This Week on the Web

Douglas MacArthur Elementary named NIET Founder’s Award finalist

The National Institute for Excellence in Teaching (NIET) has announced that Douglas MacArthur Elementary School in Perry Township Schools has earned $10,000 as a NIET Founder’s Award finalist. The school is one of four finalists across the country and is under consideration for the $50,000 grand prize. Founder’s Award recipients are selected by NIET based on their efforts to make instructional excellence the cornerstone of school improvement; plan for regular professional learning focused on real-time needs of teachers and students; create a culture of collaboration and reflection; and leverage teacher leaders and administrators to drive student growth.

ss-times.com/douglas-macarthur-elementary-niet-founders-award-finalist

Southside Art League board member exhibits watercolor paintings in March

Southside Art League Off Broadway Gallery featured artist for March, Elise Taylor, will display her collection of watercolor paintings at the gallery beginning March 3. The longtime member and board member of SALI began painting in oils as a teen and converted to watercolor more than 30 years ago. The surrounding mountains and seacoast of the northeast (Taylor is a Massachusetts native) and farmland of central Indiana has had a large impact on her choice of subject matter.

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Principal Star Hardimon observes the work of one of her students at Douglas MacArthur Elementary. (Submitted photo)

A variety of paintings by professional watercolor artist Elise Taylor will be on exhibit at the Southside Art League Off Broadway Gallery. (Submitted photo)
Ghosts don’t always mean spooky, supernatural occurrences. Sometimes “ghosts” are our memories.

Back in the late 1960s, my mom and Aunt Janice would load the car with five kids, on a Saturday afternoon, for a journey to the then Far Southside, to Longacre Swimming Pool. It became a pilgrimage! They would plant themselves on a blanket on the grassy, shaded hillside, trying their best to keep track of us bouncing about in the chaotic water. There was not a lot happening for an Eastside kid back in those days; Longacre became the exception. It was the place to be, and with quite the history. ...

Attorney, Edwin Thompson, created the park in 1927. It was a parcel of undeveloped rolling ground with trees, green space and endless possibilities. His initial vision soon transformed into a park-like setting encompassing baseball, basketball, tennis, golf, croquet, picnic area and pony rides. And the diamond jewel of it all – a literal acre-sized, kidney shaped, pool fed naturally by the waters of nearby Lick Creek. In the 1950s it was fully concreted. Passage of time in the park witnessed a sand beach, paddle boats, canoes, bathhouse with a dance hall and a modern playground. The Urban Stop Trolley, #6, became the destination on a hot Indianapolis weekend!

In 1946 the property was sold to Rufus Dodrill Jr. and was family operated until 1972. In the 1960s Dodrill had his own vision – developing the ground around the pool into a mobile home community. And so it began. Regardless, the pool continued to remain a draw.

Turning 16 years of age brought about my driver’s license, and a car; no more mom or Aunt Janice. I, along with a group of teenage friends would travel from the Far Eastside to Longacre for a day in the sun. We also conspired to pick up girls. That’s what young noodle-heads from Warren Central High School did! On one visit, we surveyed the scene, looking in on two obviously older girls sitting on a blanket on the hillside. I (the elected one) approached to impress them with my conversational skills. “Want to swim with me and my friends?” They looked us over before holding up their hands with wedding rings glistening in the sunlight. I walked back to my friends with their laughter ringing in my ears. Scary ghosts of the past!

Today, as I pull into the Longacre Mobile Park off of Madison Avenue, I follow the Lick Creek Parkway through the double railroad bridge archways and navigate a circular drive to the right to arrive at the clubhouse. The route is the same from the 1970s, only the pool is gone. I believe the original entrance to the pool was at this clubhouse, or close by. Time and different ownership most often brings changes.

By the early 1970s the crowds began to drop off. Dodrill sold the complex in 1972 and the pool became open only to park residents. However, it wasn’t hard to get around that. Finally, the pool was plowed under in the late 70s or early 80s, becoming prime real estate for more mobile homes.

The pool was a respite and sanctuary of sorts, for not only my brief exposure, but also for countless many others throughout the years. It now lies under the asphalt of Charing Cross Drive. It doesn’t seem right!

Rick Hinton, a Southport resident, loves researching things that go bump in the night. His articles can be read on Facebook: Rick Hinton, Southport Paranormal Examiner. Hinton conducts paranormal investigations with his team, South Central Paranormal.

A ghost from the past: Longacre Swimming Pool
HELPING ADULTS MOVE FORWARD

Hope Center Indy and Marian University to offer adult education programs to the public, free of charge

By Nicole Davis

There’s nothing worse than feeling stuck. Without a high school diploma or technical certifications, a person might feel they’re not able to move forward in life, not able to get a better job with higher income.

Hope Center Indy, in partnership with Marian University, is aiming to remove some of the obstacles that may cause adults to not pursue furthering their education, by offering adult education courses to the public, free of charge.

“I’m grateful for the adult basic education programs because they have been able to give hope to a lot of people,” said David Taylor, Project Build instructor and professional development facilitator at Marian University. “With these programs, there’s unlimited possibilities.”

Hope Center Indy is a nonprofit in Franklin Township which focuses on the recovery of women exiting human trafficking, addictions and other situations. The center offers programs to help the women in their recovery and to be successful once they get out on their own again.

Pingnan Shi came to Hope Center Indy as its education director in 2019, in charge of helping the women earn their High School Equivalency (HSE). Staff from Marian University’s Project Build program began talking with the center that year to provide the HSE classes.

Project Build is an adult education outreach program which tends to center itself in community centers and easily-accessible locations.

“While we were working on helping the residents of the center get the high school equivalency, we also talked about how to do the same with the public, the people in the Southeast neighborhood,” Shi said.

“There is currently no adult education center in this neighborhood.”

Project Build received funding for the program which has allowed Hope Center to add an Adult Education Center inside of its facility. HSE classes are scheduled to begin March 1, serving Indiana residents 18 and older without a high school diploma or college degree. Classes can hold eight to 10 people and will take place Mondays and Wednesdays, 5 to 8 p.m. Students should commit six hours per week. This fast-track program takes three months to complete.

The center will also soon begin offering industry-recognized certifications such as Microsoft and IT Fundamentals once enough interest has been obtained.

