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# THIS WEEK on the WEB

## Johnson County becomes tourist destination in eclipse 'path of totality'

Indiana's tourism and emergency management agencies are preparing communities and businesses for an estimated 500,000 visitors during the solar eclipse on April 8. Locally, Kenneth Kosky, executive director at Festival Country Indiana, encourages businesses to remain open, including those normally closed on Mondays, as the day can be very profitable for them.

[myiconmedia.com/johnson-county-becomes-tourist-destination-in-eclipse-path-of-totality](http://myiconmedia.com/johnson-county-becomes-tourist-destination-in-eclipse-path-of-totality)



Making plans for the upcoming solar eclipse on April 8? With one of the longest durations of totality in the world, #festcountryin will be the most festive place to see this phenomenon. Learn more about the events happening that weekend and start planning your trip. (Image courtesy of Festival Country Indiana)

## Roncalli earns AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award

Roncalli High School has earned the College Board AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award, which recognizes schools expanding young women's access to computer science. In 2023, Roncalli was one of 225 institutions recognized in the category of AP Computer Science A and just one of two in the state to earn the distinction.

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Mr. Ben North in his Computer Science A class, which was recognized for including a high female representation. (Submitted photo)

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## U.S. 31 Corridor project expected to extend to 2030

By Aspire Economic Development + Chamber Alliance

The plan to work on the U.S. Highway 31 Corridor in Franklin, a \$50 million improvement project spanning five miles, is encountering a setback in its timeline as difficulties in securing the required right of way for construction is causing delays.

Despite six years of meticulous planning for the road segment, the project's start has been moved to 2025 and completion is now anticipated to extend to 2030. The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) and local community leaders' primary objectives of the project include optimizing traffic flow, alleviating congestion and enhancing pedestrian safety along Franklin's portion of the highway.

Franklin Mayor Steve Barnett said that local businesses are not likely to lose customers due to the roadwork.

"Those businesses tell me that it does not hurt them at all," Mayor Barnett said. "People have to go farther north at Commerce, turn around and come back. They're already doing that."

Barnett views the construction as necessary for a lasting infrastructure project that will benefit the business community in the long run.

"I really feel like in the end, this is going to be a very good safe project for the city of Franklin. It is going to enhance our businesses down through 31 with walkability and safer access to their businesses," he said.

Ongoing challenges in property acquisition, particularly for sidewalks and reduced conflict intersections, are contributing to the project's timeline extensions.

INDOT is actively navigating the formal land acquisition process, adhering to

federal law, including comprehensive land appraisal procedures. To mitigate crashes, left turns and through movements at various intersections that computer modeling have identified as "conflict points" will be eliminated.

The introduction of reduced conflict intersections along the five-mile span will incorporate cross-traffic flow and specific intersection designs. Specifically, Jefferson Street and Commerce Drive will facilitate cross-traffic flow, while other streets will adopt Restricted Crossing U-turn (R-CUT) or Median U-turn (MUT) intersection configurations.

Traffic signals will govern nearly 70% of intersections equipped with U-turn lanes, while non-signal intersections will be strategically placed in lower traffic rural areas.



### AROUND TOWN

#### Indiana Members Credit Union contributes \$1,961 to Center Grove High School

Indiana Members Credit Union (IMCU) recently presented a check for \$1,961 to Center Grove High School as part of an ongoing school spirit debit card program. The partnership allows Center Grove fans the opportunity to show their school spirit and support the athletic program by signing up for a Center Grove Trojans themed debit card. Every time the card is used as a signature-based transaction, Center Grove athletics benefits. The more cards that are in use, the larger the contribution. Since beginning the program in 2013 Center Grove Schools has earned \$27,552 through this IMCU giveback program. In 2023, IMCU has contributed a total of \$100,000 through its Giveback Debit Card Program. The card is available for issue to members at the IMCU Center Grove Branch, 1604 S. State Road 135, as well as IMCU's other 30 Indiana locations. The IMCU Center Grove Trojans 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. Help support Center Grove Schools and visit the IMCU Center Grove branch or imcu.com for details!



Jaelie Osborne, universal member service representative, IMCU Center Grove Branch, and Matt Smith, branch manager, IMCU Center Grove Branch, presented the check to Joe Bronkella, athletic director, Center Grove High School, at the boys varsity basketball game on Tuesday, Nov. 28, 2023 (Submitted photo)

### LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By Kate Anderson

**"I know not all that may be coming, but be it what it will, I'll go into it laughing."**

—Herman Melville, Moby Dick

I don't know about you, but I think a sense of humor is one of the most valuable attributes that one can possess. The art of looking at the glass half full, instead of half empty, and laughing when that glass tips over and spills all over the counter and on to the floor.

It takes a strong person to look past the big and little annoyances and mishaps in our lives. The low tire pressure light that appears on your dashboard, the wobbly wheel on your cart at the grocery store, or the detour you are forced to take when driving to work and you are already late. These inconveniences can really grate on your nerves and make your day such a chore. The trick is to look beyond all of this and see the hilarity in these experiences.

When I have these things happen in my own life (and I have experienced these more than once!), I have to chuckle and say to myself, "Yep, that's about right." This might sound negative, but this is the way that luck and life go sometimes. I can either choose to lose my mind in the middle of Kroger or let the wobbly wheel teach me a lesson of patience and afford me the opportunity to rise above and embrace the nuisance to my day.

Every day each of us wakes up not knowing fully what the day will hold. The future is unknown. Are you a glass half full or half empty kind of person? Do you embrace the small and large detours that life takes you on every day? The truth is that detours are going to happen no matter what. I don't know about you, but I strive to not let the little things and petty annoyances ruin my day. I want to walk through life with a lighter load than what life hands me at times. As the song goes, "You gotta accentuate the positive. Eliminate the negative. Latch on to the affirmative. Don't mess with Mr. In-Between."

We get the choice of how our days go. What if YOU made the choice to let the big and little things float right past you and chuckle at life's little quirks? Think about how this would improve both your mindset and your day. So, the next time your day is just not going your way, maybe throw your hands up in the air and laugh. Don't let the proverbial wobbly wheel get you down. Sometimes laughter is the best medicine for a tough day.

## Remembering a classic in the community

### Greenwood Fire Department Investigator John Brinkman passes away after 50 years of service on the force

By Jeremy Nicholas

Early in the morning on Sunday, Jan. 21, the Greenwood community lost a man who spent most of his life in service to this area.

John Eric "Johnny B" Brinkman passed away at the age of 64 after complications from a stroke, ending a story of service that lasted for the better part of five decades.

Brinkman had a role model growing up that influenced his career choice. His father, George, was also a Greenwood firefighter.

After earning an associate degree in landscape design and architecture from Indiana Central University, (now the University of Indianapolis) Brinkman began his career in ambulance driving. Starting in 1977 with Myers Ambulance Service, he was soon hired with the Greenwood Fire Department. Brinkman obtained the rank of Captain and was a

cadet advisor. His lengthy career with Greenwood would also see him as a city building inspector and fire investigator. He was primarily at Greenwood stations 91 and 93.

Brinkman's friends and coworkers shared positive and heartwarming stories.

"As his supervisor, JB was the epitome of selfless service to his co-workers, his family, and the citizens of Greenwood," stated Greenwood Building Commissioner Ken Seal. "As his friend, he's the one you are going to miss for a good long while."

Senior Building Inspector Matt Correa added, "John Brinkman was always quick to find the good in everything. He was a great co-worker, and we will miss him dearly. He was akin to being the City of Greenwood historian."

Additionally, Dawn Cox of the Greenwood Community Development Services said,

"He was a great guy and was awesome to work with."

Greenwood Deputy Mayor Terry McLaughlin remembered Brinkman as a consistently positive, genuine person. "I have known Johnny B. since the early 60s," he said. "John has always been the same person and has never changed. He was always in a good mood and loved his job. John was a great person."

Obviously, words cannot fully express the loss of someone who spent so much time touching so many lives. Still, speaking their praises helps to keep them in our hearts.

They truly don't make many of them like "Johnny B" often. He will be missed.

To donate to John Brinkman's memory, the family has requested memorial contributions are sent to the Greenwood Fire Foundation, 155 E. Main St., Greenwood, IN 46143.

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— Greenwood Building Commissioner Ken Seal.

