

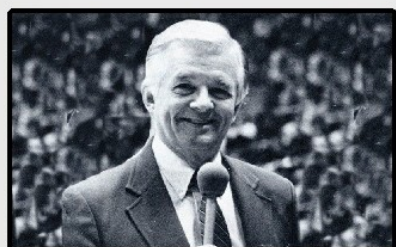
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Chuck Marlowe Dies at 86

Chuck Marlowe, the legendary broadcaster for the Indiana Hoosiers for over four decades, died.



Chuck Marlowe

February 11, 2016. As the television voice of IU Basketball on WTTV-4 beginning in 1958, Marlowe brought the excitement of IU Basketball into the homes of countless Hoosiers over several generations. As the 29-year host of the iconic "Bob Knight Show", Marlowe left an indelible mark on IU Basketball history. Marlowe was a native of Sullivan, Indiana.

Indiana University Vice President and Director of Intercollegiate Athletics

red Glass said, "I am deeply saddened by the passing of Chuck Marlowe,

I grew up watching him on Channel 4 as a sportscaster, calling championship wrestling, and of course hosting the "Bob Knight Show." He did it all with professionalism and class.

The IU basketball family has lost a true icon.

Marlowe was well known as the host of The Bob Knight Show, which ran weekly for 29 years and was the longest running coach's show in the country at the time. "He can come to me and release his emotions and frustrations. I just draw him out," Marlowe said in a 1996 Indianapolis Star interview. "He puts



The Bob Knight Show



Marlowe with Joe Dimagio

me down on the show. I accept that, because my role is to make him say something."

Marlowe also performed TV play-by-play duties for IU basketball starting in 1958 and spent 41 years as a pit reporter for the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Radio Network's broadcast of the Indianapolis 500.

Marlowe was also an announcer for local Big Time/Championship Wrestling, which featured wrestling favorites like Dick "The Bruiser," "The Sheik" and Wilbur Snyder. In another role, he was the sports director for WTTV on its nightly news broadcasts, joining favorites Janie (Hodges), Cowboy Bob (Glaze), Sammy Terry (Bob Carter) as the faces of the then iconic independent television station. He was later recognized by his peers with the Indiana Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association Lifetime Achievement Award.

Marlowe's career began in 1952 at radio station WXLW. He also had stints at WGRT (Danville) and WHMB (Indianapolis). However, his 37 years at WTTV Channel 4 defined his career.

A graduate of Shortridge High School in Indianapolis, he entered the school's Hall of Fame in 2014.

Harry Anderson Radcliffe II

Just a kid from Indianapolis

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Harry Anderson Radcliffe II, 66, who died December 1, 2015 at his home in Stamford, CT, of colon cancer, once said he was just “a kid from Indianapolis” who lucked into things.

He was the first African-American to head a CBS News bureau and was an award-winning “60 Minutes” producer for nearly three decades. But those who knew Harry Radcliffe II back at Shortridge High said it made perfect sense he would have a remarkable career. Look at his yearbook: Spanish club president, history club vice president, senior council, great books club, biology award, a cappella choir, track team, Big Brother and on and on. He was born in

Indianapolis, January 1, 1949. After high school he went on to study briefly at Purdue and then the Jesuit-founded Universidad Iberoamericano in Mexico City. In 1971, he was graduated from Tufts University with a bachelor’s degree in international relations and went on to the school’s prestigious Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, from which he received his master’s degree in 1973.



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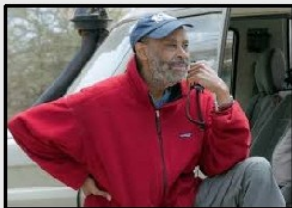
Radcliffe joined CBS News in 1975 as assistant editor in the Washington bureau. He moved to ABC News where he spent three years, then returned to CBS in 1979, as a producer for “The CBS Evening News with Walter Cronkite.”