“We’re really excited about being able to serve in another area of the community,” said Judy Bardonner, Ph.D., director of Center for Community Learning at Fred S. Klipsch Educators College at Marian University. “We’ve had great success in the past with helping people earn their HSE’s. We’re hoping to make an impact in people’s lives so they can go on and get a better job.”

Adults interested in the classes can earn their HSE, earn the technical certifications and work with the instructors to figure out what’s next.

“We help with business plans or if they want to go to college, we navigate the ins and outs,” Taylor said. “They have a lifetime membership for our services. We’re a family. We will have students from five years ago come in and see us. Our students definitely remember that experience.”

For more information or to apply, visit marian.edu/educators-college/community-outreach/project-build.

DID YOU KNOW ...

- Every year, more than 2 million students drop out of high school in the United States. The Indiana Department of Education states that 470 students from the class of 2020 dropped out sometime during high school.

- Students from low socioeconomic status (SES) backgrounds or low-income families are 2.4 times more likely to drop out of high school than students in middle SES families, and 10 times more likely to drop out than higher SES students.

- Full-time workers with a high school diploma earn almost $10,000 more per year than those without a diploma.

- In 2020, 65 percent of all U.S. jobs required education or training beyond high school, yet 38 percent of the workforce, 59 million out of 166 million adults, has only a high school education or less.

SOURCE: WORLDDE.ORG, EDUCATIONDATA.ORG

Left, Marian University’s Project Build offers classes for adults to earn their high school equivalency or IT certifications at locations across the city. Center, Pictured from left, Dr. Judy Bardonner, Evan Casey and David Taylor, from Marian University. Below and on the cover: left, Hope Center Indy Education Director Dr. Pingnan Shi and right, Hope Center Indy Executive Director Hubert Nolen. (Submitted photos)
By Mark Ambrogi

Legally blind, Grace Nuhfer was limited in sports in which she could compete. “She can’t compete in any sports that involve a racket, bat or club,” said her father, Adam Nuhfer. “It was really track or swimming. She did a little track in middle school but found her passion in the pool.”

Grace, who has a genetic condition called brittle cornea syndrome, started swimming with the Greenwood Gators when she was 7 years old and has never stopped. A Greenwood Community High School senior, she finished 16th in the 100-yard butterfly in the IHSAA girls swimming and diving finals state finals Feb. 13 at Indiana University Natatorium at IUPUI. She also was on the 200 medley relay.

“She wanted to be on the podium (as top eight finisher),” Adam said. “But when the dust settles, back-to-back (Mid-State) conference, (Johnson) county and sectional champion (in the 100 butterfly) and to make it back as a state finalist and finish your career with seven school record, four individual and three relays. That’s nothing to hang your head over.”

She holds school individual records in 100 butterfly, 50, 100 and 200 freestyle. For her accomplishments, Grace has been selected as The Southside Times’ Athlete of the Month.

“It’s always so fun going to the Natatorium and competing at a state level for your school,” Grace said. “This year with all the COVID restrictions, it wasn’t the same as it normally is. It was a bittersweet ending, missing out on a normal state meet. But at the end of the day, we were all that supporting each other and having a good time.”

Grace, who was 12th in the 100 butterfly in the state meet as a junior, will swim next season for the University of Akron, which has won the Mid-American Conference championship seven years in a row.

“I like the campus size and the atmosphere on the team. The school had a lot of academic aspects I was looking for. It was all-around great fit.”

Adam Nuhfer said he is proud of his daughter’s dedication and hard work and that she has been part of the group that has transformed in the Greenwood program. “The program is as strong as it’s ever been,” Adam said. “This group has rewritten every record on the board. The future looks bright.”

Grace’s mother, Tami Nuhfer, ran four years for the Purdue University track and field team. Adam played tennis at Greenwood High School.

Grace’s younger sister, Elaina, has the same genetic condition. Elaina was a freshman on the Greenwood swimming team and Tami is an assistant coach.

“So, all three of us were able to share that together,” Grace said. “Swimming was something that stood out and something I could see myself doing for a long time,” she said. “I think it was natural talent and dedication.”

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**THE NUHFER FILE**

**NAME:** Grace Nuhfer  
**YEAR:** Senior  
**HEIGHT:** 5 foot, 4 inches  
**AGE:** 18  
**SPORT:** Girls swimming  
**POSITION:** 100-yard butterfly, freestyle races  
**HOBBIES:** Photography  
**COLLEGE PLANS:** Will swim for the University of Akron and major in business marketing  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** Mamma Mia!  
**FAVORITE TV SHOW:** The Office  
**PARENTS:** Tami & Adam Nuhfer  

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Grace Nuhfer. (Submitted photo)
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Features

‘A show of solidarity’

Roncalli prayer service shows Burmese community in the archdiocese ‘our hearts are with you’

By Natalie Hoefer

Archdiocese of Indianapolis

On Feb. 1, Myanmar refugee and Indianapolis resident Paul Hnin scrolled through news articles online when a headline seized him with shock and fear: the Myanmar military had overthrown the country’s democratic government.

“I couldn’t think,” said the 37-year-old member of St. Barnabas Parish in Indianapolis. “We don’t want to go through this again. We need democracy!”

With 24,000 refugees from Myanmar – formerly known as Burma – Indianapolis is home to one of the nation’s largest Burmese communities.

A large number of them are Catholic. Those of various ethnic tribes settled near three Indianapolis parishes – the Hakha Chin at St. Barnabas, the Zomi Chin at St. Mark the Evangelist and the Karenni at St. Pius X.

In support of the city’s Burmese population following the coup, the three faith communities hosted a prayer service on Feb. 11 at Roncalli High School in Indianapolis.

Roughly 150 people – including non-Burmese – attended the service in person, and many more watched via livestream, said St. Mark Pastor Father Timothy Wyciskalla.

“Along with praying for the situation, we hope to raise awareness by doing this so people know what is going on in Myanmar,” he said. “And to allow for a show of solidarity with the Burmese who have made Indianapolis their home and enriched our community by being here.”

‘God is never late’

The various traditional outfits of those gathered from numerous Burmese tribes turned Roncalli’s auxiliary gym into a prism of color.

Those not from Myanmar turned out for the prayer service as well, including St. Mark Catholic School Principal Rusty Albertson.

“We have 250 Burmese students in our school,” he said. “What happened in Myanmar with the coup and with so many of our families still having family there – bringing the community together to pray and show our support is the right thing to do.”

