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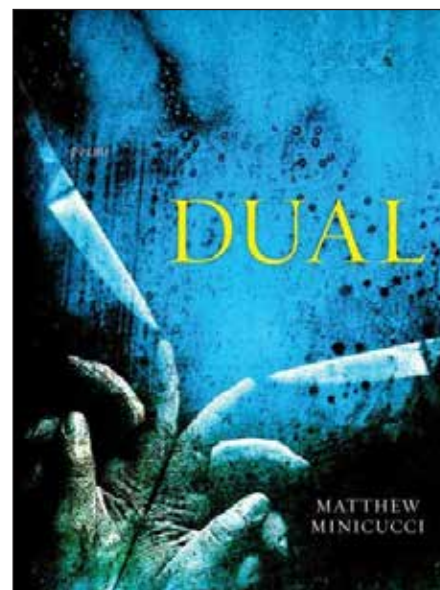
Heartland Film has announced tickets are on sale to its new signature fundraising event, Cinemania, a one-night celebration of iconic film through unique experiences. The inaugural fundraiser will take place on Friday, April 19, 2024, at The Crane Bay Event Center with the theme, "A Tribute to The Beatles in Film."

ss-times.com/heartlandcinemania

Award-winning author to visit Franklin College

Matthew Minicucci will visit Franklin College on Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 7 p.m. in the B.F. Hamilton Auditorium as a guest speaker in the Carlson-Stauffer Visiting Writer Series. Minicucci will read from his book, *Dual*, and will sign copies following his reading. Admission is free and open to the public. Learn more about the author:

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Southside construction update

Most of the planned construction for 2023 to wrap up by Thanksgiving

Compiled by Nicole Davis

• By Thanksgiving much of the planned I-69 Finish Line construction for the year will be complete. Crews will continue to work during the winter months as weather permits, but overall construction and traffic should decrease noticeably.

• **465:** The southbound U.S. 31/East Street ramp to I-465 westbound will remain closed into 2024.



• **I-69 Southside Indianapolis:** Crews expect to pave the S.R. 37 northbound ramp to Southport Road next week and anticipate its opening later this year.

• **I-69 Johnson County:** The exit ramp from northbound S.R. 37 to Smith Valley Road opened Nov 13. The northbound on ramp is expected to open on Nov. 17. Motorists should expect the traffic signal at S.R. 37 and Fairview Road to be removed on or after Nov. 16. A four-way flashing red light will be activated at the Fairview Road and Bluff Road intersection.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Join Breathe Easy Beech Grove for the Great American Smokeout

You don't have to stop smoking in one day. Just start with day one.

Thursday November 16th is the Great American Smokeout, a day set aside by the American Cancer Society to encourage smokers to give up tobacco, at least for one day, and to think about quitting for good. In Marion County, 20% of adults smoke, which is higher than the state smoking rate of 17.3%. Smokers have a higher risk of developing lung cancer, heart disease, and many other types of cancer. Marion County has higher than state average deaths from lung cancer at 48.3 per 100,000 residents. Smoking also increases the damage of chronic diseases such as diabetes and asthma and can increase the risk of strokes.

If you're a Hoosier thinking about quitting, consider taking the first step and participating in the Great American Smoke Out on Thursday, Nov. 16. Individuals who make a quit plan are more likely to successfully quit, and there are lots of free resources available such as the Indiana Tobacco Quitline. Indiana residents ages 13 and over can contact the Quitline at 1-800-Quit-Now or QuitNowIndiana.com for personalized quit plans.

Caroline Pitts
Breathe Easy Beech Grove

Thank you, Southport residents, for your support

Thank you to all the residents in the city of Southport for your support during the 2023 election campaign. I appreciate your confidence in me to vote me into office for another 4 years as your Mayor.

I will continue to work on the issues that impact Southport every day and be available to talk to residents as I am walking my dogs, delivering newsletters, or whatever is needed within the city.

As we approach the Thanksgiving holiday I am thankful for your support and the opportunity to continue to serve Southport as your mayor.

Jim Cooney,
Mayor, city of Southport

Roncalli Salutes Our Varsity Girls Volleyball Champions



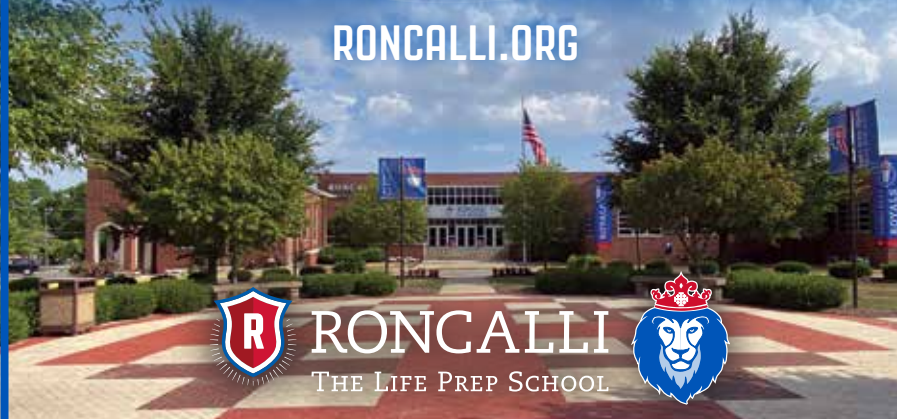
The Roncalli Varsity Volleyball Team, under the direction of head coach Christina Erazmus (Roncalli 2001), captured the Regional, Sectional, Circle City Conference, Marion County and Providence Invitational Championships.

The Royal Girls Volleyball team advanced to the final four in Class 4A volleyball.

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Turning setbacks into opportunities

Southside entrepreneur helps 'Everyday Leaders' achieve success in business through coaching and consulting

By Sherri Coner

Penciling another meeting into the workweek and grabbing frequent phone calls is the day-to-day life of hardcore entrepreneur Melahni Ake.

This lifelong Southsider is devoted to her mission of mixing community service with coaching businesses, organizations and agencies toward team building and positive outcomes.

Before she came along, Ake's Evangelical great-grandparents worked to meet community needs by constructing not only a school but also a facility for the elderly as well as a church on Shelby Street.

A family's vision for community needs

"It was located right where Bethany Village is today," she said. "My great-grandfather had a vision for what the community needed."

