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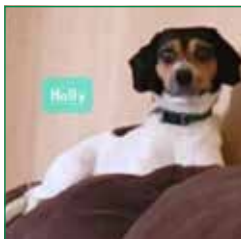
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These dogs are available for adoption through Tails and Trails Rescue via the nonprofit's Facebook page.



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■ **HOLLY:** An adult, small, female Beagle mix



■ **PEGGY:** A female, medium puppy Boston Terrier mix

**THIS WEEK on the WEB**

**Ivy Tech Columbus announces new Campus Board of Trustees member**

Experienced finance executive, Jillean Battle, has been appointed to Ivy Tech Community College's Campus Board of Trustees, serving the Columbus area. Board members represent various economic sectors, including commerce, manufacturing, healthcare, agriculture and education, and approve the campus' budget and serve as student and community advocates.

**myiconmedia.com/ivy-tech-columbus-announces-new-campus-board-of-trustees-member**



Jillean Battle will represent Johnson County on the nine-member board. (Submitted photo)



Paul Arab, CFO of Mutual Savings Bank. (Submitted photo)

**Mutual Savings Bank announces new chief financial officer**

Johnson County's only locally based financial institution, Mutual Savings Bank, has announced that Paul Arab will be the new chief financial officer (CFO). Arab, who has 15 years' experience in the banking industry, most recently served as senior vice president of Audit and Advisory Services at Home Federal Bank of Tennessee in Knoxville, Tenn.

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**IN OUR SCHOOLS**

**GCA announces Character Award honorees**

Greenwood Christian Academy High School announced Character Award honorees for the second quarter and recognized students during its weekly Chapel service

for outstanding character in the areas of patience, love, and gentleness. These students include Luke McNichols (Love), Katie Hopley (Love), James Smallwood

(Patience), Keira Goins (Patience), Shane Healey (Gentleness) and Audrey Wall (Gentleness).



From left, Luke McNichols (Love), Katie Hopley (Love), James Smallwood (Patience), Keira Goins (Patience), Shane Healey (Gentleness) and Audrey Wall (Gentleness). (Submitted photo)

**AROUND TOWN**

**GriefShare and "Loss of a Spouse" Programs offered at Calvary Lutheran Church**

Calvary Lutheran Church will offer **GriefShare** on **Wednesdays, Feb. 28 – May 22, 6–8 pm**. GriefShare is a faith-based program of grief support, help, and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member, or friend. Led by trained facilitators Mike Loudon and Roxanne Dearthurff, the GriefShare sessions will include videos by experts in grieving, support group discussion, and personal study/reflection. All are welcome. Begin attending at any time; sessions are not sequential. Calvary also will offer the **"Loss of a Spouse"** program on **Wednesday, Feb. 21, 6–8 pm**. This two-hour, one-time event is produced by GriefShare and focuses on the specific issues and challenges that are faced when one loses a spouse. Call the church office, (317) 783-2000, with questions and to register for these events. This will help to ensure we have the appropriate

**BUSINESS**

**IMCU contributes \$1,500 to Greenwood Community High School**

Indiana Members Credit Union (IMCU) recently presented a check for \$1,500 to Greenwood Community High School as part of an ongoing school spirit debit card program. The partnership allows Greenwood fans the opportunity to show their school spirit and support the athletic program by signing up for a Greenwood Woodmen themed debit card. Every time the card is used as a signature based transaction, Greenwood athletics benefits. The more cards that are in use, the larger the contribution. Since beginning the program in 2018, Greenwood Community High School has earned \$7,500 through this IMCU giveback program. David Early, Branch Manager, IMCU Greenwood Branch, and JD McClary, Universal Member Service Representative, IMCU Greenwood Branch, presented the check to Mike Campbell, Athletic Director, Greenwood Community High School, at the boys varsity basketball game on Nov. 22. The card is available for issue to members at the IMCU Greenwood Branch, 1115 N. Madison Ave., as well as IMCU's other 30 Indiana locations. The IMCU Greenwood Woodmen debit card is free to members with IMCU's free checking account and can be issued immediately through IMCU's Instant Issue program, which allows members to receive their debit card on the spot. Visit the IMCU Greenwood Branch or imcu.com for details.



David Early, Branch Manager, IMCU Greenwood Branch, and JD McClary, Universal Member Service Representative, IMCU Greenwood Branch, present a check to Mike Campbell, Athletic Director, Greenwood Community High School. (Submitted photo)



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## Connecting with local charity

### Meet Kim Kasting, Johnson County Community Foundation president and CEO

By Julie Brackemyre

Kim Kasting serves as president and CEO of the Johnson County Community Foundation. Under her direction, the Johnson County Community Foundation manages more than 350 funds and \$40 million in assets.

Previously, she served the foundation as vice president

of development and director of grants and scholarships. She directed asset development strategies, donor services activities and managed the Color the County mural program. Kim worked closely with donors and community members to help them connect with charitable causes that matter in Johnson County.

Kasting is a lifelong Johnson County resident. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree from Purdue University. She lives in Franklin with her two daughters, Avery and Ellie, and her significant other, Todd. She enjoys being outdoors, traveling and spending time with family and friends.

#### What do you consider your greatest virtue?

I believe my greatest virtues are kindness and passion in my professional and personal life.

#### What do you most deplore in others?

Lack of empathy and understanding

#### What do you like most about working in Johnson County?

I love the sense of community

#### If you had to live anywhere else, where would it be?

Anywhere warm

#### If you could begin life over, what would you change?

I'm not sure I would change anything. All life experiences have gotten me to this place in my life, and I am happy and content.

#### If money weren't an issue, where would you spend it?

Travel, family/friends and community

#### What makes you happiest?

Being around friends and family

#### What is your favorite vacation spot?

I really enjoy exploring new places, but to date my favorite vacation has been Turks and Caicos.

#### What do you do with your idle time?

Anything outdoors

#### What is it that makes you angry?

Disrespectful behavior

#### What do you do to escape from reality?

Long walks and slow runs

#### What/who is the greatest love of your life?

My children, Avery and Ellie

#### What is the quality you most like in a person?

Compassion

#### What is your greatest extravagance?

I live a modest lifestyle, but my most favorite luxury is getting my lashes done each month.

#### What is your favorite restaurant?

It's too hard to pick one! Coffee shop: Main & Madison; breakfast/brunch: Garden Table; steakhouse: Ruth's Chris; Italian – Iozzo's; local fine dining: Our Table; best cheeseburger: Grill Bar.

#### Who is the person most influential in your life?

My mother. She is THE most patient, kind and extremely strong individual.