St. Barnabas Parochial Vicar Father Eustace Thang noted the gathering’s diversity in his welcome address.

“I see people here from many worlds, and it is good to see you all,” said Father Thang, who was sent by the Hakha Diocese in Myanmar to minister to the parish’s Hakha Chin refugees.

“We thank you for your participation and prayers, and for standing in solidarity with us and especially with the people in Myanmar. We continue to pray to God for peace and democracy throughout our homeland.”

He encouraged those present and watching online to “not be discouraged if we have not yet received an answer from God. ... We must never give up until we get what we ask of the Lord. The time will come. God is never late.”

The prayer service included hymns, petitions read in 13 Burmese dialects and talks from guest speakers.

Among the speakers was Sayadaw Ashin U Win Ma La, a local Buddhist monk and Burmese refugee. He spent 11 years in a Burmese prison because he “protected and fought for the democracy that the people of Myanmar want. ... We will not stop fighting until we get the democracy that we want.”

‘Our hearts are with you’

Another special guest was Archbishop Charles C. Thompson, who expressed his sympathy for the Burmese refugee community.

“Our hearts are with you. Our prayers are with you,” he said.

“I know the circumstances that brought you here were not the greatest. But (for) the witness that you bring, the blessing that you bring here in the midst of your troubles and sorrows, we are very grateful!”

He noted another priest from Myanmar was “just days away” from coming to Indianapolis when the coup happened.

“He wasn’t able to get out soon enough,” he added.

‘A show of solidarity’ continued on page 7.
Before offering a blessing, Archbishop Thompson pointed to a crucifix standing by the podium. He noted that it “reminds us that where the world sees death, God brings life. Where the world sees an end, God brings a beginning. Where the world sees darkness, God brings light."

“So we see before us a sign of hope, a sign of life, a sign of assurance that God is with your family, your friends and with you – in Myanmar, in Indianapolis and around the world.”

Yan Yan, a 22-year-old refugee and a St. Mark parishioner, said the archbishop’s presence at the service was “so awesome.”

“The service tonight really made me feel supported, especially having the archbishop here,” he said. “At times, I was almost brought to tears.”

‘Such an important time’

Hnin, who read a petition during the prayer service, said he was also moved by the service and the show of support.

But he is still anxious for his family and friends in Myanmar.

“This is such an important time,” he said. “Such an important time. Now we fear we can’t be democratic again.”

But the people of Myanmar are not standing idly by. Since the coup, massive peaceful protests have taken place in the country’s larger cities, as reported in news outlets around the world.

“A significant [fact] is that youth – both Catholics and non-Catholics – between the ages of 15 to 25 are representing about 80 percent of protesters,” said Joseph Kung Za Hmung in an email interview with The Criterion. He is publisher and editor-in-chief of GloriaNews.com, a Catholic media outlet in Myanmar.

They are protesting, he said, because under military rule “we will be oppressed and persecuted with authoritarian laws, and our developing country will be in a miserable situation again.

“The country will be corrupted. Religious freedom will be torn apart, and freedom and human rights (will) be extinguished.”

When asked what Catholics of central and southern Indiana can do to support the Myanmar people, Za Hmung offered a two-fold answer.

“They should not only pray for us,” he said, “but they should lobby their governments to put economic sanctions and other political pressures on the Myanmar military.”

The Biden administration has already levied sanctions against Myanmar officials, noted Angela Espada, executive director of the Indiana Catholic Conference, the lobbying arm for the Church in Indiana.

But she still encouraged Catholics to “contact their senators to express support for the sanctions, as well as holding the (Myanmar) officials accountable.

Although it is far away, attacks on democracy or abuses of power should concern all of us who care about freedom and justice.”

For information on how to contact Indiana’s U.S. senators, Mike Braun and Todd Young, go to senate.gov/states/IN/intro.
University of Indianapolis Department of Theatre announces livestream premiere of Kill Move Paradise

Virtual Theatre – The University of Indianapolis announced a livestream theatre production of James Ijames' groundbreaking work, Kill Move Paradise at 8 p.m., Feb. 26-28 and March 4-6. Produced in collaboration with the University of Indianapolis Black Student Association and the Office of Inclusion & Equity, this regional world premiere of Kill Move Paradise is guest directed by Indianapolis-based multidisciplinary artist Ben Rose. The livestream is free of charge and open to the general public. Pre-registration is required. Kill Move Paradise follows four young Black people who find themselves stuck in a purgatory-like waiting room for the afterlife. Isa (Joshua Short), Daz (Robert Gurley '24, theatre and psychology), Grif (Kelli Thomas 22, theatre) and Tiny (Sarah Cunningham '24, pre-nursing) are forced to confront the reality of their past and how they arrived in this unearthly place. Inspired by the growing list of slain Black men and women, Kill Move Paradise illustrates the potential for collective transformation and radical acts of joy. The play also uses humor to highlight the natural dynamics among the group. The play, which was recognized as a New York Times Critic’s Pick when it debuted in 2017, was adapted for the University of Indianapolis performance. The March 4 performance will be followed by a discussion of the topics explored in the play. Pre-registration is required, and virtual seats are limited. For more information, go to uindy.edu.

Indiana Independent Venue Alliance announces matching donation to help local music community

Donation – Like many businesses and organizations across the U.S., member venues of the Indiana Independent Venue Alliance (IVIA) have been fighting to survive for nearly a year in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. According to internal reports from the IVIA, these venues have experienced more than $30 million in combined lost revenue as a result of the pandemic. Generosity and support from the community means everything to these venues right now. Live music here in Indiana needs your help. Now through Feb. 28, any donation made to the @INVenueAlliance will be matched by an anonymous donor up to $3,000. Your contributions will help them in this fight to stay open! Donations can be made by visiting indianavenuealliance.org/donate. The Indiana Independent Venue Alliance (IVIA) is a 501(c)(3) arts organization that empowers and preserves Indiana’s live music community. IVIA is an alliance of Indiana-based independent concert venues, live music promoters and music festivals. As small business owners, the IVIA community plays a critical role in our state’s music and culture economy. These cultural hubs are centerpiece of our neighborhoods. As businesses they provide highly skilled jobs, contribute to the tax base and drive tourism dollars. IVIA businesses were among the first to be closed during the current pandemic and will be the last to open. The financial recovery process far exceeds opening the front doors, requiring solutions unique to this industry to keep our employees, fans and artists safe. The organization is relentlessly dedicated to protecting and supporting our community of independent statewide venues. The IVIA is an active member of NIVA, National Independent Venue Association.