In 2009, speaking at Cronkite’s memorial service, Radcliffe remarked, “The day I was asked to work for Walter, I cried from joy for finally having been asked, and from fear that CBS News executives had made a huge mistake.” Radcliffe moved to London in 1986 and became CBS’s first African American bureau chief. He returned to New York in 1988 and soon began a 26-year run as a top 60 Minutes producer working with Ed Bradley, Steve Kroft, Scott Pelley and Bob Simon. In fact, Radcliffe produced Simon’s final story for 60 Minutes, which aired weeks after he was killed in a car accident in February. Radcliffe gave remarks and played an unaired clip from that story at Simon’s memorial service in April.

Harry Radcliffe II, was the first African American to head a CBS News bureau and an award-winning 60 MINUTES producer for 26 years. Until recently, Radcliffe had been working on a story for 60 MINUTES about an orphanage in Tanzania. The trip to Africa was his last for the broadcast, one of the many international journeys that brought him joy and fulfillment during his 40 years in television news.

As bureau chief in London in the 1980s, he supervised coverage of some of the biggest foreign news events of the time, such as the nuclear accident at Chernobyl, the rise of terrorism in Europe and turmoil in the Middle East. He contributed nearly 100 stories to 60 MINUTES.

As an international relations scholar, Radcliffe brought a comprehensive knowledge of foreign affairs to the faraway places he covered, where he also found the finest museums, restaurants, hotels and the world’s natural wonders. His



Radcliffe in the Field

colleagues at 60 MINUTES came to count on Radcliffe for his advice and contacts when they went overseas, especially for the best places to eat – one of his favorite pastimes. He was a dear friend to many on the broadcast, especially 60 MINUTES Executive Producer Jeff Fager, whom he befriended in London 30 years ago. Fager said this today:

“It is hard to imagine not having Harry with us anymore. He has been an essential part of our lives, our broadcast, and our entire news organization. His body of work is among the most remarkable and diverse in 60 Minutes history. He was elegant, decent and a wonderful friend to so many of us. We are all better off that Harry was in our lives. We will miss him very much. “

What's the greatest "Thank you" a protege has ever been able to deliver for a mentor? Mike "Doc" Emrick may have scored the game-winning goal.



Bob Chase

When NBC Sports was looking for feature ideas to highlight a "Hockey Day in America" promotion, hockey Hall of Fame announcer Mike (Doc)Emrick suggested a look at Fort Wayne's Bob Chase. Chase is continuing his 63rd season announcing Fort Wayne Komets games, and though he just turned 90, he's still got the same passion, most of the energy and all of the knowledge that make his call of games special. So NBC aired a feature on Chase February 21, 2016 called "The Doctor's Inspiration" during the Buffalo at Pittsburgh game. Fort Wayne Komet fans viewed the video over the scoreboard during a home game.

"He is one of the greatest people in my life," said Emrick, a LaFontaine native who got hooked on the sport while watching a 1960 Komets game. "I am proud to call him my friend and the piece reflects how all of us feel about him."

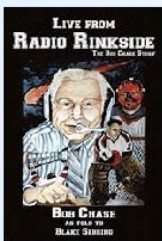
The video featured footage NBC taped Jan. 2 during a Komets' trip to Toledo and Jan. 17 when Emrick showed up at Memorial Coliseum to celebrate Chase's birthday. "Everything that Doc told me about Bob is true," said NBC Feature Producer David Picker. "He's a towering figure both physically and where he fits in the game. He calls a game like you'll not believe. He calls a goal just the perfect way, and he signed off in just the perfect way. What Doc told me was spot on. No one knows Bob better than Doc, and for me to look back on both shoots and say, 'Wow, I saw everything that Doc was talking about,' was very cool."

Picker and the NBC crew spent about 20 hours with Chase, and more features are possible. The crew first interviewed Chase at the coliseum for four hours on Jan. 2 before riding the bus with him to Toledo (picking up the team's bill at Tim Horton's along the way).

"My favorite part was one of two things, the bus ride from Fort Wayne to Toledo because it was just the team and Bob and everyone else was focused on the game," Picker said, "but it was an intimate moment when we could see his interaction with the team and the coach and how Bob approaches the pregame mentality. To get a glimpse of that was very special. "The second part was once we got to the



Chase celebrates 90th birthday



arena, just to see the preparation Bob takes once he gets into the arena. He insisted on taking the stairs and he put his equipment together himself. You'd think maybe by this point he would have earned the right to have someone else take care of that for him, but he wants to be the guy who takes his old-school equipment and make sure it works.

