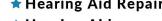
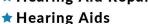
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* Kellogg's All-Bran cereal is actually 87% bran.

* Heading for the gym in the new year? Be sure to take some hand sanitizer! A report found that a typical gym's free weights boast 362 times as much bacteria as a toilet seat.

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* By 2018, more than 100 people living in the U.S. owed at least \$1 million in federal student loans.

* Spinraza, a drug prescribed for spinal muscular dystrophy, has a list price of \$750,000. (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.



Merry Christmas

Christmas more than a miracle for Carver family

By Steve Page Correspondent

For Autumn and Zach Carver, Christmas is much more than giving presents.

It's all about giving thanks.

And the family from Franklin has more to be thankful for than anyone could know.

So much more.

They're thankful Autumn and baby Huxley are alive and well.

That's because they survived the Covid 19 crisis, when so many people were dying.

According to the World Health Organization, the disease has afflicted more than 100 million people in the United States, and it has killed more than a million of them.

That it did not take Autumn and Huxley is considered a miracle by the Carver family.

Lord is looking out for us." - Zach Carver

"We're super

blessed. The good

(PHOTOS COURTESY 604 STUDIOS) Zach and Autumn Carver are happy after her long battle with

"We're super blessed," said Zach Carver. "The good Lord is looking out for us."

"This certainly gives us a different outlook, not only on the holiday season, but every day," said Autumn.

Those who helped keep the family going will be present at Christmas. "We spend Christmas eve with my family," said Zach, the son of Tony and Anita Carver. "I have younger brothers who are married with kids of their own. We meet at our house for dinner. We also sponsor a family to help with

the community. "Christmas morning, we're with Autumn's parents (Chi and Robin Lau). This is the first time we'll have her parents and brother. We purchased a new home. We're having Christmas here. Autumn likes to host. We'll have a spread, I'm sure."

This day was a long time coming.

'We think about where we were a couple years ago," said Autumn. "We're thankful for where we are now and what could have been.'

Autumn, then 35, was about to give birth to their third child in 2021 when she was struck down by Covid 19. Her case was severe enough that she was put on a ventilator and not expected to live. Doctors performed an emergency Caesarian operation to deliver Huxley.

Still, the odds appeared long.

"We were told in Indianapolis that in 50 or 60 days, she was going to die," Zach said of Autumn's chances. "She did die several times, but they brought her back."



Dr. Ankit Bharat, the chief of thoracic surgery at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

After starting her hospital stay on a ventilator, Autumn was clinging to life while hooked up to something called an "ECMO" machine. It's an extracorporeal membrane oxygenation machine, which takes the blood, removes carbon dioxide and replaces it with oxygen before returning it.

Still, those odds remained long. Until the first break came their way.

"Long story short, a gentleman who Autumn works for (at Northwestern Mutual) had clients, some in Chicago," said Zach. One of them was Dr. Ankit Bharat, the chief of thoracic surgery at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

"It was not the best experience in Indianapolis, so we were anxious to get to that hospital," Zach continued.

"Dr. Bharat was already famous. He had



daughter Harlow, daughter Sadie and son Huxley.

"We think about where we were a couple years ago. We're thankful for where we are now and what could have been.

Autumn Carver

done the most Covid lung transplants in the world, all successfully. Dr. Bharat said get her here as soon as we can.'

They were hoping he could do a lung transplant for Autumn.

"He said regardless of a lung transplant or not, she was going to be fine. That was very exciting for us," Zach said.

Dr. Bharat said even so, the odds remained frightful.

"When we took on Autumn, the probability was pretty low that she would get better because she had been on a ventilator and ECMO for an extended period of time," he told People Magazine. But Autumn slowly recovered, and did not need a lung transplant.

"Dr. Bharat was amazing; the whole staff was amazing," Zach said. "He helped save her life, no doubt."

That's just one part of the story.

Autumn was first hospitalized in late August. After the C-section, she did not see Huxley again until Oct. 19.

"It was pretty amazing!" Zach said of the emotional reunion that day. "The doctor said we can bring our son into the room. My mother-in-law was in tears. There wasn't a dry eye in the ECU. It was much needed."

"I remember that day; I remember the excitement in the staff," Autumn said. "They were taking me out of isolation. Everybody was buzzing around, excited. I didn't have a lot of strength. So I held him for a bit. That wore me out pretty quickly. Mom laid the baby on a blanket on me. He snuggled up and went to sleep. I'll never forget

Autumn kept improving so much that she was released from intensive care. She was then transferred to the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab in Chicago for rehabilitation.

