to visit our beautiful Main Street and visit all of our local businesses, for all of your Christmas and special needs.

Dennis B. Buckley
Mayor, City of Beech Grove

Puzzles & Answers - SEE PAGE 16

Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:

Words: COMET, EARTH, GALAXY, METEOR, PLANET, STAR;
Cities: CHICAGO, HOUSTON, LOS ANGELES, NEW YORK, PHOENIX;
Names: LOUNGE, PUB, SALOON, TAVERN;
Museums: CHILDREN'S, EITELJORG, INDIANA STATE;
Companies: DUKE, IPL;

Coach: MILLER

Q&A SEE PAGE 12

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AROUND TOWN

Indianapolis councilman charged with child molestation

Police reports – Indianapolis City-County Councilman, Jeff Miller, was charged with four felony counts of child molestation on Friday, Nov. 17. Marion County Republican leaders have stated that he will step down from the council this week. Miller is accused of fondling two underage girls at his Fletcher Place house, according to an affidavit filed Friday in Marion Superior Court. Miller represents Fountain Square, Mars Hill, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis and the White River State Park.



Sons of American Revolution presents Southport police chief with Law Enforcement Medal

Distinction – The Sons of the American Revolution presented Southport Police Chief Thomas Vaughn the Law Enforcement Medal at its meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 15.

“Chief Vaughn has served the city of Southport with distinction,” stated the citation accompanying the award. “During his service his contributions to the public safety of the citizens of Indianapolis are well documented through numerous commendations, citations and letters of recognition. Tom is a Medal of Valor recipient, the Herman Freed Award for demonstrating qualities of integrity, loyalty, ethics and attitude. He received the Lions Club Citizen of the Year award for 2015-16...”

It continues, “Recently with the loss of Lt. Aaron Allan, Chief Vaughn exemplified true leadership in the midst of great chaos and was a solid example in the midst of a media storm of what servant leadership is.”

At that meeting, the Sons of the American Revolution also posthumously presented Lt. Aaron Allan with the Distinguished Service Medal. His wife Stacy, father Jim and his two sons accepted the award.

OBITUARIES

Rene Yvonne Anderson

Rene Yvonne Anderson, 76, of Indianapolis died on Nov. 15, 2017. She was born on Sept. 9, 1941 to the late Harry and Helen Irgard in Bell Flower, Calif. She married William “Bill” Anderson on July 9, 1966 in Long Beach, Calif. Living internationally most of her married life, Rene was a member of the International Women’s Club and the American Women’s Club. She had a passion for reading, playing tennis, Mahjong, Chinese brush painting and Celtic music. She enjoyed playing Bridge and was a member of several Bridge groups. Rene was a co-owner, along with her husband, of Passport Gateway Magazine in Roswell, Georgia. Rene is survived by her husband, William M. “Bill” Anderson; her nieces and nephews, Dwayne (Bonnie) Baker, Kimberley (John) Kiefer, Sharon (Wendell) Riddle, Mike (Adonness) Sturm, Rob (Paige) Sturm, Kris (John) Schaefer, Kathleen Rivers, Sue (Kimmy) Winnubst, and Debbie (Jeff) Ulrey; her sister-in-law Phyllis Sturm; and several great-nieces and nephews. She is preceded in passing by her parents; sister Constance Baker; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Norma and Ned Rivers; brother-in-law Roland Sturm and a nephew Glenn Sturm. Memorial service was Nov. 18 at Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center. Inurnment is at Greenwood Cemetery.

Pauline Elizabeth Koss Flick

Pauline Elizabeth Koss Flick, 98, of Indianapolis, died on Nov. 8, 2017. She was born June 16, 1919 in Indianapolis to the late Edward J. and Aliene H. Koss. Pauline married Paul E. Flick on May 19, 1939, and was married almost 76 years before his passing on Feb. 21, 2015. Pauline attended Manual High School. In later life, she became a Real Estate Appraiser for Schilling Realty, and retired after 30 years. Pauline and her family joined Garfield Park UCC (now Garfield Park Community Church) in 1953. She was active in the church Women’s Guild. She made many lifelong friendships at the church, and worked hard to serve her

church and the Lord. Pauline is survived by her children, Paul Edward (Jamie) Flick and Pamela Elaine (C. Thomas) Lambert; five grandchildren; one step-granddaughter; Mr. Larry Light, a nephew, and his family; four great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her sister, Mary Louise Light. Funeral services were Nov. 13 at Garfield Park Community Church, 743 E. Pleasant Run Pkwy. South Dr., Indianapolis. She will be laid to rest in Washington Park East Cemetery.

