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THIS WEEK on the WEB

Aspire announces 2024 legislative priorities

Aspire Johnson County's priorities for the 2024 Indiana General Assembly session include supporting quality early childhood education expansion and creative workforce incentives. Studies show children who are ready for kindergarten are more likely to be reading at the third-grade level by the end of third grade, and more likely to graduate high school. As well, Aspire supports policies that can include, but are not limited to tax credits, career counseling, remote workforce incentives, tuition assistance, licensure reciprocity, investment in trainings, work-based learning opportunities and affordable housing initiatives.

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Aspire President and CEO Christian Maslowski. (Submitted photo)

Bret Schulz of CGHS named

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Space Forces Association
The Air & Space Forces Association
has named Center Grove High School

Engineering & Technology Department Chair and Project Lead the Way teacher

Bret Schulz Teacher of the Year. Schulz

has introduced students to potential

careers as aerospace engineers by

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Airport and the LIFT Academy and many

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Bret Schulz, Project Lead the Way teacher and Engineering & Technology Department Chair at Center Grove High School.

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Rebels without a Claus

Two mischievous elves keep a Center Grove's family on their toes this Christmas

By Sherri Coner

Wearing bright green Grinch pajamas, Kieran Lewandowski-Rhoads, 7, answered the door while spluttering excitedly about an unexpected visit from a couple of elves named Billy and Millie.

"They said they liked the way I decorated my bathroom," said this first grader at North Grove Elementary School. "They said I did it really good."

With a knowing smile, Kieran's mom, Jamie Lewandowski said, "Every time he likes something new, we decorate his bathroom like that."

An elf-taught Christmas decorator

This year Kieran's love for a game called Garten of Banban caused Mom to break out some additional creativity. After she couldn't find shower curtains or decorative items to go along with Kieran's new theme, Jamie ordered a plain white shower curtain and vinyl stickers of the characters. After she and Kieran decorated the shower curtain, he drew pictures of his favorite Garten of Banban characters and painted them for Mom to hang on the bathroom walls.

"He did a really, really good job," Jamie said with a smile. "He's my little artist."

Kieran didn't want anyone to forget that his really good job was rewarded by Billie and Millie's surprise visit. They not only wrote a note; they also left a surprise sweet treat

Although this visit was problem-free, this mom and son team of Christmas lovers



After a surprise visit from a couple of elves, Kieran Lewandowski-Rhoads, 7, of Center Grove poses with his artwork to decorate his bathroom.

never have any idea what Billy and Millie will get into when they visit.

Elf-destructive behavior

"They toilet papered my toy room one time," Kieran said with a giggle.

Another time, those bratty elves ziplined from one light to another.

According to Kieran, the bad-behaving elves have used the kitchen sink as a bathroom before and also snuck over to his mommy's workplace, where she is the Center Grove High School attendance secretary.

Another time, they mailed themselves to Kieran's papa's house.



Not long after the turkey mess from Thanksgiving is cleared, there's a winter wonderland inside and outside too, at the Center Grove home of Jamie Lewandowski and her son, Kieran Lewandowski-Rhoads.

Actually, no one can blame Billy and Millie for spending a lot of time at this Center Grove address.

Outside the home, Santa is celebrated all around the yard and even on the roof.

Sleigh'ing it with holiday decor

Inside, stuffed Christmas animals line the stairway. Bookshelves are filled with colorful decorations. Santa jackets cover dining room chairs. A huge talking Santa hangs around near the fireplace. And the mantel is lined with stockings.

Jamie's father, Raymond Lewandowski, who passed away in October 2022, raised

her and older sister Shannon Procter of Greenwood, alone.

Their dad always made a big, magical deal at Christmas.

In fact, once gifts were opened and the girls thought Santa's job was complete, Raymond surprised his daughters with one more gift, Jamie said with a smile.

She carries this tradition on for Kieran.

Always, Jamie said she has loved to decorate for holidays, especially Christmas.

But when her only child came along, December decorating took on a whole new purpose ... for a little guy with big bright eyes and ever-lasting energy.

Bad Santa

Billy and Millie are not the only mess makers when they visit.

Someone else is also kinda sloppy.

"He leaves the milk spills on the table," Kieran said of the mysterious big guy in red. "And he leaves crumbs around the plate from the cookies."

