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# THIS WEEK on the WEB

## Aspire announces winners for Women Leaders Awards

Aspire Economic Development + Chamber Alliance has announced the winners for its 2024 Women Leaders awards. Stage 1 Dance Academy received the Champion of Women Award; Malahni Ake with Everyday Leaders received the Woman Leader of the Year Award; and Carmen Young, director of Administration for the Town of Whiteland, received the Impactful Leader Award. Winners were announced March 8 at the Woman Leaders Workshop held at Valle Vista Golf and Conference Center.

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Award winners: Stage 1 Dance Academy, Malahni Ake, and Carmen Young. (Image courtesy of Aspire Economic Development + Chamber Alliance)



Emily Sering, valedictorian, and Lachlan Borders, salutatorian, Roncalli class of 2024. (Submitted photo)

## Roncalli announces 2024 valedictorian and salutatorian

Roncalli High School has announced that Emily Sering was named valedictorian, and Lachlan Borders was named salutatorian for the class of 2024. Sering has earned the Academic Honors Diploma with Distinction and will graduate with a 4.47 cumulative GPA. She plans to pursue a career in mathematics and is the daughter of Jill and Joseph Sering. Lachlan Borders also earned an Academic Honors Diploma with Distinction. Borders plans to study finance and business in college and is the son of Alicia and Jeff Borders.

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## Beech Grove mayor delivers State of the City address to Chamber of Commerce

By Mark Gasper

On March 14, Beech Grove Mayor James W. "Jim" Coffman delivered his first State of the City address to members of the Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce and to the public. Coffman, who was elected to the office in November of 2023, spoke warmly about his city's current status, as well as his plans and goals for the year.

In his presentation, Mayor Coffman thanked his predecessor, three-term Mayor Dennis Buckley. "So many projects were completed under his watch, and I am honored to continue this momentum," Coffman said. Coffman highlighted the financial position of the city. "When I took office as clerk treasurer in 2020, the corporate bank account had \$4,433,000 in it. On Jan. 1, 2024, this account had \$7,057,000. This is thanks to years of conservative spending across several administrations."

### Coffman highlighted each of the city's departments:

"The Department of Public Works, which is led by Brad Meriwether ... I described our DPW as the best in the world ... Brad has been very successful at writing grants and applying for additional funding, which has allowed the city to complete more work than ever before," he said. Coffman noted that Beech Grove has been able to expand its greenways, upgrade its sewer system, and embark this year on the first of several storm-water projects."

"Our EMS Department is led by Rob Cheshire ... our former fire chief ... we currently have two new ambulances that run 24 hours a day. The large increase in runs with two ambulances brought in a record \$1.7 million in revenue last year alone ... and thanks to the collaborative efforts of many people, on Sept. 1, 2023, the city dedicated a Safe Haven Baby Box at the EMS station. This project proved to be worth every penny just three months later. In early December, a beautiful baby girl was safely surrendered at the station ... our compassion and support will always remain first and foremost in our hearts for mothers in crisis, and we are blessed to be entrusted with a Safe Haven baby box in our city."

"The Hornet Park Community Center, which is led by Angel McKenna ... the Hornet Park Community Center has seen tremendous growth in its food pantry. There is a growing need in our community surrounding food insecurity, and I am proud to witness the good that takes place here each and every week. In 2023, a total of 6,072 families received more than 222,277 pounds of

food, along with 21,170 prepared meals ... in addition to the food pantry, the community center hosts 12 annual events, nine monthly and weekly events, along with seven weeks of daily youth programming each summer. This summer program provides a safe place for kids to be, nutritious meals, and activities all summer long."

"Our parks department is led by Tom Hannon ... our parks continue to grow and evolve. In 2023, our parks board applied for and was awarded a \$100,000 Lake and River Enhancement grant from the DNR ... In 2023, Tom worked with AES to install a transformer at the main trailhead in Sarah T. Bolton Park. This improvement was instrumental to having concerts in the park. This concert series led by Angel McKenna and Tom Hannon provided eight free concerts with food trucks, music, and games for the entire family. In 2024, the series will grow to 10 concerts and continue to bring people from all over to enjoy everything our parks have to offer."

"Another department that enhances the quality of life for our citizens is the Senior Citizens Center, led by Stephanie Bramlett ... in 2023, the Senior Center became a place for people of all ages. The Senior Center became a home for field trips with local school kids, fundraisers, Express stops, a home for the Easter Bunny, as well as Mr. and Mrs. Claus ... our seniors have events all week long with activities at the center, day trips, and overnight trips ... in 2024, the center will celebrate 50 years of servicing our community."

"A crucial component of our city is the Beech Grove Police Department, which is led by Chief Michael Maurice, Deputy Chief Robert Mercuri, and Deputy Chief Tom Hurtle ... across the United States and especially in Marion County there is a shortage of police officers. But unlike other cities, every time we have an opening, highly qualified candidates apply. This is because of the value our city holds for our police department, along with the previous city council's commitment to public safety. In 2023, we hired two new police officers and are currently fully staffed at 39 officers. In 2024, I am proud to announce that Beech Grove police officers

are the fifth highest paid department in Indiana ... our officers are fighting big city crime, while continuing to provide the small city services that our citizens have come to expect and deserve. With all that is happening, the Beech Grove Police Department is your neighborhood police department. Citizens still call about things that larger police departments do not have the resources nor the mandate to respond to. It is a delicate balance to manage but somehow, our officers do it every day."

"Last but not least, our city court is led by Judge Andrew Wells ... our court resides in our brand-new state-of-the-art police station and not only serves Beech Grove, but also serves Clermont, Southport, Speedway, Lawrence, Homecroft, Franklin Township Schools, Perry Township Schools, Decatur Township Schools, St. Vincent, and IMPD. The Beech Grove City Court has grown by leaps and bounds and I am excited to see how Judge Wells continues to grow the court in the coming years."

Mayor Coffman continued his address by describing some upcoming projects in Beech Grove:

**Development** – "The investments the city has made over the recent years will spur further development through our city. The millions of dollars invested in the gateway to our city will not only entice developers north and south along Emerson Avenue but also west on Main Street to City Hall. I look forward to working with the RDC on ways to develop the old Safeway/DQ property, the medical arts buildings, the old landfill, and CSX properties."

**Main Street** – "This is the heart of our city and is near and dear to my heart ... we have a Main Street to be proud of. We must continue to encourage businesses to relocate here and invest in our city. Our business owners, along with several civic organizations plan events throughout the year, which bring hundreds of people to our Main Street. Main Street is bustling because of the hard work of our business owners and organizations."

**Beech Grove City Schools** – "I feel a city is nothing without quality schools. We must continue to work together to entice families to move here and to send their children to our schools. Last year we added sidewalks along Hornet Avenue to give our children a safe path to school."

**Collaboration** – "One thing that I have always lived by is the importance of collaboration. Elected officials must vow to work together. We are all here because the people of Beech Grove voted us into office. I look forward to working with our city council to ensure that the city of Beech Grove continues to be the best place to live, work, play, learn, and to conduct business."

**Transparency** – "During these four years as mayor, we will do more than ever to ensure our citizens know what is happening in our city. Thanks to Clerk Treasurer Stratton, a complete overhaul of the city website recently took place. Our social media accounts are active, and information is being shared. Whether it be live meetings, city events, community events, public safety alerts, or city services, this information and more will be available at your fingertips. This month, my office will debut a monthly newsletter as another method to share information about projects, city information, alerts, and more. Next month, the Mayor's Office will move to the front of City Hall. Open, transparent, and accessible government is what our citizens deserve and that is what they will get."

