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THIS WEEK on the WEB

Greenwood students winners of VFW Patriot's Pen contest

Five Greenwood Middle School students were winners of the 2023-2024 Greenwood VFW Post 5864's Patriot's Pen contest: Evan Ayro, first place, receiving \$150; Amelia S. Agresta, second place, receiving \$125; Evan L. Strong, receiving \$100; Elyza Tschopp, Honorable Mention, receiving \$75; and Ngun Tha Par, Honorable Mention, also receiving \$75. There were 120 entrants to the contest, and most of them were from GMS.

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First-place winner Evan Ayro attends Greenwood Middle School. (Submitted photo)



The Indiana Commission for Higher Education has awarded \$5 million to 25 approved intermediaries, including Aspire, to increase their capacity to strengthen connections between students and schools with employers. (Photo by Cathy Richards)

Aspire Johnson County receives Intermediary Capacity grant

The Indiana Commission for Higher Education has named Aspire Johnson County a recipient of the Intermediary Capacity Building grant. Grant recipients must use the one-time funds to expand access to one or more of the following programs: Career Scholarship Accounts, Career Discovery Meetings, and Career Coaching and Navigation. The grant allows Aspire to continue its School to Work efforts to connect businesses with the classroom and students with career exposure opportunities.

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Avalon Senior Living in Franklin Township celebrates opening with recent ribbon cutting ceremony

By Sherri Coner

Chef-prepared hors d'oeuvres, a special signature cocktail for the evening and lovely music provided by the Franklin Central High School Orchestra welcomed more than 100 Southsiders to the recent grand opening of Avalon Senior Living on the Southside. Proudly, the community CEO Todd Marsh and staff showed off a long list of impressive amenities such as chef-prepared meals, private dining, and a resident bar/lounge, therapy gym, library, hair salon, and movie theater. This pet-loving new neighborhood also provides a handy dog washing station.

Avalon boasts a total of 131 one- and two-bedroom apartments, 19 of those are already occupied, Marsh said. But in addition, Avalon provides a 16-unit secured memory care apartment setting along with assisted living and respite care services.

"Anything a senior would want, we provide," Marsh said of the sprawling new home for retirees.

Avalon is part of Vitality Senior Services, which offers 10 premier senior living properties in Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee, and Kentucky. "We are a smaller regional operation," Marsh said.

Although Avalon is primarily a private pay development, eventual resident access to a Medicaid waiver is another aspect which sets it apart as a unique retirement experience, Marsh said.

For more information about the community and to schedule a tour, contact:

Avalon Senior Living
6021 Arlington Ave.
Indianapolis, IN 46237
317-999-9292
avalonseniorliving.org



Avalon Senior Living celebrated their grand opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Feb. 27. (Photos by Katie Maynard Photography)



Families in attendance visited the new facility.



Avalon Senior Living welcomes new residents.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

By Kate Anderson

"Wake up in anticipation that something great is going to happen today!"

-- Unknown

Are you a jump out of bed and start your day kind of person or do you wake up yawning, shuffling your way to the coffee maker for that all important first cup of coffee? I really wish that I was the energetic one, but usually I am the yawning and shuffling one. Every morning, I sit down with my coffee and planner and review my schedule for the day. Meetings, writing projects, interviews, and more meetings. Usually every day resembles this format. I guess this is what is called "Adulting." I proceed to shake off the morning fog and get the day started in earnest. I go through my day with as much vim and vigor as I can muster, and as hard as I try, some days are harder than others. I know you're reading this, and it seems like I am being such a "Debbie Downer." I know, I know, but I have a point, I swear. How many of us just go through our heavily scheduled days without the expectation of amazingness? How many of us feel "ho-hum" about what we have in store for us each day? What if we changed our attitudes to one of gratitude and expectancy? I wonder if, when I wake up in the morning, instead of seeing my schedule and immediately feeling the need to crawl back into bed, I become the "jump out of bed" kind person? Changing the way we think about the multitude of daily tasks can go a long way to making you not only a happier person, but also a person others want to be around. After all, the vibe we put out into the world, no matter how hard we try to hide it, rubs off on others. Today is the day to take our days from blah to YEAH! Let's do it! Who's with me?

Celebrating a 'heartiversary'

14-year-old Liam Sprague thrives with organ donation from 8-year-old who died in a house fire 10 years ago

By Sherri Coner

Though Isabel Guerra and her family faced unbelievable loss 10 years ago, she lovingly stepped outside of her grief to nod yes when medical staff spoke with her about organ donation. While Isabel made plans to bury six of her loved ones: her son, Lionel "Leo" Guerra, 47, and his young family, Brandy Guerra, 33, Miranda Guerra, 14, Esteban Guerra, 11, Blanquita Guerra, 8, and Fuentes Guerra, 8, who all died in an early morning house fire on the Eastside of Indianapolis in 2014, her selfless decision to donate their organs was a true miracle. Within hours, those donations helped more than 70 other families across the nation.

Roughly 36 hours after Isabel gave that loving nod, Richard and Carolyn Sprague of Indianapolis were young parents praying for their then 4-year-old son Liam as medical staff whisked him away for a 12-hour heart transplant surgery at Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital. After being diagnosed as a toddler with a heart condition that would prove fatal without a new heart, Liam's name was placed on the national organ transplant list with more than 1,000 other Hoosiers and more than 100,000 other

Americans across the country hoping for life-saving organ transplants. Although 4.4 million Hoosiers signed up as donors, a person is added every nine minutes to the list waiting for a transplant and 17 people die every day while waiting for an organ.

"It's such a beautiful thing that she did. We are eternally grateful."

— Carolyn Sprague

While waiting for a heart, Liam suffered a stroke which not only left him with some cognitive challenges, but also unable to walk without assistance. Miraculously, Liam left the successful transplant operation with a healthy pink glow on his cheeks and the heart of Fuentes Guerra, 8, one of Isabel Guerra's late grandsons, beating in his chest.

"Isabel is now 86 or 87 years old, and we are still forever grateful to her," said Carolyn Sprague. "It's such a beautiful thing that she

did. We are eternally grateful."

