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# THIS WEEK on the WEB

## Aspire introduces new board chair and directors in 2024

Aspire Johnson County has introduced is 2024 board chair and new board directors. Leanne Lollar, lead investment advisor for Donaldson Capital Management, is the new board chair. Lollar previously served as the vice chair of Economic Development. The newly elected to Aspire's Board of Directors in 2024 are business leaders Deana Haworth, CEO of Hirons marketing and advertising and Kyle Stiens, director of operations for NSK Americas Automotive Division.

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New Aspire Board Chair Leeanne Lollar. (Submitted photo)



Pictured, from left to right: Fr. Peter Marshall, Assistant Superintendent Sarah Watson, Juliana's parents, Richard and Megan Riddle and Stacy and Kris Chaney, Juliana Riddle, Superintendent Dr. Brian Disney, Roncalli President Chuck Weisenbach and Assistant Superintendent Joe Hansen. (Submitted photo)

#### Roncalli senior awarded the Youth Virtues, Valor and Vision Award

Juliana Riddle, a senior at Roncalli High School, has received the National Catholic Education Association's (NCEA) Youth Virtues, Valor and Vision Award. The award recognizes students in elementary and secondary schools across the nation, who through selfless service, determination, innovation and ideals are changing the world while bearing witness to their Catholic faith.

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# Kids say the darndest things ... about love on Valentine's Day

#### By Sherri Coner

It's nearly time for the gushy stuff of Valentine's Day so be on the lookout for Cupid, the chubby little messenger for Venus, the goddess of love.

By the way, Cupid has been around since Roman mythology. He matches lovers pretty well so don't duck if his arrow is aimed at your heart.

Like Cupid, syrupy sweet Valentines have a rich history.

The first valentine was sent in the 15th century from the Tower of London, where a young French medieval duke named Charles was imprisoned.

Missing his true love, the duke sent a lovey-dovey valentine to his wife.

According to Good Housekeeping, a fairly love-crazy woman named Esther A. Howland began to mass produce valentine cards in the 1840s.

That sweet lady who loved pink ribbon, white lace and heartfelt words in print will be forever known as the mother of the American valentine.

According to Hallmark, Americans not only shop for cards that say what they feel inside about their love muffins, they also want valentines for other people in their lives.

In fact, every Feb. 14, Americans buy 145 million valentines.

Teachers receive the most cards, followed by children, mothers and wives.

In 1961, Richard Cadbury, the son of Cadbury founder John Cadbury, presented heart-shaped boxes of chocolate not only for the love-sick population but the happy lovers, too.

Today more than 36 million heart-shaped boxes are sold along with 58 million pounds of chocolate.

For some, bouquets of flowers, especially red roses.



That trend began in the late 17th century when King Charles II of Sweden learned that a red rose was a symbol of love. When the romantic king sent red roses to his beloved, of course he had no idea that he was igniting a huge February interest in red roses.

Demand is so great that nearly 250 million roses are grown each year to accommodate American lovers on Valentine's Day.

After Christmas and New Year's Eve, Valentine's Day is rated the third most popular date for lovers to take a knee and propose.

Even if engagement rings aren't purchased, 5.5 billion bucks are shelled out to purchase Valentine's Day bling.

Special evening plans such as dinner and a movie, play or concert tickets, romantic weekends away, etc. add up to another 4.4 billion dollars.

More than 751 million is also spent on furry valentines.

If you are so devoted to this February day that you want the word in your address, relocate to Arizona, Nebraska, Texas or Virginia, where you can reside in towns named Valentine.

Sure, money is spent to show February love, but some of the most precious thoughts about love come from little people:

#### How do you show Mommy and Daddy that you love them?

"I help Mommy make the bed and when Daddy needs a drink, I get it for him."

Brooklyn Bailey, Greenwood Kindergarten, Clark Elementary School Parents: Alex and Rusti Bailey



#### How does Daddy show Mommy that he loves her?

"He kisses her, and he opens doors for her."

Lucas Bailey, 7, Greenwood Second grade, Clark Elementary School Parents: Alex and Rusti Bailey



#### How do you show Mommy and Daddy that you love them?

"I say Daddy's hair is cool, and I go on a walk with Mommy. I like her hair, too, and she's pretty."

Jake Bailey, 4, Greenwood Parents: Alex and Rusti Bailey



## Roncalli Salutes Our St. Theodora Excellence in Education Award Winner



Left to right: Roncalli Principal Kevin Banich, Assistant Superintendent Sarah Watson, Monica Stratton, Roncalli President Chuck Weisenbach, Mark Stratton, Samantha Stratton, Superintendent Dr. Brian Disney and Assistant Superintendent Joe Hansen

Roncalli is proud to announce that
Mr. Mark Stratton has been awarded the 2024
Saint Theodora Excellence in Education Award
by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis! To receive
this award, the teacher represents the best in
Catholic education and is a model of faith in action,
professionalism and high expectations. Being
named the top educator in the entire Archdiocese of
Indianapolis is an amazing accomplishment.

Now accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year.

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#### Singing the dream

#### Greenwood Community High School senior to perform at Carnegie Hall this weekend

#### Compiled by Jeremy Nicholas and Nancy Hammerstrom

This Saturday, as many teens plan to attend a high school basketball game or hang out with their friends, Greenwood senior Emma Koehl will be singing at Carnegie Hall in the Big Apple.

Koehl was selected to perform as part of the annual High School Honors Performance Series under the direction of Dr. Jeffrey L. Ames and will sing as a soprano in the Honors Concert Choir.

The Honors Performance Series was created to showcase accomplished individual student performers on an international level by allowing them to study under master conductors and perform in world renowned venues. The Honors Performance Series is presented by WorldStrides, the nation's leading educational travel organization.

Out of approximately 1,500 students to audition for the Honors Performance Series, 500 students were chosen, and just 179 were selected for the Honors Concert Choir.

"We processed nearly 10,000 nominations this year and have selected the most talented student performers from around the world," stated Marion Gomez, music director for the Honors Performance Series. "Working with these conductors and performing at these renowned music halls is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that these musicians will never forget."

Koehl, who has studied music for 10 years, has performed in multiple GCSC choirs, was an Indiana Vocal Jazz Ensemble State Finalist; has received dozens of Gold ratings including perfect scores at District and State ISSMA competitions in both voice and clarinet; sang as a Master Class Vocalist at De-Pauw University under Dr. Janani Sridhar, where she also performed in ensemble under the direction of Z. Randall Stroope in October 2023.

Greenwood Community School Corporation Director of Choirs Daniel Watson has worked with Koehl since 2020.

