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'Realizing the Dream' recipient thanks Roncalli educator

Twenty-nine first-generation Indiana college students were recently named "Realizing the Dream" recipients by Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI). The scholarship recipients were selected for the \$4,000 award for outstanding achievement as they successfully advanced toward completing their bachelor's degrees. ICI created videos of each student thanking the influential educator they have chosen to honor. Sierra Adkins, a graduate of Roncalli and student at Hanover College, thanked Roncalli educator Gerard Striby.



Sierra Adkins, a graduate of Roncalli High School and current student at Hanover College, with Gerard Striby, community service coordinator at Roncalli. (Photo courtesy of Miss Cara Photography)

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Winners of the 2023 Business Awards. (Submitted photo)

Celebrate Aspire award nominations now open

Nominations are open for the following 2024 Business Awards: Business Success Award For-Profit, Business Success Award Non-Profit, Diversity in Business Award, and Green Business Award. Companies are encouraged to nominate themselves or may be nominated by others. Nominations are due on or before Wednesday, April 10, by 5 p.m. ET. Finalists will be announced April 17, with winners being announced at Celebrate Aspire on April 25. Finalists are strongly encouraged to attend.

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Lifetime Southsiders celebrate their 79th wedding anniversary

By Nancy Hammerstrom

When Chuck and Wilma Shearin were married at Olive Branch Christian Church on April 3, 1945, it was important to them to make sure they said “I do” after 3 p.m.

“They waited until 3:30 p.m. for the wedding when classmates who attended were out of school,” said their daughter Deborah Carver.

Chuck, who grew up on South Keystone Avenue and attended Southport High School, was 18 years old at the time. Wilma, whose childhood home was on Pleasant Run Parkway, attended Emmerich Manual High School. She was just 16.

The couple had no time to spare for a proper honeymoon. Chuck, a U.S. Marine in the infantry during World War II, was scheduled to leave for Hawaii the day after they were married.

“Wilma had been saving money to go see him, but he was shipped to China for the remainder of his service,” Carver said. “It would be over two years before they were together after their marriage.”

Chuck returned to the Southside to reunite with his bride after completing his service. Prior to the arrival of their third child, he went to work with the Wm. H. Block Co. He was eventually hired by Eli Lilly & Com-



(Submitted photos)

pany where he worked in the printing department before his retirement. In his spare time, Chuck was a “fixer of all things,” according to Carver, from clocks to cars.

Wilma, a homemaker, enjoyed creating handmade Christmas stockings and embroidered anniversary pillows for those who wanted them. “She was always dedicated to helping others,” Carver said.

“Southport Christian Church, where they were members for many years, was special

in their lives,” added Carver.

In addition to Carver, married to John Carver, the Shearins have two other children, Steve (Kathie) Shearin and Kelley (John) Carreon, seven grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

Chuck and Wilma have remained lifetime Southsiders. They lived on Golfview Drive for some time before their permanent move on Southport Road, where they

have spent the past 65 years.


“Their children, their spouses, and grandchildren all remain Southsiders,” Carver said.

On April 4, Wilma, 95, and Chuck, 97, will celebrate 79 years of marriage.

Their secret to a happy union?

“Love and LOTS of patience are the keys (no secret) to a long marriage,” Carver said. “Their kids notice that they always kiss when separating at any time.”





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National Autism Awareness Month

Center Grove graduate opens Life-Long Behavior Therapy for children with autism

Compiled by Nancy Hammerstrom

In late 2022, CGHS graduate Hunter Long had a discussion with his brother-in-law Casey Gore about starting a center for individuals with autism. "I would talk to him about how hard it was to see families not receiving appropriate therapy and services," Long said. "Some families are placed on a waitlist for six months to a year. I wanted to open up a center on the Southside that was also close to some of the more rural areas of Greenwood (Trafalgar, Mooresville, Bargersville)."

When Long studied for his undergraduate degree from Indiana University-Bloomington, "I got started in the ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis) field at a small center and quickly realized this was the right field for me," he said. ABA therapy is for children on the autism spectrum. Long went on to start a master's program for ABA at Ball State University and completed the board exam for his Board-Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA).

In 2023, Long, who has seven years of experience working in the field of ABA, opened Life-Long Behavior Therapy in Greenwood.

Q&A with Hunter Long

What inspired you to work with those with disabilities?

In college, I worked with adults with disabilities as a DSP (Direct Support Professional). This included working with adult males in a group living facility. I would assist them with daily living skills including showering, medication management, cleaning, and cooking. We would also go on outings daily around town which was the highlight of all our days. This was my first time working with individuals with disabilities and it was so important to me.

What do you enjoy most about your job?

Seeing all of our learners on a daily basis, in a safe environment, to play and learn is so special to me. Creating a space where they can grow and be with caring staff makes everyday worth it. I want parents to feel confident that whoever is working with their child, they are in the best care possible.

How is ABA therapy beneficial for those with autism?

When families receive a diagnosis of autism, they often wonder "what now?" or "what can we do?" When we work with families, we want to know what their biggest concerns are. This can be deficits in communication, daily living skills, social/peer-related skills, or even behaviors that might be concerning. ABA therapy addresses this by observing and analyzing behavior in order to understand the function or purpose

behind it, and then develop interventions to work on these goals. It is true that there are families all over the state and country on waitlists for services, which is a large part of why I wanted to start this company.

Please tell us about the part-time and full-time ABA therapy offered.

We really try to work with families and see what best meets their needs. Some families only request/require part-time services. This can range from 15-20 hours per week of therapy. For learners that would benefit from full-time therapy, we would look into 35-40 hours per week. We do our best to schedule their day to match with their specific goals, but more time spent can often lead to faster progress. When we meet with families for an initial assessment, we discuss their concerns and their child's current skill level. Some learners have other therapies such as occupational therapy or speech therapy, and some are enrolled in school as well.

How does your center differ from other local autism centers?

There are many options when it comes to ABA services in Greenwood. Being the owner and a BCBA, I communicate directly to families as well as the staff that provide direct therapy to our learners, so it is very collaborative. When hiring therapists, we look for the most experienced candidates. In having a smaller center, I have found it really helpful when it comes to parent communication, communication with staff, and delivery of quality therapy, as I am able to devote more time to overseeing the center's needs, compared to a larger center.

Please tell us about the therapists, their training, and how they teach children.

All of the therapists are Registered Behavior Technicians (RBT). To become an RBT, they must go through extensive training and a certification exam that prepares them

to work in direct therapy. We use iPads that have all of our learners' goals listed that the RBTs use throughout the day to collect data. Teaching methods can range from natural teaching for our younger learners, to more direct instruction for our older learners that might use ABA as a stepping stone to an academic setting. All of our RBTs work directly under a BCBA who sits in on weekly consultations with the RBT and learners. We teach our staff to use all areas of our center as "teaching moments" to capitalize on growth and learning.

What equipment do you have at your facility for play? How is that helpful for children?

Our center has a wide range of areas for our learners to play and engage with. I wanted a space where they could learn but also have fun in the process. Our biggest room has gym equipment for gross motor activities, a swing, and areas for sitting down to play as well. These areas are made so our therapists and learners can engage in activities together, and we can see what is most motivating for the learner, which in turn helps with teaching.

Please tell us about your parent training, what is involved, and how that is helpful for parents and children.

I like to meet with families at least once a month; this allows us to discuss progress both in-center, and how goals are transitioning to the home. Parent training can include a variety of things, but I really focus on what the parents have concerns with most. For example, is there a specific behavior at home that concerns you? Are there daily living skills that we are working on at the center but would like to start at home as well? I love to show parents progress that their child is making in the center by showing them data from past therapy sessions. You can see progress over time with our graphs, and they are easy to read and explain.

