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 Compete CollegiatelyThe following Roncalli High School senior athletes gathered recently to recognize their intent to compete collegiately: Charlie Baker, baseball, Marian University; Ben Brandenburg, football, Butler University; Dylan Henry, football, Marian University; J.J. Prendergast, baseball, Taylor University; Avery Clark, softball, Huntington University; Kendra Clark, softball, Adrian College; Emma Fegan, softball, Thomas More University; Sophia Ramsay, women's track and field, Marian University; and Taylor Turk, women's basketball, Franklin College.
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Roncalli girls athletes: Avery Clark, Kendra Clark, Emma Fegan, Sophia Ramsay, and Taylor Turk. (Submitted photo)


Southside native Angie Vennall, an illustrations manager for Individual Life and Financial Services, was one of 11 OneAmerica Financial employees honored at the 10th annual ASPIRE awards. (Submitted photo)

## Wanamaker Native Honored at 10th Annual ASPIRE Awards Gala

Angie Vennall, a Wannamaker native and graduate of Roncalli High School, was recently honored with the ASPIRE Excellence in Execution award at the OneAmerica Financial 10th annual ASPIRE Awards gala at the Indiana History Center. The ASPIRE values - Achievement, Stewardship, Partnership, Integrity, Responsiveness and Excellence - was created in 2014 to celebrate top-performing OneAmerica Financial associates who live the company's ASPIRE values and have demonstrated a consistent track record of success serving customers and financial professionals.
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## Greenwood Resident Inducted into the Kiwanis Club of Perry Township

## By Sherri Coner

Community service is nothing new to Southside business owner James "Jim" Landwerlen of Greenwood. Through the years he has served as chairman for Rod \& Staff Ministries on the Southside, an elder at Community Church of Greenwood, treasurer for the Center Grove High School Show Choir, and as a December bell ringer for The Salvation Army, just to name a few.

Recently being inducted into Perry Kiwanis was just another proud step he is taking to continue what was modeled by his late father, Robert Landwerlen, a longtime volunteer and past president of St. Vincent de Paul Society.
"I wanted to honor his service and do something nice to help other people," Landwerlen said.

As a Southside native, Landwerlen attended St. Roch Catholic School and Perry Meridian High School before playing football for and earning a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting from the University of Indianapolis. As a past Certified Public Accountant and

Certified Financial Planner, Landwerlen is a home mortgage loan professional with a lending license in Indiana and Florida. He and Terri, his wife of 39 years, have four daughters and eight grandchildren.

The welcome mat is always out for new members, said Tommy Tomlinson, Perry Kiwanis vice president and board member. "The goal of Kiwanis is to serve the children of the world," Tomlinson said. "That's our motto, and Jim is a real asset to our club."

Through hosting various events, Kiwanis raises funds to help support community organizations such as Hunger Inc., Baxter YMCA youth programs and Riley Hospital for Children. Now in its ninth year, one of those fundraisers is the Perry Kiwanis golf outing set for June 13. "It has become a Southside tradition, bringing enthusiasts and community supporters together for a day of fun, camaraderie, and philanthropy," said Ann C. Smith, Perry Kiwanis member since 2007 who also serves on the board.


Southside native Jim Landwerlen (right) was recently inducted into Perry Kiwanis by President Jeff Udrasols. (Submitted photo)


## Center Grove Pins Win Again at State

# Trojans capture repeat second-place spot at IHSAA wrestling state finals 

## By Ken Severson

It was déjà vu all over again for Center Grove wrestling coach Maurice Swain and the Trojans.

Sort of.
True, the Trojans repeated their second place in the annual IHSAA wrestling state finals held in Evansville this year due to the NBA All-Star Game. Center Grove finished with 121.5 points, just three points off firstplace Brownsburg, but inching closer to that elusive title.
Last year the Trojans were 36 points from 2022-23 champ Crown Point's point total.

But this year's tournament produced three individual champions as opposed to two last year.

Winning their respective weight classes in formidable fashion were seniors Charlie LaRocca at 120 pounds, to go with his 113 -pound championship of last season, Wyatt Krejsa, who won at 150 pounds after taking runner-up honors at 145 pounds last year, and heavyweight Nate Johnson, who won his first individual title and Center Grove's first at heavyweight since Jeremy Van Alstyne won it in 2002.

Overall, the Trojans sent 10 grapplers to the state tournament and eight of them placed in the top eight spots, giving Center Grove its best effort at the state level in addition to tying its best result.
"We entered knowing that with the amount of guys we were taking, that we had a shot to put ourselves in the top two possibly and win the whole thing," Swain said. "We had to put a lot of guys on the podium. We were close and came up just short, but we wrestled hard and I'm proud of their effort."


Center Grove's three champions include seniors Wyatt Krejsa at 150 pounds, Charlie LaRocca at 120 pounds, and Nate Johnson. It was the second championship for LaRocca, who won last year at 113 pounds, and Nate Johnson at heavyweight. (Photo by Beth Krejsa of Krejsa Media Art)

## Trio of champions

LaRocca's championship made him the second Trojan to ever win consecutive crowns after Ron Gaskins won back-to-back titles in 1976-77 at 105 and 112 pounds.

LaRocca began his quest with a pin over senior Adrian Origel of North Newton at the 3:31 mark. A 9-1 major decision win over Greenfield-Central's Jeff McGuire moved LaRocca to the semifinals against No. 1 ranked Gavin Jendreas of Crown Point.

LaRocca held off Jendreas 3-2 and avenged an earlier loss to the Bulldog grappler. It was by the same 3-2 score that LaRocca won his second state title over junior Ty Henderson of Evansville's Mater Dei.
He's set to go to the Air Force Academy to join former Center Grove teammate and state champion Drake Buchanan and wrestle for the Falcons. He finished the season at 37-5.
"When you come in as a champion, you have a big target on your back and are expected to win a title," Swain said.

Krejsa got his coveted title in dominating fashion, opening with a pin of Mason Adams of Western Boone. Krejsa kept rolling in the winner's bracket with another pin, this time on Munster senior Chris Bohn.
The Purdue-bound Krejsa then scored an impressive tech fall over Crown Point's Kaptur Nowaczyk, 23-8.
In the finals, Krejsa beat Floyd Central's Hunter May for the second time this season, $13-6$, and capped his final season with a 40-2 mark and 60-3 record for the past two seasons.

Everybody knows, works, and trains extremely hard and I can't imagine there's another athlete in the state that works harder than him," Swain said. "In my opinion, he was the most dominating wrestler in Indiana."

Johnson, ranked fourth at heavyweight, proved the paper rankings were off as he also had an impressive performance en route to his first title.