### Mayor Coffman continued his thoughts on the city of Beech Grove:

"I am excited to be your mayor and I look forward to the positives that will take place over the next four years. We are a city focused on public safety and quality of life, yet primed for redevelopment. We have to continue to think outside the box in order to affect positive change. By thinking creatively, pursuing new opportunities, and applying for grants, we will continue to enhance our city. I know that serving alongside our newly elected council members, Clerk Treasurer Stratton, our department heads, employees, the Board of Works, as well as our business owners, schools, civic organizations, churches, and fellow community members, we will continue to move our city forward ... we must vow to work together. We must vow to support each other. If we make these two simple vows, the city that we all love will flourish and thrive and 2024 will prove to be another successful year. And with your help, the state of our city will continue to be strong for years to come!"



Beech Grove Mayor Jim Coffman. (Photo by Mark Gasper)

# Indiana's Woman of the Year

## Justin Phillips honored by USA Today as founder of Overdose Lifeline

Compiled by Nancy Hammerstrom

In recognition of Women's History Month (March), USA TODAY is celebrating its 2024 Women of the Year, who are using their influence to empower women to lead the next generation. Indiana's honoree is the founder of the statewide nonprofit, Overdose Lifeline.

"Justin Phillips is the type of person who identifies the gaps between problem and solution — the overlooked needs, the frustrating red tape, the fear of stigma. And then she builds bridges," stated the award description.

Phillips founded Overdose Lifeline after the death of her youngest son Aaron due to a heroin overdose at the age of 20. Justin started the organization as a way to help those with substance addictions and the people who love them. Since then, she was instrumental in advocating for the passing of Aaron's Law, which helped provide the public access to naloxone, which can reverse an opioid overdose, in vending machines, outdoor boxes, and from key partners.

Under her leadership, Overdose Lifeline has generated an expansive list of accomplishments including harm reduction programs, training courses, the creation of Camp Mariposa Aaron's Place, and more.

"I cannot think of another woman more deserving of this recognition," said Diana Hendricks, executive director of the Beech Grove Comprehensive Drug-Free Coalition (CDFC). "Justin took one of the worst tragedies that could happen to any mom, losing a child, and focused her heartbreak on making sure other parents would be spared the pain of losing a child to overdose through prevention programs and her efforts in getting naloxone approved for public carry. When I was asked by our past Beech Grove Mayor Dennis Buckley to develop a community program to help reduce youth substance use and overdose in our community, Justin was among my handful of advisors. Justin's advice played a role in the Beech Grove Comprehensive

Drug Free Coalition receiving CADCA's International Blue Ribbon Coalition recognition. I will be forever grateful for her kindness and willingness to help our small community grassroots efforts. Justin truly represents the phrase, "angels walk among us."

### Q&A with Justin Phillips

**Please tell us a little about your son, Aaron.**

He was an extremely talented athlete, quite charming, and empathic for others.

**What were some challenges when he sought help for addiction and when you were seeking assistance for him?**

The treatment industry was not prepared to address opioids in 2012 when Aaron went to treatment. We did not learn about the possibility of overdose or the overdose reversal drug naloxone. Treating substance use disorder is complicated. I realize that, but we kick people out of treatment when they have a setback, and we don't do that with any other chronic disease; instead we adjust the treatment plan.

**When did you start Overdose Lifeline? What were your goals at that time?**

ODL was founded in 2014 following the loss of Aaron because education was lacking around substance use, especially opioids, and to change access to naloxone. The goal was to change the narrative, reduce the stigma, and to normalize substance use disorder as a chronic disease of the brain.

**Please tell us about Aaron's Law, who was instrumental in working with you to make this happen, and what has been accomplished through Aaron's Law.**

Aaron's Law allows for the overdose reversal drug naloxone to be available without a prescription in the state of Indiana and to allow organizations like Overdose Lifeline to

distribute naloxone under a statewide standing order. I worked with former senator Jim Merritt and other advocates who had been affected by heroin and overdose to pass Aaron's Law.

**Please describe the programs, events, etc. you started through the nonprofit.**

Overdose Lifeline continues to create programs and initiatives to address the gaps that exist around preventing and addressing substance use disorder. We have education programs for adults and continuing education units for clinicians and non-clinicians, and we partner with 48 states in the nation to use these programs developed by Overdose Lifeline in partnership with subject matter experts.

We have two family programs. One is Camp Mariposa Aaron's Place, which is a free program for children ages 9 to 12 affected by the substance use disorder of a family member. This program is every other month for a weekend, and every other month we have family-engaged activities. Our other family program is Heart Rock Justus Family Recovery Center, which is a women's recovery house for specifically pregnant women who are trying to stay with their children in early recovery.

**What are some partnerships you've developed as a result of Overdose Lifeline?**

We have a variety of partnerships that vary across the state and nation. We have 200-plus distribution partners across the state of Indiana for our naloxone distribution. We distribute over 24,000 doses of naloxone a month through these partnerships. We have partners in every state in the nation who utilize our education programs, and those partnerships vary from local drug coalitions to state government to some federal partnerships. We work with the Voices for Non-Opioid Choices Coalition out of Washington, D.C. to advocate for the availability of

non-opioid choices in surgical settings. Recently I attended the State of the Union Address as a guest of the second gentleman to bring our cause around overdose to the national stage.

**Please share how Overdose Lifeline has impacted the stigma of addiction and helped others and their families with their journey toward recovery.**

I think Overdose Lifeline impacts the stigma of addiction by continuously talking about it and raising awareness. I think stigma is the biggest issue around substance use disorder. Stigma interferes with an individual's ability to seek and ask for help. We create community. It's that simple; we make it possible for people to feel safe to have a conversation whether they've lost a loved one to this stigmatized disease or they need access to the overdose reversal drug or other harm-reduction supplies. We meet people where they are, and we do not judge.

**What are your future goals with the nonprofit?**

To continue to fill the gaps where needed to continue the programs that we feel so proud of that are making a huge impact, and to continue to chip away at the stigma so that it sometime may be eliminated.

**What advice would you give someone who is addicted and seeking help?**

You're not alone. There are people who understand you. There are people who are willing to help you; sometimes you have to try more than once to find your solution but it's available to you. Find yourself a community if you have family members affected by substance use disorder. You can join us at our craft meetings. Other resources can be found on our website, [overdoselifeline.org](http://overdoselifeline.org).

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Camp Mariposa Aaron's Place. (Submitted photos)



Phillips created Aaron's Law to help provide the public access to naloxone to reverse an opioid overdose.



Overdose Lifeline hosts harm reduction programs and training courses. | (Cover) Beech Grove Comprehensive Drug-Free Coalition Executive Director Diana Hendricks (left) with Justin Phillips.

