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In November 2023, Endress+Hauser celebrated the groundbreaking of its newest facility in Greenwood – The Endress+Hauser Innovation Center and George E. Booth Headquarters. (Photo courtesy of Endress + Hauser)

Experts give insight into the 2024 commercial and residential real estate markets

Industry experts have shared their perspectives on the anticipated trends and challenges for commercial and residential real estate and development in 2024, noting strong headwinds in 2024 for the multifamily market amid a national housing shortage. In addition, they anticipate the commercial real estate market to stay healthy in 2024, fueled by continued residential growth.

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Many Samuel Bryan chapter members dressed in period attire welcomed nearly 50 guests and dignitaries at Round Hill Cemetery. (Submitted photo)

Beech Grove DAR chapter dedicates local pioneer cemetery, Revolutionary War patriots

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Samuel Bryan Chapter, recently presented Round Hill Cemetery with signage from the Department of Natural Resources, designating it as an Indiana Pioneer Cemetery, established in 1831. Guests were seated at the headstones of Revolutionary War patriots, John George and Edward Hall, with colors posted by the Greenwood and New Whiteland Honor Guard.

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Outlook on 2024

Looking ahead to the new year, Greenwood Mayor Mark W. Myers shares plans for infrastructure, the economy and other developments

Compiled by Nancy Hammerstrom

Mark W. Myers
Mayor, Greenwood

Going into a new term as mayor, what will be some of your top priorities?



We are in the beginning stages of engineering the expansion of Smith Valley Road from State Road 135 to Emerson Avenue. This is an exciting and much-needed project that will take multiple years to complete. We are also working with an engineering company to look at widening Main Street from Five Points Road to approximately Airport Parkway. We will be coordinating with State Highway on improving traffic flow under I-65 and at Sheek Road.

The city was granted an Excess Tax Levy which will allow us to hire 12 additional public safety employees. We will be working quickly to get the application process going.

What do you feel was the biggest highlight to the city last year?

The completion of the downtown Main Street and Madison Avenue intersection along with the sidewalk widening in those areas has been very successful. It is great to see so many people using our trails system and to see our downtown businesses thriving.

What is the biggest challenge the city overcame in 2023? How did it do so?

The city applied for an excess tax levy in the fall of 2023. In Late December it was denied by the Department of Local Government Finance. I made a call and was able to get a meeting with the commissioner of that department. He made a special exception and met with my team the day before New Year's Eve. He had his top staff attend and after explaining the need the city filed an addendum to the request and it was approved.

What projects are you most looking forward to this year?

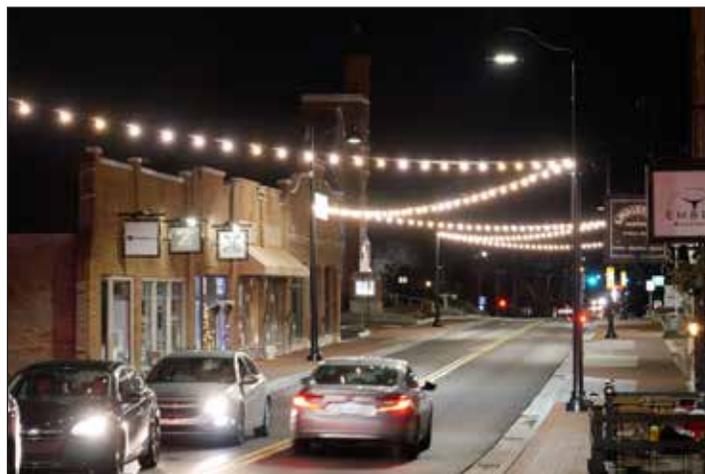
We started work on our new Sports Park at I-65 and Worthsville Road last year. This is a park with four baseball diamonds, four softball diamonds, a playground with splash pad and a soccer field. This should be finished in the spring and the fields will be ready for use in the fall.



Newly finished intersection of Main Street and Madison Avenue open to residents. (Photos courtesy of City of Greenwood)



Construction at the Greenwood Sports Park continues ahead of its opening in 2024.



Residents travel down recently opened Main Street in Greenwood.

Command Sgt. Maj. Joshua Brown of Greenwood becomes Indiana National Guard new state command sergeant major

The Indiana National Guard adjutant general, Maj. Gen. Dale Lyles, announced his new state command sergeant major and senior enlisted leader today.

Command Sgt. Maj. Joshua Brown, of Greenwood, will take responsibility of a position that leads and advises the adjutant general on all enlisted matters including training, discipline, morale, and well-being. The change of responsibility will occur March 15, 2024.

"I am looking forward to Command Sgt. Maj. Brown stepping into this new role and joining our command team," said Lyles. "His enlisted experience and strong leadership development skills are an asset to our organization."

Brown, who began his military career in 1997, most recently helped lead the 76th Infantry Brigade Combat Team to Kosovo in support of Operation Joint Guardian during a nine-month deployment in the Balkans.

Brown first served as a rifleman with Company A, 1st Battalion, 293rd Infantry Regiment in Portland. From there he spent more than a decade with the Long Range Surveillance Unit. He rose from team leader to detachment sergeant, first sergeant and finally a command sergeant major in 2015 at the battalion level, then to the 76th Brigade in 2020.

"I am humbled by and grateful for this leadership opportunity," said Brown, who will be the Indiana National Guard's eighth state command sergeant major. "I will strive to positively impact the daily lives of soldiers and airmen, as well as significantly advance the priorities of Maj. Gen. Lyles."

Brown, an Afghanistan combat veteran, also graduated from Airborne, Jumpmaster and Pathfinder schools during his military career, and he was the distinguished honor graduate at his senior leadership courses.

Brown replaces Command Sgt. Maj. Dale Shetler, who's held the state command sergeant major position since 2020 following a deployment to the Middle East supporting Operation Spartan Shield as the 38th Infantry Division's senior enlisted leader.

"I would like to thank Maj. Gen. Lyles for this opportunity over the past four years," said Shetler. "Command Sgt. Maj. Brown is a great servant leader, and I am excited for him to take on the senior enlisted leader responsibilities of our organization."

Shetler, of Goshen, has served in the military for more than 38 years. During his career he's also served as an enlisted leader at every level from company to battalion to brigade to troop command and division. Shetler plans to return to his home in Goshen and profession in information technology.