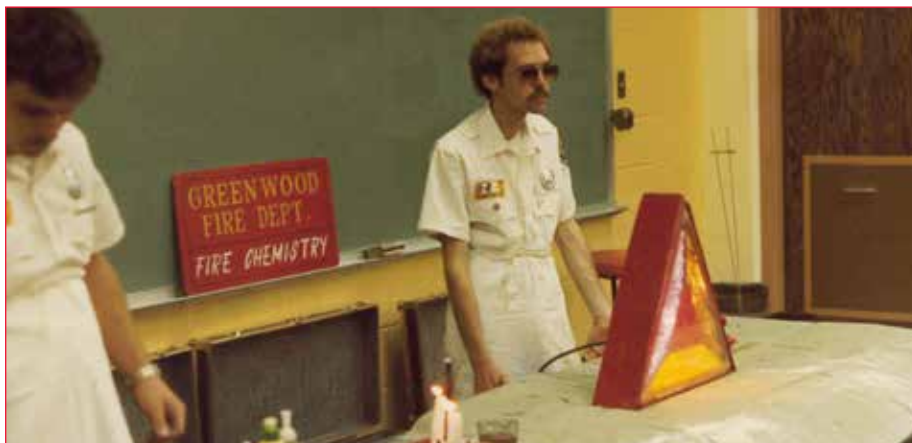
*(Cover) During a training scenario. | (Cover Inset) John Brinkman at Station 3 on Stop 11 Road. (Submitted photos)*



Brinkman (right) with Brad Coy, current GFD assistant chief.



Brinkman looks on during a training fire.



Brinkman delivers a presentation during Fire Prevention Week.



Brinkman (center) receives the 1981 Fire Prevention Award.

PHOTO of the WEEK



At a recent special meeting of the BGCS Board of Education, board members appointed Mr. Brian Downard to the seat previously held by newly retired member, Mr. Rick Skirvin. Mr. Downard is a proud Beech Grove High School graduate and is also a proud parent of a student attending BGCS. Additionally, we look forward to welcoming his incoming kindergarten student at Hornet Park next school year! Please join us in welcoming Mr. Downard! Once a Hornet, always a Hornet! (Photo courtesy of Beech Grove City Schools)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination.*

**Jimmy Dean**

HUMOR



**Top 10 red flags in the want ads**

By Torry Stiles

10. "Looking for a committed employee." - Because they only pay on commission.
9. "Bubbly, perky personality." - No fat chicks.
8. "Lovingly used clothing." - They loved to eat barbecue and mud wrestle pigs in that dress.
7. "Learn as you go." - The last guy quit, and we have nobody here who can do the job or teach you.
6. "Looking for a committed employee." - You can't sue us if you're already crazy.
5. "It ran when I parked it." - The smoke was so bad I couldn't see to drive anymore.
4. "Work from home." - We lost our lease and are hoping you have a computer.
3. "Rent to own." - If you live long enough you can have what the termites leave behind.
2. "Equal opportunity employer." - We screw everybody.
1. "Self-starters only." - All the supervisors quit last week so you're on your own.

BELIEVE IT!

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

In Michigan, it's illegal to idle your car in your own driveway.

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

## Steps Women Can Take to Improve Heart Health

**By Saura Fortin Erazo, M.D., chief medical officer, primary care, Eskenazi Health and board member, Indianapolis American Heart Association**

According to the American Heart Association (AHA), “the simple fact of being a woman increases your risk for heart disease and stroke.” Cardiovascular disease (CVD) is the leading cause of death for women, almost 45% of whom already have some type of it if they’re 20 or older according to the AHA. The risk is even higher for Black women, with that percentage jumping to 59%. While CVD is more fatal than “all forms of cancer combined” according to the AHA, less than half of women realize it is the primary danger to their health.

Pregnancy poses additional risks to women, especially if they develop high blood pressure, preeclampsia and gestational diabetes during it, which can heighten the chances of developing CVD later on, according to the AHA. The risks of CVD can also heighten as a woman gets closer to menopause.

Thankfully, there are steps you can take to improve your heart health. The AHA explains that lifestyle changes can reduce

the severity of risk factors such as high blood cholesterol, high blood pressure and obesity. Changes may also slow the progression of diabetes and other chronic diseases connected to heart health.

The American College of Lifestyle Medicine (ACLM) has set a roadmap for healthy living you can follow. Since February is American Heart Month, there is no better time to start putting their six recommendations into practice. ACLM’s suggestions include restful sleep; a whole-food, plant-driven diet; regular exercise; controlled stress; maintenance of healthy social connections; and avoidance of harmful substances, such as smoking. Unless your danger is immediate, start with moderate changes and work your way up to more significant ones. Improving your cardiovascular health can begin so simply: Replace a weekly TV show with a regular walk with a friend. Switch that fried fish filet you were planning with a grilled one. Fill your water glass more frequently, which will also get you moving.

In addition to lifestyle changes, schedule regular checkups to ensure you have early warnings about high blood pressure and other risk factors for cardiovascular disease. Your doctor may advise medication

or additional precautions. Costs should not prevent you from care. All Eskenazi Health centers have a sliding fee schedule, with discounts based on family size and income.

Even with healthy habits, you may be at some risk. Know the signs that you or a loved one is experiencing a stroke or heart attack, especially since there can be gender differences. Women, for instance, sometimes have a greater range of heart attack symptoms than men. In addition to shortness of breath, pain in the chest and uncomfortable pressure and fullness, women may also experience indigestion, fainting or extreme fatigue. Some women suffer from pain in their upper abdomens rather than in their chests, back, neck or jaw. Since less research exists on women’s health than on men’s, awareness of these types of differences is not as widespread as it should be. As part of its Go Red for Women cardiovascular health campaign, the AHA urges women to join research studies to help reverse this trend.

Making lifestyle changes is never easy, but good cardiovascular health is not something anyone can take for granted. Let this be the month you take action to improve yours.



Saura Fortin Erazo, M.D. (Submitted photo)

### AROUND TOWN

**Friday, Feb. 2 is National Wear Red Day**

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Friday, Feb. 2 is the 23rd annual National Wear Red Day to raise awareness about heart disease. Wear Red Day is always the first Friday in February, which is American Heart Month.

By wearing red, we raise awareness that heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, responsible for one in three deaths. We also raise awareness that a majority of cardiac events may be prevented with healthy lifestyle choices.

Millions of people, including celebrities and media personalities across the country, will wear red in celebration of National Wear Red Day.

**People can participate in Wear Red Day by:**

- Wearing something red

- Taking two minutes to learn Hands-Only CPR at [heart.org/handsonlycpr](http://heart.org/handsonlycpr)
- Sharing the message on social media with #IndyGoesRed and #WearRedDay
- Donating to life-saving research and education efforts at [heart.org/WearRedDay](http://heart.org/WearRedDay)

**Key Facts:**

- Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the U.S. and in Indiana
- One in three deaths are due to heart disease
- Mortality rates have dropped more than 50 percent in the last 30 years thanks to research, medical developments and education.
- A majority of cardiac events can be prevented by making healthy lifestyle choices.
- #IndyGoesRed

### AROUND TOWN

**IRS and partners highlight EITC Awareness Day with tax resources that benefit millions of low- and moderate-income workers**

The Internal Revenue Service and partners around the nation launched the annual Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day. This outreach campaign is designed to help millions of low-to-moderate income working Americans that are eligible to claim the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC).

Last year, more than 454,000 working individuals and families in Indiana received almost \$1.1 billion in EITC, an average of \$2,514.

“The IRS and our partners across the nation urge people to look into this frequently overlooked tax credit that can help millions of taxpayers,” said IRS Commissioner Danny Werfel. “On EITC Awareness Day and throughout the filing season, the IRS and our partners work hard to reach eligible taxpayers and provide useful information and resources to help people determine their eligibility and how to properly claim this valuable credit. Even people who don’t normally file might still be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit, which can be thousands of dollars,” added Werfel.

Nationwide last year, approximately 23 million workers and families received about \$57 billion in EITC. The average amount of EITC