"My hope for Emma is that she realizes and enjoys that 'music takes you places," said Watson. "It takes you places socially with people; emotionally with the text; spiritually with your worldview; intellectually with thought, and physically with the community. Her trip to Carnegie Hall marks a milestone at the end of her high school career and the start of her next chapter. I look forward to continuing to support Emma on her musical journey!"

In August 2023, Koehl began voice lessons with Bradley Lieto in preparation for the audition and for entering the University of Indianapolis's Music Education Degree

Program in the fall of 2024. Kohel will focus on High School Choral Direction. After she receives her bachelor's degree in music education, she hopes to receive her master's degree and eventually a doctorate degree.

The Honors Performance will take place Feb. 10 at 2 p.m. and is open to the public. Learn more by visiting honorsperformance. org and worldstrides.com Tickets can be purchased through the Carnegie Hall box office website.

To view Koehl's performance of "Sebben, Crudele" from Antonio Caldara's 1710 opera La costanza in amor vince l'inganno from the Master Class, go to youtu. be/4pSiAwIECWw.

#### **Q&A with Emma Koehl:**

#### How did you feel when you were selected to sing?

I felt really excited and proud of myself when I heard that I got into the program. Much of my previous vocal success has been with ensembles at school, but being chosen to participate through a solo audition has helped to validate my own abilities. This is a huge opportunity for me, as I pursue my goal of directing vocal music one day. I am honored to get to do something of this magnitude so early in my life, and being selected has greatly boosted my confidence in my own talent. Much of my previous vocal

success has been through choral ensembles at school, but being chosen to participate through a solo audition has validated my own ability and talent.

#### What will you be performing?

We are performing seven pieces of various genres and languages. A few of the pieces are "Gloria Fanfare" by our own conductor, Dr. Jeffery L. Ames; "Rytmus" by Ivan Hursovsky; "Svjati Boze" by Lisa Milena Simikic; and "I Wanna Be Ready" arranged by Dr. Brandon Boyd.

## What have been a few challenges you've encountered along the way as a performer and how did you work through them?

As a performer, I have found myself lacking drive or passion throughout my time as a musician. To overcome this I remind myself how much effort I have already put into my music, and I seek guidance from experienced musicians around me.

#### **Q&A** with Emma's mom, Nita Koehl

#### When did you first notice Emma's interest and potential as a singer?

Emma's first "star" moment for singing was at a church worship night when she was 5. I had been practicing a song in the car during our daily drives for a couple of weeks. The night of the performance, Emma asked

if she could join me on stage. I said, "Absolutely!" She got her own mic, and when I was not able to sing because her baby brother unexpectedly joined us, Emma continued singing the song alone through the end like she had been doing it her whole life!

#### How has she grown as a performer through the years?

Emma's confidence and resolute drive have increased immensely as she's matured as a performer. She has been devoted to advancing her skills, and she works continually to figure out and hone the type of musician she wants to be. She's been blessed with a great amount of natural talent and passion for music, but her work ethic and drive to be her best is what has ultimately ensured her success. This has included many hours of practice, seeking out advanced instruction and truly absorbing and adapting to critique when it's been received.

#### What potential do you see for her in the future?

Emma will accomplish anything she puts her mind to, because she has natural talent and passion inspiring her and the work ethic and drive to succeed. I am sure this is not the last time we will see her on such a prestigious stage!

(Cover Inset) GCHS senior Emma Koehl. (Photo by Charlene Dudenhoeffer)



Performing with the GCHS choir ensemble Revery during the 2021-2022 school year. | (Cover) At DePauw ChoralFest last October. Koehl sang a solo in their Master Class and was directed by renowned composer Z. Randall Stroope. (Submitted photos)

#### **PHOTO of the WEEK**



What a way to start the competition season for Center Grove Choirs! The energy and talent that is cultivated by the hard-working directors, choreographers, student leaders, voice teachers, band, costume volunteers, tech team, hair team and every student in the Center Grove Choir program is inspiring. From the spot-on vocal talent, choreographed fancy footwork, facial expressions that bring the show to life, the audience is taken on a journey and entertained. Each choir received a standing ovation from their supporters and competitions! All five of the competition choirs competed at 2024 Fishers Spotlight competition on Feb. 3. Awards received include: CG Singers (Varsity Concert Choir): Grand Champions; Accents (JV Univoice Choir): Best Visuals & Best Vocals = Grand Champions; Outstanding Performer: Ava Wright; Debtones (Varsity Univoice Choir): Best Visuals & Best Vocals = Grand Champions; Outstanding Performer: Signe Ring; Surround Sound (JV Mixed Choir): 3rd Runner Up; Outstanding Performer: Vanial Chhalthleng; Sound System (Varsity Mixed Choir): Best Visuals & Best Vocals = Grand Champions; Outstanding Performer: Cooper Peters; CG Choirs: Best Tech Crew; Rachel Gagnon & Meredith Nguyen: 1st Place Duet Comp. Over the next month, these choirs will be competing in regional competitions ending the season at the Grand Ole Opry for the HOA National competition in March. The Debtones and Sound System are the reigning National Champions 2023. The next competition will be The Carroll Classic on Feb. 10 and Debtones and Sound System will be competing. (Submitted photo)

#### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

# The sweetest of all sounds is praise.

Xenophon, Greek soldier

#### **AROUND TOWN**

#### **Program Spotlight: On The Road to Reading**

The Indianapolis Public Library's On the Road to Reading program improves students' early reading skills before they start kindergarten and elementary school. Itty Bitty bookmobiles visit childcare centers and preschools around Indianapolis delivering bags full of age-appropriate books, providing story times, themed kindergarten-readiness kits and resources to parents and childcare providers.