In the decade since the surgery, the Guerra family and the Sprague family have shared dinners and cookouts together, tears and hugs, some laughter, and so much love.

"We still message each other," Sprague said. "Liam has not had any rejection issues since the transplant, either."

Though Liam was nonverbal for a full year after suffering a stroke, he is no longer a quiet guy, and his family never tires of his chatter. "He loves to tell jokes," Liam's mom said with a laugh. "And he loves to hear jokes. He loves to laugh. Liam talks constantly."

She and Liam's dad were both organ donors long before Liam entered the world, Sprague said.

"It is very different though when you're on the receiving end of organ donation," she said. Late last month, loved ones celebrated Liam's "Heartiversary," Sprague said. She and her family no longer quietly weep fearful tears, either. They are too committed to celebrating the joyful 14-year-old miracle son and shedding grateful tears for Isabel Guerra, who so unselfishly used her own broken heart to keep the hearts of others beating.



Carolyn and Richard Sprague, their son Liam Sprague, 14, and daughter Amelia, 10, of Indianapolis recently celebrated the 10-year "heartiversary" of Liam's heart transplant during a gathering with friends and family to honor his life and the importance of organ donation. (Submitted photos)



Liam wearing his "heartiversary" shirt during a previous annual celebration of his lifesaving heart transplant.

How you can help others have a second chance at life

Despite age or medical history, anyone can sign up to be an organ donor. There are four ways that Hoosiers can sign up to become an organ donor:

- They can say "yes" when conducting business at their local Bureau of Motor Vehicles branch
- They can sign up online at DonateLifeIndiana.org
- They can sign up when they apply online for a hunting, fishing, or trapping license through the state Department of Natural Resources
- They can say "yes" through the Health app on their iPhone or iPad

One organ donor can save eight lives. One tissue donor can heal more than 75 others. One cornea donor can restore sight to two people. (Information courtesy of Indiana Donor Network)

For more information about organ donation, contact:
Indiana Donor Network
Headquarters
3750 Guion Road
Indianapolis, IN 46222
888-275-4676
indianadonornetwork.org



Liam undergoing a pre-transplant health evaluation at Cincinnati Children's Hospital.

(Cover) Fuentes, left, and Liam; the heart deco in the frame was present at the 10th-anniversary celebration to honor Fuentes.

PHOTO of the WEEK



Franciscan Health Family Birth Center in Indianapolis had an extra special delivery on Thursday, Feb. 29, with the arrival of a Leap Day baby. Landen King was born at 8:30 a.m. at Franciscan Health Indianapolis, weighing 8 pounds, 14.5 ounces, and measuring 21 inches to parents Hannah Justin and William King of Indianapolis. The chances of being born on a Leap Day, Feb. 29, are only one in 1,461 or .068%, as Leap Year comes only once every four years. People born on Leap Day are referred to as "leaplings," or "leapers." Worldwide, there are only about 5 million people with a Feb. 29 birthday, representing less than .1% of the population. Franciscan Health acknowledged the special birthday with a onesie and matching knitted frog hat. Franciscan Alliance has Family Birth Centers in its hospitals in Indianapolis and Mooresville. More information about Franciscan's obstetric services and locations is available at [franciscanhealth.org/conditions-and-services/obstetrics-and-gynecology-obgyn](https://www.franciscanhealth.org/conditions-and-services/obstetrics-and-gynecology-obgyn). (Submitted photo)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

Life isn't about finding yourself.

Life is about creating yourself.

George Bernard Shaw

HUMOR



Top 10 signs you've outgrown your big sister

By Torry Stiles

(with thanks to young Ethan who has inspired so many lists over the years)

10. You finally figured out why those boyfriends of hers didn't want you tagging along and why they seemed to be out of breath so much.
9. Her slaps mean little, but her words can still make you bleed.
8. Her college friends turn you down harder than her high school friends.
7. You still can't hit her without Mom yelling at you, but you can put her car on Facebook Marketplace and use her phone number as the contact.
6. She's begging you to buy her some booze because she can't take a stroller into the liquor store.
5. Instead of being just her kid brother you're now a potential babysitting uncle.
4. Instead of begging her to drive you to the mall you ask to borrow her jumper cables.
3. Threatening her boyfriends has grown to include a lawyer friend's business card.
2. You miss being called "booger butt" but still aren't quite sure what it means.
1. You realize how much you REALLY didn't mean it when you told her she should go away and not come back.

BELIEVE IT!

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

In Longyearbyen, Norway, it is illegal to die in town.

Source: [stupidlaws.com](https://www.stupidlaws.com)

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Beyond being lucky: The path to thriving

By Mike Heffner

March marks the beginning of the Major League Baseball season, the excitement of March Madness, and the festive spirit of St. Patrick's Day. Each of these events carries a hint of luck, but when it comes to the first two, success isn't merely about luck — it's about skill, a well-developed process, and being ready. It's not really that hard to wear green and join the festivities with a leprechaun.

I recall my grandfather's sage advice, "It's better to be lucky than good." Over the years, I've echoed those words countless times. Did you know it all started with Lefty Gomez, an all-star pitcher for the Yankees back in the 1930s? I learned recently that he is the one that my grandfather repeated all those years. Luck may have its place, but true success stems from continuous improvement. Regardless of your fortune, striving to become a little better each day is the real key.

Here's the thing: honing your skills can compensate for a stroke of bad luck or even manifest some good luck by improving your situation. As you focus on personal growth, opportunities seem to keep presenting

themselves. Thomas Jefferson famously said, "The harder I work, the luckier I get." I think my sales team has heard that a few times.

In sports, our workplaces, and our families, we love to celebrate all the great outcomes. I am realizing, though, we often forget the process that leads us to the outcomes: the work, the grind, the activity, the mistakes, and the struggles. While winning is certainly important and worthy of celebration, only a few are winning at any given moment. Many are in the middle of the process, diligently working to improve, day by day. We need to make sure we are telling ourselves the right things during the process. It can feel like we are losing even when we are doing the right things that will help us reach our goals. It's crucial to recognize, affirm, and celebrate our progress along the path to success.