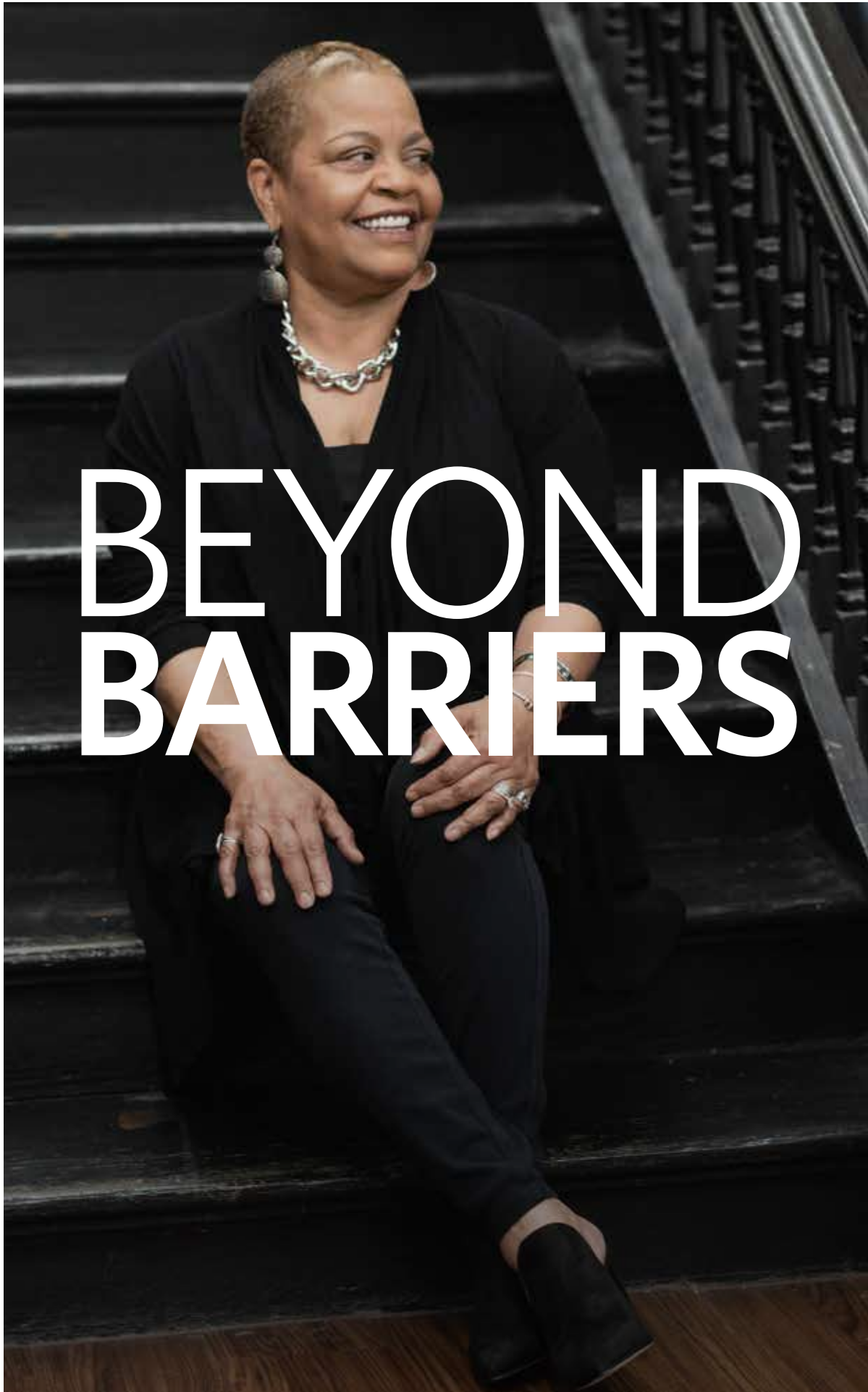
received nationwide in 2022 was about \$2,541.

To qualify, eligible workers must meet certain requirements and file a tax return, even if they are not required to file due to earned income levels. The IRS estimates that a third of those who qualify for EITC became eligible for the first time this year due to changes in their marital, parental or financial status.

The IRS will begin accepting 2023 returns on Jan. 29, 2024, but it cannot issue a refund that includes the EITC or Additional Child Tax Credit (ACTC) before the end of February. The IRS also reminds taxpayers that the quickest way to get a tax refund is by filing an accurate tax return electronically and choosing direct deposit for their refund.

Taxpayers can ensure they’re getting all the credits and deductions for which they qualify, including the EITC, by using a trusted tax professional, visiting a VITA/TCE site or by using IRS Free File on [IRS.gov](http://IRS.gov).

The IRS administers the EITC, which Congress originally approved in 1975. It was developed in part to offset the burden of Social Security taxes and provide an incentive to work.



# BEYOND BARRIERS

Caring for family members at home can take an emotional and physical toll. The result for Nancy was stress-related diabetes. That's when she was introduced to LaTanya, a certified community health worker at Eskenazi Health.

According to Nancy: *"Knowing she's coming to my house and I have to see this woman and I have to be accountable to her, it really pushed me..."* **Not all barriers to health are obvious. Thankfully new programs exist which are changing that.**

Eskenazi Health was recently named Indiana's #1 hospital for community benefit by the Lown Institute. Thanks in part to community partners and philanthropy, we are helping families get **beyond barriers**.

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## PERSONNEL MATTERS

## If you want to solve a problem, get to the root

By Mike Heffner

Last year, I took down a dying tree. We cut it down at the base, but we didn't grind up the roots. Guess what? The tree started producing shoots from the stump. It was not dead; we just cut it back and it kept growing. Most issues or problems are similar. We tend to address symptoms instead of getting to the root cause. Below are a few ways I have found that help solve issues as we do business.

**Are the right people at the table?** Bring everyone together that participates in the issue. This avoids drama and mystification. If you want to figure it out and build trust, everyone has to be on the same page and be a part of the solution.

**Why is the issue even happening?** One of my favorite authors is Simon Sinek who authored the book 'Start with Why.' He says that you have to start with Why before you can get to What and How. That's because if you take a need and start to ask the Why questions, you can normally start to figure out the real What.

**Are we dealing with the real issue?** Don't confuse the symptoms with the issue. They are

just the things on the surface. We often want quick fixes, and we treat the symptoms, only to have them resurface with a vengeance. Ask the question when a symptom arises – what is causing that? The goal is to figure out the true need.

**Do we have any facts?** We tend to try and solve problems with hearsay, gut instincts and untruths. Data, context and actual proof help to see what is actually going on. You will find when you look back, you can see movement, trends or drifting that has occurred. I have found, even 5 degrees off over time can have us miles off course. I have also found that data can tell us a story.

**What will prevent the issue from happening?** If you lose weight, then go right back to what put the weight on, you'll be in a vicious cycle. If you don't look at how to prevent things, they will just reoccur. Forest Gump said, "stupid is as stupid does." Stop doing the things causing the problem.

**What do we want to see happen now?** Now you know the issue, so now what? What are the next steps to move forward and where do we really want to go now that we know the true situation? Does what we found alter the

course? What are the steps to where we want to go?

**How do we do that?** We now know the issue and know what we want to do, but one of the biggest mistakes is that no one puts the plan and timeline together to get things done. What are the action steps that need to happen? Who needs to do what? By when?

If your company is like ours, this past year had us frustrated as the market changed multiple times and things are happening faster than ever before. We worked our tails off but were not as efficient or profitable as in years past. We started looking at how we were doing business. But backed up and started with our Why, then moved to What and How so we could Thrive. I hope this helps provide a fresh perspective and practical solutions for overcoming your obstacles in 2024.



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## PEER TO PEER

Giving my two cents on the debate  
about tipping

By Howard Hubler

We are noticing in a few places in Indy, and several places around the country, there is a note card on the table suggesting that there is a minimum of an 18% gratuity. Some even suggest on that card that you cannot hire people anymore to work on a roulette wheel of chance as to what you get by way of a tip. However, by the same token, if the restaurant owner wanted to pay his staff more, he has to drive up his menu items to cover it. This way, at 18% everybody pays what most people would pay anyway. If you're a tightwad, and offended, go to Denny's.

I don't complain, because as an employer of a fairly large staff of people, I understand why people are doing it. I also understand there are two tensions in the marketplace today. One is to dine at an inexpensive family restaurant, juxtaposed with the opportunity to have a great meal at a steakhouse. I believe this trend will not go away. If you fast forward five or six years and there is no recession, and there is no inflation and life is good and everyone is happy, I believe that 18% is here to stay. It's the only way for a highly intensive industry,

the hospitality industry has the opportunity to give the kind of service that only some people are willing to provide. My hats off to these bold restauranteurs that know it may cost them business, but this is a way to get the quality people that he wants to provide the service that he feels that his owners demand.

In closing, there will be restaurants down the street that don't do this. Their staff concludes that their net tip that they compute at the end of the evening is only say 15% of the bill.

They may jump ship to an 18% restaurant. At 18-20% I believe a larger group of diners will jump up 2 more percent and you'll pretty much get 20% across-the-board. If that's what it takes to hire people today, then, so be it.



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## Give the gift of peace this Valentine's Day

By Jeff Binkley

Valentine's Day is around the corner, and what will you give your SweetUms this year?

May I make a suggestion? How about some peace of mind?

My role as an investment counselor, clairvoyant and coach often leads me to talk about some difficult things with the people I care about: my clients. And sometimes those conversations can be uncomfortable. That's my job ... to have those difficult conversations.

We are all going to die. I'm not trying to be morbid. If you know me, I'm a pretty optimistic guy. Heck, in this job I have to be, especially in 2022. (Rough year in the market.) No, I'm not trying to bring anyone's spirits down for the big day for loving couples. My intent is to give you a "gift" idea to go along with the big box of chocolates and dozen roses, or that bottle of bourbon and rib dinner you're going to give each other.

If you haven't done it already, or it's been years since you did, consider giving each other the peace of mind that comes with establishing or updating your wills.

You may think it's a waste of time. But young or old, rich or poor, it's not.

From Investopedia:

*Some people think that only the very wealthy or those with complicated assets need wills. However, there are many good reasons to have a will.*

- You can be clear about who gets your assets. You can decide who gets what and how much.

- You can keep your assets out of the hands of people you don't want to have them (like an estranged relative).

- You can identify who should care for your children. Without a will, the courts will decide.

- Your heirs will have a faster and easier time getting access to your assets.