## PHOTO of the WEEK



Meet Colton Wiseman, a shining star from Ms. McCord's sixth-grade class at South Grove Intermediate School in Beech Grove. Colton recently clinched his fifth Indiana State Wrestling Association (ISWA) state title. (Photo courtesy of Beech Grove City Schools)

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*What is called genius is the abundance of life and health.*

Henry David Thoreau

## HUMOR



### Top 10 recent examples proving kids are alien creatures

By Torry Stiles

10. "Why did you take off your coat?"  
"I was cold."  
"If you're cold, why would you take off your coat?"  
"So you'd take me inside."
9. "I suppose you have a good reason for pouring flour all over the floor."  
"I thought I did but I didn't."
8. "Why is your hand all wet?"  
"Sebastian."  
"Who's Sebastian?"  
"The boy who was in the bathroom with me."  
"Go back in there and wash up."
7. "I wanna be Taylor Swift when she's done?"
6. "Where's your coat?"  
"I don't have one."  
"You had it when you went outside."  
"But I don't have it now. Why are you asking me so many questions?"
5. "I don't think they should bring back woolly mammoths. They eat a lot."
4. "I love shrimp! It makes me poop a lot, but I love it."
3. "What are you doing with the Band-Aids?"  
"They look cool."  
"Why do you have them in your hair?"  
"I'm not very good at this."
2. "My dog can burp the alphabet. Not really, but I can. Wanna hear?"
1. "Son, what are you putting on your spaghetti?"  
"Mustard."  
"I thought you hated mustard."  
"I do. I hate spaghetti, too."

## BELIEVE IT!

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

In Sarasota, Fla., if you hit a pedestrian you are fined \$78.

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## Five pieces of real estate advice for home sellers

### REAL ESTATE

**By Dawn Whalen**  
**Whalen Realty Group at F.C. Tucker Company**

Realtors have walked through hundreds, if not thousands, of homes. They understand what buyers want and the current trends in the housing market. This expertise and knowledge of the industry is exactly what a home seller needs in order to find the right buyer at the right price. Listing a home can be stressful, but getting a head start and knowing what to expect may make the process less burdensome. Here are five tips to help sellers prepare for listing a home.

#### Remove the clutter

The longer someone lives in a home, the more stuff seems to accumulate, and multiply if children live there too. Preparing to list a home is an excellent time to start decluttering and packing items that may be sentimental, seasonal, or not frequently used. Begin the process of clearing out closets, cabinets, and drawers, picking up floors, clearing off counters, and simply removing the “stuff.” Decluttering helps buyers see the potential and space in the property. Cleaning up closets shows there’s ample room for shoes, clothes, accessories, and other items, and clearing off counters allows kitchens and bathrooms to appear larger. Small appliances should be put away when not being used. Realtors are excellent at pointing out which areas a potential buyer may question if there’s too much clutter in the room or space. Consider renting a

storage unit while the home is listed in order to keep certain items safe and out of the way during this short time.

#### Clean up the yard

While decluttering the inside, take some time to straighten up the exterior too. This means freshening the flower beds, trimming shrubs, adding new mulch around trees, and edging around the driveway and sidewalks. Remove any obvious debris and weeds. These simple chores can add a lot of curb appeal. Remember, the front of the house and yard are the first elements a potential buyer sees. An experienced realtor can offer suggestions on which areas a homebuyer is most likely to examine and where to spend the most effort.

#### Personal effects

For some buyers, seeing personal pictures and items may distract from the space. This can include family pictures, diplomas, certificates, awards, artwork, etc. While these items are important and special, the goal of listing the property is to sell it, and personal effects may sometimes hinder a buyer’s ability to see the home’s potential. Protecting the seller’s privacy is another great reason to remove personal effects. For example, if small children or seniors live in the home, it’s a good idea to remove their pictures and special belongings while the home is listed. Diplomas often include middle names or maiden names, which

are sometimes used for security purposes. Although it’s impossible to completely protect the identity of the seller and their family, removing personal items makes it more difficult for strangers to see who lives there. Ask a realtor to walk through the home and identify any personal effects that may have been missed while cleaning and decluttering.

#### Clean, clean, clean!

Dust loves every surface. Grab some cleaning supplies and old towels and prepare to wipe down every possible surface including behind the toilets, along the baseboards, above the doors, behind all the furniture, etc. Don’t forget to clean the appliances too. The microwave should be free of stains and food debris, the oven and dishwasher should be clean and free of slime and burn marks, and the sink and faucet need a good wipe down. If possible, enlist the help of a professional cleaning company before the home is on the market.

#### Staging

Staging a home means different things to different people and realtors. For some, it may mean rearranging the existing furniture, while others may choose to bring in furniture and décor. The purpose of staging is to show how a room can look or be used. For example, while a family may use the existing dining room as a playroom, staging it with a table and chairs instead of toys can give potential

buyers a different view of the space. Talk to an experienced realtor about whether or not some areas may need staged and if so, what that means. It could be as simple as adding a tablecloth and centerpiece or moving a few chairs.

Once the decision is made to list a property and move, start cleaning, decluttering, and removing personal items. This will make the process easier in the long run. Working with an experienced realtor can also bring insight and advice about buyer behavior and what someone may question, love, or want to change within the home. Take time to walk through the property with a realtor before listing to make sure the property’s best features are highlighted.



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### IN OUR SCHOOLS

#### Roncalli’s blood drive a success

Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood for surgeries, cancer treatments, or injuries, so on Wednesday, March 6, the Roncalli Student Council held its annual blood drive event.

This year’s drive welcomed 40 donors, who donated 28 blood units and eight double red cell units. Every unit of blood donated has the potential to save three lives. That is 108 lives saved by the Roncalli community!

Student council moderator Sarah Rose shared, “I was very proud of our student participation in the blood drive this year! Our students made up 72 percent of the donations and many of them were first-time donors. It can be scary to donate blood for the first time, so I am very proud of the students who answered the call to donate. We are hoping to have an even more successful drive next year!”



Forty Roncalli students donated blood this year. (Submitted photo)



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## Don't forget your shacket

### GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

It's that time of year: is it spring yet? Or is it summer? Wait, is it going to get cold again? What? There's snow in the forecast this week? Marpril in Central Indiana is like a box of chocolates, assuming that box of chocolates was insane and had a personal vendetta against you and your garden.

Enter the shacket. While in New England, a shacket is another name for a yellowjacket or hornet, but I'm not talking about flying insects with miniature needles on their butts. No, I'm talking about a piece of clothing hybrid of a shirt and a jacket. It's a shacket. Picture a thick, slightly oversized flannel shirt for which retailers can charge \$130 and you'll get a good idea of what the shacket is all about.

Is it too cold to go out with just your regular shirt on? Grab a shacket. Is it too

warm for your hoodie? Shacket time. If you're not following the right Instagram influencers, just know that the shacket is blowing up everyone's feeds, stories, and reels. Yes, this year the shacket is just the clothing item that will get you through this tricky time of the season when Mother Nature decides to hit you with a late frost around the time you're scheduling your Memorial Day plans.

What kind of word is "shacket"? If this were the year 2010, we'd call it a "mash-up," but "Glee" is not on the air anymore. First of all, "shacket" is a neologism, which is a fancy way of saying "a newly coined word." After thorough internet research, I couldn't find the origin of "shacket" as an article of clothing. Still, I wouldn't be surprised if the poetic product description writers over at the J. Peterman catalog came up with the term. If anyone out there reading this has a connection to the person who hires people to write for the J. Peterman catalog, let them know I want to work with them.

More specifically, "shacket" is a type of "word blend" or "portmanteau." Believe it or not, both of these terms mean the same thing. Use "portmanteau" if you're trying to impress a group of ascot-wearing Harvard grads playing a round of weekend yacht polo in the Hamptons; use "word blend" if you don't want to have to explain what "portmanteau" means.