But Kieran has an understanding attitude about the mess.

"Santa has to do his job before everyone wakes up. He has to eat quickly," he said with a smile.

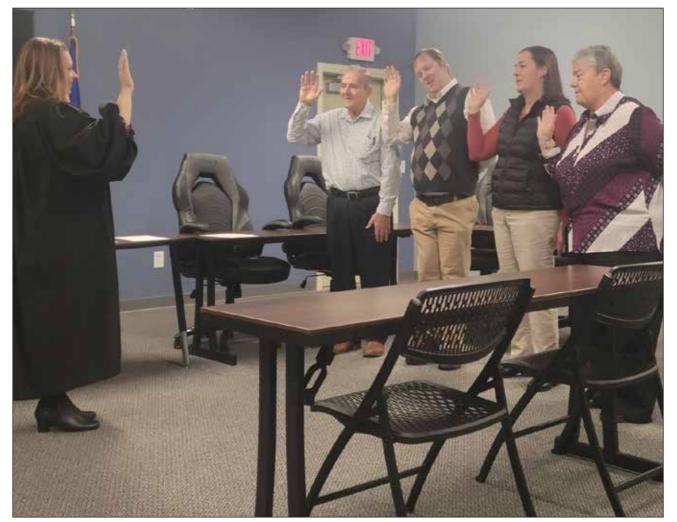
"They toilet papered my toy room one time."

- Kieran Lewandowski-Rhoads



Decorating her Center Grove home each December is one of Jamie Lewandowski's favorite ways to make her son Kieran Lewandowski-Rhoads' face light up with Christmas joy. (Photo by Jamie Lewandowski). | (Cover) At the Center Grove home of Jamie Lewandowski and her son, Kieran Lewandowski-Rhoads, the month of December is all about decorating and discovering what a couple of elves can get into while Kieran is sleeping. Even the family dogs, Boomer and Bandit, show off their Christmas spirit. (Photos by Sherri Coner)

PHOTO of the WEEK



The city of Southport's elected and appointed officials were sworn in for 2024 on Dec. 9. Pictured are city councilors, Larry Tunget, Joseph Haley, Jennifer Haley and Carol Bowling. Also sworn in were the positions of mayor, clerk-treasurer and more! (Photo courtesy of city of Southport)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"You don't have to be rich to give; your gift can be as simple as a smile."

Frank Sonnenberg, Soul Food: Change Your Thinking, Change Your Life

HUMOR



Top 10 recent complaints from Mrs. Santa Claus

By Torry Stiles

- 10. Just once I would like to go out for dinner, but there aren't a lot of restaurants at the North Pole.
- 9. No matter what he always comes home from work smelling like reindeer butt.
- 8. He can make it all around the world delivering billions of presents but can't manage to put a fresh roll on the toilet paper holder.
- 7. I go out for a Girl's Night with some of the elves, and all they want to talk about is who's seeing who in the toy train department.
- 6. If one more reindeer craps on the roof I'm making deer sausage.
- 5. The talking snowmen are always arguing over who's got the biggest, um, snowdrift.
- 4. He'll get to drinking and start asking why I don't look as hot as the TV Mrs. Clauses.
- 3. Rudolph went all Hollywood on us years ago and only shows up if Santa pays him in cash and magic corn.
- 2. I'm always worried that he's out all night and knows who's naughty.
- 1. I'm pretty sure some of the elves are doing pixie dust behind the reindeer barn.

BELIEVE IT!

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

In Tylertown, Miss., it is unlawful to shave in the center of Main Street.

Source: stupidlaws.com

Entertainment ENTERTAINING

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BEECH GROVE

Holiday Luncheon • Join the Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce for a festive and scrumptious Holiday Luncheon, where we'll indulge in mouthwatering dishes, mingle with friends, and celebrate. | When: Dec. 14, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: beechgrovechamber.org

Karate for All • Meet and greet with Sensei Jovanni Martinez of Ryoshi Karate. Learn more about classes he plans to offer beginning in January. | When: Dec. 14, 5 - 6 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5254 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: hornetparkcommunitycenter.com