- You can plan to save your estate money on taxes. You can also give gifts and charitable donations, which can help offset the estate tax.

You can write your will yourself. There are many templates available online that are free and easy to complete, print, sign and file. And they are perfectly legal. An hour or two of gathering information, then filling out the template is all it may take ... if your situation is pretty simple.

Whose situation is pretty simple these days? That's a rhetorical question. Maybe yours is. But please remember, the things that truly get us into trouble are the things we don't know we don't know. It's OK if you have to read that again. The things we don't know we don't know, or the truly unexpected, are the things that cause us the most stress, trouble and often the most money. That's where consulting with an estate attorney may pay rewards far in excess of their fees.

What a blessed, loving gift it would be to provide peace of mind to your Valentine for an event, hopefully far in the future, that will be a time of sadness, stress and fear. A will can help make that time easier. Think about it.



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## BUSINESS

### Applications available for law school assistance program

The Indiana Conference for Legal Education Opportunity offers programming designed to assist individuals from traditionally underrepresented groups in pursuing legal careers in Indiana. Applications for the ICLEO program are now available and due by March 31, 2024.

As part of the ICLEO program, students will complete the Summer Institute — an intensive six-week, in-residence program — at Indiana University McKinney School of Law. The Summer Institute prepares incoming law students for the first year of law school. The curriculum places a strong emphasis on academic rigor and provides professional development and networking opportunities. Students who successfully

complete the Summer Institute receive a scholarship of \$4,800 per semester for up to six semesters.

To be eligible for ICLEO, applicants must be college graduates and accepted to an Indiana law school by the time the six-week ICLEO Summer Institute begins in June 2024. All applicants go through an application and interviewing process that is separate from the Indiana law school application process.

The Indiana Supreme Court, with support from the executive and legislative branches, established ICLEO in 1997 to help bring underrepresented individuals to the legal profession. Applicants should contact [icleo@courts.in.gov](mailto:icleo@courts.in.gov) with questions.

## BUSINESS

### Chamber Day Dinner features expert on Foreign Relations

A veteran diplomat and respected international relations expert, Dr. Richard Haass, headlines the Indiana Chamber's 2024 Chamber Day Dinner, the state's leading annual business and legislative gathering, on Feb. 13. Haass is president emeritus of the Council on Foreign Relations, where he served as president for 20 years, as well as a senior counselor at Centerview Partners. Haass worked in the State Department under Presidents George W. Bush and Ronald Reagan, at the White House under George H.W. Bush and at the Pentagon under Jimmy Carter. He also was U.S. envoy to the Cyprus negotiations and the Northern Ireland peace process, and after 9/11 was U.S. coordinator for the future of Afghanistan.

The event, presented by Thompson Thrift, takes place from 6-9 p.m. and annually draws hundreds of policy, business and community leaders. "The Chamber Day Dinner is an ideal opportunity to connect with state lawmakers — all of whom are invited — and business executives from around the state," said Indiana Chamber President and CEO Vanessa Green Sindors. "With so much going on around the world on so many fronts, we're excited to feature a speaker who can shine some light on the

ramifications for our nation in terms of economics, national security and more."

Haass also is the author or editor of 14 books on American foreign policy, one book on management and one on American democracy. His latest book, *The Bill of Obligations: The Ten Habits of Good Citizens*, was published by Penguin Press in January 2023 and became a New York Times best seller. He also authors a weekly newsletter, *Home & Away*, available on Substack. Chamber Day Dinner tickets are \$250 per person or \$165 for Indiana Chamber members; tables are also available.

Visit [indianachamber.com/event/chamberday](http://indianachamber.com/event/chamberday) to purchase. The reception sponsor is Indiana Wesleyan University. Gold sponsors are AT&T Indiana, Bank of America, Eli Lilly and Company, Ice Miller LLP, Indiana American Water, Indiana State University, Smithville and The National Bank of Indianapolis. Silver sponsors are Charter Spectrum TV/Internet/Voice, American Chemistry Council, Delta Dental of Indiana, French Lick Resort, IGT Indiana, Keystone Group & Indy Eleven, Old National Bank, Ruoff Mortgage and The Kroger Co. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available by contacting Jim Wagner at [jwagner@indianachamber.com](mailto:jwagner@indianachamber.com).

## BUSINESS

### Tomorrow Realty, Inc. welcomes Center Grove graduate as new real estate agent

Judy Hoeping and Adrian Pearce of Tomorrow Realty, Inc. would like to welcome Tosha Storm Matthews! Tosha has moved here from Texas and is happy to be back home. She is a 1994 graduate of Center Grove High School. Tosha is a real estate agent and is available to assist you with all of your home buying, selling or building needs. If it is time to sell your home or find the home of your dreams, she will make it happen! Phone — 317-650-7260; Email — [toshamatthews@yahoo.com](mailto:toshamatthews@yahoo.com)



Tosha Storm Matthews.  
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## AROUND TOWN

## FTEF hosts first Monte Carlo fundraiser night featuring FC Wall of Fame

Franklin Township Education Foundation is hosting its first Monte Carlo fundraiser night featuring the FC Wall of Fame. The event will take place Friday, Feb. 9, at the Indiana State Museum. The doors open at 5:30 p.m., and the fun ends at 11 p.m. The FC Wall of Fame was established in 2019 by FTCSC. In 2023, the event became a part of the Franklin Township Education Foundation Annual Fundraiser. The mission of the FC Wall of Fame program is to recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to Franklin Central and FTCSC. Inductees for 2024 are Susan Tomlinson, Earlene Cougill and John Rockey.

Attendees at the event will experience a buffet dinner with a presentation honoring the FC Wall of Fame inductees, learn more about the FTEF mission to enhance the educational experience for FTCSC students and staff and participate in a variety of casino-style activities (hosted by the Broad Ripple Sertoma Club), 50/50 raffle tickets, raffle prizes, silent auction items and much more during this exclusive adults-only evening. Visit MyFTEF.org for more information or to register.

Make the night even more fun by calling your friends and family and reserving a table of eight and have a fun night supporting a great cause! (Image courtesy of Franklin Township Community School Corporation)



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## AROUND TOWN

## Wanamaker Early Learning Center named TOP CHOICE Preschool

Congratulations to Wanamaker Early Learning Center for being named a TOP CHOICE Preschool! WELC, named on the "Best Things 2023" "Best Preschool" list for Central Indiana, thanks everyone who voted.



(Image courtesy of Wanamaker Early Learning Center)

## GARFIELD PARK MARKETPLACE

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**First Friday Night Market** • First Friday Night Markets take place every first Friday of the month. If you are interested in becoming a vendor, contact nightmarket at bigcar.org for more information. | When: Feb. 2, 7-11 p.m. | Where: The Tube Factory at the Big Car Collaborative Campus, 1125 Cruft St. | Info: garfieldparkneighbors.com/events

**SEND/TANC Update Meeting** • 2024 TANC Leadership: CJC and Twin Aire development updates. Learn more about the event host, Southeast Community Development at sendcdc.org/events and sendcdc.org/community-building. | When: Feb. 6, 3:30 p.m. | Where: Hybrid: SEND's Office, 3230 Southeastern Ave., Indianapolis, or on Zoom | Info: garfieldparkneighbors.com/events

**Adult Walking Club: The "Garfield Gaiters"** • Adults ages 55 and over are

invited to a planned walk from the Garfield Park Branch using trails throughout the park and nearby neighborhoods. These twice monthly walks will last about 45 minutes. A signed Liability Waiver will be required. In the event of inclement weather we will meet at the Burrello Family Center, 2345 Pagoda Drive, Indianapolis, to walk laps in the gymnasium. | When: Feb. 7, 10:30-11:30 a.m. | Where: Garfield Park Library Branch, 2502 Shelby St., Indianapolis. | Info: attend.indypl.org/event/10010995

**Make Recycled Valentine's Cards** • Show your love for our planet while showing your love for others by making Valentine's cards from recycled materials. Registration required; spots are limited! Tickets: \$6 per child. Ages 3-10. | When: Feb. 10, 10-11 a.m. | Where: Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. | Info:

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**Valentine's Party** • Surprise your partner, "Galentine," bestie or family member with a nontraditional Valentine's Day celebration – or just take yourself out! Create artwork with guided instruction from local artists at art-making stations. Enjoy live music while you create and snap a selfie in our photo booth. Create art for your home while you create memories that last a lifetime! Pre-

registration is encouraged but not required. Reach out to gpac@indy.gov with any registration questions. Tickets: \$20; ages 18 and over. | When: Feb. 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. | Info: Garfield Park Arts Center - Indy Parks and Recreation | Indianapolis IN (facebook.com)

**Storytime with Professor Watermelon** • Leap into storytime and learn all about frogs! With puppets, stories and songs, Professor Watermelon will show children how these slippery amphibians live in and out of the water. | When: Feb. 16, 10:30-11 a.m. | Where: Garfield Park Library Branch, 2502 Shelby St., Indianapolis. | Info: attend.indypl.org/event/9924519

