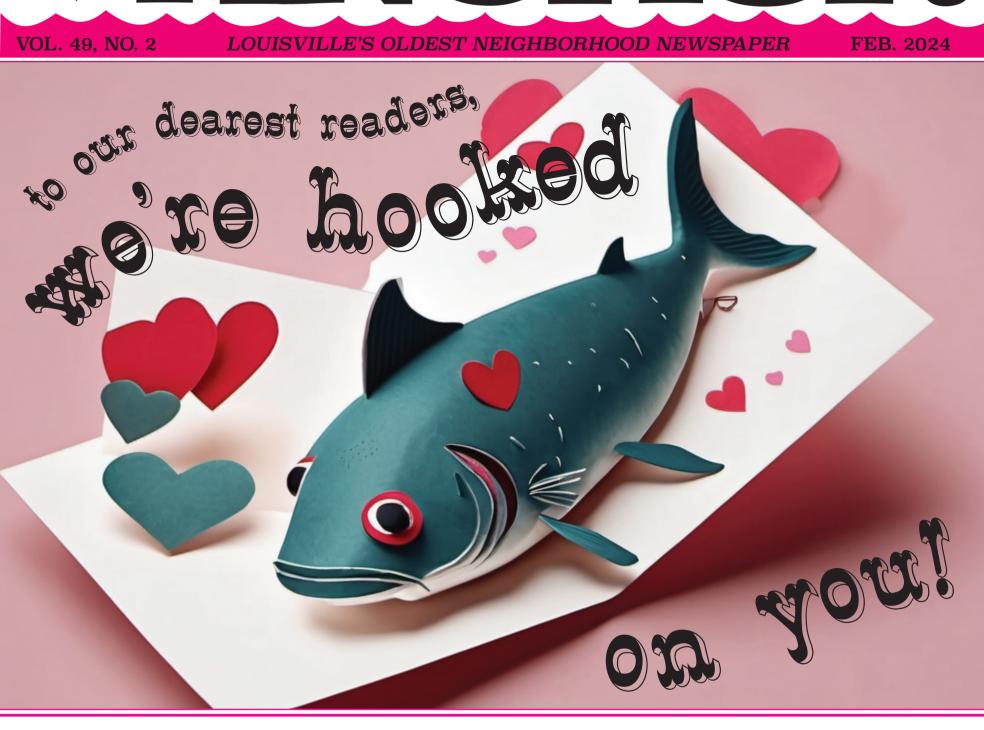
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PORTLAND NOW, INC.

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

We will be having representatives of the West End Opportunity Partnership (WEOP) generally called the "West End TIF" at the meeting. WEOP will be providing information and gathering feedback. This is an important meeting about the future of the Portland Neighborhood. It's a chance to ask questions and get answers.

Church Of The Promise - 1800 Portland Ave.
Side Entrance on 18th St.
Social Time 6:00 pm - Meeting Time 6:30

There will be pizza at the meeting.

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Letter to the Editor

I got a street light in the 100 block of North 21st Street to turn into LG&E. I have to get the address and pole number to call them.

William Barnes

Pot holes or problems

Call Metro Call 311

Street lights out

Call LG&E 589-1444 or 489-3500



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Chit Chat items must be no more than 100 words or less. No more than 10 items per person. We reserve the right to edit or reject items that we feel are not appropriate for our publication.

NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSE

Ringing in the New Year

Members of the Youth Development Program and Four Seasons Seniors Program came together to celebrate the New Year and set intentions for their 2024. We can't wait to see what this year has in store for all our members!



The Pathways Program

Neighborhood House is working on a new program to expand current Youth Programming. We are excited to share this opportunity with the community! The Pathways Program is for 16-24 year olds wanting to work towards college and/or career readiness along with goals they would work on throughout their time in the program. This would include college tours, work readiness training, resume building, and much more! Ebony is our Pathways Advocate and would love to hear from anyone who is interested by calling (502)774-2322 or emailing esmith@nhky.org.





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Clay Creations

Members of the Child Development Center are getting creative as they work with clay! Children are spending the whole year learning about the properties of clay while using their imaginations to make unique pieces of art! Members will continue to explore clay in the classroom, and will soon host a showcase to display their work.

Support the Emergency Food Bank

With increased traffic in our Emergency Food Bank, Neighborhood House is looking for volunteers as well as donations of medium-sized boxes and plastic bags. Volunteers will pack food boxes with pantry staples and ensure shelves are stocked. This is a great opportunity for individuals or for groups with up to three people.

As we serve more families, Neighborhood House has an increased need for boxes that hold pantry staples like rice, beans, pasta, and canned goods. With more fresh produce available to guests, Neighborhood House is also accepting donations of disposable or reusable plastic bags for guests.

If you are interested in volunteering or donating, send an email to Alexa at ameza@nhky.org!



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2800 West Main - 776-8596

HALL RENTALS

FOR BIRTHDAYS, WEDDINGS, REUNIONS ETC



Letter To The Editor

In the ever on-going way of doing business, again, Louisville Metro Government has decided it knows best what Portland needs and wants. Without nary a mention to the Historic Portland Neighborhood, it's been decided and at least begun to transform one of the great buildings in our neighborhood.