When do you plan to add speech and occupational therapists?

My plan is to add some sort of speech/occupational therapy option to our families soon. This might be someone who comes to the center throughout the week for visits, or a more permanent option. Time will tell! Collaboration between ABA, Speech, and OT are crucial to learner success.

Tell us about your playground.

I'm so excited about our playground space, as I have many ideas of what I want to use the space for. It's a fenced-in area attached to our center. At the moment, we have some small play items (swing set, teeter totter, slide). I want to add more equipment, but also some picnic tables so when the weather is nice, staff and learners can eat and play outside.

For more information, email Hunter Long at hunter.long@lifelongbehavior.com. "I love meeting families in person and giving tours of our center so they can get an idea of what we have to offer!" he said.

Q&A with Liana, a parent of a child who receives services at Life-Long Behavior Therapy

Please describe how therapy has helped your son.

He talks more and it's more pronounced. He is more willing to play with peers his age. Also, he knows and can articulate all of the safety questions in case of an emergency.

What activities does he enjoy?

He loves playing board games with his friends!

What changes have you noticed compared to before he started therapy?

He is a lot more independent. He is now fully potty trained. He is able to communicate when the restroom is needed or if it is not.

Why would you recommend Life-Long Behavior Therapy to other families?

They not only know what they are doing but are also great at it. They care about the kids and bend over backward to meet every need. For lack of a better term, they care! They conduct themselves as if the child 100 percent comes first!



Haley, center manager. | (Cover) Children have plenty of areas to learn and have fun at the same time.



Hunter Long, center, with staff at Life-Long Behavior Therapy. (Submitted photo)

Staying safe during the total eclipse

By Robert Gonzalez, M.D.
Pediatrician with Eskenazi Health



Central Indiana is lucky enough to be in the path of totality for the solar eclipse, which means Hoosiers can experience the precious minutes on April 8 when the moon fully blocks the sun. The sky will briefly darken, mimicking dusk; visitors are heading to Indiana in droves to see it.

Unfortunately, seeing this moment or two is tricky since looking directly at the sun could cause permanent vision damage. Taking a few precautions can ensure you enjoy this rare experience instead of regretting it:

1. Buy the right glasses or viewers.

Beware of companies that have only been around for two months and kind neighbors who haven't done their research before gifting you glasses. Avoid Amazon or other large vendor sites because distinguishing between trustworthy and unreliable suppliers can be challenging. Question supposedly "verified" vendors; NASA's site confirms that they do not recommend any particular brand.

Trust the advice of the American Astronomical Society, the expert on eclipses, for your glasses choice. Their site provides a list of safe options and recommends you pick glasses that meet the ISO 12312-2 international standard. Even that site lists some general stores, so read the paragraphs preceding every list, and verify that the glasses look undamaged when they arrive.

Keep your glasses on before, during, and after the totality, and ensure your children are wearing theirs.

2. Consider indirect ways of viewing the eclipse.

Remember those old-school cardboard box viewers your teachers told you about for eclipse watching in elementary school? Those pinhole cameras are a viable, inexpensive alternative if you build and use them correctly, especially if it's too late for purchasing safe eclipse glasses. NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab has instructions for making one with paper and foil and links to a video for a cereal box version. Remember not to look at the sun directly through the pinhole.

3. Avoid looking at the sun through another lens (i.e., your phone or camera), even with eclipse glasses.

Viewing the

sun through a camera, phone, telescope, or binoculars is hazardous; even the best glasses aren't strong enough to protect you. NASA warns that "the concentrated solar rays will burn through the filter and cause serious eye injury."

You can locate a legitimate special solar filter through the American Astronomical Society; however, that organization warns that only "experienced" viewers should do so, since some solar filters can be dangerous during an eclipse. NASA recommends you seek "advice from an astronomer" before relying on the safety of solar lens filters for your camera or binoculars. In other words, amateur viewers — which most of us are — should put our cameras, binoculars, telescopes, and smart phones away.

4. Treat the day like a storm is approaching.

You know traffic will be intense, with some experts comparing it to 71 Colts sell-out games being let out simultaneously, as everyone tries to leave when the event concludes. Hotels and campsites will be sold out for miles. If you have car trouble, getting help will take time, and cell phone networks could be challenged by the strain of so many locals and visitors. Keep your gas tank full and

bring snacks and water, sunscreen, and a phone charger. If you have a first-aid kit, bring it too.

Hopefully, you will do everything you can to protect your eyes, but if you make a mistake, you will need an eye specialist, not the emergency department. Call Eskenazi Health Connections to set up an appointment at 317-880-7666.

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Robert Gonzalez, M.D. (Submitted photo)

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At Hope Academy, our students are learning about the foundations of recovery each and every day. Thankfully, we have staff with lived experience who can show them the way. Congratulations to Caroline Vas, our incredible director of Recovery Services, for reaching a remarkable milestone — seven

years of sobriety! Caroline leads our recovery team with passion and purpose. She not only creates our recovery curriculum and oversees our coaching team but is also living proof that recovery is possible when you put in the work and surround yourself with a supportive community.



Director of Recovery Services Caroline Vas celebrates recovery with cupcakes. (Submitted photo)

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Southside Educator OF THE Month

Compiled by Nancy Hammerstrom

Do you know an educator that deserves to be recognized? Please email their name, grade or subject they teach, school name, and reason(s) for nomination to nancyh@icontimes.com. Congratulations to this month's nominated educators of the month: **Danielle Mason**, Jeremiah Grey Kindergarten Academy, **Paige Anderson**, Beech Grove High School



Danielle Mason
JEREMIAH GREY KINDERGARTEN ACADEMY, TEACHER

Danielle is an outstanding educator who plans and executes highly effective lessons each and every day.

She takes the responsibility of growing each of her students very seriously and is constantly refining her practice to meet all of her students' needs. Danielle begins each school year building strong relationships with all the children she serves. She goes out of her way to ensure that students have what they need to be successful and feel loved in her classroom. She is patient and attentive to their needs and is very knowledgeable of every student's ability and goals and plans intentionally with them in mind for each lesson.

Danielle is a bright light in our building. She is positive to be around, she knows that relationships matter, and works to build those relationships with both staff and students. She works to pursue excellence in her classroom, day in and day out, to be the best educator for her students. Danielle's lessons are highly rigorous and promote student ownership. This is evident in her student data, her student work, and the smiles on her kids' faces as they are aware of all the learning they are doing because of her highly effective teaching.

**Nominated by Perry Township Schools*



Paige Anderson
BEECH GROVE HIGH SCHOOL, TEACHER AND COACH

Honoring the incredible Paige Anderson: A journey of dedication and passion

Throughout her tenure at Beech Grove High School, Paige Anderson has worn many hats, embodying the spirit of dedication and leadership in various roles within the school community. From business teacher to instructional coach, business department chair to volleyball and track coach, college and career coordinator to student council and prom sponsor, Paige has left an indelible mark on the lives of countless students and colleagues.

Reflecting on her journey to Beech Grove, Paige fondly recalls the influence of one of her college adjunct professors, who also happened to be a business teacher at BGHS. Their enthusiastic portrayal of the district's vibrant community and the opportunity it presented sparked Paige's interest. Upon graduation, she seized the chance to join the Beech Grove family, cementing her commitment to the school she now calls home.

"For me, BGCS has always been my home away from home – once a Hornet, always a Hornet," Paige reflected. Her passion for helping others has been the driving force behind her various roles, fostering meaningful connections and

creating impactful experiences for students and colleagues alike.