Southport High School Key Club raises funds for Burmese community

By By Ann. C. Smith, Chair
Publicity Committee
Kiwanis Club of Perry Township

Southport High School Key Club – the youth affiliate of Perry Kiwanis – is raising funds to support Hope for Tomorrow (HFT), a nonprofit that serves the Burmese community in Indianapolis and throughout Indiana. Student-led Key Clubs help teach young adults community service and leadership skills by running meetings, planning projects and holding office at various levels of Kiwanis.

“We have partnered with HFT, which focuses on a wide range of services to Burmese residents,” said Lydia Par, president of the Key Club. “HFT offers tutoring programs, citizenship classes for adults and other English Language Learner classes. Key Club is currently focusing on raising funds for materials – markers, pencils and many more supplies – for the tutoring and citizenship program that we will be implementing at HFT.”

“We will also start volunteering at HFT for its adult citizenship classes starting in March. Each cohort will be for three months.”

Par explained that Key Club members are making and selling customized bracelets to raise funds for the HFT project. Bracelets are $3 for one and $5 for two. They can be ordered via email at KCubSHS1@gmail.com or via Instagram message at @SHSKCub.

“Key Club members are joining together to work hard on this project,” said Perry Kiwanis Co-president and Key Club advisor Scott Splichal. “We are very proud of them and their dedication to the community.”

Key Club members assist Perry Kiwanis in performing a variety of community service projects during the year including conducting a bicycle safety rodeo, organizing a clothing and food giveaway for needy Perry students and ringing the Salvation Army bell at Christmas, among others.

Key Club members also play a vital role in staffing the concession stands operated by Perry Kiwanis during the Baxter YMCA spring and fall youth athletic league games. And they assisted Perry Kiwanis by assembling and distributing backpacks with beverages and snacks during a recent Under the Bridge event, an initiative that helps feed the homeless in downtown Indianapolis every Sunday afternoon.
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Southside Educator of the Month

Compiled by Nancy Price

The last Thursday of each month, we recognize staff of Southside schools recommended by other staff members, students and parents. 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 nicole@icontimes.com.

Congratulations to this month’s nominated educators of the month: Courtney Smith, Nativity Catholic School, fifth-grade teacher; Daniel Lichtenberger, Franklin Central High School English teacher; and Angie Toner, Roncalli High School math teacher.

Courtney Smith
Nativity Catholic School
Fifth-Grade Teacher

Mrs. Swift is not only a highly respected teacher by the parents and staff, but she is adored by all the students she has taught. Students love her for her humor, positivity, encouragement and the amazing bonds she forms with them. Not only does she teach all of her students, but she also hosts many activities outside of school. Mrs. Swift is a proud coach of Nativity’s 5/6 A volleyball team. She has coached at Nativity for the last six years. Her volleyball team recently received the title of Champion at the Blacklight Tournament. She is a co-moderator for the Student Lighthouse Team, serves on the Teacher Lighthouse Team, runs a knitting club and serves on the Catholic Schools’ Week committee. Mrs. Swift does many things for the school and the community and we are very proud to say that she is one AMAZING teacher!

NOMINATED BY:
FIFTH-GRADE STUDENTS
NATIVITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Daniel Lichtenberger
Franklin Central High School
English Teacher

As a veteran English teacher, Mr. Lichtenberger coordinates the Flashbook yearbook staff and the Pilot Flashes newspaper staff. In addition to mentoring budding journalists, Mr. Lichtenberger gracefully gives his time to assist the behind-the-scenes coordination of our extensive graduation ceremony each year. Department Chair Mr. Brian Dunn noted, “Mr. Lichtenberger is a humble educator who uses cutting-edge technology and lends his talents to support colleagues. He is a positive role model, and we are so proud he is a Flash!”

NOMINATED BY:
FCHS ADMINISTRATION

Angie Toner
Roncalli High School
Math Teacher, Former Coach and Assistant Athletic Director

I have been in education for nearly 40 years. No one has brought more of an unbridled passion for kids to school on a daily basis during that time than Angie Toner! She loves kids and loves mathematics and is darn good at teaching kids’ mathematics.

NOMINATED BY:
PRESIDENT CHUCK WEISENBACH
RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear readers - Nancy Price has been the chief cook and bottle washer for our happy little paper the last few years but is preparing to move on after this edition. We all wish her well. I just happen to have a few ideas for her replacement.


9. Be bold. More articles written by house pets, farm animals and folks who aren’t afraid to say, “poop.”

8. Be innovative. More “Do It Yourself” articles, but with a difference: hire local surgeons to write.

7. Hire Long’s Donuts to cater the newsroom, and I might just show up once in a while.

6. Go back to printing the school lunch menus. This’ll tick off the kids doing e-learning at home and scarfing SpaghettiOs for the third time this week.

5. Offer a few columns each week for local high schoolers to showcase their journalistic talents. Above the fold if they can avoid quoting Wikipedia and using a single, “LOL.”

4. More press credentials. I am volunteering to cover the next monster truck show or $5 pitcher night at Hooters.

3. With Rick Hinton doing all of that paranormal stuff I think we can ease up on the rules about using ghost writers.

2. A pay raise for the Top Ten guy. I propose 50 percent more since half his stuff is halfway funny about half the time.

1. “Scratch ‘n Sniff” front page headlines. Optional when we do articles about the latest sewer project.

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

In Baltimore City, Maryland, though you may spit on a city roadway, spitting on city sidewalks is prohibited.

Source: dumblaws.com
Answers to frequently asked questions about COVID-19 vaccinations

By Nydia Nunez-Estrada, M.D.
Assistant Professor of Family Medicine
Eskenazi Health Center North Arlington

Currently the United States is administering over 1.6 million shots a day. There are many questions people want answers to regarding the vaccines and we hope this Q&A is helpful to you.

Q: How many days after having COVID-19 can someone receive the vaccine?
A: The only rule about being vaccinated after being infected with the virus is that people must have completed the quarantine period and be symptom-free for 90 days.

Q: When will it be safer to be in a public place after receiving the vaccine?
A: Experts at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are still learning about the protection that COVID-19 vaccines provide under real-life conditions. So, once you get vaccinated, keep wearing your mask, washing your hands and staying 6 feet from others until you hear differently from the CDC.