(See "Carver family", continued on Page 5.)



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Happy New Year!



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Taking a 'bow' Junior chases passion for violin

By **Harjas Kaur**, Reporter Journal Rewired Southport High School

For 13 years, junior Silas Denton has had his "unique" quality of playing the violin since he was a child.

Denton's mother had helped him discover his ability of playing the violin. Not only does he play the instrument for the SHS Orchestra but it also runs in his Italian culture.

His mother Stacy Denton had inspired him from a very young age to play the violin but Denton says that since he was just a baby, he had an enthusiasm for music.

"Well I play because where I'm from in Italy we usually play instruments and

violin is the main instrument so my mom got me into it," Denton said. "I think ever since I was born I had a passion for music." Denton doesn't just do music for SHS, he also travels

worldwide and has gone to many different countries to perform. "I've played all over the world," Denton said. "I've played in Vienna, I've played in Osaka, I've played in Canada, and I've played in Germany and in the UK."

Entering high school, Denton was misplaced in the intermediate orchestra because of his schedule but according to orchestra teacher Thomas Wright, Denton had already come in with a good

The so-called "misplacement" gave Denton many opportunities; Denton was recently selected by Wright to play in the first-ever Indiana String Teachers Association All-State Orchestra. The students were selected throughout the state of Indiana and

Denton had the opportunity to be selected and to play with those Wright says it is uncommon for a lot of his high school kids to exhibit excitement for playing in a high school orchestra.

"I've played all over the world. I've played in Vienna, I've played in Osaka, I've played in Canada, and I've played in Germany and in the UK." - Silas Denton

Junior Silas Denton stands while playing violin at orchestra concert on Dec. 6. Denton has been playing the violin since he was 5

"He works really hard. I mean he puts in a lot of extra time ..." Wright said. "He's just got a very good work ethic and every day (when) he comes to class he wants to play and he exhibits an excitement for playing his instrument and that is a little uncommon with a lot of my high school kids."

Even though he loves what he does, playing the violin comes with its negatives as it comes with its positives.

"The amount of work you have to put into it even to be considered a great violinist or even a great musician it just takes so much time, that you have to sacrifice a part of your life to do it," Denton said.

Wright can't wait to see what Denton does and is looking forward to seeing him grow and can't wait to be part of it. "He does a fantastic job and we look forward to see where his music takes him in the future," Wright said.

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GRACE ON WINGS LOCATED ON SOUTHSIDE



Grace On Wings was formerly housed at The Indianapolis Municipal Airport. The plane is now housed at The Indy South Greenwood Airport, and their office is located at 5128 E. Stop 11 Road.

Last Friday, Lyn and I attended the Franciscan Health Senior Promise Christmas Party. We have done this a few times and it is always very nice. Lyn's sister-in-law Jean and some of her friends were also with us. The lunch was delicious. They had lots of door prizes. Jeanie

won four tickets to Conner Prairie that includes a hot air balloon ride. Lyn won a beautiful potted plant.

After lunch, the guest speaker was introduced. Hal Blank is the CEO and a pilot for Grace On Wings.

Grace On Wings is a non-profit public charity organization under IRS code 501(c)(3) that provides charity air ambulance services within the United States. Grace on Wings was founded in 2006 when a group of volunteers responded to a call that could save lives. Since then, the ministry has served many patients and families in crisis

Hal explained a lot about how he discovered the need and then how difficult it was to get properly licensed and able to meet all the requirements of the medical and aviation rules and guidelines.

He explained that they were providing an airplane/ambulance An example might be if someone from Indianapolis was on vacation in Florida and suffered a stroke or heart attack. They would be given good care at a local hospital. Once they are released from the hospital, they will need more assistance in returning to Indianapolis. Grace On Wings provides an airplane and proper medical assistance for the trip.

This is the only non-profit air/ ambulance service in the United States. The costs for each flight are carefully explained to the family and the families can use several ways to get donations and support to cover the costs of the flight.

Hal told us that Grace was housed at The Indianapolis Municipal Airport. At some point, the rent increased, and he began looking for another location. Their office is now located at 5128 E. Stop 11 Road and their airplane is now at The Indy South Greenwood Airport. I was very surprised to find out that this special service was located in our backyards.

We learned that almost every flight is different based on the needs of the patient. A person that was in a bad accident and suffered burns and broken bones would need different assistance than someone that suffered a stroke or had heart problems. Many times, when a young child is the patient, parents are also traveling with

Grace on Wings has a website and also has a Facebook account. There is a lot more information available. I read on the website that they have completed over seven hundred missions and traveled over one million miles.

