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# Meet YOUR NEIGHBOR



By Julie Brackemyre

## 1. In what town do you work, and how long have you lived on the Southside of Indy?

I have been retired since December 2018 after working for Alverno Administrative Services (now known as Franciscan Information Services) for 500 months (quickly do that math in your head!), starting out as a mainframe computer operator way back in 1977 while still in school attending IUPUI, moved from Speedway, and have lived in Beech Grove since August 1979. My Aunt Florence and Uncle Russell already lived on Newcomer Lane in Beech Grove and made moving to the area exponentially cool for me!

## 2. Describe your immediate family to us.

I am the oldest of seven and live with my girlfriend Diana. My son Larry and his wife, Katrenna also live in Beech Grove with their two teenage boys Jonathan and Joseph. Both boys will be freshman this next school term; Jonathan at Ball State in Muncie majoring in Business Information Systems and Joseph starting his freshman year at Beech Grove High School.

We have always enjoyed our pet dogs as family too and I would like to recognize them by name and praise them for over 50-years of love and loyal companionship: Mei-Mei, Croner, Sheba, Gretchen, Sascha, Bella, Nessie and Lucy.

## 3. If you do not identify with a certain faith, what inspires you?

Staying busy and being useful are the best ways to lead a satisfying successful life even after retirement. Since retiring, I get the most satisfaction helping in certain situations or volunteering in the community or to others. Traveling, reading, and learning new things are very satisfying and inspiring. Presently, I enjoy being a part of our Beech Grove Drug Free Coalition that Diana Hendricks founded, now in its eighth year. We have been in the school system for years and have been able to provide speakers, education, scholarships, and a myriad of other programs to the young people in Beech Grove and surrounding Southside communities.

## 4. Describe your perfect family outing.

Almost anything to do together, but especially being outside from traveling to hiking and fishing to cooking, and of course perfect weather to complement the situation! I've always enjoyed hosting many of the larger family get-togethers over the years.

## 5. What is your favorite family tradition?

I have always enjoyed Christmas mornings watching everyone, especially the kids, open their presents, then having a "laureled and hearty" breakfast get-together.

# John Parks

Retired from

Franciscan Alliance Information Services



One of my favorites from a Memorial Day birthday celebration for my mom and Aunt Doris. (I'm at the far right in the picture.) (Submitted photo)

## 6. What are three words to describe the reasons you choose to live on the Southside of Indy?

Convenience, comradery, homey

## 7. Ask your youngest child (or spouse or sibling) to describe you.

Everyone is away doing their own thing presently, but I'm sure when available will collectively express nothing but "I'm glad that guy is in my life sentiments" for all the good reasons that I can imagine!

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# Southside Times ICON of the Week

## Diana Hendricks

By Julie Brackemyre

Diana Hendricks is the founder and executive director of Beech Grove Comprehensive Drug-Free Coalition, a youth substance use prevention organization. Hendricks is also the owner of Healthy Lifestyles Center, providing personal training and wellness consulting services. Hendricks received her Bachelor of Science in public health from the University of Indianapolis and is a Certified Health Education Specialist through NCHCEC. She received a Certificate of Personal Training through the exercise science program at Indiana University where she was accepted into the Phi Epsilon Kappa Fraternity. Hendricks received a Community Service Award in recognition for her outstanding

service and dedication to combating substance misuse in Marion County from Drug Free Marion County in March of 2018. Under her leadership, Beech Grove Comprehensive Drug-Free Coalition and its partners were one of 15 organizations to receive international recognition as a Blue Ribbon Coalition in January 2023 for their efforts in reducing underage drinking in the city of Beech Grove. Hendricks and her family reside on the Southside of Indianapolis in the city of Beech Grove. Her family hit a milestone this year with the oldest grandchild's graduation from high school – Granny and Papa are so proud of you, Jonathan and wish you much success at Ball State!

### What do you consider your greatest virtue?

Perseverance. I strive to achieve goals for causes I am passionate about despite difficulties, failures, or opposition.

### What do you most deplore in others?

Lack of empathy for people with physical impairments and mental health disorders.

### What do you like most about working on the Southside of Indy?

The commitment that Southside businesses have for the health and wellbeing of their communities,

### If you had to live anywhere else, where would it be?

I grew up in northwest Indiana along Lake Michigan beaches. The lake is in my soul, so I would love to live along one of the great lakes, especially where I could regularly enjoy the Aurora Borealis.

### If you could begin life over, what would you change?

Honestly, I wouldn't change anything. I have always trusted that God is leading my path and I am right where I am supposed to be.

### If money weren't an issue, where would you spend it?

I would develop an Indiana foundation that would support community centers across the state in implementing programs that would support mental health and the prevention of substance misuse, at low or no cost in support of the wellbeing of our communities and their residents. It does take a community to keep a community healthy for the future of our youth.



### What makes you happiest?

I am happiest when working in my yard designing, planting, and pruning landscape gardens.

### What is your favorite vacation spot?

The state of Utah is among one of my favorite vacation spots with so many outdoor adventures, national parks, and gorgeous scenery.

### What do you do with your idle time?

I like to cook, play with my Mini-Schnauzer Sascha, spend time with loved ones, and do home projects.

### What is it that makes you angry?

Nonconforming computers and cyberspace gremlins ... Ha!

### What do you do to escape from reality?

Take walks, Bible study, mindfulness stress reduction exercise, and gardening.

### What/who is the greatest love of your life?

My night and shining armor, the handsome J Parks.

### What is the quality you most like in a person?

Integrity

### What is your greatest extravagance?

Plants. I love designing and redesigning my landscape gardens.

### Who is the person most influential in your life?

I have been blessed to have many along my life's journey, but my Grandma Hendricks was most influential in my desire to help others live pain-free lives.

### What are your fears/phobias?

MRI machines; too much like a coffin.

### Which talent would you most like to possess?

Playing the harp – it is so angelic and serene.

### What do you most value in your friends?

Honesty, mutual respect, and lots of laughter.

### What is your greatest regret?

Not planning more vacation time to travel.

### What tenet do you live by?

An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.



# A mission to end infant abandonment

*Safe Haven Baby Boxes add new location at Franciscan Health*

By Nancy Hammerstrom

Franciscan Health Indianapolis has recently provided a safe and anonymous place for infants surrendered by mothers who are unable to keep them.

Safe Haven Baby Box at Franciscan's Center for Women in Children has become one of 234 baby box locations in the U.S., with 126 in Indiana, two on the Southside of Indianapolis (the other location is at the Beech Grove EMS Ambulance Station 56), and one at the White River Township Fire Department No. 53 in Center Grove. The Safe Haven Baby Box takes the face-to-face interaction out of the surrender and protects the mother from being seen. The Safe Haven Baby Boxes' nonprofit's primary goal is to raise awareness of the Safe Haven Law, which enables a person to give up an unwanted infant anonymously without fear of arrest or prosecution.

Monica Kelsey, a former firefighter/medic from Woodburn, Ind., started Safe Haven Baby Boxes in 2015 with a goal to end infant abandonment. Since 2017, 49 infants have been safely and legally surrendered in a baby box. Surrendered infants are adopted by families who have registered as foster to adopt, and the local department of family services coordinates the adoption process.

"We are honored to introduce the Safe Haven Baby Box at Franciscan Hospital, a vital resource for mothers in crisis," said Melanie Boosey, manager of labor and delivery, OB, OR, Indianapolis. "By providing an anonymous and safe way for parents to surrender their child, we hope to reduce infant abandonment deaths. Our commitment to Franciscan values of respect for life and compassionate concern drives this initiative."

## Q&A with Monica Kelsey

### What inspired you to start Safe Haven Baby Boxes?

I started Safe Haven Baby Boxes, Inc. after learning I was abandoned as an infant and after seeing a "Baby Box" in operation at a church in Cape Town, South Africa. I have made it my personal mission to educate others on the Safe Haven Law and to do whatever it takes to save the lives of innocent babies from being abandoned.

### Where was the first baby box installation?

We installed the first baby box in my hometown of Woodburn, Ind.

### Please tell us a little about other initiatives either formed from the nonprofit or that the nonprofit has partnered with and why you decided to start and include them.

First and foremost, we have created the crisis hotline, which is truly the workhorse of the organization. We have fielded more than 10,000 calls since its inception in 2017, and along with serving as a helpful counseling tool, we have assisted with more than 150 face-to-face safe surrenders nationwide, 10 adoptions, and several hundred referrals to pregnancy resource centers.



Monica Kelsey. (Photos courtesy of Safe Haven Baby Boxes)

We have also created the Ataya Kaser Memorial Scholarship for senior high school students and undergrads. Ataya Kaser was 14 years old when she was tragically killed in a car accident on Oct. 7, 2018. Ataya was a huge supporter of Safe Haven Baby Boxes, attending events with her mother who is a Safe Haven Baby Box volunteer. She was most fascinated by our purse bingo fundraisers and wanted to start volunteering to help with them when she turned 18. We give out an annual award, and since its beginning in 2020, we have awarded more than \$15,000, and we will be giving an award to the lucky recipient this year of \$5,000. This is a helpful way of raising safe haven education amongst our younger students and spreading the word further.

### Why would you encourage women who are pregnant and unable to keep their child to surrender their infant to a baby box?

The majority of parents in crisis who call our hotline are calling very late in their pregnancy or have just given birth. Our priority is finding a safe option for both mother and baby. Usually, the safest option at that time would be to figure out a way to keep the mother with the baby if that is a possibility. If not, then we would

recommend an adoption plan first. We would advise safe surrender and the Safe Haven Baby Boxes as a last resort option. Ultimately, we are only there to provide them with the tools, not to force them to choose a specific one. Our mission is to walk with the birth parent no matter which one of the resources they choose.

### Please explain why the baby boxes are safe places to surrender an infant.

The Safe Haven Baby Box is electronically monitored to call 911 as soon as the door is open. Once a baby is placed in the box the box locks. It also contains three separate silent alarms that notify personnel through 911 dispatch and inside the fire house immediately. The baby is completely safe and is retrieved within two minutes on average.

### Are there any short- or long-term goals for Safe Haven?

Our ultimate goal is and always has been to eliminate infant abandonment in this country. So wherever Christ leads us, that is where we will go.