CG wrestler Wyatt Krejsa throws Hunter May of Floyd Central during action in the 150-pound final, Saturday night in Evansville. It was the second time Krejsa beat May this season. Krejsa, who's going to Purdue to wrestle, beat May 13-6. (Photo by Mason Lee)

Johnson erased the memories of getting bounced in the first-round last year at 220 , by beating Batesville's Max Amberger 7-1 on Friday, and then nipping Rochester's Brady Beck 2-1 tiebreaker. Johnson got to the finals with a 9-0 major decision win over Plymouth's Tony Poppi, before recording the fourth and final pin of this year's state finals and second-fastest of the night, on Hosia Smith of Indianapolis Cathedral in only 1:47 of the first period.
Johnson ends his championship run with a 27-1 record.
"Nate had a great career on the mat," Swain said. "He was a three-time state qualifier and he felt he was a top eight as a sophomore and junior but didn't place either year. Nate had the ability and he put it all together at the right time and got over the hump."

## Other results

Also securing top eight results for the Trojans were senior Reese Courtney, who was third at 144 pounds, junior Eddie Goss, fifth at 132, seniors Noah Clouser and Kaden McConnell who each placed fifth respectively at 175 and 190 pounds.
Junior Silas Stits took seventh place at 157 pounds.
For Goss, it was his third placing at the finals. It was the second for Courtney and McConnell.

Center Grove sophomores Joe Hamilton (106) and William Vander Luitgarren (138) were eliminated in the first round, but both should return next season.
"This is the best wrestling team to come through this high school", Swain said. "They did it the right way since they were young, and we are going to miss these guys tremendously."

## Four Roncalli wrestlers place at state

Roncalli sophomore Peyton Schoettle left Indianapolis for the annual IHSAA Wrestling State Finals at Evansville last week as one of the top grapplers in the 106 -pound class.
He left Evansville as the de facto state champion.
Schoettle won four times in two days to become Roncalli's eighth state champion and second consecutive after Bryce Lowery's state title last year.
It was also a great team tournament for Roncalli and coach Shaun Richardson, as they placed eighth with 39.5 points.
In addition to Schoettle, the Royals qualified three wrestlers to the finals, including brothers Blake and Brandon Getz, who both brought back seventh place finishes respectively.
The fourth member of the Roncalli quartet to make it to Evansville was 165 -pounder James Dozier, who was eliminated in the first round by Bloomington South junior

Evan Roudebush, who pinned Dozier in the first period.

The good news for Roncalli and Dozier is he can return next year as he is a junior.

Dozier finished with a record of 29-11
"It's great to have three wrestlers who placed at state," Richardson said. "And to have three coming back next year is awesome. It's a big accomplishment for us to be blessed with some great wrestlers."

## More Southside state action

Franklin Central's Richard Rogers was the only other Southside non-Roncalli wrestler to place at the state finals, as the Flash sophomore took eighth place in the 120 -pound division.
Rogers started by knocking off highly regarded Western senior Tanner Tishner, who was fifth last year at 120 pounds, 9-3. Unfortunately, that was the only win Rogers recorded at the tournament
Rogers then lost in the next round to eventual runner-up Ty Henderson of Evansville's Mater Dei 9-4 and then lost in the consolation rounds to wrestlers from Fishers and Greenfield-Central to take eighth.

Rogers finished the season with a 33-10 record.
Teammate Moses Stevenson lost in the opening round at 150 to Floyd Central senior Hunter May, who eventually took second place in the tournament. May trounced Stevenson 13-2 in a major decision.
Stevenson ended his fine season at 33-6, tying Rogers for the most wins this season by a Franklin Central wrestler.

Other Southside wrestlers who made it to state but were eliminated in the Friday night opening round were Indianapolis Lutheran freshman Caleb Morrow at 106, and senior Zach Huckaby of Perry Meridian at 165 pounds.


Roncalli's Peyton Schoettle grapples with Lake Central's Mason Jones during their 106-pound championship match in Evansville. Schoettle won 3-2 to give him his first championship as a sophomore and Roncalli its second consecutive individual wrestling title. (Photo by Zach Dozier)
(Cover) Members of the second place Center Grove Trojans wrestling team pose after the IHSAA annual state wrestling finals in Evansville. Head coach Maurice Swain is in the back row, far left. (Photo by Emily Rich)

## 2024 SUMMER CAMP D|RECTORY

## YMCA OF GREATER INDIANAPOLIS

## Baxter YMCA

## 7900 Shelby Street,

Indianapolis, IN 46227
For more information, call 317-605-
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Enroll at indymca.org/
youthdevelopment
Traditional Camp: Located at YMCA facilities, campers (ages 5 to 15) will enjoy the amenities a YMCA facility center has to offer, like swimming pools, gyms, sports fields, and other great outdoor spaces. Activities at Traditional Camp can include swimming, arts and crafts, archery, gaga ball, and so much more! Weekly camps available from June 3 through July 26.

Thompson Crossing Elementary

## 7525 Thompson Road,

Indianapolis, IN 46239
For more information, call 317-6072324 or email daycamp@indymca.org

## Enroll at indymca.org/

 youthdevelopmentDiscover Camp: Located at schools or churches, campers (ages 5 to 12) enjoy STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) activities along with opportunities for optional enrichment and sports clinics during the camp day. Weekly camps available from June 3 through July 19 (No camp June 19 and July 4).

## EMMANUEL CHURCH GREENWOOD

1640 West Stones Crossing Road, Greenwood

## 317-535-9673

## eclife.org/camps

Emmanuel offers five camp environments for grades K -12
High School Camp: High School Camp is an overnight camp for students entering grade 9 through graduating senior. The camp runs June 10-13. Emmanuel Church staff and adult volunteers will lead the camp, hosted at Hanging Rock Christian Camp in West Lebanon. Early bird pricing of $\$ 250$ for everyone that registers by April 1, price will increase to $\$ 300$ on April 2.

Middle School Camp: Middle School Camp is an overnight camp for students entering grades 7 and 8 . The camp runs June 3-6. Emmanuel Church staff and adult volunteers will lead the camp, hosted at Hanging Rock Christian Camp in West Lebanon. Early bird pricing of \$250 for everyone that registers by April 1, price will increase to $\$ 300$ on April 2.

Kids and 56 Camp - Banta/Garfield
Park/Martinsville: Kids Camp is a day camp for kids entering grades 1-4 that
runs Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. -4 p.m. Fifth and sixth grade students will attend this camp, but have an overnight component on Wednesday night, along with a pool party at the Franklin pool. Food is not provided, so campers should bring lunch, though dinner will be provided for fifth and sixth graders for the sleepover. More details will be sent to registrants prior to the start of camp. Camp runs July 8-11 and the cost is $\$ 150$.

Kids Camp - Greenwood/Franklin: Kids Camp is a day camp for kids entering grades 1-4 that runs Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop off begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Greenwood campus. Food is not provided, so campers should bring lunch. More details will be sent to registrants prior to the start of camp. Camp runs June 24-27 and the cost is $\$ 150$.