We visit 60 locations each month and reach over 1,130 children. This program aims to impact local educators. We target childcare centers and homecare centers that are on levels one and two of Paths to QUALITY, Indiana's childcare quality rating and improvement system. These are childcare centers where health, safety and environmental needs are met but struggle to provide an educational curriculum to early learners. The library has four program associates who visit our locations each month for story times. Their goals include helping local educators develop an educational curriculum. For more information go to indyplfoundation.org/about/programs

#### HUMOR



## Top 10 recent Will Rogers quotes (were he alive today) #36

#### **By Torry Stiles**

- 10. "They tell me I can't use the name of that big football game without payin' royalties. I'll just hope y'all have fun with that Superb Owl."
- 9. "Made a trip down Madison Avenue the other day and either y'all got a prairie dog problem or a pothole problem."
- 8. "Growin' up the schools did everything they could to get us into the classroom. Now it seems the schools are just digging for an excuse to send the kids home."
- 7. "It seems the Republicans are having quite a primary ruckus. I think the Democrats are just gonna wait for their convention and pick somebody we ain't too mad at to run for president. I may have to decline the offer on account Mama says she ain't gonna live in Washington."
- 6. "Hear tell folks are complainin' that this Artificial Intelligence stuff is revolutionary. Heck, I've been doin' this for almost 15 years and I ain't all that revoltin."
- 5. "They say ya can't keep a good man down, but I know a few bad ones that can be pretty persistent, too."
- 4. "I hope some folks over there can remember that the Marines have been singin' about the Shores of Tripoli for a right long time now."
- 3. "For years me and Mama had a deal where I give her a kiss for my cup of coffee. With coffee prices going up there's gonna be a lot of smoochin' to pay for it."
- 2. "I'm not askin' the gov'ment to take care of me. I'm askin' the gov'ment help me take care of myself."
- 1. "Some folks thinkin' that Artificial Intelligence stuff is new and dangerous. That's not the problem. The problem is that REAL intelligence is getting scarce and THAT'S what's dangerous."

#### **BELIEVE IT!**

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

In Venice, since 1173 it has been illegal to die.

Source: stupidlaws.com

# Puzzle Time

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#### **ACROSS**

- 1 Still secret
- 7 Not on
- 10 Jeans brand
- 13 Distress
- 14 Feel poorly
- 15 IU Health ICU hookups
- 16 Former Pacer who has played in 39-Across eight times (four as a Pacer)
- 18 Money left on the table at Shiny Day Cafe
- 19 "Murder, \_\_\_\_ Wrote"
- 20 Swiss peak
- 21 Saunter
- 23 Like a dark room
- 25 Till bills
- 26 Slightly open
- 29 Herron School of Art studio stand
- 32 Bahamas hot spot
- 35 Tar Heels sch.
- 36 Pos. opposite
- 39 Hoops event scheduled for downtown Indy on Feb.18
- 10
- 42 Nile snake
- 43 Numerical prefix
- 44 Mellencamp's instrument
- 45 Public persona
- 47 Lucas Oil Stadium level
- 48 Ages and ages
- 51 Eye color
- 54 Trail for Hansel and Gretel
- 57 Video device, briefly
- 58 Type of Roncalli HS rally
- 61 Texter's "Beats me"
- 62 Former Pacer who played in 39-Across twice
- 65 "Golly!"
- 66 Battery size
- 67 Gasps, perhaps
- 68 CGHS grads-to-be
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#### **DOWN**

- 1 Mail letters?
- 2 He put two and two together (and two and two and two...)?
- 3 Test choice
- 4 Magic, on Pacers scoreboards
- 5 \_\_\_\_ Roy, patriarch on HBO's "Succession"
- 6 Reside
- 7 White River rowboat need
- 8 Newton fruits
- 9 Pet pest
- 10 Supple
- 11 Perrier rival
- 12 TV sports awards

- 17 Mayberry boy
- 22 Letters on a red cap
- 23 Celestial bear
- 24 High-strung
- 26 "\_\_\_ Karenina"
- 27 Some Indiana Golden Gloves punches
- 28 Pronto, in memos
- 30 Unforeseen problem
- 31 Light brown
- 33 Ulndy grad
- 34 Arm bone
- 36 Org. joined by the US in 1949 and Finland in 2023
- 37 Online 'zine
- 38 "American Gigolo" star
- 40 Contented sound
- 41 Part of a fish
- 45 Believer's suffix

- 46 "To \_\_\_ his own"
- 48 Vapers' buys
- 49 Select from the menu at White Castle
- 50 Zaps, in a way
- 52 Congo, formerly
- 53 Glowing coal
- 55 Boast
- 56 Fly high
- 58 Chest muscles, for short
- 59 Art Deco designer
- 60 Roudebush VA Hospital concern
- 63 Shrill bark
- 64 Johnson County Fair barn sound

**Answers** See page 8

#### **UPCOMING PERRY TOWNSHIP MEETINGS & EVENTS**

Café Theatre Presents: A Cabaret, An Artists' Showcase • The event will showcase art and talent from members of the Ulndy community, ranging from dramatic scenes, poetry readings, to stand-up comedy. The event will be catered with coffee-house far for everyone attending. Please enter through Ransburg Auditorium to check for the show. Handicap-accessible entrances can be found at the west and north entrances of the building. | When: Feb. 9 and 10, 7 p.m. | Where: Studio Theatre, Esch Hall (basement), University of Indianapolis, 1400 E. Hanna Ave., Indianapolis. | Info: news.uindy.edu/events

**Pathway to Literacy Classes** • For adult learners with six years or less of learning. MUST call the Immigrant Welcome Center to register for classes at 317-762-7865. | When: Feb. 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 1-3 p.m. | Where: Southport Library, 2630 E. Stop 11 Road, Indianapolis. | Info: 317-762-7865

**Perry Senior Services Bingo •** Play Bingo with other seniors in your community. | When: Feb. 14, 1 p.m. | Where: Perry Senior

Services, 6901 Derbyshire Road, Indianapolis. | Info: 317-783-9231; perryseniors.org

**Perry Senior Services Euchre** • Play Euchre with other seniors in your community. | When: Feb. 15, 10 a.m. | Where: Perry Senior Services, 6901 Derbyshire Road, Indianapolis. | Info: 317-783-9231; perryseniors.org

Intro to Microsoft Excel Classes • Learn how to create spreadsheets with Microsoft Excel. Level 1: Layout, navigation and files. Level 2: Formula basics and formatting. Level 3: Working with data – filter and sort. | When: Feb. 15, 22 and 29, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. | Where: Southport Library, 2630 E. Stop 11 Road, Indianapolis. | Info: 317-762-7865

**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

**Jazz Artist Concert Series: APA Jazz Artist Isaiah Thompson** • Isaiah J. Thompson is the winner of the 2023 American Pianists Awards and the Cole Porter Fellowship in Jazz of the American Pianists Association. The pianist, bandleader and composer graduated from The Juilliard School. His recording debut was featured on Jazz at Lincoln Center's Blue Engine Records' Handful of Keys album with the Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis, and he has since released multiple recordings. He worked on the Golden Globe nominated soundtrack for Motherless Brooklyn and was named a Steinway Artist. This concert will also be streamed live at twitch. tv/uofindianapolismusic | When: Feb. 15, 7-8:30 p.m. | Where: Ruth Lilly Performance Hall, Christel DeHaan Fine Arts Center, University of Indianapolis, 1400 E. Hanna Ave., Indianapolis. | Info: news.uindy.edu/events

Monday Adult Book Club • Join us for a monthly book discussion. Visit the check-out desk to pick up a copy of each month's book. | When: Feb. 26, 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Where: Southport Library, 2630 E. Stop 11 Road, Indianapolis. | Info: 317-275-4510

#### **AROUND TOWN**

#### Local artist visits Rosa Parks Elementary during Black History Month

Local artist Audwynn Newman stopped by Rosa Parks Elementary to talk with their fourth-grade classes. Newman has worked as a penciller for Marvel comics and has designed many characters and toys. These students have been studying famous African American artists to create an art museum for Black History Month. Newman helped inspire their upcoming projects by discussing his story, process and how art impacts our community.