### Is there anything else you'd like to share with our readers?

If anyone is reading or listening to this that needs to know what resources are available in their area, they can call our National Crisis Hotline for all their resources in their area. That number is 1-866-99BABY1

**For more information about Safe Haven Baby Boxes, go to [shbb.org](http://shbb.org) or contact Kelsey at [monicakelsey@safehavenbabyboxes.com](mailto:monicakelsey@safehavenbabyboxes.com).**



Father Vincent Onunkwo blesses the Safe Haven Baby Box at Franciscan Health Indianapolis during a ceremony on Thursday, June 6. (Photo courtesy of Franciscan Health Indianapolis)



The Safe Haven Baby Box was made possible by the generosity of Nanci and Carney Likens from Indianapolis. (Photo courtesy of Franciscan Health Indianapolis)

# Bob Rohrman's **INDY** **HONDA**

## Roncalli senior takes home two Marion County track and field championships

Roncalli senior Seth Brousseau is a double Marion County Champion for track & field. In his first event of the tournament, he threw 176'0 in the discus to take home the gold. Brousseau then competed in the shot put, where he threw 61'6 to solidify his spot at the top of the podium. Along with his two Marion County titles, Brousseau now also holds the school records for both the discus and shot put at Roncalli. Julie Albertson, Roncalli's assistant track coach, had this to share about Brousseau's success, "Seth is a fierce competitor who understands what it takes to be one of the best at the shot put and discus. Earning the title of Marion County Champion in both throwing events is an impressive feat. He has been an amazing athlete to coach and is an even better young man."



Sean Brousseau. (Submitted photo)

## Roncalli athletes to compete collegiately

Five Roncalli High School senior athletes gathered to recognize their intent to compete collegiately on May 15.

Ally Cissell signed with Marian University (Indianapolis) under coach Allie Storke-Sneed to join the women's lacrosse team. She was a four-year varsity player and the recipient of the leadership, sportsmanship, and athlete of the year awards. Cissell plans to study nursing and is the daughter of Jenny and Jimmy Cissell. They are members of Saints Francis and Clare Catholic Church.

Madelyn Endris committed to cheerleading at Indiana University Indianapolis (Indianapolis) under coach Ashley Moeller. Endris was an eight-season cheerleader, a three-time MVC (most valuable cheerleader) and the leadership award recipient. She plans to study forensic science and is the daughter of Jeen and Brad Endris. They are members of St. Barnabas Catholic Church.

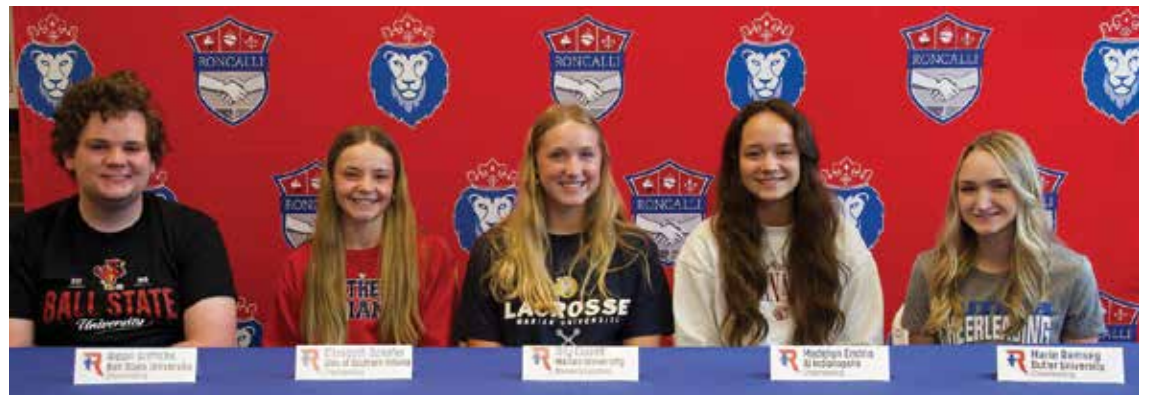
Aidan Griffiths signed with Ball State University (Muncie, Ind.) to cheerleading under coach Wendy Richards. He plans to study film and media and is the

son of Jo and Evan Griffiths. They are members of Saints Francis and Clare Catholic Church.

Marie Ramsey committed to cheerleading at Butler University (Indianapolis) under coach Brenda Jamerson. Ramsey plans to study kinesiology. Her parents are Sherry and Brian Ramsey, and they are members of St. Jude Catholic Church.

Elizabeth Schafer signed with the University of Southern Indiana (Evansville, Ind.) under coach Megan Ringer for cheerleading. Schafer's gymnastics team was regional qualifiers in 2022, and she was academic all-state, two-time state qualifier, four-time regional qualifier, two-time MVP, three-time sportsmanship, four-year varsity gymnast and a three-season varsity cheerleader. Schafer plans to study health services and is the daughter of Carrie and Tony Schafer. They are members of Holy Name Catholic Church.

Roncalli athletic director David Lauck (Roncalli 1994) had this to say, "Congrats to our Royal athletes committing to further their academic and athletic futures. Thanks for all of your efforts at Roncalli and best of luck."



From left to right: Aidan Griffiths, Elizabeth Schafer, Ally Cissell, Madelyn Endris, and Marie Ramsey. (Submitted photo)



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# Single women own more homes than single men

## REAL ESTATE

By Dawn Whalen

Whalen Realty Group at F.C. Tucker Company

According to a study by Lending Tree, single women in Indiana own over 12 percent of homes, while single men own more than 10 percent. This aligns with the national trend, where single women own 10.95 million homes (12.93 percent) and single men own 8.24 million homes (10.22 percent). Some of the factors leading to this trend include, but are not limited to:

- **Willingness to sacrifice:** Evidence suggests that single women are more willing than men to sacrifice to become homeowners. This determination often translates into diligent saving and prioritizing homeownership over other expenses.

- **Earnings among younger women:** Research from the Pew Research Center indicates that although women still earn less than men in some regions and industries, this trend is shifting among younger generations. In some cases, younger women earn similar or even higher wages than men. This financial trend, coupled with a stronger inclination toward homeownership, significantly contributes to the rising rate of single women purchasing homes.

- **Longevity and widowhood:** Homeownership isn't just for the young. Women typically live longer and are more likely to report being widowed than men. As a result, some women who are now single homeowners may have initially purchased the home with a spouse they have since outlived. This helps explain why single-women homeowners may be older than their single-men counterparts.

### Tips for homebuyers

Although single women are slightly more likely to own a home than single men, the process of buying a house can still be challenging, especially if it's a first home. The following tips can help any potential homebuyer navigate the process journey smoothly.

- **Compare mortgage lenders:** Before purchasing a home, shop around

for a mortgage lender. Different lenders may offer varying rates to the same borrower. Since a lower interest rate can reduce the monthly payment and make homeownership more affordable, it's crucial to compare options. This step can be particularly beneficial for budget-conscious and first-time buyers.

- **Understand finances:** Sit down and calculate monthly finances and how much can be budgeted toward a monthly mortgage, plus taxes and insurance. If calculations show that managing the bills may be a struggle it may be a good idea to look for a home within a different price range or hold off a little longer until the finances are more stable.

- **Buyers' rights:** It's illegal for lenders or sellers to discriminate against any buyer based on gender. Anyone who feels they've faced discrimination can file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or contact the local housing and human rights commissions for assistance.

- **Use an expert:** Using an experienced and knowledgeable Realtor can make a big difference in the homebuying process. These professionals can find properties that fit the budget, offer advice on increasing credit ratings, explain the impact a down payment has on monthly mortgage payments, and much more.

The trend of single women owning more homes than single men is a significant shift in the real estate landscape driven by several economic and societal factors. While this trend highlights women's strides in financial independence and homeownership, it also underscores the importance of understanding real estate trends and the market.



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### IMCU donates \$10,000 to BGMS student-run business

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(Submitted photo)

### Inaugural golf scramble to benefit WeB4Me Enterprises

Introducing WeB4Me Enterprises: Empowering Students Through "Real World" Learning Experiences. WeB4Me Enterprises is more than just a student-run business – it's a platform for fostering the development of business awareness, entrepreneurial spirit, and 21st-century employability skills. Our vision is clear: to provide students with an authentic, hands-on learning experience that prepares them for success in the dynamic world of business. The inaugural golf scramble to benefit the business will be held July 11 at 8 a.m. at Sarah Shank Golf Course. The cost is \$85 per person. More details will be available soon.

### Greenwood resident starts petition to extend duration of green light at Smith Valley Road and State Road 135

Colt Duke, a concerned resident, has started a petition on Change.org calling for transportation authorities to extend the duration of the green light at the intersection of Smith Valley and 135. In a short span of time, Colt's petition has garnered over 500 signatures, highlighting the widespread frustration and concern among residents. Residents like Holly Hershberger have emphasized that the light persists for merely two seconds, resulting in significant traffic congestion. She suggests considering alternate routes, particularly during the hours of 3-6 p.m. Another petition signer, Harold Ducote, points out that during peak times, only six cars are able to pass through the intersection before the light turns, causing problematic and slow traffic flow from 3-7 p.m. on weekdays. Anjanette Dusold emphasizes the need for change in multiple lights across Greenwood. She highlights the dangerous situation where people risk their lives by going through yellow and red lights. She believes extending the green light duration at the Smith Valley and 135 intersection is just one step toward accommodating traffic flow and ensuring safety. View the petition at [change.org/GreenwoodGreenLight](https://change.org/GreenwoodGreenLight).

# Celebrating Independence Day on the Southside

*A guide to local parades, fairs, festivals, and fireworks*



## BEECH GROVE

*All American Day in the Park*

**Wednesday, July 3, 5:30-11 p.m.;** food, music, and fun at 5:30 p.m.; fireworks at approximately 10 p.m.

**Sarah T. Bolton Park, 1300 Churchman Ave., Beech Grove**

The Beech Grove Promoters Club invites everyone to the unforgettable Beech Grove Fireworks 2024 All American Day in the Park event! Guests can immerse themselves in an exciting atmosphere filled with lively music, delicious food, and entertaining games. As the sun sets, a spectacular fireworks display launched from within the park will dazzle attendees. The event is free to attend. For more information go to [bgpromoters.org](http://bgpromoters.org)/fireworks.

## FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

*Marion County Fair's Opening Night Fireworks Show*

**Friday, June 28, 9:30-10 p.m.**

**Marion County Fairgrounds, 7300 E. Troy Ave., Indianapolis**

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## GREENWOOD

*Greenwood Freedom Festival*

**Saturday, June 29, parade begins at 4 p.m.;** The Big 80s performs from 5:30-7 p.m., followed by The Flying Toasters

**from 8-10 p.m.;** Star Spangled Banner/ Retire the Flag from 10-10:15 p.m. festival ends after the K.O.R.N. Country 100.3 Musical Fireworks Blast Off at 10:15 p.m.

**Craig Park, 10 E. Smith Valley Road, Greenwood**

As Greenwood's marquee community event, Freedom Festival draws more than 50,000 people to Craig Park every summer to celebrate the American Spirit with a parade, food, drinks, music, kid zone, and fireworks. For more information, visit [greenwood.in.gov/festival](http://greenwood.in.gov/festival).

## SOUTHPORT

*Southport Independence Day Celebration & Parade*

**Saturday, June 29, starts at 10 a.m.;** parade begins at 10:30 a.m.; festival to follow.

**City of Southport, 6901 Derbyshire Road, Southport**

Southport's annual Independence Day parade and celebration. For more information, visit: [southport.in.gov](http://southport.in.gov).

\*Marion County Fireworks Ordinance Consumer fireworks – using, igniting, or discharging limited to the following dates and times:

- On June 28 through July 3, between the hours of 5 p.m. and two hours after sunset
- On July 4, between the hours of 10 a.m. and midnight
- On July 5-9, between the hours of 5 p.m. and two hours after sunset

Under Indiana law, you must be at least 18 years old to buy fireworks, and someone who is at least 18 years or older must be present when fireworks are being set off.

## DAR's Samuel Bryan Chapter recognizes Beech Grove Hornets JROTC

The Samuel Bryan Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, recognized the Beech Grove High School's Army JROTC unit at their evening award ceremony on May 8. The program hosts quality competitions to motivate cadets and demonstrates the ultimate model of diversity, along with training for a pathway to the military. Outstanding cadet Katerina Purkhiser was chosen based on the DAR criteria of cadets

demonstrating loyalty and patriotism and earned a record of military and scholastic achievement during her participation in the program. In addition, she qualified by being in the upper 25% of her classes in JROTC and in academic subjects. Cadets must also have shown qualities of dependability and good character, adherence to military discipline, leadership ability, and a fundamental and patriotic

understanding of the importance of JROTC training. The chapter's sincerest congratulations were sent to Cadet Purkhiser with her certificate and bronze medal. The chapter recognized the hard work the unit Color Guard accomplishes

each year with their multiple flag presentations inside and outside of school. The color guard members all received an appreciation certificate, along with a flag design military ribbon to wear on their uniforms. A farewell

gift to all JROTC graduating seniors was presented by the chapter regent, Patricia Moy: a shadow box to display their many medals and awards earned while in high school. For DAR membership inquiries and other questions about the Samuel Bryan Chapter, contact them by emailing at [samuelbryanchapterdar@gmail.com](mailto:samuelbryanchapterdar@gmail.com). Their website is [samuelbryanchapterdar.org](http://samuelbryanchapterdar.org).



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## LOCAL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

By Julie Brackemyre

### 1. How many years has Studio YOU been in business, and what inspired you to start/purchase/work with this business?

Studio YOU has been in business since 2013. I purchased the business in 2017. The opportunity came up, and I took it. I have been a yoga instructor at Studio YOU since 2014, and then I became a manager, and the previous owner asked if I'd like to purchase it, and I did.

### 2. Are you the original owner?

No.

### 3. Describe your typical workday.

I usually go straight into work Monday through Friday, unless I go to a business meeting first. It helps to start your day with yoga, so I usually start my day teaching and practicing yoga. I'll teach some private and group classes. The rest of the day is spent connecting with clients, checking schedules, etc., but every day is different.

### 4. What inspires your work, and what sets you apart from everyone else?

My passion is to help people to get better with themselves, so it's a rewarding job for me. When I see people benefit from yoga, it

makes me very happy and feel fulfilled. This is what I get to do every day: inspire people and feel better about themselves.

### 5. If you could go back to the beginning knowing what you know now, what would you have done differently?

I would hire a yoga business coach. When I first purchased it, I knew about yoga but not about the business side of it. I've learned a lot in the past seven years, but hiring a coach would help a lot at the beginning.

### 6. What's your best advice for someone who wants to start their own business?

Make sure you are willing to put 100% of your energy into the business. Meaning, you have to be willing to sacrifice a lot. A lot of your time, a lot of everything. It's not easy to start your business. It takes time to grow, you have to set a goal, and to achieve that goal, it takes time.

### Check out the owner:

**Name:** Chia Chu  
**Occupation:** Owner, Studio YOU  
**Website:** [studioyouyoga.com](http://studioyouyoga.com)

### 1. How long have you worked with Studio YOU? Tell me a little about your

### background and how you developed your skill set.

I started as a yoga instructor in 2014, and then purchased Studio YOU in 2017. I'm originally from Taiwan, started practicing yoga in Taiwan about 20 years ago, and moved to the United States 14 years ago. I love it, I never skipped a class, and back in Taiwan, I studied with teachers from India, and Taiwan, and it just makes me feel great inside. I moved to the United States and did yoga training in Indianapolis, and became certified.

### 2. What has been your biggest success to date, and what has been your biggest challenge?

**Biggest success:** Two years ago, I ran the studio's first yoga retreat in Mexico. That was one of my dreams when I took over the studio. It was a dream come true for me. To travel, and do what you love, and teach yoga.

**Biggest challenge:** When COVID hit, it was a very challenging time being a business owner. It was very hard, but I got through it.

### 3. What inspires you to hit the ground running each morning?

My father inspires me – he also owns his own business, so I have watched him

since I was young, he works very hard, and that inspires me to never want to give up. Meditation helps me to get in the right mindset as well.

### 4. Tell me some of your hobbies, outside of working for Studio YOU.

Beside doing yoga, I love to move my body, so I like to work out, walk, and recently I have been taking swim lessons and now I love swimming. If I have time, I love to travel, see different cultures, and eat different food. I have a dog, so I take walks with him and hang out with him.

### 5. What's an interesting fact about your business that most people don't know?

Studio YOU doesn't just have yoga classes, but it offers massages as well. We also have a boutique shop at the front desk: we sell unique items, mostly yoga-related, and some women's clothes.

### 6. What's an interesting fact about you that most people don't know?

I also speak Mandarin Chinese. I don't have many opportunities to speak Chinese, but I do speak it.



(Submitted photos)



# Why all the subscriptions in tech?

By Chet Cromer

Amazon Prime. Netflix. QuickBooks Online. Subscriptions, subscriptions, subscriptions. It seems like almost every software package out there now has a subscription plan associated with it. Some of them make perfect sense – they provide us with fresh new content or service every time we use them, and the month-by-month fees make that economical. Others seemingly don't. ... Why do I need a subscription for my budgeting software? My Microsoft Office product? Or, as I read in an article this week, my John Deere tractor's computer!?

As much as subscriptions' services may seem like a trend we'd like to see disappear, they aren't going anywhere. As technology continues to move to the cloud, the software and tools we use on our computers are becoming increasingly decentralized. That Office product you use every day? It has features that allow you to edit your files from anywhere and collaborate with your colleagues in real time, and that's all in the cloud. That budgeting software that's so conveniently available on your computer AND your mobile devices? You guessed it ... cloud. And that John Deere tractor computer ... well, I'm not sure about that one, and it looks like farmers and lawyers aren't either.

The subscription business model has been a big win for software companies. Once you have a customer hooked on a small fee, they're less likely to drop it down the road. It's easier to get them to upgrade since you're not asking them for a large expense every few years. And all

those servers and staff that make cloud operations possible? They're no longer a capital expense that you have to figure out how to overhaul every few years – your budget for improvements is built right into your scalable monthly service fees.

Subscriptions are not going away. While we'd all like to buy a copy of Microsoft Office off the shelf and not have to pay for it again for five years, we'd be missing out on many of the features and conveniences that we've come to appreciate and count on, even if we don't realize it. Many subscription models do offer business plans that allow you to mix and match levels of service with a fluctuating team as well, so it's a good idea to think ahead as you engage with these new types of service fees.

Our advice? Look at your business, your team, and your environment. Find the packages that suit you well and that will propel you forward effectively. If it costs an extra 10-15% to move to a subscription model that allows you to use software on all your devices and on the road, it may be worth it. Don't try to cheat the system, but don't let it abuse you, either. Take advantage of features to simplify and take your data with you wherever you want to go with it.



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## JCBank named a Five Star Member of the IBA

JCBank has been honored as a Five Star Member of the Indiana Bankers Association. The award was presented on April 1 by Dax Denton, IBA chief policy officer, in recognition of JCBank's Association involvement throughout 2023. The Five Star Member designation recognizes those IBA-member banks that demonstrate outstanding commitment to the association in five areas: political awareness, issues advocacy, lifelong learning, IBA volunteerism, and preferred service provider utilization. The Indiana Bankers Association supports Indiana banking through issues analysis, professional education, and products and services that enhance member banks' ability to serve their communities.



Displaying JCBank's Five Star Member award are, from left to right: Peymon Torabi, Dan Anderson, Melodie Yarnell, Andy Applewhite, Dax Denton, Marvin Veatch, Mary Jaynes, Curtis Miller, and Jeff Nolting. (Submitted photo)

## IndyFringe names longtime Indiana arts leader as new executive director

The IndyFringe Theatre board of directors has announced that highly regarded central Indiana arts leader Paul C. Daily will take over leadership of the organization on June 3. The announcement comes on the heels of news that the previous executive director, Dr. Jennifer Cooper, has been selected as the new executive director for the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir. A Hoosier native who earned a Bachelor of Arts in theatre and drama and a Master of Fine Arts in directing from Indiana University, Daily was already an award-winning actor and co-founder of an award-winning Off-Off-Broadway theatre company in New York City when Ivy Tech enticed him to return to his home state in 2010. Daily became artistic director of Ivy Tech's John Waldron Arts Center in 2010, and in 2014 was the founding dean of its School of Fine Arts. Since leaving Ivy Tech in 2020, Daily has worked with Bloomington Playwrights Project and taught theatre classes for high school and college students.