Mayor Buckley Appreciation Dedication • Live music. Small plates & appetizers compliments of Beech Grove businesses on Main Street. Yellow attire encouraged. | When: Dec. 17, 4 - 8 p.m. Remarks at 6 p.m. | Where: 524 Main St., Beech Grove. | Info: beechgrove.com

CENTER GROVE

ACC Breakfast with Santa • Enjoy breakfast with Santa, games, crafts. This event is designed for families affected by autism. The cost is \$10 per family. Registration is required. | When: Dec. 16, 9 - 11 a.m. | Where: New Hope Church, 5307 W. Fairview Road, Greenwood. | Info: autismcc-in.org

Kris Kringle Mingle • Center Grove Choirs is hosting an event that features breakfast, pictures with Santa, crafts, live music and a character meet and greet. Online registration available. Tickets are \$25 for kids or \$30 for adults. | When: Dec. 16, Choose from 9 a.m. seating or 11:30 a.m. seating. | Where: The Barn at Bay Horse Inn, 1468 E. Stones Crossing Road, Greenwood. | Info: cgdancepo.ludus.com/index.php

No-Cost White Elephant Swap Shop • Declutter and shop for gifts all at the same time! Bring in unused or like new unwanted items from around your house and swap them out for someone else's unwanted items. | When: Dec. 11, 6 - 8 p.m. | Where: White River Branch Library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: jcplin.libnet.info/event/9139942

Festival of Lights and Live Nativity • The Aberdeen community welcomes you to their Festival of Lights and Live Nativity. Drive through the community to view the decorated homes sparkling with thousands of lights, listen to carolers, enjoy complimentary hot cocoa and cookies at the gatehouse while they last, get a free photo with Santa in the Duke Homes model home, and follow the signs to the Live Nativity at the Aberdeen barn. Everything is free, but donations to Blessings in

a Backpack will be accepted at the gatehouse. | When: Dec. 16, 2 - 6 p.m. | Where: Aberdeen Community, 3840 N. 500 West, Bargersville. | Info: facebook.com/AberdeenLiving

Polar Express Pajama Party • Join in your PJs and read "The Polar Express," sip hot chocolate and create crafts. | When: Dec. 21, 10 a.m. | Where: White River Branch Library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: jcplin.libnet.info/event/9079699

Pet Photos with Santa • Get a professional photo with Santa for \$10 and enjoy giveaways, hot chocolate, shaved ice and pup cups. Proceeds support Leann's Animal Rescue. | When: Dec. 23, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Where: Carefree Club, Inc., 1202 Leisure Lane, Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/ LeannsRescue/events

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

Chamber Concert • Nativity Catholic Church presents nationally known locally based opera singer Donata Cucinotta for an afternoon of Christmas music arranged for soprano and string trio. This concert features an eclectic collection of sacred music classics ranging from medieval to present day, including a world premiere arrangement by NYC based composer Felix Jarrar. This event is free and open to the public, with a free will offering to be collected. |When: Dec. 17, 3 p.m. |Where: Nativity Catholic Church, 7225 Southeastern Ave, Indianapolis. | Info: donatacucinotta.com

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: Now - Dec. 31, Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sundays 1-5 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. | Info: garfieldgardensconservatory.org

GREENWOOD

Breakfast with Santa and Airplanes • Santa is making a quick stop at the BOLDAviation maintenance hangar to make sure his sleigh is in tip top shape prior to the big night. Come enjoy doughnuts and coffee with Santa, take pictures with Santa, and check out some cool airplanes up close. | When: Dec. 16, 8 - 11 a.m. | Where: BOLDAviation, 965 Airport Access Drive, Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/BOLDAviation/events

AN OPTION

Garfield Brewery

As you catch up with friends and family over the holidays, you might consider this cozy, friendly brewery near Garfield Park. If you are looking to support local, this is the place to be," according to a Facebook review. "The staff is amazing! They will definitely make you feel like you are a part of their family." "Their beers are always on point and a nice rotating selection for everyone to find happiness in a pint," added another reviewer. Some sweet holiday inspirations include the Toasted Marshmallow Stout, Gingerbread Christmas Stout, Pistachio Ice Cream Ale, Cotton Candy Ale, Toasted Cinnamon Coffee Blonde Toffee Blonde Ale and Pecan Pie Stout. "For a brewery this place is five stars, and that's rare from me," shared a Yelp reviewer. "They have a lot of options on their menu like IPAs, citrus IPAs, stouts, bock, fruit ales, regular ale, wines, etc. There's plenty to choose from. I got one flight and then one beer. Everything I tried was amazing."