Rebecca Marie Heldman

Rebecca Marie “Becky” Heldman, 64, died Thursday, Nov. 9, 2017. Becky was born March 13, 1953 in Beech Grove to the late Henry and Julia Heldman. She was an employee of the United States Postal Service. Because of her work with the nonprofit organization, Meet Me Under the Bridge, Inc., the homeless population of Indy affectionately remembers her as “The Cake Lady.” Becky was preceded in death by her brothers, Hank and Fritz Heldman. She is survived by her brothers, Michael, Richard and David Heldman. A celebration of her life will be conducted Nov. 28, 11 a.m. at Indian Creek Christian Church, 6430 S. Franklin Rd., Indianapolis.

Mary Frances Lannan

Mary Frances Lannan, 76, of Indianapolis, died Nov. 14, 2017. She was born April 7, 1941 to the late Paul F. and Mary Laura O’Bryan. A lifelong resident of Indianapolis, Mary was a graduate of St. John’s Academy. She married Kenneth W. Lannan, and was a receptionist for Coca-Cola for 10 years before retiring to focus on raising her family. Mary was a former member of Holy Name Catholic Church and a current member of St. Jude Catholic Church. She enjoyed reading, gardening, animals, attending concerts, dining out with her husband and spending time with her grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial was Nov. 18 at St. Jude Catholic Church, 5353 McFarland Rd. Mary is survived by her husband of 51 years, Kenneth Lannan; children, David Lannan, Karen Breedlove (Eric) and Kevin Lannan (Amie); grandchildren, Dustin, Matthew, Rheanna, Shianna and Julianna; and sister, Cecilia O’Bryan. Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel.

Harry Lewis Pate

Harry Lewis Pate, 91, of Indianapolis, died Nov. 14, 2017. He was born Oct.

26, 1926 in Indianapolis to the late Howard and Ada Pate. He is survived by his wife, Donna Pate; children, Randy Pate, Jeffery Pate, Dennis Young and Dionne Elizabeth Young; several grandchildren; brothers, Larry, Gary, and George Pate; and sisters, Alta Powell and Mary Mulinaro. There are no services scheduled at this time. Arrangements were entrusted to Simplicity Funeral & Cremation Care.

Ronald Lee Rutledge

Ronald Lee Rutledge, 72, of Indianapolis, died on Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017. He was born on Dec. 23, 1944 in Indianapolis to the late Earl Eugene and Juanita Cora (Worthington) Rutledge. Survivors include his wife, Edie R. Rutledge; daughter, Rhonda Rutledge; and grandchildren, Pastor Cody (Alecea) Eaton and Michelle Eaton. Family and friends gathered Nov. 17 in Lauck & Veldhof Funeral & Cremation Services, 1458 S. Meridian St. Funeral services were Nov. 18, with Pastor David Ball officiating. Burial followed in Round Hill Cemetery.



Stacy R. Sutton

Stacy R. Sutton, 39, of Indianapolis, died Nov. 6, 2017. She was born Aug. 26, 1978. She is survived by her children, Myia Perdue, DiAngelo Sutton, Little Rudy Alvarez, Cristina Alvarez, and Nicolas Sutton; her father, Robert Sutton. A celebration of Stacy’s life is being planned for a future date. Arrangements entrusted to Simplicity Funeral & Cremation Care.

Randall D. Willis

Randall D. Willis, 88, of Greenwood, died Nov. 8, 2017. Born on Dec. 9, 1928 to the late Daniel and Rebecca Willis in Cambridge, Md., he was a Navy veteran of the Korean War veteran. Survivors include his wife, Marilyn; two stepchildren, Cheryl L. Rapp; Roy W. Rapp III; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by one sister and one brother. Visitation and service was Nov. 11 at G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, 1605 S. State Road 135 and Olive Branch Road. He will be laid to rest at The Gardens at Olive Branch, where military graveside rites will be presented.

Willie Williams

Willie Williams, 80, of Indianapolis, died Nov. 14, 2017. He was born Jan. 19, 1937 in Indianapolis to the late Francher and Sally Williams. He is survived by his aunt, several nieces, nephews, and cousins, and many friends. Arrangements were entrusted to Simplicity Funeral & Cremation Care.