Whether you call them "word blends" or "portmanteaus," this type of word is everywhere. From "jorts" (jeans + shorts) to "turducken" (turkey + duck + chicken) the novelty of newly-coined word blends — especially in the case of the shacket — makes for a great hashtag that will make all your Instagram frenemies green with envy.



—Curtis Honeycutt is a syndicated humor columnist. He is the author of *Good Grammar is the Life of the Party: Tips for a Wildly Successful Life*. Find more at [curtishoneycutt.com](http://curtishoneycutt.com).

## Cat Naps

### HUMOR

By Dick Wolfsie

"Dick, I know that the snoring is not intentional. But it has some devastating effects on our health and well-being. What are we going to do about it?"

"I've tried everything. It must have to do with the sleeping position."

"Well, that's tough to control. But we have to do something."

"I'll call the vet first thing in the morning."

Yes, we have a pet that snores. But it's not a dog. Believe it or not, we have a cat that snores.

Yes, seriously, a cat! Her name is Angel. We have had two dogs over the years that snored. Both Barney and my second beagle, Toby, were snorers. It wasn't the occasional snort that kept us awake; it was a full-blown, get out of my way foghorn. Both dogs woke themselves up every night, which made them cranky the next day. Dogs need their 18 hours.

I specifically remember the first onset of Toby's snoring. Knee surgery had slowed him down a bit, resulting in a modest weight gain, a factor in snoring.

I had observed no increase in smoking or alcohol consumption in the hound, another common cause. I googled pets and snoring. Apparently, there's a real epidemic of sleep disorders in the canine world: narcolepsy, jet lag, insomnia, night terrors, and restless paw syndrome.

But cats? The first thing I learned was those animals with short, flat faces—like bulldogs, pugs, Pekingese—are more apt to snore. If your human partner has a short, flat face you just better accept it. Or trade your significant other for a horse.

The site also noted that when pets sleep on their backs, snoring is more apt to occur. The best solution is to roust them out of a deep sleep, then abruptly flip them over on their stomachs. Mary Ellen thought this sounded like a good idea because that method worked temporarily on me several years ago.

But I still snore. Just like the cat. One pet owner suggested gluing a tennis ball on a leather belt and wrapping it around the cat's torso, so the bulge on his back would prevent him from rolling over. I tried this with Toby and Barney years ago. Both were pretty adept at twisting themselves into a knot, snatching the ball from the strap, and then

dropping it on my head at two in the morning so we could play fetch.

I got back on Google. I saw that one woman recommended nasal strips for a pet that snores, but sticking one of those on a beagle's nose is like trying to keep a bandage on a peeled banana. Another idea was giving your pet a nice foam cushioning to prop his head up at night, thus opening the nasal airway. Angel had no interest in this. But both beagles loved the pillows. Every bite of them.

Mary Ellen finally googled the cat snoring issue. It said there wasn't much you could do to stop a cat from snoring. A vet on the site suggested having the cat sleep in the basement, but my wife quickly rejected that solution. But that did give her another thought. Now she's calling my doctor to see if he would advise her to do the same thing with me.



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

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### Puzzle Time Answers SEE PAGE 6

Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:

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**Words:** BOXY, FOXY, GALAXY, PROXY, SEXY;

**Sections:** BRASS, RHYTHM, STRING, WIND;

**Sounds:** BARK, GROWL, HOWL;

**Tribes:** CHEROKEE, NAVAJO;

**City:** GOSHEN

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**AROUND TOWN**

**Eskenazi Health announces \$2.5 million naming gift for new East 38th Street Health Center**

In honor of a lead gift of \$2.5 million from Thomas and Arlene Grande, the new Eskenazi Health East 38th Street health center location will be renamed the Eskenazi Health Thomas & Arlene Grande Campus. The Grandes made their lead gift to Eskenazi Health Foundation's Beyond Barriers campaign, an initiative that supports Eskenazi Health's long standing commitment to addressing the social drivers that impact the health and well-being of residents in Marion County and across central Indiana.

Tom and Arlene Grande are committed to high quality care for all, with particular interest in the east side of Indianapolis. Their family business, now known as The Gene B. Glick Company, was founded in 1947 believing that quality, safe, and affordable housing is the foundation for individual, family, and community stability. Tom Grande has been a dedicated member of the Eskenazi Health Foundation board of directors since 2015.

The Beyond Barriers campaign is centered around three areas of wellness including health care, mental health care, and food as medicine. Efforts are focused within three recently established health equity zones – geographic areas in which Eskenazi Health and community partners work together to address social determinants of health including racial equity and economic mobility with the goal of increasing the life expectancy of those living within the area. By 2025, health equity zones will be implemented at three Eskenazi Health Center sites: Eskenazi Health Center West 38th Street – International Marketplace, Eskenazi Health Center Grande – Northeast Corridor, and Eskenazi Health Center Grassy Creek – Far Eastside.

In 2022, the Eskenazi Health Foundation Board of Directors approved the Beyond Barriers campaign – a \$60 million initiative which demonstrates Eskenazi Health's commitment to improving life expectancy equity for all residents of Indianapolis. The goal is to leverage Eskenazi Health's strengths

and partnerships through a first-of-its-kind integrated and sustainable model.

Set to open on the eastside of Indianapolis in April, the state-of-the-art Eskenazi Health Thomas & Arlene Grande Campus is part of a \$75 million investment in capital improvements to primary care facilities across Marion County announced by Eskenazi Health and Health & Hospital Corporation of Marion County in 2022. On the new health campus, Eskenazi Health Center Grande, which is a federally qualified health center, and Sandra Eskenazi Mental Health Center will have dedicated areas for primary care and mental health services. Additionally, the facility will have Marion County Public Health Department services available along with the Oklak Family Pharmacy, lifestyle wellness, social services, financial counseling, and access to other community services.

The Eskenazi Health Thomas & Arlene Grande Campus will welcome new patients and those currently served by Eskenazi

Health Center Forest Manor and Eskenazi Health Center North Arlington. Eskenazi Health has collaborated with members of the immediate neighborhoods and community organizations throughout the planning and design of the building. Guided by community input, the facility will serve as a hub for community gathering, providing accessible care options and social amenities under one roof.

The campus will be highly accessible, located at the corner of East 38th Street and North Arlington Avenue, and near the IndyGo Purple Line which connects patients to public transportation, walking trails, and the Allen Whitehill Clowes Charitable Foundation Gardens.

To learn more about the new Eskenazi Health Thomas & Arlene Grande Campus and the Beyond Barriers campaign, please visit [EskenaziHealth.edu](https://EskenaziHealth.edu) and [EskenaziHealthFoundation.org](https://EskenaziHealthFoundation.org).