I authored an article back in March of 2023 called "Win Before Gameday." In it, I emphasized how "Preparation allows you to have the right mindset at the right time. It gives you grace. It gives you the ability to not freak out when the proverbial hits the fan." Preparation is synonymous with continual improvement — it's about sharpening our

skills and seizing opportunities when they arise. What do they say? Luck happens when preparation meets opportunity.

So, why all the stuff about improving skills, celebrating the process, and preparation? Because in the times we face today, it's tough. It's challenging. We can dwell on our current lack of victories, or we can channel our energy into personal growth, striving to become better versions of ourselves. It's not about embracing false hope; it's about being optimistic. During tough times, we won't always feel comfortable or "normal," and things won't revert to how they once were. We must be willing to try things, to fail, and to be okay with not being okay. And who knows? If we're working hard enough, we might even get lucky.



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2024 Perry Kiwanis Golf Outing

Be sure to save June 13 to play a fun game of golf while you support some good local causes!

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Get ready for an E-ticket ride

By Jeff Binkley

Back in 1977, when I was a wee lad of 11, we visited the Magic Kingdom at Walt Disney World. It was Spring Break. Gas was 62 cents a gallon. Station wagons were everywhere, the minivan yet to be invented. And Disney World cost \$6 to get in. \$6, you say?! Yes, it was a different time.

But Disney World was different then as well. Your entry into the park cost \$6. But you also had to buy books of tickets to use on the rides you wanted to ride. Tickets had a face value and could be used for different rides. An "A" ticket was worth 10 cents, "B," 15 cents, "C," 25 cents, "D," 50 cents, and "E," 85 cents. So of course, different rides "cost" more in regard to what ticket you needed to ride it.

An "A" ticket ride was what we'd now call a "kiddie" ride, like Cinderella's Golden Carousel. "B" and "C" tickets were for rides like The Mad Tea Party, It's a Small World, and Peter Pan's Flight. The "D" tickets would get you on the Tomorrowland Speedway or the Skyway.

But the "E" ticket ... that's the ticket! The "E" ticket would get you on Mission to Mars, 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, Big Thunder Mountain Railroad, and the pièce de résistance, SPACE MOUNTAIN!

Now that was an E-ticket ride! I can still remember watching a kid who had obviously

eaten too many M&M's before getting on the ride. And as he exited Well, that's a story for another time. But an E-ticket ride was what you dreamed about and remembered long after you left the park.

Why am I writing about an E-ticket ride in March of 2024? Because I believe that's what we need to prepare ourselves for the remainder of the year. In the markets, in geo-political stability, in the presidential election. I hope I'm wrong, but I think we need to mentally prepare for some ups, downs, twists, turns, sudden starts, and just as many sudden stops and a whole lot of flashing lights ahead.

Stay calm, breathe, hang on, keep your wits about you, and let's all keep our M&M's down rather than spread out in a puddle at our feet.

Stay frosty, my friends.*

*(Not 1977. The Frosty was introduced in 1969.)



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PEER TO PEER

A new twist in the anti-electric saga

By Howard Hubler

David Blackman, an author of many electric-auto-driven stories, suggests that an electric car can weigh anywhere from 1,000 to 4,000 pounds more than a gas vehicle. He states things that are obvious once mentioned but nobody would ever bring them up. He's just trying to protect your life in an accident where you careen into a guardrail. In a gas car, you may come to a rambunctious but nonetheless reasonably safe stop at interstate speeds. In an electric car, you may push the rivets loose and slide out from the guardrail into a large drainage ditch, putting your family at risk.

Think of the day when parking garages were designed for cars like the ones we are driving right now are 25 percent or 50 percent filled with heavier electric cars. One hundred percent of those parking garages would fail engineering weight tests and many of them would actually plunge your car to the level below, as the engineering requirements for a heavier battery-powered car were never taken into consideration when the garages was constructed.

While we're on the engineering bandwagon, how many bridges that are worn out in our country would possibly collapse when the average car going over them weighs 20 to 50

percent more than they weighed when the bridge was designed?

If electric-powered cars become 25 to 50 percent of our nation's automotive fleet, a large number of those people are going to charge their car at home. This would necessitate an entirely re-designed electrical grid that would cost in the trillions, according to Blackman.

When building batteries and creating these cars, words like "sustainability" and "green" go out the window. If a guy driving a gas car pays for all the normal and customary road expenses by way of maintenance, let's put the infrastructure, bridges, parking, garage cost, road reconstruction cost, and so forth on the 20 to 50 percent of the electric-driven cars. Currently an electric-car driver gets to bypass the gas station, and he pays none of the fuel taxes that sustain our transportation system. Soon it likely is going to be "game over" if there's enough electric cars sold in the country.



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AROUND TOWN

Franklin Central choirs, bands receive top awards



Franklin Central Show Choirs, Show Choir Bands, and Concert Choirs celebrate their wins. (Submitted photo)

Franklin Central Show Choirs, Show Choir Bands, and Concert Choirs are off to a victorious start this competition season. FC Singers has received two Grand Champion and one First Runner-Up awards with caption awards for Best Vocals, Best Choreography, and Most Creative Show. High Voltage has received Grand Champion and two First Runner-Up with caption awards for Best Vocals and Best Choreography. Encores has received a Grand Champion with captions for Best Vocals, Best Choreography, and Most Creative Show and a second Runner-Up. Flight also received second Runner-Up. Bands, Electric Mayhem and Static Havoc, have both received Best Band awards. Chamber Choir and Accents received Grand Champion awards in addition to awards for Best Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass sections. Ambassadors also received First Runner-Up. Solo Competition participants have also come away with top placements at each competition. FCJH show choir, Vocal Velocity, had a successful season as well, including two Grand Champion awards. Franklin Central celebrated the 20th anniversary of the Hoosier Show Choir Classic on Feb. 23-24. If you have not yet seen these groups perform, join us for Spring Spectacular on May 18 at FCHS. FC Choirs would like to thank the Franklin Township community for their ongoing support. For more information about the FC Choirs programs, please visit: fchoirs.org.