Paul C. Daily. (Submitted photo)



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## There's an old adage in my business: "Sell in May and go away."

By Jeff Binkley

Recently all three of the broadly followed market indices set new record highs. So does that mean it's time to start taking profits and moving some of your portfolio to cash?

I've been doing this for over 30 years now. "This" being educating and coaching investors on markets and stock picking and portfolio management. One thing I've learned in those 30 years is that with so much historical data available, you can find support for just about anything you want to believe. Kind of like what has happened since the invention of the internet and the vast amounts of data and information and diverse opinions now available to all via a touch of their fingertips. (Did you know that there remains a movement to convince us all that the world is flat? And they have plenty of information from the internet to prove it.)

You'll convince me that having so much information and data available is a bad thing. But it must be used wisely.

Ironically, having fingertip access to so much information means we have to be much more discriminating in how we consume and use it.

Yes, I said it. And I expect to shortly have a "Cancel Binkley Movement" show up in my email very soon. "Binkley promotes discrimination!"

I do. I promote and encourage the discrimination of the data and opinion we are bombarded with every day. Being discriminatory is imperative in our information society. Now hear me out before you rip out my column and use it to light the charcoal of your next barbecue.

One of the definitions for discrimination is:

**The ability or power to see or make fine distinctions; discernment.**

(The American Heritage® Dictionary of the English Language, 5th Edition)

Being discriminatory in our society is thought to be a mark of ignorance and prejudice ... when used against a person or race or gender or lifestyle choice. And

it absolutely is. We should never, ever discriminate on race or gender or lifestyle choice. We are the land of freedom. Let freedom reign.

But we MUST be discriminatory when it comes to accepting or rejecting the information we are bombarded with. We must retain, encourage, and strengthen our "ability and power to discern" what is factual from what is false, all while remaining open to consider opinions and data that differ from our understanding of the data or viewpoints different from ours.

This column is about financial matters. One of my purposes in writing it these past 14 years has been to educate and encourage you, dear reader, to continue to educate yourself on financial matters.

You must be discriminatory. For if you choose to only follow conventional wisdom, which so often turns out to be neither conventional nor wise, you, like so many others, may continue to fall into the trap that de Tocqueville warned America about almost 200 years ago:

**"In the United States, the majority undertakes to supply a multitude of ready-made opinions for the use of individuals, who are thus relieved from the necessity of forming opinions of their own."**

Alexis de Tocqueville, "Democracy in America: Volume II" (1840)

Form your own opinions. Be informed by others and open to hearing their opinions ... but form your own. Your portfolio will benefit from it.

As for selling in May and going away ... what do YOU think?



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### GRAND OPENING

## Stock Yards Bank & Trust opens Greenwood location

Aspire Chamber + Economic Development, Greenwood Mayor Mark Myers, and Stock Yards Bank & Trust joined forces on June 3 to celebrate the opening of the bank's newest location in Greenwood. Stock Yards Bank & Trust is growing rapidly in central Indiana and this new branch is the fifth in the area, allowing the bank to serve more customers and expand its team. "Stock Yards Bank & Trust is proud to open this new location to better serve our clients and build stronger relationships in the Greenwood area," said Paula Moan, market president, Stock Yards Bank & Trust. "Stock Yards is dedicated to the customers we serve and the communities where we operate."

Johnson County, home of the new Stock Yards location, continues to grow. Since 2010, the county has increased its population by over 27,000 residents and the city of Greenwood increased its population by more than 14,000 residents between 2010 and 2020, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The new branch for Stock Yards will allow the bank to better serve the residents of this growing community and beyond. The city of

Greenwood Mayor Mark Myers joined the chamber team and Stock Yards Bank & Trust to celebrate the growth in Greenwood.

"We are excited to celebrate Stock Yards' expansion in Greenwood. We know that Greenwood is a great place for businesses, and we can't wait to see Stock Yards' growth in our amazing city," said Mayor Myers. "Stock Yards is a great community partner, and we look forward to collaboratively supporting our residents."

The new bank location provides a new



Stock Yards Bank & Trust partners with Greenwood Mayor and Aspire Economic Development + Chamber for a welcome celebration. (Submitted photo)

home for the smaller branch previously located in the area to expand and serve additional customers. After acquiring the Emerson Pointe building, the bank refreshed the space to serve its needs to provide an inviting

space for clients and staff. Stock Yards is rapidly growing and expanding its staffing in the region. In addition to the Emerson Pointe branch, another Johnson County location is expected to open in November in Center Grove. In addition to customer

relationships, Stock Yards is dedicated to improving local communities through philanthropy and volunteerism. Recently, Stock Yards sponsored the "Dash by the Past" 5k race in partnership with St. Margaret's Hospital Guild in Indianapolis; proceeds benefited mental health care training at Eskenazi Health. The bank also regularly supports the Martindale Brightwood Community Development Corporation, which is bringing new life through housing, economic development, and community education in the Martindale-Brightwood neighborhood of Indianapolis. Stock Yards, a bank that began in 1904 in Louisville, Ky., to serve the area's livestock industry, has grown to over 70 branches throughout Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana. While the bank has grown tremendously, personalized service remains the community bank's priority and builds long-lasting customer relationships.

The new branch location at 1280 N. Emerson Ave., Greenwood, IN 46143 in the Emerson Pointe shopping center, features modern elements, and a welcoming atmosphere for bank customers and community members.



## BUSINESS LEADERS

## A new perspective

By Susan Rozzi

I am trying to make a decision. What should I do? I have a few options

1. Remain stuck in my indecisiveness.
2. Keep working on the process of making the decision.
3. Wait and see if someone else makes the decision for me.
4. Dream about possibilities and hope the decision meets all my expectations.
5. Analyze why I am at this decision point.

I still need to decide.

What should I do?

I give myself one week to broaden my perspective and then decide.

Perspective in leadership refers to the ability of a leader to consider multiple viewpoints and understand various factors influencing a situation or decision. It involves the capacity to see beyond one's own experiences, biases, and preferences, and to take into account the diverse perspectives of others.

Here are a few questions I asked myself to broaden my perspective:

**Am I understanding and empathic to everyone involved?** Effective leaders with perspective strive to understand and empathize with the viewpoints, needs, and concerns of their team members, the organization, stakeholders, and the broader community. They recognize that everyone brings unique experiences and insights to the table.

**Am I being open-minded?** Leaders with perspective value diverse opinions and are open to new ideas. They encourage different perspectives and foster an inclusive and collaborative environment where individuals feel safe to express their thoughts and challenge existing norms.

**Am I thinking holistically?** Leaders with perspective adopt a holistic approach to problem-solving and decision-making. They consider the long-term consequences and broader implications of their actions, taking into account the interests of various stakeholders and the impact on different aspects of the organization or community. They can express how a decision will impact each person on their team and those they work closely with.

**Am I willing to learn and grow?**

Leaders with perspective continuously seek knowledge and learning opportunities. They remain curious, seek feedback, and are open to personal and professional growth. They push beyond their role, their community, and their industry for ideas. This mindset allows them to broaden their perspectives and adapt to evolving challenges.

**Am I aligning to a strategic vision?**

Perspective in leadership involves the ability to see the bigger picture and envision a desirable future. Leaders with perspective align their actions and decisions with the organization's mission, values, and long-term goals while adapting to changing circumstances and emerging trends.

Here's what I discovered:

- I have put too much weight into understanding and being empathic to everyone involved. My default is to sacrifice my needs for the good of the team or the organization. That's not best for this particular decision.
- I have been open-minded to the point of being overwhelmed with ideas. No more ideas.
- I was thinking too much about the short-term impact on myself, my team, and the organization. I need to be focused on the long-term goals of the organization, my team, and me. [Note: the order is important.]
- I received some of the best feedback of my life from a very wise friend who has known me for 25 plus years. It was brutally honest and stung a bit. Yet, it shifted everything about the focus of the decision.
- The decision is stuck because I am looking for an IDEAL. Nothing in life is ideal.

So, what do I do?

I picked the good enough solution and am trusting I can handle the unintended consequences.

What decision are you facing which could use a broader perspective?



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## First Financial launches book drive for Indianapolis organizations

First Financial Bank (Nasdaq: FFBC) launched a book drive at its locations in the greater Indianapolis area, with the goal of contributing to improved financial literacy in the community. Books about personal finance and other subjects were dropped in specially marked bins in all of First Financial's more than 10 locations in Indianapolis and central Indiana in May. Members of the community joined the effort. At the end of the campaign, First Financial



(Submitted photo)

associates delivered the books to local organizations such as schools, libraries, and nonprofits in the community. First Financial also offers financial wellness tools and resources online at [bankatfirst.com](http://bankatfirst.com). The book drive is the latest example of First Financial's work to help local communities. The bank and its associates gave more than \$4 million and 14,000 volunteer hours throughout its four-state footprint in 2023. Earlier this year, First Financial also announced a new Community Benefits Agreement in which it committed to \$2.4 billion in lending and investments to low- and moderate-income clients and census tracts from 2024-2028.

## Tomorrow Realty welcomes Lanny Apple



Lanny Apple. (Submitted photo)

Judy Hoeping and Adrian Pearce of Tomorrow Realty, Inc. would like to welcome Lanny Apple. Apple is an Indianapolis native who graduated from Purdue University. Apple is married to Elaine, and they have raised two sons. Apple is a real estate agent and is available to assist you with all of your home buying, selling or building needs. His goal is to help families find the home that meets their dreams. Apple can be reached at 317-903-9595 or by email at [lapple5169@gmail.com](mailto:lapple5169@gmail.com).

## Guffin elected secretary/treasurer of IFDA

Executive Director of the Indiana Funeral Directors Association, Andy Clayton, has announced that Greg Guffin will be installed as the next secretary/treasurer of the IFDA, effective June 1, 2024. Locally, Greg is the general manager of Carlisle – Branson Funeral Service & Crematory and O'Riley – Branson Funeral Service & Crematory. Guffin has been involved as an IFDA member, most recently serving as the District 7 director. He became a licensed funeral director and embalmer in 1997, and after working in Indianapolis for 21 years, Guffin joined the staff at Carlisle – Branson in 2017. Greg and his wife, Codie, are parents to Bethanie and Jacob and grandparents to Kenslie Mae.