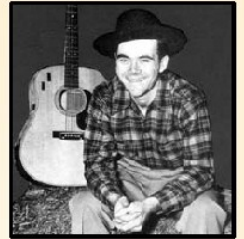
Picker also enjoyed seeing how Chase reacts and greets arena workers and fans before games, Chase knows someone in almost every arena the Komets play in, and in cities like Kalamazoo, Toledo and Indy, he knows almost everyone who's working at the games. "His stamina is unbelievable. When we left him at the bus in Toledo after the game, my impression was that he could have gone on for another 10 hours if he needed to."

"I never thought in a lifetime that things like this would happen to me," he said. "All the little things that have happened to me were late in life and I appreciate all of them," he said. "I just thank God that it all worked out the way it did. I'll take what comes along humbly and be thankful"

Robert "Uncle Bob" Hardy, born on a farm near the town of Arlington in Monroe County, Indiana. Those early years on the family farm were times that his mother played a great role and influence in his life. For one, he hardly got to know or remember his father who had passed away in 1928. Like many back then, Bob grew up listening to the legendary WLS National Barn Dance from Chicago, Illinois on Saturday nights.

Bob started out working part-time at radio station W9XHZ, W9XHZ, an experimental FM station out of Bloomington sometime before 1950, but never went commercial. He was an announcer singer for the station. He left college in the fall of 1946 to take the job at WAOV but later had second thoughts about leaving school so he enrolled at Indiana University. But before he cracked too many books to study, he was on the staff of W9XHZ again and shortly after that he moved to Bloomington radio station WTTS.

He had two shows a day and was working for no pay while doing two shows a day - "Breakfast with Bob" and "Supper Time Serenade". Not wanting to just do a standard radio show he created a mythical place called Happy Valley. The format was designed to have listeners imagine they were listening to folks dropping by to spin a yarn or two or sing a few songs around a potbellied stove at a general store.



"Uncle Bob Hardy"

When Sarkes Tarzian, owner of WTTS, added a television station (WTTV), the program made the move to TV. While at WTTV he hosted a program titled "The Old Western Ledger" calling himself "Uncle Bob". He eventually gave up the leadership of the "Happy Valley Folks" when he left to go to work at WJCD, a station broadcasting in North Vernon, Indiana. While the position in North Vernon gave him some needed experience, Bob wanted to go back to Bloomington. When a spot on the staff opened up he made the move. Bob assumed he would become part of the show he helped create and made popular but much to his surprise it didn't happen.



Happy Valley Folks, 1st Telecast 1947

He continued to work at the station a few months before getting the idea to start his own show and called it "Hayloft Frolic". He had plenty of support. He got a visit from his former program staff and they all wanted to know when they were going to start on his new show.

Later that year Farm Bureau Co-op became its main sponsor. At one time the show was airing on Thursday evenings at 8:30pm. where it became the most popular country music television show in Indiana and was number two to the Mid Western Hayride out of WLW in Cincinnati. He also created a program titled "The Old Western Ledger" and formed a viewers "Western Ledger Club." "the Old Western Ledger, with a membership of over 63,000 card-carrying members." and rode "Rythym", a palimino horse during the opening of each show. At one point, he and his horse staged a "Western Ledger Roundup Club" event at McComick's Creek State Park and 35,000 people showed up.

In 1953 Bob and his group performed for "The Hayloft Frolic" at the Indiana State Fair gave forty seven performances in five days He was director of Broadcasting for twenty years at KAWC Radio in Yuma. In 1957, WTTV lost its network affiliation. Station management was faced with many decisions to make and one they made was to cancel all of their live programming. Which meant, Uncle Bob was out of work.



"Hayloft Frolic Show on the road"

He found work at a small station in Decatur, Illinois and then moved to a radio station in Brazil, Indiana. During one long winter spell, he found himself under his mobile home with a blowtorch, trying to thaw out some pipes. In that moment the thought came to Bob that perhaps it was time to move to a sunnier climate, such as Arizona. He moved to Yuma in 1962 and stayed there.