Q: If you can still be infected with the virus after receiving the vaccine, why are we told we are protecting our family and community by being vaccinated?
A: Studies have suggested that those who are vaccinated are less likely to transmit the virus to others. A recent preliminary study from Oxford University, co-developer of the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine, found that it cut the risk of transmission by about two-thirds. But, because more data is necessary, it’s a good idea to wear a mask when you’re near unvaccinated people in case a slight risk of transmission remains.

Q: There have been reports of people experiencing adverse reactions to the vaccine. Is that true?
A: You may experience some intense but brief symptoms like fatigue, nausea and a low fever after you’re vaccinated. Those are often synonymous with COVID-19, but these vaccine-induced side effects should subside within 24 to 48 hours. It’s also possible you could experience no side effects, or they could be as mild as a headache and a sore arm.

Q: How do you know the vaccine is safe during pregnancy?
A: The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists recommended the COVID-19 vaccine for people who are pregnant or breastfeeding. It’s also wise to get vaccinated, because pregnant women are thought to be at a higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19. Compared to symptomatic people who are not pregnant, pregnant people are at a higher risk of ICU admission, the need for a ventilator and death, according to the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

Q: Is it safe for children to get the vaccine?
A: At this time, the COVID-19 vaccine has only been approved for individuals above the age of 16 (Pfizer-BioNTech) or the age of 18 (Moderna). Clinical trials are being performed for children under the age of 16.

If you or someone you know is eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine, please visit ourshot.in.gov or call 211 to schedule an appointment. Additional groups will be made eligible by the Indiana Department of Health as more doses of the vaccine become available. If you would like to learn more, please talk with your health care provider or call Eskenazi Health Connections at (317) 880-7666.

People who believe they may have been exposed to COVID-19 should contact their health care provider immediately. If you are ill with flu-like symptoms such as fever, cough or shortness of breath, please call your health center or clinic before coming to your appointment. If you are an Eskenazi Health patient, please call (317) 880-7666 before coming to your appointment. Health care professionals are available 24/7 to answer questions on symptoms and direct you to the most appropriate care. It is important to first call before arriving at Eskenazi Health.
Winter Animals • Bring the kids to the park to enjoy some time exploring outside and learning about what animals do in the winter. Packets can be picked up at the Conservatory front desk and activities/crafts can be done throughout the park. Packets will be geared towards ages 5-10, but all ages are welcome to participate. Please register one spot for each packet needed. Packets can be picked up anytime during program time. Registration runs the whole month, but you are only expected to come one Saturday, whichever Saturday fits your schedule, to pick up the packet. You can register at any time during the month. Activity fee is $4 for the general public. Ages 2 and up. | When: Saturdays through Feb. 27, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Dr., Indianapolis. | Info: garfieldgardensconservatory.org/programsevents.

GARFIELD PARK

Praying the Stations with St. John XXIII • Sacred Heart Catholic Church will be Praying the Stations with St. John XXIII on all Fridays of Lent. The essence of Pope John XXIII’s ministry is that we are immersed in the dying and rising of Christ. This message is certainly timely with the current turmoil in our society. Based on extensive scholarship and prayerful study, the 14 Stations of the Cross have been faithfully adapted to the message and teaching of St. John XXIII. Each traditional prayer will be combined with video, music and reflections on John XXIII’s life that resonates in our modern world. Please join us as we seek to grow in Christ’s gift of salvation. Masks and social distancing required. | When: Fridays during Lent, 6:30 p.m. | Where: Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 530 Union St. | Info: (317) 638-5551.

IN PERSON AND ONLINE

Kiwanis Club of Perry Township • The Kiwanis Club of Perry Township has now returned to meeting every Thursday. | When: March 4, 7 a.m. (EST) | Where: IHOP, 7521 U.S. 31 S. and on Zoom. | Info: email: kiwanisperry@kiwanisperrytownship.org; kiwanisperrytownship.org; Kiwanis of Perry Township.

INDIANAPOLIS

NY Slice

NY Slice specializes in thin crust, hand-tossed pizza that tastes just as it would in New York. Slices are large - fold it in half and eat it like a New Yorker! NY Slice serves pizza, calzones, salads, sandwiches, breadsticks and desserts, all made from fresh, from-scratch dough. Fresh cannoli, anyone? One reviewer posted that they’re “to die for.” The business started as one pizza truck, grew to two trucks and then added a physical location. The dining room is currently closed; but customers can order online at thenyslice.com and pick it up at the drive-thru window. Customers will get a notification via email and/or text alerting them when their order is ready! Delivery is also available via Doordash or Grubhub.

ONLINE EVENTS


Kill Move Paradise • The University of Indianapolis will have a livestream theatre production of James James’ groundbreaking work, Kill Move Paradise. The regional world premiere is guest directed by Indianapolis-based multidisciplinary artist Ben Rose. The livestream is free of charge and open to the general public. Pre-registration is required. Kill Move Paradise follows four young Black people who find themselves stuck in a purgatory-like waiting room for the afterlife and are forced to confront the reality of their past and how they arrived in this unearthly place. Inspired by the growing list of slain Black men and women, Kill Move Paradise illustrates the potential for collective

SPOTLIGHT

Art class – Are you interested in pastel but have never tried it? Sign up for a six-week class led by Corrine Hull of Corrine Hull Fine Art which includes learning to use pastels, lessons on composition, understanding values and more. Classes take place on Thursdays, March 4 through April 1, 1 - 4 p.m. at Southside Art League, Greenwood. Contact Corrine, (317) 902-3903 to sign up. For more information, visit southsideartleague.org.

Join an Introduction to Pastel
Nomadland

A gentle and quiet tragedy for those who have been left behind

By Bradley Lane

Nomadland has been the talk of film festivals internationally for almost a year and now that it was released last weekend on Hulu and in theaters, audiences are finally getting to see what all the hype is about. However, immediately upon viewing it might seem like an odd choice to be leading the Best Picture conversation for the Academy Awards simply because of how quiet and small the film seems. Typical awards candidates make loud, bold and often daring narrative decisions for maximum emotional impact but Nomadland emphatically rejects that form of storytelling. Instead it opts for a nuanced and subtle approach that uses that small-scale intimacy for a different type of impact.