56 Camp - Greenwood/Franklin: 56 Camp is a day camp for kids entering grades 5 or 6 that runs Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. -4 p.m. There is an overnight component on Wednesday night, along with a pool party at the Franklin pool. Drop off begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Greenwood campus. Lunch is not provided. More details will be sent to registrants prior to the start of camp. Camp runs July 8-11 and the cost is $\$ 150$.


## KIDS EXPLORE ROBOTICS

Knightsbridge Academy, 1674 West Smith Valley Road, Greenwood
aarvinagr915@gmail.com
kidsexplorerobotics.com/ summercamps
Kids Explore Robotics will be offering weekly summer camps during the week of June 3.

We will offer:
Half-day Camps - two sessions: 9 a.m. - noon and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Thursday
Full Day Camps: 9 a.m. -4 p.m. Monday through Thursday
We will have sessions over multiple weeks in the Greenwood area, so families can choose a specific week that works best for their schedule. The specific weeks we plan to have camps are:

Session 1: June 3 - June 6
Session 2: June 10 - June 13
Session 3: June 17 - June 20
Session 4: June 24 - June 27
Session 5: July 8 - July 11
Session 6: July 15 - July 18
Session 7: July 22 - July 25
Sign up for the camp on our website: KidsExploreRobotics.com/summercamps

A little about the instructor, Aarav Agrawal:

* Classes led by an aspiring engineering student with a stellar academic record
* Recognized as a Bright Ideas student at the Central Indiana Business Hall of Fame Gala
* Invited to JA JobSpark \& Careerlgnite events to discuss robotics with kids
* Featured in The Southside Times, Johnson County ICON, and the Daily Journal
* Backed by an experienced engineer dad


## Roncalli hosts a variety of summer sports camps

## RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL



3300 Prague Road, Indianapolis

317-787-8277
18th Annual Junior Royal Theatre Summer Camp
roncalli.org/fine-arts/theatre/junior-royal-theatre-camp
The 18th Annual Summer Camp is open to all students who have just completed second through eighth grades. There are two camp dates to choose from: June 3 through June 27, 9 a.m. to noon (because of moratorium week, this camp ends on Thursday); July 8 through July 26, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost of the camp is $\$ 250$. There is a $\$ 50$ discount for siblings attending the same camp. Camps will meet at 2 p.m. on the last day with two performances at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Registration begins March 1. Please contact Miki Lewinski if you have questions at 317-787-8277, ext. 249.


## Academic Camp

Potential non-athletic camp offerings will include beginning and advanced coding, beginning and advanced ukulele, baking, young authors, leadership, and more!

Sumer Sports Camp
Summer Sports Camp Registration information starts on March 1
athletics.roncalli.org/summer-sports-camps
During the months of May, June, and July, Roncalli offers many sports camps. Campers learn the values of dedication, perseverance, and commitment to teamwork, while meeting new friends and having fun. All camps are led by the coaching staff at Roncalli and are directed to the ability level of each child. Visit roncalli. org/athletics/summer-sports-camps to see the dates and ages for the following camps: Football, Boys Lacrosse, Girls Lacrosse, Girls Volleyball, Girls Basketball, Gymnastics, Boys Basketball, Bowling, Cheerleading, Boys Football, Girls Softball, Baseball, Tennis, Swimming and Diving

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(please contact the Athletic Department or head coach at swimmingdiving@roncalli. org regarding the Roncalli Summer Swim Club), Wrestling (please contact the Athletic Department or head coach at wrestling@ roncalli.org regarding the wrestling camp), Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Golf Sixth through Ninth Grade Boys and Girls, Boys Volleyball, Distance Running Development and Speed Development Sixth through Ninth Grade Boys and Girls. For more information, please contact the Athletic Office at 317-788-4094 or email Regan Getz, rgetz@roncalli.org.


## CAMP INVENTION

## Multiple locations

800-968-4332

## Campinvention.org

Curious kids entering grades K-6 can join this confidence-boosting STEM summer camp where kids build creative inventions and lasting friendships. Led by certified local educators, the camps offer new and exciting hands-on activities every year. See each local camp for exact pricing for this weeklong STEM summer camp, complete with takehome materials.

Discover our new 2024 Camp Invention program, Illuminate. This year's brand-new program will illuminate imaginations, inspire curiosity, and help kids build essential STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) skills through collaboration and problem solving. Campers explore hands-on challenges and openended adventures designed to unlock creativity and help them shine their brightest.


Roncalli High School is the place to be for summer camps! Attend by yourself or grab a friend and experience being a
Royal at one of our many fun opportunities.

## Sports Camps - Go to athletics.roncalli.org/ summer-sports-camps to register, or for more information, please contact (317) 788-4094. <br> Academic Gamps - <br> To register, contact <br> Allie Ross at <br> aross@roncalli.org.

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## MARIAN UNIVERSITY

3200 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis 317-955-6000
marian.edu/conference-and-events/ camps-and-conferences
Spring is just around the corner, which means it's time to think about summer camp registration. This year, Marian University is making it easy for families to register their K-12 students for summer camps at the inaugural "Summer at Marian" summer camps fair. Summer at Marian is a free, community-wide event that makes it convenient and easy to register students for Marian University's most popular summer camps - while also enjoying an afternoon of fun, familyfriendly activities.

The Summer at Marian event will take place Feb. 24 from 3 to 6 p.m. at Marian University's Alumni Hall located at 3200 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis. The event will be more than a fair; it'll be a gateway to a transformative summer experience including two guided tours of Marian's historic campus at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Those who attend the 2 p.m. campus tour will receive a free

Chick-fil-A meal voucher, additional food vouchers, special Marian University promotional items, and more!

## Summer at Marian will feature:

- Activity stations for Marian's K-12 summer camps
- On-site Marian University summer camp registration
- Free Chick-fil-A food vouchers for the first 100 guests
- Scholarship giveaways
- A D.J
- Double-Dutch and bounce houses
- Free tickets to the Marian University double-header basketball games at 1 and 3 p.m. on Feb. 24 by emailing camps@marian.edu after registering to attend the event


## Marian University offers a wide

variety of summer camps, including:

- Innovation Through Engineering Camp
- Healthcare Camp
- Klipsch Educators College Leadership Institute
Families can register for the free Summer at Marian event and register online for all of Marian University's summer camps at marian.edu/conference-and-events/ camps-and-conferences


## GIRLS ROCK INDIANAPOLIS

IUPUI, in the ICTC building, 535 West Michigan Street, Indianapolis, IN 46202

## 317-643-0233

girlsrockindy.org/
programs/\#summercamp
Girls Rock! Indy Camp is a day camp for girls, non-binary, and trans youth ages 9-16. Campers attend a week-long crash course in instrument instruction, songwriting, and musical collaboration as well as interactive workshops and lessons focused on building confidence, personal empowerment, and leadership skills through the lens of music education.