AROUND TOWN

Franklin Central boys swimming and diving place at state finals

What a day for the Franklin Central boys swimming and diving at state finals! The 200 Medley Relay team of Trevor, Ivan, Sam, and Grady finished 11th. Diver Abram M. came in 13th in the 1-meter diving. Grady T. received an 11th-place finish at finals in the 100 breaststroke, and Trevor W. finished 12th place in the 200-meter individual medley. What an outstanding season for the high school team and coaches!



The Franklin Central boys swimming and diving team at state finals. (Photo courtesy of Flashes Aquatics)

GARFIELD PARK MARKETPLACE

UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Bulb Show • It's springtime at the Garfield Conservatory! Come see our stunning display of tulips and other spring blooms against the backdrop of our permanent tropical collection. Admission is \$6 for individuals and \$14 for families (two adults max per family). Bulbs from the display will be for sale beginning Saturday, March 9 at 10 a.m. | When: Through March 8, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. | Info: 317-327-7183; garfieldgardensconservatory.org/programsevents

Voter Registration • Get your voice heard! Learn what you will need and how to register to vote online, plus where you will find information on the current candidates and their positions. | When: March 8, 2:30-3:30 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Library, 2502 Shelby St., Indianapolis. | Info: 317-275-4490; attend.indypl.org/event/10123467

Paper Art Portraits • Creating a family or friendship portrait is one of many ways to celebrate special people around us! Paper artist Shelley Hanmo will help you create a portrait using repurposed materials

and simple paper cutting techniques to capture the unique characteristics of a special someone. Ages 5 and up. Ages 5-8 may need assistance from adults. | When: March 9, 10:30-11:30 a.m. | Where: Garfield Park Library, 2502 Shelby St., Indianapolis. | Info: 317-275-4490; attend.indypl.org/event/9924454

Jungle Tales • Bring your preschooler to this program with a focus on the natural world. Join us for a different nature-related story, activity, and craft each month. Registration required. | When: March 12 and April 9, 10-11 a.m. | Where: Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. | Info: 317-327-7183; garfieldgardensconservatory.org/programsevents

Tax Resources • Come find out how to locate, print, and find resources to help prepare you to fill out your taxes. Plus, learn how to tell which websites are official government sites and which are not. | When: March 15, 2:30-3:30 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Library, 2502 Shelby St., Indianapolis. | Info: 317-275-4490; attend.indypl.org/event/10110980

Young Scientists • Children ages 6 to 10 are invited to learn about topics in science, technology, engineering, and math through fun and interactive activities. | When: March 20, 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Library, 2502 Shelby St., Indianapolis. | Info: 317-275-4490; attend.indypl.org/event/9816925

Gnome Away from Gnome • This spring break garden gnomes from far and wide will gather at the Conservatory! See this whimsical display of garden gnomes and try to spot them all! Contact the staff for information about loaning a gnome to be part of the display. Admission is \$6 for individuals and \$14 for families (two adults max per family). | When: March 22-April 7, Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sunday, 1-5 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. | Info: 317-327-7183; garfieldgardensconservatory.org/programsevents

Garden Storytime • Join us in Blake's Children's Garden as we learn about nature through a story reading. After the reading children are encouraged to stay and explore the garden. This program is free and open

to anyone wishing to attend. The target age range is 2-8 years old. Program will be moved into the classroom in case of inclement weather. | When: March 22, 10-10:30 a.m. | Where: Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. | Info: 317-327-7183; garfieldgardensconservatory.org/programsevents

Career Center at Garfield Park • Adults needing help with creating a resume, searching for a job or career online, or filling out an online job application are invited to receive free one-on-one assistance. | When: March 25, 5-7 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Library, 2502 Shelby St., Indianapolis. | Info: 317-275-4490; attend.indypl.org/event/10140389

Exploring Canva • Learn how to use the free online graphic design tool Canva. Create a custom digital design for greeting cards, business cards, flyers, and more. Share your designs online or by printing them. | When: March 29, 2:30-3:30 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Library, 2502 Shelby St., Indianapolis. | Info: 317-275-4490; attend.indypl.org/event/10123332

NIGHT & DAY

LOCAL ENTERTAINING ENTERTAINING

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 1: March 18-22; 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; 317-788-4986

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

Escape the Eclipse • Legend has it that a solar eclipse happens when the sun and moon are fighting. To ensure the world is not encased in darkness forever, kids must work together to uncover clues while learning about solar eclipses during this escape room program. Will you be able to escape the eclipse? Ages 6 and up. | When: March 18, 3-4 p.m. | Where: Franklin Road Library Branch, 5550 S. Franklin Road, Indianapolis. | Info: attend.indypl.org/event/9922892; 317-275-4380

GARFIELD PARK

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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

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. Meet the artists at a SALI Open House on Saturday, March 9, from 6-8 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. | 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 SALI at 317-882-5562 or the artists, Barbara Thomas at 317-797-0571 or email brthomas0571@gmail.com, Kristen Kloss at 317-445-9499 or email Kristen.kloss@gmail.com, to arrange for viewing or appointment at any other time. No fees.

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. We will also have an opportunity to experience freeze-dried candy. Cost: \$20, all inclusive. | When: March 12, 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

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; Dick Huber at 317-881-1953, ext. 4

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

BoHoBoutiquePopUpShop • 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

AN OPTION

Wheatley's

If you're celebrating Lent this year and getting tired of the same fish sandwich from your favorite fast-food restaurant, drop by Wheatley's in Wanamaker for their weekly fish fry. Customers claim their fish is the best they've had on the Southside or in the state. "The fish sandwiches are amazing, not heavily breaded, and lots of fish on the bun," according to a Google review. Many customers love this locally owned, friendly, iconic restaurant in Franklin Township that serves reasonably priced comfort food like BBQ pulled pork, fried chicken, chicken and noodles with mashed potatoes, ham and beans with cornbread, and chicken pot pie with sides, including corn fritters and macaroni and cheese. "While there, we also ordered some trifle desserts to go. I have a real sweet tooth and found them very satisfying. Will certainly be back for more from their dessert display (sizable cakes, brownies, and pies at very affordable



Celebrate Fridays with a fish fry at Wheatley's. (Photo courtesy of Wheatley's)

prices)," added a second Google reviewer. For breakfast, try their popular biscuits and gravy and scrambled eggs. Locals love dining outside in the summer and listening to live music.