Command Sgt. Maj. Joshua Brown. (Submitted photo)

A league of their own

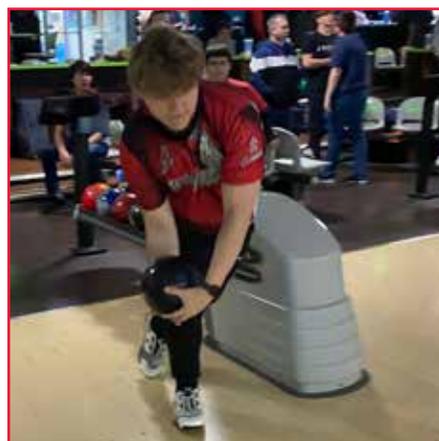
Center Grove High School students find talent to spare through school's new bowling team



Center Grove High School freshman Caleb Rowe, 14, is all about improving his skill level at team practices as well as bowling outside of school. (Submitted photos)



Center Grove High School junior Blake Hanshaw, 17, and his twin brother Elijah Hanshaw, are dedicated to improving their skill level, especially since sectionals are on the calendar for Jan. 6.



Center Grove High School senior Ashton Herman, 17, has won scholarships for his bowling skills and plans to put his earnings toward trade school after high school graduation.



Center Grove High School junior Tristan Felke, 17, is a jokester until it's his turn to bowl. His skill level is consistently improving.

By Sherri Coner

When Center Grove sophomore Olivia Williams, 16, was younger, she loved gymnastics.

"But then I got called fat by one of the gymnastics coaches," Williams said with a shrug. "I was 10 years old."

Deeply hurt and humiliated by that experience, she quit gymnastics and spent the next six years refusing to participate in sports.

When Williams learned a few months ago that Jeremy and Jessica Warren, the parents of a freshman, were starting a Center Grove High School bowling team, she bravely signed up and has never regretted that decision.

A couple of years ago when the Warrens took up bowling as a family activity, their only child Jameson Warren, 14, surprised them with her immediate interest in this sport.

As more time went by, Jameson, an artsy, rather quiet girl, showed that she had zero interest in any other sport.

Since her parents hoped for her to participate in some kind of school-related sport and because a bowling team wasn't offered by the school, the Warrens stepped up to change that.

"Our daughter loves bowling," Jeremy said. "Jameson takes it very seriously."

"I'm really competitive," Jameson said with a slight smile.

What exactly does this quiet freshman like about this sport?

"You can bowl anytime. You don't have to get a team together," Jameson said. "You can practice on your own."

According to Jessica Warren, she and Jeremy approached the idea with an "If you build it, they will come" attitude.

And it worked.

Getting the ball rolling

With a total of 13 students participating this first year, the Warrens were thrilled to have enough kids for two teams, one for each gender.

Since McKenna Coy comes from a family of serious bowling enthusiasts, her mom, Heather Crawford, volunteered to help coach the team.

Matching shirts were ordered with players' last names on the back. Everybody agreed on black pants. Practice dates were set, and Center Grove suddenly had bowling teams with very dedicated members.

A lot of parents aren't aware that bowling offers scholarship possibilities, Jeremy said.

For example, even as a freshman, Jameson has been awarded scholarship dollars.

High scoring senior for the girls team, McKenna Coy, 17, and fellow senior and highest scoring member of the guys' team, Ashton Herman, 17, have also won scholarship money through bowling.

Like Coy, Herman said he grew up in a bowling family.

Though his parents continue to bowl in leagues, he is the only offspring still bowling. His brothers aren't interested anymore.

Having fun in their 'spare' time

After rather effortlessly rolling a strike, Herman said, "It's fun. There's also a lot of good people in bowling."

"I'm working very hard to get myself better at this. But bowling has also been a ton of fun for me."

— Blake Hanshaw

Novice bowlers might assume it's only about keeping the ball out of the gutter and trying your best to knock over at least a few pins.

But that's definitely not all there is to bowling, Herman said with a smirk.

"It's hard to get good at this. You need oil pattern knowledge. You need to know what the bowling balls will do on there," he said

"It's very easy to give up. You have a lot of bad games before you get to the good."

Two years ago, Keegan Flachman, 17, started bowling with his grandpa, Mike Hileman of Peru, Ind.

But Grandpa making that one-hour drive just to go bowling with his grandson paid off.

This year Flachman is a member of a bowling team for the first time.

These days, Grandpa makes the drive from Peru to watch the matches.

"It's very rewarding when you get consistent at bowling," Flachman said with a smile. "It's all about consistency."

Like Flachman, junior Tristan Felke, 17, was also introduced to bowling by a family member.

His stepdad Gary Heady is an avid bowler who was so excited that Felke took an interest in the sport he loves that Heady made an immediate investment.

"He bought me my own ball," Felke proudly said with a broad grin. "This is a sport that I only depend on myself. I'm not exactly the best team player."

The new 'skid' on the block

Moving from Florida to Indiana and enrolling as a freshman in a school where she didn't know anyone has been a huge challenge for 14-year-old Haley Sandefur.

However, joining the bowling team helps her socially connect while she also learns a new sport.

"It has helped me socialize more," Sandefur said of the two-day weekly school practices, weekly matches and practice times outside of school with other team members.

"My best friend on the team is Jameson," Sandefur added with a smile.

New to bowling, Elijah Hanshaw, 17, is not only happy to socialize but to also celebrate his improvement.

"I used to get somewhere in the double digits," he said of his score. "Now I'm getting high 90s and low 100s. My best score so far is that I bowled a 156."

Elijah's twin brother Blake also joined the team and has a goal to someday bowl as well as Ashton Herman, the highest scoring member of the guys' team.

On weekends, the twins often practice together and sometimes also meet up with other members

"I'm working very hard to get myself better at this," Blake said rather sheepishly. "But bowling has also been a ton of fun for me."

He has never participated before in a school-affiliated sport, Blake said.

Being on this team with others who compete against him but always support him is a definite win. "Having a sport makes life better," he said with a smile.

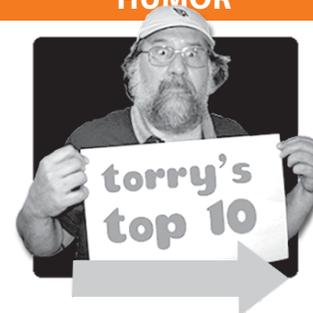
(Cover) Volunteer bowling coach Heather Crawford, mother of McKenna Coy, 17, a senior, with freshman Haley Sandefur, 14, and sophomore Lorraine Pottgen, 16.