The Louisville Marine Hospital, a National Historic Landmark, is being ripped from it's historical significance and being forced into becoming a part of the Family Health Center's complex on Portland Ave. The only thing you can call this is wrong. I was stunned when I heard and read news reports of this typical 'we know best' project being foisted on Portland.

I had heard nothing about such a plan even being discussed before this news came out. Neither, Family Health Center, Louisville Metro Government nor Louisville Metro City Council reached out to the citizens either directly or by meeting with Portland Now, Inc - the Historic Portland Neighborhood association. Not a story in the Portland Anchor. Nothing. Crickets. Shame on them.

The Marine Hospital being a National Historic Landmark should be something LMG undertakes to preserve and turn into a Louisville treasure, not make it space "...for additional healthcare and medical services and for Family Health Center's administrative offices..." which is the plan according to CEO Bart Irwin.

Louisville Metro Government and the U.S. Marine Hospital Foundation need to step back & take a breath, and contemplate this idea more fully. They need to meet with Portland residents and get their input. What they are proposing is to destroy this magnificent facility for no good reason. There is plenty of room on the grounds of Family Health Center Portland to add a wing for more offices and healthcare services, without irrevocably changing the Marine Hospital.

Richard Meadows, Portland Resident



LMPD 1st Division Officers Of The Month



Officer Christopher Hodge

One of the best ways to make an impact on the community is to have an outstanding community-oriented policing effort. This months OOTM exemplifies the high standards and qualities that help make Community-Oriented Policing so effective.

Officer Christopher Hodge #7225, stopped in the DAP office right before Christmas. While there he asked about a bicycle that was sitting in the office and learned it was a gift for a 14 year old boy. He pointed out the place where it had been purchased had assembled the bike incorrectly and if I had delivered it as such, it would never even work for the poor child. He offered to fix the bike prior to us delivering it. Officer Hodge is an avid biker, a member of the DAP Bike Team and is certified in bike maintenance.

It was also apparent to the DRO that Officer Hodge is passionate about the people he serves and clearly an expert when it comes to the subject of bike safety and maintenance. Officer Hodge was about getting something outstanding for the young man. Officer Hodge was asked how he felt about taking the remainder of the money left to purchase something better, and he was amazing! Not only did he wholeheartedly agree to do it, he went so far beyond any expectations,

Officer Hodge took it upon himself to contact the manager of a local sporting goods store to see if they could help. Between the manager and Officer Hodge, they were able to secure a MUCH better bike for this young man, plus all the "bells and whistles" such as lights, helmets and safety chains. Officer Hodge proudly delivered the bike to a tearful Grandma and her grandson that night and took the time to show the young man how to properly ride and take care of the equipment.

As if that wasn't enough, while he was speaking with him, another parent asked if he had any bike's she could give her two children. Officer Hodge could have just said no, but he instead inquired the size and age of her children and told her he would do his best. He went back to the sporting goods store and was able to secure two more bikes! The store manager was most helpful and gracious and took what little money he had left and turned it into something wonderful for these children.

Had it not been for Officer Hodge's passion for children, bicycle safety and his belief in Community-Oriented Policing none of this would have happened. These actions are the epitome of good policing, they reflect great credit on Louisville Metro Police Department, the 1st Division and Officer Hodge



Gordon's Corner

By Gordon Brown



I am in a nostalgic mood today. I've been thinking of the sixty-five years that I have been involved in Portland and the many people who I worked with and alongside in attempts to shine the light of positivity on the good people of this amazing neighborhood.

I'm going to mention names without indicating how these Portland folks were involved. How many do you recognize or remember? Do you know or recognize their

specific connections in the neighborhood?

OK. Hang on to your hat as I spin out those names. Nell Edgerly, Jan Seitz, Leon Owensby, Jimmie Lee White, Mamma Shively, Molly Leonard, Sharon Wilbert, Houston Cockrell, Tom Janes, Mr. Shaheen, Buster Hart, Jerry Rough, Reverend Joe Priest Williams, Alma Wright, Sue Gentry, George Hines, Bill Britain, Charles Frick, Dr. Foster, Ms. Abbie Fife, Charles Cottington, Curtis White, Lee Bougess, Dee Rattler, Tim Howard, Pat Miller, Steve Cook, Mike Rogers, Gary Watrous, John Barrow, Sherry Hayse-Stewart, Steve Raines, Judy Shroeder, Father Arthur, Eddi and Billy Broom, Phil Schram, and Bobby and Donnie Woosley. My brain just froze up!

Do you remember or know any of them and how they did their part to make Portland a better community. I am pretty sure that some of those names jarred your memory and caused you to think of many others who should be on a list of memorable

Portland people.

As always, I encourage you to write a brief article or letter to the editor of the Anchor. Your contributions, your memories will add to the collective memory of the neighborhood. Your participation in the news events and history of Portland are needed. Please write something and send it in.

Loving Portland, Gordon



Ladies of Good Shepherd
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Tuesday, February 13, 2024

Doors open at 10:30 AM Lehmann Hall, 3525 Rudd Ave.

Admission is \$8.00 per person and includes lunch and a door prize drawing ticket.

Cake Wheel, pull tabs, and raffles are planned. All are invited to attend.