Camp culminates with a Saturday Showcase where campers perform the original songs that they created throughout the week. Campers do not need to have any prior music experience, and instruments will be provided. This year we will also be offering an audio production track. It is open to campers entering 7th grade (or older).

For 2024, we are changing camp up a bit. Our new camp structure and offerings are as follows:

Camp Week 1 (July 8-12) will be our regular Full Day Camp programming for 9 -to 16 -year-olds with the same number of campers that would attend both weeks combined.
Camp Week 2 (July 15-19) we are kicking off a 6-8-year-old Half Day Camp, a Full Day Instrument Intensive Camp, and a Full Day DJ/Production Camp.
Camp tuition for 6-8-year-old (half-day) is $\$ 300$ per camper. Intensive Instrument tuition is $\$ 375$ for one camper to attend one week of camp. And new this year, if you have multiple campers in your family or your camper would like to attend both weeks, we're offering a multiple camper discount where one camper attending two weeks or two different campers attending two separate weeks is $\$ 650$. The application for camp closes on March 18. There is no application fee. Financial aid, with a sliding scale, is available; more information can be found in the application. The minimum payment for that scale is $\$ 50$. Tuition will be billed after acceptance letters are sent out and will be due by May 31. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to email us directly at campdirector@ girlsrockindy.org.



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## PHOTO of the WEEK



Congratulations to the Franklin Central High School Girls Swim Team for winning sectionals for the first time in school history, and to Flashes Aquatics Head Coach Dalton Herendeen for being named Girls Swim \& Dive Sectional Coach of the Year!' A two-time Paralympian, Dalton represented the U.S. as a member of the U.S. Paralympic team in London (2012) and in Rio (2016). In 2015, Dalton swam in the World Championship where he broke the American Record in the 100 breaststroke (SB8 Class). (Photo courtesy of FC Flashes Athletics)

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

## The quarterbacks that win ... those are the

quarterbacks that are talked about for being great.

Patrick Mahomes



Top 10 answers to the question, "Why do you want to work here?"

By Torry Stiles
10. "Y'all ain't real big on that whole extradition thing out here."
9. "Mom's Social Security won't cover my car payment and rent anymore."
8. "For my birthday the kids got me a new piece of cardboard and a fresh Magic Marker."
7. "I'm ready to move up out of the turkey bologna section of the deli case."
6. "I love the atmosphere. So breathable."
5. "The wife said I need to find a good job or she's going back home. I just wanna work long enough to make her bus fare."
4. "It was this or prison and you guys have a nicer dress code."
3. "I'm out of ketchup to make tomato soup to go with my cheese-less grilled cheese sandwich."
2. "The only place left for me to downsize to is a van by the river."

1. "My old boss said you wouldn't be stupid enough to hire me, and I want to prove him wrong."

## BELIEVEIT!

Our nation has all sorts of arcane, nonsensical laws on the books. Each week, we'll share one with you ...
In Canada, if you are released from prison, you must be given a handgun with bullets and a horse.

Source: stupidlaws.com

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## BEECH GROVE

The Breakfast Club • Join us for breakfast. Everyone is welcome! Hot coffee, good food, and conversation with community friends. | When: Every Thursday, 9 a.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Avenue, Beech Grove. | Info: hornetparkcommunitycenter.com; 317-788-4986

Deck Masters Card Club • Do you enjoy playing cards? Euchre? Hand and Foot? Join our card club! Bring your friends or meet new ones! We provide playing cards, coffee, and other drinks. Also available to play: Rummikub, Tripoley, Uno, and Mexican Train Dominoes. | When: Every Thursday, 10 a.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Avenue, Beech Grove. | Info: hornetparkcommunitycenter.com; 317-788-4986

WT's Imaginarium Spring Sale - WT's Imaginarium Spring Sale: Bikes, Trikes, Tools, and Treasures. A portion of the proceeds benefit Servant's Heart of Indy and Zambian Ministries. |When: Friday and Saturday, March 1 and 2, 8 a.m. -6 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Avenue, Beech Grove. | Info: hornetparkcommunitycenter.com; 317-788-4986

## CENTER GROVE

Hooked on Books - "Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You" by Jason Reynolds. If you enjoy discussing books you've read, please join us. Copies of the books are available to check out the month prior. A Zoom option is available with the link sent upon request. |When: Feb. 27, 1:30-3:30 p.m. | Where: White River Library Branch, 1664 Library Boulevard, Greenwood. | Info: jcplin.libnet.info/ event/9602193 or 317-885-1330

## FRANKLIN

St. Thomas Chili Cookoff • All the chili you can eat. Vote with your \$\$\$ for your favorite chili. Drinks and desserts are available for an additional donation. Door prizes awarded throughout the evening. Cost: $\$ 10$ for adults, $\$ 5$ for children under 8. A portion of the proceeds benefits the St. Thomas Clinic. | When: March 9, 5-7:30 p.m. | Where: St. Thomas Episcopal Church, 600 Paul Hand Blvd. (CR 400 N off US 31), Franklin. | Info: Call 317-535-8985 with questions.

## FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

History on Stage: A presentation from Madam CJ Walker and a Sales Associate - Experience a CJ Waker and a Sales Associate • Experience a
live performance from two historic ladies: Madam CJ Walker and a Sales Associate, Madam CJ Walker and Ida B. Wells, or Ida B. Wells and Harriet Tub-
man. After a 45 -minute presentation, they will answer your questions for 15 minutes. The lovely women of Soulful Journeys of Women present these historic figures. | When: Feb. 27, 4-5 p.m. | Where: Franklin Road Library Branch, 5550 South Franklin Road, Indianapolis. | Info: attend.indypl. org/event/9772868

## GARFIELD PARK

Stamp Making Class - Looking to learn something new? Join the Garfield Park Arts Center for a stamp making class. This class will teach you how to carve a stamp and use it to print any design you can think of from simple shapes to complex geometric forms and images. |When: Feb. 28, 6-8 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. | Info: Learn more and register at bit.ly/4bOPZv3; 317-327-7135

First Friday Night Market • First Friday Night Markets take place every first Friday of the month at the Tube Factory Artspace. If you are interested in becoming a vendor, contact nightmarket@bigcar. org for more information. | When: March 1, 6-10 p.m. | Where: Tube Factory Artspace, 1125 Cruft Street, Indianapolis. | Info: First Friday Night Market | Big Car; 317-450-6630

## 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. | When: Jan. 31 - Feb. 29, Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Where: Southside Art League, 299 East Broadway Street, Greenwood. | Info: Please call SALI at 317-882-5562 or Beverly Mathis at 317-313-5922 to arrange for viewing or appointment at any other time.