# 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

**Art Adventures with Mr. Jeremy** • For preschoolers: Make tissue paper flowers with Mr. Jeremy and watch your child's creativity bloom! This hands-on program with Jeremy South of Ripple Mobile Arts will foster artistic expression, fine motor skills and a deeper connection to the beauty of nature. Registration required. Dress to mess! | When: Feb. 5, 11-11:45 a.m. | Where: Beech Grove Library Branch, 1102 Main St., Indianapolis. | Info: (317) 275-4560; attend.indypl.org/event/9918684

**Ladies Night** • Join us the second Friday of each month for a fun-filled evening for just the ladies. Meet other ladies in the community while enjoying dinner and a variety of fun activities, including crafts, games and prizes. \$5 per person. Email RSVP@beechgrove.com. | When: Feb. 9, 6-8 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Park Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: (317) 788-4986; communitycenter@beechgrove.com; hornetparkcommunitycenter.com

**Retirement Plan Basics** • Pensions, IRAs, 401Ks, 403Bs. Join us for financial planning workshops in 2024 presented by a Certified Financial Planner (CFP®) at the library. | When: Feb. 13, 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Where: Beech Grove Library Branch, 1102 Main St., Indianapolis. | Info: (317) 275-4560; attend.indypl.org/event/10020586

**Second Annual BGPD & Boys II Men, Inc Chili Cook Off** • This year anyone can enter! Entries will be limited to 30 pots, but just 10 cents per category: hot, mild and white chicken, so register soon! Category winners will receive a trophy, and the overall winner will have their name cemented into everlasting glory on the Grand Champion's trophy. The door fee for adults and teens is \$20;

children 12 and under are \$5. There will also be a gift basket auction! Water is provided; all other drinks are available next door at O'Gara's Irish Pub. All proceeds go to Boys II Men, Inc. Raffle baskets needed! Fundraising and advertising opportunity for impactful community cause with Boys II Men, Inc. For entry or donations email Tom.Hurrle@Beechgrove.com | When: Feb. 17, 6 p.m. | Where: 524 Events, 524 E Main St., Beech Grove. | Info: boy-siimen.org

**Village of Stories** • Bring traditional African stories to life with the rhythm of the drum and the power of interactive learning with Arts for Learning teaching artist, Kahil the Djeli. Children ages 3-5 will experience stories, rhythms and drums to create their own village of stories! | When: Feb. 22, 11-11:30 a.m. | Where: Beech Grove Library Branch, 1102 Main St., Indianapolis. | Info: (317) 275-4560; https://attend.indypl.org/event/9925437

#### FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

**Free First Saturday Movie Matinee** • Every first Saturday, Good Shepherd United Methodist Church will be offering a free movie matinee and free popcorn. "The Chosen" is an extraordinary television series that has captured the hearts of viewers worldwide since its debut. The family movie is from one of the episodes of "The Chosen" which portrays the life of Jesus Christ and his disciples in a fresh, authentic, and compelling way that beautifully weaves together historical accuracy, biblical narratives, and captivating storytelling. Come enjoy a fun, family-friendly afternoon with us. Great for all ages! | When: Feb. 3, 1 to about 2:30 p.m. | Where: Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 2015 S. Arlington Ave., Indianapolis. | Info: 317-356-3787

#### GARFIELD PARK

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**Art Learning Experience for Older Adults** • Led by Greenwood paper artist Sonja Lehman, the creative program, "The Magic of the Zhen Xian Bao: Chinese Thread Box," teaches participants of the centuries-old Chinese Folk Tradition, the Zhen Xian Bao: Chinese Thread Box, Chinese women made and decorated to store their sewing tools and thread. Participants create their own ZXB with the paper boxes, trays and folders they make each week throughout the eight-week program. This sequential program lends well to engaging with peers, learning skills that build from week to

### AN OPTION

#### Vino Villa

Looking for that ideal Valentine's Day dinner with the perfect ambiance of a cozy interior, wide selection of fine wines and lasagna like your grandma used to make? Try Vino Villa, a wine bar and bistro inspired Italian restaurant in a renovated historic home in Greenwood. "My husband loves the lasagna so much, he gets it every time," according to a Yelp reviewer. "It's the most perfect lasagna I've ever tasted. I like to switch things up and had Mediterranean Steak Skewers. They were tender, flavorful and delicious." Added a Google reviewer, "We paired dinner with a Willamette Valley Pinot Noir from their extensive wine list. Finally, they served us a Chocolate Raspberry Tart that may be the best dessert I've ever had." Vino Villa is offering a Valentine's Day preset menu for just \$65 that includes an appetizer, soup or salad and entrée with dessert.

**Hours:** Tuesday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Sunday and Monday. Address: 200 N. Madison Ave., Greenwood. For more information, call (317) 882-9463 or go to vinovilla.com



Spice things up with the Shrimp Fra Diavolo: Shrimp with spicy red pepper sauce, feta cheese, pine nuts and asparagus, served over spaghetti. Pair with a bottle of Do Ferreiro Albariño. (Photo courtesy of Vino Villa)

week and encourages critical thinking and development of design skills. | When: Feb. 8-March 28, 1-3 p.m. every Thursday. | Where: Southside Art League, 299 E. Broadway St., Greenwood. | Info: Sonja Lehman at 317-508-2074 or email: sonjask04@yahoo.com

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#### GREENWOOD

**Southside Art League Presents: White Rose** • The featured artists this month are an exhibit by the students of Beverly S. Mathis's watercolor classes in February. The subject for the paintings is a white rose. There is no charge to enter the gallery. There will be an open house for the artists from 2-4 p.m. on Feb. 4. Light refreshments will be served. | When: Jan. 31-Feb. 29, Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. | Where: Southside Art League, 299 E. Broadway St., Greenwood. | Info: Please call SALLI at 317-882-5562 or Beverly Mathis at 317-313-5922 to arrange for viewing or appointment at any other time.

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## How to Blow Up a Pipeline

### A white-knuckled radical thriller

#### MOVIE REVIEW

By Bradley Lane

In 2021 Andreas Malm released his climate change focused manifesto *How to Blow Up a Pipeline*. In it he criticized popular climate change activism in its exclusive pursuit of nonviolent protest, as well as climate change fatalism in exchange for an impassioned plea to normal people everywhere to destroy the means by which the ruling class are destroying the planet. He argues that the only way to make meaningful change against climate change is property destruction, to ultimately make fossil fuels unviable in the global marketplace. This means to Malm, normal everyday people should unite to disrupt supply chains, destroy coal mines, sabotage power plants, damage oil refineries and of course, blow up pipelines in pursuit of a habitable environment for our future.

When it was announced that a fictionalized adaptation of Malm's book was in the works, I was at once excited and very confused. Malm's book had a profound ef-

fect on me when I read it last year and its film adaptation is just as powerful, but in a slightly different way. The film follows a group of young people; students, blue-collar workers and disenfranchised minorities all living with terrifying and personal consequences of climate change and the fossil fuel industry's constant expansion. Together over the course of two days they engage in a plot to strategically damage a pipeline in rural Texas to disrupt the oil industry.

The film follows a heist film format that will be familiar to anyone who has seen Steven Soderbergh's 2001 film *Ocean's Eleven*, making it immediately accessible to those unfamiliar with the source material. What makes it even more compelling than that film though, is that the characters are not motivated by greed in *How to Blow Up a Pipeline*, rather

they are motivated by self-defense. Each character is in some way idealistic to set out on their high-minded goal but more than that, they are backed into a corner by the realities of late-stage capitalism and the destruction of the planet that those ideologies encourage. Delicately interwoven in the mechanics of their heist are flashbacks detailing the competing motivations of each character that brought them together.

Where the book's strength lies in Malm's lyrical and historically compelling arguments, the film utilizes its medium to full effect by making a damn exciting and entertaining story. The film has a pulsing score that, coupled with the rising stakes, creates an edge-of-your-seat thrill ride. In each step of their heist something goes wrong, and they need to think on their feet to avoid alerting the author-

ities and, of course, avoid blowing themselves up by accident in the process.