(Photo courtesy of Perry Township Schools)

#### **AROUND TOWN**

#### Stratton awarded the Saint Theodora Excellence in Education Award

On Monday, Jan. 29, Roncalli art teacher Mark Stratton (Honorary Roncalli 2022) was presented with the 2024 Saint Theodora Excellence in Education Award during an all-

school assembly. The award, which was presented by Superintendent Dr. Brian Disney, Assistant Superintendent Joe Hansen and Assistant Superintendent Sarah Watson, is the highest archdiocesan honor awarded to a Catholic educator.

The Saint Theodora Excellence in Education Award is chosen annually from a pool of candidates nominated by archdiocesan school principals. The Archdiocese of Indianapolis comprises 68 schools employing over 2,000 teachers. To receive this award the teacher represents the best in Catholic education and is a model of faith in action, professionalism and high expectations. To be named the top educator in the entire Archdiocese of Indianapolis is an amazing accomplishment. Stratton was nominated, interviewed and unanimously selected as the best in our school system. For 41 years, Stratton has served in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. He began his teaching career at St.



Pictured, from left to right: Roncalli Principal Kevin Banich, Assistant Superintendent Sarah Watson, Monica Stratton, Roncalli President Chuck Weisenbach, Mark Stratton, Samantha Stratton, Superintendent Dr. Brian Disney and Assistant Superintendent Joe Hansen (Submitted photo)

Joan of Arc and then moved to Saint Barnabas, and for the past 24 years, he has been an outstanding educator at Roncalli High School. In a letter of recommendation from

a parent, they wrote, "Roncal-

li is truly blessed to have this

teacher on staff. His talents as teacher and his contributions to so many Roncalli events should be given recognition and appreciation. Thank you for caring for my son in a way that will always impact his life and make him remember you as someone who is genuine, hilarious, caring and kind." Principal Kevin Banich (Roncalli 2009) added in his letter of recommendation, "His excellence as an educator reaches far past the classroom. When people see the work that he does and how his students are able to assist in grand projects they are amazed by his gifts, talents, vision and leadership." Stratton's wife, Monica, and daughter, Samantha, were with him as he was presented the 2024 Saint Theodora Excellence in Education Award.

#### **AROUND TOWN**

#### WTHR-TV Weather Academy visits Abraham Lincoln Elementary

Third graders at Abraham Lincoln Elementary had a special experience last week! The WTHR-TV Weather Academy visited Mrs. Williams' Project Lead The Way classes. Meteorologist Lindsey Monroe kicked off their new module and got students excited to learn all about the weather and how it affects us.



(Photo courtesy of Perry Township Schools)

#### A guide to patriarchal prefixes

#### **GRAMMAR GUY**

#### **By Curtis Honeycutt**

Mr. Bean. Mr. T. Mr. Pibb. Mr. Mister. These four "misters" didn't keep the produce section at the grocery store moist — they were indicative of men.

That's right — men. A sister is not a mister, and a brother is unlike any other. A female is referred to as a Ms., Miss or Mrs. That sounds needlessly confusing, doesn't it? Today, we'll stick to the much easier-to-understand "Mr."

We get the manly prefix "Mr." from the old term "Master." In the Middle Ages, "Master" was a term of respect used for men with authority or expertise, like knights, craftsmen or guild leaders. According to the Oxford English Dictionary, the first written example of "mister" came in 1642 to distinguish men of expertise from generic respectable men.

The reason for this split of master and mister comes from saying "master"

quickly or carelessly. Gradually, "master" became "mister," and the "master" term was reserved for more specific meanings, like teacher or owner. Most mussed the term because they couldn't muster the effort to murmur "master."

The origin of master comes from the Latin word "magister," meaning teacher or master. This term was adopted directly into Old English as "magister," while in Anglo-Norman, it became "maistre" and "mastre." From "magister," we get the words magistrate and maestro, among others.

Today in the U.K., a boy is referred to as "master" (often "young master") until around age 12, at which point he can be considered "mister." Interestingly, in the U.S., we add a period after the abbreviated "Mr." while in the UK, they prefer the dotless "Mr" title.

The abbreviation "Messrs." comes from the plural form of the French "Monsieur." This term refers to multiple men, especially in business contexts.

Modern applications of the term mas-

ter can still be found. My son has a green belt from Master Yoo's World-Class Taekwondo. An artist can produce a masterpiece. A person can serve as a headmaster, a postmaster or a taskmaster.

A ringmaster, the person who introduced a performer into the circus ring, was referred to as the "master of ceremonies." This was shortened to "MC" or "emcee."

Be careful not to see "Mr." and say (aloud or in your head) "myrrh." To this day, most people do not know what myrrh is, nor do I care for its disturbing, vowelless spelling.

Next time, I'll tread into the murky mess of "Miss," "Mrs." and "Ms.," but until then, may you masterfully use the term "mister."



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#### **Dissing the discount!**

#### **HUMOR**

#### By Dick Wolfsie

Like most of you, I still receive little packets of coupons in the mail. I don't need my deck painted or my ducts cleaned out, but I am on the lookout for a good restaurant deal.

Not because I am cheap ... OK that's part of it, but mainly because for the first time I want to feel like I actually saved money using one of these offers. Most of the coupons just sit in the kitchen drawer. I either forget them when we leave for dinner or they're for a restaurant 25 miles from the house. And it hardly seems worth the effort for a free Bloomin' Onion. (Excuse my Australian.)

Typically, coupons give you several options, requiring some crafty figuring in order to know how to use them most efficiently, which is why we brought along our adult son who has a year of college calculus under his belt. I just wasn't sure how much stayed in his head.

"It looks to me," began my wife, eyeing the coupons, "that we can get a free burger as long as someone else also orders a burger, two for one."

"Great," I said. "Brett and I will each

have a burger."

"Hold it, Dad. I don't want a burger. I eat them all the time. I thought you didn't want me to eat so much red meat?"

"Look, we just have to work together as a family. OK, Mary Ellen, how about this? If one of us gets an Asian salad, the other gets a salad at half price, as long as the second salad is the same or a lesser value. Which salad do you want?