During the part of his presentation, folks could ask questions, a lady asked what the longest trip was they had flown with a patient on-board. Hal explained that it was a flight from Daytona Beach, Florida to Seattle, Washington. They had to stop to refuel a couple of times.

As I listened to him explaining that long trip, it occurred to me that they also flew from Indianapolis to Daytona Beach and later from Seattle back to Indianapolis.

All the folks at the Christmas Party seemed to be very impressed and pleased to welcome Mr. Hal Blank and his Grace On

Wings organization to our neighborhood.

Shonk is a 1960 graduate of Southport High School, a '63 grad of Indiana Central College (now the University of Indianapolis) and

a retired bus driver from Beech Grove Schools. He can be reached through email at fdshonk@aol.com.

Make lifestyle changes to enhance your health



By Sarah Stelzner, M.D. Eskenazi Health

Each January we are flooded with ads from diet companies, exercise apps, gyms and supplement companies, promising to make us model-thin, muscular, happy and healthy in the coming year. It is easy to fall for such promises; it is also easy to recall how

many times similar "perfect" diabetes and obesity: solutions have failed us.

This January, ignore get-healthy-quick claims and alter your behavior in ways that can truly improve your life. According to a 2016 study in the American Journal of Preventive Medicine by C.M. Hood, et al., 80% of what determines patients' health happens outside of the doctor's office. Therefore, we should act to improve our health by beginning healthy routines we can maintain — not by attempting this year's gimmick. The American College of Lifestyle Medicine (ACLM) lists six practices, or pillars for healthy living, which reduce the effects of and sometimes even reverse the progression of chronic conditions, including cardiovascular disease, type 2

• A whole-food, plantpredominant eating pattern. Additives and artificial ingredients are harming our health and widening our waistlines. Your diet should consist primarily of whole grains, vegetables, fruit, nuts, legumes and other natural food. While accessing healthy food can be a challenge, Eskenazi Health makes it easier with their Fresh for You Market at 720 Eskenazi Avenue.

• Physical activity. You do not have to join triathlons to be healthy. What you must do is move. Even five minutes of activity helps. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Physical Activity Guidelines recommend a minimum of two and half hours of moderate activity (getting your heart

moving faster) or one hour and 15 minutes of vigorousintensity activity (running, etc.) per week. Do musclestrengthening exercises twice a week as well and remember that exceeding the minimum recommendations will result in additional health benefits.

• Restorative sleep. At least seven hours of sleep a night are recommended by the ACLM. Try to go to bed at the same time each night when you can and avoid light from and the content of the TV, computer and cell phone for one hour before you want to be asleep.

• Stress management. The four stress-management strategies the Mayo Clinic proposes include avoiding, altering, accepting and adapting. Depending on the circumstances, you can avoid minor sources of stress, ask others to alter their communication method with you, accept your situation or adapt your actions or attitude. But if your stress level is intense enough to compromise everyday functioning, reach out to the Sandra Eskenazi Mental Health Center for guidance.

 Avoidance of risky substances. Keeping away from or reducing tobacco, drug and alcohol use can lessen the effects of chronic diseases. For assistance with substance abuse, call The Sandra Eskenazi Mental Health Center Adult Addiction at 317.880.8491.

• Positive social connections. Surrounding yourself with supportive people can improve your perspective and lower your stress. Make sure you prioritize spending time with those who are good for you.

You do not have to take up any bizarre diets or absurd exercise routines this







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Come enjoy the winter wonderland at Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Dr., all decked out in its holiday best with a brilliant display of poinsettias, model trains and village, and thousands of twinkling lights. Fee: \$5 per person, \$12 per family (2 adults max), 2 and under are free. Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays 1-5 p.m. The show is open through Sunday, Dec. 31. Info: garfieldgardensconservatory.org.

GREENWOOD LIGHTED TRAIL

Greenwood Amphitheatre is hosting its free lighted trail from now until Dec. 31. It will be illuminated from dusk to dawn, at 100 Surina Way, Greenwood. It can be accessed from the Community Center parking lot. Info: greenwood.in.gov.