Greg Guffin. (Submitted photo)

The Indiana Funeral Directors Association was founded in 1880 by 47 charter members. Today IFDA has grown to over 480 member firms. Headquartered in Indianapolis, IFDA provides membership services and continuing education opportunities throughout the state.

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## Southside Educator of the Month

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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](mailto:nancyh@icontimes.com). Congratulations to this month's nominated educator of the month: **Jayme Piersall**, Southport Elementary School.

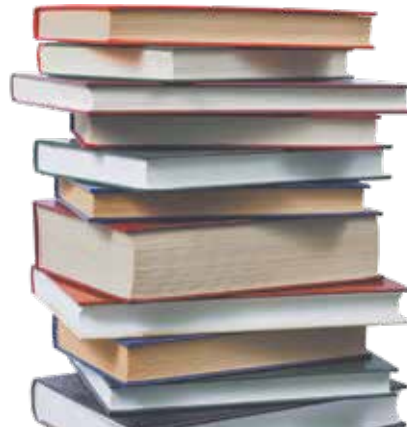


### Jayme Piersall

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Jayme Piersall is Perry Township Schools' 2023-24 District Teacher of the Year. Piersall shows up, does what is expected of her, and SO much more, and then spends her evenings bettering herself each and every day to help her students grow both academically AND socially/emotionally.

\*Nominated by Perry Township Schools



## Hope Academy High School celebrates the Class of 2024

*Indianapolis area high school students in recovery from substance use disorder graduate from Indiana's only recovery high school during Hope Academy's 18th Commencement*

On Saturday, May 18, Hope Academy, Indiana's only recovery high school, celebrated its 18th Commencement at the Christel DeHaan Fine Arts Center on the campus of the University of Indianapolis. During the ceremony, three graduates were honored for their academic and recovery achievements. Graduates of the Hope Academy Class of 2024 included Hannah Fox, De'Shaune Howard, and Jacob "PJ" St. James. Fox will attend Aveda Fredric's Institute to study

cosmetology, Howard will attend Ivy Tech to study business, and St. James will attend Ball State University to study meteorology. Guest speakers at commencement included Caitlin Rhodes, serving as the alumni speaker, Will Forman, serving as the ceremony's voice of recovery, and Dr. Jim Meacham, serving as the keynote speaker. Fox received the Dr. Sig Zielke Scholarship for \$500, St. James received Simon Youth Foundation Scholarships valued at \$23,000, and De'Shaune Howard received a Simon Youth Foundation Scholarship valued at \$5,000 as well as The Jim Barnes Scholarship for \$1,000. Each graduate shared remarks from the podium and personally thanked someone who helped them get to graduation day.



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# Caps off to Center Grove grads

Celebrate the graduating Class of 2024 by getting to know the top of the class



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**Valedictorian:** Ellen Nguyen

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**Future education:** Purdue University

**Intended major:** Aerospace Engineering

**Extracurriculars/hobbies:** I participated in cross country all four years in terms of sports. As for clubs, I was the all-student body secretary of student government, the president of math NHS, and a member of both Spanish and regular NHS. I spent a lot of my time playing the flute both in band class and outside of it such as at ISSMA competitions, lessons, and allstate band. I spent almost every Sunday at my church volunteering with preschoolers and first graders during the school year. I also volunteered at the Trafalgar Library on Thursdays. I enjoy reading, spending time with friends, and trying new foods in my free time.

**What piece of advice would you give underclassmen?** I would tell underclassmen to enjoy the little things because as everyone says, high school goes by in a flash, so enjoy it. I would also emphasize everything you do should be because you love and enjoy it because it makes all your accomplishments and successes so much more meaningful when you aren't doing it to please or impress others.

**What talent would you most like to possess?** I would say I wish to possess the talent to not care about what everyone thinks, but since we are all guilty of that, I would like to choose a simpler talent, knowing how to cook and bake. I find making food and desserts so relaxing and relieving of the anxieties of everyday life, plus you get something yummy at the end.

**In 50 years, suppose you were to write a book. What would the title be?** I think I would call the book "Don't Miss It" because I feel that a lot of my high school experience, I spent stressing over the little things and missed the good times with my friends. I think it's so important to slow down and look around you to fully enjoy life amidst the rush and pressure the majority of us feel.



**Salutatorian:** Aarav Agrawal

**GPA:** 4.846

**Future education:** Purdue University

**Intended major:** Engineering

**Extracurriculars:** I have been on our high school tennis team for all four years and varsity-rostered for sophomore through senior years. I've participated in tennis clinics, USTA tournaments, and private lessons year-round. I was a member of math NHS since sophomore year and served as vice president my junior and senior years. During junior year, the officers started a school supply drive. We continued this trend senior year as well. I participated in student government my junior year and served as all student body parliamentarian my senior year. I was inducted to NHS my junior year to become a member my senior year. I was a member of Spanish NHS for sophomore through senior years. I participated in ping pong club for my freshman and sophomore years. I was a member of HOSA my freshman year. I was a member of the math academic bowl my freshman and sophomore years. However, a very significant hobby of mine doesn't come from school. What started as a local effort to engage kids in robotics and coding is now a business that I manage. Although going off to college will mean that I will be less hands-on, I hope to continue to educate the service with other teachers as well as virtual content. My efforts were recognized by Junior Achievement JobSpark, CareerIgnite events, and an invitation to the Central Indiana Business Hall of Fame gala.

**What advice would you give underclassmen?** There can be a lot that overwhelms you. But there's also a lot that supports you. There can also be a lot of fun and excitement. Don't sacrifice too much of the latter for everything you think you need to do. Balance it out.

**What talent would you most like to possess?** I wish I could cook. I wish I liked cooking. Whether I'm doing it to eat food I like or as an activity, it's beneficial either way. I would sculpt meals according to specific taste and enjoy criticizing restaurant food. I would forage for and create my own recipes until I find the best, all the while enjoying the creative process. Cooking can also serve as a bonding experience between family or friends. Whether other members are testing or helping with the meals, it can bring people closer together.

## Exploring the vital role of Hope Academy in Indiana's recovery landscape

In a recent edition of the *Indiana Capital Chronicle*, Elise Shrock shared a reflection on her personal journey of recovery and highlighted the role of Hope Academy in Indiana's recovery community. Shrock's narrative not only resonates with those directly impacted by addiction but also highlights the societal significance of resources like Hope Academy. "Diminishing resources for families facing addiction makes Hope Academy crucial to the fabric of our community and is vital to reducing the stigma around substance abuse disorder," said Shrock. In the article, she also shared about the detrimental effects of shame and the importance of fostering open dialogue about addiction. As bell hooks aptly stated, "Rarely, if ever, are any of us healed in isolation. Healing is an act of communion."

Hope Academy is grateful for advocates like Elise Shrock. Through her voice, she sheds light on the impact of Hope and the importance of collective action in combating substance abuse. Read the entire article at [indianacapitalchronicle.com/2024/04/22/a-personal-look-at-substance-abuse-disorder-and-recovery](http://indianacapitalchronicle.com/2024/04/22/a-personal-look-at-substance-abuse-disorder-and-recovery).



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## Exciting opportunities await at Hope Academy

Are you passionate about making a meaningful impact in the lives of young people? Do you thrive in environments where every day presents a chance to make a difference? Look no further! Hope Academy is currently hiring several positions, and we want you to join our team. Working at Hope is more than just a job — it's a fulfilling opportunity to be part of something greater. As Indiana's only recovery high school, we are dedicated to supporting students struggling with Substance Use Disorder (SUD) while providing a nurturing academic environment. Every role at Hope plays a crucial part in our mission to empower students to overcome challenges and achieve their full potential. If you're ready to be a part of a passionate community committed to changing lives, we encourage you to explore our available positions and apply today. Learn more at [hopeacademyrhs.org/about-hope/careers](http://hopeacademyrhs.org/about-hope/careers).



## Staying safe during fireworks season

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



July 4 is just around the corner. If you're a fan, you probably can't wait for the explosion of color, the thunderous booms, the excited crowds, and the thrill of music synchronized with fireworks. Before you make a run for sparklers and Roman candles, however, consider the safety issues with fireworks so that you don't end up like the more than 10,000 people who landed in the emergency room (ER) for fireworks-related injuries in 2022 alone, according to the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC). Most of these injuries, of course, fell within the month around the holiday.

The wisest move is to leave fireworks to the professionals. There are plenty of options around town for viewing fireworks safely. If, however, you plan to set off your own, make sure you follow precautions:

- Don't use professional or "display" fireworks. (Brown packaging could be a giveaway that fireworks are professional.)

Stick with consumer-grade fireworks. See an explanation of the distinctions here: [atf.gov/explosives/fireworks](http://atf.gov/explosives/fireworks).

- Don't set off fireworks near anything flammable and ensure you're following restrictions about locations and hours when you ignite them. The National Safety Council (NSC) warns that fireworks cause an average of 19,000 yearly fires.
- Invest in, use or borrow safety eye gear. Eyes are a common location of injuries in fireworks accidents, according to the CPSC, as are hands, fingers, legs, heads, faces, and ears.
- Consider your clothing; loose items can more easily catch on fire.
- Only set off fireworks one at a time and then move away rapidly.
- Never try to re-light a dud firework.
- Use your common sense. The NSC includes numerous tips that five minutes of thought would help you avoid, such as not pointing them at others, not mixing alcohol and fireworks, avoiding indoor fireworks, and not holding lit fireworks in

your hand.

- Keep a bucket of water nearby in case of accidents. You can use it later to ensure the fireworks you've used or didn't get to are wet and safe before disposing of them.
- Supervise teens igniting fireworks and prevent children from setting off or playing with any of them — including sparklers. Fond childhood memories may have given you the impression that sparklers are harmless. Actually, 600 of 2022's fireworks injuries in the ER came from sparklers according to the CPSC. Consider that organization's scary assessment: lit sparklers are hot enough to melt some forms of metal.

More than a fourth of fireworks injuries leading to an ER visit during fireworks season in 2022 were to those younger than 15, with 38% of injuries overall the result of burns according to the CPSC. If you or your child is burned, remove the clothing touching the wound, apply cool water (not hot or cold), and cover the wound with a dry, loose bandage or sheet. If the burn is severe, call 911.