"I don't like the salads here. I want the fish and chips dinner."

"You can't have a fish and chips dinner, Mary Ellen. There's no discount for a fish and chips dinner."

"Why are we eating out if we can't get something we like?"

"Because once, just once, I want to show these restaurants that I am not a fool. They are NOT going to snare me into their trap. WE WILL SAVE MONEY. I don't care if we hate every morsel.

"Hey, Dad, if Mom gets the \$14.95 Cobb salad, this coupon says we get a free appetizer."

"No, that's exactly what they want us to do. That won't save us a penny because we never order an appetizer. So, we don't gain anything.

"OK, Dad. Here's a coupon for a 99cent draft beer. But you have to order the John Wayne Sirloin for 39.95." I was tempted; I sensed growing dissension around the table.

"Here, Dick," said Mary Ellen, "this part of the coupon says we can get \$10 off the check if we spend at least \$50. Then we can order what we want. And what a concept — you know, enjoying what you eat."

"No, that would make the final bill \$40, and I want to keep dinner under \$40."

"Why?'

"I have no idea. It's just a personal goal I set."

Twenty minutes later, the waitress finally dared approach.

"We'll have two spinach salads, one of which one is free. And a tenderloin for my son, who was a consultant on this project."

"You know, Dick," said Mary Ellen, "I changed my mind. I think I'll have the fish tacos."

The bill was \$62. I didn't speak to Mary Ellen the rest of the evening. But I can't blame the expensive dinner on her. The coupon had expired.



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#### **Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:**

**Reds:** CARDINAL, CHERRY, CRIMSON, ROSE, RUBY, SCARLET;

Parts: CORNEA, IRIS, LENS, LID, PUPIL;

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Equipment: BASE, BAT, GLOVE;

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#### What are Bromeliads, and how do you care for them?

#### **GARDENING**

#### By John Chapin

Anyone who has vacationed in Florida, Hawaii or other subtropical or tropical areas will have noticed the many varieties of colorful bromeliads that are used extensively in both residential and commercial landscaping. In colder areas, they make great houseplants and are becoming increasingly available at plant shops, big box stores and even grocery stores. Favorites are those that have colorful leaves growing tightly together to form what is called a tank. The cup-shaped tank holds water, so caring for these epiphytes basically consists of keeping water in the tank. (Epiphytes are not parasitic, but rather get all the nutrients they need from dust, leaves and debris that they collect; natural compost, if you will.)

These plants are sold potted but remember that the roots do not feed on nutrients in the soil and will rot in soil that stays too wet, so keep barely moist. They can even be mounted on a branch or piece of cork for an attractive display, with sphagnum moss around the roots to keep them moist.

These varieties of bromeliads have tough, very colorful leaves that can be solid, speckled, or with stripes of red, pink, yellow, purple, cream and/or green. Brightly colored bracts, some leaf-like and others with exotic, even bizarre forms from which the smaller "true" flowers emerge, last for many weeks. After flowering, the mother plant will die, but fortunately, it will have "pupped," and you'll end up with new plants.

Bromeliad care is easy. Place where they will get at least a few hours of bright light, avoiding midday sunlight. The more colorful the leaves, the more light they like. It's important that they are watered with rainwater or filtered water, never tap water. For feeding, use quarter-strength African Violet fertilizer, sprayed on the leaves once a month, year-round. Note: The only terrestrial bromeliad gardeners are likely to come across for sale is the primitive-looking "Earth Star" of the Cryptanthus genus, which do need to be potted and watered like other houseplants.

For interesting, beautiful, easy-care houseplants, add some bromeliads to your collection.

Happy Gardening!



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# Oh no, it's almost spring break and I haven't planned anything!

#### **TRAVEL**

#### **By Amy Maharas**

Have you experienced that moment of panic when you suddenly realize it's February and you haven't booked anything for Spring Break? Don't fret; I have some ideas for you!

First of all, consider whether you want to fly or drive to your destination. If you want to fly, then airline prices to various locations will help you narrow down options. I like to use Travelocity.com to check flight prices from Indy, then book directly with the airlines. Just keep in mind that Southwest Airlines is not on Travelocity, so you'll need to check their website separately.

Once you've determined your destination, consider whether you prefer a hotel or vacation rental. Do you just need the basics, or do you want luxury? Sites like Booking.com and TripAdvisor. com can be helpful for reading reviews, but you can often get an even better price booking directly with the hotel. My family has stayed in lots of VRBO and AirBnB rentals and never had issues but be sure the rental has plenty of recent reviews.



Looking for a last-minute deal? These are hard to come by with everyone itching to travel, but they do exist. Be cautious of booking what appears to be a "deal" on sites like Expedia. Reach out to a local travel planner to see what they can offer. We often have access to last-minute rates on cruises and all-inclusive resorts, and we can help guide you through discounts on places like Disney and Universal parks.

If your budget won't allow much travel right now, plan ahead for a summer or fall vacation to help you get through the dreary winter!



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#### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

#### **BARGERSVILLE**

Resources of Hope: All In for Foster Youth Ca**sino 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**

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; hornetpark-communitycenter.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: boysiimen.org

#### **GARFIELD PARK**

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: garfield-parkneighbors.com/events

Sweets for Your Sweetie • Celebrate Valentine's Day with treats from the tropics including chocolate and coffee, all while enjoying the candlelit romantic atmosphere of the conservatory. Make reservations early as space is limited. Tickets: \$12. Ages 18 and over. | When: Feb. 14, 6, 7 and 8 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. | Info: garfieldparkneighbors.com/events

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)

#### **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 SALI at 317-882-5562 or Beverly Mathis at 311-313-5922 to arrange for viewing or appointment at any other time.