Again he found himself not only on television, but entertaining another generation of children Folks from Yuma, Arizona remember him as "Captain Almost" of the S.S. Kiva, a local children's show. Bob was the operations director of KIVA-TV at the time and was asked to take over the helms of the mythical ship after the prior host left Yuma. He also found himself doing some parts in movies as well as television.

He hosted a series of 23 shows that were called "Country Boy in a Country Concert" where all the proceeds went to scholarships for the broadcast department at Arizona Western. The shows raised enough money to endow a scholarship fund.

Uncle Bob Hardy died a broadcast Pioneer at the age of 89 in his home in Yuma on Jan. 5, 2016.

NEW BOOK

After many years of research I have finally completed and published a book on the life of my

great, great grandfather John H. King.

The book follows his life from his birth in 1831 until his death in 1893.

Although John was a survivor, he lived a problem plagued and ill-fated existence that

make the fascinating events of his life an unusual and emotional story. It is the story of a man whom fate chose to survive when others did not.

The book follows John from his birth in Cincinnati, Ohio, his training as a blacksmith, his migration to Indiana, his enlistment in the 9th Indiana Cavalry and his survival of the tragedies that await him. From his skirmishes and capture by the Reb's, his life threatening imprisonment at Andersonville prison and his survival of the greatest maritime disaster in the history of the United States, he returns home a changed and disabled man, unable able to live what could have been a far different life. Many well known Indiana names and places are part of this story that few have heard.

I have been writing this book for many years (While also writing the Pioneer newsletters.)

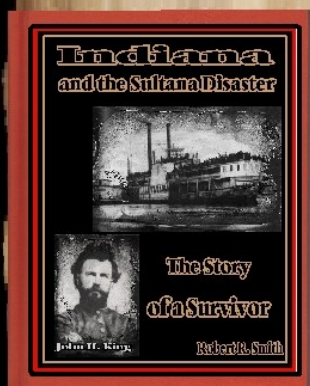
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Death Notices:

Lois Bender Dinkel, formerly of Fort Wayne, passed away peacefully on February 14th in Simpsonville, SC. She was 89.



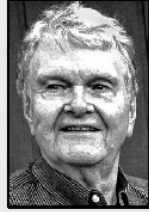
During her career as a writer and producer at WOWO Radio, Lois wrote for broadcast personalities, programs that were broadcast nationwide, and won a national Addy award for commercial writing. Lois later worked at WFFT-TV as a co-op marketing director.

Her dedication to extensive research into veteran's records resulted in South Side's War Memorial Wall. In 1996, she was awarded South Side High School's prestigious Distinguished Alumni award. Lois' belief in giving fully of herself to her faith, family, and community, was evident in all of her actions. Her loving kindness touched countless lives through her involvement in myriad volunteer positions and charity organizations.

Wilmot C. "Bill" Goodall Jr. passed away on January 3, 2016. Bill was born in Indianapolis, June 13, 1929. He graduated from Arsenal Technical High School and attended Indiana University. During the Korean War he served in the Army. His professional career began as an engineer at Channel 13, WLWI in Indianapolis in the 1960's. He was a member of the Indiana Radio Club and later retired from Ft. Benjamin Harrison.

Death Notices continued

Jerry V. Limbert, 82, passed away Monday, January 25 from cardiac arrest at St. Joseph Medical Center in South Bend, IN. Jerry was born October 3, 1933 in Muncie, IN. He graduated from Muncie Central High in 1951, earning prize money for his senior class trip by winning a jingle-writing contest for a local radio station. Radio would soon become his life's obsession.



Jerry Limbert



While earning his B.S. degree at Ball State Teachers College (later Ball State University), Jerry got an offer to run the school's WBST. He stayed on long enough to not only update the station's antenna system, but to additionally earn his M.A. in 1956. In 1964, Jerry accepted a dream position in South Bend, IN at WETL-FM, the newly created (and quite experimental) radio branch of the South Bend Community School System. For 35 years, he combined the passions of teaching and radio production by creatively interpreting K through 6th grade lessons into series broadcasts for school system teachers. As the writer, producer, director and recording engineer, Jerry also produced & directed extended radio dramas for WETL's "Radio Workshop". In addition, Jerry also recorded radio and TV commercial voice-overs for local and national markets. He joined the Indiana Broadcast Pioneers in 2010. Jerry retired in 1999, beginning a glorious and well-earned phase of relaxation, full of piano playing, record buying, music listening, movie watching and antique-shop-frequenting. He also gave lectures on the HMS Titanic and radio history at libraries and care centers in the area.