Hours: Tuesday through Thursday, 4 to 9:30 p.m.; Friday through Sunday, noon to 9:30 p.m.; closed on Monday. Address: 2310 Shelby St., Indianapolis. For more information, call (317) 602-7270 or go to garfieldbrewery.com



Get into the Christmas spirit with Saint Catherine, one of several holiday-themed brews available during the season. (Photo courtesy of Garfield Brewery)

Artisan Mini Market • Come to MashCraft Greenwood for holiday music, beer, and talented local artists and artisans offering you a chance to purchase last-minute gifts and stocking stuffers. | When: Dec. 21, 6 - 9 p.m. | Where: Mashcraft Greenwood, 1140 N. State Road 135, Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/MashCraftBrews

INDIANAPOLIS

"How Far is It to Bethlehem?" Vox Sacra, the premier choir of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, invites the public to join for its 2023 Christmas Concert. | When: Dec. 16, 7 p.m. | Where: St. Luke the Evangelist Church, 7575 Holliday Drive East, Indianapolis.

PERRY TOWNSHIP

'Christmas Remembrance' Event • The holidays can be an emotional time, especially if you have lost a loved one. That's why Franciscan Health and Franciscan Hospice Bereavement are hosting their annual "Christmas Remembrance." This event is open to anyone who has lost a loved one. Each family that attends the remembrance will receive a Christmas ornament from Bronner's Christmas Store. Participants may bring photos of their loved ones to be displayed on the Table of Honor in the front of the sanctuary. | When: Dec. 14, 7 p.m. | Where: Southport Presbyterian Church, 7525 McFarland Road, Indianapolis. | Info: Register: Franciscan Health Bereavement Coordinator Karla Riggs-Norton, (317) 528-2636

Phyllis Dumm's 100th birthday

Please join us as we celebrate Phyllis Dumm's 100th birthday. No RSVP is required. The celebration will take place on Friday, Dec. 29, 2023 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Sycamore room located at Greenwood Village South's Pavilion building. The address is 183 Smock Drive, Greenwood, 46143.

Phyllis is a longtime Southside resident who taught fourth grade at Abraham Lincoln Elementary for many years. Please feel free to pass her celebration event onto others!



★★★★ • PG • Comedy/Family• 1 hour, 43 minutes

Home Alone A Christmas guilty-pleasured-turned-classic

MOVIE REVIEW

By Bradley Lane

The John Hughes-produced, and Christopher Columbus-directed 1990 Christmas classic Home Alone has not always been regarded in that classic status. Critical reception for the film was mostly positive but ultimately consensus was lukewarm citing the implausible plot, mean-spiritedness of the family and especially the gratuitous slapstick violence unleashed on the two villains of the film. Despite these reservations from critics, the film was an instant box office smash hit, and it remained in theaters as late as June of the year after its initial November release. The reason for its massive popularity is immediately evident if you have seen the film; Home Alone is one of, if not, the most fun films ever made.

The conceit of the film, being left alone without any parental supervision, is a uni-

versal power fantasy every child can immediately relate to, and any adult can remember fondly longing for: complete freedom

and zero responsibilities. That coupled with the second half's idea of rising to the occasion and bravely defending yourself from unambiguously terrible goons in spectacular fashion makes for comedic and narrative gold. But the concept alone is not what makes *Home Alone* so beloved and rewatchable. The true magic behind *Home Alone* is solid technical filmmaking and profound levels of creative artistry. No, seriously.

The editing in *Home Alone* by Raja Gosnell has the pinpoint precision of a well-timed stand-up comedian. Apart from the inherently hilarious sight of grown men being outsmarted and beat up by a small child, the jokes throughout are aided by

perfect comedic timing in each of the cuts. To use an example from an iconic scene, the wide over-the-shoulder shot of Kev-

in getting ready in the mirror reveals the setup that he's about to put aftershave on his face, then slightly before he applies it, it cuts to a close-up to juxtapose his cool-collected speech to himself with the joke that he's a 9-year-old and most definitely did not expect the acholic burn on his face leading to his now iconic scream.