Hours: Tuesday through Thursday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sunday, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; closed Monday. Address: 8902 Southeastern Ave., Wanamaker. For more information, call 317-862-6622 or go to facebook.com/wheatleysrestaurant.

INDIANAPOLIS

"Six-Triple Eight" • Storytelling Arts of Indiana proudly presents "Six-Triple Eight" told by Charlotte Blake Alston. After activists urged First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt to give Black women meaningful jobs in the war effort, hundreds of young women of color signed up to go through basic training and were assigned to the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion, nicknamed "Six-Triple Eight." The group's motto was "No mail, low morale." The majority of members worked in Great Britain and France to fix a backlog of soldiers' mail. Others were cooks, mechanics, and performed other support roles, making the unit entirely self-sufficient. In 2022, the battalion was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal. \$20 for general admission, online or in person; \$35 for a household to watch the livestream. | When: March 16, 7 p.m. | Where: Online via Zoom and in person at Eugene & Marilyn Glick Indiana History, 450 W. Ohio St., Indianapolis. | Info: Storytellingarts.org

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

SOUTHPORT

Southport Library: Reframing Aging • Indy Encore will host a screening of the PBS documentary, "Coming of Age in Aging America" (60 minutes long) and follow that up with a half-hour group discussion on aging and how older adults can engage in meaningful ways. | When: March 7, 1-2:30 p.m. | Where: Southport Library, 2630 E. Stop 11 Road, Indianapolis. | Info: 317-275-4510; attend.indypl.org/event/10076047

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

★★★★ • R • Comedy • 1 hour, 31 minutes

Bottoms

A 2000s teen comedy for Gen Z

MOVIE REVIEW

By Bradley Lane

Emma Seligman burst into the role of a serious filmmaker right out of the gate with her indie hit debut, the stress-inducing *Shiva Baby*. With an eye for tight, clear, and communicative camera work and a writer's touch that adds a messy bit of humanity to complicated young characters, I have been looking forward to Seligman's follow up since *Shiva Baby*'s release in 2021. Now reunited with *Shiva Baby* star, and now co-writer, Rachel Sennott, Seligman has set her sights on the comedies of the late 90s and early 2000s. Updating films like *But I'm a Cheerleader*, *Superbad*, *Not Another Teen Movie*, and *Mean Girls* with humanity that a lot of those films lack, and a fresh new queer perspective on the classic raunchy teen sex comedy formula.

PJ (Rachel Sennott) and Josie (Ayo Edebiri) are losers. Not because they're gay; plen-

ty of popular gay students go to their high school, but because they are, "ugly, untalented gays." As tensions between rival schools heat up leading to their homecoming football game, violence erupts, and PJ and Josie see this as an opportunity to get closer to their respective crushes. Together they hatch a scheme to lose their virginities under the guise of setting up a self-defense club for girls at their school. What results is a hilarious, if formulaic comedy of errors as their plans devolve into violence, mistrust, and teenage horny messiness.

As I've written about before, the studio comedy is a dying genre only recently having seen a resurgence after disappearing for nearly a decade. There is a giant hole in the market for *Bottoms* to fill, and it is a more than worthy successor to the films for which it has taken its inspiration. The world of teenagers as envisioned by Seligman is in-

herently ridiculous. The football players are wearing full game uniforms and pads at all times, the rivalry between high schools leads to attempted murder, and everyone is altogether way too horny. It is a hyperbole reflection of the genuine high school experience that sets an idiosyncratic tone for the film that serves to perfectly support the onslaught of mile a minute jokes tackling everything from crushes, feminism, queer culture, male privilege, all the way to the cult-like devotion of sports fanatics.

Director Emma Seligman has been friends with co-stars Rachel Sennott and Ayo Edebiri since they met at NYU, and that sense of friendship and collaboration is written into the fabric of *Bottoms*. Everyone is clearly having a great time making this film, and the result is a film that feels inviting and human, despite its inherent ridiculousness. The jokes move at breakneck pace, so even



when one didn't land with me perfectly, I never had to wait long for another to connect. A very special shoutout goes to former NFL star Marshawn Lynch as the aloof, but well-meaning teacher that sponsors the self-defense club. His comedic timing has been on display in interviews since he was in the league but given a script and proper platform to work with, he is a commanding and utterly hilarious screen presence.

I suspect *Bottoms* will quickly be regarded amongst films like *Clueless*, *Mean Girls*, and *Heathers* as defining teen comedies of their respective eras. It has staying power written all over it and for a comedy that is truly special and very rare. *Bottoms* is currently available to stream on Amazon Prime. - 4/5 stars



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SPOTLIGHT

Beautiful: The Carole King Musical

Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre celebrates the incredible true story of the life and musical legacy of the girl who became King with the hit "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical," now on stage.

Long before she was hit-maker Carole King, she was Carole Klein – a spunky young songwriter from Brooklyn with a unique voice. From the chart-topping hits she wrote for the biggest acts in music to her own life-changing, trailblazing success with "Tapestry," "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical" takes you back to where it all began and to the hits that have become the soundtrack of a generation.

Carole King is American songwriting royalty, writing such unforgettable classics as "You've Got a Friend," "One Fine Day," "So Far Away," "Take Good Care of My Baby," "Up on the Roof," "You've Lost That Lovin' Feeling," "Will You Love Me Tomorrow," and "Natural Woman." "Beautiful" is the inspiring Tony and Grammy Award-winning tale about the woman behind the music!