PHOTO of the WEEK



A group of Perry Meridian freshmen have been working to grow their language arts skills which includes gaining background knowledge. These students have spent part of the semester researching various reptiles. As a grand finale to the research project, some friendly creatures visited Mrs. Reed's classroom! #WeGrowKids. (Photos courtesy of Perry Township Schools)

HUMOR



Top 10 new words or phrases for 2024

By Torry Stiles

10. Trump Slump - noun - The drop in news media rating when there are no Donald Trump stories to report.
9. Ditzzy Cups - noun - The collection of personalized, humorous or otherwise decorated drinking vessels cluttering our desks and cabinets.
8. Anti-social media - noun - Spam Blockers and email filters designed to reduce unwanted traffic.
7. Delecting - verb - The act of running elections by deleting opponents from the ballot.
6. Over Blunder Betting - verb - The act of owning the referees and umpires while being heavily reliant on sports betting income.
5. Die Phone - noun - The electronic device that was so mesmerizing you didn't notice that you were walking off the curb into traffic.
4. Diaper brash - adjective - Describing the person who checks the baby's diaper without a replacement handy.
3. Gowannabe - noun - The falsely brave but untalented friend telling you to fight the guy at the bar.
2. Weedscape - noun - Area where the smell of marijuana is dominant.
1. False Snooze - noun - A news or government report telling you to disregard other news or government reports as being unimportant.

BELIEVE IT!

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

In Las Vegas, it's against the law to pawn your dentures.

Source: stupidlaws.com

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*Wherever you go, no matter what the weather,
always bring your own sunshine.*

Anthony J. D'Angelo

Indiana employers and schools are working to keep recent graduates in state

By Aspire Economic Development + Chamber Alliance

Indiana is known for its robust college and university system. However, the local workforce is at risk of losing this home-grown talent to “brain-drain,” or the movement of educated and talented workers to career opportunities outside of the state. Employers and schools have made talent retention a major priority to keep recent graduates living, working, and contributing to economic growth in Indiana.

“Aspire continues to engage with higher education partners to connect their students with our businesses, to provide learning opportunities for their students, and a future workforce for our businesses,” said Amanda Rubadue, vice president of Economic Development at Aspire.

In his letter to the editor, Suresh Garimella, executive vice president of Purdue University, addresses the challenge of Indiana losing a significant percentage of its recent graduates to out-of-state job opportunities.

“The outmigration of young, educated talent to other places in the state or to other parts of the United States, remains a significant issue in many counties in Indiana,” wrote Garimella. “More job openings, better career opportunities, and greater exposure to existing opportunities in Indiana would not only keep talent here but also create an inflow from out of state.”

In the heart of Johnson County, Franklin College has been able to buck the trend of educated workers exiting the state.

“I suspect there are Indiana grads who



The majority of Franklin College graduates are finding work in Indiana. (Photo courtesy of Franklin College)

cannot find the career opportunities they are seeking in the state, but that has not been true for the majority of Franklin College graduates,” said Kerry Prather, president of Franklin College. “Of last year’s graduating seniors, 96% secured employment here in the Hoosier state.”

When addressing the role of colleges and universities, Prather emphasized their contribution to Indiana’s workforce, particularly in meeting the growing demand from high-tech industries.

“Colleges like Franklin whose graduates largely remain in Indiana are a particularly powerful driving force to help attract high-

tech industries to the state by providing well-educated and skilled talent to help build and ultimate lead successful Hoosier companies,” he said.

To retain Indiana grads, Prather advised employers to create and market positions that offer attractive prospects for career development. Positions with opportunities for progression into roles with increasing levels of responsibility and leadership are crucial in keeping graduates.

The college collaborates with both Johnson County and Indiana employers and organizations to create the talent pipeline from education to occupation.

“Our recent graduates are indeed helping fuel the state’s need for college-educated workforce,” said Prather, “we will continue to work with local and state-wide industry leaders to connect our talented alumni with the needs of those companies.”

Employers wanting to tackle the issue of brain-drain and keep talented employees in Indiana should consider resources such as Work and Learn Indiana. Work and Learn Indiana is a free platform for connecting Indiana employers, learners and educational institutions to facilitate work-based learning experiences and boost talent retention.

UIndy professor wins international book award to be presented in Germany

By Dan Klein

Assistant Professor of Religion Nathan Johnson has won the Manfred Lautenschlaeger Award for Theological Promise for his first book titled, “The Suffering Son of David in Matthew’s Passion Narrative.” It’s the first full-scale examination of messiah traditions in the Gospel of Matthew’s story of Jesus’s death.

The Lautenschlaeger Award honors 10 scholars from all over the world for outstanding dissertations or the first postdoctoral work under the broad subject of “God and Spirituality.” The awardees are selected from a panel of 20 judges which are spread over 15 countries.

“It’s an honor to receive this award for my first book,” said Johnson. “I’m humbled to be

included among this international group of award recipients, and I’m looking forward to representing UIndy at the award ceremony in Germany this summer. And I’m also eager to continue work on my next research project, which is made possible through the support of the university and driven by the curiosity of my students.”

Johnson, who specializes in ancient Judaism and Christianity, and his book, which examines Matthew’s account of Jesus’s death as a way to think through how religious communities make sense of suffering and tragedy, have been previously profiled on UIndy 360.

Johnson will be honored in May as part of a festive ceremony in the Old Auditorium of Heidelberg University in Heidelberg, Germany.



Nathan Johnson, assistant professor of religion at the University of Indianapolis. (Photo courtesy of the University of Indianapolis)

ON CAMPUS

SNHU announces fall 2023 president's list

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) recently congratulated students on being named to the fall 2023 president’s list. The fall terms run from September to December. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.700 and above for the reporting term are named to the president’s list. Recipients from the Southside include: Andrew Fuquay of Beech Grove (46107); Abby O’Connell of Greenwood (46142); Adel Mahmoud of Greenwood (46143); Jessica Bostic of Greenwood (46143); Lauren Porter of Greenwood (46143); Kayla Outlaw of Indianapolis (46203); Anna Pangborn of Indianapolis (46227); and Amanda Jones of Indianapolis (46239). Learn more at snhu.edu.

Deep roots and circuitous routes

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

The Beatle's 1970 album "Let It Be" features the band "getting back" to their roots — jamming on the roof and finally releasing a version of "One After 909." However, there are a few notable exceptions to this "roots" style.

For instance, the overproduced "Long and Winding Road" tells the story of a complicated route back to a former lover. Its instrumentation is dubbed and overdubbed by the infamous producer Phil Spector. I prefer the "Let It Be... Naked" album version, as the mix gets stripped down to only the Fab Four's backing instruments.

I like to shoehorn The Beatles into columns as often as possible, and this time is no different. Just as I contrasted the "roots rock" of the "Let it Be" album with the complicated route described in

the schmaltzy "Long and Winding Road" song, it's time to break down "root," "route" and other similar words.