There is a near infinite number of positives I could mention when discussing why

the film works as well as it does (Macaulay Culkin's charismatic performance, the inspired use of extreme slapstick, the endlessly quotable script or the "don't judge a book by its cover" messaging) but I want to home in on one often overlooked aspect

of the film's greatness, its score. Composed by the legendary John Williams, his score for this film is particularly impressive because it seamlessly blends itself in with the classic Christmas tunes worked into the film. It would then be easy for the score to get lost in the timeless songs we already know, but it toes a perfect line between not clashing with the Christmas standards while asserting itself as instantly classic and memorable.

Home Alone is an endlessly enjoyable Christmas classic thanks to great filmmaking, a million-dollar idea and unforgettable performances and is currently available to stream on Disney Plus. – 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

Gingerbread house making

Gingerbread houses can be a true work of art. They can also make a sugary mess of your home as you try to carefully assemble and decorate these tasty treats. Come to Bella Rose Design to relax, and have fun creating your own gingerbread house masterpiece without having to clean up the mess on Sunday, Dec. 17 from 1 - 3 p.m.! The houses come fully pre-assembled with Theresa of RockNCakes Cakery. Plus enjoy gourmet hot chocolate from Amy's Ice Paradise! The cost for this event is \$65 per house. This class is open to children as well, but parent must be present. Bella Rose Design is located at 1001 N. State Road 135, Suite B3, Greenwood. For more information, visit facebook.com/BellaRoseDesignsMore.





How to purposefully punctuate the holiday season

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

This is most likely my oldest son's last year believing in Santa. I think he's onto the big lie my wife and I have been spinning. Will he ruin it for his younger siblings? I sure hope not. After all, our 6-year-old told me just yesterday, "Dad, if you're naughty, Santa will give you Coke in your stocking." Bless her heart.

As you know, my expertise isn't in Mr. Claus; it's in mystery clauses. Christmas has plenty to teach us about punctuation, so let's delve down the chimney of Christmas present tense.

Semicolons can really slay if you use them the right way. In fact, they connect clauses better than Mrs. Claus Facetiming Santa from the North Pole. A semicolon connects two related independent clauses; they replace a comma and a coordinating conjunction. Here's an example: Last Christmas Eve, it was too foggy to navigate the sleigh safely; Santa called on Rudolph to save the day.

Speaking of sleighs, it helps to buckle up while dashing through the snow (lest you get UpSOT). In punctuation, a dash adds emphasis to a phrase. Dashes take the place of commas to offset writing in a dramatic way. For example, "The Grinch — who hated anything related to Christmas — stole Christmas from all the citizens of Whoville."

Christmas is a season of anticipation. For those who celebrate the spiritual aspect of Christmas, the Advent season reminds us that the long-awaited Messiah would be born in a humble stable in Bethlehem. Toy-loving kids find great anticipation in going to bed on Christmas Eve so Santa can bring them toys. In punctuation, colons build a sense of anticipation. They indicate something exciting is coming, whether it's a list, quote or explanation. Curtis has a long Christmas wish list: new pens, novelty socks

and a 1968 Nolan Ryan/Jerry Koosman rookie card.

The best way to spread Christmas cheer is by singing loudly for all to hear. Similarly, commas are like Santa's helpers in the magical realm of punctuation. They help to clarify sentences. Commas tell your reader where to pause and break up the flow of words, making it easier to understand what you mean. Noticing the cookies and milk, Santa took a few seconds to devour a midnight snack.

Think of punctuation marks like glitter — a little bit goes a long way. When you go overboard with punctuation, your sentences are littered with excessive, sparkly dots.



Curtis Honeycutt is a 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.

Help not wanted as an emergency contact

HUMOR

By Dick Wolfsie

This story was inspired by an actual event. The names have not been changed.

It was about 3 a.m. when Mary Ellen nudged me and asked, "Are you having a medical emergency?"

I was sleeping peacefully and until she woke me up, enjoying a great dream. I was a bit woozy.

"Who are you?" I asked Mary Ellen. "And where is Margot Robbie?"

"Very funny. Dick, I just got a text on my cell phone that you called for emergency assistance. I didn't see the message right away. Are you OK?"