50% of the proceeds will benefit: Good Shepherd Parish Renovations

All are welcome! For reservations call 502-749-9780.

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Today is Rick the Mailman's last day on his route here in Portland. We all wish Rick a happy retirement! As this is his second retirement, the first was retiring from the military, we also thank Rick for his service to our country. Rick was a shining example of "Neither snow nor rain nor gloom of night stays these couriers from the swift completion of their appointed rounds". And even COVID couldn't stop him. Rick always went out of his way for everyone on his route. We all will miss Rick, but let us all wish Rick a long and happy retirement.

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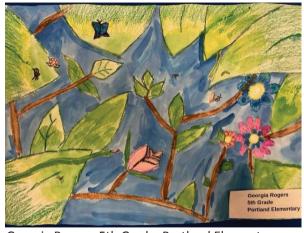
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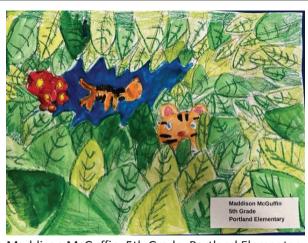
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Louisville Grows Greenhouse Opportunities & Seeds & Starts Sale Date

Submitted by Lisa Dettlinger, Executive Director Louisville Grows

Come play in the dirt at Louisville Grows!

Help Louisville Grows prepare for our spring Seeds & Starts Sale 2024! Volunteer in our greenhouse to assist in potting starts, planting seeds, mixing soil, watering, and performing other urban ag tasks. No experience is required and gloves are provided. All volunteers receive a discount at our upcoming sales.

Seeds & Starts - Sat., March 16 - Cole Crop Sale only.

Healthy House - 1641 Portland Ave. - Louisville, KY 40203 - 502.905.4342

TreesLouisville

TreesLouisville is a non-profit organization located in Louisville, KY. Our mission is to help preserve and expand Louisville's tree canopy through public outreach and greenification. To do this we offer many different community involvement programs and volunteer opportunities. One of these being our annual TreeFest event! Through this event we are able to host different local environmentally focused organizations from around the community, as well as provide useful information on tree care and maintenance. TreeFest is an Arbor Day celebration event with activities aimed at a diverse age group and environmental interest. Our next event will be held April 13th, of 2024 at Petersburg Park. In the past we have been able to offer nature hikes and tree or on our instagram page. If there are any organizations that

or on our instagram page. If there are any organizations that would like to help sponsor this event use our QR code. ID walks, tree giveaways, climbing areas, petting zoos, musical performances, food, and much more! Everyone in the Louisville community is welcome to come down and have some fun with us! You can check out more information for the event on our website treeslouiville.org



Family Health Centers, Inc.

Bart Irwin, CEO

For 100 years the U. S. Marine Hospital has languished on the 8-acre campus at 2215 Portland Avenue. While over a decade ago the U.S. Marine Hospital Foundation, the Family Health Centers, and Louisville Metro were able to acquire funding to renovate the exterior of the building. However, over the subsequent years, efforts to find funds to refurbish the interior have not been successful. The new roof completed in 2012 has protected the interior of the building in the hopes of future restoration. Even so the lead paint continues to flake from the walls and wood panel apartment walls, not original to the building, remain in place.

I am happy to announce that Mayor Greenberg and Louisville Metro Government sparked the possibility of restoration by providing a 2-million-dollar grant for that purpose. In mid-November the U. S. Marine Foundation reconvened to discuss how the renovation might come about, how additional needed funds might be found, and what the future use of the building might be. Some ideas are a training facility for allied health professions, health education classes, and a place where the larger health care systems could provide access to specialty care. The relocation of some of Family Health Centers Administrative offices would free up space in the existing health care facility for additional medical treatment rooms. The dreaming has just begun.

For 175 years the Portland Campus has been associated with health care services from river workers traveling the Ohio to the nearly 20,000 patients that used the Porland Health Center last year. By working with others, the Family Health Centers will do its best to bring back this historic landmark to continue the provision of services to the residents of Portland and surrounding communities.



Be Good to Your Heart

When you celebrate Valentine's Day this month, give your heart a little love too!

How does my heart work?

Your heart is actually a muscle. This muscle squeezes about 60 to 80 times a minute to pump your blood through it. You have miles and miles of arteries and veins that are like a pipe system leading from your heart to every part of your body. Your vital organs depend on the constant supply of oxygen and nutrients they get from the blood your heart is pumping.

What can hurt my heart health?

High blood pressure: The force of blood pushing against the walls of your arteries and veins is your "blood pressure." Normal blood pressure for adults is less than 120/80 mmHg. If you have high blood pressure (also called hypertension), your blood is pushing harder than normal on the walls of your blood vessels which can damage them and also puts extra strain on your heart. This damage and strain can lead to heart disease, heart attack, and stroke.

<u>High cholesterol</u>: Cholesterol is a soft, fat-like substance found in your blood and cells. When there is too much cholesterol in your blood, it can join up with other fats to clog the arteries. These clogs can reduce blood flow to the heart, causing a heart attack, or to the brain, causing a stroke.