CARD AND PALM READING PARTY

Gather for snacks, drinks, good times and card or palm readings on Saturday, Dec. 30, 12-3 p.m. at Bella Rose Design, 1001 N. State Road 135, Greenwood. Info: bellarosedesign.com

A NIGHT IN HOLLYWOOD NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Celebrate New Year's Eve, Sunday, Dec. 31, 6:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. with live music and food at the Garment Factory, 101 E. Wayne St., Franklin. Tickets are \$95. Celebrate like the stars wearing your favorite red, black or gold outfit. Enjoy gourmet food and take advantage of the lively entertainment provided by BlueWater Kings Band. Info: info@garmentfactoryevents.com or (317) 868-8227 with any questions or concerns.

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Greenwood Moose Lodge, 813 W. Smith Valley Road, Greenwood, is offering snacks, party favors, music from Evajo and Keith at their New Year's Eve celebration, Sunday, Dec. 31, 7:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. Music starts at 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 and are on sale now for this 18 and older event which features reserve seating. Attendees may bring their own side dish. Info: 317-881-9668.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT WHIT'S INN

Celebrate New Year's Eve with food, live music by Highway 36 and fun Sunday, Dec. 31, 9-11:59 p.m. at Whit's Inn, 1020 N. U.S. 31, New Whiteland. Info: facebook.com/WhitsInnBar.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS



Beech Grove Lodge No. 694 Free and Accepted Masons had the Installation of the Officers for 2024 on Dec. 14. The officers serve the Lodge for a period of one year. Front, from left, W.B. Roy F. Mills, Treasurer, J.W. David P. Irwin, J.S. Junior L. Anderson, S.S. Brandon T. Doughetry, W.B. W. Douglas Sausville Chaplain. Middle row, W.B. John S. Crook Jr., W.B. John M. Taylor Trustee, W.M. James T. Wheatley, W.B. Travis L. Cross Trustee, George M. Hensley Tyler. Back W.B. Kevin R. Upshaw Trustee and W.B. Harry A. Morris Secretary, W.B. Frank Capler Jr. Honorary

Reminiscing

60 Years Ago This Week — 1963 A five-room half-double at 930 S. Delaware St. rented for \$30 a

Chocolate Drops, a favorite for the holidays, cost 33 cents a pound at Woolworth's.

Indiana Central College released its schedule of spring classes, which featured 111 courses.

Burger Chef opened a restaurant at the corner of Madison Avenue and Thompson Road, where its conveyor broiler could cook 1,000 hamburgers an hour. Burgers and milkshakes cost 15 cents each, and a Triple Threat, which included those items and an order of fries, was 39 cents

50 Years Ago This Week — 1973

Center United Methodist Church celebrated the birth of Jesus through a live Nativity scene.



David Wooden (left) and Steve Hoagland (right) president and vice president, respectively, of the freshman class at Indiana Central College, accepted a plaque on behalf of their classmates for raising more than \$900 through a runathon for the Marion County American Cancer Society. James Whitfield, president of the society, made the presentation.

Davidson's Home Supply Center, 108 Union St. in Southport, was selling its discontinued paint for \$2.49 a gallon, a savings of \$7.50. Pints cost 40 cents, quarts 75 cents.

40 Years Ago This Week — 1983

The grand prize in the huge raffle being hosted by St. Simon Parish on the Eastside was \$200,000, with the total package being \$800,000. Tickets cost \$10, and Southsider Steve Papuan had sold more than 2,100.

A classic bentwood rocking chair was advertised for \$39.99.

The Iowa Street Block Club invited Indianapolis Mayor Bill Hudnut to its Christmas party.

Cases of Budweiser, Stroh's, Miller Lite and Olympia cost less than \$7 at Swing-in Discount Liquors, 3601 Shelby St.

Alan Slightom was named director of the chancel choir at Rosedale Hills United Methodist Church. He was a graduate of Southport High School and had served as the band director at Meridian Middle School.

30 Years Ago This Week — 1993

A groundbreaking ceremony was held at Glenns Valley Elementary School for six new classrooms and a media center.

Gidget Rogers joined the staff of DM's Designer Hair on Main Street in Greenwood, where she specialized in manicures, pedicures, sculptured nails and moisturizing peach paraffin treatments.

Roncalli's Kevin Finn was named to the Indiana Music Educators All-State band.

Billboard's top pop single was Meatloaf's "I'd Do Anything for Love.