"Root" has several definitions, and I'm going to cover the most common usage of the word. In botany, a root is the underground part of a plant that absorbs soil, water and nutrients. A plant's roots also help stabilize the plant in the ground so it can better withstand wind. Root is also used in mathematics to refer to a number that — when multiplied by itself a certain number of times — equals another number. Sorry about adding math into a grammar column.

A "route," on the other hand, is a path from one place to another. When I use my phone's mapping software, it tends to be reliable until the last few turns. At that point, the robotic navigator tends to direct me into the nearest lake. Additionally, a route can be the name of a specific highway, like "Route 66." One time, I found this great shoe store between Chicago and L.A.; now, I get all my kicks on Route 66.

Now it's time for the lightning round — I'm rooting for you! A rutabaga is a root vegetable in the turnip and cabbage family. A rut is a groove in the ground caused by a vehicle taking the same route over and over again. The Rutles are a fictional band that spoofed The Beatles in the 1978 film "The Rutles."

My final wisdom for you, reader, is to plant some roots. Find somewhere that feels like home and create deep relationships that will keep you stable in tumultuous seasons of life. A community like this can make any long and winding road feel like a raucous road trip with great friends.



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Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:

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Words: INDIANA, REPERTORY, THEATRE;

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A hard floor night

HUMOR

By Dick Wolfsie

It was our 43rd anniversary, and I decided to take Mary Ellen to a local art show and stay downtown in a bed and breakfast. My wife loves B&Bs, so I was sure she would enjoy the evening.

The owner offered to take us on a short tour of the historic building. We hauled luggage up the stairs and were led down the hall to our room. It was quaint and rustic with a porch that looked out on the downtown area. We were within walking distance to where we planned to have our anniversary dinner. All was perfect ... until we saw the bed. It was not a king size bed; it was not a queen size bed. It was a double bed. The kind of bed many people sleep in ... alone.

"Do you like the room?" asked the proprietor.

"I love it," said my wife, "but where is my husband going to sleep?"

The woman winked at me. "This is your romantic anniversary. I'm sure you will make it work."

"Even on our honeymoon, this wouldn't have worked," said my wife.

Here's why. I have a few sleep issues.

Most notably, I snore; I move around constantly, tossing and turning, flipping and flopping. Sometimes even screaming. People tell my wife she looks incredible for a woman in her early 70s. I then tell them she's only 40, but this is what happens when you've been sleep deprived your entire marriage.

That night after a lovely dinner, we headed back to the B&B and prepared to turn in.

"Which side of the bed should I take?" I asked my Mary Ellen.

"Underneath would probably be the best option."

We pulled down the covers and that's when the excitement began, but not the excitement you might be thinking. At about 2 a.m., I was having a very scary dream and next thing I knew I had fallen out of bed. This awakened Mary Ellen who saw me all sprawled out on the floor and in a bit of pain.

"That's so sweet of you to sleep there. Now you won't be kicking me."

"I am not sleeping here. I fell out of bed."

"That's terrible; maybe you should sleep in the middle."

"It's a double bed. There is no middle when there are two people. Let's go back to sleep."

At 4 a.m., I fell out again. This time I had pulled the pillow off with me. Seeing me on the floor, Mary Ellen got out of bed and lovingly placed a blanket over me. And there I slept: tossing, turning, snoring.

In the morning, the lady at the desk was curious. "Some of the folks staying at the inn heard loud noises at 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. Are you OK? I hope you guys didn't have a falling out."

"I'm fine," said Mary Ellen. "It was only my husband who fell out."

We shared our adventure at the B&B with one of our friends. We told Cathy we enjoyed our stay and that next year we would return, but we were going to make different arrangements

"Are you going to ask for two separate beds?" asked Cathy.

"No," said Mary Ellen. "Two separate rooms."



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The Christmas Rose

GARDENING

By John Chapin

A few years ago, in addition to poinsettias, Christmas cactus and amaryllis, white-blooming hellebores started showing up at garden centers in December. These beautiful plants are now commonly offered even in grocery stores. Unlike all the other flowering Christmas plants, hellebores are hardy perennials, and can be planted in your flower gardens or landscaping.

The most commonly available, in fact the only one I've ever seen for sale at Christmas, is the beautiful variety 'Ivory Prince.' All hellebore "blooms" last for months because the true blooms are the small yellowish center parts that are surrounded by large white bracts, back-blushed with pink. Just like poinsettias, after the true flower parts wither and fade, the bracts remain attractive literally for months. Although labeled "Christmas Rose," 'Ivory Prince' is a variety of "Lenten Rose" (*Helleborus Orientalis*), which are more hardy and easier to grow than the true "Christmas Rose" (*Helleborus Niger*), which does bloom earlier, but is rarely available. 'Ivory Prince' is the result of a complex breeding program, with upward facing clusters of blooms and attractive, nearly evergreen leaves.

Although most hellebore varieties have downward-facing flowers, intensive breeding has resulted in a rainbow of colors (except blue), bi-colors, speckled, very dark shades and blushes. It's exciting

that many double-flowering varieties are now available, usually at premium prices, but well worth it! A breeding goal is upward-facing, double blooms which would be truly spectacular. I'm sure the plant breeder wizards will be able to develop them eventually. Note: Hellebores are so floriferous, that even the "drooping" flowers make a beautiful display for months and are very welcome sights in late winter, blooming even unbothered by late snows and frosts.

Hellebores thrive wherever hostas are happy. Once planted, they don't like to be disturbed, but can be transplanted or divided in the fall if need be. Deer, rabbits and voles won't bother hellebores. Although the leaves are nearly evergreen, they should be removed before new growth in early spring for best flower display.

If you've received or bought a hellebore for the holidays, keep it near a window, but out of direct sunlight, to enjoy the blooms. It will probably start to grow new leaves, which are too tender to survive normal winter freezes until next winter. Around Mother's Day, it's safe to plant it outdoors where it will thrive for decades with little care.

Happy Gardening!



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Need a break? Try an adults-only all-inclusive resort!

TRAVEL

By Amy Maharas

As we trudge through January here in Indiana, it's always good for our mental health to plan for some rest and relaxation during the year. Having a vacation to look forward to does wonders for getting through the cold, dreary winter. Having an adults-only vacation planned is even better!

If you are new to all-inclusive resorts, you are probably curious about the benefits. While these do vary, in general all of your food and beverages (yes, even alcohol), resort activities, Wi-Fi and tips are included. Typically, you'll pay extra for spa services and excursions, although some resorts allow you to bundle these into a package. Some resorts even include airport transfers and water sports and allow you to include airfare. If you really want to relax, book a room with butler service (and plan to tip the butler).