# NIGHT & DAY

## LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT ENTERTAINING

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### BARGERSVILLE

##### League of Women Voters of Johnson County

• All residents of Johnson and the surrounding counties are invited to a meeting of the League of Women Voters of Johnson County (LWVJC). The meeting will also be available on zoom. Discussion at the meeting will focus on making democracy work. For further information and the zoom link, please visit [lwvcin.org](http://lwvcin.org). LWVJC is an educational civic organization dedicated to empowering voters and defending democracy. | When: March 21, 6-7:45 p.m. | Where: Risen Lord/Tapestry Church, 3758 W. Whiteland Road, Bargersville. | Info: [lwvcin.org](mailto:lwvcin.org); Karen: 317-888-8990

#### BEECH GROVE

**Buzz Camp: Spring Break** • For all students in grades K-6. Every day will be filled with enrichment activities and recreation. Breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be served! Only \$95 a week! Registration is now open. There will be a special Solar Eclipse E-Learning Day Camp. | When: Week 2: March 25-29, Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: [hornetparkcommunitycenter.com](http://hornetparkcommunitycenter.com); 317-788-4986

**Youth Fun Day Saturday** • Arts and crafts! Silly Safari! Special guests! Free lunch. \$50 contest winner. A healthy brain sprouts ideas, grows, and inspires. Beech Grove Mayor's Office gives National Prevention Week Proclamation to our youth. Representative Mitch Gore speaks on the risk of harm of using drugs. Registration is not required to attend but is appreciated. | When: May 18, 10:30 a.m.-3 p.m. | Where: Beech Grove Library, 1102 Main St., Beech Grove. | Info: [beechgrovecdfc.org](http://beechgrovecdfc.org); [bgdrugfree@gmail.com](mailto:bgdrugfree@gmail.com)

#### FRANKLIN

**Garden Celebration XIX** • The Johnson County Garden Club is hosting its annual garden celebration featuring 75 vendors and three speakers who will educate regarding native plants and wildlife rehabilitation. General admission is \$2 a person, cash only. For breakfast and lunch, visit the Garden Café featuring Jodie Beasley Catering and the MoBowl food truck. Enjoy Windy Knoll Bakery's Amish baked goods for dessert or take-home. Visit social media for updates regarding vendors and speakers. | When: May 4, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. | Where: Johnson County Fairgrounds, Scott and Herring Halls, 250 Fairground St., Franklin. | Info: Questions can be directed to Gary Kiesel by emailing [jcgardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:jcgardenclub@gmail.com).

#### GARFIELD PARK

##### Square Cat Helps You Celebrate the Eclipse

• Celebrate the eclipse this year with Square Cat Vinyl at Garfield Park with Galactic Garfield. Featuring Moon Goons, Ancient Days, and Shipwreck Karpathos. Tickets on sale for \$15. All proceeds benefit Garfield Park. Doors open at 5 p.m.; music starts at 6 p.m. | When: April 6, 5-10 p.m. | Where: MacAllister Amphitheater at Garfield Park, 2425 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. | Info: [squarecat-vinyl.com/blogs/upcoming-events](http://squarecat-vinyl.com/blogs/upcoming-events); 317-875-1314

#### GREENWOOD

**Hop to It!** • Greenwood Park Mall is pleased to announce bunny visits for families as part of the Bunny Photo Experience. Reservations are strongly encouraged. | When: March 1-30, Monday-Friday from 2 to 7 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m.-7 p.m., and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday. | Where: Greenwood Park Mall, 1251 U.S. Hwy 31 N., Greenwood. | Info: [simon.com/mall/greenwood-park-mall/news-and-events](http://simon.com/mall/greenwood-park-mall/news-and-events)

##### Southside Art League Presents: A Two-Artist Abstract Show

• A Two-Artist Show by Indianapolis artists Barbra Thomas and Kristen Kloss. The guest artists will each be exhibiting a collection of abstract paintings. | When: March 4-30, Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. | Where: Southside Art League, 299 E. Broadway St., Greenwood. | Info: Please call SALL at 317-882-5562 or the artists, Barbara Thomas at 317-797-0571 or email [brthomas0571@gmail.com](mailto:brthomas0571@gmail.com), Kristen Kloss at 317-445-9499 or email [Kristen.kloss@gmail.com](mailto:Kristen.kloss@gmail.com), to arrange for viewing or appointment at any other time. No fees.

**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 suggested to ensure there are enough handouts. Free. | When: April 3, 6 - 7:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. | Info: [greenwoodlibrary.us](http://greenwoodlibrary.us); Dick Huber at 317-881-1953, ext. 4

**Dinner at Dye's Walk Country Club** • Join the Indy South Women's Connection group for a fun evening of dinner and a motivational speaker. Also, a member of Central Indiana Woodworkers will tell us about their toy making ministry to underprivileged children. \$20 all-inclusive. | When: April 9, 6:15-7:45 p.m. | Where: Dye's Walk Country Club, 2080 S. State Road 135, Greenwood. | Info: Contact Jeannie at 317-899-4760 or email [indysouthwomensconnection@yahoo.com](mailto:indysouthwomensconnection@yahoo.com)

**AARP Driver Safety Class** • Participants will learn valuable defensive driving strategies and a good refresher of the rules of the road. Learn about new

### AN OPTION

#### Stone Creek Dining Company

This Easter, take the burden of cooking off your plate and treat yourself and your family to a meal out at Stone Creek Dining Company, or pick up an order if you're hosting dinner in. With choices that range from orange miso salmon to the white cheddar bacon burger, you're sure to please everyone from your food snob aunt to your picky 5-year-old child or grandchild. A few additional choices include the filet scampi, blackened mahi-mahi, chicken scallopini, squash wellington, applewood chicken salad, crispy calamari, campfire fettuccini, and peanut butter pie. "I had the lobster risotto with filet medallions, and my husband had a New York strip with the delicious potato and honey cumin glaze carrots," according to a Facebook post. "I ordered the triple dip as the appetizer," added a Google reviewer. "Instead of guacamole I got double brussels sprouts au gratin, which surprised me on how good it was. The bread that came with it was a perfect fit. I ate the best ribeye I've had in a long time. Cooked/seasoned to perfection. Mashed potatoes were good, and the green beans were delicious."

**Hours:** Sunday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Monday through Thursday, 4-9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 4-10 p.m. Address: 911 N. State Road 135, Greenwood. For more information, call 317-889-1200 or go to [stonecreekdining.com/greenwood](http://stonecreekdining.com/greenwood)



For Easter ... or any other time of year, carrot cake is always in season. (Photo courtesy of Stone Creek Dining Company)

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 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. | Info: [greenwoodlibrary.us](http://greenwoodlibrary.us); Dick Huber at 317-881-1953, ext. 4

**BoHo Boutique Pop Up Shop** • Want to experience a fun afternoon of shopping? Crafts & Creations sponsors and supports artists and artisan makers of all kinds, including offering classes and selling handmade items on consignment. We are a group of creative women who love stretching our artistic talents to wearables and home décor items. Our group will be sharing our love of making, creating, sewing, and transforming fabric and other materials with you through this one-day sales event. Let's celebrate the creative, the unusual, the bright, and the beautiful by using vintage linens and up-cycled fabrics to create gorgeous functional and fun fashion, welcoming décor, one-of-a-kind jewelry, and stunning artwork and gifts. | When: April 14, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. | Where: Crafts & Creations, 3100 Meridian Park Drive, Greenwood. | Info: Rickie Long, owner of Crafts & Creations: 317-743-8958; 317-509-1841