Burn wounds are complex, and it can take a long time to recover from them, so do everything you can to avoid such injuries. If you want more information on burn prevention from the only verified adult burn center in the state, contact the Richard M. Fairbanks Burn Center at Eskenazi Health at 317-880-6862.

Stay safe so that you can fully enjoy this joyous holiday!



Robert Gonzalez, M.D. (Submitted photo)

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### Tristan Pruitt named executive director of Morning Pointe of Franklin

Morning Pointe of Franklin Assisted Living and Memory Care has named Tristan Pruitt as its executive director. Pruitt previously served as the Lantern program director. She recently earned her Indiana Residential Care Administration license. Pruitt has also been a certified nursing assistant and a medical assistant/phlebotomist. She has an associate degree as a healthcare specialist from Ivy Tech Community College, and she is also a certified dementia practitioner. Pruitt currently resides in Greenwood. Morning Pointe of Franklin

offers assisted living and memory care with clinical and care staff available 24/7. Meals are served with dietician oversight in a restaurant-style setting and with an emphasis on fresh, local produce. Residents also enjoy a full life enrichment activity program, including

regular outings, service projects, intergenerational programming, and engaging community partnerships. Physical, occupational, and speech



Tristan Pruitt. (Submitted photo)

therapy services are also available on-site. Memory care programming includes the Best Friends™ Approach, Teepa Snow's Positive Approach to Care, music therapy, art therapy, cuddle therapy, and the Meaningful Day™ purposeful memory care program that provides structure to help residents feel safe and secure. The philanthropic arm of Morning Pointe

Senior Living is the Morning Pointe Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that works to provide nursing scholarships and caregiver support. For more information go to [morning-pointe-of-franklin.com/senior-living-locations/indiana/](http://morning-pointe-of-franklin.com/senior-living-locations/indiana/)



# NIGHT & DAY

LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT  
**ENTERTAINING**

## EVENTS calendar

### BEECH GROVE

#### *Summer Concert Series*

Next up in our Summer Concert Series is Living Proof. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, grab dinner or a snack from one of the food trucks, kick back, and enjoy the show. | When: Thursday, June 27, 7 p.m. | Where: Sarah T. Bolton Park, 1300 Churchman Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: 317-788-4986; hornetparkcommunitycenter.com

#### *Novice to Naturalist*

Learn to identify the native plants in the Prairie of Poetry with landscape designer Kelsey Behl. Help maintain the prairie's natural beauty by clearing out invasive plants. Gloves, tools, and snacks provided. | When: June 29, 9 a.m.-noon. | Where: Sarah T. Bolton Park, 1300 Churchman Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: hornetparkcommunitycenter.com; 317-788-4986

### CENTER GROVE

#### *Chess Club*

Do you have a passion for playing chess? Whether you're a beginner or a seasoned player, come and test yourself against others in a friendly atmosphere. Chess sets will be provided. Bring your own chess set if you prefer. Meet at the tables in the quiet group study area on the adult side of the branch. | When: July 6, 9:30-11 a.m. | Where: Johnson County Public Library, White River Branch, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: 317-885-1330; jcpin.libnet.info/event/10131668

### FRANKLIN

#### *Johnson County Fair*

Enjoy grandstand events, rides, games, and food. | When: July 14-20, events and activities held at various times. | Where: Johnson County Fairgrounds, 250 Fairground St., Franklin. | Info: jocofairin.com

#### *Fourth Annual Cougar Classic*

Golf outing to benefit Greenwood Christian Academy student athletes. Breakfast and lunch provided. Awards ceremony at conclusion. | When: Sept. 12, 8:30 a.m. registration, 10 a.m. shotgun start. | Where: Hillview Country Club, 1800 King St., Franklin. | Info: e.givesmart.com/events/CYT; Courgarclassic24.givesmart.com

### FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

#### *Wanamaker Old Settler's Days Street Fair & Classic Car Show 2024*

Visit area businesses, churches, scouts, and teams – be entertained by dancers, bands, and music. Shop crafts and artwork. Grab a snack and refreshment – chat with folks you haven't seen in a while. | When: June 30, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. | Where: Downtown Wanamaker. | Info: indyftlions.weebly.com

### GREENWOOD

#### *Greater Greenwood Community Band Patriotic Concert*

Enjoy a collection of patriotic favorites from the community band. Bring a lawn chair to enjoy this free event. | When: Friday, June 18, 7-8:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Amphitheater, 100 Surina Way, Greenwood. | Info: greenwoodband.org

#### *Dave Matthews Band Yoga Flow*

Jam to Dave Matthews Band while participating in a 75-minute yoga flow class. Tickets are \$15. | When: June 19, 6-7:15 p.m. | Where: Studio YOU Yoga, 862 S. State Road 135, Greenwood. | Info: 317-882-8733; facebook.com/studioyouyoga

#### *Greenwood Public Library Art Festival*

Celebrate art at this after-hours festival. Watch demos from a variety of local artists, participate in a community art project, shop a handmade market, enjoy a live musical performance, get your photo taken in art photo spots, and more. | When: June 21, 6-9 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. | Info: 317-881-1953; facebook.com/greenwoodpubliclibrary

#### *Greenwood Mall Concert Series 1*

Head to the outdoor fountain at the Greenwood Park Mall for a country concert by No Fences, a Garth Brooks tribute band. | When: June 27, 6:30-8:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Park Mall, 1251 N. U.S. 31, Greenwood. | Info: 317-414-7531; simon.com/mall/greenwood-park-mall/news-and-events

#### *Greenwood Freedom Festival*

As Greenwood's marquee community event, Freedom Festival draws more than 50,000 people to Craig Park every summer to celebrate the American Spirit with a parade, food, drinks, music, kid zone, and fireworks.

| When: Saturday, June 29, kicks off at 4 p.m. with the parade and ends after the K.O.R.N. Country 100.3 Musical Fireworks Blast Off at 10:15 p.m. | Where: Craig Park, 10 E. Smith Valley Road, Greenwood. | Info: greenwood.in.gov/festival

### INDIANAPOLIS

#### *Indiana Black Expo 'Summer Celebration'*

Summer Celebration, Indiana Black Expo's largest event that showcases Black Culture in Indiana, is in its 53rd year. As a pillar of the state, IBE's priority focus areas include economics equity, education equity, community empowerment, and health equity. All proceeds from the Summer Celebration help support IBE's year-round initiatives, including its Education Conference, Black Business Training Institute, Scholarship Fund, Performing Arts Academy, Community Learning Hub, and more. | When: June 20-30; see website for hours. | Where: Indiana Convention Center, 100 S. Capitol Ave, Indianapolis. | Info: summercelebration.net

#### *'M'*

Catalyst Repertory presents a new stage version of a classic psychological thriller. "M" opens at IndyFringe Theatre on June 21 and runs over three weekends through July 7. With a perfect 100% rating on Rotten Tomatoes, Fritz Lang's 1931 mystery/thriller "M" is a film for the ages. Adapted for the stage and directed by Indianapolis theater artist Tristan Ross, "M" tells the dark tale of a serial killer who terrorizes a city. Can the murderer, known as "The Midnight Man," be stopped before he preys upon the next child? Ticket prices: \$22 for adults, \$17 for students. | When: June 21-23, 28-30, and July 5-7. Friday and Saturday performances at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday matinees at 3 p.m. | Where: IndyFringe Indy Eleven Theatre, 719 E. St. Clair St., Indianapolis. | Info: Buy tickets at the door or online at IndyFringe.org.

#### *Sunflowers at Sunset: Dinner in the Field to Celebrate The STEM Connection's 10-Year Anniversary*

Sunflowers at Sunset promises an unforgettable evening in support of The STEM Connection, coinciding with their 10th-anniversary milestone. Attendees will be treated to an enchanting ambiance featuring cocktails, a dinner in the field, captivating live music, and an immersive art walk, all amidst the serene backdrop

of sunflowers. The STEM Connection, a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing innovative STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education programs for youth, stands as the beneficiary of this charitable occasion. Through the generosity of attendees and sponsors, Sunflowers at Sunset aims to further empower The STEM Connection's mission and impact on the Greater Indianapolis community. | When: Friday, Sept. 13, 5:30-9 p.m. | Where: Moore Road Farm, 8407 Moore Road, Indianapolis. | Info: thestemconnection.org/sunflowersatsunset

### PERRY TOWNSHIP

#### *Chain of Quilts 2024 Quilt Show Presented by The Quilt Connection Guild*

Come see many unique quilts and demonstrations. There will also be vendors, items for sale, and refreshments available for purchase. Admission is \$8. | When: Friday, July 12, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday, July 13 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. | Where: Calvary Lutheran Church, 6111 Shelby St., Indianapolis. | Info: quiltcg.com

#### *Kiwanis Club of Perry Township Meetings*

Speakers: June 20: Mike Newburg, vice president of Engagement, Grand Universe. June 27: Elisha M. Bell, executive director, A Safe House. Visitors are welcome! Visitors may attend via Zoom as well. | When: The club meets at 7 a.m. on Thursdays. | Where: IHOP, 7532 U.S. 31 S., Indianapolis. | Info: Contact President Jeff Udrasols at 317-679-2438 for more information about the club or visit its Facebook page.

### SOUTHPORT

#### *Southport Fallen Officer Blood Drive*

Please join us in honoring Officer Aaron Allan at our blood drive. \*Helpful tip: make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating. | When: Saturday, July 27, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. | Where: 137 S. Worman St., Southport. | Info: southport.in.gov; 317-786-5489



★★★★☆ • PG-13 • Comedy/Drama • 2 hours, 31 minutes

# The Fabelmans

Steven Spielberg turns his lens inward

## MOVIE REVIEW

By Bradley Lane

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

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

What truly subverted my expectations

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



and in a scene so startling and haunting I dare not spoil it here, Sammy completely disengages from a moment he should be

present in to consider filmmaking as an escape from his complex emotions.

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



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](mailto:blane2214@gmail.com).

## SPOTLIGHT

### THE WIZARD OF OZ

Join Dorothy, Toto, and their friends for an adventure along the Yellow Brick Road as Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre presents its 2024 Season Family Show: *The Wizard of Oz*. Now on stage, this production brings the beloved story and songs to life, and features a special discount for children's tickets.