#### What are your fears/phobias?

Mice

#### Which talent would you most like to possess?

Singing

#### What do you most value in your friends?

Their ability to provide support in any situation

#### Who is your favorite historical figure?

Again, it's too hard to choose one. Any woman who has significantly impacted history.

#### What is your greatest regret?

Bangs for most of my childhood. Ha!

#### What tenet do you live by?

Always Adventure

## ON CAMPUS

### Local students make dean's list at Miami University

Miami University students who are ranked in the top 20 percent of undergraduate students within each division for the Fall semester 2023 have been named to the dean's list recognizing academic excellence. Included from the Southside: Kaci Ellison of Indianapolis; Abby Green of Greenwood; Elsie Kerr of Greenwood; Sarah Prusa of Indianapolis; Emily Rake of Greenwood; Alexis Glover of Greenwood; and Chloe Parks of Indianapolis.

### Local students make Ohio Wesleyan University dean's list

Ohio Wesleyan University announced its dean's list for fall semester 2023. To qualify for OWU dean's list recognition, students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 or better on a 4.0 scale in all applicable classes. Local students earning dean's list recognition are: Grace Gagne of Greenwood and Aeden Tharpe of Indianapolis. Learn more at [owu.edu](http://owu.edu).

### Local students named to University of Kentucky dean's list

More than 1,900 undergraduate students have qualified for the Fall 2023 College of Arts and Sciences dean's list at the University of Kentucky. Among them are: Anna Puderbaugh of Greenwood, IN (46143), who is majoring in neuroscience; and Kaydence Doane of Greenwood, IN (46143), who is majoring in biology.

### Local students make dean's list at Olivet Nazarene University

To qualify for inclusion on the dean's list, a student must have been enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student and must have attained a semester grade point average of 3.50 or higher on a 4.00 grading scale. Southside students include: Tyler Greene of Greenwood (46143); Jackson Harvey of Indianapolis (46239); and Savannah Vaughan of Indianapolis (46237).

## PHOTO of the WEEK



The Greenwood Public Library announced the opening of Fable's Den in the Kids Department last week. "Pull up a stump and enjoy one of our early literacy activities, get cozy with a book in our kid-sized reading tree, or enjoy a book together on one of our cozy reading spaces," they shared. "This whimsical space is sure to help spark a love of reading for our youngest visitors." Fable's Den was made possible by a grant from the Johnson County Community Foundation and with additional support from the Greenwood Library Foundation. (Photo courtesy of Greenwood Public Library)

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*Be at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors,  
and let every new year find you a better man.*

**Benjamin Franklin**

## HUMOR



### Top 10 highlights from Torry's State of the Southside report

By Torry Stiles

10. I would like to begin by saying that I have never received a bribe or payment from any business I have promoted in my Top 10 lists. I am, however, willing to do so. Journalistic integrity is all fine and dandy, but free donuts are free donuts.

9. Our Southside economy continues to grow by leaps and bounds. .... Of course, I'm leaping to the conclusion it's bound to get better.

8. I was disappointed to hear the Colts have rejected my suggestion to use Bob the Builder as their new mascot since it looks like we're headed for another "building season."

7. Tax check season is right around the corner which means repo season is just down the street.

6. Don't tell me we aren't diverse on the Southside. I can buy rice in over 20 languages just driving down Madison Avenue.

5. We will continue to welcome all persons of every race, creed or belief to the Southside with the exception of Kyle Busch fans. You Rowdies just need to go back to wherever you came from.

4. There is no truth to the rumor that I will be leaving the paper for a Hollywood job. I started that rumor so I should know.

3. We will continue to study the feasibility of creating our own space program. If nothing else, it'll really light up the Fourth of July and the next Diwali celebration.

2. We are looking forward to landing our own Southside NFL team soon. I hear the Panthers are going cheap.

1. I am happy to report that we will be undertaking several more road construction projects. In the future we hope to actually finish some of them.

## BELIEVE IT!

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

In New Hampshire, law forbids you to tap your feet, nod your head, or in any way keep time to the music in a tavern, restaurant or cafe.

Source: [stupidlaws.com](http://stupidlaws.com)



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- 1 Jazz Kitchen improvised bit
- 5 Tibet's capital
- 10 Cruise stop
- 14 Indianapolis Motor Speedway track shape
- 15 Early caucus participant
- 16 The "Say Hey Kid"
- 17 Greenwood Park Mall event
- 18 Scream at a Colts game
- 19 Kind of school, like Brebeuf, briefly
- 20 Suggestion to charge boaters to enter a Geist cove?
- 23 Scrape (by)
- 24 "Sorta" suffix
- 25 The "U" in UHF
- 28 Lilly lab dept.
- 30 "\_\_\_ Billy Joe"
- 34 Hoosier Park feedbag morsel
- 35 Motor City labor org.
- 37 Doc bloc
- 38 End-of-workweek cry
- 39 Agree to voice Mufasa in a possible Disney prequel?
- 43 Lots
- 44 Put on WRTV
- 45 Observe
- 46 IMPD rap sheet letters, maybe
- 47 Pacers' three-point shots
- 49 Channel covering Rep. Andre Carson
- 53 Music category
- 55 KGB counterpart
- 57 "Evil Woman" band
- 58 Indiana State Treasurer ... and an anagram of 20- and 39-Across
- 63 "Let's go!"
- 65 Liquid-Plumr rival
- 66 Shapiro's plate holder
- 67 Share a border, like Marion and Johnson counties
- 68 "Days of Our \_\_\_"
- 69 Old Italian money

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- 70 Defense acronym
- 71 Hoosier Brewing Company brewer's need
- 72 Finishing eighth in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference
- 11 War of Independence battle
- 12 Caustic solution
- 13 Sixth sense
- 21 \_\_\_ wave
- 22 Bob & Tom, e.g.
- 26 Train track
- 27 DOJ div.
- 29 Import tax
- 31 Supermarket section
- 32 Punk rock offshoot
- 33 Catches some rays
- 36 Have on
- 38 Hickory Stick Golf Club pegs
- 39 Give's partner
- 40 Stopping by just briefly
- 41 Falsehood
- 42 Windshield sticker
- 43 "Indianapolis Monthly," for short
- 47 Big \_\_\_ Conference
- 48 Buck Creek Players play parts
- 50 Illinois' eighth largest city (or Arizona's ninth largest)
- 51 Communion tables
- 52 "Maybe later"
- 54 Approached quickly
- 56 "You beat me!"
- 59 One way to stand by
- 60 A Great Lake
- 61 Volcano flow
- 62 "\_\_\_ cost you!"
- 63 Part of a six-pack
- 64 Kelley School of Business deg.