Smoking: Smoking cigarettes (or using other tobacco products like e-cigarettes/vaping and cigars) can cause heart problems by increasing blood pressure, narrowing the arteries, increasing cholesterol, making blood more likely to clot, and making less oxygen available for the heart muscle to work.

Obesity and diabetes: Obesity and diabetes can cause heart problems by increasing blood pressure, increasing cholesterol, and more.

How can I help my heart?

- Make an appointment with your health provider to have your blood pressure and cholesterol checked.
- Sign up for programs to improve your heart health with physical activity, healthier eating, and relaxation. For more information, check the Family Health Centers website www.fhclouisville.org/healthed or call Kristin (502) 772-8588.

Family Health Centers is offering free health classes! Zumba, cooking classes, family playgroups and more are available in-person or online on your phone, tablet, or computer. Go to www.fhclouisville.org/healthed for more information. Or, call Kristin at Family Health Centers (502) 772-8588.



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Obituaries



Michael Wayne Baker Sr., 69, of Louisville, KY, passed away peacefully at his home January 6, 2024, Born July 14, 1954. in Louisville, KY, he was the son of Joseph William Baker and Rebecca Ann (Lightfoot) Bronger. Michael was a proud UofL Cardinal and Ravens fan. He found joy in the tranquility of fishing and the excitement of attending auctions. Known for his laidback and easygoing demeanor, Michael's true passions emerged when he was on the water with a fishing rod in hand or exploring the treasures at local auctions. Professionally. Michael dedicated himself to the art of hanging drywall, showcasing his skill and craftsmanship in every project he undertook. Family meant the world to Michael, and he cherished every moment spent with his loved ones. Michael leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and memories that will forever be etched in the hearts of those

who had the privilege of knowing him. In addtion to his parents, Joseph Baker and Rebecca Bronger, Michael is preceded in death by his brother, Joseph William Baker; and a nephew, Chris Douglas Hale. Left to cherish his memory, Michael leaves behind 2 sons, Michael Wayne Baker Jr., and Robert Anthony Baker; ex-wife, Delois Baker; sister, Deborah Baker; daughter he never had, Rebecca Hale; nephew, Rocky Baker; several grandchildren; and a host of extended family and close friends. A funeral service was held at Legacy Funeral Center - Schoppenhorst Chapel, 1832 W. Market Street.



Joseph "Duddie" A. Bradley, 83, passed away January 8, 2024, in Jeffersonville, IN He was born on May 12, 1940, to the late Joseph and Mary Bradley in Louisville, KY. Joseph was a retired Supervisor with Deco Paper Pro. He loved spending time with his beloved family, and favorite dogs, Sassy, Sox, and Lily. In his spare time, Joseph en-

joyed fishing, hunting, and watching his IU Hoosiers, and his favorite cowboy movies. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. In addition to his parents, Joseph A. Bradley and Mary Bradley Hair, Joseph is preceded in death by his loving wife, Goldie Bradley; sister, Sue Ward; daughter, Gina Fessel; and son-in-law, Marty Fessel. Left to cherish his memory, Joseph is survived by his daughter, Tracey Bradley; 2 brothers, Dickie Bradley, and Charlie Bradley; sister, Denise Hines; 2 granddaughters, Chelsea Prestigacomo, and Stacey Carmack; great-granddaughter, AddyLynn Grace Carmack; and a host of close friends.



Andrew Michael "Andy" Garner, age 46 years, passed January 8. 2024. He was born in Chicago, and lived in Portland since he was 14 years old. Andy was a carpenter by trade, both building and remodeling. He loved to fish, to listen to Country Music and he excelled at fixing things. He gave himself over to being baptized a few years ago and he

loved just reading the Bible. Through life's ups and downs Andy knew he could always come back to his family and to Jesus. He was predeceased by his brother Frankie Garner Jr. and his father Franklin Garner Sr. Andy is survived by his mother, Vickie Rigo and grandmother, Loretta Rigo and many dear friends who were like-family. Funeral Services were at J.B. Ratterman & Sons Funerals & Family Cremation Care, 2114 W Market St



James "Ron" Ronald Gore, a beloved father, grandfather, and friend. Born June 10, 1941, in Stephensburg, KY, Ron's journey on this earth came to a peaceful close on January 2, 2024, in Louisville, KY. Ron was a hardworking man who dedicated his life to providing for and cherishing his family. His love knew no bounds, and his warm, welcoming spirit left an indelible mark on all who were fortunate enough to know him. Ron's passion for his work extended to his



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hobbies, where he found joy in working on old cars and metal fabricating. A true embodiment of kindness, Ron never met a stranger. His generosity knew no bounds. and he would go above and beyond to help those in need. His laid-back demeanor and unwavering patience were constants in his life, and he approached every situation with a calm and collected presence. Ron's gentle nature was a testament to his character, as he never raised his voice or harbored anger. In addition to his parents, James and Deecee Gore, Ron is preceded in death by his loving wife, Hilda Gore; son, Tony Gore; and sisters, Brenda Waterbury, and Sylvia Dennison. Left to cherish his memory. Ron leaves behind 3 sons, Ronald Gore, Gregory Gore (Kimberly), and Eric Gore (Wendy); loving companion, Lillian Searcy; 8 grandchildren, Ryan Gore, Blake Gore, Michael Gore, Brandon Leffler, Melissa Clark, Brittany Harris, Ashley Gore, and Gage Gore; and several great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren; 3 nephews, Coley Stotts, and Marcus Stotts, Tyler Bruce; and a host of extended family and close friends. A funeral service was held at Legacy Funeral Center-Schoppenhorst Chapel, 1832 W. Market St.