Her musically inclined grandfather had a traveling ministry and his twin sons, one of those being Ake's father, sang in an evangelical quartet.

"I have a very faith-based background," Ake said.

In spite of frequently moving residences as a child, "I went to seven schools before fifth grade," Ake eventually returned to her roots, graduated from Greenwood Community High School and enrolled at the University of Indianapolis to study business.

A lot of recent college graduates would be deterred by the thought of moving away from everything familiar.

But Ake had a lot of experience as a new person in a completely different environment.

Inspired by Disney

She accepted a position in 1986 to work in customer service at Disney World.

"I learned the company values, the behind-the-scenes process and all about customer service," she said. "It was a wonderful place to be."

She returned to the Southside by the late 1980s, took a job in a bank and married husband, Joe Ake, in 1991.

Along with sharing the same faith and other common interests, Ake's new husband was also the offspring of an entrepreneurial family.

His parents owned and operated Recommended Television and Appliances on the Southside.

In business for more than 40 years on Thompson Road and Madison Avenue, this was the bread and butter for the large family of eight sisters and Joe, the only son.

"Our family bought all of our appliances there," Ake said with a giggle. "And Joe worked in the store for 17 years."

When their family business sold in 1990, Joe Ake followed his dad's be-your-own-boss mentality by opening his own media business, Joe Ake Studios.

By then, Melahni Ake worked in sales for a medical device company.

"I had such a skill set by then," she said. "But I was eliminated at that company when I was close to 50. And I thought, 'You're nuts. I know my worth.'"

After losing the position, she was lost in thought about her future in the workforce.

A short time later Ake was on her feet again with intention pumping through her veins.

She launched her own company, Everyday Leaders.

Giving birth to new inspiration

"My podcast launched on my 50th birthday," Ake stated proudly of the 2017 decision.

Understanding a lot about the workforce, both as an employee as well as a manager, Ake realized that her unique view of the work environment was a valuable strength.

She hit the ground running toward completely new goals.

Definitely, Ake has covered lots and lots of ground since those beginning days.

Along with co-authoring and authoring several books about positive business leadership and navigating through the tough terrain of recession, Ake conducts specific training sessions and workshops tailored to company needs and leads several active leadership groups for professional women, such as Top Floor Women and SCALE for Women.

"I want women in business to know we don't have to feel taken advantage of," Ake said. "I want them to see what can be possible."

Somehow this busy lady also makes time to serve as a board member of Perry Township Religious Education Association and launched a nonprofit called Girl Talk for IPS to promote youth leadership.

"I'm helping people to use their strengths in a bigger way," Ake said.

For more information about business development, positive team building, leadership workshops and more, visit everydayleaders.com

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— Melahni Ake



(Left) Melahni Ake and her husband, Joe Ake. | (Center) Melahni Ake is devoted to her mission of mixing community service with coaching businesses, organizations and agencies toward team. | (Right) Melahni Ake podcasts for Everyday Leaders. | (Cover) United States Air Force participants following leadership training, conducted by Melahni Ake, founder of Everyday Leaders. (Submitted photos)

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Local veterans groups including Greenwood American Legion and New Whiteland (VFW) Honor Guard provided a variety of ceremonies at several facilities on Indianapolis' Southside during Veterans Day weekend. These ceremonies took place at locations such as schools and senior living facilities such as Greenwood Health Center, Crestwood Village South, Country Charm Assisted Living and more. Pictured, the Greenwood Honor Guard facilitated a flag presentation, followed by a special ceremony for Independence Village Greenwood's veterans. (Photo by Independence Village Greenwood)

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*"When you cease to dream
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HUMOR



Top 10 promises for winter preparation

By Torry Stiles

10. I promise to find my ice scraper before the next frost.
9. I promise to never again joke with my neighbor's less-than-brilliant kid about pouring hot water on an iced-up windshield to save time in the morning.
8. I promise to buy my neighbor extra ice scrapers.
7. I promise to completely ignore all ads for pumpkin spice or winterberry anything.
6. I promise to stop telling the neighbor kid that it's legal to do doughnuts in snow-covered parking lots as long as they are publicly owned ... like Town Hall or the Police Station.
5. I promise to actually curl up with a good book and mug of cocoa and not just zone out with a beer and Facebook.
4. I promise not to stomp through the next Christmas Bazaar at the local church whining about all the stuff made in Pakistan, China and any other location that can't properly pronounce, "Americana."
3. I promise to never buy any family member another candle. I will, however, re-gift some of the candles from years' past stored in the hall closet.
2. I promise to stop telling the neighbor kid that grown-ups love candles, and I might have some I can sell him cheap.
1. I promise to never require anyone to cook a vegan Thanksgiving.

BELIEVE IT!

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

In Portland, Main, it's unlawful to tickle a woman's chin with a feather duster.

Source: stupidlaws.com



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 - 13 Unethical
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 - 19 Smell, for one
 - 21 Indiana Jones quest
 - 23 Biblical pronoun
 - 26 Colts passing stat
 - 27 Must-haves
 - 30 "In what way?"
 - 32 Indiana Fertility Center eggs
 - 34 Verve, Italian style
 - 35 Wide shoe width
 - 36 Opp. of ENE
 - 38 Was green, in a way
 - 40 See 1-Across
 - 42 First female Speaker of the House
 - 45 Hoosier Park feedbag morsel
 - 46 Waterpark sunblock letters
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 - 56 Medical coverage grp.
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 - 2 Nashville awards org.
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 - 7 WTHR newscast, for instance
 - 8 High card
 - 9 Beyonce or Matthew McConaughey, e.g.
 - 10 Some Indianapolis
 - 11 Snoop
 - 12 "Best in Show" org.
 - 20 Vermont ski resort
 - 22 Picture puzzle
 - 23 Homophone of 23-Across
 - 24 Garden tool
 - 25 Woolly mama
 - 28 Conk out
 - 29 Piece of turf
 - 31 Has debts
 - 33 4.47 square miles, for Beech Grove
 - 37 Gulp from a flask
 - 39 Art Deco artist
 - 40 CGHS letter jacket wearers, informally
 - 41 Weaving machines
 - 42 IU prof's degree
 - 43 Actress Longoria
 - 44 Camper's light
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 - 51 "____ never know!"
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 - 57 Kind of nerve
 - 61 Baxter YMCA class
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 - 63 They have Xings
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Why 'grateful' is spelled that way

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

As we turn our calendars to November, I always wonder why there isn't any good Thanksgiving music out there. Halloween has a handful of hits. Obviously, Christmas and Hanukkah have their own genre of "holiday" music. Why doesn't Thanksgiving get any good songs?