Blending the lines between documentary and narrative fiction, nearly every character in Nomadland is played by themselves, save for the two stars, Frances McDormand as Fern and David Strathairn as David. Fern is an aging widow when she decides to take on a nomadic life out of a van after losing her lifelong job to the closing of the Empire, Nevada U.S. Gypsum plant. This immediately leads her to find a small but well-connected community of elderly nomads traveling from camp to camp looking for part-time work to supplement their meagre social security benefits. This community lays the foundation for Fern to experience her narrative arc by learning how to be self-sufficient in this lifestyle, make friends and eventually find love again.

The story Zhao is interested in telling is a distinctly human one, focusing on Fern’s character to great effect. Fern is immensely relatable and often reminds me of people I care about in her idiosyncrasies, which makes her easy to root for and always empathetic. This becomes necessary later in the film when Fern makes decisions that could alienate the audience from her character, but you find yourself so invested in her struggle to survive meaningfully, and with dignity, that you are never doubtful of her good intentions.

Despite the emphasis of the film being interpersonal, the subtext of the film is inherently political, and that subtext can often be louder than the text. The conditions that force elderly communities to turn to the nomadic work-to-survive lifestyle is never far from the audience’s mind as we watch Fern’s story play out. Not only that but because of the film’s dedication to the real-life nomads that are featured in the film, we get to hear firsthand the horrors of extreme poverty from the mouths of America’s elderly, who should be one of society’s top priorities that are protected from such a cruel reality.

Two elements work together masterfully in tandem to create a narrative that moves slowly and carefully but builds into some of the most emotionally resonant sequences you’ll see all year. Watching Nomadland won’t be for everyone because of its slow pace, but if you have the time for its patient storytelling, you’ll be moved to your core.

The program is hosted by Nancy Tyree of the Indiana Department of Revenue, Kate McNight from the IRS and Dave Macklin with Intuit’s Tax Time Allies. This immediate leads her to find a small but well-connected community of elderly nomads traveling from camp to camp looking for part-time work to supplement their meagre social security benefits. This community lays the foundation for Fern to experience her narrative arc by learning how to be self-sufficient in this lifestyle, make friends and eventually find love again.

Ashley Legato

The Southside Times
ACROSS
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16. Copier brand
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35. Tooth-related
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37. Costa ___
38. Scoundrels
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51. God of love
53. College with the fourth highest enrollment in the state, briefly
56. Hometown of 17-Across
61. Drum type
62. Break into pieces

63. Wedding vow word
64. Turn left, say
65. Colt’s hip protection

DOWN
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2. Indy Zoo beast
3. WFYI net.
4. Beech Grove HS chemistry lab bases
5. Brown County autumn display
6. Some are self-guided at Newfields
7. Indy winter hrs.
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9. Expel from the body
10. Depend on
11. Spanish gold
12. MS-___
13. Palindromic PC file extension
14. Bright, at night
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Answers See page 16.
Winston receives Chairman's Award from BGCS

Award – Robin Winston has assisted Beech Grove City Schools with many funding projects, and he has also personally and generously donated to help several Beech Grove families during the holiday season. On Jan. 14, The Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Indiana Holiday Commission, the State of Indiana, the Indiana Civil Rights Commission, Indiana Black Expo, Inc. and AFSCME virtually hosted the 30th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Indiana Holiday Celebration. At that ceremony, Mr. Winston won The Chairman’s Award. The Chairman’s Award is granted to an individual or project whose major societal influence includes breaking down barriers that have divided us in the past and/or building ongoing relationships that foster respect, understanding and harmony in our schools and communities. Dr. Paul Kaiser and Beech Grove City Schools nominated Mr. Winston for this prestigious honor. On one of his projects, Mr. Winston served as the executive producer for Indiana Trailblazers, an Emmy-nominated documentary about the history of civil rights in Indiana produced for PBS.

Bruce Bye receives Certificate of Distinction 2021 award

Recognition – The Certificate of Distinction is the highest award of the Purdue Agricultural Alumni Association. It is presented at the association’s annual meeting, The Purdue Ag Alumni Fish Fry, which traditionally takes place in early February each year. This year’s awards took place virtually due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. The Certificate of Distinction is intended to recognize those who have contributed significantly to agriculture, forestry or natural resources through professional accomplishments, activity in professional organizations, community service work, and other activities that make the nominees a credit to their profession.

Mr. Bye received his bachelor’s degree from Purdue Agricultural Economics in 1968, and enjoyed a career with Elanco as a market researcher. After his retirement, he worked to develop a vocational agriculture program at Beech Grove City Schools, which engages underrepresented students in agriculture. He also started a community garden through his church with 71 volunteers and produced over 5,000 pounds of fresh produce to local food banks. Superintendent of BGCS Dr. Kaiser stated in his nomination letter: “Bruce is the foundation of the Beech Grove AgriScience program; he planted the seeds for our program over seven years ago. Bruce met with me and encouraged Beech Grove City Schools to start this program, as he knew it would open the door to expanded careers for our Beech Grove students. Based on his leadership, inspiration and support, we built a new facility, hired three teachers and started the program from the ground up – all within a record seven months! Bruce consistently challenges me, our teachers and our community members to always dream big, accomplish more and continue to offer expanded opportunities for our Beech Grove students.” To learn congratulatory remarks for Certificate of Distinction winners, and view all award videos, go to purdue.ag/gonefishinawards. To view Mr. Bye’s video, go to PurdueAgAlumni.

Hornet Park Fitness Center • Hornet Park Fitness Center is open with new hours! | When: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.; weekend hours vary. | Where: 5245 Hornet Ave. | Info: (317) 788-4986; hornetparkcommunitycenter.com/fitness.

Buzz Club 2020-2021 • An after school program for BGCS students Monday-Friday in grades K-6 until 6 p.m., providing a hot dinner, homework help, special programs and transportation provided from school to HPCC; care provided by BG teachers and aides. $35 a week, additional children in the same family will be $20 per week. | When: Continues M-F until 6 p.m. | Where: 5245 Hornet Ave. | Info: bit.ly/buzzclub2020.

Drive Thru Dinner and Food Pantry • Join each Wednesday for a heat-and-eat dinner and a bag of groceries. The drive thru dinner pickup is located on the east side of the building under the awning between the community center and the school. | When: Wednesdays, 4:30 p.m. | Where: 5245 Hornet Ave. | Info: (317) 788-4986.