Gary Wayne Hardin, 61, fondly known as "GiGi," passed away January 2, 2024, in Louisville, KY. He was born on September 19. 1962, to the late James Hartford and Bertha Mae Hardin, in the same city that he would call home throughout his remarkable life. Gary's vibrant spirit and outspoken nature earned him the endearing nickname "GiGi." His love for western movies, and his passion for wrestling and his UK Wildcats. His faithful companion, Lady Bug, shared in these cherished moments, providing him with unconditional love and companionship. In addition to his parents, James and Bertha Mae Hardin, Gary is preceded in death by 8 siblings, Brenda Mae Williams, James Hardin Jr., Carolyn Ann Price, Margaret Helm, Robert Lee Hardin, David Eugene Hardin, John Wesley Hardin, and Hartford Ray Hardin. Left to cherish his memory, Gary leaves behind 5 siblings, William Lesley Hardin, Minnie Helm, Donald Gene Hardin, Michael Louis Hardin, and Terry Hardin Herron: cousin and caregiver, Bill "Tinky" Malone (Carolyn); many loving cousins, nieces and nephews; and a host of extended family and close friends. Funeral service was held at Legacy Funeral Center Schoppenhorst Chapel, 1832 W. Market Street, Louisville, KY.



Shane Thomas Harper, age 37 years. passed December 22, 2023, at his home. He was a life-long Portland resident and graduated from Atherton High School. He was a painter for Brent Ferris Painting and was good at his work. Shane loved to build things and to draw designs for what he was to build. He found great excitement in video games and as a youngster went often to youth programs at Shawnee Baptist Church and Vine Street Baptist Church. He loved going to Rough River to be with his mother and family and found great peace with himself there.. He is survived by his father and step-mom. Harl Thomas Allen and Brenda (Mates) Allen, his mother and step-dad, Sandra Harper and Danny Thorton, his wife, Kristy Higdon, his son, Jesse Harper and daughter, Haley Harper, his brother, Shon Harper, step-brother, Tim Justin Donaway, his sister, Breanna Allen Via (Mason) and his nephew Brantley Via. Funeral Services were held at J.B. Ratterman & Sons Funerals & Family Cremation Care 2114 W. Market St. Interment Evergreen Cemetery.



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Mary Elizabeth (Jecker) Johnson, age 65 years, passed peacefully with her family present at Clark Memorial Hospital. She was a Jeffersonville IN resident but had raised her family and lived all her life in Portland. She had worked outside her home in many ways but Mary was her family's homemaker, center-post and oasis of love She was predeceased by her parents, Albert and Edna Elizabeth (Logsdon) Jecker, all four of her sisters, Dorothy "Sissy" Collins. Carolyn "Carol" Johnson, Patricia "Patsy White and Dena Helm, five of her brothers. Albert "Dink" Jecker Jr., Charles "PeeWee' Jecker, James "Jimmy" Jecker, Robert "Bobby" Jecker and Joseph "Coco" Jecker. one grandchild and her dear Toby Wilson. the love of her life for 26 years. Mary is survived by her beloved children: her four daughters, Mary Rudolph (Kenny), Tammy Dennis (Ron), Jonathan Jecker-Prewitt (Nick), and Tonya Arnett (Willy), her son, John Johnson Jr. (Sandy) and brother, Patrick Jecker (Linda). 17 Grandchildren and 7 Great-grandchildren and many Nieces and Nephews also survive. Funeral Services were held at J.B. Ratterman & Sons Funerals & Family Cremation Care, 2114 W. Market St. Interment Evergreen Cemetery.



Mary Lucy Poe, age 79 years, passed peacefully January 14, 2024, at Norton Audubon Hospital. She was born in Berea. KY and was a long-time Portland resident. Mary was her family's homemaker. She loved her Holiness religion and found great peace in stopping her day at 4:00pm for her daily bible reading. She had a soft place in her heart for all animals and she deeply loved her family. She was predeceased by her three angelic children whom she lost at birth, by her daughter, Debbie Lynn White, her ex-husband Robert Poe, her two loving companions, James H. Pippin and Harold "PeeWee" Sloan, all six of her sisters, Stella Pigg, Betty Corbin, Margaret Deitridge, Jeanette Rose, Lillian Bowlin and Helen Bowlin, and five of her brothers. Walter, Charlie, John and Junior Bowlin and

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Obituaries

Mary Lucy Poe,

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a brother who died at birth. She is survived by her son, Calvin Michael Poe two daughters, Bobbie Marie Buehner (Jacob) and Lisa Ann Luckenbill (Eddie), and two brothers, William Bowlin and Ballard Bowlin. 14 Grandchildren, 18 Great-grandchildren and 3 Great-great Grandchildren and her dear puppy, Miss Chantilly "Tilly" also survive. Funeral Services were held at J.B. Ratterman & Sons Funerals & Family Cremation Care 2114 W. Market St. Entombment Evergreen Mausoleum