As Paige transitions to a new chapter in her career, she expresses gratitude for the unwavering support and encouragement she has received over the years. "I will miss the interactions with students and colleagues," she admitted. "But it's time for me to move forward in a new career with the same passion in mind."

Throughout her time at Beech Grove, Paige has forged deep friendships with individuals who have shared in the triumphs and challenges of education. Together, they have celebrated the successes of their students, finding joy in every milestone achieved. "You have all been a part of my journey, and I thank you," Paige acknowledged, expressing heartfelt appreciation for the bonds formed and the memories shared.

As Paige Anderson bids farewell to Beech Grove High School, her legacy of dedication, passion, and service will continue to inspire and uplift the school community for years to come. Her impact will be felt in the lives she has touched and the hearts she has enriched, forever woven into the fabric of BGHS.

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Bob Rohrman's **INDY** **Athlete of the Month**
HONDA **Emma Fegan**

By Ken Severson

For years, high school athletes have transitioned to sports, leaving one for another. Many trade the gridiron for the basketball court. Others go from the basketball court to a baseball or softball diamond. Roncalli's Emma Fegan is no different. Or is she?

Fegan traded in going from the basketball court to the softball diamond, as she is the top returning softball player for the Royals' Class 4A state runner-up team. But she did it in a different way. From cheerleading to catcher.

"I wanted to do another sport, and cheerleading is fun," Fegan said. "I get to be with a new group of friends so that's why I like it so much." It's not a foreign concept for her either.

Fegan has been a Roncalli cheerleader for three years, playing football and basketball her freshman year, basketball her junior year, and football and basketball again as a senior. She did not try out for the team in her sophomore year. Fegan has also played softball all four of her years — three on the varsity. She also credits cheerleading with helping to keep her in shape. "You wouldn't think so, but we do a lot of running and conditioning at practice and lifting the girls," Fegan said.

And there's no doubt she's the best hitting cheerleader in Johnson County. And probably the state. Although Roncalli is entering a new era after losing eight seniors from last year's 31-4-1 team that lost in nine hard-fought innings to Mishawaka's Penn High School 2-1, the cupboard isn't entirely bare — especially considering Fegan's stats. Fegan had the second-highest batting average for the Royals at .511 and was third on the team in RBIs with 43. She also had 47 hits, three home runs, 10 doubles, and three triples. That's the making of a power

hitter; however, unlike power hitters, Fegan doesn't strike out much. Only nine times in 102 plate appearances.

Fegan doesn't consider herself a superpower hitter, but she likes to hit the ball in the gap and can definitely place the ball. "Emma is our top returning player — statistically, and as a leader of the team," Roncalli coach David Lauck said. "She brings positive energy and effort to every practice — and puts in extra time to work on her game."

What's harder? Softball or cheerleading?

Fegan answers the question with a balance that would keep one of her Royal cheer teammates at ease on her shoulders, and with a sweet swing that would knock a 90 mph pitch out of the park.

"I think cheerleading is hard in some respects because we have to memorize a lot of dances and cheers right on the spot. When it comes to stunting, that can be difficult but it's my favorite part about cheerleading," Fegan said. "In softball, everything can be difficult when you're at bat with the type of pitches thrown, and while playing on the field you don't know what will happen (next)."

Not only will it be a season to look forward to for Fegan and the Royals (they begin play April 2 against Columbus North), it will be one of change as Fegan will move from the outfield to catching duties, a position she has played before, but not since her younger days. Fegan and the Royals are hopeful of a repeat of the past to which the Royals were the 2023 & 2023 Class 4A state champions. Fegan has one of those rings and came close to another. There's nothing more she would like than to see her team on top again.

"I'm excited. We've been working together," Fegan said. "We're gritty and

competitive and want to live up to the standards of past years. I think we can potentially go as far as last year if we work hard. "We'll see."

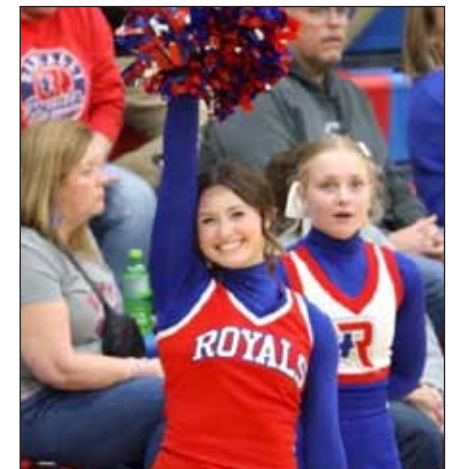
The Royals have already put the loss to Penn behind them. Fegan admitted the game haunted her for a while, but it's in the past and Roncalli is moving forward. Also moving forward is her classroom and softball career. Fegan announced she will be attending Thomas More University in Crestview Hills, Ky., to play softball and to study exercise science. Her grades, like

her hitting, has a very high average. "I've maintained a 4.0 all through high school and even sometimes above," Fegan said. "I like to study and work hard at school because I like to see the end results. I'm that one kid studying at night and doing my homework in class." While playing softball is a must, what about cheerleading in college?

"I just want to tailgate and watch football games at least for my freshman year, but I may join later," she said.



Emma Fegan is the top returning softball player for the Royals. (Photo by Brian Crowe)



Emma credits cheerleading for keeping her in shape. (Photo by John Smith)

EMMA FEGAN

NAME: Emma Fegan
HEIGHT: 5-foot-3
SCHOOL: Roncalli
HOBBIES: Shopping, lifting, and spending time with my friends
COLLEGE PLANS: Attending Thomas More University to study exercise science and play softball

FAVORITE SUBJECTS: Anatomy
FAVORITE ATHLETE: Ian Book
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PHOTO of the WEEK



Greenwood Christian Academy's varsity cheerleaders recently had an incredible showing at the Christian Cheerleaders of America National Competition. The stunt team won first place, and the full squad won second place for their traditional routine. In addition to their skills on the mat, the Cougars were also recognized for their outstanding character. They received The Spirit of Competition Award, an honor voted on by other teams for their kindness and encouragement shown to others. (Submitted photo)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

The great gift of Easter is hope – Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in his ultimate triumph, and in his goodness and love, which nothing can shake.

– Basil Hume, English Catholic bishop

HUMOR



Top 10 signs somebody doesn't understand this whole eclipse thing

By Torry Stiles

10. "Why can't they move it to a holiday weekend?"
9. "I don't see what the big deal is. It gets dark every night."
8. "I sleep nights. I'll just binge it later."
7. "Is it pay-per-view or on public?"
6. "Hotels are rakin' in big bucks for this. We need to do it every year."
5. "Do they have a rain-out date?"
4. "They're sellin' sunglasses for 20 bucks. Why do I need sunglasses if there ain't no sun?"
3. "Must be sold out. Couldn't find anything on Ticketmaster."
2. "Do I have to download an app?"
1. "I'm bringing a flashlight so I can see it."

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

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IN OUR SCHOOLS

Save the date for 2024 Hope Academy's 2024 graduation

Mark your calendars for Hope Academy's 18th Commencement Ceremony taking place on Saturday, May 18, at the Christel DeHaan Fine Arts Center at the University of Indianapolis at 11 a.m. Next month we will be sharing more information about

our seniors and graduation speakers. This day is always special, not only for the Hope Academy graduates and their families, but also the supporters of our recovery high school who make this milestone possible.