Virtual Bingo Mondays • Do you love bingo? Join us online for bingo every Monday. All ages are welcome to play. We play as many rounds as we can during the hour and the winner of each round is entered into a drawing for the weekly prize. For information on how to connect and generate a bingo card, please register. It’s free to play! Meet new friends and join the fun! | When: March 1, 7 p.m. | Where: Online | Info: register at hornetparkcommunitycenter.com.

The Breakfast • Join us on Thursdays at 9 a.m. for a hot breakfast with community friends. Do you enjoy playing cards or dominos? Stick around after breakfast for games and prizes. Due to current local mandates, we can only accommodate 25 guests. | No fee to participate but a small donation is appreciated. | When: March 4, 9 a.m. | Where: 5245 Hornet Ave. | Info: Please call (317) 788-4986 or email communitycenter@beechgrove.com to RSVP.

Free Food Boxes • On Saturdays at 11:30 a.m. we will have Farmers to Families food boxes available on a first-come, first-serve basis in front of the Hornet Park Community Center. These boxes usually contain a gallon of milk, fresh vegetables, cheese and meat. | When: March 6, 11:30 a.m. | Where: 5245 Hornet Ave. | Info: (317) 788-4986; communitycenter@beechgrove.com.

Ladies Fun Night • If you haven’t been to Ladies’ Night you’re missing out. Come and meet new friends, join us for dinner, desserts and St. Patrick’s themed activities. $5 per person. | When: March 12, 6:30 p.m. | Where: 5245 Hornet Ave. | Info: Register at hornetparkcommunitycenter.com.

Bruce Bye speaks after receiving the Certificate of Distinction award. (Submitted photo)
How to keep your friends while correcting their grammar

GRAMMAR GUY
By Curtis Honeycutt

I love reader feedback, especially when it is glowing. Luann wrote in with a great question. She asked, “How do you keep from correcting other people? My friends think I am obnoxious.”

Luann, you’re not alone in that your friends think you’re obnoxious. My friends couldn’t stand me if it weren’t for my mom sending them large checks every month. They’ve actually told me so to my face.

Although my friends can barely stand me, I do not correct their grammar, except for under very specific circumstances. You can have friends or correct people’s grammar; you can’t have both.

The only reason to publicly correct a friend’s grammar is to stop them from getting a misspelled word tattooed on their body. You’d better speak up before your buddy gets “No regrets” tattooed on his forearm. If you’re wondering how prevalent misspelled tattoos are, simply perform a Google Images search for “misspelled tattoos.”

The only other acceptable way to correct a friend’s grammar is to do so in private. To judge someone out loud in public is an impeachable friend offense. It will make them feel dumb, and it’s not a good look for you, either. A private grammar correction is akin to pulling someone aside to tell them they have some spinach stuck between their teeth. A friend only corrects another friend’s grammar in confidence.

Now I’ll stop dancing around answering Luann’s question: how do you keep from correcting other people? This is difficult! Believe me, I am constantly correcting other people’s grammar in my head, but it stays there. To learn restraint, you have to ask whether or not you’d like your friend to correct you if your roles were reversed.

Just as nobody’s mind has ever been changed through a Facebook political debate, no good will come out of a public grammar correction. Here’s an idea for Luann, as well as other self-deputized grammar police officers: when you want to correct someone’s grammar, instead send yourself a text message with the grammar gaffe. Later on, if you remember it, you can allow yourself to gently correct your friend in the privacy of a one-on-one conversation.

I strongly believe that possessing and practicing good grammar can make your life roughly 17 percent better, and I appreciate people who want to help their friends achieve grammar greatness. Just as there is a proper place to put quotation marks in a sentence, there are also proper times and places for correction. However, if your friend is on the tattoo chair, feel free to exercise your spell check skills on the spot.

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST
Calvary Baptist Church • 200 Sunset Blvd., Greenwood. | Ph: (317) 881-5743. | Sr. Pr. Dave Cook | Sun.: 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School: 9 a.m. | Something for All Ages.

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Weekly Devotion

1 O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.
3 For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.
4 In His hand are the deep places of the earth: the strength of the hills is His also.
5 The sea is His, and He made it: and His hands formed the dry land.
6 O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our maker.
7 For He is our God; and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand. To day if you will hear His voice.

PSALM 85:1-7

As I read the Psalms, I often wonder about the mood of the person who wrote them. What weighed heavily on their minds? In this particular Psalm it seems that the author was meditating on Israel’s deliverance from Egypt and how grateful the people should currently be for the past demonstration of God’s power over all of the earth and not just their little portion of it. This person uses such illustrations such as “Rock,” “great God,” and “great King.” Our God today is all of this and so much more. He is the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit and the word. By His own words He has shown Himself to be our creator and He who sustains and keeps what He has created from the beginning to the end of time. Christ has declared Him to be the Alpha and Omega and He can do this because this is exactly who He is. Many kingdoms and countries have come and gone and many of them worshiped a god that they feared and that they hoped would give them life on earth. They gave little thought to the God who had created them to live and to enjoy the life they had and made gods for themselves carved out of wood or stone or that had fallen to the earth from the heaven’s above. Our God did not fail to the earth. He came to the earth to show us the truth and the way and the life. Thank Him today for having done this and praise His name.

God bless and go and have a great day.

Paul A. Kirby is the pastor at the Church of God at 3939 S. Emerson Ave.
Ronald Lee Fulp

Ronald Lee Fulp, 83, of Greenwood, died Feb. 20, 2021. He was born Aug. 21, 1937 in Indianapolis to the late Kenneth Lyle and Norma (Parr) Fulp. Ron was a member of Teamsters and was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was preceded in death by his wife, B. Maxine Fulp; and son, Jeffrey Fulp. Ron is survived by his daughters, Jan (Robert) Hilliard and Melanie Dayton; son, Robert (Lisa) Fulp; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and sister, Cheryl Roller. Services were held on Feb. 24 at G. H. Herrmann Funeral Home at The Gardens of Olive Branch, 1605 S. State Road 135, Greenwood. Ron was buried in The Gardens at Olive Branch Cemetery.