Some things to consider when choosing your all-inclusive getaway include location (safety, cost of airfare, number of flights), brand reputation, room types, quality of beaches and resort inclusions. You'll also want to consider whether you prefer a quiet, relaxing resort or more of a party atmosphere.

Hesitant to try an all-inclusive resort because they seem designed for young, beautiful honeymooners? While some resorts cater to this type of guest, others appeal more broadly to guests of all ages and shapes and sizes. There is truly an option for everyone!

Does it seem daunting to choose a resort? Contact a local travel planner for help!



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NIGHT & DAY

LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT ENTERTAINING

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BARGERSVILLE

Resources of Hope: All In for Foster Youth Casino Night • We are thrilled to announce Takkeem Morgan as our Keynote Speaker. Takkeem spent eight years in the foster care system. Today he is dedicated to supporting foster parents and is an established change maker within Indiana's foster care reform system. Our **ALL IN for Foster Youth** Casino Night will serve as our primary fundraiser tasked with covering a large portion of our annual operating costs, programs and anticipated growth. As we prepare our annual operating budget, we have set our goal at \$30,000. We encourage you to be a part of making that a reality as we ask for your help in supporting foster children in our community. Purchase a table of eight for \$500 or \$75 for an individual ticket. | When: Feb. 17, 6-11 p.m. | Where: The Sycamore at Mallow Run, 7070 Whiteland Road, Bargersville. | Info: resourcesofhope.org/casinonight

BEECH GROVE

Adult Coloring • Adults are invited to experience the latest trend in relaxation and fun: coloring! Enjoy socializing with others while coloring on pages designed for adults. Coloring supplies are provided or bring your own. | When: Jan. 20, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. | Where: Beech Grove Library Branch, 1102 Main St., Indianapolis. | Info: attend.indypl.org/event/9837068

CENTER GROVE

Cocoa and Coloring • Relax and recharge after a busy holiday season with a quiet afternoon of tasty hot cocoa and coloring. | When: Jan. 12, 2 p.m. | Where: White River Branch Library, 1664 Library Blvd, Greenwood. | Info: jcpln.libnet.info/event/9150146

Baby Storytime • Enjoy books, bounces, songs, rhymes and more. | When: Jan. 15, 10 a.m. | Where: White River Branch Library, 1664 Library Blvd, Greenwood. | Info: jcpln.libnet.info/event/8641362

Tea Time and Crafting • Enjoy a cup of hot tea while crafting an adorable teacup bookmark. | When: Jan. 16, 6 p.m. | Where: White River Branch Library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: jcpln.libnet.info/event/9140607

Preschool Yoga Storytime • Build little muscles and minds! We'll combine simple yoga poses and gentle stretching with stories and rhymes. | When: Jan. 19, 10:30 a.m. | Where: White River Branch Library, 1664 Library Blvd, Greenwood. | Info: jcpln.libnet.info/event/9075120

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

Storytime at Franklin Road - Babies • Babies from birth to 18 months are invited for stories, lap bounces, songs and other literacy activities! | When: Jan. 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m. | Where: Franklin Road Library Branch, 550 S. Franklin Road, Indianapolis. | Info: attend.indypl.org/event/9757044

GARFIELD PARK

Critter Chat • Drop by Blake's Garden to meet one of our resident critters. Free. No registration needed. Program will be held in classroom if weather is inclement. Ages: 2 and over. | When: Jan. 20, 2-3 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. | Info: (317) 327-7183; garfieldgardensconservatory.org/programmevents

GREENWOOD

Southside Art League Presents Jo Atkinson • Southside Art League presents a solo show featuring the art of Jo Atkinson. There is no charge to enter the gallery. There will be an open house for the artist from 6-8 p.m. on Jan. 12. | When: Jan. 3-27, Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. | Where: Southside Art League, 299 E. Broadway St., Greenwood. | Info: (317) 882-5562 or go to festivalcountryindiana.com/southside-art-league-presens-jo

Midlife Crisis Concert at MashCraft Brewing • Enjoy an acoustic music concert featuring Midlife Crisis. | When: Jan. 11, 7-9 p.m. | Where: MashCraft Greenwood, 1140 N. State Road 135, Greenwood. | Info: festivalcountryindiana.com/midlife-crisis-concert-at-mashcraft-brewing

Paint & Sip 3 • Enjoy a Sunday evening wine and canvas party. Paint a wine-themed sign. All materials will be provided. Tickets are \$39 per person. Click the link for tickets. | When: Jan. 14, 4-7 p.m. | Where: Bar Louie, 1251 N. U.S. 31, Greenwood. | Info: festivalcountryindiana.com/wine-and-canvas-3

Pub Trivia at Hoosier Brewing • Here's your chance to share all of the useless knowledge stored in your head that could potentially win you a prize! GPL is hosting pub trivia at Hoosier Brewing – come grab a beer and settle in for a fun night. Ten questions a round/five rounds of questions. You can play individually or put together your own team. A prize will be given to the winning team (or individual)! Theme: movie quotes. Sample question: What movie is the following quote from? "Where we're going, we don't need roads." If you answered "Back to the

AN OPTION

Pho Lai

As you continue your resolutions to stay healthy this year but need a few more options with the colder weather, try some steamy vegetables served with noodles or Stir-Fried Chicken with Dried Chili. "I'm an avid lover of Asian food and most recently of Vietnamese Pho, so when I saw this place, I wanted to stop in to try their Pho," stated a Tripadvisor reviewer. "The price is reasonable at \$8.49 for a generous-sized bowl of Pho with steak." "For those who like things a little spicier I recommend the Shan Noodles," added a Google reviewer. Other popular options include the vegetarian Samosas, the Beef Pho (with beef balls, brisket and tripe), Tea Leaf Salad and Rangoon tea. Try the Steamed Fish, Sweet and Sour Tofu with mixed vegetables, Lo Main or Fried Rice Noodles, Kyae Oo (thin, rice noodles with meatballs and bok choy), Ginger Salad or Chicken Barini. Reviewers also appreciated the attentive small-business owners, noting their kind, welcoming demeanor.