Carole King (Devon Perry) finds her own voice during a studio recording of "You Make Me Feel Like A Natural Woman" in Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre's production of "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical," now on stage through March 30. Tickets, which include Chef Larry Stoops' dinner buffet, are available at beefandboards.com. (Photo by Renzulli Photography)

Devon Perry makes her Beef & Boards debut in the role of Carole King, with Elliott Litherland ("White Christmas," "Beauty and the Beast") as Carole's songwriting partner and eventual husband, Gerry Goffin. Julia Viktrup ("The Sound of Music," "A Beef & Boards Christmas"), plays Carole's mother Genie; with Devan Mathias ("Grumpy Old Men," "Mary Poppins")

as Carole's best friend Cynthia Weil, and Kyle Southern ("Escape to Margaritaville") as Barry Mann, Cynthia's songwriting boyfriend. The show is directed by Heather Patterson King and choreographed by Kenney Green-Tilford.

"Beautiful" headlines Beef & Boards' 2024 season and is on stage for 55 performances through March 30 in the intimate space of Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre. Tickets range from \$55 to \$82 and include Chef Larry Stoops' dinner buffet and select beverages.

To see the complete performance schedule and to purchase tickets online, visit beefandboards.com. Tickets are also available by calling the Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre Box Office at 317-872-9664 between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday (from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesdays). Discounts are available to groups of 20 or more. Call the Group Sales department at 317-872-0503, or email groups@beefandboards.com for details.

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Merriam-Webster OKs ending sentences with prepositions

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

In the biggest grammar news since the advent of the Oxford comma, the dictionary dignitaries at Merriam-Webster have declared it acceptable to end a sentence with a preposition. This, of course, has sparked great debate on the internet, which should not be surprising, as the internet is the primary place people go to argue with each other.

According to the wise counsel of Merriam-Webster, “If you don’t like to end your sentences with prepositions, you don’t have to — just don’t say that it is a rule. And if you like to end your sentences with a succinct with, go right ahead and keep doing so [...]”

This is a big deal, as terminating sentences with prepositions has been considered the letter of the law for longer than I can remember.

Before I give you my take on the subject, let’s revisit what prepositions are in the first place. A preposition is a word that connects a noun to another nearby word or phrase in a sentence. I know — that’s confusing. But remember what most of us learned in school: a preposition is anything a squirrel can do to a tree (up, over, around, through, with, etc.). Let me give you some examples:

Mari tripped (over) the sleeping platypus.
Joe his daughters by showing off his dance skills (during) the Taylor Swift concert.

I locked my keys (inside) my car again.

Here’s where the old-school grammarians will wag their fingers at the Merriam-Webster wonks as well as yours truly: when you have to drastically and unnaturally alter your sentence structure to avoid ending a sentence with a preposition, don’t worry about it. By doing so, you either sound way too formal or like you’re doing a Yoda impression. Instead of saying, “The underwater basket weaving match was rained out,”

people will contort their sentence into, “Rained out the underwater basket weaving match was.” When I read that, my inner narrator sounds precisely like Luke Skywalker’s tiny green guru.

Sure, it’s important to maintain formal sentence structure when the occasion calls for it: in a job cover letter, in academic papers, and when ordering at multi-Michelin star restaurants. But, in everyday usage, ending the occasional sentence in a preposition isn’t a big deal. If dramatically altering your sentences to avoid ending them in prepositions makes them sound super awkward and overly formal, you may just need to lighten the heck up.



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.



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Puzzle Time Answers

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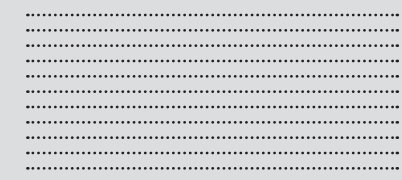
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Help not wanted!

HUMOR

By Dick Wolfsie

Do you need help? I’d like to give you some. Help is unwanted in my house. I try to give help, but Mary Ellen doesn’t want it.

She is totally helpless.

This is of her own choosing. If you are confused by this, let me give you a few examples that might be helpful.

First, Mary Ellen is usually in the kitchen around 6 p.m. preparing dinner. I always ask, “Anything I can help with?” It’s been more than 40 years since she could think of something that I would really be of any help doing. I sometimes say: “Is there anything you can help me, help you with.” Nope. Nothing.

I’m also not allowed to do the taxes anymore. One year we were audited because I had taken a deduction for pizza delivery because I ate in my home office.

I am not allowed to load dishes in the dishwasher because Mary Ellen has this crazy idea that the cups, utensils, and plates have their own special place in the machine.

But I am good at getting stubborn lids off cans and bottles. I like doing this because it makes me feel needed. Plus, I enjoy the beer.

On rare occasions, she requests that I go to the supermarket on my own, but she takes no chances with my ability to find exactly what she needs. Let’s take one example.

“Dick, I need almond milk. I am sending you a text to remind you exactly what to get. It has to say UNSWEETENED; it has to say ALMOND BREEZE and it has to say ORIGINAL on the container. It can’t say VANILLA. Now, I am also going to send you a picture of the package so you can’t possibly make a mistake.”

I ask people shopping in the dairy department if they know where almond milk is and they just shrug. Apparently, these people drink something that comes from a cow’s udder. YUCK!

Finally, I saw a bottle of cashew milk, so I bought it.

“What did you buy, Dick? This is cashew milk. I don’t like cashew milk?”

“I figured any nutty idea was as good as the next.”

Once when Mary Ellen called me, she requested canned tomatoes and said she would text me a photo and description of exactly what she wanted. But when I got to the supermarket, my phone was dead. I wasn’t taking any chances. I did not want to go back to the store. So, I got tomatoes every which way: Diced, as a sauce and a soup, stewed, crushed,

whole peeled, quartered, sun dried, and condensed. They were all wrong. I was back at the store an hour later. What the heck is tomato paste? At least, it doesn’t sound as bad as Gorilla Glue.

Recently, Mary Ellen requested I stop and pick up, get ready for this, a container of egg whites.

“Mary Ellen, I’ll never find something weird like that. I’ll buy two dozen eggs and separate them myself.”