**DOWN**

- 1 More optimistic
- 2 Trump who appeared on the cover of "Bazaar" wearing a bathing suit at a construction site
- 3 Dropped
- 4 Skedaddle
- 5 Shopping aids
- 6 Santa's laugh
- 7 Truant GI
- 8 "Better Call \_\_\_"
- 9 Opposed
- 10 Push forward

## Understand your Realtor's value

### REAL ESTATE

By Dawn Whalen

Whalen Realty Group at F.C. Tucker Company

Many professions require professional licenses, such as lawyers, teachers, dentists, doctors, HVAC and plumbing technicians, real estate agents and many more. Having a license to perform these jobs means the person is current on the latest technology and regulations within the industry and has completed the training necessary to perform the job ethically and professionally. Holding a professional license shows a person is dedicated to their field, and their insight comes from attending hours of expert-level training.

#### Real estate licensing process

The pass rate for the Indiana real estate exam, which includes state and national sections, is 75 percent. Before sitting for the test, applicants must first complete 90 hours of classes, and once licensed, are required to complete an additional 30 hours of training within two years.

Annually, all agents are required to complete a minimum of 12, state-approved, continuing education hours. A majority of Realtors exceed this requirement because they strive to be industry experts for their clients.

#### Real estate transactions are not created equal

Because not every transaction is the same it's important to choose a Realtor with experience in a particular area. For example, selling a home as part of an estate has different requirements and paperwork than a single-family home that's currently occupied and owned by the occupants. A seller's disclosure is required for some transactions but not others, regardless of if the owners live in the home or even in the same state. Commercial transactions are also different from residential, probate and bank-owned real estate. Each different area of real estate has its own set of rules and it's important to find a Realtor with experience in that area.

#### How Realtor commissions work

In a traditional residential real estate transaction, there are two realtors involved: the buyer's agent and the seller's agent. For example, if the seller pays a 5 to 6 percent commission on the sale of the property, which is split between the two agents. For example, if a home sells for \$200,000, the commission will range between \$10,000

to \$12,000, which is taken from the sale price and split between the two brokerages representing the Realtors.

This setup is effective because buyers are already paying money for inspections, a down payment, taxes and other fees associated with closing. Expenses for sellers are traditionally less or may include repairs or allowances. Buying a home is one of the largest financial purchases someone can make. Ultimately, the price a buyer agrees to pay for a home, which was determined by the seller and their Realtor, covers the payout to the seller and agents.

#### What's the value of a Realtor?

Buying or selling a home, especially for the first time, in a different state or different area of town can have challenges. Experienced realtors recognize these challenges and are here to make the process easier. The first thing a realtor does is determine a buyer or seller's specific needs and time frame to move. They will also walk through a seller's home and offer advice on ways to improve curb appeal and attractiveness inside, so the property is enticing to buyers. This is also a time to make sure the personalities of the Realtor and buyer or seller mesh well so there is open, two-way communication throughout the process.

Once timelines are discussed, for sellers, a pricing strategy is outlined. Sellers are informed of deadlines leading up to a sale, what happens if the property is still available after a certain number of days and offer comparable properties to help set the initial selling price. Allowances and repairs are also discussed.

Through training, networking and experience, many Realtors have a trustworthy list of contractors for just about every facet of a home. They can offer suggestions for fireplace cleaning, home inspections, plumbing repairs, appliance repair and more. This network of professionals is only assembled by someone who's worked in the industry and knows which companies are the most reputable. A Realtor can also research information about traffic patterns, school systems, neighborhoods, crime reports and find out if any major commercial or city projects are coming soon to that area.

#### How Realtors help in negotiations

Home buying or selling can be stressful and emotional. The sellers may be parting with a home they've lived in for more than 40 years, or the buyers are coming in from

out of state and unfamiliar with the area. Regardless of the situation, realtors are trained to keep emotions and feelings off the negotiation table. They recognize the mental toll the process can take, and work on behalf of the buyer or seller to provide the best possible outcome.

#### Real estate deadlines are critical

For a real estate transaction to run smoothly, it's critical to meet deadlines. One missed deadline can move a closing back days or weeks. A Realtor has the time and expertise to keep track of all deadlines, communicate with their client and the other parties to ensure those deadlines are met and provide reminders to stay on track.

#### Knowledge is key

It's not uncommon for people to think buying or selling a home without a Realtor is simple, but that's likely because they're unfamiliar with the changing landscape of the industry. Few people would go into a courtroom without a licensed attorney, and the same should be true for sitting at the closing table. By looking at the larger picture, Realtors save their clients a significant amount of time, and that time is used for packing, working, going to school, running kids back and forth, helping parents or any other number of activities. Realtors are also qualified to know what to do when the unexpected happens, such as mold in the house, a land survey discrepancy or title problems. In many cases, the agent is familiar with the scenario and knows how to guide the client to a reasonable solution.

When considering a Realtor's commission, it's important to reflect on the time and effort the person invested in becoming an expert in the industry, and the value attached to that time. Many professionals, in any field, are paid based on their worth, which is determined by the training and experience they possess; the same is true for Realtors. The level of expertise and dedication a Realtor brings to ensuring a smooth process justifies the small commission they receive.



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### AROUND TOWN

#### Southside home sale prices decrease slightly in December

Home prices decreased slightly in both Greenwood and Southport during December, according to F.C. Tucker Company. The average sale price for a Greenwood home decreased 8.7% to \$283,310, and the average sale price for a Southport home decreased 0.1% to \$223,692, compared to December 2022. Southport homes sold eight days, or 25%, faster than this time last year. Greenwood homes spent eight days, or 30.8%, more time on the market compared to this time last year.



### AROUND TOWN

#### Tax credits make energy-efficient heat pump technology more accessible

Peterman Brothers, a leading HVAC and plumbing company serving the Greater Indianapolis area, reminds homeowners that available tax credits can offset the cost of energy-efficient home improvements, such as installing a new heat pump heating and cooling system. With utility bills in the Indianapolis area expected to rise by 7% in 2024, the new Energy Efficient Home Improvement Credit can help homeowners keep energy costs down and reduce their carbon footprint. The EEIC offers up to \$2,000 in federal tax credits toward the installation of new residential heat pump systems and other energy-efficient solutions. Heat pump systems use thermal energy to transfer heat from one location to another. Employing refrigerant and a compressor, the system extracts heat from the ground and transfers it indoors during winter or removes warm air during summer. The exceptional energy efficiency offered by heat pump systems reduces the environmental impact of cooling and warming your home while providing consistent year-round comfort and long-lasting performance. "The EEIC is a fantastic opportunity for anyone who is curious about investing in heat pump technology or wants to reduce their energy costs," Peterman said. Peterman Brothers is available to help with any electrical, HVAC or plumbing needs. For more information, call (260) 201-3070 or visit petermanhvac.com/.