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 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 East Broadway Street, Greenwood. | Info: Sonja Lehman at 317-508-2074 or email: sonjask04@yahoo.com

## AN OPTION

## SIP Cocktails on Main

Speakeasy-style cocktail bars have increased in popularity for the past 15 years throughout major cities in the U.S., offering a mysterious, elegant, and upscale alternative to loud and crowded pubs so patrons can enjoy a craft cocktail and conversation while retro jazz and swing music plays in the background. SIP Cocktails on Main opened earlier this month in the old "The Columns" building which once housed the Odd Fellows lodge hall. "Super cool vibe. Relaxing atmosphere. Friendly staff," according to a Facebook review. "It's great to see a place like this within walking distance." SIP's cocktail menu features Piggyback Old Fashioned, their signature Pineapple Eddy, and the Push Pop Martini, along with many beer, wine, mules, and spirit-free selections. Limited food options from Indy's own Eat Surreal include various charcuterie plates.
"SIP's Old Fashions are an ode to tradition," stated a Google review. "With a meticulous blend of aged whiskey or tequila, aromatic bitters, and a touch of sugar, this iconic libation embodies elegance and refinement. Served over a single, oversized ice cube, it's a testament to the artistry and attention to detail that define SIP's cocktail repertoire."

Hours: Thursday, 6 p.m. - midnight; Friday and Saturday, 6 p.m. - 1 a.m.; closed Sunday through Wednesday (available for exclusive rentals on weekdays). Address: 250 West Main Street, Greenwood. For more information, go to meetyouatsip.com or email info@meetyouatsip.com.

GPL: Get Involved - Volunteer! • You know you want to be more involved in your community. You've been asking yourself how you can use your time and talents in a meaningful way. We've got some suggestions. Join us for a panel discussion with local service providers to find out what they do and how you can help. | When: Feb. 27, 6:30 7:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 South Meridian Street, Greenwood. |Info: 317-881-1953; questions@greenwoodlibrary.us

GPL: Pub Trivia at Hoosier Brewing - Ultimate Pub Trivia • Here's your chance to share all of the useless knowledge stored in your head that could potentially win you a prize! GPL is hosting pub trivia at Hoosier Brewing - come grab a beer and settle in for a fun night. Ten questions a round/five rounds of questions. You can play individually or put together your own team. A prize will be given to the winning team (or individual)! Theme: Ultimate Pub Trivia. | When: Feb. 27, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Where: Hoosier Brewing Company, 147 South Madison Avenue, Greenwood. | Info: 317-8811953; questions@greenwoodlibrary.us

Spring Lawn Care Class • Proper planning and actions this spring will help ensure a healthier lawn. Learn proper timing for fertilizing, crabgrass prevention, weeds, and seeding. Registration is sug-
gested to ensure there are enough handouts. Free. | When: April 3, 6-7:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 South Meridian Street, Greenwood. | Info: greenwoodlibrary.us; Dick Huber at 317-881-1953, ext. 4

AARP Driver Safety Class • Participants will learn valuable defensive driving strategies and a good refresher of the rules of the road. Learn about new vehicle technologies and safety features. Some insurance companies offer a discount on auto insurance. Cost - \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members, cash or check payable at class. | When: April 12, 12 - 4 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 South Meridian Street, Greenwood. | Info: greenwoodlibrary.us; Dick Huber at 317-881-1953, ext. 4

## ONLINE

Legislative Updates • Your opportunity to ask your legislators questions about 2024 legislation and voice your concerns. | When: March 2 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. | Where: On Zoom. | Info: Register at Iwv-bmc.org - Legislative Updates - League of Women Voters of Bloomington-Monroe County.
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## A funny, sweet, and visually inventive rom-com

## MOVIE REVIEW

## By Bradley Lane

The romantic comedy is a staple in the canon of film, and they have existed for almost as long as the medium. They experienced a height in popularity during the Hays Code 50s, when quippy dialogue, clever innuendo, and cheeky double meanings were the priority to get around the censors. Then after a brief period of reinvention and iteration, the rom-com dominated the 90s and 2000s. Unfortunately, thanks to the comic book film boom and the death of the mid-budget film, post2010 or so, the rom-com nearly disappeared from mainstream film. Only recently have romantic comedies regained some amount of cultural relevance thanks to a string of popular straight-to-streaming rom-coms that have been massively popular, if unremarkably made. Finally though, a romantic comedy has come along that is
funny, heartfelt and most importantly, inventive enough to break through the mold.

Set in and around the titular Rye Lane in South London, the down-and-out Dom (David Jonsson) finds Yas (Vivian Oparah) at a time of mutual transition. Dom and Yas are both fresh off of breakups, and while Yas ended her last relationship, Dom got harshly broken up with and is still emotionally reeling from the experience. Through just one magical day Yas and Dom help each other emotionally navigate the complicated feelings of relationships past, learn about each other, and begin to look toward their future.
What makes Rye Lane special is the film's unique visual language. Not only does the film frequently employ dramatic colorful lighting, but it uses a
very wide lens to capture more of each actor's performance and emphasize the setting around those principal characters. It also makes use of clever cut-away sequences as the characters share past experiences, and they serve to let us get a deeper understanding of how Dom and Yas experience the world around them.

Unfortunately, as great as the characters and visuals are, the film cannot escape the structural uniformity that plagues the romantic comedy genre. They have a meet-cute, they grow to care for one another, then by the end of the second act they have a contrived conflict, only to reconnect in dramatic fashion by the end. You know exactly what will happen as soon as it starts and that is disappointing given just how
much the film seems to be interested in challenging conventions of its genre.
Despite this, the characters are easy to love and flawed in interesting and compelling ways that make for a consistently enjoyable viewing experience. The great tragedy of Rye Lane is that so few people know about this movie, as it was unceremoniously dumped onto Hulu earlier this year. I'm pretty plugged into the film release schedule, and even I failed to catch this when it first came out. So here, I am lending my small voice in support of this lovely little film to encourage you to seek out this hidden gem. - 3.5/5 stars


Bradley is a Beech Grove High School Bradryus 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

All representatives and senators who represent Johnson, Brown, and Monroe counties are invited to attend. Sponsored by the Leagues of Women Voters of Johnson, Brown, and Monroe Counties, and Bloomington Chamber of Commerce.