L. Frank Baum's delightful tale about Kansas farm girl Dorothy Gale's journey over the rainbow to the magical land of Oz has enchanted families for generations. The stage adaptation includes the famous Scarecrow, Tin Man, and Cowardly Lion characters, as well as unforgettable songs from the 1939 MGM film such as "We're Off To See The Wizard," "The Merry Old Land of Oz," "Follow The Yellow Brick Road," and "Somewhere Over The Rainbow."

Grace Atherholt (*West Side Story*) plays the lead role of Dorothy Gale, with Jameelah Leandra (*Beauty and the Beast*, *A Christmas Carol*, *Phantom*) as Glinda the Good Witch, Joey Boos (*White Christmas*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Little Shop of Horrors*) as the Scarecrow, and Brett Mutter (*White*

*Christmas*, *Joseph*, *Grumpy Old Men*) as the Cowardly Lion. Jaden Kindle makes his Beef & Boards debut as the Tin Man. Ty Stover (*Grumpy Old Men*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Hello, Dolly!*) plays the title character, and local children play the famous Munchkins.

*The Wizard of Oz* is on stage for 57 performances through July 7 in the intimate space of Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre. Tickets range from \$55 to \$82 and include Chef Larry Stoops' family-friendly dinner buffet and select beverages. As the 2024 Season Family Show at Beef & Boards, *The Wizard of Oz* features \$10 discounts off tickets for all children ages 3-15. (Children under age three are not admitted.)

To see the complete performance schedule and to purchase tickets online, visit [beefandboards.com](http://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](mailto:groups@beefandboards.com) for details.



From left, the Scarecrow (Joey Boos), Dorothy (Grace Atherholt), the Cowardly Lion (Brett Mutter), and the Tin Man (Jaden Kindle) are excited to see the Emerald City in Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre's production of *The Wizard of Oz*, now on stage through July 7. (Photo courtesy of Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre)



AN OPTION

MRS. CURL ICE CREAM SHOP

Do you remember your grandparents taking you to their locally owned ice cream stand in their hometown across from the park and you'd order a corn dog, chili cheese fries, and a vanilla chocolate twist soft-serve ice cream cone or banana split? That place still exists in Greenwood at Mrs. Curl Ice Cream Shop, in operation for nearly 60 years. "I grew up going to this place before moving away in the 90s," stated a Google reviewer. "I recently visited, and it still makes me as happy at age 30 as it did at 5." The menu still offers what you enjoyed years ago, plus 10 different ways to dress up your hot dog, and specialties like walking tacos and BBQ pork tots. Enjoy a Mrs. Sippy to wash it down. Popular favorites include the caramel apple razzle, black cherry vanilla flavor burst, and chocolate peanut butter shake. Take advantage of the surrounding area this summer. "We loved feeding the fish, muskrats, and ducks with the provided fish food in the stream by the eating area," added another Google reviewer. "Good ice cream at a reasonable price too. No wonder the line was long! This might be my new favorite Indiana ice cream spot."

**Hours:** Sunday through Thursday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. **Address:** 259 S. Meridian S., Greenwood. For more information, call 317-882-1031 or go to [mrscurl.com](http://mrscurl.com).



Dip into some fun flavors at Mrs. Curl. (Photo courtesy of Mrs. Curl Ice Cream Shop)

LIFESTYLE

Key to getting started

HUMOR

By Dick Wolfsie

A few years back, I told the story of my car starting. I know this does not sound very interesting, but there was more to it. My Elantra does not require a key. Instead, it has a fob and a push button on the dash. I had accidentally left the little doohickey on the kitchen counter, but when I got in the car and pushed the ignition button, the car roared into action. How could that be?

As my auto technician explained to me that day, my extra fob had to be somewhere in the car. And sure enough, I did find the little rascal hiding in a corner of the seat, lodged in a nest of cookie crumbs, pretzel pieces, and pen tops.

Last month, a new issue arose. I was late for an appointment, but my car was in the shop, so I had to borrow Mary Ellen's Prius. She came home late, so I waited for her in the driveway. We quickly switched seats when she arrived, with the car still idling. And off I went. On the way to my destination, the dashboard flashed a little advisory note:

THERE IS NO KEY FOB IN THE VEHICLE

How could that be? I was driving, wasn't I? Yes, I was driving, but Mary Ellen still had the key fob in her purse. That meant when I turned off the car, I wouldn't be able to start it again. Of course, I could call Mary Ellen to come get me after I finished my meeting, but she didn't have her car. I had it. OK, I could leave the car running while I went to my appointment, but we'd probably be short another car when it was stolen. I turned around and drove back home. I then unfairly blamed Mary Ellen for this predicament. But she had a good explanation: OOPS!

But there were more key issues. Last week I somehow lost my duplicate fob, again. I looked everywhere. This time I knew it wasn't in the car because the Hyundai would not start. But how can you lose a car key? If I left the key fob somewhere I wouldn't have been able to drive home, but here I was. So that meant it had to be in the house.

I have been looking for that extra device for a month. I even asked AI: How do I find a lost key fob? The advice made me question the word "intelligence" in the abbreviation AI. I was hoping to learn

of some intricate GPS system that was embedded in the fob. Instead, they told me to retrace my steps. DUH. Then they suggested looking in my drawers. Did that mean in my pants pockets or next to my underwear and socks?

I called my friend who helped me last time I had car issues. ...

"Hi, Bob."  
"Hey, Dick, what's the prob?"  
"I need help finding my fob."  
"I'll take the job."

He was busy so I called him again later that day for further advice. He must have spent all day thinking of a funny line. ...

"FOBS ARE US."  
"Ha, ha. Any suggestions, Bob?"  
"Yes, return to the dealership and buy a new fob, but don't get robbed."  
"That will cost me a lot of money, Bob."  
"Better call Schwab."



Dick Wolfsie's weekly humor column is published in more than 30 newspapers. Dick has written 14 books, including *Mornings with Barney* and *Indiana Curiosities*. His newest book, *The Right Fluff*, is a compilation of his most popular humor columns. He lives in Fishers with his wife Mary Ellen and a cat who doesn't like him.

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Puzzle Time Answers

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Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:

**Things:** CODE, EGG, JOKE, KNUCKLES, SMILE, WINDOW;

**Cuts:** BRISKET, CHUCK, FLANK, LOIN, ROUND;

**Equipment:** BALL, CHALK, CUE, RACK;

**Wear:** CAPE, MASK, TIGHTS;

**Legislation:** BILL, RESOLUTION;

**County Seat:** CRAWFORDSVILLE

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## Summer garden tours

### GARDENING

By John Chapin

Garden tours are excellent opportunities for both experienced and novice gardeners to not just enjoy a variety of beautiful private gardens, but to get ideas and advice, learn about new plants, and be inspired as they develop or renovate their own landscaping and gardens. Metro Indianapolis has many summer tours in June, sponsored by garden clubs and plant societies.

One of the best is right here in Hendricks County. "Gardens in Bloom," now in its 13th year, is organized by the Plainfield-Guilford Township Friends of the Library, a support group for children's and adult library

programming. This year, there are six wonderful gardens featured on the tour on the weekend of June 29-30. Visitors will see not only beautiful flowers, including many natives and medicinal plants, but also water features, garden art, garden sheds, fire pits, outdoor living rooms, and other structures such as gazebos and pergolas. Garden tour tickets are available at the Plainfield library and "Do It Best" Hardware in Plainfield.



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### HUMOR



#### Top 10 ways my wife keeps me on my toes

By Torry Stiles

10. When asked why she stays with me she points out that she has a good sense of humor, too.

9. She likes pointing out that cyanide smells faintly of almonds but with my sinus problems I'd never notice.

8. I call her the Little Missus while she always says I'm her biggest miss.

7. She's been known to refer to me as her most disposable income.

6. She tells me she likes going to the shooting range in case I get too "uppity."

5. Girls Night Out demands margaritas. Boys Night Out is the grandson or nephew and nothing stronger than a PG-13 movie.

4. Her D. I. Y. home repair books and her true crime books are on the same shelf.

3. The brakes on my car needed work and she decided she'd seen enough YouTube videos to give it a try.

2. While making pre arrangements for our funerals she kept explaining she wanted a short, simple service because she has plans later.

1. After 35 years of marriage she still refers to me as her first husband.

## Suitcase 101: How to pick the ideal bag for your travels

### TRAVEL

By Amy Maharas

I travel quite a bit for work and leisure and recently found myself in need of a new suitcase. If you find yourself in this predicament, here are some factors to consider:

**What type of suitcase to purchase?** There's always the debate between hard-sided and soft-sided. Personally, I prefer soft-sided because I feel like I can cram more into them, but for long-term use, hard-sided are generally considered more

durable. I love my hybrid Mother Lode Carry-On by eBags that is hard on one side and soft on the other, but it doesn't have spinner wheels, and I've been dealing with shoulder issues and need something easier to haul through airports.

**What brand to buy?** Some people are willing to spend more for a brand like Away or Tumi while others prefer to spend less and replace their suitcases more often. I tend to buy more middle-of-the-road Samsonite or Travelpro, knowing that they are not going to fall apart after a few uses. Websites or Facebook pages like Consumer Reports and Travel Fashion Girl are great resources for reviews.

**Where to purchase?** I ended up purchasing a Travelpro carry-on at TJ Maxx which sells a number of name brands for decent prices. I also purchased a Samsonite rolling duffel at the Samsonite outlet in Edinburgh. Macy's and Kohls always carry a number of name brands, and of course Amazon carries just about everything.

Good luck in your suitcase search!



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### QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*I want to congratulate all the men out there who are working diligently to be good fathers whether they are stepfathers, or biological fathers, or just spiritual fathers.*

T.D. Jakes, American clergyman

### DUMB LAW

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

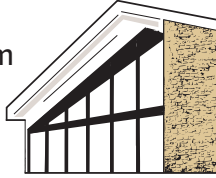
In Australia, it is illegal to dress up as Batman or Robin.

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**Doris "Marlene" Brehob**

Doris "Marlene" Brehob, 86, Indianapolis, died June 3, 2024. Survivors: husband, Richard; sons, Mark (Leary), Kevin Quinton; daughter, Pamela Daprile; three grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; sister, Marcia; stepdaughters, Denise Brehob, Cara Young. Predeceased: first husband, Jack Quinton; granddaughter, Stephanie Daprile; stepson, David. G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home and Cremation Center.