## Thriving in assisted living: A holistic approach to wellness through social activities and nutritious meals



By Peggy Bryson

Director of Sales and Marketing at Avalon Senior Living

An assisted living community offers numerous benefits for seniors seeking a vibrant and fulfilling lifestyle. Beyond the assistance with daily activities, Avalon Senior Living provides a holistic approach to wellness by incorporating engaging social activities and ensuring consistent access to nutritious meals. Let's explore how this combination enhances the overall well-being of residents.

### 1. Social Engagement for Emotional Well-being

Assisted living communities are designed to foster social connections among residents. Regular social activities, such as group outings, game nights and hobby clubs, create a sense of community and combat feelings of isolation.

### 2. Mental Stimulation and Cognitive Health

Engaging in various activities and socializing regularly can provide valuable mental stimulation. Cognitive health is crucial for seniors, and assisted living communities often organize brain-stimulating activities such as puzzles, book clubs and educational sessions.

### 3. Improved Physical Health Through Exercise

Regular physical activity, whether through fitness classes, walking groups, or adapted exercises, contributes to enhanced mobility, strength and overall physical health.

### 4. Nutrition and Health

Regular access to healthy meals not only supports physical health but also ensures that residents receive essential nutrients vital for energy, immune function and overall well-being.

### 5. Reduced Stress and Simplified Daily Life

Assisted living takes care of daily chores, such as housekeeping and laundry, allowing residents to focus on enjoying life and participating in activities they love. The reduced stress associated with daily tasks can positively impact mental and emotional well-being.

### 6. Professional Support and Personalized Care

Assisted living communities provide access to trained staff who can offer personalized care and support. This includes assistance with medication management, healthcare coordination and addressing individual needs. Knowing that help is readily available contributes to a sense of security and peace of mind.

As individuals age, embracing such a supportive and vibrant community can enhance their overall quality of life.

## Don't live with back pain

By Linda Barnes, Therapy on Wheels



If you have back pain, physical therapy may be your ticket to relief. Physical therapy can relieve pain, promote healing and restore function and movement.

If you get physical therapy when your back problems first begin, you may even be able to avoid surgery. And if you do need surgery, physical therapy can greatly help you recover.

### Getting started

Some spine specialists recommend physical therapy sooner, particularly if the pain is severe. In general, the goals of physical therapy are to decrease pain, increase function and get the patient on a maintenance program to prevent further recurrences.

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## Medicare – it isn't over!

By Linda Begley  
NPN 1482386  
Independent Medicare Agent

Just when you thought those phone calls and television commercials were ending . . . here we go again.

Be extremely careful — if you receive a phone call telling you that you can get better benefits, it is totally illegal. Agents are not allowed to contact you without your written permission. These calls often result in your Medicare plan being changed, and you did not give permission. Get names and phone numbers (you can be sure that the caller will not give you this information).

So exactly what is the difference between AEP (annual election period, Oct. 15 through Dec. 7) and OEP (open enrollment period, Jan. 1 through March 24)?

AEP runs from Oct. 15 through Dec. 7. Anyone on Medicare can make any change they choose during AEP. They can change from one Medicare Advantage Plan to a different one or change to Original Medicare only (plus part D for drug coverage). Or choose a supplement.

And then there is OE P — the open enrollment period. Only Medicare Advantage clients may make one change during this three-month period. Some reasons for a change might be:

- Some plans have better dental coverage — better than the one you are currently on.
- Some plans may not include your doctors (how did this happen?) or give you the best price for your medications.
- Some plans pay part of your part B (currently at \$174.70 each month).
- Some plans give you better allowance on groceries (your friends told you about it).

This is what I refer to as “after the fact.” You begin talking to your friends and learn that they have more benefits than you have!

The “half-truths” and “deceptive advertising” that we are all experiencing also applies to Medicare. Find an agent that you trust. If possible, meet face to face. Those of you on Medicaid are probably receiving letters from Medicare or Social Security. My own clients are calling me with these letters; the majority of them are simply changes due to Medicaid, but it still means a plan change is required.

Other letters/advertisements are “fake” and work to convince us seniors (yes, I am 76 and a senior) that we are on the wrong plan. So many seniors are confused and do not know what to do or who to call. That is why it is extremely important to get information before making any changes. If you ask for the name and phone number of the person calling you, he/she will probably hang up!

It is sad to say that there are many people taking advantage of us seniors. Be smart.

I'm always available for questions.

Linda Begley  
317-522-7230

*Linda Begley is a retired teacher and school counselor. Once she retired and got on Medicare herself, her own questions began. She could not find people with answers. Now she's back to teaching — about Medicare — with her nonprofit, Senior Resource Centers.*

## Don't anger the underground supervolcano

### GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

There's a supervolcano under Yellowstone National Park called the Yellowstone Caldera that last erupted in a big way approximately 640,000 years ago. The next time it erupts, it could potentially result in a large swath of North America getting covered in ash, creating a sustained volcanic winter that kills roughly half the world's population. Before we get ahead of ourselves, scientists at the Yellowstone Volcano Observatory warn against overreacting to reports that this supervolcano is overdue for another full-scale eruption. In fact, they reassure us that “recurrence intervals of these events are neither regular nor predictable.”

Oh, good. The dormant supervolcano is unpredictable. Let's not anger it.

OK, let's set aside the looming volcano apocalypse to discuss the words “sit” and

“set.” These two are easily confused and often get mistakenly interchanged.

Set means to “put something in a specific place.” Set is (almost always) a transitive verb. Transitive verbs are always action verbs, and they always require direct objects. Direct objects act on another noun. Take the following sentence:

We should set aside our differences; the big volcano could erupt at any time.

“We” is the subject. “Set” is the transitive verb. “Differences” is the direct object.

Sit means “to be seated.” Sit is an intransitive verb. Intransitive verbs are always action verbs, and they do not require direct objects. Consider this example:

You shouldn't sit there; the supervolcano is directly beneath your feet!

In the first complete thought before the semicolon, “you” is the subject, and “sit” is the intransitive verb. The sentence has no direct object.

Set requires another thing — you can set secret Oreos on top of the cabinet,

so your kids don't know about them. You can set your keys on the table. When you sit, you sit yourself and nothing else. I sit. She sits. Banjo, the trained sloth, sits on the top of the giant cheese sculpture. The supervolcano sits and waits to wreak havoc on planet Earth. You get the idea.