## PERRY TOWNSHIP

Meditation for Everyday People - with Indy Community Yoga - You are invited to practice quiet meditation with IndyPL and Indy Community Yoga. This practice is suitable for beginners, Zen Masters, and everyone in between. No special knowledge, experience, attire, belief, or non-belief is required. Just be yourself. |When: Feb. 26, 6:307:30 p.m. | Where: West Perry Branch Library, 6650 South Harding Street, Indianapolis. | Info: attend. indypl.org/event/9756489; 317-275-4390

Perry Seniors Euchre • Play Euchre with local seniors in the community. | When: Feb. 29, 10 a.m. | Where: Perry Senior Services, 6901 Derbyshire Road, Indianapolis. | Info: perryseniors.org; 317-783-9231

## SOUTHPORT

Baby ArtsPlay - Little ones will be engaged through stories and songs with sensory play and body movement activities! Help your 6-36 month old child with their motor skills, emergent language, spatial awareness, and object permanence in this workshop with teaching artist Amauunet Ashé from Arts for Learning. | When: Feb. 28, 10:30 - 11 a.m. | Where: Southport Library Branch, 2630 East Stop 11 Road, Indianapolis. | Info: attend.indypl.org/event/9919143; 317-275-4510


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## SPOTLIGHT

## The Bad Seed

Audiences will question everything they know when Betty Rage Productions presents the classic story that's been a novel, play, hit 1956 film, and inspired dozens more psychological thrillers. Adapted by Indianapolis theater artist James Capps, and produced and directed by Callie Burk-Hartz,
"The Bad Seed" opens on Leap Day and runs one weekend only, inside the Gothic grandeur of downtown's Scottish Rite Cathedral.
Ten-year-old Rhoda Penmark is whip-smart and well behaved. Her parents and neighbors dote on her, but something is amiss. Is she too good to be true? Nothing is as it seems in this smart and chilling tale of nature versus nurture. Starring: Greta Shambarger, Christine Zavakos, Shannon Samson, Lukas Schooler, Austin Hoofkin, Alyce Penry, Tristan Ross, Ronn Johnston, and Jenni White.
"The Bad Seed" opens next Thursday, Feb. 29, at 7:30 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Cathedral, 650 North Meridian St., Indianapolis. Evening performances will also be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, March 1 and Saturday, March 2. Matinee performances will be held on Saturday, March 2 at 2 p.m., and Sunday, March 3, at 3 p.m.

Tickets are $\$ 20$. Buy at the door or online at TheBadSeed.eventbrite.com or BettyRageProductions.com.


Murder is child's play in "The Bad Seed." (Submitted photo)

## Order in the coffee shop

## GRAMMAR GUY

## By Curtis Honeycutt

I love listening to other people's coffee shop orders. It seems there is no limit to human creativity when it comes to curating the best bespoke beverage. With so many milk choices, coffee combinations, and sweetener options, the possibilities are endless. And, as long as I get that caffeine in me, it's all good.
Have you noticed what people say before they list their litany of whipped whimsies? Increasingly, I hear these coffee connoisseurs begin with, "I'll do ..."
No, I didn't say "I do." Although, if they love their $\$ 6$ coffees so much, they might as well marry them, am I right? I wouldn't know - I'm more of a chai guy.

That's right - people start their orders with "'ll do." "I'll do a 16 -ounce flat white with whip." "I'll do a medium lavender macchiato with oat milk." "I'll do a triple-
shot mini espresso frappe sprinkled with non-dairy pumpkin unicorn dust - light foam."

What does "i'll do" mean? The baristas make the drinks. The customers pay for the drinks. They're not doing anything except swiping their cards and pretending to tip well on the second screen. You're not fooling anyone, by the way; rounding up 12 cents doesn't really count as a tip.

There are several ways to start an order that make more sense. "I'll have a," "I'd like a," "May I please have a," or "Whip me up a" are perfectly fine alternatives. "I'll do a" really grates my grounds.

If you pay attention, you'll notice people ordering at restaurants this way as well. I think it's obligatory for every, "I'll just do the chicken tenders with a side of ranch," the waiter will come by at some point in the meal to quip, "You still working on those?" Eating is not work, and you cannot "do" a food. "Yes, waiter, I'd
like to shove the entire basket of chicken tenders in my face" is a better way to order (in my opinion).
I'm afraid the "I'll do" train has already left the station; however, I think baristas should have an "I'll do" jar next to the register. Every time someone begins his order with "I'll do," they have to put a dollar in the jar. That would solve the non-tipping situation. Until then, I'll do another column on the unraveling downward spiral of American English. Wow, that got negative at the end $\ldots$ my apologies, I haven't had my caffeine yet this morning.


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

## Busy Doing Nothing

## HUMOR

## By Dick Wolfsie

When I retired from television three years ago, I hoped to relax and have nothing to do. But I did have stuff to do. Lots of stuff. I was busier than ever. So, I decided last week that I would set out a day where I had absolutely nothing to do. Zero. Nada. That was my goal.

Today looks good. I have nothing to do. Absolutely nothing. What a great feeling. I don't know where to put myself. But putting myself somewhere is doing something, so I better be careful. I am home alone, right now. I am two weeks ahead on my weekly humor column. No bills to pay. We have no dog to walk. All my laundry has been folded and put away. I think I've done it. But I am a little bored.
"Dick, why don't you read a book or watch a movie on TV?" you might say. But you see, if I read or watch movies, then I am doing something. That's been my way of avoiding what needs to get done. If I read a book when I have nothing to do, what will I do when I really have to do
something, and I don't want to? I'm losing you, aren't I? Don't stop reading now. Do you have anything better to do?

I am so excited about this that I am going to brag about my situation. I'll call one of my busiest friends. I know he'll be jealous. "Bob, it's Dick. What are you doing?" "Nothing, what about you?" "Hey, that's exactly what I'm doing. And I thought I was the only one who was that lucky." "Dick, when I say nothing, I don't really mean nothing. I'm paying some bills, shopping online, doing some laundry, cleaning out the car, and selling items on eBay so Cathy and I can donate more money to the homeless mission." "You call that nothing? That's a lot of something. Don't you know anything about nothing? I am really doing nothing. I mean absolutely nothing."
"Do you want to come over here and do something together?" "No, Bob, that's the whole point. I don't want to have anything to do with you." "Well, you don't have to get nasty about it." I tried another friend..."Mikki, it's Dick. Guess what? I have nothing to do." "So, take a nap." "A nap? You consider a nap nothing? A good
nap is a commitment. An actual event. A nap is not nothing. Trust me. If I were sleepy right now, a nap would be something to do. Geez, can't I find one friend who knows something about nothing?"
I called my wife. She was out shopping. Doing something, of course. I decided to rub it in. "Mary Ellen, it's me. I wanted you to know I am home right now, and I have absolutely nothing to do." "You're home in a house that has several burntout light bulbs, a broken smoke detector, a dishwasher to be unloaded, and a dirty litter box ... and you say you have nothing to do? I'm glad you called. Get moving, time to get things done. Boy, did that backfire. Now, all of a sudden, I have, like, four things to do. I guess I better get started. After all, I have nothing else to start
do.


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## Puzzle Time Answers

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Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:
Highest: ACME, APEX, CREST, PEAK, SUMMIT, ZENITH;

Lowest: BASE, BOTTOM, FOUNDATION, GROUND, NADIR;
Equipment: ARROW, BOW, QUIVER, TARGET;
Drinks: COCOA, COFFEE, TEA;
Meanings: INDEPENDENT, INDIANA;
Alma Mater: HANOVER

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## Betty Dowler

Betty Dowler, 92, died Feb. 17. Survivors: sister, Mary Norris; children, Carol (Mike) Lawlis, Sandra (Robert) Luse, and David (Marie) Dowler; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Predeceased: husband, Donald Dowler. Visitation: 11 a.m. to service at noon, Thursday, Feb. 22, Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service and CrematoryFranklin Township Chapel.