These songs would be great. I'd be grateful to have a song connected with Thanksgiving in addition to Adam Sandler's lonely "Turkey Song." Wait a second — is it "grateful" or "greatful"? Let's get to the bottom of this cornucopia of spelling confusion.

I'm going to cut to the chase and let you know that "grateful" (with one "l") is the correct spelling. The misspelling "greatful" is not a word. Don't use it. Don't let your friends spell it that way. It's incorrect. Of course, always be kind when correcting others' spelling or grammar, and only do it on a one-on-one basis. Never correct someone's spelling

or grammar in public!

How do we get this word "grateful" that just looks strange? After all, Tony the Tiger never says, "They're grate!" when referring to a heaping bowl of Frosted Flakes. A "grate" is a noun that means "a frame of metal bars used to block something." When used as a verb, "grate" means to either "reduce to small pieces by using a grater" or "to make an unpleasant sound."

If we think again about this "grat-" word stem, we can recall words like "gratify," "gratitude" and even "gratis" (something for free). It's time to bust out our Latin dictionaries, folks.

The root Latin word we get "grateful" from is "gratus," which means "pleasing or grateful." This has no connection whatsoever with potatoes "au gratin." "Gratin" is a French culinary term for something that is topped with a browned crust. "Gratin" comes from the French word "gratter," which means "to scrape" or "to grate." There it is!

Now we can see where these two "grat-" words get their different meanings. A sound that is "grating" to your ears is

incredibly unpleasant. It's the sound of nails on a chalkboard or a fork scraping against a dinner plate.

Words including "ingratiate," "gratuity" and even "congratulate" come from the Latin root word that means "grateful." Although initially, it makes sense to spell "grateful" incorrectly, now it all makes sense.

Cheese is great. You can grate cheese. If a friend gives you an entire wheel of cheese, you are grateful for the thoughtful gesture. Now if we can just get someone to write songs about Thanksgiving and cheese, that would be great.



Curtis Honeycutt is a wildly popular syndicated humor columnist. He is the author of Good Grammar is the Life of the Party: Tips for a Wildly Successful Life. Find more at curtishoneycutt.com.



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Puzzle Time Answers

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Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:

Fruits: APPLE, CHERRY, GRAPE, LEMON, LIME, PEAR;

Homes: BURROW, DEN, HIVE, LAIR, NEST;

Light: BULB, RAIL, SWITCH, YEAR;

Counties: HAMILTON, HANCOCK, HENDRICKS;

Nicknames: CIRCLE CITY, INDY;

Snack: POPCORN

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How to lower your mortgage payment with points

REAL ESTATE

By Dawn Whalen

Whalen Realty Group at F.C. Tucker Company

Anyone who's been on the hunt for a new home recently has felt the pain of high interest rates. In the past couple of years, for some homebuyers, the cost of monthly mortgage payments has doubled, leaving many people unable to afford the homes they could only a few years ago. Luckily, there's an option to help reduce the monthly payment: buying mortgage points. Purchasing a home is likely the most expensive purchase someone will make, so any help to ease the long-term financial burden is helpful.

What are mortgage points?

Mortgage points, sometimes referred to as discount points, allow a home buyer to essentially buy a lower interest rate. Every point cost 1 percent of the original loan amount, and points can vary by lender. Some lenders may offer points for an eighth of a percent or up to half a percent. To give an example, if the mortgage is for \$300,000, then one point is worth \$3,000. Each point can lower the loan amount by a quarter of a

percent, 0.25%. This means a \$300,000 loan with an 8% interest rate could be lowered to 7.25% if the home buyers are willing to pay for three points or an additional \$9,000 up front. All mortgage points must be paid at closing.

Why buy mortgage points?

Buying discount points is basically paying the loan's interest up front and will lower the monthly payment. This is most beneficial to buyers that plan on staying in the home more than a few years. Let's take a closer look at the \$300,000 loan example. If a home buyer has a \$300,000 loan with a 30-year fixed mortgage rate of 8%, the monthly payment will be approximately \$2,135. The lender can offer a 7.25% rate with the purchase of three points (\$9,000 total because each point is 1% of the loan amount). This will bring the monthly payment down to \$2,046. Over 10 years, the savings would be more than \$10,600 in monthly payments and over the course of the loan more than \$31,000 in savings.

Should you buy mortgage points?

While having a lower interest rate is always welcome, purchasing mortgage points may or may not be the best option. This option is best for people who plan to stay in the home for a long time, usually around 10 years or more. The longer the person stays in the home, the more advantageous the points work for the long run. It's also important to understand where the break-even point is when trying to calculate when to refinance or move.

To find the break-even point, divide the cost of the mortgage points by the monthly savings. Using the numbers from the example above the math would be: \$9,000 (total cost of points) / \$89 (difference in monthly savings) = 101 months or almost 8.5 years.

Is there a cap on mortgage points?

There is a cap on points, but the terms vary based on the lender, type of loan and the borrower. However, there is a 3% cap on total charges to the homebuyer from the lender, which includes but is not limited to title and report fees.

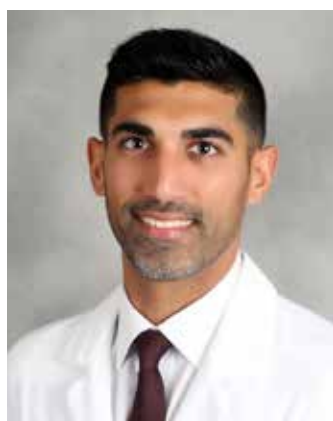
With interest rates being as high as they are now, it's important for potential homebuyers to review and understand their options when it comes to a monthly payment and possibly purchasing a lower rate. It's important to understand that not all mortgage applicants may qualify for points and lenders may use points differently. If you ask a real estate agent about points, they will likely direct you to a knowledgeable lender who can share more information.