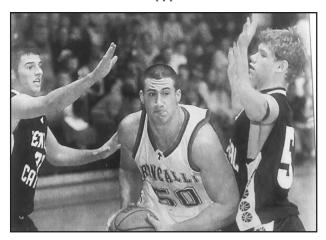
20 Years Ago This Week — 2003

Spotlight correspondent and retired Indianapolis Star editor/ writer Fred D. Cavinder penned his third book, "More Amazing Tales from Indiana," a sequel to "Amazing Tales of Indiana. The tomes featured short stories about interesting people and places in



By B. Scott Mohr A retrospective glance at the Southside From The Spotlight and The Southsider Voice archives

St. Roch eighth-graders (from left) Kate Herron, Courtney Petty, Carly Mappes and Jennifer Fowler traveled to Shipshewanna for a closer look at Indiana's Amish community.



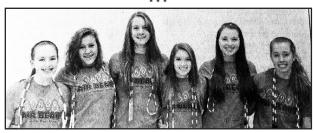
Roncalli's Pat Kuntz (center) is closely guarded by two Lafayette Central Catholic defenders. The Rebels lost 48-38.

Arlington Elementary kindergartners Jacob Ruston, Chris Grubaugh, Dylan Eversman, Rocky Ramsey, Jacob Proffer and Renea Dalton prepared care packages for soldiers serving abroad.

Purdue junior Alyssa Wycoff, a 2001 graduate of Perry Meridian and the daughter of Jim and Susie Wycoff, was inducted into the Golden Key International Honour Society.

Franklin Township Middle School Principal Lorrie Wilham and seventh-grade teacher Chuck Gillmore kissed a pig as part of the school's fundraiser.

10 Years Ago This Week — **2013** Klosterman Bakery, one of the largest family-owned bakeries in the Midwest, moved its Eastside delivery hub to the corner of Churchman and Elmwood avenues in Beech Grove, where about 50 workers would be employed.



Six members of the Indy Air Bears rope jumping team, Allison Taylor, Mallory Burnett, Grace LaVier, Elise McQueen, Katie Tyson and Caitlyn Louie, were going to perform in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena

Beech Grove High School's mascot - the Hornet - came to life in the form of Grover, whose name was a moniker for residents of Beech Grove. Grover shared the court with McKenzie Marschke.



DBITUARIES

RONALD LEE ALEXANDER. 82, widower of Marsha Alexander; daughters, Jill Kehoe, Robin (Eric) Eads and Nicole Alexander; four grandchildren.

Ron was a graduate of Southport High School. He earned a Bachelor's degree from Indiana State University. He was a member of the American Legion Post

Visitation was held at G.H. Herrmann Funeral Home.

MILDRED LOUISE BAILEY ARMSTRONG, 101, widow of Marion Armstrong; children, Jeanne Jenkins and Stan Chaplin; four grandchildren; four greatgrandchildren.

She served her country as a Rosie the Riveter working for the consolidated B-24 Liberator crafting wiring harnesses during World War II in San Diego, CA. She retired from L.S. Ayres.

Mildred loved reading cookbooks and sharing recipes, some of which earned her blue ribbons at the Johnson Co. Fair.

Mildred was a devout member of Smith Valley United Methodist Church for 69 years.

Services were entrusted to Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

TRACEY W. BECRAFT, 58, daughters, Sara McGauhey and Ashley Smith, five grandchildren; siblings, Sandra and Steve

Becraft. Tracey loved to listen to country music, collect Native American figurines, drink coffee, sit outside, talk about his children and grandchildren and take walks when he

was able to. Visitation is from 12:30 p.m. until the service at 2:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 22, 2023 at G.H. Herrmann East Street Funeral Home.

MICHAEL V. BENITEZ-PA-GAN, 41, wife, Lindsey; children, Christopher, Gavin, and Liberty; mother, Nancy Menning (Richard); siblings, Catherine Sluder, Deborah Benitez, Wendy Swartz, Jeremy Menning, and Lesley

Chenoweth. Michael graduated from Greenwood High School. He joined the military in 2005, displaying extraordinary bravery and dedication during deployments. His valor was recognized through numerous awards.

After leaving active duty, he continued his service with the Indiana National Guard Reserve and obtained his EMT license.

Known for his love of motorcycles, tattoos, and anything fast, he was the life of any party. Wilson St. Pierre Funeral

Home was entrusted with ar-

rangements. ELIZABETH "LIZ" BURGESS,

74, husband, Donnie Burgess; children, William (Jenny) Burgess and Deborah Johnson; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

Liz worked as a cafeteria manager for Decatur Township

and retired after over 20 years She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church for many years. She worked in children's and vouth ministries.

Liz enjoyed cooking chicken and noodles, green beans, rolls and sausage bread. She loved supporting the youth in her life.

Visitation will be Wed., Dec. 20 2023 at Trinity Baptist Church, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. with the funeral at 1 p.m.