Hope Academy's seniors will graduate on May 18. (Submitted photo)

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AROUND TOWN

Indiana State Department of Health awards local community a deficiency-free rating

Senior care community Rosegate has received their second consecutive deficiency-free annual state inspection. A perfect, deficiency-free rating is the best state survey score a senior care community can receive, a stellar achievement seldom accomplished. Operated by American Senior Communities at 7510 Rosegate Drive in Indianapolis, this senior care community offers short-term rehabilitation, memory care, long-term care, respite care, hospice care, along with outpatient therapy. The Indiana State Department of Health inspects such communities to assess compliance with state standards of care, such as adequacy of staffing, quality of care, and cleanliness of the community. Compassion, Accountability, Relationships and Excellence are the core values for American Senior Communities. "Our CARE values serve as the guiding principles that lead us every day as we serve our residents, families, and employees," said ASC's CEO, Steve Van Camp. "We are incredibly proud of our team at Rosegate for exemplifying these values for a second consecutive year," Van Camp said. "An honor like a deficiency-free survey is only possible when a team is highly aligned in their level of dedication and commitment."

Rosegate offers a wide variety of lifestyle and care options including short-term rehabilitation, memory care, long-term care, respite care, hospice care and outpatient therapy. Our mission is to compassionately serve each customer with quality care and excellence. To learn more about Rosegate visit ASCCare.com/RSG.

ON CAMPUS

LeTourneau University announces fall 2023 president's list

The following students were named to the fall 2023 president's list at LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas: Elliott Spangler, mechanical engineering, Greenwood. The president's list recognizes students who have achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the semester to receive this honor. LeTourneau University President Dr. Steven D. Mason said being named to the president's list is, indeed, a significant achievement and honor. "As the comprehensive Christian polytechnic institution in the country, LeTourneau University attracts students who are among our nation's best," Mason said. "I'm especially impressed with these honor roll students, and I expect them to have a significant impact on our future."

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Puzzle Time Answers
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- Bear:** HUG, WITNESS;
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UPCOMING BEECH GROVE MEETINGS & EVENTS

Cosmic Glow Dance Party • Join us for an epic solar eclipse celebration! Enjoy music, dancing, a cosmic craft, alien finger food, and more! Only \$5 per person. Space is limited. Purchase tickets online. | When: April 5, 6-9 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: hornetparkcommunitycenter.com; 317-788-4986

Movie Night in the Park • E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial. Head out to the park for a night of fun and film! | When: April 6, 6:30 p.m., activities; 8 p.m., movie. | Where: Sarah T. Bolton Park, 1300 Churchman Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: hornetparkcommunitycenter.com; 317-788-4986

Block Party and Movies on Main Street • There will be movies for kids and adults of all ages. Head down to Main Street and watch *Home*, *Apollo 13*, or *Guardians of the Galaxy*. | When: April 7, 6 p.m. activities, movies start at 8 p.m. | Where: Main Street, Beech Grove. | Info: hornetparkcommunitycenter.com; 317-788-4986

Buzz Camp Eclipse E-Learning Day • Open to all students K-6. Only \$25. Includes breakfast, lunch, snacks, and solar eclipse activities. Space is limited! Register online. | When: April 8, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave, Beech Grove. | Info: hornetparkcommunitycenter.com; 317-788-4986

Total Eclipse of the Park • Yoga, tarot, food trucks, face painting, cookie decorating station, and more. | When: April 8, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. | Where: Sarah T. Bolton Park, 1300 Churchman Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: hornetparkcommunitycenter.com; 317-788-4986

Blooming Poets Showcase • Join us at the Prairie of Poetry for an afternoon of celebrating National Poetry Month: poetry readings, Sarah T. Bolton poetry performed live, share your own poems, activities, poem in a day contest, and more! | When: April 13, noon - 3 p.m. | Where: Sarah T. Bolton Park, 1300 Churchman Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: hornetparkcommunitycenter.com; 317-788-4986

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Veterans Appreciation Event • Free lunch to honor all veterans in our community. All veterans and their families are invited to join us. Meet other veterans in the community, receive a special "thank you" gift, enjoy a hot bowl of hearty soup, sandwiches, and more. Do you have a flag that needs to be retired? The DAR will be collecting them for their annual Flag Retirement Ceremony held each year on Flag Day. RSVP is not required but appreciated for planning purposes. | When: April 20, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: Please email RSVP@beechgrove.com or call 317-788-4986.

Overachievers 5k • Hit the trails with us for our second annual Overachievers 5k. Entry is only \$10 per person. | When: May 4, 8 a.m. | Where: On the trailhead in Sarah T. Bolton Park, 1300 Churchman Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: hornetparkcommunitycenter.com; 317-788-4986

Going Green in the Grove • Spring is almost here, and so is our ninth annual Going Green in the Grove Arbor Day Celebration! We will be handing out over 600 sapling trees, bushes, and plants free to our guests. Activities for all ages, educational booths, collaborative art, and much more. | When: May 4, noon - 4 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: 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; bgdrugfree@gmail.com

AROUND TOWN

Beech Grove Middle School students ride new bike simulators

The seventh and eighth graders at Beech Grove Middle School took the thrill of learning to a whole new level with the school's #KidsRidingBikes simulator. From heart-pumping exercise to engaging brainpower, students had an absolute blast, combining the joy of movement with the excitement of virtual exploration. Who says learning can't be an adventure on two wheels? Cheers to students for embracing the fusion of fitness and fun.



BGMS students combine fun with fitness. (Photo courtesy of Beech Grove City Schools)

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AROUND TOWN

BGMS student receives medal for French horn competition at ISSMA

Beech Grove Middle School student Cooper Wynn recently qualified and medaled as the only middle school performer in the state to qualify on his instrument, the French horn, at the Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) Solo and Ensemble contest.



Cooper Wynn. (Submitted photo)

AROUND TOWN

Beech Grove Middle School swimmer breaks records

Hold onto your swim caps – sensational BGMS swimmer, Maddy Neel, took the pool by storm, breaking not one but two middle school records! Let's shower her with cheers and applause for this incredible feat.



Maddy Neel. (Photo courtesy of Beech Grove City Schools)

NIGHT & DAY

LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT ENTERTAINING

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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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.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

Community Craft Night • All are welcome to attend a free Community Craft Night. Grace Church will offer the opportunity to knit, crochet, paint, and make jewelry. Basic supplies and instructions for beginners will be available, or attendees can bring their own projects and work on them during the event. Free snacks and beverages will be offered. | When: March 30, 5-8 p.m. | Where: Grace Church, 5605 S. Franklin Road, Indianapolis. | Info: 317-661-1192

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: squarecatvinyl.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

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, Kristen Kloss at 317-445-9499 or email 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; 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

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

BoHoBoutique PopUp 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

AN OPTION

Skosh

The next time you meet up with friends and you can't decide if you'd like to go shopping, relax with coffee and a pastry, or sip a zero-proof cocktail while listening to some local musicians play, go to Skosh in Garfield Park. "It's a cafe, lounge, and consignment shop with terrific coffee drinks, pastries, and cakes by local artisans, and mocktails," according to a Google reviewer. "They do open mic nights on Tuesdays and plan to have outdoor seating soon. Gorgeous, eclectic decor with various inviting seating spaces. Everything in the space is for sale, and it's very curated - from furniture and decor to clothes and glassware! The service was super friendly and attentive." In addition to traditional coffee and tea choices, the menu features the Skosh blend, a medium roast bold with hints of cherry, orange, and chocolate flavors, a light blend Ethiopian roast with flavors of blueberry, black tea, and honey, and the medium blend Guatemala roast with plum, chocolate and raspberry flavors. Guests love gourmet PB&J and grilled cheese sandwiches, banana cake, Garfield Park lemonade, cold brew, and Yerba mate latte.