I looked at my phone and sure enough there was a call to 911. Then suddenly I received another text from Nettie, our longtime housekeeper.

"Dick, it's Nettie. Are you OK? I just got an alert on my phone that you were having some kind of crisis."

I texted back, "In what kind of crisis would I need you?"

"I thought maybe you spilled something on the rug when you went for a late-night snack and didn't want Mary Ellen to see it in the morning." My wife and I were very perplexed as to why Nettie even got the alert. Then another text arrived. It was from Patty Spitler, my former co-host years ago on WISH-TV and a well-known TV personality.

"Are you OK, Dick?" she asked. "I just got a 911 alert you were having some serious problems. Do you need help with an ad-lib or a funny last line for your column? Can't this wait 'till the morning?

I apologized to Patty and told her it was a false alarm. Then a final text. This time from my brother in New York who drives for Uber. The emergency text had awakened him.

"Dick, it's Peter. If you are having serious health issues, I can't help you right away. But if it's a real emergency, I can be there in 12 hours, but that's going to run you about \$1,500 and I refuse to come back light (this is cab talk for having no passenger on the return trip).

Mary Ellen finally figured it all out. I must have listed Nettie, Patty and my brother as alternative contacts on my phone health app in case Mary Ellen couldn't be reached. Why I had picked two of those particular people, I have no clue. I decided to change my emergency contacts. But I needed to find volunteers who would be available and willing

to help at a moment's notice. Mary Ellen finally agreed to remain a contact, but it took a little convincing and an expensive dinner out. My brother was a bad option. He's too far away and much too expensive. Nettie was a possibility, but she's only available on the third Tuesday of each month.

So, who made that emergency call? I did, of course. Apparently, I had accidentally clicked the emergency button on the bottom-left corner of my iPhone just before I dozed off.

I am pleased that the folks at 911 tried so desperately to assist me with my emergency that I wasn't really having. If Mary Ellen had not gotten back to them, I am sure I would have had a police car, an ambulance and a fire truck in front of my house in no time.

I am still missing two emergency contacts. Patty said I could put her back on the list after she retires. At the rate she's going, I don't think I'll live that long.



Dick Wolfsie lives in Indianapolis with his wife of 43 years. Dick is usually in the basement trying to thind up something funny to write. He can be reached at: wolfsie@aol.com.



Puzzle Time

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- 32 Junkyard sign: ___ in Peace
- 34 Riddle, Part 2
- 40 White River sight
- 41 "Super Mario" brother
- 42 Smartphone downloads
- 45 Caller ID?
- 48 ____ Four (The Beatles)
- 49 Lanka lead-in
- 50 Finish second at Hoosier Park
- 51 Helps
- 52 Andy Mohr auto
- 54 Helzberg Diamonds weight
- 56 Riddle's answer
- 61 "Harper Valley ____"
- 62 Hammer heads
- 63 Fla. neighbor
- 64 Body art, for short

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- 65 Annex
- 66 Hogsett or Carson, briefly

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- 1 Uncooked
- 2 Speedometer letters
- 3 Pacers' org.
- 4 Disfigure
- 5 French wine region
- 6 "Maybe later"
- 7 Asthma sufferers' needs
- 8 Preceder of beauty?
- 9 FBI guy
- 10 Gets in the crosshairs
- 11 Shows contempt

- 16 Playground game
- 17 Butler frat letters
- 20 Indy sports promoter Compton
- 21 Cry ... cry again?
- 22 Hairstyle
- 23 Charged particles
- 25 Ulndy grad
- 28 Roman goddess
- 29 "___, Brute?"
- 31 Small globs
- 33 Foot part
- 35 Dog part
- 36 Affixed
- 37 Old record player
- 38 "Yikes!"
- 39 Smokey Bones order

- 42 Fireplace debris
- 43 On time
- 44 It may get smashed at a party
- 46 Frightened
- 47 Fine wool
- 50 Pick up the tab
- 51 Colts passing stat
- 53 "Darn it!"
- 55 Org.
- 57 Ernst & Young tax pro, initially
- 58 Angry
- 59 MashCraft brew
- 60 ____ Jones Expressway

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Ronald Lee Alexander

Ronald Lee Alexander, 82, Indianapolis, died Dec. 9, 2023. Survivors: daughters, Jill Kehoe, Robin (Eric) Eads and Nicole Alexander; four grandchildren; cat, Daisy Mae. Predeceased: wife, Marsha; siblings, Michael Alexander and Sandra Farno. Visitation: Friday, Dec. 15, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. service G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home.