Terry Lee Singleton, 66, passed away January 4, 2024, surrounded by his loved ones. He was born on August 18, 1957, in Louisville, KY, the cherished son of the late William Carl Singleton and Minnie Ann Reeves. Terry was a devoted family man, a

loving father, husband, and brother, Terry found solace and joy in the company of his many motorcycle friends. Terry's musical talents were truly remarkable. He had a gift for creating original songs and could skillfully play the guitar, sharing his love for music with those around him. His storytelling abilities were legendary, capable of turning any brief tale into a captivating, engaging narrative that kept everyone entertained. Terry indulged in his love for travel, particularly to Sturgis, a place that held a special meaning in his heart. He enjoyed cheering for his beloved U of L Cardinals and Minnesota Vikings. Terry found joy in nature, especially fishing, and cherished moments spent with his favorite companion, Bentley, his loval dog. In addition to his parents, William Singleton and Minnie Reeves, Terry is preceded in death by his brother, Donald Singleton. Left to cherish his memory, Terry leaves behind his loving wife, Bonita Singleton; 2 children, Earl Evans (Denise), and Sherry McBride (Brad); 3 grandchildren, Kaitlyn (Zack), Carley, and Mason; 3 greatgreat grandchildren, plus one on way; 4 siblings, Billy Singleton (Mary), Bobby Singleton (Brenda), Patricia Singleton, and Mark Singleton (Emma); and a host of extended family and close friends. A funeral service was at Legacy Funeral Center - Schoppenhorst Chapel, 1832 W. Market Street.

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Be not burdened with times of sorrow
Look for the sunshine of tomorrow.

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Financial Health for the Homeowner

How to avoid home repair scams, how to improve your credit score, and how a will can help you protect the asset of your home. Presenters are from AARP, Chase Bank, and the Legal Aid Society. Additionally, professionals from Legal Aid Society will be present to help qualified applicants begin to create free life-planning documents including Power of Attorney, a living will, and a will.

February 10 10-11:30AM 1200 S 26th Street, 40211

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One of Our Own, CenterWell Senior Primary Care, Took Home Silver Fleur-de-Lis Award Along Side of Local Business Giants: Valhalla Golf Partners, LLC and Derby City Gaming

For the last 50 years Greater Louisville Inc. (GLI) has ceremoniously recognized businesses that have made a profound and positive impact in our city and for our citizens during the previous year. Each year they nominate businesses from across the region for The Gold Cup and Silver Fleur-di-Lis awards to companies who make our community better b/c they a part of it by investing in the people, the economy and the community.

Last month approximately 1200 regional business owners, the largest gathering in our region, met downtown at Kentucky International Convention Center (KICC) at 4th & Market St., to recognize business organizations that left a footprint of excellence in our communities last year through their individual and different contributions. Four awards were presented by sponsor Baird on behalf of GLI: Mountjoy Chilton Medley (MCM) LLP, CenterWell Senior Primary Care (CSPC), Derby City Downtown and Junior Bridgeman, Jimmy Kirchdorfer, David Novak and Chester Musselman the four Valhalla Golf Partners.

The evening's top award, The Gold Cup, went to Mike Mountjoy of MCM

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for a lifetime investment and Philanthropy in the city of Louisville. His achievements include Louisville Area Chamber of Commerce boards Community Foundation of Louisville. Greater Louisville Project, Louisville Orchestra Foundation, and Louisville Library Foundation. Mountjoy is also a cofounder of Soccer Holdings LLC, a professional soccer holding company that owns Louisville City FC and Racing Louisville FC. As Mike exited trophy in hand he added that he would be remiss without a plug for zero income tax that would create growth and prosperity for our citizens. In his limelight Mike is still a champion of the people.

Fairly new to the Louisville scenery is our very own community partner-CenterWell Senior Primary Care. They have been serving communities west of 9th St., including Portland, for coming up on 6 months and after only a year and a half of serving other parts of Louisville and Southern Indiana, CSPC, has made an impact that warrants being honored on an elevated stage with local business giants like Churchill Downs/Derby City and The Valhalla Golf Partners. While the CenterWell name is not new. There are multiple businesses that are under the CenterWell umbrella scattered throughout the metro such as CenterWell Pharmacy, CenterWell Home Health (formerly Kindred Home Health) and CenterWell Senior Primary Care. It is the latter that was presented the Silver Fleur-di-Lis by Lyndon Pryor, CEO of the Louisville Urban League, received by Dr. Micha Rhodes. CenterWell Chief Medical Officer of KY/IN and Nick Judd Market President of CenterWell KY/IN.

While the award was given for making access good healthcare in underserved areas throughout the KY/IN region, a significant factor for such distinction was due to the center opened in August of 2023 in the West end of Louisville- in our very own neighborhood. The facility at 2950 West



Market St. is adjacent to the Norton Sports and Learning Complex and is the first brand new medical facility of its kind in the west end in over 35 years. This investment in the people who live in the west end of Louisville is just the first of what the community hopes to be the pathfinder to parity in healthcare in the city of Louisville.