Hours: Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; closed on Wednesday. Address: 2555 Shelby St., Indianapolis. For more information, call 317-600-3571 or go to skosh.com



Coffee, mocktail, or both? The choice is yours at Skosh. (Photo courtesy of Skosh)

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

"Springtime Symphonic Wildflowers" • Revel in the beauty of spring with the Greater Greenwood Community Band (GGCB) as they present "Springtime Symphonic Wildflowers," a concert that celebrates the season through music. In addition, the Greenwood Community Wind Ensemble will grace the stage. Free (no tickets required). | When: April 21, 6 p.m. | Where: Greenwood High School auditorium, 615 W. Smith Valley Road, Greenwood. | Info: GreenwoodBand.org

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; email trikappa.greewood.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 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; 317-636-9378

★★★★ • PG • Family/Fantasy • 1 hour, 49 minutes

Peter Pan & Wendy

An old dog with new tricks

MOVIE REVIEW

By Bradley Lane

Peter Pan is one of Disney's most foundational films. Few characters resonate with the brand quite like *Peter Pan* and his classic 1953 film of the same name. Disney has been on a tear with remaking its canon of classic animated films, bringing them into a live action/CGI laden medium, to mixed results. While mostly commercially successful, they have almost all failed critically thanks in large part to losing their stylistic charm in translation and failing to meaningfully iterate on their source material. In most of these cases Disney just spends millions of dollars to make a measurably worse version of a film already in their back catalog. I am happy to report, however, this is not the case with David Lowry's 2023 version of *Peter Pan*, the formally interesting and thematically rich *Peter Pan & Wendy*.

Most readers will be more than familiar with the broad strokes of a remake of *Peter Pan*. Wendy and the darling children find themselves in Neverland after having a crisis of maturity in the real world, led there by the magical, never aging, *Peter Pan*. However, what's new here is Lowry's balance of Wendy's journey of growth and maturity with a more in-depth exploration of the relationship between Captain Hook and Peter Pan that leads the film into emotionally unexplored and very interesting territory.

David Lowry might seem an odd choice to helm a Disney remake, as most arthouse film fans will recognize his name from small-budget emotional and complex human dramas like *The Old Man & the Gun*, *A Ghost Story*, and most recently, *The Green Knight*. However, the reason I mentioned most and not all

live-action Disney remakes are worse versions of their original source material is David Lowry's own 2017 adaptation of *Pete's Dragon* that cleverly uses its source material to tell a compelling tale of grief, vulnerability, and found family. Here Lowry does the exact same thing, hiding a story that is mostly about the dangers of looking backward in the shell of the well-worn tale of the process of growing into emotional maturity.

While maybe losing some of Peter Pan's charm in its translation to live action, Lowry does his best to make use of clever camera work and visually interesting settings to soften the blow of its visual drab color grading. Lowry's greatest strength here though, is his understanding of the ethos of the story he is retelling. He uses the character drama at the story's center to ruminate

on the act of remaking animated films, keeping yourself chained to the past. It's a cleverly subversive way to question Disney's current trajectory, and maybe the key piece of evidence as to why this was dumped on Disney Plus instead of released in theaters where it was initially planned to be released.

Lowry's *Peter Pan & Wendy* is heartwarming and tragic in equal measure, and a cautionary tale about being lost exploring the past in a world that is rife with opportunity for growth, both artistically and personally. *Peter Pan & Wendy* is one of Disney's most overlooked modern films and is exclusively streaming on Disney Plus. - 3.5/5 stars



Bradley is a Beech Grove High School alumnus and has been enamored by film for as long as he can remember. He recently graduated from IUPUI, with a degree in Media and Public Affairs with a minor in Film. Bradley can be contacted at blane2214@gmail.com.

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

Spaghetti Dinner • St. Timothy's Episcopal Church will host a spaghetti dinner at the church. All-you-care-to-eat cost is \$12 for adults and \$5 for children under age 12. Tickets for prize baskets are \$5 for six tickets, or \$1 each. | When: April 20, 5-7 p.m. | Where: St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, 2601 E. Thompson Road, Indianapolis. | Info: 317-784-6925

SOUTHPORT

Meet Your Neighbor: Afghanistan • Join Najia Sherzad from the Afghan Community Center to learn about the Indianapolis Afghan community. This program is for professionals and citizens of Indianapolis who would like to learn more about how Indianapolis has become home, challenges for the Afghan community, and culture. Light traditional refreshments will be provided. | When: April 2, 6-7 p.m. | Where: Southport Library, 2630 E. Stop 11 Road, Indianapolis. | Info: 317-275-4510; attend. indypl.org/events/southport

The Cultivating Garden Club • "Using Natives for Continuous Blooms." John Chapin, owner of Tree Frog Gardens. | When: April 18, 6 p.m. | Where: St. John's Church, Highway 31 and Southport Road, Indianapolis. | Info: Linda Stemnock at 317-889-2540.

SPOTLIGHT

'The King and I'

This spring, Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre invites audiences to experience *The King and I* on its stage for the first time in over 20 years. Rodgers and Hammerstein's Tony Award-winner for Best Musical, based on the novel *Anna and the King of Siam* by Margaret Landon, opens April 4.

It is 1862 in Siam when British widow Anna Leonowens and her young son Louis travel to the Royal Palace in Bangkok, having been summoned by King Mongkut to tutor his many children and wives. The King is often viewed as a "barbarian" by those in the West, and he seeks Anna's assistance in changing his image, if not his ways, in a modern world. With both keeping a firm grip on their respective traditions and values, Anna and the King grow to understand and respect one another and their cultures in a truly unique love story.

The King and I is filled with powerful emotions, beautiful costumes, and unforgettable Rodgers and Hammerstein songs including "Getting To Know You," "Something Wonderful," "I Whistle A Happy Tune," and the iconic "Shall We Dance."

The King and I is on stage for 50 performances through May 19 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. 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.



Making their Beef & Boards debuts are Hannah Louise Fernandes as Anna and Jae Woo as the King of Siam. (Submitted photos)

One last word on words

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

Well, folks, this is it. Today marks my final Grammar Guy column. After seven years, I've decided to hang up the typewriter and retire from the lucrative freelance newspaper column side hustle.

To leave you with one last "word nerd" lesson, I'd like to talk about the power of words (for better or for worse). In Dead Poets Society, Robin Williams' character Mr. Keating tells his students, "No matter what anybody tells you, words and ideas can change the world." This quote causes me to "sound my barbaric yawp," as Walt Whitman writes.

Words have the power of life or death. It seems as though — in the age of social media algorithms and always-on partisan news — we only take in the words that reaffirm our already entrenched beliefs and opinions. This causes us to dig in our heels and move even further into the depths of partisanship. This is cultural poison, and we are getting more than a few daily doses of it.

It's easy to tear someone apart in the comments section of a post or story in all caps. It doesn't take courage to sit at a keyboard and spew verbal bullets at each other. And, because our echo chambers have built thick, impenetrable walls, it doesn't even matter if what we are reading is true. We can be well-informed by a wealth of fake news (although this fine newspaper only prints the facts, of course).

Whoa, that's pretty heavy, Grammar Guy.

Over the years I've had the privilege to quip about the English language in around 400 words per clip. I'm thankful to my editors and publishers for the space to influence readers on how good grammar and a healthy grasp of language can improve our lives. That's precisely why today's final lesson is pertinent.

In a major election year where it seems our candidates and electorate are as polarized as ever, we'll receive oversized postcards and hear stump speeches full of words. These messages contain promises, threats, half-truths, and carefully targeted buzzwords whose aims are to win your votes. It's your job to comb through these messages and consider what kind of future you want to see.

Hold on a minute; I'm not going to let you off the hook quite yet. You have a role to play in this, too. We can only hold others to a higher standard of worthy word usage if we embrace this priority for ourselves. In the words of Mr. Rogers, "Imagine what our neighborhoods would be like if each of us offered, as a matter of course, just one kind word to another person."