Whether or not the Yellowstone Caldera decides to usher in the end of humanity, it's a good idea to understand the difference between “sit” and “set.” Although I doubt the world depends on it, our future lava overlords may give us a pop quiz on the difference between the two. Depending on which version of the multiverse we currently inhabit, having a solid handle on “sit” and “set” could save us from total destruction.



*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.*

## A kernel of truth: the right way to eat popcorn

### HUMOR

By Dick Wolfsie

Mary Ellen and I went out to see a movie last week with our friends Bob and Cathy.

“Are you going to get popcorn again, Mary Ellen?”

“I have to. It's been a movie tradition for me since high school.”

“So was necking in the balcony, but you cut that out completely after we got married.”

Once we reach the theater, the tension rises.

“Dick, I'll find seats for the four of us. You wait in line for the popcorn.”

“Why do I have to wait in line? I don't even like popcorn. And when I come into the movie theater, you'll forget to look around for me. Then I walk aimlessly up and down the aisles while people stare at me. Everyone assumes I'm all alone and have no one to sit with. Or I'll wave my cell phone flashlight to get your attention and all three of you slump down in your seats while you laugh hysterically. At the Tom Cruise movie I never found where

you guys were sitting, but I did get my 10,000 steps in searching for you.

Of course, I do wait in line and buy the popcorn as directed. It drives me crazy that you pay about six bucks for a bucket of air. What a rip-off. And I won't let my wife forget it.

“Did you know, Mary Ellen, that when I was a kid, popcorn in the theater was only a quarter?”

“Yes, and here's another update: the actors in films are talking now.”

“And then there's eating the popcorn. Mary Ellen takes one piece from the top of the box with two fingers, then bites off half at a time. Yes, two bites per kernel. She claims that this helps her rhythm and draws her into the movie. Out of the corner of my eye, I watch my wife's arm go down to the box, up to her mouth. Up and down. Up and down. Up and down. For two hours. AHHHHHH!

“She pretty much follows a similar routine at home. After we have searched for a good flick or series on Netflix, Mary Ellen is at the stove to make popcorn the old-fashioned way. Just oil and popcorn in a pot which she meticulously jiggles at the right speed, so every kernel is popped. The movie starts and the routine begins.

One piece at a time, every 10 seconds for the entire show. About 500 times. If she preferred M&Ms, she'd weigh 400 pounds.

Here's the right way to eat popcorn in a movie: Dig way down into the container, which spews the popcorn all over the person in the seat next to you. Take an entire handful, shake the kernels up in your fist like a pair of dice and throw several into your mouth at one time. Then while still chewing, reload and prepare to fire again. This is how Orville Redenbacher wanted you to do it. You could look it up. Heaven knows why there aren't instructions on the popcorn box.

The next day her fitness trainer Justin asked her if she had been doing her upper-body exercises. “Yes, I did them for three hours last night,” she said. “When we went to see *Oppenheimer* at the movies.”



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

# 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.indypil.org/event/9837068

#### CENTER GROVE

**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: jcpiln.libnet.info/event/9075120

**Barbie Party** • Celebrate all things Barbie with crafts, music, and, of course, Barbie! Dress up, bring your best doll friend, and be ready to have a fun time! | When: Jan. 24, 4:30 p.m. | Where: White River Branch Library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: jcpiln.libnet.info/event/9075406

**Stuffed Animal Sleepover** • Ever wondered what goes on in the library at night? Your stuffed animal can find out when they stay over at the library. Join us for storytime and leave your stuffed friend. Pick them up the next day. | When: Jan. 26, 4:30 p.m. | Where: White River Branch Library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: jcpiln.libnet.info/event/9079670

#### GARFIELD PARK

**Critter Chat** • Drop by Blake's Garden to meet one of our resident critters. Free. No registra-

tion 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

**Understanding the Mass** • Fr. Bob Robeson will give a talk on "Understanding the Mass." We will also have a short prayer service. Coffee and cookies to follow. All are welcome. Sponsored by the Good Shepherd Parish Eucharistic Revival Committee. | When: Jan. 21, 3 p.m. | Where: Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 2905 S. Carson Ave. | Info: goodshepherdcc@sbcglobal.net

#### 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-j

**GPL: Fencing for Fun and Fitness** • Sharpen your fitness routine with fencing! Coach Cardenas from Salle des Lutins Fencing Club will give us an overview of the sport of fencing and demonstrate how anyone can incorporate the basic moves of fencing into their workout and have a little fun at the same time. Ages 15 and older. | When: Jan. 20, 3-4 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian S., Greenwood. | Info: (317) 881-1953; questions@greenwoodlibrary.us

**Trivia Night at Our Lady of Greenwood** • Gather a team or eight to 10 for a fun night of trivia. Tickets are \$25 and include food, beer, wine and other drinks. RSVP by contacting the phone number or email. | When: Jan. 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m. | Where: Our Lady of Greenwood, 229 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. | Info: 317-777-4454 or email ryan@samuelsonins.com

**The Bishops at Ale Emporium** • The Bishops are well known for their high-energy, multi-genre performances. Find great music, food and drinks at this event. | When: Jan. 26, 8:30-11:30 p.m. | Where: Ale Emporium, 997 E. County Line Road, Greenwood. | Info: 317-300-1560 or go to thebishopslive.com/calendar

**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

### AN OPTION

#### Sundry and Vice

Millions of Americans are giving up alcohol during "Dry January" to experience healthier side effects like better sleep, weight loss and increased energy. But if you're already tired of ginger ale, sparkling juices or flavored water, you might want to try a variety of mocktails at Sundry and Vice, like The Young and the Spiritless, with spiritless bourbon, pineapple, cinnamon, orgeat, plum bitters, mint and ginger beer. "This place is awesome and located right inside the Bottleworks Hotel," stated a Yelp reviewer. "They have a few different rotating non-alcoholic mocktails which I really appreciate. They are crafted to be like real cocktails, and the taste is amazing! The service is quick and easy, and the atmosphere is dark and cozy. A great place to get a few drinks before or after dinner!" The bar also has a dozen house cocktails, a half-dozen Sundry Classics and a half-dozen draft cocktails. Customer favorites include Apple Butter Jeans, Chanel No. 5, the Hot Head and the Devil in Winter.