**Mother's Night Out Designer Bag Bingo** • Tickets currently on sale for Greenwood Tri Kappa, Delta Lambda Chapter Designer Bag Bingo. \$35 per person, includes 20 games all with designer purse prizes, bingo dauber, and a door prize ticket. Additional bingo cards, raffle basket tickets, 50/50 tickets available for purchase. Food and drinks available for purchase from the Women of the Moose. Must be 18 to enter. Cash only. Bring any non-perishable food item for an extra door prize ticket. All proceeds stay local to support charities and scholarships. | When: May 8, doors open at 5:30 p.m. Bingo starts at 6:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Moose Lodge, 813 W. Smith Valley Road, Greenwood. | Info: Go online to purchase tickets at [rb.gy/u40u8l](http://rb.gy/u40u8l); email [trikappa.greenwood.bingo@gmail.com](mailto:trikappa.greenwood.bingo@gmail.com) or call 317-340-4294

#### INDIANAPOLIS

**Eiteljorg Eclipse Movie and Stories** • The Eiteljorg will host eclipse-themed programming. The museum will hold a 2 p.m. screening of *Star Wars: A New Hope* dubbed into the Diné (Navajo) language. (The film is © & TM Lucasfilm Ltd. All rights reserved. Used under authorization.) Also, Native

★★★★ • R • Comedy/Drama/Sci-Fi • 1 hour, 45 minutes

## Landscape with Invisible Hand

### 2023's true hidden gem

#### MOVIE REVIEW

By Bradley Lane

With the 2023 awards season wrapping up recently, filmgoing audiences are beginning to look toward 2024's offerings. However, before we look to leave last year behind, I want to draw your attention to a film that got overlooked by both critics and audiences. *Landscape with Invisible Hand* is a high-concept sci-fi film that deftly blends elements of teen romance, political satire, and family drama to create something wholly original and thought-provoking. Helmed by writer-director Cory Finley, *Landscape* asks a lot of its audience, which coupled with a botched theatrical release strategy, resulted in the film being a critical and financial failure. Thankfully, with a film so bold and rich in its storytelling, I imagine once more folks engage with it, *Landscape with Invisible Hand* will find its audience and be heralded as a truly special film.

Set in 2036, after an alien occupation is beset upon the Earth, Adam and his family are struggling to make ends meet. The aliens, known as the Vuvv, did not take over Earth through violent means, rather they enticed wealthy corporations to adopt their technology in a play that ultimately led to complete domination over the inhabitants of Earth. This technology has wiped out the job market and decimated the lives of humans still living on Earth. So, Adam and his new friend Chloe decide to broadcast their courtship to the Vuvv to make money, as the alien lifeforms do not have a concept of romantic love in their culture and enjoy watching this exotic human ritual.

The biggest critique of *Landscape with Invisible Hand* is that it bites off more than it can chew. Thematically, I think this is a fair point. The story is full of dense political messaging, pulling from America's

long history of brutal occupation, cultural genocide, and racism. These ideas are fleshed out and nuanced but can be so intimidating a single watch can be disorienting. However, on a plot level, the film is very clear about what it is trying to accomplish, which is a small miracle given the film's very involved plot.

Despite the film's dense allegorical messaging, its character drama and comedy is wildly entertaining. The comedy derived from the alien occupation ranges from ridiculous, to pitch black at the drop of a hat. Balancing a tone that rides the line between quirky comedy and serious drama with masterful efficiency, Finley's script loves to keep audiences on their toes. This balance of tone is in large part thanks to a virtuosic lead performance by relative newcomer Asante Black as Adam. He imbues Adam with a youthful energy that exists in stark contrast to the downtrodden

world around him, and his transformation throughout the film is emblematic of the film's ultimate meaning.

In a world where economic forces alienate (pun intended) people from one another, seeking beauty and meaning in community is not just a way to get by, but the only way we can survive. Cory Finley understands this, and in a beautiful parallel to his film, has created art in an attempt to bring people together. It is a crime then that economic forces in the real world kept his film from the people who would most benefit from seeing it. So I'm here to do my part by drawing your attention to a film that is well worth seeking out, especially now that it is available to stream on Amazon Prime. - 4.5/5 stars



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storyteller Perry Ground (Turtle Clan member of the Onondaga Nation of the Haudenosaunee Confederacy) will present engaging eclipse stories at 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The fee is \$2 to attend the screening in addition to normal museum admission. | When: April 7, programs begin at 12:30 and 2 p.m. | Where: Eiteljorg Museum, 500 W. Washington St., Indianapolis. | Info: [eiteljorg.org/events](http://eiteljorg.org/events); 317-636-9378

#### PERRY TOWNSHIP

**PTEF First Pickleball Charity Tournaments** • Join us for a day of fun and friendly competition as we serve up excitement on the pickleball courts for a great cause. The Perry Township Education Foundation (PTEF) invites players of all abilities, aged 16 (with parental consent waiver) and above, to participate in our inaugural tournament. This charity tournament aims to raise funds for the PTEF's educational initiatives while promoting the sport of pickleball in our community. The tournament will feature a round robin format, allowing players to showcase their skills and enjoy a day of camaraderie. The highlight of the event will be awarding the winners' traveling trophy, which the winning team will proudly own for one year. Additionally, there will be prizes for runners-up and other exciting giveaways throughout the day. Registration opened March 6, so gather your paddle and get ready to smash, dink, and volley your way to victory for a good cause. Let's make this tournament a smashing success and support education in Perry Township! | When: April 21, time to be announced. | Where: Perry Meridian Middle School, 202 W. Meridian School Road, Indianapolis. | Info: [Mary@PTEF.org](mailto:Mary@PTEF.org)

#### SOUTHPORT

**Southside Indy Record Show** • \$5 admission; \$10 early bird at 9 a.m. Dealers from five states; LPs, 45s, CDs, tapes, and music memorabilia. Have records you'd like to sell? Call Duke at 317-800-3447. | When: March 23, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. | Where: Mucky Duck Events Center, 4425 Southport Crossings Way (behind Texas Roadhouse). | Info: [dukebutrum@yahoo.com](mailto:dukebutrum@yahoo.com)

## SPOTLIGHT

### Cirque Italia presents 'Aquatic Spectacular'

Cirque Italia presents "Aquatic Spectacular." The name reflects a unique attribute under the tent, as the show features a custom designed water stage that travels from city to city. The stage holds 35,000 gallons of water that performers dazzle over while thrilling the audience with every move. With this unique feature under the tent, guests will be surprised, for it's a show of its own!

Cirque Italia brings talented artists from across the world under the big top with performances that will really have you wanting more. They bring unique aerial acts, hand balancing, contortionists, and many more surprise performances that are breathtaking. They have created a show that is magical, modern, breathtaking, and most importantly – unforgettable!

Bring the whole family for an experience they will never forget at the Cirque Italia Water Circus Show at Greenwood Park Mall from March 28-31. This show will be held inside a large tent outside Greenwood Park Mall. The showtimes vary from 1:30 p.m., to 4:30 p.m., to 7:30 p.m. Use the promo code FREE to get one free ticket for a child aged 2 to 12 with every full price adult ticket in levels 2 and 3 (tickets start at \$10). For more information or to order tickets, go to [cirqueitalia.com](http://cirqueitalia.com) or call 941-704-8572.