## Johnnie Hugh Harwood

Johnnie Hugh Harwood, 87, Beech Grove, died Feb. 13. Survivors: wife, Mary (Lewis) Harwood; daughters, Valerie (William) Chaney, and Barbara (Jose) Ruano; four grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; brothers: Bobby and Daryl Harwood. Services entrusted to Little Sons, Beech Grove Chapel.

## Carol D. Kettler

Carol D. Kettler, 83, died Feb. 14. She married Ken Kettler and raised four children, Tracy, Steve, Sharon, and Tim; she had a brother, Jim; daughter-in-law, Dawn; and two grandchildren. Visitation: 10 a.m. to noon service, Thursday, Feb. 22, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 3932 MiCasa Ave., Indianapolis. G.H. Herrmann

## Gerald R. Kreiger

Gerald R. Kreiger, 88, Indianapolis, died Feb. 9. Survivors: wife, Jane Ann Heidergott; children, Ginny (Pat) Terveer, Kenneth (Jo Biggers) Kreiger and Laura (Tom) Weida; nine grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth and Richard. Arrangements: G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home.

## Sheila Rene Leachman

Sheila Rene Leachman, 57, Bargersville, died Feb. 12. Survivors: husband, Jeffrey; two sons, Jacob (fiancé, Hannah) and Matthew; mother, Barbara Allender; two brothers, Jeff (Markita) Allender, and Kevin (Scott) Allender; extended family members and friends. Predeceased: son, Kaleb; daughter, Katie; father, David Allender. Arrangements: G.H. Herrmann Funeral Home.

## James W. Locke, II

James W. Locke, II, Indianapolis, formerly of Arizona, died Feb. 12. Survivors: wife, Cheryl; sister, Terri; half-sister, Diane Beswick. He was predeceased by his half-brother, Jack Murphy. Visitation: noon to service at 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 24, Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service \& Crematory, 481 W. Main St., Greenwood.

## Madaline "Midge" Lee (Thomas) McKee

Madaline "Midge" Lee (Thomas) McKee, 76, Indianapolis, died Feb. 7. Survivors: son, Oscar McKee; grandchildren, Desiree (Shawn) Spurrier, Christine Sims, and Orion McKee; five greatgrandchildren. Memorial visitation: Saturday, Feb. 24, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., service at 2 p.m. Little and Sons Stop 11 Road Chapel.

## Byron Michael Miner

Byron Michael Miner, 77, Indianapolis, died Feb. 18. Survivors: wife, Louise; children, Michael, Debbie, Ronda, Lance; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sister, Karen; brother, Beryle. Predeceased: three sisters; one brother. Visitation: Thursday, Feb. 22, 4-8 p.m., G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home. Funeral: Friday, Feb. 23, 1 p.m. funeral home.

## Margaret "Alice" Payne

Margaret "Alice" Payne, 88, Beech Grove, died Feb. 16. Survivors; children, Gary (Sandy), Ron (Kathy), Phil (Elaine), Mark, and Cindy Vittorio (Tony); eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren. Visitation followed by Mass on Friday, Feb. 23, 10 a.m., Holy Name Catholic Church, Beech Grove. Little \& Sons, Beech Grove.

## Ernestina Quinones

Ernestina Quinones, 87, Indianapolis, died Feb. 4, 2024. Mother to 10 children; 23 grandchildren; and 27 great-grandchildren. She is survived by Damasa, Nellie, Rosa Eneida, Ivan, William and Juan Luis. Services entrusted to Little \& Sons, Indianapolis.

## William Benhart Ryan

William Benhart Ryan, 31, Indianapolis, died Feb. 9. Survivors: daughter, Abriella Shaw; mother, Susan; siblings, Chelsea St. John (Kourtney), Paige Ryan, Trevor Roesch; niece; nephews; aunt; cousins; maternal grandfather; maternal uncle. Predeceased: father, William Ryan; paternal grandparents; and maternal grandmother. Arrangements handled by G.H. Herrmann Funeral Home.

## Forrest "Tug" Sutton

Forrest "Tug" Sutton, 79, Greenwood, died Feb. 14. Survivors: wife, Marilyn; daughter, Sonya (Chuck) Mayo; brothers, Steve (Cindy), and Geoff Sutton; four granddaughters; one great-grandchild; nieces, nephews. Predeceased: son, Bobby Sutton. Visitation: noon to service at 4 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 22, Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service and Crematory-Greenwood Chapel.

## Karen Terhune

Karen Terhune, 67, died Feb. 10. Survivors: son, Brent; daughter-in-law, Rysha; and cat, Homer Predeceased: parents; son, Chris. Celebration of life: 1:30-3:30 p.m., Monday, Feb. 26, Greenwood Community Center. Service entrusted to O'RileyBranson Funeral Service and Crematory, 1607 S. East St., Indianapolis.

## William G. Thiel, Jr.

William G. Thiel, Jr., 83, Indianapolis, died Feb. 14. Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Rosemary Thiel; his sister, Marilyn Thiel; and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his sister, Carol Myers. Arrangements handled by G.H. Herrmann Funeral Home.

## Lois M. (George) Thompson

Lois M. (George) Thompson, 93, Greenwood, died Feb. 16. Survivors: siblings, Linden, Paul, Mary Mae, LaFern, Shirley, and Shirlen; nieces and nephews; sister and brothers-in-laws: Bob (Carolyn), Kent (Irene), and Martha (Lawrence). Predeceased: husband, Fred. Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service \& Crematory, Greenwood Chapel.

## David Allen Waggoner

David Allen Waggoner, 83, Indianapolis, died Feb. 14. Survivors: wife, Judy; son, Jason; siblings, Steve Waggoner, and Judy Starnes; and nieces and nephews. Preceded in death: brother, Tom Waggoner. Arrangements provided by Forest Lawn Funeral Home, Greenwood, with Mike Gordon officiating.

## Patricia H. Whitaker

Patricia H. Whitaker, 81, Greenwood, died Feb. 11. Survivors: children, Christina Harmon, Cathleen Clady and Charles L. "Chip" Whitaker; eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and sisters, Pamela Sellers, and Polly Duros. She was preceded in death by her husband, Major General (Ret) Charles W. Whitaker. Arrangements handled by G.H. Herrmann.


Basic death notices (up to 50 words) are printed free of charge. Personalized Obituaries exceeding 50 words will be charged at a rate of $\$ 12$ for the first 60 words and 10 cents for each additional word. Full-color photographs may be included for an additional \$10. Families/estates or funeral directors are encouraged to send obituaries and photos to news@ss-times.com. Information received by noon Tuesday will be published Thursday, space permitting.