“No, the package must say cage-free. It has to be 100 percent liquid, and it must be zero cholesterol.”

I asked one of the clerks. “Do you sell egg whites?”

“Of course.”

“Where should I look?”

“Inside our eggs.”

Finally, later that day, Mary Ellen agreed she would extract the egg whites herself. This incident did cause some conflict between us. But we made up. Now only our eggs are going to be legally separated.



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.

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Richard P. Bowling DDS

Richard P. Bowling DDS, 86, Indianapolis, died Feb. 27. Survivors: children, Thomas (Susan), Philip (Maureen), Fredrick (Donna), Paul (Ann Marie), Theresa (David) Rodriguez; brother, Jack; 13 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; extended family and friends. Predeceased: wife, Perley; four siblings. Arrangements provided by O'Riley-Branson Funeral Service & Crematory.

Helen Joyce Clemens

Helen Joyce Clemens, 82, of Greenwood, died Feb. 23. Survivors: companion, Brenda Hill; brother, Richard Clemens; several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by 11 siblings. Services will be private for her family. Arrangements were entrusted to G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Homes & Crematory.

John M. Collignon



John M. Collignon, Indianapolis, passed away on March 1, 2024. He was 86. John was born in Tell City to the late Herman and Edith (Harpenau) Collignon. He graduated from Tell City High School, class of 1955, and then attended Indiana State University where he graduated with a bachelor's

degree and later a master's degree in education. John was united in marriage to Beverly Devillez on Aug. 19, 1961, at St. Paul Catholic Church in Tell City. John was a teacher for 40 years, with most of those years spent teaching industrial arts at Meridian Middle School in Indianapolis, Perry Township. He retired in 1999. He was a member of the Evangelical United Church of Christ in Tell City. John enjoyed working outside, mall walking with his friends, and attending his grandchildren's various activities. He was kindhearted by nature with a good sense of humor and enjoyed joking around with family and friends. He will be dearly missed by those he leaves behind. John is survived by his wife of 62 years, Beverly; his children, Christy (William Li) Collignon and Dwight Collignon; his grandchildren, Derrick Collignon, Jared Li and Malia Collignon. A visitation for John will be held on Monday, March 11, at Forest Lawn Funeral Home from 10 a.m. to noon. The funeral service will be on Monday, March 11, at noon. Burial will immediately follow at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens at 1 p.m. For those choosing to make memorial contributions, please send donations to the Salvation Army.

Janice Elaine Dexter

Janice Elaine Dexter, 71, Franklin, died March 3. Survivors: husband, Phil; children, Tammy, Amy, Pamela, Phillip II; bonus daughter, Miranda; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; siblings, Steve, Tim. Predeceased: grandchild, Timothy; siblings, Terri and Harold; niece, Annette. Visitation: 11 a.m. to noon service, Friday, March 8, Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

Robert O. Donner

Robert O. Donner, 70, Greenwood, died Feb. 23. Survivors: wife, Sharon "Sherry"; siblings, Calvin Donner, Elaine Barnett, Marlowe Bulkley, George Donner, Natalie Gordan, Jonathan Donner; extended family. Visitation: Saturday, March 16, 10:30-11:30 a.m., service at 11:30 a.m., Southland Community Church, 5800 W. Smith Valley Road, Greenwood. G.H. Herrmann Greenwood.

Dorothy D. Elliott

Dorothy D. Elliott, 88, Indianapolis, died March 3. Survivors: daughter, Cynthia (Ed) Ruggles; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; daughter-in-law, Lorri Elliott. Predeceased: husband, William, son, Mark; sisters, Carolyn Garver, Hildreth Waugh, Elizabeth Mills, Lois Stinnett, Ailene Waugh. Visitation: 9:30-11:30 a.m. service, Saturday, March 9, G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home.

Janet M. Habig

Janet M. Habig, 78, died Feb. 28. Survivors: husband, William "Mike"; son, Aaron (Leia); two grandchildren, Jacob and Elizabeth. Predeceased: daughter, Nicole Habig. Private burial. Celebration of Life: Monday, April 29, 6 p.m., Calvary Tabernacle, 902 Fletcher Ave., Indianapolis. Arrangements provided by Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

Robert Leon Hardesty

Robert Leon Hardesty, 93, Greenwood, died Feb. 25. Survivors: children, Laura (Marvin) Braun, Lisa (Wayne) Saunders, Gina (Mike) Perry; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; great-great-granddaughter. Predeceased: wife, Patty L (Harper); brothers, Vactor and Richard Hardesty. Arrangements provided by Forest Lawn Funeral Home, Greenwood.

Dawn Nicole Harris

Dawn Nicole Harris, 49, Beech Grove, died Feb. 17. Survivors: husband, John Harris; father, Bobby Ray (Sandy) Sanders; mother, Theresa (Creek) Cornette; stepmother, Dawn Reel; six siblings; family and friends. Little & Sons Beech Grove.

John Mark Huffman

John Mark Huffman, 70, Indianapolis, died Feb. 21. Survivors: wife, Cindy; daughter, Stephanie; son-in-law, Brian; three grandchildren. Arrangements by Little & Son Funeral Home-Beech Grove Chapel.

Bill Neace Sr.

Bill Neace Sr., 84, Indianapolis, died Feb. 29. Survivors: four children, Bill (Kelly) Neace, Jr., Frank (Pamela) Neace, Angel (Chris) Roark, and Jessica Sawyer; 11 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; two sisters, Mable and Francis. Predeceased: wife, Bobbie Jean; seven siblings. Arrangements entrusted to G. H. Herrmann Funeral Home.