Your words impact your family and affect your community. You can make the world around you better by communicating honest, life-giving words.



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.

BUSINESS

Realtor Lindsey Hughes joins Tomorrow Realty

A Franklin native, Lindsey is enjoying her new career in real estate. She has joined the Tomorrow Realty team and already in her short time has closed on a home sale in Rushville. She is already working with buyers and sellers alike and she is making a great impression with everyone she meets. Growing up and attending Franklin Community High School, she has great knowledge of Johnson County and the extending areas. She covers Indianapolis from as far north as Noblesville and Carmel down to Brown County. Lindsey's professional, knowledgeable, honest, and a wonderful person to work with. Are you ready to sell or buy a home? Give Lindsey a call at 317-881-6407.



Lindsey Hughes. (Submitted photo)

A very 'puzzling' column

HUMOR

By Dick Wolfsie

About 16 years ago, when my third edition of *Indiana Curiosities*, stories about all the unusual people, places, and things in the Hoosier state was published, I traveled several thousand miles around Indiana to compile the book. Leafing through it the other day, I decided it might be fun to check back after all these years and revisit some of the people who earned a chapter in my quirky travel guide.

When I first met David Cozad, his life was in pieces. About 25,000 pieces - 24, 978 to be exact. The Plainfield resident was one of the premier jigsaw mavens in the Midwest. He had recently finished the puzzle referenced above, chock-full of animals, hot air balloons, the planets of the solar system, and the tiniest of sea creatures.

Cozad put the puzzle together on his garage floor, a painstaking achievement, hard on the eyes and the knees. Cozad admits that he was limited to about two hours at a time. "Then you hit the wall ... you get so absorbed, but you have to take a break."

Most of Cozad's completed puzzles are displayed in his house or garage; several have gone to his grandkids. But his latest achievement, a panorama of Disney characters, was even bigger than the one featured in my book. It was 40,000 pieces. At about 26 feet long and 6 feet tall, it weighed more than a hundred pounds in the box.

Cozad spent three years on his condo's garage floor interlocking pieces. He sees the effort almost spiritually. "First, I find the correct church for all the pieces, then the correct pew," he said. That's how he explained separating the edges and the colors. He isolates the puzzles by sections, which are then glued together so they can be mounted on a giant board.

One piece of jigsaw history: In 2008, the Ravensburg Puzzle Company in Ravensburger, Germany, hosted a public puzzle event in the city square. Citizens collaborated to assemble an astounding 1,141,800 pieces, a world record for the largest puzzle ever completed!

Great puzzles have unifying ideas to keep the hobbyist interested, but Cozad admitted that it isn't until the puzzle is completed that he can stand back and appreciate all the artistic nuances of the scene. One of his favorites was a black-and-white Civil War scene with Abraham Lincoln featured in the painting. A real toughie because he only had two pews of colors.

"Putting in that last piece is a great accomplishment," says Cozad. But his greatest fear is that as he nears the end of his task, a piece will be missing. "That's why I used to keep my eye on the dog."

David is a big advocate of encouraging kids to take up jigsaw puzzling. "It develops their capacity to concentrate," said Cozad. "An ability that many lack in today's world of video games." Cozad had temporarily retired from this passion of the last 30 years. This was OK with his friends who wanted him to play more golf and cards. "Over the years, they weren't exactly beating down my garage door to help."

Update: Recently, the bug bit him again. He was getting edgy, using some jigsaw lingo. He bought a large puzzle in a bag, just the pieces, but he has no idea what the final scene will be. "I've never attempted anything like this before," he told me.

But it seems only fitting he should do that.



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.

ON CAMPUS

Isabella Brown named to fall 2023 dean's list

Isabella Brown of Indianapolis was named to the fall 2023 dean's list at the University of Dallas for earning a semester GPA of 3.5 or higher. Brown is a junior English major. Undergraduate students at the University of Dallas must complete two years of

fundamental coursework in the humanities, sciences, politics, mathematics, and fine arts. Students must also complete coursework in Ancient Greek, French, German, Italian, Latin, or Spanish.

Never fear; no cicadas here!

GARDENING

By John Chapin

Concern, even minor panic for many gardeners, is heating up about the impressive, but potentially devastating damage, caused by the exceedingly rare, dual emergence of two different cicada broods in late April. Literally billions of the winged insects from Brood XIII, which has a 13-year cycle, and Brood XIX with a 17-year cycle, will emerge from the ground at the same time. The last time the two emergents synced, Thomas Jefferson was president, and it won't happen again for 221 years, so it's definitely a once-in-a-lifetime event!

Although there are other broods across eastern United States that periodically have synced emergences, these two cicada populations happen to make their homes adjacent to each other, with a very small

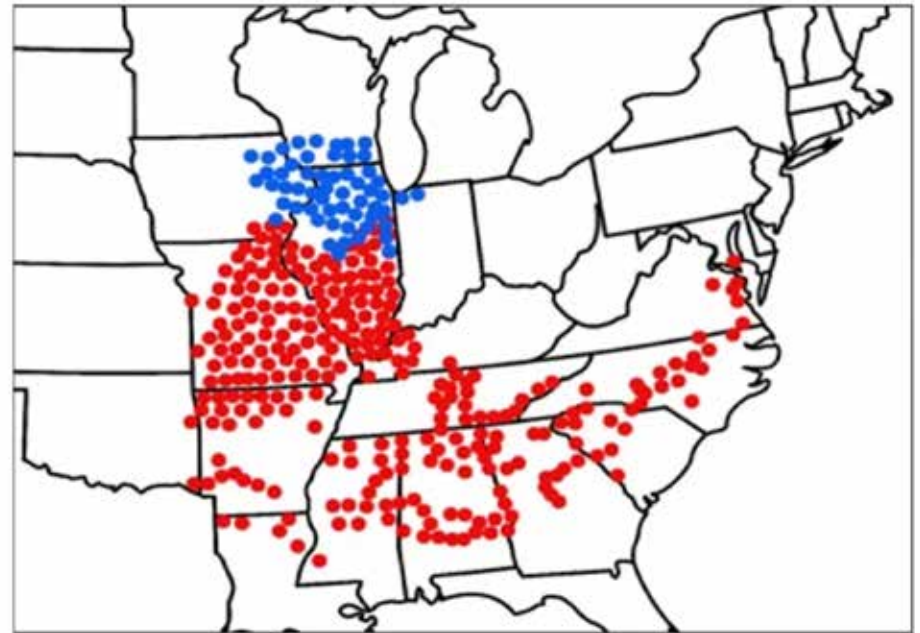
overlap in east-central Illinois. Looking at the map (by Cicada Safari) that shows where the two broods have emerged in the past, one can see that this fascinating event is definitely not going to have any impact at all in Indiana. So, rest assured that fears of cicada damage to gardens and landscapes are misplaced, at least for Hoosiers.

For insect enthusiasts who would like to learn more about this buggy event, Gene Kritsky, a professional entomologist, is the author of "A Tale of Two Broods," published earlier this year.

Happy Gardening!



John Chapin is a retired school teacher and sole proprietor of Chapin Landscaping. He has over 30 years' experience in the landscaping business. Contact him at jchapinlandscaping@gmail.com



How not to look like a tourist

TRAVEL

By Amy Maharas

If you have traveled in other parts of the world, you have certainly seen that person who jumps out as being American – the one wearing the USA T-shirt on a tour or yoga pants in a nice restaurant. There is nothing wrong with dressing comfortably, but if you advertise that you are a tourist, you may find yourself more prone to things like pickpocketing. So here are some tips for how not to look like a tourist:

-Dress comfortably but leave those USA T-shirts and gym wear at home (unless you plan to go to a gym, of course). Yes, people in other parts of the world wear T-shirts and shorts or jeans, and that is perfectly acceptable, but I recommend bringing shirts without logos, not too short shorts, and not too tattered jeans.