Glee F. Renick May 65, of Indianapolis, passed January 17, 2016. She had courageously battled pancreatic cancer for more than two years, continuing throughout that time to pursue her passion for journalism and magazine publishing, as the publisher of Northwest Indiana Business Quarterly and Retirement Living magazines.



Glee was born in Indianapolis on October 13, 1950. She launched her lifelong media career with a Bachelors of Arts degree in Journalism and Marketing from Indiana University, which she completed in 1971. Glee produced a weekly radio program called "Spotlight Indianapolis," which aired on WIBC.

Throughout her career, she earned numerous awards and recognitions. Among them was the 2015 Small Business Journalist of the Year honor, part of the annual Entrepreneurial Excellence Awards coordinated by the Northwest Indiana Small Business Development Center. She also was a recipient of the Chancellor's Award from Ivy Tech Community College. As president and CEO of May Communications Group, LLC, she added a periodical called Retirement Living, focused on helping those in their 50's and beyond across Northern Indiana live vital, healthy and financially successful lives. In addition to her work in print journalism, for more than 30 years.

PIONEER SUPPORT

The Richard M. Fairbanks Foundation continues to focus its grantmaking in Indianapolis and in the area of Health as well as the Vitality of Indianapolis that emerged during Dick Fairbanks's tenure as President of the Foundation. The funding themes within each focus area continuously evolve to reflect lessons learned from prior grants and the changing local and national environment.

Death Notices Continued

Jacqueline T. Salb 94, of Frankfort, formerly of Indianapolis, IN, passed away Jan. 24, 2016.

Born Jacqueline R. Spalding to Florence and James Spalding,



Jacqueline T. Salb

she was raised in Indiana and was a graduate of Stephens College in Columbia, MO. She soon after started a career in Radio and as one of the first women in T.V. using the stage name, Lynn Stevens at WFBM Channel 6 in Indianapolis. She retired as a public relations journalist from the American Lung Assoc. in 1987.

She is survived by her daughter, Dr. Melanie (Gary) Ellexson of Frankfort; grandsons: Thomas (Karen) Ellexson, James (Susanna) Ellexson; great-grandchildren: Sarah Fleener, Rylee Ellexson, Madeline, Aiden, Sawyer, and Kennedy Ellexson; caregiver and friend, Dee Sipos. She was preceded by her husband Gene R. Thomas in 1952.

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Longtime broadcaster **Peter Sumrall**, who led one of the largest Christian broadcasting networks in the nation, has died at age 62.



Peter Sumrall,

Sumrall, who had been president and CEO of the South Bend-based LeSEA Broadcasting Network, died Saturday of a heart attack, the company said.

“Despite his unexpected death, which has come as a shock to millions of viewers and Christian organizations around the world, Sumrall’s mission to promote the salvation message of Jesus through the many outreaches of LeSEA will continue,” the company said in a statement.

“We all loved my father,” Drew Sumrall said in the statement. “It goes without saying that Pete Sumrall cannot be replaced, just as his father before him, Dr. Lester Sumrall, could not be replaced. We will move forward with the vision of the company.”

Peter Sumrall worked for LeSEA for more than four decades, working his way up the ranks in the company and learning every aspect of the business, from TV production to programming. He also worked to help alleviate hunger through the company’s nonprofit arm, LeSEA Global Feed the Hungry, Inc.

In 1982, he was promoted to general manager of the network, which at the time consisted of two television stations and one FM radio station. In 1996, Sumrall became president of LeSEA when his father died. In 2005, Sumrall assumed full leadership of the company, which has grown exponentially in the last 30 years, the network said. The multifaceted ministries of LeSEA reach more than 90 percent of the world’s population through television, radio, satellite TV and shortwave radio. The first station, WHMB-TV first signed on the air in 1972;