**Betty R. Bunnell**

Betty R. Bunnell, 96, Greenwood, died June 3, 2024. Survivors: children, Rick (Candy) Camden, Debbie (Jimmy) Kinz, Paul (Heikie) Bunnell, Lisa (Steve) Phillips, David (Suzanne) Bunnell; 12 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; sister, Pat Seay; sister-in-law, Violet. Predeceased: husband, Paul; sister, Bonnie Landrigan. G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home and Cremation Center.

**Rosemary A. Dickhoff**

Rosemary A. Dickhoff, 86, Beech Grove, died May 16, 2024. Survivors include a son, Michael (Annmarie) Diekhoff; siblings, Mary Ann (Norbert) Mayer and Tom (Judy) Sanders; and two grandsons. Services were provided by Little & Sons Beech Grove.

**Marcia A. Elixman**

Marcia A. Elixman, 87, Greenwood, died May 11, 2024. Survivors: children, Beth Campbell, Kathy (Rob) Hirtz-Bickel, and Ric Elixman; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Arrangements entrusted to Little & Sons Stop 11 Road Chapel.

**Charles Eskridge**

Charles Eskridge, 85, Mishawaka, Ind., formerly of Beech Grove and South Bend, Ind., died May 22, 2024. He is survived by his four children; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a sister; and a brother. Private family services will be held at a later date. Little & Sons Funeral Home.

**Marvin Louis Ginn**

Marvin Louis Ginn, 90, Indianapolis, died June 1, 2024. Survivors: wife, Martha; children, David (Sondra); and Karen Parsons; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; one on the way. Predeceased: sister, Joyce; son-in-law, David Parsons. Arrangements were handled by G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home & Cremation Center.

**Dr. Julian Elizabeth Lowe Gray**

Dr. Julian Elizabeth Lowe Gray, "Julie" 78, Trafalgar, died June 4, 2024. Visitation: 11 a.m., Saturday, June 15, until a 1 p.m. memorial service time, G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 1605 S. State Road 135, Greenwood.

**Chester Theodore Hayes**

Chester Theodore Hayes, 98, Indianapolis, died June 2, 2024. Survivors: children, Chester "Teddy" (Marlo); 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; brother, Larry; nieces, nephews. Predeceased: wife, Dorothy; sons, George "Mickey," Patrick; daughter, Tammy Vicars; infant daughter, Aileen; 10 siblings. G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home at The Gardens at Olive Branch.

**Mark R. Jenkinson**

Mark R. Jenkinson, 68, Indianapolis, died May 25, 2024. Survivors: children, Stefanie King and Ryan (Erin) Jenkinson; and a brother, David (Tammy) Jenkinson. Arrangements were handled by Little & Sons Funeral Home, Beech Grove Chapel.

**Cathy Irene Koehler**

Cathy Irene Koehler, 71, Beech Grove, died June 3, 2024. Survivors: husband, John Koehler, children, Sandy Friday, Andy Koehler, and Zachary (Lindsey) Koehler; siblings, Dianne Lehr, James (Sabra) Keese; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Memorial gathering: Wednesday, June 19, 4-6 p.m., service at 7 p.m., Little & Sons Funeral Home, Indianapolis.

**James F. Lanham, Jr.**

James F. Lanham, Jr., 81, Greenwood, died May 31, 2024. He is survived by his niece, Vicki Poteet; and nephew, Gregory Lanham. Predeceased: wife, Sharon; brother, David Lanham; nephews, David and Michael Lanham. Arrangements handled by G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home & Cremation Center.

**Karen Sue McIntosh**

Karen Sue McIntosh, 67, Indianapolis, died June 6, 2024. Survivors include a son, Anthony McIntosh; siblings, William Fenton and Denise Riley; brothers-in-law, Elmer "David" McIntosh and Claude McIntosh; and a granddaughter, Hannah McIntosh. Little & Sons Beech Grove Chapel.

**Arleen Kay (Hummel/Hash) Perkins**

Arleen Kay (Hummel/Hash) Perkins died June 4, 2024. Survivors: husband, Richard "Nate" Perkins, Sr.; children, Richard "Nate" Perkins, Jr., Jennifer Dawn (Hash) Brown (husband, "Deny"); David Wayne Perkins, and Jeffrey Dean (wife, Patty Scott) Hash; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren. Services entrusted to Little & Sons, Beech Grove Chapel.

**Frances M. Pickett**

Frances M. Pickett, 92, Indianapolis, died June 4, 2024. Survivors: son, David (Joyce) Combs; grandchildren, Austin Combs (Jacqueline), Payton Combs; two stepdaughters, Rhonda (Dave) Wyszynski and Regena Pickett. Predeceased: husband, Eugene; daughter, Rebecca Combs; stepdaughter, Reva Pickett Durbin; sister, Ruth Dambros; brother, Hiram Middleton. G.H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home.

**Christina Scott**

Christina Scott, 74, Indianapolis, died May 20, 2024. Survivors include a grandson, George Christopher Ray Scott; great-grandchildren, Jazlyn and Zayden; and her dear friend, Judy Burkhardt. Services entrusted to Little & Sons, Beech Grove Chapel.

**Charlie Matthew Stout**

Charlie Matthew Stout, 68, Beech Grove, died May 25, 2024. Survivors: wife, Darlene Stout; children, April, Justin, and Kyle (Crystal) Stout; two grandchildren. Services were provided by Little & Sons, Beech Grove.

**Brandi (McNeely) Synesael**

Brandi (McNeely) Synesael, 49, Whiteland, died June 2, 2024. Born to the late Tommy McNeely and Beverly Claburn (survives). Other survivors: husband, Michael; daughter, Ashley (Michael) Cook; son, Sean; five grandkids; brother, Thomas; sisters, August (Marc) Cook, Summer Riley, Emily McNeely. Arrangements: G. H. Herrmann Funeral Home and Cremation Center.

**Ronald "David" Williams**

Ronald "David" Williams, 77, Greenwood, died June 3, 2024. Survivors: wife, Maria; and son, David A. (Sarah) Williams; brothers, Jessie A. (Williams) Alder, John O. Williams and Donald Glenn Williams. He was preceded in death by his sister, Jessie (Williams) Alder. Arrangements: G. H. Herrmann Funeral Home and Cremation Center.

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\***Good Shepherd Catholic Church** • 2905 S. Carson Ave., Indpls. | (317) 783-3158 | Rev. Jeffery Moore, Sac. Minister | Sat. Mass: 4:30 p.m. | Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. | Ordinarate Rite 11:00 a.m. | Completely Handicapped Accessible | All Welcome!

**Holy Name of Jesus** • 89 N. 17th Ave., Beech Grove | (317) 784-5454 | Rev. Robert Robeson | Worship Times & Anticipation Sun.: 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. | Sat. Mass: 5 p.m.

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

✠ **BAPTIST**

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

✠ **DISCIPLES OF CHRIST**

**First Christian Church of Beech Grove** • 405 Main Street, Beech Grove, IN 46107 | (317) 786-8522 | In Person on Sundays at 10:30 or Zoom, same time: 121 813 648

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

\***Concordia Lutheran Church and Preschool** • 305 Howard Road, Greenwood | (317) 881-4477 | Worship Sun.: 9:30 a.m. | Mon.: 6:30 p.m. | concordia-lcms.com

**Emmaus Lutheran Church** • 1224 Laurel Street Indianapolis 46203 | Fountain Square 317-632-1486 | elcindy.org emmauschurchindy@gmail.com | Pastor Raymond Smith | Sundays: Bible Study 8:45 a.m., Service 10:00 a.m.

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

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



*I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.*

JOHN 17:23

There was a day when people attended church so they could ask their pastor the really tough questions. Now the internet provides answers without requiring a person to stay awake through lengthy sermons just to then wait in line for answers. When I ask people why they don't currently attend church services, I am surprised to hear their response. They tell me that they do not need church to find salvation. They sometimes even quote scripture saying, "All who believe shall be saved." I find this answer alarming. It tells me that there are people who think salvation is the only goal of life. They are already heaven bound, so they don't have any desire to attend a church now. But when we realize that the purpose of the church is not to save souls it changes everything. Jesus

saves! The church is called to share the good news, unite God's children in fellowship, and give the world evidence that God is with us. Salvation offers us eternal life, but by being the church, the actual walking and talking body of Jesus, we can feel God's presence now! Sin separated us from God, and the devil wants to divide us against each other. When we unite in harmony, as members of one faith in Christ, we become the evidence of God's presence here below. The way we love one another in fellowship in His name is how the world will see God moving now! God did not call us to attend a church, but He does call us to be the church united!

**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.

**Davis welcomes Greenwood student pages to the Statehouse**

State Rep. Michelle Davis (R-Whiteland) recently welcomed local students to the Statehouse where they participated in the Indiana House Page Program during the 2024 legislative session.

As pages, the students assisted lawmakers and staff with daily duties, toured offices of all branches of government in the Statehouse, and joined Davis on the House floor to learn about the legislative process. "The page program is a great opportunity to get a behind-the-scenes look at the legislative process," Davis said. "Student pages gain exposure to how our state operates, which I hope encourages them to stay curious and get involved in their government." Greenwood students serving as pages during the 2024 legislative session included Jayden Nash, who attends Emmaus Lutheran School; Jason Stewart, who attends Emmaus Lutheran School; and Hope Van Deman, who is a home-schooled student. Students ages 13 to 18 should consider participating during the 2025 legislative session. Contact Davis' Statehouse office at h58@iga.in.gov or 317-232-9600 for more information.

**CGHS junior selected for West Point's Summer Leaders Experience**

Alex Fan of Greenwood, son of Leon Fan and Teresa Tsai, was selected for West Point's week-long Summer Leaders Experience in June. Fan is currently a junior at Center Grove High School. Led by current West Point cadets, Summer Leaders Experience (SLE) is a week-long immersion into the academic, military, and social life of a West Point cadet. At SLE, he will explore West Point from all angles, including the high-tech educational facilities, team-building athletic activities, and realistic military training. SLE will give attendees a taste of the character, determination, commitment to excellence, and leadership skills required to become a cadet at West Point.





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