-Bring comfortable shoes for walking. Whatever shoes you wear for walking at home are fine. Tennis shoes and sandals are worn all over the world but leave the flip-flops at home unless you are hitting the beach.

-Keep your valuables protected. My dad was recently traveling abroad and had his phone out while standing on a street corner. A bicyclist drove by and swiped the phone out of his hand. Keep hold of your phone and money closely! Over the shoulder purses or fanny packs/belt bags are useful, and if you are in high-traffic areas, a locked bag is a great idea. Personally, I like Travelon bags.

I always say that no matter what I wear, it's going to be obvious that I'm a tourist, but I will do what I can to not stand out in a crowd. Safe travels!



Amy Maharas is a travel planner with Hi Ho Vacations. Contact her at Amy@HiHoVacations.com





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Christian "Chris" Blake

Christian "Chris" Blake, 57, Indianapolis, died March 21, 2024. Survivors: wife, Lea; children, Christian, Stephanie, Sarah, Billie Jo; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild; three brothers; two sisters; nieces, nephews. Visitation: Friday, March 29, 4-8 p.m., G.H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home. Service: Saturday, March 30, 10 a.m., funeral home.

Brandon James Breedlove

Brandon James Breedlove, 27, of Danville, passed away on March 10, 2024. He was born April 11, 1996, and was the only son of Catherine Hester.

Brandon was a 2015 graduate of Danville High School. After high school, he served his country in the U.S. Air Force where he worked as a logistics specialist. He joined the Air Force basketball team, playing until a knee injury ended his tenure with them. He was honorably discharged in 2020, transitioning to logistics in the civilian realm. He last worked for Knight Transportation.

Brandon never knew a stranger; he was outgoing and loved having his picture taken. If you were Brandon's friend, you had most likely taken your turn as his personal photographer for a day. The Indianapolis skyline or a peaceful spot in nature were some of his favorite backdrops. He loved to play basketball, video games, and be with his dog, Pacer, or go on vacation with friends.

Brandon is survived by his mother, Catherine Hester, his uncle Dave and aunt Amber, and his cousins, Christopher Hester and Dakota Haynes. He also leaves behind a bond of brotherhood and friendship with Levi Lewis, Daniel Goodin, Cameron Pittman, and Austin Rexroth. Brandon is predeceased by his grandmother, Ora Mae Hester.

A memorial service was held at Connection Pointe Christian Church in Brownsburg on March 24, 2024.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to one of the charities Brandon was passionate about, either the Wounded Warrior Project or helping Fur The Brand.

William "Mouse" D. Brown

William "Mouse" D. Brown, 73, Indianapolis, died March 21, 2024. Survivors: wife, Sharon; daughter, Heather (Travis) Boyer; sister, Sandy (Mike) Hopper. Predeceased: sister, Sharon Gates; brother-in-law, Larry Gates. Arrangements handled by G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home and Cremation Center.

Doris Kay (Grubbs) Cain

Doris Kay (Grubbs) Cain, 83, Indianapolis, died March 24, 2024. Survivors: children, Vicki (Jim) Little, Robbi Cain, Kipp (Stefanie) Cain and Wendi (Terry) Galuska; granddaughter, Nicole Cain. Visitation: Thursday, March 28, 4-7 p.m. and Friday, March 29, noon to 1 p.m. service. Little & Son Funeral Home Beech Grove Chapel.

Janet "Jan" (Hendricks) Carter

Janet "Jan" (Hendricks) Carter, 74, Indianapolis, died March 18, 2024. Survivors: son, Sean Carter; daughter, Jennifer (Richard) Speer; sisters, Sharon Holland and Sandy Cline; grandsons, Ryan and Riley Speer; one niece; three nephews; four great-nephews and three great-nieces; numerous friends. Predeceased: brother, Rusty. Arrangements handled by G.H. Herrmann Funeral Home.

Shirley Crowe

Shirley Crowe, 45, Richmond, died Friday, March 15, 2024. She was born Aug. 3, 1978, to Dawn "Renee" (Terry) Cooper; she survives. Other survivors include her husband, Mike Crowe; daughter, Samatha Crowe; siblings, Chris (Misty) McGuire and Dana (Mike) Carrell. Arrangements are provided by Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

Frank William Gearlds

Frank William Gearlds, 88, Indianapolis, died March 21, 2024. Survivors: wife, Gladys; son, Rick (Sandy) Gearlds; two grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; five nieces and nephews; extended family. Predeceased: granddaughter, Amber McGuire; siblings, L.D. Gearlds, Ella Monday. Visitation: Thursday, March 28, 11 a.m.-1 p.m., service at 2 p.m., Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

Alma M. Klemm-Ludlow

Alma M. Klemm-Ludlow, 96, Southport, died March 21, 2024. Survivors: two sons, John and Michael Ludlow; and cat, Maggie Louise. She is preceded in death by her husband, Delbert Ludlow; and three siblings. There will be no public services. Arrangements are entrusted to Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

Ilse Lewis

Ilse Lewis, 87, Martinsville, died March 16, 2024. Survivors: children, Kathy (John) Garrison, Werner Lewis, and Nancy Jones; 10 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Predeceased: husband, James; son, Herbert. Arrangements are entrusted to Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

Mark A. Livingston

Mark A. Livingston, 71, Indianapolis, died March 5, 2024. Born June 18, 1952, in Bloomington to the late John and Dorothy Masters Livingston. Survivors: wife, Christine (Summeier); sisters-in-law, Susie and Nancy Livingston; one niece; three nephews. Predeceased: David and John Livingston; sister, Quindria (Bill) Young. O'Riley-Branson Funeral Service and Crematory.

Shellie M. Lowery

Shellie M. Lowery, 89, Indianapolis, died March 19, 2024. Survivors: children, Sherrie Morgan, Audrey Lowery-Neat, David Lowery, Elizabeth Breeding; eight grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews; sister, Anna Mae; brothers, Wendell, Kenneth. Predeceased: husband, Fred; sister, Sarah; brother, Delbert; grandson, Robert Breeding. G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home.

Madge H. Smith

Madge H. Smith, 98, Indianapolis, died March 21, 2024. Survivors: two grandchildren, Kathleen and Austin Smith; nephews, Don, Mike, John, and Scott; nieces, Mary Kathleen, Jamie, and Reesa. Predeceased: husband, Jack Smith; son, John Raymond Smith; five siblings; one nephew; two nieces. G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home.

Omadeen Sargent Stuckey

Omadeen Sargent Stuckey, 98, formerly of Indianapolis, died March 19, 2024. Survivors: daughter, Cyndy (Terry) Nicholson; grandchildren, Jyll (Glen) Hopkins, Sallie (Greg) Huette, Joe (Christina) Nicholson, Emily (Travis) Miller; daughter-in-law, Denise Stuckey; eight great-grandchildren. Services entrusted to Little & Sons, Beech Grove.

Joan Berenese Wilhelm

Joan Berenese Wilhelm, 91, Indianapolis, died March 20, 2024. Survivors: children, Roxann, Bruce, Mark, Mareta, Rex, Sam, Neva, Janelle; 21 grandchildren; 39 great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchild; brother. Predeceased: husband, Wallace "Fred"; children, Alan, Lanette. Visitation: Thursday, March 28, 4-7 p.m., Forest Lawn Funeral Home. Service: Friday, March 29, 11 a.m., funeral home.