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AROUND TOWN

Franciscan Health Indianapolis nationally recognized by Healthgrades for Cardiac Care & Coronary Intervention



Dr. Ramchandani. (Submitted photos)

Franciscan Health Indianapolis announced it was named one of America's 100 Best Hospitals for Cardiac Care™ and Coronary Intervention™ in 2024, according to new research released by Healthgrades, the leading marketplace connecting doctors and patients. Franciscan Health Indianapolis is the only hospital in Indiana to receive each of the distinctions for 2024. These achievements place Franciscan Health in the upper echelon of hospitals nationally for specialty care and reflect the organization's commitment to consistently delivering the best care possible. Other Healthgrades awards

include: recipient of the Healthgrades 2024 Cardiac Care Excellence Award™; recipient of the Healthgrades 2024 Coronary Intervention Excellence Award™; named among the Top 5% in the nation for Overall Cardiac Services in 2024; named among the Top 5% in the nation for Cardiology Services; and named among the Top 5% in the nation for Coronary Interventional Procedures in 2024. Visit Healthgrades.com for an in-depth look at Franciscan Health Indianapolis's performance and profile to explore the highest quality care in Indianapolis.

AROUND TOWN

Peterman Brothers named winner of BBB Torch Awards for Ethics

Peterman Brothers, a leading HVAC and plumbing company serving the Greater Indianapolis area, has been recognized with the Commitment to Customers Award for the 2023 Better Business Bureau Torch Awards for Central Indiana. The Torch Awards for Ethics is the most prestigious honor the Better Business Bureau Central Indiana bestows on businesses operating within its service area. Winners must demonstrate a high level of personal character, meet the highest standards of ethics, and build trust with their customers and the community. "As a local family-owned business, we're proud to be honored for putting customers first," said Chad Peterman, president of Peterman Brothers. "We're committed to providing excellent, professional service and true value throughout the community. It's great to have BBB Central Indiana confirm that we're living up to that." The Commitment to Customers award category recognizes organizations that implement internal practices to build better customer relationships and trust. This award recognizes organizations that go above and beyond to maintain transparency with customers. Founded in 1986, Peterman Brothers provides residential heating, cooling, and plumbing services in the Greater Indianapolis area. A second-generation family business, the company ensures all technicians are certified through the North American Technical Excellence (NATE) program and fully bonded and insured. For more information, call (260) 201-3070 or visit petermanhvac.com.

Southside experiences steady real estate market in October

Greenwood and Southport experienced a steady residential real estate market in October. According to F.C. Tucker Company, the average sale price for a Greenwood

home decreased 10.4% to \$271,248, and the average sale price for a Southport home increased 6.2% to \$252,266, compared to this time last year. In Southport, homes spent two

days, or 9.5%, longer on the market, and Greenwood homes spent nine days, or 60%, longer on the market compared to October 2022.

NIGHT & DAY

LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT ENTERTAINING

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BEECH GROVE

Community Thanksgiving Dinner • Join for Thanksgiving Dinner with community friends and neighbors on Nov. 16. RSVP by emailing RSVP@beechgrove.com or calling (317) 788-4986. | When: Nov. 16, 6 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: facebook.com/BGHPCC

48th Artisan Holiday Market • Admission: \$3. There will be 150 juried vendors at this year's fair, from fine handcrafted home decor, candles, custom jewelry, fine clothing and accessories, children's items and toys, body and bath products, pet treats, and accessories. Arrive early to receive a swag bag for the first 200 visitors. This fair is 100% nonprofit, presented by the Delta Theta Tau, Nu Tau chapter, that helps support many local food pantries, animal rescues, senior citizen centers, and school pantries, from all proceeds. | When: Nov. 25, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Where: Beech Grove High School, 5330 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: facebook.com/handmadedtt

CENTER GROVE

Handmade + Heartfelt Festival • A festival celebrating local artists, makers and creators. Free admission. Proceeds from vendor fees and Sycamore bar tips from the event will benefit the Christmas Angels Program through United Way of Johnson County. | When: Nov. 19, 12 - 4 p.m. | Where: The Sycamore at Mallow Run, 7070 W. Whiteland Road, Bargersville. | Info: mallowrun.com/handmade-heartfelt-festival/

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

Franklin Central Bands Holiday Craft Fair • Vendors are selected via a jury process. This fair includes a huge selection of handcrafted art & craft items, bake sale, 50/50 raffle and more. Admission \$3, 12 and under are free. | When: Nov. 18, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Where: Franklin Central High School, 6215 S. Franklin Road, Indianapolis. | Info: craftfair@fcbands.org, fcbands.org

GARFIELD PARK

Conservatory Crossing • Come enjoy our winter wonderland! See the Conservatory decked out in its holiday best with a brilliant display of poinsettias, model trains and village, and thousands of twinkling lights. Fee: \$5 per person, \$12 per family (2 adults max), 2 and under are free. | When: Nov. 24 - Dec. 31, Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sundays 1-5 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Dr., Indianapolis. | Info: garfieldgardensconservatory.org

Natural Wreaths • Make a fall or holiday wreath using natural materials, ribbons, Christmas ornaments, among other assorted items. These wreaths are perfect for holiday decorations, a front door or as a Thanksgiving table centerpiece. You can also bring your own natural materials or mementos to put on your wreath. Fee: \$14 per child, ages 3+. | When: Nov. 29, 6 - 7 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Dr., Indianapolis. | Info: garfieldgardensconservatory.org

GREENWOOD

Discover Old Town Greenwood Holiday Open House • Come shop, sip and create with many small local businesses. The hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. There will be a kids day with Santa and the Grinch on Saturday, as well as a lighted parade at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday. | When: Nov. 17 - 18, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Where: Main and Madison, Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/DiscoverOldTownGreenwood

Greenwood Holiday Craft Fair • The Greenwood Holiday Craft Fair will feature over 100 local vendors who specialize in thoughtful, handmade gifts, decorations, clothing items and so much more. More information can be found online. Entry fee is \$2. Children under five get in free. | When: Nov. 18, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Community High School, 613 W. Smith Valley Road, Greenwood. | Info: greenwoodholidaycraftfair.org

Cookie Walk & Presents with a Purpose • This event offers to chance to buy homemade cookies, cheeseballs, bread, fudge and more. Also, you can do some Christmas shopping from vendors. A soup and sandwich lunch will be available for purchase. | When: Nov. 18, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Where: Greenwood United Methodist Church, 525 N. Madison Ave., Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/GreenwoodUnitedMethodistChurch