**Hours:** Tuesday through Thursday, 4 p.m.-1 a.m.; Friday and Saturday, 4 p.m.-2 a.m.; Sunday, 4 p.m.-midnight. Address: 850 Massachusetts Ave., Indianapolis. For more information, go to sundryandvice.com



Trying a dry January? There's no reason you can't make it sweet at Sundry and Vice. (Photo courtesy of Sundry and Vice)

**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

#### INDIANAPOLIS

**2024 Indianapolis Home Show** • The Indianapolis Home Show is a vibrant marketplace where you can shop for home-related products and services, experience stunning displays to help inspire your next home project, connect with industry experts and enjoy informative presentations from renowned local and international home professionals. Admission: adults (at the door): \$15; online only, \$13; children (ages 6-12): \$3; children (ages 5 and under): free. Parking: \$10. | When: Friday, Jan. 19, Saturday, Jan. 20, Tuesday, Jan. 23, Wednesday, Jan. 24, Thursday, Jan. 25, Friday, Jan. 26 and Saturday, Jan. 27, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sunday, Jan. 21 and Sunday, Jan. 28, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. | Where: Indiana State Fairgrounds, West Pavilion, 1202 E. 38th St., Indianapolis. | Info: indianapolishomeshow.com

**Indy Golf Expo** • The Indy Golf Expo returns to the Indiana State Fairgrounds with even more great deals, fun activities, incredible giveaways and the largest gathering of golf retailers and exhibitors under one roof in the entire state! Ticket prices: adults, \$15; seniors (60 and older), \$13; active-duty military and first responders, \$13; kids 12 years and under: free. Tickets good all three days. | When: Friday, Jan. 19, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 20, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sunday, Jan. 21, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. | Where: Indiana State Fairgrounds, Elements Financial, Blue Ribbon Pavilion, 1202 E. 38th St., Indianapolis. | Info: indygolfexpo.com

#### PERRY TOWNSHIP

**Perry Senior Services Bingo** • Join us for light snacks and free bingo. All are welcome. No reservations required. | When: Jan. 23, 1-2 p.m. | Where: Perry Senior Services, 6901 Derbyshire Road, Indianapolis. | Info: perryseniors.org

**Historical Society Highlights Local Flower Shop** • Steve Huth, owner of Steve's Flowers and Gifts, will be our guest at the Jan. 23 meeting of the Perry Township/Southport Historical Society. Join us as we hear the story of this business that has served our community for five decades. | When: Jan. 23, 7 p.m. | Where: Perry Township Education Center, 6548 Orinoco Ave., Indianapolis. Enter through the center doors at the northwest corner of the building. | Info: (317) 787-5157

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## Killers of the Flower Moon

### Martin Scorsese wants you to self-reflect

#### MOVIE REVIEW

By Bradley Lane

The legacy of Martin Scorsese as one of the greatest and most accomplished filmmakers of all time has been cemented for years now, and yet *Killers of the Flower Moon* represents a radical risk for the filmmaker. Adapting the nonfiction book of the same name by journalist David Grann, Scorsese's new film is a pointed and challenging work that asks its audience how each one of us participates in and complicitly facilitates systems of violence and oppression. Proving again he is on a level of craft unparalleled in modern cinema, *Killers of the Flower Moon* is an uncompromising masterpiece.

In the late 1920s the Osage American Indian tribe became the wealthiest nation per capita on Earth after striking oil on the land they had been forced onto by the federal government. They bargained for the rights to the resources on the land and this catapulted them into incredible wealth seemingly overnight. However, this wealth soon became threatening to white Ameri-

cans in power, and the government soon passed laws requiring white guardians be appointed to control the estates of the Osage. This led to widespread fraud, and eventually a vast conspiracy of murder and deception.

*Killers* puts audiences in the perspective of Ernest Burkhart (Leonardo DeCaprio), a white man married to an Osage woman named Molly (Lily Gladstone). Over the course of the film we see how their loving relationship slowly becomes twisted into something abhorrent by greed and the plotting of Ernest's uncle, William Hale (Robert DeNiro). This relationship is slowly revealed to be a microcosm of the historical and modern-day systems that perpetuate dehumanization and systemic oppression.

The real historical violence that was committed against the Osage is rendered in shocking detail, but never feels exploitative or salacious. Shot in stunningly composed wide angles, Scorsese takes a frank, objective approach to depicting these hei-

nous acts. Smartly, the film also very quickly removes the mystery of the book in favor of telling a more tragic narrative where information is conveyed to the audience before the characters, again as a mechanism designed to protect the story from becoming exploitative or lurid in its depictions of atrocity.

It should go without saying that both DeCaprio and DeNiro deliver incredible performances, but relative newcomer Lily Gladstone steals the show, even in her limited role. Make no mistake though, more than anyone else, the film is about Molly, but it only functions that way thanks to a powerfully moving depiction of love and grief delivered with poise by Gladstone's subtle gestures and endlessly expressive eyes.

Much has been said about the film's nearly three-and-a-half-hour runtime, but not a moment here is wasted. It should be viewed as a sign of respect, both for the audience and the Osage people. Scorsese trusts in the audiences' capacity for con-

tinued investment, but more importantly it shows respect for the story that no shortcuts were taken in the production for the sake of profit margins or economical storytelling.

Any filmmaker could have told this story and made it sufficiently horrific and sad, but Martin Scorsese is not just any filmmaker. His vision for the film is as instructional as it is educational. The film boldly implores its audience to consider how our own biases and actions serve to perpetuate systems of oppression and interrogate how each of us can stand up to the evils of greed and colonization that haunt America to this day. *Killers of the Flower Moon* is provocative, intelligent and beautiful. See one of 2023's best films, *Killers of the Flower Moon*, now streaming on Apple TV. - 5/5 stars



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## SPOTLIGHT

### Leaving Lasting Legacy

The Franklin College Art Department welcomed artist Tiffany Black to campus to teach "Public and Community Art: Mural Creation" during Immersive Term this January. The class has taken 23 students, step-by-step, through the stages of how to create a community mural. The students' dedicated work also included a public component in which community members, alumni and fellow students were invited to help complete the paint-by-number mural. The "Spirit of Community" mural will consist of four panels, each depicting a different aspect of Franklin College history: Tradition, Athletics, Innovation and Diversity. The design also weaves in the present and hints at the students' imagined futures. On Monday, Feb. 26, Black will give a lecture followed by a ribbon cutting and a reception. The lecture will take place in the B.F. Hamilton Library Auditorium. Guests may enter through the main door of the library on the north side of the building. The mural will be on permanent display in the skywalk following the ribbon cutting. The heart of this Immersive Term course lies in creating a mural that pays homage to Franklin College's history. Black and the student artists worked with several departments and groups on campus to prepare the mural. Through engaging, hands-on activities, the art students learned about Franklin College's history by delving into the undergraduate research previously prepared by Franklin College history students, which was conducted with the support of the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC) Humanities for the Public Good initiative and the Community-Engaged Alliance (CEA) Faculty Fellows Grant. This spring semester, additional art students will build upon the mural project. Frye will guide them as they begin to incorporate augmented reality components into the mural. To learn more about Black, visit [tblack.co/about](http://tblack.co/about).