Hours: Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; closed on Monday. Address: 1000 N. Madison Ave., Greenwood. For more information, call (317) 534-2155 or go to zmenu.com/pho-lai-restaurant-greenwood-online-menu/



When your days and nights get a little too cold for your liking, warm up with a bowl of Veggie Pho. (Photo courtesy of Pho Lai)

Future" – this could be the night to come get a pizza and play a round of trivia! | When: Jan. 16, 6-7:30 p.m. | Where: Hoosier Brewing Company, 147 S. Madison Ave., Greenwood. | Info: (317) 881-1953 or email: questions@greenwoodlibrary.us

Purse Bingo • Tickets on sale \$35 starting Jan. 20, 9-11 a.m. at The Social of Greenwood, 550 Polk St. Greenwood, cash or check only. | When: Feb. 8, doors open at 5 p.m.; Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. | Where: The Barn at Bay Horse Inn, 1468 W. Stones Crossing Road, Greenwood. | Info: (317) 882-4810; thesocialofgreenwood.org

Soup-er Bowl and Chili Cookoff • Cost: \$5 admission; includes samples and a bowl for your favorite(s). \$20 cook-off contest entry includes admission. Fun, games and a silent auction. Half-time entertainment by Mid-Life Crisis. Cash bar available. Proceeds from event to be donated to the 2024 Regional 11 ABC State Charity Event. *Cash, check or App payments must be received by Feb. 3. Judging to begin at 11:15 a.m.; guest sampling/eating to begin at 11:30 a.m.; games and entertainment from 12:15-1:45 p.m. Awards ceremony: 1:45 p.m. | When: Feb. 10 (a day before the NFL Super Bowl), 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. | Where: VFW Greenwood Post 5864, 1842 Veterans Way, Greenwood. | Info: Contact Crissy at (317) 529-4341 or via email at Smedley11@sbcglobal.net

PERRY TOWNSHIP

Perry Senior Services Lunch & Bingo • Meet new friends at Perry Senior Services while enjoying a monthly lunch and game of Bingo. | When: Jan. 17, 11 a.m. | Where: Perry Senior Services, 6901 Derbyshire Road, Indianapolis. | Info: (317) 783-9231; perry seniors.org

ON CAMPUS

SNHU announces fall 2023 dean's list

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) recently congratulated students on being named to the fall 2023 dean's list. The fall terms run from September to December. Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the dean's list. Recipients from the Southside include: Mason Johnson of Beech Grove (46107); Lynn Patterson of Greenwood (46142); Kelsey Spurr of Indianapolis (46217); and Makayla Haas of Indianapolis (46227). Learn more at snhu.edu.

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May December

Todd Haynes takes true crime exploitation to task

MOVIE REVIEW

By Bradley Lane

I went into Todd Haynes' new film without any expectations. I had missed its short theatrical run but spurred on by many recommendations from friends and colleagues, I pressed play on my day off and was immediately disoriented. The look and soundscape of the film were reminiscent of midday soaps, far from the prestige drama I was promised, and its shocking subject matter was treated with a bracing plain matter of fact-ness; I had simply never seen anything like it before. Through the language of soapy melodramas, Haynes' *May December* deftly tackles the ethical and emotional repercussions of modern-day true crime exploitation, for those who tell the story and the real people involved.

Natalie Portman stars as Elizabeth Berry, an actor tasked with playing

Gracie Atherton-Yoo, played by Julianne Moore, who in the reality of the film, had an affair with a 13-year-old boy decades ago, whom she would eventually marry. This uneasy setup only gets more uncomfortable as Elizabeth ingratiate herself into Gracie's life in an attempt to learn more about her and her husband, Joe, played by relative newcomer Charles Melton. As Elizabeth tries to probe deeper and deeper into Gracie's psyche, Gracie starts to push back, and Joe gets stuck in the crosshairs of their quiet psychological battle.

I hesitate to write any more about the plot, because part of the magic of *May December* is watching the plot unravel and evolve. What I will say is that Haynes and writer Samy Burch have

crafted a rich narrative that is not only massively entertaining but works on multiple levels. As serious as the subject matter is, the film is unexpectedly hilarious, while never taking away the suspense or respecting the topic of abuse deserves. You never expect to find laughs where you do in *May December*, and that is exactly why it is so funny.

Ingeniously, the film is steeped in the visual language of cheaply produced, made-for-television, true-crime retellings. This framing device is then cleverly pointed not at the crime, but on the process of developing the retelling of the story, in turn revealing the inherent exploitation and ridiculousness of our modern obsession with true crime as consumers. It isn't an entirely intuitive idea, but in the hands

of Haynes, the results speak for themselves.

Natalie Portman and Julianne Moore are incredible in the film; you knew that without even having to have watched it, but the emotional core of the film is Charles Melton. His performance as an emotionally stunted husband and father speaks to the devastating weight of the abuse he faced as a child and is what makes all the disparate elements of the film click into place. It's an incredible performance that makes one of 2023's best films work on the incredible level it does. *May December* is available to stream exclusively on Netflix. - 4.5/5 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

Menopause: The Musical

The year isn't the only thing that's changing! *Menopause: The Musical*, the hilarious and fun celebration of women and "the change," has returned to Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre, 9301 Michigan Road, Indianapolis. Written by Jeanie Linders, *Menopause, The Musical* is set in a department store, where four women with seemingly nothing in common but a black lace bra meet by chance at a lingerie sale. Get ready to laugh along as the all-female cast makes fun of their woeful hot flashes, forgetfulness, mood swings, wrinkles, night sweats and chocolate binges. A sisterhood is created between these diverse women in this uplifting production which includes parodies from the '60s and '70s and '80s. It culminates with a salute to women who are experiencing "the



Reading the Menu: The Earth Mother (Melanie Souza), front, struggles to read the menu at the cafe in Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre's production of *Menopause, The Musical*, now on stage through Feb. 4. (Submitted photo)

change." Millions of women of all ages and stages find their spirits lifted by the show's light-hearted look at menopause, recognizing it as the start of a new chapter in a woman's life. The entire cast of *Menopause: The Musical* is making its Beef & Boards debut. The cast includes Enga Davis as the Professional Woman, Nancy Slusser as the Iowa Housewife, Melanie Souza as the Earth Mother, and Kimberly Vanbiesbrouck plays the Soap Star. *Menopause: The Musical* is now on stage for 36 performances through Feb. 4 in the intimate space of Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre. Tickets range from \$55 to \$82 and include Chef Larry Stoops' dinner buffet and select beverages. To see the complete performance schedule and to purchase tickets online, visit beefandboards.com.



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Marie Baker Bailey

Marie "Becky" Baker Bailey, 89, died Jan. 4, 2024. Survivors: sons, Corby Bailey and Christopher (Mary Anne) Bailey; daughter, Becky Sue (Vic) Bailey-Sanders; two granddaughters; three great-grandchildren. Predeceased: husband, Homer (Sam); brother, Lindsey Scott; sisters, Edna Johnson, Jeanne Reese and Norma Stewart; son, Kevin. G. H. Herrmann Funeral Home.