The other two Silver Fleur-di-Lis awards were presented to Derby City Gaming by Katherine Armstrong, Vice President of Culture, Churchill Downs, Inc., accepted by Garth Williams and Valhalla Golf Partners, presented by Purna Veer, president and founder of V-Soft Consulting Group, accepted by Jimmy Kirchdorfer and David Novak on behalf of their partners Junior Bridgeman and Chester Musselman. Derby City Gaming Downtown was recognized for investing \$90M in the development of the new DCG location in the heart of downtown Louisvilleacross the street from KICC, this project created economic development and opportunities with a projected impact of \$400M for Louisvillians. Additionally. it will be an added incentive for tourist and conventioneers alike www. gotolouisville.com. Valhalla Golf Group purchased the Valhalla golf course, Golf Digest's "America's 100 Greatest Courses" for almost 30 consecutive years. Having been owned by the PGA of America it has been the setting for multiple PGA Championships starting in 1996 and will again this year host the PGA Championship as a result

Louvillians have eagerly embraced the sport of golf, even having 2020 Master's Winner Justin Johnson having emerged from our hometown. The global exposure and economic impact that will bring a \$100M it the region will be a significant boost for local economy. The partners were recognized for purchasing Valhalla from the PGA Golf Club and in doing so ensuring the club's Louisville legacy.

Each of the recipient's contributed to our city in a unique way but the common goal of the evening was equity and inclusivity. CSPC, is the pathfinder to a service needed by the communitycreating access to top notch healthcare for people who have been grossly underserved by the medical community far too long. Now any person with original Medicare, Medicare Advantage* plan or supplement can see by a Board-Certified Internist who has the distinction of being a Diabetologist (1 of 2 in the state of Kentucky) and a Nurse Practitioner with 23 years of experience without leaving their community. Any CSPC location welcomes the community to come by for a VIP tour of the center and/or meet the staff or do a free activity in our activity center.

If you are interested please reach out to Renee Powers (502) 755- 9640/ spowers20@centerwell.com * Learn more on social media @ GLIchamber or visit www. greaterlouisville.com.

The strong lie down with the weak

Over the winter solstice holidays, I heard many people spout great and deep insights. I try not to roll my eyes when I hear these passionate thought-bombs but realize they will never see the light of day--but instead I try to plead for them to blog/share about it. No one bites at my suggestion. So here I am writing (blogging) in this space. Again. The truly insightful revelationists sit back--afraid of what might happen if pen touches paper, apparently? Sometimes I can't control my eye rolls, but I'm working on that.

Wouldn't you know: this month is READ MORE MONTH, so that even though I had writer's block (hence no pictures or theme), I'll plan on keeping this article riveting so you can make it to its end without drolling on. My current thinkings are on the two types of truth: The first, **strong**

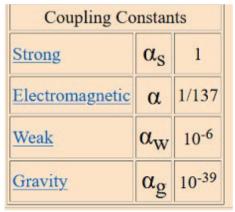
truth that keeps me up at night these days is the number 137 which is the cosmological constant. This fine-structure constant in physics is very nearly equal to 1/137. It is also known as the "coupling constant" and it is a measure of the strength of the electromagnetic force that governs how electrons and light (photons) interact...which is the center of photosynthesis. Where did that come from!? If the neighboring universe/cosmos



(in our multiverse) has a cosmological constant of about 120, (1/120),then electrons would never make it out of their orbits -- curtains! Our cosmos has non obvious truths like this that make everything hum. My second, **weak** truth is that I have the possibly mistaken notion about the human endeavor that there's a way to make humans-on-earth tuned correctly so we can all "hum", too. The cosmic magic is in 137...(not 13, you silly!). Finding this weak truth for humans is an acme goal; it sure beats resigning to nuclear annihilation.

Part of this search is to name those things that are not this weak truth: media algorithms are not it. The level of hypnotism and mesmerization in media and hyperconnectivity is coming to a head. In a year or two, I'll bet I get a text from Hamm's brewery to clear my throat (ahem") while saying "Hamm's" in a muffled way...so as to encourage the other guy on the bus (our cell phones give our relative proximity in inches) to re-order another 24 pack...and to clear my throat at exactly 24 dB volume because his cell is giving away his immediate playlist-- and knowledge of his style of earbud has been purchased for pennies on the data commodity market. Thus the "ahem/Hamm's" will be just barely over his threshold of discernment, rendering him unaware of the aural sorte. Yes, this already happens on the supermarket aisle, but within a year we'll all be embedded since we all like money from e-cottage industries. I fear that if we don't figure out the "137 for humanity" pretty soon, we'll all be no different than all those pods in The Matrix--and we don't want that.

We all like change and progress...but it's incumbent upon us to identify and manifest what type of change we want. This can go in a lot of directions... including the dark side of CRISPR (look it up; maybe I'll write about it next



time). Oh, I see my time is up soooo...do-think-some about my **strong and weak** truths mentioned above (just like the **strong and weak** forces that make up our universe!) Would an easy answer be to try to parley the 13th Zodiac sign (Ophiuchus) as a channel to Oppenheimer's Zeitgeist who might help us with this [subnuclear physics --> planetary humanity] glimpse into truths, both **strong and weak**? Just asking questions!