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Weekly Devotion



A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

JOHN 13:34

The most exciting time of the year is here! I'm not talking about March Madness. I'm talking about Holy Week! The week began on Palm Sunday, and it ends on Resurrection Sunday, commonly known as Easter! In between these two Sundays we follow Jesus through what is referred to as the Passion of Christ. The Latin word for passion means to suffer. Jesus suffered and died in our place when He was crucified over 2,000 years ago. He entered Jerusalem on a donkey to celebrate Passover. He was received by the masses as king, the prophesized Messiah! He was betrayed by Judas on "Spy Wednesday." On Maundy Thursday He washed the feet of His disciples before leading them in "The Last Supper." Jesus offered the broken bread as his soon to be broken body, and the wine as his blood soon to be shed as the atonement for our sins. On "Good Friday"

Jesus was crucified. As he breathed his final breath the veil separating the Holy of Holies, the earthly place of God's presence, tore from top to bottom. The earth shook, and rocks split. The tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised to life! Between His death and resurrection Jesus went to Hell, preaching to souls already there! Jesus then rose from the grave and ascended to the right hand of God, where He currently prays for intercessions on our behalf. Jesus tells us to follow Him. Jesus leads us to the cross, but it is how we love Jesus, by loving one another, that brings us through the cross into eternal life!

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

Meet Mike Snyder, Hope Academy's math teacher

With a love for people and a knack for mathematics, Hope Academy's new math teacher Mike Snyder brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm to our school community. At Hope Academy, Snyder's mission is to nurture young minds and foster a deep understanding of mathematics. He believes that every mistake in math is a chance for critical thinking and growth, paving the way for success in both academics and life. He enjoys tennis, yoga, and meditation, and is a devoted pet parent to four dogs, a cat, and a snake.



Hope Academy, a recovery high school on the Southside of Indianapolis, welcomes math teacher Mike Snyder. (Submitted photo)

IN OUR SCHOOLS

Roncalli announces ACT Superstars

Roncalli High School is proud to announce that juniors Grace Daming, Christopher Griffin, and Anna Rosario achieved a perfect score on their ACT exams taken in February. The ACT is a standardized test that determines a high school student's preparedness for college. The test covers five areas: math, English, reading, writing, and science. Congratulations to Roncalli's latest ACT superstars who scored the highest possible score on the reading section of their tests.

"These students earned this recognition through years of hard work and dedication. It is a result of their being blessed with intellectual gifts but also combining that with determination and perseverance. This is also a testament to the care and support they received from their families and teachers over the years. We are proud of their journey to achieve these high standards!" said Roncalli Principal Kevin Banich (Roncalli 2009).



Roncalli juniors Grace Daming, Christopher Griffin, and Anna Rosario. (Submitted photo)

IN OUR SCHOOLS

CGHS senior named to 2024 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program

Aarav Agrawal, a graduating senior at Center Grove High School, has been named one of about 5,000 candidates in the **2024 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program**. The candidates were selected from nearly 3.6 million students expected to graduate from U.S. high schools in 2024. Inclusion in the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program is one of the highest honors bestowed upon graduating high school seniors. Scholars are selected on the basis of superior academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character, and involvement in community and school activities. Agrawal is the only student selected for this prestigious program from Center Grove High School. For more information, go to: 2.ed.gov/programs/psp/index.html



Center Grove High School senior Aarav Agrawal. (Submitted photo)

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Honor Guard contributes \$1,000 to VFW Post 5864

The local Honor Guard, made up of Greenwood VFW Post 5864, American Legion Post 252, and New Whiteland VFW Post 6978, donated \$1,000 to Greenwood VFW at the recent post meeting. Eight hundred and fifty dollars (\$850) went to the post's relief fund, and \$150 went to the post's general fund for "free" drinks provided by the post after funerals. The Honor Guard completed 57 funerals in 2023. Commander of the Honor Guard, Bob Tuttle, stated that, "We will continue to make every effort to remain a 100 percent asset to this post."

BUSINESS

Brandi Davis-Handy named president of AES Indiana

The AES Corporation announced the appointment of Brandi Davis-Handy as president of AES Indiana. Davis-Handy most recently served as chief customer officer and has spent eight years of her career with AES in Indiana. "Brandi is a trusted business and community leader," said Ken Zagzebski. "Brandi has demonstrated herself to have a strong grasp of our entire business and has a deep passion for our customers. Her capacity to effectively balance the business, customer, and people sides of our work, and to operate at both the global and local level, will remain a significant asset for AES Indiana and our community." Ken Zagzebski will remain SVP of AES, president of utilities and CEO of AES Indiana. Davis-Handy will be accountable for the utility's budget, advancing the utility's customer experience, growth, regulatory, government affairs, and community impact priorities. "I look forward to working alongside our team to better meet our customers' and communities' needs and expectations as we accelerate the energy transition happening here in Central Indiana and across our state," said Davis-Handy. Born and raised in Indianapolis, Davis-Handy returned in 2005 after working as a journalist in North Carolina. Brandi previously held leadership positions at OneAmerica and Project Lead The Way. Her community involvement is deep and includes serving as chair of the board of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana and GangGang, as well as serving on the boards of the Indiana Energy Association, Indy Chamber, Indiana Sports Corporation, 500 Festival, and the Urban League of Indianapolis.



Brandi Davis-Handy. (Submitted photo)

BUSINESS

JCCF hires Mallory Carnes as communications manager and Joe Morris as executive coordinator

The Johnson County Community Foundation (JCCF) has hired Mallory Carnes to fill the role of communications manager and Joe Morris as executive coordinator. Carnes' role is responsible for the management and execution of communication strategies and to carry out JCCF's mission and goals. Carnes is a 2009 graduate of Franklin College where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in journalism. She previously served the community for 13 years at the City of Franklin parks department as their marketing/communications coordinator. "I'm excited to step into a role where I can not only serve the Franklin community, but all of Johnson County as well," said Carnes. Morris serves as the executive coordinator, where he assists the president and CEO, CFO, and the JCCF leadership team. He has more than 20 years of executive support experience in higher education – most recently at the Pulliam School of Journalism at Franklin College. Morris earned a bachelor's degree in public affairs management from Indiana University and a master's degree in adult and community education and executive development for public service from Ball State University. "Having a communications manager, as well as an executive coordinator on staff to provide assistance, will allow us to take a more proactive role as far as communication strategy and will help us expand our reach throughout the county," said Kim Kasting, president & CEO.



Mallory Carnes. (Submitted photo)



Joe Morris. (Submitted photo)



Sherri Jones, captain of the Honor Guard, with Richard Dennis (right), VFW Post 5864's adjutant, accepting the two checks. (Submitted photo)

ON CAMPUS

Local students named to Mississippi State University's fall 2023 president's list

More than 4,500 students were named to the fall 2023 president's list at Mississippi State University. The following local students are included in this honor: Emily Washam, of Indianapolis & Sadie Morris, of Greenwood

Students on the president's list at Mississippi State achieved a 3.80 or better GPA, based on a 4.0 scale, while completing at least 12 semester hours of coursework with no incomplete grades or grades lower than a C. Some students may not appear on this list as a result of requests for privacy from publication through the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

Dawson Smith named to MSOE dean's list for fall 2023 semester with high honors

Dawson Smith, from Greenwood, was named to the Milwaukee School of Engineering's dean's list with high honors for the 2023 fall semester. Smith is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering. Students taking undergraduate courses who have earned at least 12 credits in residence at MSOE, are in good academic standing, and have a cumulative GPA of 3.20 or higher are on the dean's list. Students on that list who have maintained a 3.70 or higher receive "high honors." Students with a term GPA of 3.20 or higher, who are not on the dean's list, are on the honors list.

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