BARBARA BITTELMEYER CALLAHAN, 81, daughters, Roxanna Harris and Tammy York; siblings, Mary, Joseph, and Robert (Paula) Bittelmeyer, Jane Helm; five grandchildren; two

great-grandchildren. Barbara was a graduate of Sacred Heart High School and was an office administrator in the road construction industry for many years. She had a passion

for genealogy. Barbara grew up in the Garfield Park neighborhood and belonged to St. Catherine's Later she was a member of Good Shepherd Catholic Church. She will be remembered as loving and caring, always putting her family

Lauck & Veldhof Funeral Home handled arrangements.

FREDRICK "FRED" J. ENGELKING, 92, widower of Barbara Engelking; sons, Frank (Lisa), Carl, James (Sarah), and William (Miah) Engelking; three grandchildren.

He was a member of Our Lady of the Greenwood, and the Genealogical Society of Marion County. He previously served as president of the organization. He was a graduate of Cathedral High School and Indiana University.

Fred proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War with the 51st Fighter Wing. He enjoyed researching genealogy, doing crossword puzzles and was a voracious reader.

G.H. Herrmann Funeral Home was entrusted with arrangements

KIMBERLY LYNN GOWER. 59, widow of Randy Gower; daughter, Heather Burdine (Will); stepdaughters, Misty Harper-Colvin (Allen), Crystal Durivage (Emery); parents, Jimmy and Betty Branscum; seven grand-

Kim graduated from Manual High School. She worked as a Pharmacy Technician for Wal-

greens before retirement. Kim loved to read, travel, especially to the Smoky Mountains, and play games with her grandchildren. Indiana Funeral Care was entrusted with arrangements.

DENNIS L. HOBSON, 70. wife. Linda Hobson: mother. Vernie White; children, Shannon and Cory Hobson, Ashley Cole; stepchildren, Chris Clemens, Janine Nichols, Leslie Carr, 13 grandchildren.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Air Force. For 35 years, he was an operations manager at FedEx. He was an avid coin collector and enjoyed playing golf with friends. G.H. Herrmann Funeral Home

JERRY LEMONS, 49, wife, Sandra; children, Elizabeth, Jennifer, Jessica, Markey, and Jacob; brothers, Gary Bartlett, James Ricketts; two grandchil-

conducted services.

He was a graduate of Manual High School. He attended Mt. Calvary Evangelistic Center. He worked as a truck driver with

SAIA until the day of his passing. He spent his free time with his grandchildren, listening to gospel music, helping others with their cars, lending a hand to others in need, and attending church. He

enjoyed football and NASCAR. Visitation was held at Norman F. Chance Funeral Home.

SHIRLEY ENGLEMAN LYNCH, 88, widow of Theodore "Bud" Lynch.

She was a proud Phi Beta Kappa key recipient. She held Bachelors and Masters Degrees from Indiana University and was an avid lifelong learner and reader. During her teaching ca-reer, she taught English and Latin at Ben Davis High School and Southport High School. She was loved by her family members, friends, colleagues, and former

A Celebration of Life Service will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 4, 2024, at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home.

LEODA STEPHENS 92 widow of Billy Stephens; children, Billy Jr. (Faye), Roger (Susie), and Terry (Tina) Stephens; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren.

Leoda's primary role was as a homemaker and mother to her family. She was a member of Indianapolis Baptist Temple since 1967. She was a talented seamstress and crafter. Leoda was a dedicated fan of the Indianapolis 500 for many years. She loved cooking, gardening, and spending time with her family.

Forest Lawn Funeral Home

handled funeral services

MARK "TWOTYMES" TARTER, II, 35, parents, Mark Tarter and Sonia Tarter; children, Markus Tarter, India May; sister, Amanda Tarter; grandparents, Rodolfo and Christina Garza.

Mark attended IPS and Center Grove schools. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, going to Colts and Pacer games, playing golf and basketball. He loved his children more

than they will ever know. Services were conducted at G. H. Herrmann Funeral Home

ESTHER PEARL TRUE, 75, widow of David True; children, Stephen (Angie) Anderson, Clarissa (Tim) White, Susan and Chris (Jennifer) True; 16 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

Esther retired from Baby Superstore. She enjoyed making crafts and working with her hands. Her home was displayed with many of her homemade talents. Her favorite place to shop was Hobby Lobby and the Dollar Tree. She loved to bake, making cakes and cookies for her family and friends. She loved the holidays, especially Christmas. She was a supportive mother, giving

advice whenever needed. Services were conducted at Indiana Funeral Care, Greenwood Chapel.