Madelyn A. Osborne

Madelyn A. Osborne died March 2. She was born March 2, 2024, to Nathaniel and Heather Osborne. Other survivors: brother, Mason. She is preceded in death by her great-grandpas, Warren Asher, Grady Blythe, and Arthur Ludford; great-grandma, Opal Blythe; several aunts, uncles, and cousins. Arrangements: Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

Helen Louise Roberts

Helen Louise Roberts, 93, Greenwood, died Feb. 27. Survivors: daughters, Diana Jones and Linda (Mike) Williams; sons, Kenneth (Debbie) Smith, Timothy Smith, and Donald (Carmie) Smith; several grandchildren; great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren; sister, Betty Cave. Predeceased: husbands, Harry Smith; Mike Roberts; son, Mark Smith. G. H. Herrmann Funeral Home.

Donna Lee Rose

Donna Lee Rose, 74, Indianapolis, died Feb. 21. Survivors: husband, Charles; children, Tiffany (Vernon) Rose, Robert Rose; stepchildren, Craig (Wanda) Rose, Tonya (Max) McGathey, and Tammy (Michael) Franke; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; two sisters; extended family. Predeceased: 10 siblings. Celebration of Life: Tiffany's home, March 23. Arrangements: Forest Lawn.

Robin W. Vehling

Robin W. Vehling, 72, Franklin, died Feb. 29. Survivors: wife, Jane; siblings, Richard Vehling, Rebecca Hansen, Ramona Calendar, Roxanne Simmons, Randy Vehling, and Rachel McKinney. Predeceased: brother, Robert Vehling. Arrangements provided by G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home.

Richard M. Walker, Sr.

Richard M. Walker, Sr., 91, Indianapolis, died Feb. 23. Survivors: children, Gloria (Rick) Parker, Marty Walker, Teri Matthews, Rick (Maggy) Walker, Jr.; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister, DeLores Carbone. Predeceased: grandson, Levi Walker; seven siblings. Private family services. Arrangements provided by G.H. Herrmann Funeral Home.

Linda Darlene Warner

Linda Darlene Warner, Greenwood, died March 2. Survivors: husband, Tim; three children, Niki (Scott) Rolen, Danielle (Scott) McElroy, and Timothy (Shaina) Warner; four grandchildren, Hailee (James) Herin, Kaia Warner, Raine Rolen, and Finn Rolen. There will be a private family gathering and service. Arrangements: Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

Bonnie Jo Westerfield

Bonnie Jo Westerfield, 85, Indianapolis, died March 3. Survivors: three children, Dawn (Robert) Weems, Eddie (Lori); David (Karen); 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter. Predeceased: husband, Edward "Butch"; siblings, Marsha, Jackie, Ronald. Visitation: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. service, Friday, March 8, G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home.

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



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The Spiritualist Church of Indianapolis • 3020 S. Meridian St. Ste. E & F, Indianapolis 46217 | Sun.: 6:30 p.m. | TSCO1.org

✠ UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

✠ UNITED METHODIST

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



Weekly Devotion



Who his own self bore our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

1 PETER 2:24

Jesus gave sight to the blind, he restored the hearing of the deaf, and he even raised the dead back to life. But when scripture tells us that by his wounds you have been healed, it is not talking about physical healing; it is talking about spiritual healing. Even when Jesus heals us physically, we will still come to an end of our worldly physical life one day. Eternal life is not the result of repeated physical healings, but instead, is the result of finding eternal life through being spiritually saved. Oftentimes we hear someone say, "By his stripes we are healed" as we lay hands on the sick in prayer. There is nothing wrong with saying Jesus heals spiritually and physically, but the truth of this week's scripture is referring to sin and righteousness, not sickness and disease. I injured my Achilles tendon last year. I prayed for healing, but after a year of extreme pain I broke down and went

to a specialist. We tried oral steroids, injections, and even electroshock therapy, but to no avail. I scheduled a surgery to repair the tendon, and to my surprise, I received quite a bit of grief from my pastor friends who say I should have waited for the Lord to heal me by my faith. I told the surgeon, who happens to be a Christian, that my faith was being questioned for scheduling the surgery, and his response made me laugh. He said that he has never met a man who professed to have healed in the name of Jesus who didn't wear glasses!

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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Public/Legal

Perry Township, Marion County, Indiana
Cash & Investments Combined Statement – 2023

Local Fund	Local Fund Name	Beg Cash & Inv Bal Jan. 1, 2023	Receipts	Disbursements	End Cash & Inv Bal Dec. 31, 2023
0061	RAINY DAY	\$1,627,968.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,627,968.61
Governmental Activities	0101 TOWNSHIP GENERAL	\$2,331,520.93	\$1,235,255.71	\$1,190,807.94	\$2,375,968.70
	0840 TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE	\$629,582.78	\$371,480.00	\$226,854.51	\$774,208.27
	9.1 Small Claims Court Fees	\$103,078.36	\$490,270.75	\$488,468.03	\$104,881.08
	9.2 Small Claims Court Trust	\$58,347.01	\$1,203,381.76	\$1,198,434.18	\$63,294.59
	9999 PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS	\$828.84	\$179,103.76	\$174,418.81	\$5,513.79
	Total all Funds	\$4,751,326.53	\$3,479,491.98	\$3,278,983.47	\$4,951,835.04

CERTIFICATION
State of Indiana

SS:
Marion County

I, _____Patty Hagenmaier _____, Trustee of PERRY TOWNSHIP, Marion County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report contains the information required by Indiana code 36-6-4-13, and is, true and correct; that the amounts with which I am charged in this report are all of the amounts received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the amounts stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or to any other person. A complete abstract that contains the statements required under Indiana Code 36-6-4-13(a)(5) and (a)(6) is available for inspection in the county auditor's office.

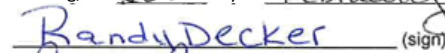

I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid money by the township, have been filed as required by law in the office of the County Auditor, and that copies of such annual report are in custody of the Township Board and the State Board of Accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the township.

 (sign)
PERRY TOWNSHIP Trustee

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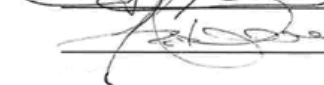
Date this report was to be published: 2-29-2024


Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of PERRY TOWNSHIP at its annual meeting, this 20th day of February, 2024.

 (sign)
 Township Board Chairman

OPTION 1

This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 20th day of February, 2024.

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