Pitties and Pancakes • Enjoy a pancake and mimosa breakfast while visiting with adoptable dogs. Breakfast is \$10 and mimosas are \$5. Proceeds support Lucci's House Bully Rescue. | When: Nov. 19, 9 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. | Where: Lockhart Cadillac of Greenwood, 1287 S. U.S. 31, Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/luccishouse/events

Turkey Burn Thanksgiving Run/Walk • Come to Craig Park for the Turkey Burn 5K run/walk and kids run. The event starts at 9 a.m. at Craig Park. The kids run will take place first. Register online. | When: Nov. 23, 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Where: Craig Park, 10 E. Smith Valley Road, Greenwood. | Info: runsignup.com/Race?raceid=99779

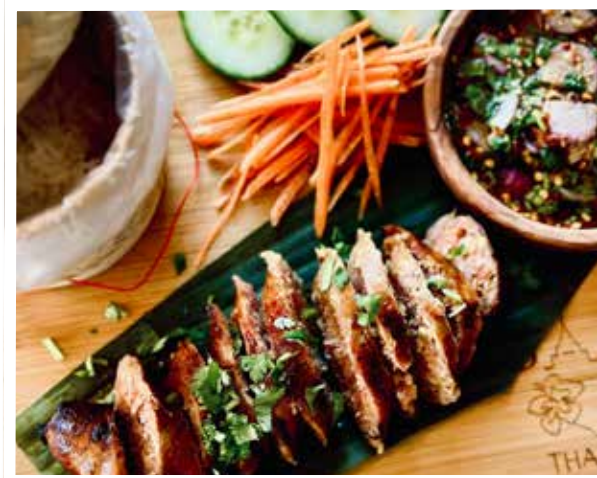
Christmas Arts Market • Shop for gifts from a variety of vendors and also enjoy gift wrapping, character visits, music and live entertainment. This event is a fundraiser for Creative Grounds Fine Arts

AN OPTION

Baan Thai Bistro

A Thai restaurant in Franklin Township has been serving enthusiastic repeat customers since it opened in early June. Baan Thai Bistro in downtown Wanamaker is "a must-visit for those seeking exceptional Thai cuisine and top-notch service," according to a Facebook review. Popular items include Crab Rangoon Dip, Drunken Noodles with Pork, Yai's Spring Rolls, Son-in-Law Eggs (crispy, soft-boiled eggs topped with fried shallots and a sweet tamarind sauce), Thai Fried Chicken & Rice Bowl, Spicy Basil Stir-Fry and Peanut Sauce Noodles with tofu. End your meal on a sweet note with one of their desserts like the Fried Bananas with Coconut Ice Cream or "Thai one on" with a crafted cocktail. Guests love the Spicy Thom Margarita, One Night in Bangkok and Thai Coffee. "The food is better than five stars. The Sriracha wings are fabulous," stated a Google reviewer. "If you don't like heat, you're good; the flavor is there with sweetness as well. The spring rolls tasted like they were rolled 20 minutes before we ate them (probably were)."

Hours: Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; closed Sunday. Address: 8705 Southeastern Ave., Indianapolis For more information, call (317) 759-8424 or go to baanthaibistro.com



Fresh, locally sourced vegetables complement your choice of entrée with meat or tofu. (Photo courtesy of Baan Thai Bistro)

Academy and will take place at their location at Greenwood Park Mall. | When: Nov. 25, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Where: Creative Grounds Fine Arts Academy, 1262 N. U.S. 31, Suite 160, Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/cgfinearts

Small Business Saturday Shopping Kick-Off • Restore Old Town Greenwood plans to celebrate by giving away 50 filled tote bags to start your holiday shopping. Stop by the starting point at 10 a.m. and get one while supplies last. Click the link to learn about the starting point when it is announced. Bags will also include Old Town Dollars valued from \$5 to \$35 to be redeemed like a gift card at select stores the same day. | When: Nov. 25, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Where: Downtown Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/RestoreGreenwood

Craft Fair • Local vendors will join with a stunning array of gift ideas from toys, food, crafts and more. Admission: \$1. | When: Dec. 2, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Where: One Christian Church, 2578 Donica Road, Greenwood. | Info: (317) 787-8236

2nd Annual Holiday Craft Fair • Shop 60 vendors, a bake sale and concession stand. \$2 admission for 12 years and older. | When: Dec. 2, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Where: Ray Crowe Elementary School, 1300 Ray

Crowe Way, Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/YOUR.RCE

PERRY TOWNSHIP

20th Annual Family Fun Turkey Run • The 20th annual Family Fun Turkey run is presented by Baxter YMCA and Perry Meridian High School and proceeds support YMCA programs and membership and the PMHS Cross Country Program. Registration is open now. | When: Nov. 23, 8:30 a.m. | Where: Perry Meridian High School, 400 W. Meridian School Road, Indianapolis. | Info: facebook.com/BaxterYMCA

Holiday Concert at the Library - Mariachi Sol Jalisciense • Individuals of all ages are invited for a holiday mariachi concert at the library! | When: Nov. 27: 5 - 6 p.m. | Where: West Perry Branch, 6650 S Harding St, Indianapolis. | Info: indypl.org

Christmas Craft Fair • Crafts, music and delicious treats. | When: Dec. 2, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Where: Brookhaven Apartments, 940 Wild Indigo Lane, Indianapolis. | Info: indianapoliseniorapartments.com

★★★★ • PG • Action/Adventure/Comedy • 1 hour, 46 minutes

Peter Pan & Wendy

An old dog with new tricks

MOVIE REVIEW

By Bradley Lane

Peter Pan is one of Disney's most foundational films. Few characters resonate with the brand quite like Peter Pan and his classic 1953 film of the same name. Disney has been on a tear with remaking its canon of classic animated films, bringing them into a live action/CGI laden medium, to mixed results. While mostly commercially successful, they have almost all failed critically thanks in large part to losing their stylistic charm in translation and failing to meaningfully iterate on their source material. In most of these cases Disney just spends millions of dollars to make a measurably worse version of a film already in their back catalog. I am happy to report however, this is not the case with David Lowry's 2023 version of *Peter Pan*, the formally interesting and thematically rich *Peter Pan and Wendy*.