Join for a night full of lights, thrills, laughter, and more with a stage that holds 35,000 gallons of water. (Photo courtesy of Festival Country Indiana)

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### Windal V. Burton

Windal V. Burton, 73, Bloomfield, died March 8, 2024. Survivors: wife, Joanna "Lin"; son, Adam (Rachelle); siblings, Helen (Bob), Barb, Philip (Leona), Gary (Cheryl), Tim (Angie), Troy (Nancy), and Marylin (Brian); sisters-in-law, Dawn and Gennie. Predeceased: Roger, Darlene, and Terry. No services, per Windal's request. Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

### Phyllip "Phil" B. Campbell

Phyllip "Phil" B. Campbell, 80, Indianapolis, died March 12, 2024. Survivors: children, Todd (Haggis) Campbell, Steve (Kelly) Campbell, and Jennie (Sam) Campbell; three grandchildren, Boden Campbell, Berkley Campbell, and Bellamy Campbell. Preceded in death: wife, Lindalee Campbell; two siblings, Roland and Cheryl Ann. G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home.

### Thelma Marie Cullison

Thelma Marie Cullison, 84, Beech Grove, died March 10, 2024. Services were held at Lester Jenkins & Sons Funeral in Bloomfield. Arrangements provided by Little & Sons Funeral Home, Beech Grove.

### Richard Lee Ellis

Richard Lee Ellis, 91, Indianapolis, died March 14, 2024. Survivors: wife, Marilyn (Hohn); daughters, Vicki Lynn Hurley and Lisa Kaye Fleming; son, David Lee Ellis; four grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Visitation: Saturday, April 27, 12:30-2:30 p.m., service at 2:30 p.m., G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home and Cremation Center.

### Richard G. Hoyt Sr.

Richard G. Hoyt Sr., 76, Indianapolis, died March 12, 2024. Survivors: sons, Richard G. Hoyt, II, Colby Joseph Hoyt, and Robert Lee Hoyt; and three grandchildren. Predeceased: wife, Barbara; and parents, Robert Albert Hoyt and Betty Maxine Roberts. Arrangements provided by G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home.

### David William Jobe

David William Jobe, 62, Indianapolis, passed away Friday, March 15, 2024. Survivors: wife, Dawn (Smith) Jobe; children, Jake D. Jobe and Marcus Acuna, Jessica Loviseck (Jake), and Alicia Boyd (Dominique); siblings; Paula K, Able (Robert) and Paul Shane Jobe (Amber); five grandchildren, step-mother, Barbara Jobe, step-father, Richard Baxter. Little & Sons, Indianapolis.

### Eugene "Gene" W. McClarney



April 11, 1929 – March 15, 2024 Eugene "Gene" W. McClarney, 94, of Indianapolis, passed away Friday, March 15, 2024 in Indianapolis. Gene was a longtime resident of Indianapolis. His parents were Mary Blonnie (Dixon) and Holt McClarney. He is survived by his companion, Barbara

Ritter. Gene is also survived by two children, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild from his marriage to Bertha (Davidson) McClarney who passed away in 2008. Also surviving are two additional sons from a previous marriage. Gene was the owner of McClarney's Famous Restaurant from 1978 until he retired in 1993. Located on the southside of Indianapolis and well known for their home-cooked meals and family friendly service, McClarney's Restaurant started in 1928 as a lunch-car owned and operated by George and Lucille McClarney, eventually partnering with Wayne McClarney. Gene joined the family business in 1954 after returning from service in the United States Air Force. In 1978, Gene purchased McClarney's Restaurant from his family. Gene was also an enthusiastic and talented photographer who pursued his hobby with great devotion and attention to detail. Gene earned growing recognition in several photography contests and often displayed his work at many art galleries and shows. Gene's photography hobby inspired him to travel the world and photograph many interesting and exotic places, including the southern hills of Indiana. Gene was a member of the Columbia Club of Indianapolis and a founding member of the Lake Lemon Conservancy District. The family would like to express their gratitude to caregivers: Bruce Webb and Nina Antonio, as well as Doug Rose. The family would also like to thank their dear friends, Ben and Jessie Miller and Gloria and Dean Eller. A graveside service will be held Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 11:30 a.m. at Washington Park East Cemetery, 10612 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, IN 46229. Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel. www.shirleybrothers.com.

### Nancy K. (Simpson) Pigman

Nancy K. (Simpson) Pigman, 93, Indianapolis, died March 14, 2024. Survivors: daughter, Deborah; two grandchildren. Preceded in death: husbands, Richard Pigman, Frank Laszlo; son, David; siblings, Charlene Blanchard, Doris Bolen, and Frank Simpson. Visitation: Saturday, March 23, 10:30-11:30 a.m. service at 11:30 a.m., G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home.

### Terren Sue Price

Terren Sue Price, 64, Indianapolis, died March 14, 2024. Survivors: husband, Jack Price II; sons, Matt (Flor) Price, Jason (Rhonda) Vaughn, Marty Price; 14 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Predeceased: parents, Harold and Jane Curry; sons, Chris Price and David Vaughn; and grandson, Easton. Arrangements: Forest Lawn Funeral Home, Greenwood.

### Deborah Lynn Purvis

Deborah Lynn Purvis, 70, Greenwood, died March 11, 2024. She was born Nov. 24, 1953. There will be no public services at this time. Arrangements handled by Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

### Sharon Steinbach

Sharon Steinbach, 66, died March 6, 2024. Survivors: husband, Frank-O; daughter, Jessica (Chet LaFave); grandson, Kodie; brother, Richard Simmons (Teresa); niece and nephew. Service

to be held in Eagle Creek on June 1, noon-4 p.m. More details TBD. G. H. Herrmann Funeral Home and Cremation Center, Indianapolis.

### Albert Samuel Tavenor

Albert Samuel Tavenor, 98, died March 15, 2024. Survivors: sons, Albert (Nancy), Tom (Susan), and son-in-law, Mike; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and one on the way. Preceded in death: wife, Wilma; and daughter, Janet. Visitation: Friday, March 22, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., service at 1 p.m., G.H. Herrmann Funeral Homes – Greenwood.

### Jeffery Scott Tracy

Jeffery Scott Tracy, 59, Indianapolis, died March 9, 2024. Survivors: son, Justin; daughter, Katelyn; mother of his children, Cari Tracy; brother, Rick (Karen); nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews. Predeceased: parents; and his son, Justin Tracy. Arrangements: Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

### Justin Thomas Tracy

Justin Thomas Tracy, 23, Indianapolis, died March 10, 2024. Survivors: mother, Carianne; sister, Katelyn; future brother-in-law, Dayton Shouse; grandparents, Debbie and Lee Graham; grandmother, Bev Sanford; extended family. Predeceased: father, Jeffery; grandparents, Richard and Barbara Tracy; grandfather, Kerry Sanford. Visitation: noon-3 p.m. service, Thursday, March 21, Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

### Jonell Renee (Cartwright) Wethington

Jonell Renee (Cartwright) Wethington passed away March 13, 2024. Survivors: father, James Cartwright, siblings, Jeff and Juli Cartwright, Jina and Jeff Lancaster, Jamie Thompson, grandchildren, Kiley Connor and Maddox Cytrynowicz, and many more loved ones. Visitation Friday, March 22, 2024, at 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Service is at 1 p.m. at Little & Son Funeral, Indianapolis.

### Marjorie "Marge" Susan Woolbright

Marjorie "Marge" Susan Woolbright, 78, Beech Grove, died March 13, 2024. Survivors: husband, Samuel R. Woolbright; daughter, Brenda Hutson; brother, Donald Bernauer; sister-in-law, Janice Masscari, and three grandchildren. Visitation: Thursday, March 21, 4 -8 p.m., and Friday, 11 a.m. with a service at noon. Little & Sons Beech Grove.