CAROL L. JOHNSTON WIL-LIAMS, 90, widow of Duane "Bus" Williams; children, Cindy (Patrick) Rooney, Lisa (Raymond) Swift, Steve (Hania) and Mark (Lori) Williams: nine grandchildren: many great-grandchildren.

arol had worked for Thompson Marketing in Manufacturing Representation. She was a member of the Red Hat Society and was on the Board of Directors for Meals on Wheels in Greenwood.

Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Home was entrusted with arrangements.

MARY ROSALEE THERESE WILSON, 83, husband, Boyle Wilson; daughters, Lisa (Aaron) Spencer, Holly (Joe) Martin Lewellyn; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sister, Judy Ărdizzone.

She graduated from Sacred Heart Catholic School and attended St. Jude Catholic Church. She enjoyed gardening and cooking but her passion was taking care of her family. Visitation took place at G. H

Herrmann Funeral Home. THAD C. YANIS, 52, parents, Ruben and Karen Yanis; siblings, Jeff (Aimee) Yanis and Tara

(Kent) Richwine He was a champion bowler with the Special Olympics and was a devoted Colts fan and was a season ticket holder since 1998. Thad loved the family trips to Disney World and especially liked Minnie Mouse. He always had a smile on his face and was fondly referred to as "the angel among us. Lauck & Veldhof Funeral Home was entrusted with arrangements.

TERESA MAXINE PATTERSON. 61, of Beech Grove, passed away December 15, 2023, at her home surrounded by loving family. She fought a courageous battle with cancer. She was born on June 7, 1962, in Indianapolis, IN, to Gilford and Mildred Cravens Threet. She was a graduate of Hamilton Southeastern High School and attended Ivy Tech in Indianapolis. She was a certified Medical Coder. She enjoyed adult coloring books in order to help with her stress, baking her sweets, reading, going to many



live concerts, watching the Indianapolis Colts and especially enjoyed her weekend road trips with her husband. She was a member of the Noblesville Moose Lodge and Daughters of the American Legion of Fishers, IN. Survivors include her husband of 35 years Timothy Patterson, her son Zachary, her mother Mildred. She was preceded in death by her father Gilford Threet. Visitation and funeral were held on Tuesday at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home. 5141 Madison Avenue, Indianapolis, IN. She will be laid to rest at Concordia Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Wheeler Mission or the American Cancer Society.

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Roncalli partnered with Anna's House for the annual Toy Drive. The Life Academy at Roncalli collected over 275 books on Dec. 11. That evening, Roncalli was beaming with holiday cheer as vehicles drove through to drop off toys and gifts. Roncalli athletic teams and coaches collected items, loaded the truck and enjoyed Christmas carols, karaoke, hot cocoa and snacks courtesy of Roncalli's campus ministry team.

This year, there was an official lighting of the Roncalli Royal Christmas tree. "Collecting toys and gifts to support the efforts of The Lord's Pantry at Anna's House is a community effort, and the Roncalli community did not disappoint!" said Julie Albertson, Roncalli's athletic ministry coordinator. "We collected hundreds of toys for children and gifts for teens and enjoyed a beautiful tree and circle lighting complete with Christmas caroling led by our choir. Thank you to our students, families, staff and faculty who showed up with the generous spirit of our namesake, St. John XXIII, Angelo Roncalli."

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ROYALS ATTEND LUGAR SYMPOSIUM FOR TOMORROW'S LEADERS



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)
Lauren Brown, from left, Lilian Bauman, Mia Nettles, Mia Michalak and Anna Rosario at the Richcard G. Lugar Symposium for
Tomorrow's Leaders.

Juniors Lilian Bauman, Lauren Brown, Mia Michalak, Mia Nettles and Anna Rosario attended the Richard G. Lugar Symposium for Tomorrow's Leaders at the University of Indianapolis on Dec. 9. Not only were the five Roncalli Royals nominated to attend this event, but they also received scholarships to study at the University of Indianapolis, if they so choose. Lilian Bauman shared, "We listened to Steve Inskeep, the keynote speaker, talk about becoming a strong leader by understanding the humanity of both sides of stories while still making informed, independent decisions in the political world. There were also many different breakout sessions with various topics about current issues. Overall, it was a very informative and beneficial experience with lots of perspectives from teenagers from across the state."