Most readers will be more than familiar with the broad strokes of a remake of *Peter Pan*. Wendy and the darling children find themselves in Neverland after having a crisis of maturity in the real world, led there by the magical, never aging, Peter Pan. However, what's new here is Lowry's balance of Wendy's journey of growth and maturity with a more in-depth exploration of the relationship between Captain Hook and Peter Pan that leads the film into emotionally unexplored and very interesting territory.

David Lowry might seem an odd choice to helm a Disney remake as most arthouse film fans will recognize his name from small-budget emotional and complex human dramas like *The Old Man and the Gun*, *A Ghost Story*, and most recently, *The Green Knight*. However, the reason I mentioned

most and not all live action Disney remakes were worse versions of their original source material is David Lowry's own 2017 adaptation of *Pete's Dragon* that cleverly uses its source material to tell a compelling tale of grief, vulnerability, and found family. Here Lowry does the exact same thing, hiding a story that is mostly about the dangers of looking backwards in the shell of the well-worn tale of the process of growing into emotional maturity.

While maybe losing some of Peter Pan's charm in its translation to live action, Lowry does his best to make use of clever camera work and visually interesting settings to soften the blow of its visual drab color grading. Lowry's greatest strength here though, is his understanding of the ethos of the story he is retelling. He uses the character drama at the story's

center to ruminate on the act of remaking animated films, keeping yourself chained to the past. It's a cleverly subversive way to question Disney's current trajectory and maybe the key piece of evidence as to why this was dumped on Disney Plus instead of released in theaters where it was initially planned to release.

Lowry's *Peter Pan and Wendy* is heart-warming and tragic in equal measure and a cautionary tale about being lost exploring the past in a world that is rife with opportunity for growth, both artistically and personally. *Peter Pan and Wendy* is one of the year's most overlooked films and is exclusively streaming on Disney Plus. - 3.5/5 stars



Bradley is a Beech Grove High School alumnus and has been enamored by film for as long as he can remember. He recently graduated from IUPUI, with a degree in Media and Public Affairs with a minor in Film. Bradley can be contacted at blane2214@gmail.com.

SPOTLIGHT

48th Artisan Holiday Market

Delta Theta Tau Sorority Nu Tau chapter will present the 48th Artisan Holiday Market on Nov. 25, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Beech Grove High School, 5330 Hornet Ave. There will be 150 juried vendors at this year's fair, from fine handcrafted home decor, candles, custom jewelry, fine clothing and accessories, children's items and toys, body and bath products, pet treats, and accessories. Arrive early to receive a swag bag for the first 200 visitors. Admission: \$3. This fair is 100% nonprofit and helps support many local food pantries, animal rescues, senior citizen centers, and school pantries, from all proceeds. For more information, visit facebook.com/handmadedtt



Mouse Lane by Becky and Dianna Hansen will offer a variety of Christmas decor and door wreaths, one of 150 vendors to participate in the 48th Artisan Holiday Market. Mouse Lane has been a vendor at the show for 11 years and have grown their booth space due to their popularity over the years to have one of the largest vendor booths at the show.. (Submitted photo)



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Cheryl Diane Carter

Cheryl Diane Carter, 72, Poland, Indiana passed away on Thursday, November 9, 2023. Survivors; sons, David Carter (Shelly), Scott Carter (Evanglin); siblings, Linda Crooke, Danny Howard (Mary Jo), Mark Howard (Diane); 2 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren, and former husband, Roger Carter. Services entrusted to Little & Sons, Beech Grove.

Paul Edward Hagedorn

Paul Edward Hagedorn, 86, Beech Grove, passed away November 8, 2023. Survivors; daughter, Julie (Jim) Keyler; sons, Brian, and Alan (Sherry) Hagedorn; siblings, David (Rita) Hagedorn, Ronald (Joan) Hagedorn, and Tryllis (Allen) Weinstein; 8 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren. Visitation Saturday, November 18, 12:00 – 2:00 PM. Service at 2:00 PM. Little & Sons Beech Grove.

Melissa Jane Richards

Melissa Jane Richards, passed away Thursday, November 2nd, 2023. Survivors; parents, Alan and Rolla Richards, Grandmother Rubena Price (Murray), brother, Timothy Richards, sister-in-law, Rebekah Richards, niece and nephew, Lillian and Carter Richards, and so many friends who, to her, were family. Services entrusted to Little & Sons, Stop 11 Road Chapel.

E. Jean Ritter

E. Jean Ritter, 97, Beech Grove, passed away on November 10, 2023. Survivors; children, Garry (Kelly) Ritter and Cheryl (Robert) Hofer; 10 grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren and a great great granddaughter on the way. The family will receive guests for visitation from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Avenue, Indianapolis. The Celebration of Life service will be conducted at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, November 17, 2023, at the funeral home. She will be laid to rest at Washington Park East Cemetery.

James Neal Slater

James Neal Slater, passed on October 28, 2023. Survivors; wife, Lori, son Nick, sister, Judy Slater; niece, Lydia (James) Manni; nephew, Cliff (Tali) Wildman; great nieces, Sophia Manni and Dahlia Wildman; and great nephew Leo Manni. He was also a much-adored son-in-law, brother-in-law, and especially uncle to his wife's family. Services entrusted to Little & Sons, Beech Grove.

Donald Ellis Wright, Jr.

Donald Ellis Wright, Jr., Indianapolis, died Nov. 2, 2023. Survivors; wife, Brenda Wright; children, Rosemary (Harry) Armour, Susan (John) Nelson, Joani (Gregg) Ossip, Tony (Yudelis) Wright, Shelly Fishburn, Tommy (Caroline) Fishburn, and Todd Fishburn; brother, Steve (Katie) Wright; 24 grandchildren; 32 great grandchildren. Services entrusted to Little & Sons, Beech Grove.

Jo E. Zeckner

Jo E. Zeckner, 73, Greenwood, passed away on Monday, October 23, 2023. Survivors; son, Eric (Nicole) Zeckner of Michigan and sister, Kate Susan Schellie-Stram of Washington state, along with many cousins and friends. A Celebration of Life will be conducted at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 2, 2023, at G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, 1605 S. State Road 135, Greenwood. The family will receive friends from 12:30 p.m. until the time of the service.



Basic death notices (up to 50 words) are printed free of charge. Personalized Obituaries exceeding 50 words will be charged at a rate of \$12 for the first 60 words and 10 cents for each additional word. Full-color photographs may be included for an additional \$10. Families/estates or 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.