Mildred Bailey Armstrong

Mildred Bailey Armstrong died Dec. 8, 2023. She was born Dec. 5, 1922. Visitation: 11 a.m. to noon; service at noon, burial at 1 p.m., Forest Lawn Memory Gardens, Ben Franklin Chapel, 1977 S. State Road 135, Greenwood.

Fredrick "Fred" Joseph Engelking

Fredrick "Fred" Joseph Engelking, 92, Greenwood, died Dec. 8, 2023. Survivors: four sons, Frank (Lisa), Carl, James (Sarah) and William (Miah); three grandchildren. Anjanay, Elijah and Kelly. Predeceased: Barbara. Visitation: 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial, Thursday, Dec. 14, Our Lady of Greenwood Catholic Church. G.H. Herrmann.

David Milton Glover

David Milton Glover, 71, Greenwood, died Dec. 6, 2023. He was 71. He was born Dec. 23, 1951, in Brownsville, Penn., to the late Harry Milton and Ella Catherine (Bates) Glover. There will be no local public services. Arrangements handled by Forest Lawn Funeral Home.



Bring your family and friends and come fill up!

Jerry Lemons

Jerry Lemons, 49, died Dec. 8, 2023. Survivors: wife, Sandra; children, Elizabeth, Jennifer, Jessica, Markey and Jacob. Preceded in death by son, Anthony James Lemons. Service, Friday, Dec. 15, 4:30 p.m. at Norman F. Chance Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 504 National Ave., with calling from 2 p.m. until service.

Laurence H. Leonhardt

Laurence H. Leonhardt, 84, died Dec. 5, 2023. Survivors: wife, Joyce; daughter, Kathy Jackson; son, Larry Leonhardt; brother, Jack Leonhardt. Arrangements handled by G. H. Herrmann Funeral Home. Larry was buried at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens, Greenwood.

Shirley Jean (Engleman) Lynch

Shirley Jean (Engleman) Lynch, 88, Indianapolis, died Dec. 5, 2023. She was preceded in death by her husband, Therodore "Bud" Lynch; daughter, Cheryl; brother, Ray Engleman. A Celebration of Life Service will be held Thursday, Jan. 4, 6 p.m., G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis.

Christopher Thomas "Popcorn" Mathey

Christopher Thomas "Popcorn" Mathey, 62, Beech Grove, died Dec. 7, 2023. Born to Thomas Mathey (deceased) and Betty (Rockey) Shearer (survives). Other survivors: wife, Tara; sons, Mike and John Mullins; sister; brother, Tony; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; extended family. Predeceased: stepmother, Joanie Mathey. G. H. Herrmann Funeral Home.

Delbert "Bud" Gene Mitchell

Delbert "Bud" Gene Mitchell, 82, of Indianapolis, passed away on Friday, Dec. 8, 2023. He was born to the late Raymond and Mary Mitchell. Bud is survived by two sons, Robert Mitchell and Patrick Mitchell; five grandchildren; three greatgrandchildren; and three siblings, Jeffery (Marcia) Mitchell, Nora Anderson and Linda Thicksten. He is preceded in death by his parents; two sons, Kevin and Keith Mitchell; and four siblings, Diana Plunkett, Carol Gipson, Marilyn "Mickey" Young and David Mitchell. Visitation and a service were held Wednesday, Dec. 13 at Forest Lawn Funeral Home. Bud was laid to rest at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

Norma Kay (Harvey) Morton

Norma Kay (Harvey) Morton, 75, Indianapolis, died Nov. 29, 2023. Survivors: husband, Stephen Morton; daughters, Lora (Sam) Summers, Katherine (Logan) Cameron, Jennifer Hendrickson (James Willoughby II); six grandchildren: two great-grandchildren; seven bonus grandchildren; and nine bonus great-grandchildren. Services entrusted to Family Funeral Care – Rockville Road.