Lula Marie Chadwick

Lula Marie Chadwick, 98, Mt. Juliet, TN, (formerly of Indianapolis), died Dec. 31, 2023. Survivors: children, Larry (Debbie), Kenneth (Debbie) and Donna (James). Preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence Chadwick, Gary and James Chadwick. Funeral service: Thursday, Jan. 11, 10 a.m., G.H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, Indianapolis.

Delores Jean Chambers

Delores Jean Chambers, 85, Indianapolis, died Jan. 2, 2024. Survivors: husband, Jerry Chambers; four children, Ross "Scott" Chambers, Jason Lee (Kelly) Chambers, Eric Neil Chambers, Tammi (Max) Wesel; six grandchildren; three siblings, Shirley Zenor, Alice Howard; Helen (Tim) Wagner; many nieces and nephews. G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home.

Debra Lynn Corbin

Debra Lynn Corbin, 71, Indianapolis, died Jan. 4, 2024. She was born Dec. 24, 1952. In keeping with Debra's wishes, arrangements are private and entrusted to Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service and Crematory-Franklin Township Chapel.

Edward "Bruce" Ferguson

Edward "Bruce" Ferguson, 69, Greenwood, died Jan. 3, 2024. Survivors: wife, Karen Sue; children: Matt (Emily) Ferguson, Heather (Joe) Ray and Christopher (Amber) Ferguson; two grandsons and seven granddaughters. Arrangements handled by Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory, Greenwood Chapel.

Timothy Wayne Gray

Timothy Wayne Gray died Jan. 3, 2024. Tim was born Nov. 30, 1982, to Timothy and Karen Gray (they survive). Other survivors: wife, Kimberly; three daughters, Layla, Nora and Ella. Arrangements were handled by O'Riley Branson Funeral Service & Crematory.

Thomas Alan Lusk

Thomas Alan Lusk, Greenwood, died Jan. 2, 2024. Survivors: mother, Shirley; brothers, Steven (Jeri), Dan and Scott (Heather); children, Diane, Donald, Hailey and Michele; and three grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Donald Lusk. Arrangements handled by Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory, Greenwood Chapel.

Charles (Chuck) E. Mittman Jr.

Charles (Chuck) E. Mittman Jr., 74, of Mooresville, Ind., died Jan. 1, 2024. Survivors: life partner, Charlene Reed; three children, Michael (Caryn); Danielle Huff (Todd) and Richard (Kelly); seven grandchildren; sister, Terri Brummels; and three nieces. Predeceased: father, Charles Sr., and mother, Josephine (Holliday). G.H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home.

Richard Phillip "Dick" Morrison

Richard Phillip "Dick" Morrison, 95, Indianapolis, died Dec. 30, 2023. Survivors: children, Timothy Morrison, Michele (Richard) Darragh; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brother, Edward; sisters, Rosemary Schritz and Christine Pierle. Predeceased: wife, Norma Jeanne; siblings, Robert Morrison, Patricia Boarman, Frances Geller and Bernard Morrison. Arrangements: O'Riley Branson Funeral Services and Crematory. (Photo of Thelma Rogers on server)

Thelma Lee (Proffitt) Rogers



Thelma Lee (Proffitt) Rogers passed away on Jan. 4, 2024, in Indianapolis. Thelma was born on Jan. 1, 1935, in London, Ky. to her parents, Homer and Delia (Eversole) Proffitt. Thelma eventually settled in Indianapolis, met and married Carl Rogers and they raised four children together. Thelma retired from Mr. D's Food Markets. After retirement, she worked part time at Imagination Station in Southport, which brought her much joy. Thelma also enjoyed cooking, tending to her rose bushes and fishing trips with Carl and her family. Thelma was a wonderful daughter, sister, wife, mother and grand-

mother. She actively cared for her loved ones and prayed for them all even more. Her loving, sweet and feisty spirit will be forever missed, along with the sound of her laughter, the sight of her smile and the presence of her comforting hugs. Thelma is predeceased by her son, Randall Rogers; parents, Homer and Delia Proffitt; her sisters, Lucy and Janice Proffitt, Irene Seacat and Dorothy Raines; and her brother, Paul Proffitt. Thelma is survived by her husband Carl Rogers; daughter, Pamela (Eugene) Kenworthy; sons, Edward (Phyllis) Rogers and Alan Rogers; sisters, Olivia Hunley and Loretta Yost; sister-in-law, Roseanne Proffitt; 11 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. Services will be held on Thursday, Jan. 11, at Norman F. Chance Funeral Home, 504 National, Indianapolis. Visitation is from 11a.m.-1:30 p.m. Funeral is at 1:30 p.m. Interment will follow at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Greenwood, Ind. Online memorial at chancefuneralhome.com/obituary/Thelma-Rogers

Merlin Faye Shine

Merlin Faye Shine, 70, Indianapolis, died December 30, 2023. Survivors: children, Dan (Stacey) Church Jr. and Brittany (Ryan) Clark, five grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; siblings; Carolyn (James) Sears and Leonard (Lana) Sims. Merlin is preceded in death her husband, Thomas. Arrangements: O'Riley - Branson Funeral Service & Crematory.

Matthew Leroy Summers

Matthew Leroy Summers, 56, Greenwood, died Dec. 24, 2023. Survivors: wife, Sophie; father, Leroy; siblings, Caroline and Andrew; numerous nieces and nephews. Predeceased: wife, Lisa (Shuck); mother, Patricia; grandparents, Alice and Lawrence Summers, Mildred and Dale Peter. Memorial service: noon, Jan. 20, Bradley United Methodist Church, Greenfield, Ind. G.H. Herrmann.

Patricia Lynne Swift

Patricia Lynne Swift, 81, Indianapolis, died Dec. 26, 2023. Survivors: children, Lynne (R.D.) Gillenwater, Lisa (Ralph Settle) Dennis, Joseph Swift; sister, Mary Anne (Stephen) Schaefer; brothers, Richard P. Gallamore Jr., Michael F. (Barb) Gallamore, Paul A. (Julie) Gallamore; five grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren. O'Riley - Branson Funeral Service & Crematory.

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.



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✚ CATHOLIC

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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.

✚ LUTHERAN

Calvary Lutheran Church and School • 6111 Shelby St., Indianapolis | (317) 783-2000 | info@dcls.org | dcls.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 | Ph: (317)-784-7068 | Worship Service at 11am

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.