**AROUND TOWN****Beech Grove Lions announce winners of inaugural Scarecrow Madness**

Beech Grove Lions recently concluded its first ever Scarecrow Madness Event. "There was amazing creativity," stated Don Stowers, Beech Grove Lions. "The Lions are looking forward to a bigger and better event next year." The Beech Grove Lions club presented each participant a burlap sack and other

supplies to start a scarecrow to individuals and businesses who were interested in participating. From there, they conducted a contest, allowing the public to vote for their favorite online for the People's Choice award, and the club awarded its own first place winner, with prizes donated from local

businesses. The first place winner was a Charlie Brown scarecrow made by Rick and Jessica Adams. The People's Choice award went to the Mad Barber scarecrow by Kings Parlor Barber Shop.



First Place winner: Charlie Brown, selected Lions judges. Pictured from left, Rick and Jessica Adams and Lion Madeline Hendrix. (Photos courtesy of Beech Grove Lions)



The Mad Barber at Kings Parlor Barber Shop. Pictured from left, Suzie Bullington and Lion Madeline Hendrix

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† CATHOLIC

***Good Shepherd Catholic Church** • 2905 S. Carson Ave., Indpls. | Ph: (317) 783-3158. | Rev. Jeffery Moore, Sac. Minister. | Sat. Mass: 4:30 p.m. | Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. | Ordinarate Rite 11:00 a.m. | Completely Handicapped Accessible. | All Welcome!

Holy Name of Jesus • 89 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove. | Ph: (317) 784-5454. | Rev. Robert Robeson. | Worship Times & Anticipation Sun.: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. | Sat. Mass: 5 p.m.

Saints Francis & Clare Catholic Church • 5901 Olive Branch Road, Greenwood. | Ph: (317) 859-4673. | Fr. Steve Giannini. | Sat. Anticipation Mass: 5:30 p.m. | Sun.: 7, 8:45 & 11:30 a.m.

† CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

Sixth Church of Christ, Scientist • 7625 McFarland Road. | Ph: (317) 888-3204. | Sun.: 10 a.m. | Sun. School: 10 a.m. | Wed.: 7 p.m. | Reading Room Hours Wed.: 5:30-7:00 p.m.

† LUTHERAN

Calvary Lutheran Church and School • 6111 Shelby St., Indianapolis | (317) 783-2000 | info@clcs.org | clcs.org | Sat: 6:30 p.m. | Sun: 8 & 10:45 a.m. | Sunday School: 9:25 a.m. | Ladies Bible Study: Wed. 10am | Womens Bible Study: Wed. 6pm | Engaging People in Christ through Connecting, Learning, Caring and Serving.

***Concordia Lutheran Church and Preschool** • 305 Howard Road, Greenwood. | (317) 881-4477. | Worship Sun.: 9:30 a.m. | Mon.: 6:30 p.m. | concordia-lcms.com.

† NON-DENOMINATIONAL

Tallwood Chapel Community Church • 5560 S. Shelby St., Indpls. | Ph: (317) 787-5595. | The Gospel is a seed - come grow with us. | Worship with us Sundays 10:30 a.m. Wed. 7 p.m. Prayers are with you during this time. | BIBLE CHURCH, Ministry of HOLY WORD.

† SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST

Southside Seventh-Day Adventist • 4801 Shelbyville Road, Indpls. 46237 | Ph: (317) 786-7002. | Services Sat.: 10:45 a.m. | Sabbath School: 9:30 a.m. | southsideadventist.org.

† SOUTHERN BAPTIST

Calvary Baptist Church • 200 Sunset Blvd., Greenwood. | Ph: (317) 881-5743. | Sr. Pr. Dave Cook | Sun.: 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School: 9 a.m. | Something for All Ages.

Garfield Park Baptist Church • Meets at 2560 Villa Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46203 | Interim Rev. Dr. Mark Hetrick | Sunday worship at 11am | Sunday school at 9:30am | Wednesday bible discussion at 6:30pm | Ph: (317)-784-7068

Southwood Baptist Church • 501 S. 4th Ave., Beech Grove | Ph: 317-786-2719 | Proclaiming Christ because we care. | Pastor John C. Jones II | Sunday worship 10:45am. | Sunday school 9:30am

† SPIRITUALIST

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

† UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

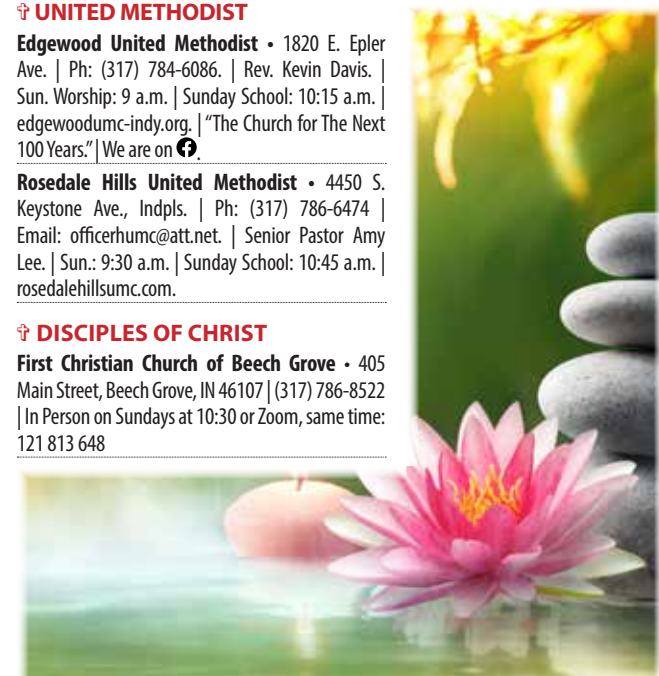
† UNITED METHODIST

Edgewood United Methodist • 1820 E. Epler Ave. | Ph: (317) 784-6086. | Rev. Kevin Davis. | Sun. Worship: 9 a.m. | Sunday School: 10:15 a.m. | edgewoodumc-indy.org. | "The Church for The Next 100 Years." | We are on 📍

Rosedale Hills United Methodist • 4450 S. Keystone Ave., Indpls. | Ph: (317) 786-6474 | Email: officerrhumc@att.net. | Senior Pastor Amy Lee. | Sun.: 9:30 a.m. | Sunday School: 10:45 a.m. | rosedalehillsumc.com.

† DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

First Christian Church of Beech Grove • 405 Main Street, Beech Grove, IN 46107 | (317) 786-8522 | In Person on Sundays at 10:30 or Zoom, same time: 121 813 648



Weekly Devotion



If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?

JOHN 3:12

We walk by faith, not by sight, so we place our trust in the unseen hand of God to pave our path with peace and prosperity. But we need not place all of our trust into things unseen. God created all the things in heaven, and all of the things on earth, visible and invisible, and all of God's creation reflects His glory. Jesus is referred to as the "Sun of Righteousness" that will rise in our hearts, just as the sun of this world rises with each new day, bringing the light, warmth and energy necessary for life itself. Even the moon and the stars serve to remind us that everything was created with the purpose of reflecting the light that is Christ Jesus, the Sun of Righteousness, into the darkness of this world of woe. The moon has no light of its own making, yet it reflects the light of the sun into the darkness of night. And just as

the waters of this world reflect the beauty of the heavens like a mirror, we were created to reflect and to shine the light of Jesus into the darkness that hides the road that leads us home. It should be clear for all to see that we, being made in the very image of God, were created with a purpose of reflecting the light of God's glory by all that we say and do. When people struggle to find peace and joy in their lives, it is because they have yet to realize their true purpose. Before we can reflect the brilliance of God's glory, we must first find the light that is Christ.

God bless and go and have a great day.

Pastor Dan Bailey is the chair of the Mayor's Faith Based Round Table for the City of Beech Grove, who believes in its mission statement to "Strengthen the Community with Christ's Love." He is a lifelong resident of Southside with his wife, four children and five grandchildren. He has also been a criminal investigator for the last 30-plus years for the Public Defender Agency.



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The Southside Times

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<p>PUBLIC NOTICE AUCTION OF PROPERTY BY Nick's Packing And Storage LLC. Public auction of personal property including household goods, furniture, non-perishables, belonging to the following persons: Angelica Perez, Christopher Jones, Jolynn Tyson, Daniel Saunders, Cassandra Jones, On Thursday November 23, 2023 at 6:30PM. The location for the auction is: Mike Heime Auction Services 59 N. 2nd Ave, Beech Grove, IN 46107 PURUS-ANT TO IC 32-31-4-4, IC 32-31-4-5, IC 26-1-7-210(B)(5)</p>	<p>For Sale: Mobility Aides. Indeelift Floor to Stand Lift. Quickly raise a fallen person without strain. Used, like new. \$850. Manual Hoyer Lift Assistive device with sling to help transfer person from bed to chair or similar resting place. Easy to use. Used, like new. \$350. Folding Golden Electric Scooter, only used a handful of times and mostly indoors. Cherry red. Used, like new. \$1,200. For inquiries, please call 317-697-2190.</p>	<p>Now Hiring Cooks with Experience. South Side (Beech Grove Eagles) Hours are M-F 4:00 PM to 9:30 PM. Pay Based on Experience Starting At \$14Per Hour (Weekly Pay). Apply At 712 Main Street, Beech Grove. Immediate Interview, Start Immediately. Open at 11:00AM</p>

AROUND TOWN

Santa Returns to Greenwood Park Mall for the Holidays

Simon® recently announced Santa visits for families as part of the Simon Santa Photo Experience at Greenwood Park Mall. Santa arrived on Nov. 10 and will be available until Christmas Eve. The Santa Photo Experience is open on Monday – Saturday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. Reservations are encouraged. Make Santa reservations today at santaholidayphoto.splashthat.com.



at the top of their wish list. In addition, kids can participate in some holiday themed crafts. Breakfast provided by Starbucks and Chick-fil-A.

• **Creative Grounds Fine Arts Academy:** On Saturday, Dec. 16, the local arts academy will delight

shoppers with an Elf Musical Flash Mob, starting around 12 p.m.

Other festive happenings include gift-wrapping stations, provided by local charities, every Saturday following Black Friday through Christmas. Stations can be found near the play area. In addition, shoppers out bright-and-early on Black Friday will be treated to festive carolers throughout the day.

Greenwood Park Mall will also host events with Santa this season including:

• **Breakfast with Santa:** On Saturday, Dec. 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., families are invited to dine with “the big guy” before getting the chance to tell him what’s

United Way of Central Indiana announces new vice president of major and transformational giving

United Way of Central Indiana has announced that Maarten Bout will serve as its new vice president of major and transformational giving. Bout started his role on Nov. 6. He comes to United Way from Indiana University’s Office of the Vice President for International Affairs, where for over four years he served as the director of development for international advancement. The office promotes and supports international students and engagement at the university. Bout has more than 20

years of experience in nonprofits. He helped create the nonprofit music ensemble De Bezetting Speelt, which has performed at the Paris Opera House. He worked on arts education policy development for Stichting Archipel, served as associate executive director for the Buskirk-Chumley Theater in Bloomington and was the executive director of IndyBaroque. Bout spent the last eight years at Indiana University as a development officer, first at the Maurer School of Law and later IU Global.

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Local veteran's group receives visit from national official

Ed Blind, President of the North Central Region of the Fleet Reserve Association addressed the members of the Indianapolis Branch 130 in their Greenwood VFW meeting place at the Nov. 6th monthly business meeting. He spoke about changes facing the membership and future opportunities for growth. He said all veteran's service organizations are facing declining membership. Therefore, he encouraged the audience to support more than one organization where they are eligible and recruit members from other groups as well! Don't recruit them away, recruit them additionally. Additionally Blind talked about consolidation of some

regions in the FRA structure and remained after the meeting to talk to individual members. The Navy/Marine Corps/Coast Guard Veterans group, Fleet Reserve Association, FRA Branch 130, The USS Indianapolis (CA 35) Memorial Branch meets the first Monday of each month at the VFW Post in Greenwood. Upcoming events include Monday, Dec. 4, FRA Meeting @ 6 p.m. at Greenwood VFW; Saturday Dec. 9, FRA Christmas Party in Mooresville; and Tuesday, Dec. 12, FRA Breakfast at 9 a.m. at Denny's South Park at Main Street and I-65 in Greenwood. For more information, visit fra130indy.org

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