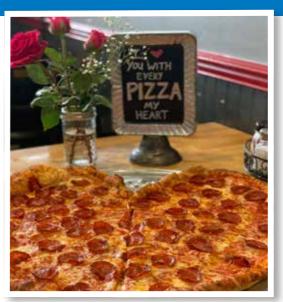
**Purse Bingo** • Tickets on sale \$35 starting Jan. 20, 9-11 a.m.at The Social of Greenwood, 550 Polk St. Greenwood, cash or check only. | When: Feb. 8, doors open at 5 p.m.; Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. | Where: The Barn at Bay Horse Inn, 1468 W. Stones Crossing Road, Greenwood. | Info: (317) 882-4810;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

Spa Social • The Franciscan Rejuvenate Medical

#### **AN OPTION**

#### **Brozinni Pizzeria**

Did you know that tomorrow, Feb. 9 is National Pizza Day? Whether you like celebrating Fridays with a pizza or if you're looking for an inexpensive date night to enjoy Valentine's Day this year, you're in for a treat. Owner James Cross, a former New Yorker, crafted his signature dough after shadowing friends from the pizza industry, and loyal Southside customers can't get enough of his pies named after neighborhoods in the Big Apple or his Garlic Knuckles, dough tied in a knot and drizzled in garlic butter. "When we moved here from the East Coast, we had trouble finding good pizza," according to a Facebook reviewer. "This is the real deal. Everything is authentic, and homemade. It's a must! We're there once a week." Try the pepperoni or meatball-stuffed breadsticks, a Hell's Kitchen Calzone



At the end of the day, it's all about who you want to split a pizza with. (Photo courtesy of Brozinni Pizzeria)

with Frank's Red Hot, chicken, bacon and mozzarella or Grandma's Pie, a Sicilian style pizza made with a sweeter chunky tomato sauce and fresh basil. Save room for a sharable dessert – the Brooklyn Bridge Brownie served with vanilla ice cream.

**Hours:** Sunday, Tuesday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; closed Monday. Address: 8810 S. Emerson Ave., #240, Indianapolis. For more information, call (317) 865-0911 or go to brozinni.com

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 quests 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 available. Proceeds from event to be donated to the

2024 Regional 11 ABC State Charity Event. \*Cash, check or App payments must be received by Feb. 3. Judging to begin at 11:15 a.m.; guest sampling/eating to begin at 11:30 a.m.; games and entertainment from 12:15-1:45 p.m. Awards ceremony: 1:45 p.m. | When: Feb. 10 (a day before the NFL Super Bowl), 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. | Where: VFW Greenwood Post 5864, 1842 Veterans Way, Greenwood. | Info: Contact Crissy at (317) 529-4341 or via email at Smedley11@sbcglobal.net

**Celebrate Romance/Dinner Dance** • This event is a wedding reception for married couples. Enjoy dinner, dancing and door prizes. | When: Feb. 10, 6:30-11 p.m. | Where: Our Lady of Greenwood, 335 S. S. Meridian St., Greenwood. | Info: festivalcountryindiana.com/celebrate-romance-dinner-dance

Dinner at Dye's Walk Country Club • Join the Indy South Women's Connection group for a fun evening and lis tening 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

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#### ★★★★ • PG-13 • Drama • 2 hours, 31 minutes

# The Fabelmans Steven Spielberg turns his lens inward

THE FABELMANS

#### **MOVIE REVIEW**

#### **By Bradley Lane**

When I learned that Steven Spielberg's next film was set to be a semi-autobiographical story about his childhood, I was less than excited. Not only has his more recent output been lacking the touch and charm of his earlier films, but this sort of story is typically rife with trite sentimentality. However, there were early signs that this might be different than the disappointments of Ready Player One, The Post and The BFG. For one Spielberg reunited with the same co-writer, Tony Kushner, and cinematographer, Janusz Kaminski, of his 2021 return to form, West Side Story. What resulted from this collaboration was a supremely thoughtful film, equally melancholic and hopeful about the ways film both alienated and saved Spielberg in his

youth.

Sammy Fabelman is for all intents and

purposes, a self-insert for Steven Spielberg, and Sammy's family is a loose reconstruction of Spielberg's own. From an early age we see how Sammy is introduced to film and how he leverages the power of captured images to ease anxiety in his own life, the greatest of which is his parent's separation. Rendered in striking, often heartbreaking detail, Sammy tries his best to navigate anti-semitism, his own creative drive and how the fracturing of his family left him with trauma he has spent his

entire life, and by extension, his filmmaking career grappling with.

What truly subverted my expecta-

tions about this film is that all the marketing material would suggest it is about

> the magical, pure redemptive power of film. As a film lover, of course these types of narratives can resonate with me, but far more often I find them played out and hollow. The Fabelmans can sometimes engage in this oversimplification, but far more often Sammy's relationship to film alienates himself from his loved ones. His early filmmaking puts financial stress on his family, he discovers his mother's infidelity when editing film from a camping trip, and in a scene so

startling and haunting I dare not spoil it here, Sammy completely disengages from a moment he should be present in to consider filmmaking as an escape from his complex emotions.

Unsurprisingly, with such a strong story at its center, Steven Spielberg has proved once again as a master of his craft. Using sophisticated blocking, shot compositions and his signature one-take sequences, Spielberg is constantly elevating the emotional stakes of his story with innovative and exciting filmmaking. *The Fabelmans* is available to stream now on Showtime. - 4.5/5 stars



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#### **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-akind 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

Crossroads of America Scout Band • The Crossroads of America Scout Band will have an open house. Are you an 11-21-year-old musician? Bring your instrument and join us. | When: Feb. 11, 2-4 p.m. | Where: Saint Lawrence Catholic Church, 4650 Shadeland Ave., Indianapolis. | Info: scoutband.org; 317-469-8981

Crossroads of America Scout Band 108th Anniversary Concert • The Crossroads of America Scout Band will have our 108th Anniversary Concert. The public is welcome to listen to the oldest scout band in America for our anniversary concert. | When: Feb. 18, 3-4 p.m. | Where: Camp Belzer, 6102 Boy Scout Road, Indianapolis. | Info: scoutband.org; 317-469-8981

#### **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: Ivvjcin.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 lwv-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

#### **SPOTLIGHT**

#### **Lunar New Year Celebration at Big Car**

The Year of the Dragon is coming! Celebrate the Lunar New Year with traditional dance performances, fireworks, activities like cut paper art, lantern/fan painting, origami and more on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 6-10 p.m. at Tube Factory Artspace, 1125 Cruft St., Indianapolis. Food will be available for purchase. As well, there will be a traditional dance performance by the Indianapolis Chinese Performing Arts Inc (ICPAI) at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$12.

Lunar New Year is one of the most important celebrations of the year among East and Southeast Asian cultures, including Chinese, Vietnamese and Korean communities, among others. The New Year celebration is usually celebrated for multiple days - not just one day as in the Gregorian calendar's new year. In 2024, Lunar New Year begins on Feb. 10. China's Lunar New Year is known as the Spring Festival, or Chunjie in Mandarin, while Koreans call it Seollal and Vietnamese refer to it as Tett. Tied to the lunar calendar, the holiday began as a time for feasting and to honor household and heavenly deities, as well as ancestors. The New Year typically begins with the first new moon that occurs between the end of January and spans the first 15 days of the first month of the lunar calendar — until the full moon arrives.