I have a confession to make about the stabbing in Lannan Park recently. It wasn't me who got stabbed nor was I the stabber. But the incident might be related to the cushy couch chair stationed at the very middle of the walking bridge which passes over I-64 to the park.

And now for my once a year Haiku: *Don't ask permission --> forgiveness, behavior change-->Question more! Curate.*Sworn testimony: I never roll my eyes at my garden,

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If your group information changes, please let us know.

PORTLAND NOW, INC. Tues, February 6, 2024 Social Time 6:00 PM Meeting Time 6:30 PM

Church of the Promise

1800 Portland Ave. - Entrance on 18th St.

We will be having representatives of the West End Opportunity Partnership (WEOP) generally called the "West End TIF" at the meeting. WEOP will be providing information and gathering feedback. This is an important meeting about the future of the Portland Neighborhood. It's a chance to ask questions and get answers.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 193 4th Tuesday of the month, 7 pm, 2800 W. Main St. New members welcome.

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The Portland Anchor Man Between the Pages

By Charles Frick



We, the supporters of this neighborhood, deal with various challenges, opportunities, discussions, disagreements, etc. in an effort to reach successful solutions that allow the community to be a better place.

It is helpful to have methods in place to make it easier to do this as the years go by and the needs of our population undergo unforseen changes. We all come from different personal experiences in our lives that impact important decisions to be made for the good of all.

We always seem to want it worked out someway, but it can be improved with a few added steps when sitting at the table to <u>tackle</u> a task. I support getting to know each other better by casually bringing up questions such as the following:

What do you do in you spare time? (Hobbies) Do you travel? What's your favorite places? Tell me about your family. Where do you live and how do you like living there? Tell me where you grew up. How long have you been doing this and what adjustments have you had to make? What is your background and how did you get where you are today?

These conversations can build a <u>team</u> of people who knew each other better and can meet the needs of the Portland which is nestled along the shores of the mighty Ohio River! Who knows, we might have a better team then the ones in the NFL this season. Let's make a few touchdowns this coming year!

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Dare To Care

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1st Tues. of the month at 10 AM

If your organization is listed on this page and there is a change in the information, please give us a call to make sure we have the correct information. Call Sherry at (502) 775-6036.

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February Recipes

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Easy Hearty Soup

1 lb hamburger

1 med onion diced

1 can diced tomatoes

1 carton or 2 cans of beef broth

1 pkg frozen mixed vegetables salt and pepper to taste

1 pkg frozen cauliflower

1 pkg frozen broccoli



Fry hamburger until you can't see any pink. Drain and put meat into a dutch oven or large pot. Add the rest of the ingredients. Cook on high heat until soup begins to boil, then turn on low heat until ready to serve.

Depending on your family's preference, you can get a box of Jiffy mix and make muffins. If you have a sack of cornmeal you can make a skillet of corn bread. Or, you can get a box of saltines to go with the soup.

OR, make some grilled cheese sandwiches. Yum.

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½ cup chopped onion

1 egg

½ cup diced green pepper a dash of hot sauce



Heat oven 360 degrees. In a large mixing bowl blend ground beef and sausage. You might have to use your hands to do this. Add the remaining ingredients and mix well. Save a little of the tomato sauce. Mold into a skillet or loaf pan, which ever you prefer. Bake in oven for 45-50 minutes. Meanwhile, with the tomato sauce you saved stir in 1 Tbs of apple vinegar and 2 Tbs of brown sugar. After meat loaf has been in oven 45-50 minutes, pour over meat and bake another 8-10 minutes longer. Cool at least 10 minutes before serving.

(I call this monthly meat loaf because I make it once a month. Because I want to, that's why.)

You need something green to go with that meat loaf, I suggest a can or two of green beans. Fry at least four strips of bacon, not too crisp. Place green beans in a sauce pan. Crumble the bacon and add to the beans as well as some of the bacon grease. Simmer over a low to med. heat to let those lonely green beans absorb that bacon flavor. Your taste buds will thank you.

Let's see. What goes with meat loaf and green beans on a cold February evening. Mashed potatoes!

Peel enough potatoes for your family. Cut them into chuncks and boil them until tender. Drain. Add a healthy spoonful of butter, a scoop of sour cream (if you have any) and some milk. You may have to add more milk, so keep the milk handy. Either mash potatoes with the potato masher or hand mixer. Add butter, sour cream and milk. Keep mashing until potatoes are the way your family likes them. Oh, I forgot. Add salt and pepper in the mix. If you want to get fancy, sprinkle some paprika on top.

Here's something simple to finish the meal. You could make this the day before.

Chocolate Chip Oatmeal Cookies

1 box yellow cake mix

2 eggs

1 cup quick oat

1 cup chocolate chips

1 ½ sticks butter or margarine, softened



Heat oven 350 degrees. Combine cake mix, oats, butter and eggs in large bowl, mix well. Stir in chocolate chips. Drop by rounded teaspoons onto ungreased cookie sheets. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool slightly before placing of cookies on wire racks to cool completely. Find a good hiding place until supper tomorrow.

As always stay warm and healthy and remember no matter what the circumstances God is always near.

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