"Each year, we are able to send five student leaders to represent Roncalli High School at Richard G. Lugar for Tomorrow's Leaders at the University of Indianapolis. Our representatives excel not only in their academic achievements but also in their service and leadership. The entire guidance department is incredibly proud of what these students have accomplished and are excited to see how they continue to shape and inspire the world," said Steven Freck, Roncalli High School college and career counselor.





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CHRISTMAS PARTY



Giovanni Green and Ryett Purcell enjoy doing crafts at the Keenan-Stahl Boys and Girls Club's McGuire Brothers Christmas party on Saturday.



Erin Dyson, Navi Purcell and Riley Dyson were all dolled up and

Carver family

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(PHOTO COURTESY 604 STUDIOS) Sadie, Huxley and Harlow Carver - Autumn and Zach's world.

Finally, after 100 days, Autumn returned home to her children, Harlow, Sadie and Huxley. While mom was hospitalized, the girls lived with Zach's parents and Autumn's parents cared for Huxley.

"I prayed every second of every day," Zach said. "The Lord opened lots of doors for us. God played a big role; so did our friends and family. Our parents were raising our children as we were fighting this.'

"Thankfully for me, I don't have any memories of a lot of it," Autumn said. "Unfortunately for those with me, they're carrying

"Luckily, we have an amazing group of friends and family." Zach said. "Both our workplaces are amazing. They helped us go through what I call hell. It was tough, absolutely tough. "Our faith was critical, no doubt." The Carvers are members

of the Rocklane Christian Church in Greenwood. Zach is an Army member who is a police officer in Indianapolis. "This changed our lives. I was very career oriented," he said. "I was always gone with deployments, chasing stuff at work. This

grounded me. I'm not very far from her at any time." The Carvers believe there was a purpose to all this. "To this day, we're running into people who are bursting into tears," Autumn said. "They say their faith has been strengthened, their life has changed. Like Zach said, it was hell going through

it. But good things are coming. "It was nice to have a happy ending for some dark days."







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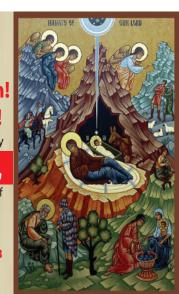
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The holidays allow you to let vour usually downplayed soft side really glow. Don't be surprised to find a Scorpio looking to share the light.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Dress up in your party best and enjoy the compliments that come your way. You'll have a great time reconnecting with old friends and making new ones.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Holiday galas give you many chances to do what you're so good at -namely, being the life of the party. Indulge yourself in the good times. You earned it!

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Get out and experience the holiday fun. And remember, while you're a traditionalist with most things, open your mind to how others like to celebrate

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This is a good time to fill the family den with the love and warmth that you lucky Leos and Leonas exude. Invite friends to share in your happy celebrations

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Indulge yourself in the holiday festivities with family and friends, and forget about those small details that often keep you from enjoying the moment to its maximum.

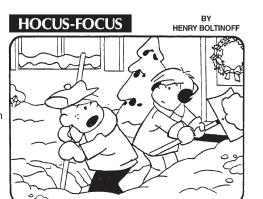
LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) The holiday season brings family and friends

together to help you to friends from the past repair a very special and restore or reconnect relationship that those once-strong ties. recently underwent CAPRICORN (De-

cember 22 to January 19) A family member pays you a surprise visit to help you celebrate the holidays. Meanwhile, that workplace problem is closer to getting resolved. AQUARIUS (January

20 to February 18) Your holiday plans are working out as you had hoped they would. Congratulations! Also, expect news about a long-needed change in the workplace

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your holiday plans could suddenly



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BORN THIS WEEK: You aim high, and you aim true. You are a good friend whose loyalty can be relied upon. (c) 2023 King Features Synd., Inc.

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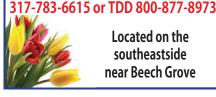
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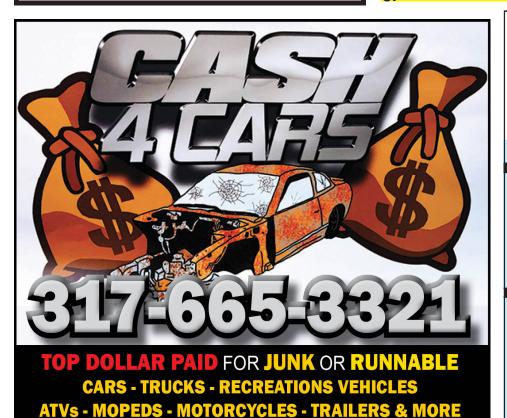
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