For more information, call 317-450-6630 or go to bigcar.org/event/lunar-new-year-celebration



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#### **Margot E. Bagg**

Margot E. Bagg, 91, died Feb. 4, 2024. Survivors: stepson, Frederick (Mary Beth) Bagg; granddaughters, Catherine (Eric) Willman and Elizabeth (James) Bagg-West, five greatgrandchildren. Margot will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery, next to her husband. Service entrusted to Little & Sons, Indianapolis.

#### **John Henry Berry IV**

John Henry Berry IV, 44, died Jan. 28, 2024. Survivors: parents, John and Lacinda; wife, Angela; daughters: Catherine, Madeleine and Victoria; siblings, Amanda (Mark) Daniel, Daniel Berry, Matthew (Jessica) Berry; and grandmother, Betty Berry. Services entrusted to Little & Sons Funeral Home – Indianapolis.

#### **Dawn Elaine Brown**

Dawn Elaine Brown, 64, Land O' Lakes, Wisc., died Jan. 31, 2024. Survivors: husband, Duane Brown; children, Darren (Erin) Doss; Maci (Doug) Smotherman and Abby Brown; mother, Barbara Shipley; father, Dale (Judy) Cummings; and many extended family and friends. Services entrusted to Little & Sons, Beech Grove.

#### **Leah Beth Byrnes**

Leah Beth Byrnes, 53, Indianapolis, died Feb. 2, 2024. She was born Jan. 24, 1971, to Ronald and Phyllis Byrnes (they survive). Other survivors: sister, Lisa Adams, nephews, Brian, Brandon Stam; four great-nephews; friend, caregiver, Cheryl Frye. Visitation: Saturday, Feb. 10, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. service, G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home.

#### **Craig E. Curry**

Craig E. Curry, 70, died Feb. 3, 2024. Survivors: wife, Amy (Mougey); stepson, Jeremy (Tobi) Harrell; grandsons, Parx and Foster; mother- and father-in-law, Owen and Mildred Reed; wo sisters-in-law; four nephews; one niece; three great-nephews; extended family. Service information available when finalized by the family. Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

#### **Terry Edens**

Terry Edens, 63, Indianapolis, died Jan. 29, 2024. Survivors: wife, Debbie (Gebhart); daughter, Tisa (Frank) Anderson; two grandchildren; mother, Margaret Leap; two siblings, James and Tina; extended family, friends and customers. Predeceased: father, Luther; two sisters, Carla Edens and Theresa Anduze; nephew, Jason. G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home.

#### **Betty Mae Hamilton**

Betty Mae Hamilton, 94, Indianapolis, died Jan. 29, 2024. Survivors: daughter, Diana Sue Covert (Stephen); sister, Francis Louise Harvey; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. Preceded in death: husband, Sherman S. Hamilton; brother, Donald E. White; and a sister, Barbara Jean Sparks. Arrangements handled by Carlisle Branson Funeral Service & Crematory.

#### **Harriet Rose Henck**

Harriet Rose Henck, 89, Greenwood, died Feb. 1, 2024. Survivors: children, Suzanne Bachman, James, Deb, Kathy Henck; 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; sister, Edna. Predeceased: husband, Thomas; sons, Timothy, Thomas Henck; brother, Harry; son-in-law. Visitation: Friday, Feb. 9, 5-7 p.m. service, G.H. Herrmann Funeral Home at The Gardens of Olive Branch.

#### **Shirley Lucia Hogue**

Shirley Lucia Hogue, 89, Greenwood, died February 2, 2024. Survivors: children, Sherri (Michael) Inman, Michael "Mike" Bowman and Jeff (Angela) Bowman; extended family.

Predeceased: husband, Robert; grandchildren, Matthew Bowman and Brayden Inman; siblings, Gene Francis, Mary Cox and Ramona Cress; daughter-in-law, Susan "Sandy" Bowman. Arrangements: Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

#### **Elizabeth Ann Hooks**

Elizabeth Ann Hooks, 66, Indianapolis, died Jan. 26, 2024. Survivors: daughter, Robin (Brentt Barr); son, Rick (Tracy) Ferguson; five grandchildren; exhusband, Roy; brother, Joe; sister-in-law, Jeanette, one nephew; two nieces. No public services at this time. Arrangements: G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home at The Gardens of Olive Branch.

#### **LuAnne Lewis**

LuAnne Lewis, 57, Nineveh, died Jan. 31, 2024. Survivors: daughters, Megan, Desirae McWhorter; stepsons, Keith, Kevin Lewis; seven grandchildren; siblings, Susan Hoskins and Jeff Parrott; nieces and nephews; significant other, Tim Hall. Predeceased: husband, Glen; daughter, Heather McWhorter. G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home at The Gardens of Olive Branch.

#### William "Bill" Lynn Patrick

William "Bill" Lynn Patrick, 62, Indianapolis, died Feb. 1, 2024. A celebration of life will be scheduled at a later date. Please check back for details and full obituary. Services entrusted to Feeney-Hornack, Shadeland Mortuary.

#### Donald "Donnie or DJ" Joseph Rieger

Donald "Donnie or DJ" Joseph Rieger, 76, Southside Indianapolis, died Jan. 30, 2024. Survivors: son, Joseph "Joe" Rieger; daughter, Laura Rieger; grandson, Alexander "Alex" Joseph (Allison) Rieger; brother, Ronald "Ronnie" Rieger; three niece and nephews, and companion, Phanalphia "Nell" Gregson. Predeceased: sister-in-law, Linda Rieger; many friends. G.H. Herrmann Funeral Home.

#### **Paul David Salter**

Paul David Salter, 87, Indianapolis, died Feb. 2, 2024. Survivors: wife, Iris (Haymaker); daughter, Lavonna (Doug) Milligan; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; sister, Ethel. Predeceased: two brothers; two sisters. Visitation: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. service, Saturday, Feb. 10, Southport Church of the Nazarene, 920 E Southport Road, Indianapolis, IN 46227. Forest Lawn.

#### **Mabel Ann Schwark**

Mabel Ann Schwark (nee Roth) 102, Indianapolis, died Jan. 29, 2024. She married August (Augie) April 21, 1944. Survivors: children, A. C. (Janie) Schwark, Ann (Rick) Hinchman, Jim (Kristen) Schwark; five grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews. Predeceased: three brothers; two sisters. Arrangements: G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home.

#### **Gordon Cleveland Vick**

Gordon Cleveland Vick, 83, Indianapolis, died Feb. 4, 2024. Survivors: wife, Dorothy; two sons, Tommy and Alan; daughter, Debbie; grandchildren; greatgrandchildren; three brothers. Predeceased: brother, Carl; granddaughter, Tosha. Graveside service: 1 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 10, Mount Pleasant Greenwood Cemetery. Service: Feb. 24, 2 p.m., Indianapolis Baptist Temple. G. H. Herrmann.