Black is the sixth visiting artist to visit Franklin College's campus during Immersive Term, thanks to a \$50,000 grant from the Allen W. Clowes Foundation to establish the Clowes Visiting Artist Endowment Fund. (Submitted photo)

## AROUND TOWN

### Shepherd's Harvest offers its first drive-through free food distribution

Shepherd's Harvest, a collaboration of Good Shepherd UMC, Indianapolis, 2015 S. Arlington Ave., Indianapolis, and Midwest Food Bank, is offering its first drive-through free food distribution for families with food insecurity in our community on Jan. 27, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 2015 S. Arlington Ave., Indianapolis. Food distributions will occur every fourth Saturday each month at this time and location through 2024. As you drive through in your car, the volunteers will fill your trunk with a variety of healthy packaged foods. Families will be asked to fill out a registration form, but there are no restrictions on who receives food. The goal is to provide families with food insecurity healthy food options and help every person to lead an active, healthy life in the community. Anyone, from seniors, military, to families with children or others, who are experiencing a temporary or long-term problem of acquiring their needed food is encouraged to participate. For more information, call (317) 356-3787.

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### Linda Dobrota

Linda Dobrota, 77, Indianapolis, died January 9, 2024. Survivors: husband, Nick Dobrota II; children, Colleen Lawson, Erik and Christopher Dobrota; daughter-in-law, Erika; three grandchildren; two brothers, Tony Jr. and Mike Presutti; extended family. Predeceased: son-in-law, Craig Lawson. G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home.

### Michael C. Hart, Sr.

Michael C. Hart, Sr. died Jan. 5, 2024. Survivors: wife, Laura (Brickey); kids, Alison (Brandon) Dillman, Michael Jr. (Elisha) Hart and Dustin (Kaila) Hart; five grandchildren; siblings, Mark (Carolyn), Cheri and Gregg (Priscilla). Services are being held privately for the family by G.H. Herrmann Funeral Home.

### Betty Houssecker

Betty Houssecker, 85, daughter of W. Russell Shonk and Thelma I. Shonk, widow of Carl A. Houssecker, died in her sleep on Dec. 14, 2023. She is survived by her sister, Nancy Bice; brother, Gary (Linda) Shonk; daughter, Anna Aveline; sons, John Houssecker and Paul (Brenda) Houssecker; nine grandchildren. Betty worked at Indiana Bell after high school. When all of their children had begun school, she began working for the Beech Grove Middle School; first in the cafeteria, then later in the office as a secretary to the vice principal. After all the children had graduated high school, she started working for temporary agencies, working in different office environments, allowing her and Carl to take time for vacations and travel. In the years following Carl's passing, Betty's passion was her dogs. Her expertise was quilting that she learned while living in Tucson, Ariz. for 17 years, before moving back to Indianapolis. She was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church. Her celebration of life will be held there on Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024, at 1 p.m., with doors opening at noon to visit Betty's family and friends before the service begins.



### Marcia Arnold Kirk

Marcia Arnold Kirk died Dec. 27, 2023. Survivors: son, Thomas; daughter, Angela Tudor; granddaughter, Vivian; brother, Dave (Mary), Cindy Rentsch (Christian). Predeceased: brother, Richard. Visitation: Sunday, Jan. 21, 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. service, GH Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home. Celebration of Life reception: held after service, Dyes Walk Country Club.

### Mary Ann Moran

Mary Ann Moran, 81, Indianapolis, died Jan. 1, 2024. Survivors: siblings, Dr. Bill Moran, Dr. Tom (Thelma) Moran and Mike Moran (Paula Barta); many nieces and nephews. Memorial Mass: Monday, March 11, 11 a.m. at St. Marks Church, 535 Edgewood, Indianapolis. Services entrusted to Little & Sons, Indianapolis.

### Roger Dale Pedigo

Roger Dale Pedigo, 67, Indianapolis, died Jan. 8, 2024. Survivors: wife, Angie Pedigo; daughters, Julia (Rob) Pedigo, Kelly (Tony) Donahue and Trisha Blaylock; son, Mike Blaylock; along with nine grandchildren. Services entrusted to Little & Sons, Beech Grove Chapel.

### Jeffrey "Jeff" Riggins

Jeffrey "Jeff" Riggins, 56, Indianapolis, died Jan. 6, 2024. He was born to Gary Riggins (deceased) and Karen Bucci (survives). Other survivors: wife, Regina; children, Karissa, Brittany, Michael, Hope; sister, Mandy; stepsister, Cathy; stepbrother, Tim; four grandchildren. Visitation: 4:30-6 p.m. service, Jan. 19, Center Church Indy, Indianapolis. G.H. Herrmann.

### Darrell C Shaw

Darrell C Shaw, 85, Indianapolis, died Jan. 8, 2024. Survivors: wife, Myra Gable Shaw; two sisters, Sharon (Jon) Brittingham and Sandra (Darrell) Knott; sons, Brian Shaw and Gregg (Tonya) Shaw; daughters, Lori (Rick) Music and Lisa Cornwell; 11 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren. Predeceased: brother, Cleveland; sister, Judy Lambert. G. H. Herrmann Greenwood.

### John Martin Stack

John Martin Stack, 80, resident of Homewood, went home to be with the Lord on Jan. 8, 2024. Born on Nov. 26, 1943, in North Chicago, Ill., John was the eldest son of John Frank and Mary Stack. A graduate of Morgan Park Academy (Chicago, 1961) and Monmouth College (Illinois, 1965), he was an 11-letter athlete, a tuba player in the marching band and at Monmouth, John was a member of SAE fraternity. After graduation, John worked in his father's business in North Chicago for three years; then he moved to Indianapolis where he became an independent insurance agent in Indianapolis, Southside and in the Greenwood area for many years. During this time John began developing and investing in property and real estate. In the mid-1990s, he built Keystone Indoor Golf (the Golf Dome), an air-inflated, indoor-sports facility in Indianapolis's Southside. Initially, it was designed for golfers, but it evolved into a multi-purpose, "all sports" facility serving not only golfers, but also soccer, softball, baseball and lacrosse leagues and players. In 2003, John founded Positive Swing, Inc., a nonprofit that provided free sports programs to inner-city youth and the physically and mentally handicapped. Through sponsorships and donations from such organizations as the USGA and Walmart, John was able to help thousands of individuals enjoy the physical and mental challenges of various sports at no cost to them. Among his numerous charitable activities,