It is unavoidable that by releasing a commercial product like a feature film the filmmakers would have to sacrifice some of Malm's radical politics to get the film made and make it entertain. However, that trade-off makes the film much more accessible to a wide audience and by effect, will get Malm's rather niche messaging to a much larger audience. The finished product represents a deft combination of Malm's urgent messaging and film's power to entertain and emotionally affect its audience. *How to Blow Up a Pipeline* is available to stream on Hulu. - 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

### "Foolish Fishgirls and the Pearl"

Epilogue Players presents "Foolish Fishgirls and the Pearl" by Barbara Pease Weber and directed by Kelly Keller. Two former deep-sea divas, Coral and Oceana didn't exactly have the "happily ever after" storybook lives the erstwhile mermaids envisioned. This feisty fairy tale explores a mermaid's life on dry land after true love is found, lost and found again. Show dates are Feb. 15-25, with Thursday to Saturday performances at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Ticket prices are \$16 for general admission; \$14 for seniors 65 and over and students 18 and under; \$13 for Epilogue members; and \$10 for all Thursday performances. Doors will be open 30 minutes prior to performance start times. Patrons will not normally be allowed entrance after a performance begins to avoid distraction to the performers and audience members. If you are unable to make a reservation due to a performance being sold out, please check back to our website or Facebook page as the performance dates get nearer. We will also indicate any adjustments through emails. For reservations and ticket information, go to [epilogueplayers.com](http://epilogueplayers.com)



Former mermaids Oceana (Barb Weaver, left) and Coral (Susan Hill, right) prepare to combat the elements to save another mermaid from their fate in Epilogue Players production of "Foolish Fishgirls and The Pearl." (Submitted photo)

**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

**Spa Social** • The Franciscan Rejuvenate Medical Spa in Greenwood will be hosting a Spa Social. The event will highlight the services offered by the Franciscan Rejuvenate Medical Spa and provide attendees the opportunity to purchase services, products and gift certificates at discounted pricing. Light refreshments will be served. The Spa Social is free, but registration is required. Swag bags will be provided to the first 20 guests who spend \$500 or more. Attendees who make a purchase will receive an entry into a drawing for door prizes. Meet the spa team and representatives to learn about products and services available. Among many specials being offered during the Spa Social are: Injectable specials, Laser treatments and Laser hair removal, 20% off all skincare, supplements and detox cleanses, 20% off Nutrafol haircare, Microneedling, CoolSculpting and more. | When: Feb. 8, 4-7 p.m. | Where: 1703 W. Stones Crossing Road, Ste. 310, Greenwood. | Info: Amey Young: (317) 528-6772 or email amey.young@franciscanalliance.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 avail-

able. 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

**Dinner at Dye's Walk Country Club** • Join the Indy South Women's Connection group for a fun evening and listening to a motivational speaker. We will also hear tips from an expert on essential oils. Cost: \$20 all inclusive. | When: Feb. 13, 6:15-7:45 p.m. | Where: Dye's Walk Country Club, 2080 S. State Road 135, Greenwood. | Info: Jeannie at (317) 899-4760 or email indysouthwomensconnection@yahoo.com

## INDIANAPOLIS

**Brews of Indiana Winterfest** • Join the Brewers of Indiana Guild for Winterfest, featuring a VIP hour from 1 to 2 p.m. and the usual Saturday session, 2 to 6 p.m. Enjoy the variety of unique beers and the opportunity to mingle with the brewers. Some of the beers will be from brewers in Festival Country Indiana. There will be more than 75 Hoosier breweries and guests pouring hundreds of beers in a lively setting along with one-of-a-kind cask beers, local vendors and much more. This is a 21 and over event. | When: Feb. 10, 1-6 p.m. | Where: Indiana State Fairgrounds West Pavilion, 1202 E. 38th St., Indianapolis. | Info: drinkin.beer/winterfest

## ONLINE

**League of Women Voters of Johnson County Meeting** • All residents of Johnson County and the surrounding counties are invited to a meeting of the League of Women Voters of Johnson County (LWVJC). LWVJC is an educational civic organization dedicated to empowering voters and defending democracy. | When: Feb. 15, 6 to 7:45 p.m. | Where: On Zoom. | Info: lwvjc.in.org

**Legislative Updates** • Your opportunity to ask your legislators questions about 2024 legislation and voice your concerns. | When: Saturday, Feb. 17 and March 2 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. | Where: On Zoom. | Info: Register at lvv-bmc.org - Legislative Updates - League of Women Voters of Bloomington-Monroe County. All representatives and senators who represent Johnson, Brown and Monroe counties are invited attend. Sponsored by the Leagues of Women Voters of Johnson, Brown and Monroe Counties and Bloomington Chamber of Commerce.

## PERRY TOWNSHIP

**The Cultivating Garden Club** • Growing Gladiolus and How to Store for the Winter presented by Ashley McDaniel-Hoeing (former president of the Indiana Gladiolus Society). | When: Feb. 15, 6 p.m. | Where: St. John's Church, Highway 31 and Southport Road. | Info: Linda Stemnock at 317-889-2540

## AROUND TOWN

### Celebrate Valentine's Day with heart-shaped deep-dish pizzas from Lou Malnati's Pizzeria

Lou Malnati's Pizzeria is offering their heart-shaped signature deep-dish pizzas that have become a beloved Valentine's Day tradition. Guests are encouraged to dish out their love throughout the month of February with family and friends by purchasing 9-inch heart-shaped pizzas that are available for dine in, carryout or delivery Feb. 1 – Feb. 29, at five Central Indiana locations, including Lou Malnati's Greenwood at 791 S. State Road 135, Greenwood. Phone number: 317-249-8840. Website: loulmalnatis.com. To avoid the Valentine's Day rush, heart-shaped pizzas can also be picked up half-baked or from the freezer case at each location to take



Dish Out the Love Throughout the Month of February. (Photo by Jennifer Chan)

and bake at home and enjoy at their own convenience.

Guests can also spread the Lou Malnati's love by purchasing heart-shaped pizzas that can be shipped to loved ones nationwide through Tastes of Chicago or by purchasing heart-shaped e-gift cards for friends and family who live near and far. Lou Malnati's will also dish out the love throughout Central Indiana by donating \$1 for every heart-shaped pizza sold from one of their locations, to Gleaners Food

Bank of Indiana, to help support Feeding America® local food banks: loulmalnatis.com/dish-out-some-love

## AROUND TOWN

### United Way looking for projects, volunteers for annual day of community service

United Way is now recruiting volunteers and projects for its fourth annual Go All IN Day, an organized day of community service across the region presented by United Way of Central Indiana and the Indianapolis Colts.

This year's event will be held June 21 across United Way's seven-county service area of Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Marion, Morgan and Putnam counties.

A \$15,000 gift from the Colts will underwrite grants to local nonprofits hosting volunteer projects for Go All IN Day, which will fully cover the cost of materials for many participating organizations. Eligible nonprofits, grassroots organizations and community groups will be able to apply before the event for grants to fund their projects.

Organizations interested in hosting a project can sign up for more information at goallinday.com.

Interested volunteers can learn more and sign up to reserve their spot at goallinday.com. A variety of indoor and outdoor projects – ranging in length from hour-long to all-day activities – will be available for individual volunteers, groups and families.

For a third year, Go All IN Day will be sponsored by media partner WRTV. This year, WRTV is teaming up with Fuller Farms and inviting volunteers to join anchor/reporter Rafael Sanchez and station staff at the location for a special service project. Sanchez and Fuller Farms founder, Travis Fuller, have recently created a community garden to benefit several local food pantries and social service groups on the southside of Indianapolis.

Last year, more than 1,400 volunteers participated in the event, helping more than 65 nonprofits and community organizations complete projects on their to-do lists.



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## What do you call that bug under the big rock?

### GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

I'm going to confess to a murder, acknowledging there probably aren't any statutes of limitations on this kind of thing. Growing up, my sister and I sprinkled salt on our fair share of slugs. While I'm not proud of my salty slug serial killing spree, exploring under big rocks in the backyard was a great way to learn about the creepy-crawly world around me.

Let's turn over the next big rock. It's the one next to the shed. Once you get enough leverage to hoist the rock from its resting place, you see several things scurry around — some squirming worms, a truly terrifying millipede and a host of bugs that roll into little balls.

What are those balled-up bugs called? If you grew up in Oklahoma, you'd refer

to them as roly polies. These land-lubber crustaceans hail from the family "armadillidiidae," which makes me happy. If you look at one, it's essentially the bug version of an armadillo. One time, I chased an armadillo on a dirt road at night on foot, but that's a story for another day.

What I love about roly polies is that they have dozens of regional and colloquial names. I can't think of a thing that has more naming variations. For instance, you may refer to them as potato bugs, pill bugs or doodlebugs. Or perhaps you call them butchy boys or wood shrimp. These examples are just from the U.S.

As the armadillidium family can be found in many areas of the world, each area has its own naming convention. In the UK, these cute bugs are called cheesy bugs, cheeselogs, Parson's pigs, chiggy pigs, hardbacks, carpet shrimp or grammersows, depending on from where you hail.

While in Australia, you may call them slater bugs or butcher boys; in Denmark, roly polies are called bench biters. Likewise, in Germany, people say cellar bugs, while in areas of South America, the locals refer to the armadillidium family of insects as little pigs.

If I were rebranding a minor league baseball team in 2024, I think I would change the name of the team based on the area of the country the team visited. The team logo would stay the same, but the word on the front of the jersey would shift. If anyone decides to try this idea, I'd like a 10% cut of merchandise sales.



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](http://curtishoneycutt.com).