#### **Ruth Marie Wambsganss**

Ruth Marie Wambsganss, 94, Indianapolis, died Jan. 30, 2024. Survivors; daughters, Katie (Bob) Rode, Paula (Phil) Boley, Jeanie (Willy) Frizzell and Julie Wambsganss; grandchildren, Christy (Nathan), Leah (Mike), Danny (Karee), Josh, Ryan and Katie; and great-grandchildren, Ethan, Ally, Ellie, Nick, Alex and Nolan. Arrangements handled by Little & Sons, Indianapolis.



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#### **† SPIRITUALIST**

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

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Weekly Devotion



Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.

#### 2 CORINTHIANS 3:16

We search for God's will so that we might know God's blessings and favor. We know God's will when we ask God for revelations from above through fervent prayer. But even when we remove sin from our hearts and minds, we may still struggle to hear God's answers to our prayers because there are veils that stand between our prayers and God's answers. It is true that these veils are caused by sin, but they are also caused by the endless sea of trauma we experience in this world of woe. By no fault of our own, we suffer hardships and the trauma of lost loved ones all along the way. Accidents happen every day, and tragedies beyond our control result in the senseless loss of life and limb. In response to such trauma, we put up walls to protect ourselves from further harm, but these walls, or as Paul describes them, these "veils" lie over our hearts, separating us from hearing God's

voice. It is as if we have filters between our eyes and our hearts that clog up with trauma from our past, and when these filters become clogged by the walls we create as a form of self-protection, they become a vail between our prayers and God's answers. God does not want us to be lost in the sadness of our yesterdays. There is only one way to remove these veils so that we might truly appreciate the joys of sins forgiven. Only the Word of God can wash our dirty filters. These veils cause conditions like PTSD, depression, anxiety and hopelessness. We must turn to the Lord for healing, and we must return to God's Word for daily cleansing.

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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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#### **Plan Commission**

#### **City of Greenwood**

City of Greenwood Plan Commission Notice of Public Hearing Notice is hereby given that I have, as the owner (or with the owner's consent) of the property commonly described as the southwest corner of E. County Line Road and N. Five Points Road (Parcel #: 41-02-26-011-001.000-023), Greenwood, Indiana, and legally described by the attached legal description, have filed a petition before the Plan Commission of the City of Greenwood, which petition requests: Annexation and Zone Map Change of the said property from the current zoning district of R-R (Johnson County) to the proposed district of RA and CS for the purpose of a mixed-use development. This petition, Docket # PC2024-005 Next Chapter Neighborhoods Annexation/Rezoning, will come for hearing at 7:00 pm in the Common Council Chambers at the Greenwood City Building, 300 South Madison Avenue, Greenwood, Indiana, and virtually at https:// zoom.us/, on February 26, 2024. This meeting can be attended in person or virtually via Zoom. To join virtually go to https://zoom.us/ and click "Join a Meeting", then enter Meeting ID number (access Code) 815 7892 3790, and Meeting Password 1234. To join by telephone: 1-312-626-6799; when connected, enter the Meeting Number above and press #; when asked for participant ID, press #. Members of the public wishing to observe the meeting or participate in the hearing may do so by using the link provided above, which is also on the City of Greenwood website event calendar entry for the meeting. Public attendees participating virtually will initially be muted and will have video disabled, but will be unmuted for public comment concerning the petition according to procedures announced by the presiding officer. In the event of an excessive number of participants or unforeseen technical or practical issues, the meeting may be terminated and restarted. The hearing may be continued from time to time as may be found necessary. A copy of the petition is available for inspection on the City of Greenwood Department of Community Development Services website at www.greenwood.in.gov. Written objections filed with the Planning Director before the hearing will be considered and oral comments concerning the petition will be heard. Written objection may be filed electronically at planning@greenwood. in.gov or mailed to: Planning Director, City of Greenwood Department of Community Development Services, 300 S. Madison Avenue, Greenwood, Indiana 46142. In accordance with the American with Disabilities Act, the City of Greenwood is required to provide reasonable accommodations to persons with disabilities wishing to attend public meetings. Accommodations are available upon request to persons with disabilities who require alternately formatted materials, auxiliary aids, or reasonable modifications to policies and procedures to ensure effective communication and access to the public meetings. If you require accommodation to attend the meeting, please contact Mark St. John, Public Access ADA Coordinator, at 300 S. Madison Avenue Greenwood, Indiana 46142, Tel: (317) 887-5230, Fax: (317) 887-5616, or contact Telecommunications Relay Services (TRS) at 711 to relay your request to Mr. St. John. Please allow at least two business days to arrange for accommodations. Andrew Malzer, Next Chapter Holdings, LLC APPLICANTS PRINTED NAME LEGAL DESCRIPTION LAND DESCRIPTION – WHOLE PARCEL A PART OF THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST OF THE SECOND PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN JOHNSON COUNTY, INDIANA, AND MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID EAST HALF; THENCE ALONG THE EAST LINE THEREOF SOUTH 00 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 57 SECONDS WEST 2497.54 FEET TO A POINT BEING 177.00 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID EAST HALF; THENCE PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID EAST HALF SOUTH 88 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST 376.60 FEET; THENCE PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF SAID EAST HALF SOUTH 00 DEGREES 18 MINUTES 57 SECONDS WEST 177.00 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID EAST HALF; THENCE ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 59 SECONDS WEST 963.74 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID EAST HALF: THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID EAST HALF NORTH 00 DEGREES 13 MINUTES 41 SECONDS EAST 2677.17 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SAID EAST HALF; THENCE ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID EAST HALF NORTH 88 DEGREES 38 MINUTES 02 SECONDS EAST 1344.36 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 80.89 ACRES, MORE

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#### **Celebrate Romance/Dinner Dance**

• This event is a wedding reception for married couples. Enjoy dinner, dancing and door prizes. | When: Feb. 10, 6:30-11 p.m. | Where: Our Lady of Greenwood, 335 S. S. Meridian St., Greenwood. | Info: festivalcountryindiana.com/celebrate-romance-dinner-dance

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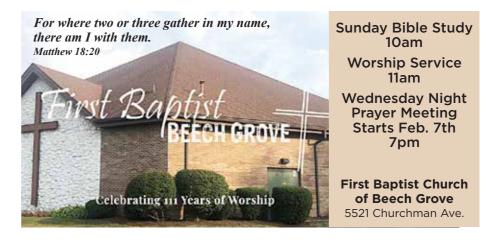
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