Dr. David John Need

Dr. David John Need, 88, died Dec. 6, 2023. Survivors: children, Dr. Michael (Susan); Stacy; Laura (Richard) Lord; three grandchildren; great-granddaughter. Predeceased: wife, Janet; grandson, Quinton; great-granddaughter, Kennedy; brother, Dr. Richard Need. Visitation: 4-7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 14, Friedens United Church of Christ, Indianapolis, IN 46217. G.H. Herrmann.

Willard Lewis Smith

Willard Lewis Smith, 53, Indianapolis, died Dec. 7, 2023. Survivors: mother, Carolyn Payton; sister, Connie Smith; brother, Joe Smith; two nieces, Angie Pinkson and Shelby Smith. Arrangements handled by G.H. Herrmann East Street Funeral Home

Leoda B. Stephens

Leoda B. Stephens died Dec. 7, 2023. She was born Aug. 30, 1931. Visitation: 9 to 11 a.m., service at 11 a.m., burial at noon, Friday, Dec. 15, Forest Lawn Funeral Home, 1977 S. State Road 135, Greenwood.

Nellie May Stroud

Nellie May Stroud, 97, Indianapolis, died Dec. 2, 2023. Survivors: daughters, Deborah Chappell (Verle) and Peggy Brown (Mike); grandchildren, Jason Williams (Anne-Marie), Sarah Weathers (Corey), Amanda Allueva and Amy Williams; 13 great-grandchildren; and two great-greatgrandchildren. Services were handled by Little & Sons, Beech Grove Chapel.

Mark Alan Tarter, II

Mark Alan Tarter, II, 35, Greenwood, died Dec. 7, 2023. Survivors: parents, Mark, Sonia; son, Markus; sister, Amanda; grandparents, Rodolfo, Christina Garza; daughter, India. Predeceased: grandparents, Jim, Dorothy; nephew, Kyson. Visitation: Friday, Dec. 15, 12:30 to 2:30 service, G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home at the Gardens of Olive Branch.

Mary R. "Rosie" Von Ins

Mary R. "Rosie" Von Ins, 98, Indianapolis, died Dec. 6, 2023. Survivors: daughter, Rosie Jane; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren. Predeceased: husband, William "Bill"; son, Donald Paden Jr.; daughter, Vickie Sue; brothers, "Tommy" and James "Jim" Merrell; children's father, Donald Paden Sr.; great-grandson and great-great-grandson. G. H. Herrmann.

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Weekly Devotion



Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

MARK 11:24

Tis the season of peace and good will toward man. We think of peace as the sense of stillness we long for from the hustle and bustle of last-minute Christmas shopping. We try to focus on the reason for the season, but it is easy to lose our sense of peace when we face road raging traffic, increased prices and the uncertainty of whether we will even find that perfect gift in stock. For many years I worked the night shift "drunk tank" of lock up. Instead of hearing silver bells from Santa's sleigh, I would hear the distinct sounds of chains rattling as they delivered inmates in chain gangs from the patty wagons into the jail. I will forever remember the large picture of Santa Claus over the entrance depicting Santa sitting on a toilet checking his list twice, with a calendar beneath him counting down the number of shopping days left till Christmas. As children we learned that if we were good,

and if we wrote letters to Santa and then mailed them to the North Pole, we might get what we asked for. The truth of the matter is that it is not our letters to Santa that bring us the desires of our hearts as much as it is our prayers of faith. God's presence brings us the greatest peace, not in the stillness of life's quiet moments, but instead it is as He walks and talks with us in the chaos of this world's most difficult battles. The greatest present is not found in a gift-wrapped box beneath a tree, it is found in His presence as we pray on bended knee!

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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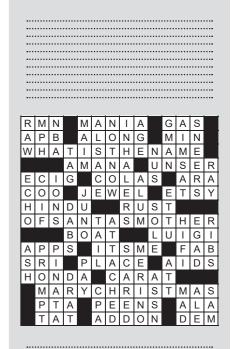
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Puzzle Time Answers

Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:

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Things: BIKE, CIGARETTE, COMMERCE, SPORTS, TICKET;

Flowers: DAISY, PEONY, ROSE, TULIP;

Pies: CHERRY, PECAN, PUMPKIN; Indiana: JONES, PACERS;

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