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### Puzzle Time Answers

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#### Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:

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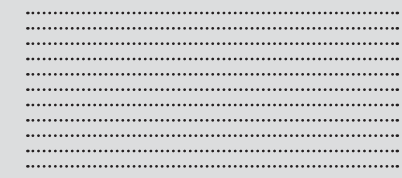
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## Meet the napsters: perfecting the art of the timely snooze

### HUMOR

By Dick Wolfsie

Last Saturday something happened that made me very proud of my family, and I want to share it with you.

It was about three in the afternoon, and my adult son had just stopped by after a boxing workout. My wife had returned from a long morning of shopping and running errands. I had just played two hours of pickleball.

What was I proud of? Everyone took a nap. Right smack in the middle of the day. People in the neighborhood were not only taking down their holiday lights but tossing around a football with the kids, gassing up the snow blowers, or taking a brisk walk in the nearby woods. But the Wolfsies were all asleep; Brett sacked out on the couch, Mary Ellen in our king-sized bed and I was tucked into my La-Z-Boy chair. Do I know how to pick a family, or what?

I just wish I could have been awake to fully enjoy it. If I had not been napping myself, I would have run around the neighborhood bragging, "My whole family is taking a nap! My whole family is taking a nap!" But bellowing "Two out

of three people in my family are taking a nap!" would have taken a bit of the shine off my bravado

Of course, my son and wife are not experienced nappers. They have not spent the years I have perfecting the art of the timely snooze. Unlike me, my wife has never slept through Paris on a bus or dozed through an entire baseball game. Unlike me, my son has never fallen asleep at his own surprise birthday party or while tutoring a student after class. They are novice nappers. But I was thrilled that there was hope. Here it was Saturday afternoon, a gorgeous, crisp winter afternoon enticing every family in the neighborhood to go outside and enjoy the weather. But all the Wolfsies were napping.

Of course, there are some drawbacks to amateur napping. When my wife awakens, she apologizes for her lapse and then spends the next three hours worrying she is coming down with something. I'm no medical expert, but I don't think you need to give yourself a Covid test if you doze off for 20 minutes in the middle of the afternoon. When I doze off for an hour or so, I awaken with a renewed sense of purpose. Men and women place different values on a good daytime snooze. Women don't like naps

because they are afraid they will miss something, like a sale or a sunset or the plot of a movie. But that's exactly the reason I do nap. To miss things.

I do worry about my son, though. As a toddler he showed great potential, often rivaling me. He'd fall asleep after a good meal and often snuck in a nap before going to bed. I had great expectations for him, but my hopes dimmed as he grew up. He once sat through an entire Harry Potter movie without snoring. And more recently, he watched three-and-a-half hours of Oppenheimer without digging his nails into his thigh.

You may think we wasted the afternoon. That we squandered valuable time — and frittered it away by dozing off at three in the afternoon. You are entitled to your opinion. But I'm not going to lose any sleep over it.



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](mailto:wolfsie@aol.com).

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### John Eric Brinkman

John Eric Brinkman, 64, Indianapolis, died Jan. 21, 2024. Survivors: wife, Sue; children, Kelly, Susan, Tyler; 10 grandchildren; great-grandson; stepbrothers, Larry, Mark. Predeceased: sister, Karen; stepbrother, Stephen. Visitation: 4-8 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 1, Grace Assembly of God, Greenwood. Funeral: 11:30 a.m., Friday, Feb. 2, Grace Assembly of God, Forest Lawn.

### Tamara L. Chaffins

Tamara L. Chaffins, 56, Indianapolis, died Jan. 24, 2024. Tamara was born to George and Patricia O'Dell (deceased). husband, Randy; children, Lewis, Sabrina (Jacob) Austin and William; siblings, Brian and Scott O'Dell; step-niece, Miranda; aunts, Marilyn and Phyllis. Visitation: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. burial, Friday, Feb. 2, Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

### John Andrew Hoffman

John Andrew Hoffman, 59, Indianapolis, died Jan. 21, 2024. John is survived by his father, John Hoffman; siblings, Cynthia "Cyndy" Wycoff, Pauline "Paula" (Dave) Oliverio, Steven Hoffman and Wayne Hoffman; and nephew, Christopher Wycoff. Services entrusted to Little & Sons, Beech Grove.

### James "Jim" Lance Knipp

James "Jim" Lance Knipp, 64, Greenwood, died Jan. 18, 2024. Jim was born March 4, 1959, in Indianapolis, to Robert L. and Addie L. (Brown) Knipp (deceased). Survivors: wife, Lisa; stepson, Joey Wertzberger; brother, Kerry (Pam) Knipp; sister, Gloria (Ed); extended family, friends. Predeceased: brother, Robert. Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

### Thomas G. Lauck

Thomas G. Lauck, 77, Indianapolis, died Jan. 28, 2024. Survivors: wife, Sheila; children, Matthew, Elizabeth; grandson, Trent; siblings, Gary, Rick, George and Peggy. Predeceased: brother, John. Visitation: Friday, Feb. 2, 4-8 p.m., O'Riley - Branson Funeral Service & Crematory; and Saturday, Feb. 3, 10 - 11 a.m., Narthex, Saints Francis & Clare.

### Marguerite "Maggie" McAlhaney

Marguerite "Maggie" McAlhaney, 83, New Whiteland, died Jan. 19, 2024. Survivors: nephew, Douglas Dillon (Amanda); great-niece, Natalie Dillon; and great-nephews, Douglas Dillon and Ethan Bridges. Predeceased: brother, William Dillon; niece, Andrea L Dillon; husband, David. Funeral arrangements will be available once finalized by the family. Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

### Linda DeLaRosa Norris

Linda DeLaRosa Norris, 55, Indianapolis, died Jan. 23, 2024. Linda was born to Guadalupe and Sara DeLaRosa (deceased). Survivors: husband, Richard; children, Angel and Levi Norris; grandson, Noah; siblings, Sylvia, Irene, Ernan, Mondo and Victoria; several nieces and nephews; chihuahua mix, Kalel. Arrangements handled by Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

### Phyllis Jeanne Orman

Phyllis Jeanne Orman, 89, Greenwood, died Jan. 23, 2024. Survivors: son, Steven (Helen); daughters Rebecca (Kent) Conger and Michele Orman; grandchildren, Amanda Orman, Emma (Jacob) Masters, Seth Conger, C.J. Conger and Craig Orman; three great-grandchildren. Predeceased: husband, Max; one brother; two sisters. Arrangements handled by Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

### Martha Carolyn Metcalf Pearson

Martha Carolyn Metcalf Pearson, 98, died Jan. 22, 2024. Martha married Lee "Roy" Pearson. Survivors: daughter, Ann Emery (Dave); son, Ted Pearson (Diane); grandchildren, Melissa Harris (Tony), Erin Hurst (Nathan), Kristen Miller (Evan), Emily Matteson (Justin), Nicholas Pearson (Kathleen) and Christopher Pearson (Erin); 10 great-grandchildren. Wilson St. Pierre.

### Michael Allen Rees

Michael Allen Rees, 77, Greencastle, died Jan. 23, 2024. Survivors: fiancée, Patricia Waldman; daughters, Linda (David) Turner, Mary (Samuel) Wilhelm, Donna (Sonny) Settles, Jennifer Waldman and Taylor (Zach) Barrett; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; brother, Gary (Carolyn). Predeceased: son, Samuel Brewer; three siblings; former wife, Jacqueline. G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue.

### Thomas "Tom" Allen Roberts

Thomas "Tom" Allen Roberts, 82, Indianapolis, died Jan. 25, 2024. Survivors: son, Tom Roberts (Julie); four grandchildren; brother, David. Predeceased: wife, Twilla (Lane); two brothers, Phillip and James. Visitation: 4-8 p.m., Friday, Feb. 2, G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home. Funeral service: 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 3, G.H. Herrmann.

### Nancy Carole (Long) Robison

Nancy Carole (Long) Robison, 75, of Indianapolis, died Jan. 24, 2024. She is survived by her brother, Mike (Linda) Long, and sister, Mary Long; many nieces and nephews and her church family. Services entrusted Little & Sons, Beech Grove.

### Mary E. Sandlin

Mary E. Sandlin, 91, Franklin, died Jan. 18, 2024. Survivors: children, Dorian (Julie) Sandlin and Frieda (Bruce) Dowler; seven grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Predeceased: husband, Donald Lee Sandlin. No services at this time. Arrangements handled by Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

### Donna Schnier

Donna Schnier, 83, Erwin, Tenn., died Jan. 19, 2024. Survivors: daughter, Linda (Jeff) Finley; grandchildren, Jayson Finley, Ben Stevens, Victoria Finley and Heather Jackson; nine great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Predeceased: husband, Henry Lee Schnier; five siblings; three sons; and one daughter. Arrangements handled by Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

### Rosalie M. "Rosie" Steeb

Rosalie M. "Rosie" Steeb, 94, Indianapolis, died Jan. 24, 2024. Survivors: sister, Marilyn Ritz; children, Kenneth (Susan, deceased) and Dennis (Beth) Steeb, Constance (Mike deceased) Gorman and Karen (Brad) McCaulla; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren. Predeceased: husband, Bernard; sister, Carolyn Henry; brothers, Harry Wagner, Jr., and Charles Wagner. G. H. Herrmann.