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.

IN OUR SCHOOLS



Franklin Central unites for Riley

Rally – The Franklin Central High School Student Council hosted its 3rd Annual RALLY for RILEY HOSPITAL on Nov. 9! This year's theme was, "We Are UNITED for Riley: Red, White, & Blue...Just Look What We Can Do!" Over 200 Franklin Township Community Schools' elementary, middle school, and high school Student Council Representatives along with their sponsors were in attendance for this charity-leadership workshop! Principal Koers welcomed guests, and Mr. Tim Amick, owner of Southport Road Rally's Restaurant generously sponsored the event by providing delicious Rally burgers for all participants! Facilitators Holly Cassinelli, Emma Coney, Cole Eder, Emma Eller, Lily Habegger, Ellie Harris, Savannah Kellum, Nicole Klee, Lydia Laker, Alyssa Lamping, Abby McCormick, Michael Santoro, and Christina Veal revealed in the closing ceremony over \$6,642 was raised for Riley Hospital for Children!

Southside natives join Ashland Univ. College Republicans

Politics – The following students are members of the College Republicans at Ashland University: Sabrina Maristela of Greenwood, is a member of the College Republicans at Ashland University. Maristela is majoring in political science. Maristela is a 2016 graduate of Center Grove High School. Matthew Reising of Greenwood, is a member of the College Republicans at Ashland University. Reising is majoring in history. Reising is a 2016 graduate of Center Grove High School. The purpose of College Republicans at Ashland University is to promote Republican ideals, introduce members to political activism and encourage involvement in political campaigns. Activities include work on local, state and national political campaigns. The group also works to encourage voter registration.

Holy Name Catholic School awarded \$15,000 grant

Let's Play – Dr Pepper Snapple Group (DPS) and national non-profit KaBOOM! awarded Holy Name Catholic School a \$15,000 Let's Play Community Construction Grant that will be used to build a community playground at 75 N 16th Ave. The grant is part of Let's Play, an initiative by DPS to provide kids and families with the tools, places and inspiration to make active play a daily priority.

"Holy Name Catholic School is blessed to be chosen for this generous award. With the help of the Walk-A-Thon last spring, the generous contributions from our community made this dream more of a reality," said Whitney Carroll, Health and Physical Education Teacher. "Now, it is imperative to continue our efforts and momentum to join together and build the playground this spring."

The grant will be used to develop the open lot across from the school into a functional, community gathering space for Holy Name Catholic School and the Beech Grove Community. The playground will be developed for students grades PreK-to 8th to challenge them physically as well as socially. The overall goal is to motivate all ages to be more active any time of day and to give them options of various play opportunities. Visit LetsPlay.com to learn more.



Perry Twp.'s Bianca Cotter receives nursing scholarship

Recipient – Lakeview College of Nursing in Danville and Charleston, Ill., announced numerous scholarship awards for the Fall 2017 semester. Bianca Cotter, of Indianapolis, received the Dean's Scholarship. Cotter, formerly of Perry Meridian High School, attends Lakeview's Danville Campus. Lakeview College of Nursing Scholarships are made possible by generous donations to the College's scholarship endowment fund. Scholarships are awarded based upon criteria established by the donor as well as the financial need and/or academic merit of each applicant.

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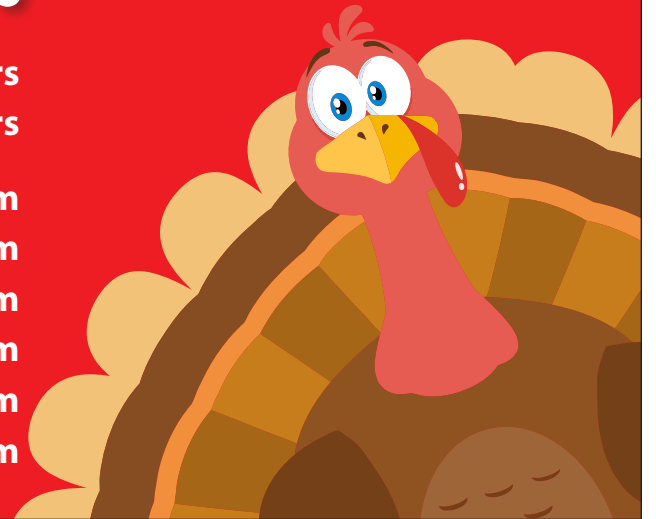

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