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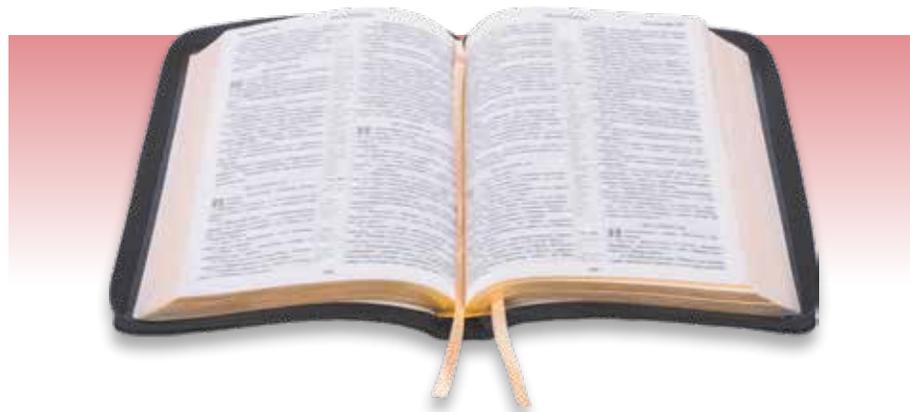
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Weekly Devotion



And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

EPHESIANS 4:32

When it comes to building the strength of muscles, some of the most difficult exercises produce the greatest results. One of the most difficult exercises we can do when it comes to building up the strength of our faith is also one of the most effective ways to grow closer to God! We exercise our faith when we forgive one another. There are some things in this world that we will never be able to forgive on our own for as long as we may live; however, with God all things are possible! We do not forgive others because we suddenly realize they were right, and we were wrong. We forgive them so that we can be right with God! We must trust in God enough to pray for the mercy and the grace to forgive the unforgivable. Then, when we find ourselves forgiving the unforgivable, we provide ourselves and the world with the evidence

that God is in us! For our joy to be full, we must prepare our hearts to know the fullness of God. When we harbor unforgiveness in our hearts we deny ourselves the ability to truly receive all the blessings God has in store for us. Scripture tells us that if we truly wish to be forgiven of our sins, we must first be prepared to forgive others; however, we will struggle to forgive others for as long as we are not first able to forgive ourselves! Forgiving ourselves is one of the most difficult hurdles we will ever face as Christians. Ask yourself this question: If God says that you have been forgiven, then who are you to argue with God?

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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Every week, we aim to share the best of the Southside community sharing the stories of people who make a difference every day.

What stories in the community deserve to be told? What community Icons deserve recognition for what they do for Southside residents and organizations?

Forward your suggestions to Nicole Davis at nicole@icontimes.com

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AROUND TOWN

Carrasco files bill for the 2024 Legislative Session titles

State Sen. Cyndi Carrasco (R-Indianapolis) files a bill to be considered during the 2024 legislative session at the Statehouse Wednesday, Jan. 3. The bill will help facilitate speedy access to resources in response to emergencies and disasters. "After experiencing the recent tragedies in Johnson County, I felt it necessary to propose this legislation," Carrasco said. "Natural disasters are unpredictable, and this bill would help Hoosiers be better prepared and get the resources they need in a timely manner." Indiana General Assembly will reconvene for a short session on Jan. 8. "I am eager to start the 2024 legislative session," Carrasco said. "My goal for this session is to work hard to deliver impactful results to citizens of Indiana."

Public/Legal

Auction

PUBLIC NOTICE AUCTION OF PROPERTY B Nick's Packing And Storage LLC. Public auction of personal property including household goods, furniture, non-perishables, belonging to the following persons: Jamarius Reed, Cynthia Monique Baker, Michael Cox, Paige Yungerman, Jessica Herald On Thursday January 18, 2024 at 6:30PM The location for the auction is: Mike Heibel Auction Services 59 N. 2nd Ave, Beech Grove, IN 46107 PURUSANT TO IC 32-31-4-4, IC 32-31-4-5, IC 26-1-7-210(B)(5)

IN OUR SCHOOLS

Roncalli donates toys, gifts, books to Anna's House

It was a very merry Christmas for some families! Roncalli High School students and staff collected enough books, toys and gifts to fill a box truck for those in need this past Christmas. On Monday, Nov. 4, Roncalli partnered with Anna's House for the annual Toy Drive. The Life Academy at Roncalli collected over 275 books on Monday morning. That evening, Roncalli was beaming with holiday cheer as vehicles drove through to drop off toys and gifts. Roncalli athletic teams and coaches collected items, loaded the truck and enjoyed Christmas carols, karaoke, hot cocoa and snacks courtesy of Roncalli's campus ministry team. There was an official lighting of the Roncalli Royal Christmas tree. "Collecting toys and gifts to support the efforts of The Lord's Pantry at Anna's House is a community effort, and the Roncalli community did not disappoint!" said Julie Albertson, Roncalli's athletic ministry coordinator. "We collected hundreds of toys for children and gifts for teens and enjoyed a beautiful tree and circle lighting complete with Christmas caroling led by our choir. Thank you to our students, families, staff and faculty who showed up with the generous spirit of our namesake, St. John XXIII, Angelo Roncalli."



Roncalli girls soccer team volunteers; Roncalli girls volleyball team volunteers; Roncalli cheerleading volunteers. (Submitted photo)

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AROUND TOWN

Stacy, David Sims collect nearly 1,000 pair of socks for veterans in need

Stacy and David Sims began a collection of men's, women's, and children's socks in 2022. They called the Greenwood VFW and asked if they could get them delivered to needy veterans. Commander Steve Milbourn told them he would make sure all of the socks were delivered to veterans in various areas. Last year they collected 750 pairs of socks, and they were delivered to HVAE, Volunteers of America, and some were delivered to those veterans "under the bridge" near downtown Indianapolis. This year, for the 2nd Annual Sock Drive, they created a "wish-list" on her Amazon account to include many different kinds of socks and prices. There it created a link that she could share for anyone to go to and order items from the wish-list. Once they completed their order, Stacy had the wish-list set up to deliver the packages to her directly. She also created a flyer which

was added to her social media posts on Facebook, local Facebook city chats, on LinkedIn and emailed to everyone possible. She also created a small drop-site at her real estate office at Keller Williams – Indy Metro South. Her husband, David shared all of her posts on his social networks and business networking too. Stacy said, "There were many anonymous donations as well as so many amazing individuals that sent notes of encouragement or support. My goal this year was to collect at least 750 pairs. By this week, we hit almost 1,000 pairs!" She also said it was so much fun to open each package as it arrived and note the contents in her notebook to keep track of the totals. She also remarked, "This whole thing just makes my heart feel so full! I hope this small act of kindness will help someone feel loved and not forgotten."



Stacy and David Sims make a sock donation to the VFW. (Submitted photo)

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