John organized a national golf tournament for amputees that ran for several years. In addition, he was an active member of the Beech Grove Lions Club, formerly serving as its president. As a "Lion" he participated in many charitable events. John especially loved his church family at Christ United Methodist Church in Indianapolis's Southside. He and a group of fellow church members secretly transported Bibles into China many years ago. For nearly 50 years, he was a faithful board member of Perry Township Religious Education Association (PTREA), which offers optional, off-school-premises Bible studies for elementary-grade students. A church friend and fellow PTREA board member said about John, "He loved children and wanted to get the gospel to every child in Perry Township." Whether participating on various committees, planting flowers to beautify his home, church and business, constantly writing notes of encouragement to the countless people he knew or doing handiwork around CUMC, John was a man who exemplified service. John was a man of faith who despite incredible odds rebuilt his Golf Dome from the ground up three times. He recently said, "During these past nearly eight decades, I have gained the 'peace which passeth understanding' in my daily living because of the knowledge of who I am in Jesus Christ. ..." John's loving survivors include his wife of 57 years, Cynthia; son, Dr. Jonathan (Amy) Stack of Indianapolis; sister, Dorothy Spalding (California); brothers, Robert (Mary Ethel) Stack (Massachusetts), Eugene Stack (Florida); and several nieces and nephews. Interment will be at the family plot in Lake Forest, Ill. A Celebration of Life Service is planned for late spring and will be announced later. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to PTREA (The Perry Township Religious Education Association) or to Christ United Methodist Church.

### Harry W. Steele, Jr.

Harry W. Steele, Jr., 82, Indianapolis, died Jan. 7, 2024. Survivors: son, Wesley; daughters, Randi Terry, Terri Runnebohm, Ginnie Hoover and Susan Baker; eight grandchildren; sisters, Sue, Martha and Johnnie. Predeceased: wife, Bobbi; brother, John; grandson, Christopher. G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home at The Gardens of Olive Branch.

### Gary D. Throgmorton

Gary D. Throgmorton, 59, Beech Grove, died Jan. 7, 2024. Survivors include wife, Toni Throgmorton; sister, Diane Johnson; children, Cortney, Branden (Markie) and Thomas (Moriah); grandchildren: Nevaeh, Elsie, Millie, Lexie and Wade. oakleyhammond.com

### Loretta Marie Utterback

Loretta Marie Utterback, 84, Indianapolis, died Jan. 6, 2024. Survivors: husband, Richard O. Utterback; children, Tony, Rick and Greg Utterback; brother, Bobie Gaither; sister, Dolores Kuhn; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren. Services entrusted to Little & Sons, Indianapolis.

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Weekly Devotion



Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:

EPHESIANS 1:9

This week's scripture holds greater value than most people realize at first glance. One of the most important questions we will ever answer seems simple enough. "Are you saved?" For Christians, the answer to this question makes the difference between heaven and hell. But God wants more for us than just a sense of security from knowing we have been saved by faith. If the goal of God's will for our lives was merely for us to know the joy of sins forgiven, then upon our acceptance of Jesus as our personal savior we would have been whisked away to heaven after our baptism! But God gives us a hope in the resurrection of Christ Jesus to sustain us through a world of trials and tribulations. God gave us this spirit of hope because He knew the things of this world would not make sense to us, so God not only sent His

son to show us the way through the cross, but He also invested His own spirit into the plan so that we would have the power to see things through His own eyes. The "comforter" or the Holy Spirit lives within our hearts, feeding our faith with divine wisdom and fueling our passion by revealing our purpose in God's plan. We were made to bring glory to God, and as we grow in our fullness of Christ Jesus, so too grows God's glory! The Latin root of the word passion is patior, which means to suffer or endure. The passion that sustains us is rooted in our suffering, not in our joy! Do not fear the suffering of this world with tears; embrace it!

*God bless and go and have a great day.*

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



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The Franciscan Health Bereavement Support Team will be hosting Caterpillar Kids, a grief support group, over a four-week span in February at Christ United Methodist Church in Indianapolis. Caterpillar Kids and Teen Grief Support is a free support group that offers learning opportunities for children ages 6-12 and teens ages 13-17, who have experienced the death of a loved one. The death does not have to be recent to participate. These groups offer a way for them to begin the healing process with other children and teens. Sessions for children will include: crafts, games, music, snacks and therapy dogs. Also, DVD clips will be shown of other children sharing their story from when a loved one died and how they felt/cope. Teens will have their own curriculum and meet separately. There will also be small group chats, touching on what is grief, who has died, normal feelings, special memories, helpful tools to cope and hope ahead. An adult support group is optional and offered at the same time for adults who have kids or teens in these groups. All support groups are free and four weeks in duration. Groups meet at the same time and place, but in separate rooms. The classes will meet: Feb 7, 14, 21 and 28, from 4:30-6 p.m. Advance registration is required by contacting the Franciscan Health Bereavement Support Team at (317) 528-2636 or email: karla.norton@FranciscanAlliance.org. Christ United Methodist Church is located at 8540 U.S. 31 South in Indianapolis, just one mile north of Greenwood Park Mall.

**UIndy offering virtual class open to everyone ahead of total solar eclipse**

The University of Indianapolis is offering a chance for the young and old alike to prepare for the historic total solar eclipse on April 8 – a class open to the community called “Discover Together: Eclipses” which will explore the science, history, literature, and even cultural impact of solar eclipses through human history. With a structure similar to a book club, each week will feature a curated set of resources and suggested activities for participants to read, watch and react to on the class website. The total solar eclipse of April 8, 2024 is expected to have a profound impact on Indianapolis and other communities along the path of totality who witness this spectacular natural phenomenon. The class is an ideal educational opportunity for anyone who wants to learn more before the eclipse. The course is a virtual, asynchronous class which begins the week of Jan. 16 and continues through the week of April 29. This class welcomes lifelong learners, from high school students, all the way up to senior citizens. It is being overseen by Dr. Sarah Reynolds, an assistant professor of physics and Earth-space science at the University of Indianapolis, who will also do much of the teaching. The cost is \$10, with fee waivers available for high school students or those with financial need. For more information or to sign up for the class, just go to [tinyurl.com/wbxw689d](https://tinyurl.com/wbxw689d). Registration will remain open through Feb. 10 or until the course fills with 400 participants.

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