### Grover E. Upton Jr.

Grover E. Upton Jr., 77, Indianapolis, died Jan. 24, 2024. Survivors: wife, Jill; sister, Ellen Hall; brother, Thomas; extended family. Predeceased: sister, Nancy Tearney. Visitation: Thursday, Feb. 1, 4-8 p.m., G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home. Additional visitation: Friday, Feb. 2, 10-11 a.m. funeral, Deliverance Temple Life Centre.

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Weekly Devotion



*Likewise, the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*

ROMANS 8:26

What does it mean to pray? If the Spirit makes intercessions on our behalf, then why do we need to lift our requests to God in prayer? Telling God what He already knows makes little sense, unless we realize prayers are more than us just talking to God. Prayer is a time of intimacy with God, where we petition God to come down from heaven with divine intervention. God's presence is the answer to our prayers! Prayer is more about listening for God's response than it is about us telling God what we think we need. We must be careful to not confuse what we want with what God knows we need. God speaks to us in many ways. Some of us have heard God's voice, just as clearly as we heard our mothers calling us home for supper. Other times we may feel a tug on our heart, as God

guides us through the life's storms. Some call this tug our sixth sense, but it is really God whispering words of wisdom to our hearts. But the most obvious way we hear God's voice is when we read God's Word aloud. After all, it is by our faith that we are healed, and our faith comes from hearing the Word. How will others ever hear the Word of God if we don't lend it our voice? God's Word, the Bible, holds the keys that set us free. Even before we were born dead in sin, God gave us His Word as the answer to all we might ever ask for in prayer.

**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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### Gov. Holcomb re-appoints Veleta to Indiana Regulatory Commission

Gov. Eric J. Holcomb has announced that he has re-appointed David Veleta of Greenwood to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission. Veleta will serve until Jan. 31, 2028.

## AROUND TOWN

### Roncalli softball coach inducted into the Indiana Softball Coaches Association Hall of Fame

Congratulations to Roncalli's head softball coach David Lauck (Roncalli 1994) on his induction into the Indiana Softball Coaches Association Hall of Fame. Coach Lauck has served as the head varsity softball coach at Roncalli since 2009, and he joined the coaching staff in 2006. During his tenure as head coach, Lauck has won three state championships, as well as taking state runner-up in 2023. Under his leadership, Roncalli has also won both the county and conference championships six times, nine sectional championships, seven regional championships and four semi-state championships. The impact he has had on the Roncalli softball program is unmatched! Roncalli president Chuck Weisenbach (Roncalli 1979) said, "David has



Roncalli head softball coach David Lauck. (Submitted photo)

done a masterful job as the leader of our softball program. The wins and championships are noteworthy, well-publicized and exciting! Not as publicized, but even more noteworthy and exciting, is the positive experience that the girls in our softball pro-

gram are afforded annually. As individuals and as a team, the girls grow in their faith, create a lifetime of memories and represent our school in exemplary fashion under David's leadership. High school softball in Indiana is ultra-competitive, and we are blessed to have David as our head coach." "David's resume speaks for itself when it comes to the excellence in the categories of wins, records and championships. However, his greatest strength and contribution to our softball program is the relationships that he has with his current and former players. Positive relationships are the cornerstone that have allowed our softball program to rise to national recognition. We are grateful for David's leadership and dedication to helping our students improve as better players and, more importantly, develop into outstanding young adults!" added Roncalli principal Kevin Banich (Roncalli 2009).

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**Luke Genier named to president's list at Cumberlands**

In recognition of academic performance, the Office of Academic Affairs at University of the Cumberlands has announced the students named to the president's list for the fall 2023 semester. To be eligible for the president's list, students must be enrolled in at least 12 credit hours (a full course load), maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average of 4.0 for the semester, receive an "A" grade in UC Engage, and be in good academic standing. Congratulations, Luke Genier of Indianapolis (46217), on making the president's list for the fall 2023 semester. Learn more at ucumberlands.edu.

**Local students make president's list at Miami University**

Miami University students ranked in the top 3 percent of undergraduate students within each division for the fall 2023 semester have been named to the president's list recognizing academic excellence. Students from the Southside include: Anne Ameis of Greenwood; Lauren Pagel of Greenwood; Emily McWilliams of Greenwood; Matthew Furnee of Greenwood; and Camryn Lansdell of Greenwood.

**Local students named to University of Evansville dean's list**

Students at the University of Evansville are named to the dean's list every fall and spring semester. To merit the honor of being placed on the dean's list, a student must have carried a full academic load of 12 hours or more and have earned a grade point average of 3.5 or above. The following local students made the list: Sarah Andresen of Indianapolis (46237) is majoring in criminal justice; Anna Elpers of Indianapolis (46237) is majoring in biology; Makayla Gomperts of Indianapolis (46217) is majoring in biology; Owen Lawrence of Indianapolis (46237) is majoring in exercise science; Rachel Schmidt of Indianapolis (46217) is majoring in exercise science; Ianglen

Sung of Indianapolis (46217) is majoring in nursing; Andrew Thompson of Indianapolis (46239) is majoring in statistical and data sciences, computer science; and David Vandersteen of Greenwood (46142) is majoring in nursing.

**Southside students make dean's lists across the nation**

Students from across the Southside area have been announced as making the dean's list at numerous universities this fall semester. To earn dean's list honors, most students must complete a minimum of 12 hours and have a grade point average of at least 3.500-3.749. Included are:

Trine University: Mekhi Simmons of Beech Grove, who is majoring in exercise science.

Miami University: 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.

Marietta College: Clark Wilson a graduate of Southport High School, of Indianapolis, who is majoring in management and economics.

**Trine University students complete degrees**

Trine University students completed degrees at the end of the Fall 2023 semester. The following area students completed their degrees: Chaise Clute of Indianapolis, completing a degree in Master of Business Administration and Jasmine Miller of Greenwood, completing a degree in Master of Physician Assistant Studies.

**Devin Trammell named to Fall 2023 chancellor's list at UA Little Rock**

Devin Trammell, a Center Grove graduate of Greenwood, has been named to the Fall 2023 chancellor's list at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. UA Little Rock recognizes superior academic performance

at the end of each semester. To be named to the UA Little Rock chancellor's list, a student must have completed at least nine credit hours with a 3.9 GPA or higher. More than 630 UA Little Rock students were named to the chancellor's list for the Fall 2023 semester.

**Students named to Trine University president's list**

Trine University students were named to the president's list for the Fall 2023 semester. To earn president's list honors, students must complete a minimum of 12 hours and have a grade point average of 3.750-4.000. The following area students were named to the president's list: Logan Gault of Indianapolis, majoring in computer engineering; Noah Glassman of Greenwood, majoring in chemical engineering; Abigail Scheil of Indianapolis, majoring in psychology-BS; Samuel Julian Sering of Indianapolis, majoring in accounting; and Carson Wools of Greenwood, majoring in design engineering technology.

**Fall 2023 president's list at Miami University**

Miami University, located in Oxford Ohio, students ranked in the top 3 percent of undergraduate students within each division for the fall 2023 semester have been named to the president's list recognizing academic excellence. Included from the Southside are: Anne Ameis of Greenwood, Lauren Pagel of Greenwood, Emily McWilliams of Greenwood, Matthew Furnee of Greenwood and Camryn Lansdell of Greenwood.

**Carthage College announces Fall 2023 dean's list**

Carthage College recognizes Logan Dales from Greenwood for being named to the fall 2023 dean's list. Dean's list honors are accorded to Carthage students who achieve a minimum 3.5 GPA while carrying at least 12 letter-graded credits in a given semester.

AROUND TOWN

**Indiana Department of Education encourages participation in Summer Meals Program**

The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) encourages schools and qualified community organizations to participate in the 2024 Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). In addition, IDOE is looking to expand access to free meals in eligible rural areas that have no congregate summer meal service sites and could benefit from the provision of non-congregate meal service.

The SFSP reimburses local sponsors that serve healthy free meals and snacks to children 18 years old and younger. Sponsorship is open to public and private nonprofit groups, including local governments, summer camps, religious organizations and recreation centers. Organizations are encouraged to partner with an existing sponsor, such as a school corporation, to serve students in areas where children may lack good nutrition during the summer months.

In 2023, close to 200 Indiana sponsors served nearly 2.5 million meals during the summer months. In addition to providing free meal service in a local community, many sponsors also offer educational or physical activities for students.

Created in 1968, the Summer Food Service Program is funded and operated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and is administered by the states. Participating organizations must adhere to all USDA regulations. The program is funded through a set reimbursement rate based on the number of meals served to eligible participants. Any student aged 18 or under is eligible to receive meals through the Summer Food Service Program by visiting a meal site.

The application deadline for new sponsors is April 30, 2024. More information on program eligibility and sponsor requirements is available at DOE: Summer Food Service Program (in.gov)

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