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

## \& BAPTIST

Garfield Park Baptist Church • Meets at 2560 Villa Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46203 | (317)-784-7068 | Worship Service at 11 a.m.

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

## DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

First Christian Church of Beech Grove • 405 Main Street, Beech Grove, IN 46107 | (317) 786-8522 | In Person on Sundays at 10:30 or Zoom, same time: 121813648

## き LUTHERAN

Calvary Lutheran Church \& School • 6111 Shelby St. Indianapolis | clcs.org | (317) 783-2000 | email: info@ clcs.org | Worship — Traditional: Sat. 5:30 p.m. \& Sun. 8:00 a.m.; Contemporary: Sun. 10:45 a.m. | Sunday School \& Bible Study: 9:25 a.m. | Engaging People In Christ through Connecting, Learning, Caring and Serving
*Concordia Lutheran Church and Preschool - 305 Howard Road, Greenwood | (317) 881-4477 | Worship Sun.: 9:30 a.m. | Mon.: 6:30 p.m. | concordia-Icms.com

## ¡ NON-DENOMINATIONAL

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

## ঔ SPIRITUALIST

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

## ¡ UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

## \& UNITED METHODIST

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


## Usehly Denotion



For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

ROMANS 8:18
This week we shift our focus from the baptism of Jesus in the calm, cool waters of the Jordan River, where the heavens opened and God identified Jesus to the crowd to be His beloved son, to the silence and solitude of 40 days in the harsh and unforgiving wilderness, where Jesus was tempted by the fires of desire. But Jesus resisted the devil and the devil departed. Jesus did not need to be tempted, but He suffered so that He might relate to our suffering in the flesh, and so that He might comfort us as we suffer here below. Our suffering is not a punishment for doing wrong. It may feel like we are being punished along the way, but our suffering is not a punishment, and it is not in vain. We suffer so that we might cry out to God for strength to endure. We also suffer so that we might be able to offer true compassion and empathy to those who suffer around us. But most of
all, we suffer because on the other side of the suf fering we will find the love that heals all wounds and makes us whole! We must prepare to lean into the suffering of this journey. We must press through the suffering of this dark world, for on the other side of the suffering we will find the light that is Christ. Past the suffering of the cross lies the kingdom of God. When we suffer in His name, the kingdom draws near. We need not fear when God is near! Draw near to God in prayer and God will deliver you.

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 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.


Every week, we aim to share the best of the Southside community sharing the stories of people who make a difference every day.
What stories in the community deserve to be told? What community Icons deserve recognition for what they do for Southside residents and organizations?

Forward your suggestions to Nancy Hammerstrom at nancyh@icontimes.com Souithside Times

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## AROUND TOWN



## AROUND TOWN <br> Shop local this month in Beech Grove during For the Love of Main Street

For the Love of Main Street runs the entire month of February! This is Main Street's way of giving back to the people that support us all year long! Each $\$ 5$ spent at a participating business earns a stamp; spend $\$ 50$ and you are entered to win one of two gift card baskets! Enter as many times as you like! Flyers can be picked up at any participating location.

Brought to you by Next Stop, Beech Grove and the Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce

## Public/Legal <br> Auction

PUBLIC NOTICE AUCTION OF PROPERTY BY Nick's Packing And Storage LLC. Public auction of personal property including household goods, furniture, non-perishables, belonging to the following persons: April Royal, Samuel Joseph Shehan, Christopher Browning, Inell Smith, Martha Lucia Guerrero, John Thomas Cashdollar On Thursday February 29, 2024 at 6:30PM The location for the auction is: Mike Heimel Auction Services 59 N. 2nd Ave, Beech Grove, IN 46107 PURUSANT TO IC 32-31-4-4, IC 32-31-4-5, IC 26-1-7-210(B)(5)

## Healthy Food Drive to help local <br> food pantries

The American Heart Association, in conjunction with 11 local businesses, is conducting a healthy food drive the week of Feb. 19 to help stock food pantries with healthier food options for their clients.

The food drive, part of the American Heart Association's centennial celebration, is engaging sponsors of the Heart \& Stroke Ball in this effort to support the community.

Sponsored by GEMCO, healthy food donations will be collected through Feb. 23 by:

- Cardiac Surgery Associates
- Citizens Energy Group
- CURIS Design (Ratio Architects)
- DB Eng
- DEEM
- Etica Group
- FA Wilhelm
- GEMCO
- Tesco
- TSW Utility Solutions
- Weddle Bros. Construction

Healthy food donation options include whole wheat grains and pastas, low-sodium vegetables, frozen and dried fruits, low-fat dairy and proteins such as unsalted nuts, peanut butter and beans.
"We know the need for healthy foods is great," said Amanda Mills, executive director of the American Heart Association. "We're thankful to work with so many organizations that have a heart for helping our fellow Hoosiers who are in need."


First Baptist Church of Beech Grove
5521 Churchman Ave.

Sunday Bible Study 10 am
Worship Service 11 am
Current preaching from Book of Acts Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 pm

## AROUND TOWN

## Coburn Place offers two free programs on mental health for the Black community

Many in the Black community view mental health conditions as a sign of personal weakness, and Coburn Place, in partnership with the Indianapolis African American Quality of Life Initiative, is offering two free programs to reduce that stigma.
Both workshops are led by Hazel Owens, MDiv., LMFT. Hazel is a licensed marriage and family therapist associate and owner of Owens Counseling \& Consulting Services LLC. She is also an associate pastor at Common Ground Christian Church.
Coburn Conversations: Generational
Trauma, Racism and Black Mental Health
Wednesday, Feb. 28 | Noon to 1 p.m. On Zoom

Let's discuss the multigenerational impact of systemic racism on mental health and wellness in the Black community. We'll explore the theory of post-traumatic slave syndrome and talk about how cultural and family norms can influence relationship dynamics today.
Free. Register at bit.ly/
CoburnConversationsFeb2024

Taking Care of You: The 8 Dimensions of Wellness and Your Emotional Health Saturday, March 2, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. IBEW 48, 1828 N. Meridian St., Suite 205 Lunch is provided
Discover the eight dimensions of wellness for holistic health and learn to manage your emotions at this interactive workshop.

- Engage in practices to aid emotional health
- Identify and explore eight dimensions of wellness - emotional, physical, occupational, social, spiritual, intellectual, environmental and financial
- Identify when you are emotionally dysregulated
- Learn emotional regulation skills

Children who attend will do guided activities with local artist Angelita Hampton to boost their self-esteem while attendees take time for themselves.
Free. Register at 8dimensions.eventbrite.com. Programs are presented by Coburn Place and were made possible by funding from the Indianapolis African American Quality of Life Initiative.


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