Robert A. Lindemann

Robert A. Lindemann was born Aug. 24, 1938 to Paul and Pearl (Reybern) Lindemann. A lifelong Southsider, he was a graduate of Manual High School, active in their athletic programs. He then attended GMI in Flint, Mich. and later graduated from Indiana Central, now U Indy. His entire working career was spent at Inland Container, retiring in 1999 as the vice president of Procurement and Transportation. In 1997, he was awarded the Sagamore of the Wabash by Gov. Frank O’Bannon for his work with the Junior Achievement program. Bob loved to fish, hunt, and hike with his dog. Bob is survived by his wife, Donna Wilson Lindemann; daughter, Paige Pine (John); son, Brian; four grandchildren, Leah (Leithem) St. Peter; daughter, Shauna St. Peter; nephew, Christopher Wagoner. Dale is survived by his wife, Patricia (Sandi) Farley; sisters-in-law, Noreen (Dennis) Murphy and Rosie (Jim) Winans; and brother-in-law, Jim Sommers. Visitations will be Friday, Feb. 26, 10 - 11 a.m., at St. Barnabas Catholic Church, followed by the Mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery. The Mass will be livestreamed by visiting vimeo.com/stbindy.

Gary Ray Miller III

Gary Ray Miller III died Feb. 19, 2021. He was born March 13, 1944, in St. Paul, Minn., to the late William and Grace Farley. He served for several years as a dietician at Methodist Hospital and served as food service director for the Center Grove Community School Corporation, retiring in 2010. Mary Ellen was an active member at St. Barnabas Catholic Church. She was involved in the Adoration Chapel ministry, the widows’ group and was also a Eucharistic minister. Mary Ellen enjoyed reading, swimming and was interested in exercise and taking care of herself. She was preceded in death by her husband, John J. Sheehan. She is survived by her children, Mary Kathleen and John Christopher Sheehan; brothers, William (Edna) Farley and Richard (Sandi) Farley; sisters-in-law, Noreen (Dennis) Murphy and Rosie (Jim) Winans; and brother-in-law, Jim Sommers. Visitations will be Friday, Feb. 26, 4-6 p.m. at Little and Sons Funeral Home, 1301 Main St., Beech Grove, IN 46107. A funeral service will immediately follow at 6 p.m. at the funeral home. Additional calling will take place until 8 p.m. following the funeral service.

Frank R. Sharp

Frank R. Sharp, 71, of Bargersville, died Feb. 16, 2021. He was born Feb. 12, 1950 in South Bend, Ind. to Wint and Ruth Sharp. He earned his high school diploma from James Whitcomb Riley High School in South Bend in 1968. He graduated from Indiana State University with a bachelor’s degree in secondary education in 1973. He received a master’s degree in education from Indiana University at South Bend in 1982. He worked as a teacher in Machine Tool Technology at Martinsville High School until his retirement in 2013. He is preceded in death by his mother and father. Survivors include his wife, Dianna; his children, Trent Sharp, Glenda Unterbrink (Jimmy), Stephanie Mills (Matt) and Zach Francis (Susannah); his grandchildren, Joellyn Francis and Cason Unterbrink; his step-grandchildren, Ethan, Elisa and Mattson Mills (Emily); his brother, Dennis Sharp (Sherry); his nephew, Adam Sharp (Allison) and children; his niece, Valerie Smith (Dustin); and many other family members and friends. Services were held Feb. 22 at G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home at The Gardens of Olive Branch, 1605 S. State Road 135, Greenwood, IN. He was buried at The Gardens at Olive Branch.

Mary Elizabeth Weber

Mary Elizabeth Weber, 91, died Feb. 11, 2021. Mary was the only daughter, and the first of five children born to the late William Francis Waddick and Mary (Dolan) Waddick on Aug. 2, 1929 in Chicago. She resided there until relocating to Indianapolis when she was 10. Mary graduated from Saint Agnes Academy in Indianapolis and was offered a full academic scholarship to Marian College. She married Joseph James Weber and raised a family. She sold real estate, and worked as a billing clerk at Interstate Warehouse for many years until retiring at the age of 78. She loved sewing and doing arts and crafts. Mary is preceded in death by her brother, William (Clare); her daughter-in-law, Mary; and two grandchildren, Alec Curtis and Evan Weber. She is survived by her siblings, Thomas (Vernice), Daniel (Blair) and James (the late Barbara); eight children, Joseph (Anne), Kathleen Hatfield, Christine Sigler, James, Mary Beth Bryant (Dennis), Eileen Shumway (David), William (Sherry) and Jeanine; 18 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren. A private memorial service will be held Saturday, Feb. 27, 1 p.m., at O’Riley Funeral Home. Those wishing to livestream the service are invited to visit the O’Riley YouTube channel by visiting O’RileyFuneralHome.com.

Obituaries are printed free of charge. Funeral directors are encouraged to send obituaries and photos to news@ss-times.com. Information received by noon Tuesday will be published Thursday, space permitting.
## ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2020 - PERRY TOWNSHIP, MARION COUNTY

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### TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE

| General Property Taxes | $121,089.58 |
| Financial Institution Tax distribution | $4,063.15 |
| Vehicle/Recall Escarce Tax Distribution | $9,373.77 |
| Commercial/Vehicle Escarce Tax Distribution (CVET) | $8,053.12 |

### SMALL CLAIMS COURT FEES

| Federal and State Grants and Distributions | $382,585.64 |

### SMALL CLAIMS COURT TRUST

| Federal and State Grants and Distributions | $1,046,954.17 |

### PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

| Payroll Deduction and Clearing Account Receipts | $171,249.48 |

### TOWNSHIP GENERAL

| $11,142,132.77 |

### Certification

**State of Indiana**

55: Marion County

1. **Nancy Sue Day** (case) - Trustee of PERRY TOWNSHIP, Marion County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report is complete, true and correct; and that the sum which I am charged in this report are all of the sums received by me, and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the sums stated, that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or reposed to me or to any other person. I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid over the money by the township, have been filed as required by law in the office of the County Auditor, and that copies of such annual report are in custody of the Township Board and the State Board of Accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the township.

2. **Nancy Sue Day** (case) - Perry Township Trustee

**PHONE** 317-788-4815

**DATE THIS REPORT WAS TO BE PUBLISHED** - week of February 15th 2021

Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of PERRY TOWNSHIP at its annual meeting, this 10th day of February, 2021.

**Randal Decker** (case) - Randall Decker Township Board Chairman

**OPTION 1**

This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 10th day of February, 2021.

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