### Milford Gene Yager

Milford Gene Yager, 78, Greenwood, died March 9, 2024. Survivors: wife, Rebeccas; sister, Darlene (Jessie) Bray; brother, Richard (Patty) Naylor; several nieces and nephews. Predeceased: first wife, Barbara; brothers, William Yager, James Yager Jr., and Ronnie Lee Yager. Arrangements were handled by Forest Lawn Funeral Home in Greenwood.

*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](mailto:news@ss-times.com). Information received by noon Tuesday will be published Thursday, space permitting.*



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Weekly Devotion



"He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."

MATTHEW 10:39

According to scripture it would make sense to look for salvation at the "lost and found" department of the local grocery store, rather than at the altar of a nearby church. In order to understand these words of wisdom from above, we must first understand that salvation is not found at any particular longitude or latitude marked on a buried treasure map. We find salvation when we give our hearts to Jesus in service of the Lord and Savior, as the Bible commands. Heaven is not a destination found at any particular location, but instead, it is a kingdom we build when we answer God's call to love God and others with all our heart, mind, and soul! Salvation is not a treasure buried, just waiting to be uncovered. On Resurrection Sunday, the evidence of salvation rose from the tomb for all to see that there is in fact eternal life beyond the grave. We as a culture go to great lengths to

place elaborate and expensive tomb stones over the bodies of those who have left this world behind. We would be wise to recognize that the greatest way to show love to others is not by how we write their names in golden letters on marble headstones in some graveyard somewhere once their life has ended. When we share the gift of love and forgiveness, as Jesus showed us to do, we build God's Kingdom here and now and we open the door that leads to eternal life. Worry not how your name will be written on a slab of stone, but instead, rejoice in the knowledge that our names are written forever in heaven. Amen!

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

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



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IN OUR SCHOOLS

Roncalli band soloists earn Gold at State

On Feb. 24, Roncalli High School had an amazing showing at the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) State Solo and Ensemble competition for wind, percussion and string. Four students received the highest ratings possible on their individual instruments: juniors Lucia Spencer for flute, Scarlett Shell for oboe, Lucas Oskins for drum set, and senior Ronnie Malan for clarinet. Lucas Oskins also received a Gold with Distinction, only missing a perfect score by half a point. A Gold rating is the

highest honor a soloist can earn in this statewide competition. "These students are playing college-level music, which they learn independently. Earning a Gold, let alone competing in ISSMA Solo and Ensemble, is a huge accomplishment. I am so proud of each and every one of them for their hard work and above and beyond dedication," said Laura Gottman (Roncalli 2010), Roncalli's band director.



Lucia Spencer, Scarlett Shell, Lucas Oskins, and Ronnie Malan. (Submitted photo)

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**AROUND TOWN**

**Indiana Members Credit Union contributes \$498 to Johnson Memorial Hospital Foundation**

Indiana Members Credit Union (IMCU) recently presented a check for \$498 to Johnson Memorial Hospital Foundation as part of an ongoing debit card giveback program. The partnership allows members to show their support of the independent nonprofit hospital by signing up for a Johnson Memorial Health debit card. Every time the card is used as a signature-based transaction, Johnson Memorial Hospital Foundation benefits. The more cards that are in use, the larger the contribution. Since beginning the program in 2018, Johnson Memorial Hospital Foundation has earned \$1,381 through this IMCU giveback program. In 2023, IMCU contributed a total of \$100,000 through its Giveback Debit Card Program.

Amber Coryell, business development officer, IMCU, presented the check to Kelsey Kasting, director, Johnson Memorial Hospital Foundation, on Jan. 11, 2024.

The card is available for issue to members at IMCU's 31 Indiana locations. The Johnson Memorial Health debit card is free to members with a free checking account and can be issued immediately via IMCU's instant issue program, which allows members to receive their debit card on the spot.

For more information about the IMCU Johnson Memorial Health debit card, please visit IMCU online at imcu.com or visit an IMCU branch for details.



Pictured left to right: Kelsey Kasting, director, Johnson Memorial Hospital Foundation, and Amber Coryell, business development officer, IMCU. (Submitted photo)

**AROUND TOWN**

**Applications available for vacancy on Marion Superior Court**

The Marion County Judicial Selection Committee is beginning the process of selecting a new superior court judge. Judge Cynthia J. Ayers (Court 4, Civil Division) will retire effective March 15, creating a vacancy on the Marion Superior Court. Chief Justice Loretta Rush, committee chairperson, and Court of Appeals Chief Judge Robert Altice, Jr., vice chairperson, announced applications for the vacancy are available online at in.gov/courts/selection/marion/2401/application and must be submitted through the Indiana Courts Portal by Friday, April 12 at noon (Eastern). To be eligible to serve on the Marion Superior Court an applicant must be a resident of Marion County (at the time of the application and throughout the term of office) and be an attorney admitted to the bar of Indiana for at least five years. Additionally, state law prevents more than 52% of the judges in Marion Superior Court from being members of the same political party. Judge Ayers is a Republican. See

IC 33-33-49-13.4(d). Following local court rules, the Marion Superior Court Executive Committee offered any sitting judge the opportunity to transfer courts. The transfer period has closed. A judge transferred to Court 4 creating a vacancy in Level 6/Misdemeanor, Criminal Division. The Marion County Judicial Selection Committee will meet on Friday, April 26 to interview applicants for the vacancies. Details on the public interviews will be posted online. After the conclusion of interviews and an executive session to consider applicants, the committee will publicly vote to select a panel of three nominees to send to Governor Eric Holcomb for appointment. According to Indiana law, the Committee is required to submit to the Governor "the three most qualified candidates" for appointment when a vacancy arises. Details on the committee, including membership, are online at in.gov/courts/selection/marion.

**AROUND TOWN**

**JCCF adds two new board members and elects 2024 Board of Directors**

The Johnson County Community Foundation (JCCF) has added Jeff Gilmer and Michelle Maslowski to their board. Gilmer currently serves as the vice president of retail lending for the IU Credit Union, a position he has held since 2008. He has worked in banking and lending since 1995, and during that time has focused on delivering an outstanding borrower experience through the implementation of technology, process improvement, and employee development. Maslowski joined Van Valer Law Firm, LLP in May of 2023, and concentrates her practice in employment litigation in industries including transportation, general contracting, food processing, manufacturing, staffing, retail, medical, and financial services. She provides advice on employment and personnel issues, such as employment agreements, severance, and separation agreements, employee handbooks, and individual employment policies. Michelle attended Wake

Forest University and graduated with a bachelor's degree in economics and music. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 2007. She has been selected as an Indiana Super Lawyers Rising Star from 2015-present. "Michelle and Jeff's strong ties to Johnson County will benefit our Board greatly. I am very pleased for them to join us as a part of JCCF," said Kim Kasting, president & CEO. The Johnson County Community Foundation (JCCF) has elected the following officers for 2024: • Chair, Dan Nicoson, community volunteer • Vice Chair, Tom Sprague, First Financial Bank • Secretary, Anne Young, retired educator • Treasurer, Susie Qualls, community volunteer • Past Chair, Steve Spencer, entrepreneur • Co-Chair, Bob Heuchan, retired banking CEO • Co-Chair, Evan Meade, Franciscan Health.

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