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## face to face

### Q: What is your most memorable camping experience?

"Last summer I took a road trip with some of my friends out to Yellowstone and we took a backpacking trail about three miles back. We spent the night with a buffalo. He was just out there chilling. We were at our camping spot and we woke up in the morning and he was still there."



**Conner Stapleton**

"My memorable camping experience was with my family. We went to a place owned by a friend of my dad in Wisconsin. He has his own cabin, land and lake view where we could swim. We camped out, we ate, we went four-wheeling, we went swimming. It was a nice bonding experience with my family and it was really cool to see all the stars with no light pollution in the middle of nowhere."



**Eston Baumer**

"We went house boating with family. In the middle of the night we found we were parked at the wrong camp site at Dale Hollow Lake (in Tennessee and Kentucky). We had to pack up all our stuff and move in the middle of the night in a rain storm loading up all the camping equipment. We were upset at the time but looking back it is kind of funny."



**Kirk Franz**

"A solo camping trip to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. I went out of Crane Lake, Minn. The outfitter I went with has maybe a half dozen a year who go by themselves. It challenges you physically and mentally. You go by canoe only. You are dropped off and picked up a week later. It was a tremendous experience but I don't think I'd ever do it again by myself."



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## CG alum Emily Jones recognized at Wheaton College

### ATHLETE

Wheaton College (Ill.) student-athletes were recognized for their achievements during the spring 2016 semester. Emily Jones, a member of the women's tennis team, was recognized by the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin as CCIW Player of the Week. Jones, of Greenwood, is a graduate of Center Grove High School. The Thunder women's tennis team won the 2016 CCIW Automatic Qualifier Tournament and reached the first round of the NCAA Championships. They finished the season with an 18-2 overall record. For more information, visit [wheaton.edu](http://wheaton.edu).

## Center Grove's VanBuskirk earn Girl Scout Gold Award

### SCOUTS

Gabrielle VanBuskirk has earned the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award a girl can earn in Girl Scouting. VanBuskirk established an extracurricular school program, Hearts and Crafts, to address inclusion between students with special needs and mainstream students. She was recognized on June 4, during Girl Scouts of Central Indiana's Girls of Distinction event at the JW Marriott in Indianapolis.

VanBuskirk's Girl Scout Gold Award project sprung out of her realization that separate programs for students with special needs prevented social inclusion. Her project sought to bridge the gap between mainstream students and special need students. Working with the local middle school, VanBuskirk offered Hearts and Crafts workshops, centering around creating art projects. The workshops offered students the opportunity to establish relationships in a relaxing and fun setting. VanBuskirk, a graduate of Center Grove High School, plans to study exercise science at the University of Evansville.

### Yes, we want your letters

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# Chief Jeremy Pell

## White River Township Fire chief keeps Center Grove safe by keeping up with the growing community

### BEHIND the BADGE

At the age of 6, White River Township Fire Chief Jeremy

Pell got his first taste of what it's like to be a volunteer firefighter when his dad took him on the job with him in Martinsville. For Pell, the initial appeal of firefighting was the excitement.

"As I got older I realized that it was still exciting, it was mentally challenging, it takes the ability to deal with people, to use my hands, but to also use my mind," he says.

All excitement aside, Pell says he felt fortunate to serve a community he calls "one of the greatest" and makes it his personal responsibility to keep Center Grove safe. One of the ways his department achieves this is by keeping up with the rapid growth of the area and continuing to serve to the best of their ability.

Pell is a native Southside resident who is actively involved with the community along with his wife, Lori, and their three sons. He has served multiple fire departments in the Indianapolis area since he was 19 years old and says he is "blessed enough to come back" to the department where he started as a volunteer.

### What has been one of your most gratifying moments on the job?

These ambulances...we had one ambulance here that was run by a private ambulance service. We were able to put two ambulances in service, we're able to do it cost-neutral so they support themselves financially, and I know for a fact there are people alive in this community because we have those ambulances staffed with paramedics 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The response time's gotten better; we're on the scene faster.

**What aspect of the job do you find most challenging?** As a firefighter, we all want to make a difference and it's challenging when those pieces don't fall into place – when you get there a little too late, when there's nothing you can do, when it really just ends at trying to console a family, or explain to them why we couldn't get their house put out. The challenge of a fire chief is really the same thing. We are in a community that is growing tremendously. Our runs have increased 50 percent since 2012. We're going to get an interstate. We're looking at 300 homes, an apartment complex, the 135 corridor, interchanges, and the challenging part is keeping the resources we have and then trying to add firefighters to the street because really that's what it boils down to. If we can't keep firefighters on the street, which we're struggling to do, then we can't make a difference. It's those boots on the ground that affects



Jeremy Pell. Photo by Nicole Davis

the lives of the people in our community.

### What do you enjoy doing in your off-time?

I like training dogs. I have two dogs that are trained on search and recovery and one that I'm working on training to be an arson detection dog... You give them a command and Luna, my dog's command is "spark" and if she goes and sniffs that item and lays down she gets a reward for it. You do that enough times and they realize, 'ok, this is my job, this is what I'm supposed to do.' I've got a little dog training business and my boys and I are part of a non-for-profit search and recovery canine group... I love going camping with my family, I love my boys, I volunteer in the school and we go to church together.

### What are your future goals, professionally or personally?

Professionally, this is what I see: this is a wonderful fire department that serves well. We have managed things very well. We're debt free. We're under budget; we have a balanced budget. We pay cash for our fire trucks and our tax rate has gone down. We are prepared to address this interstate. I hope to put a third ambulance in service, I hope to move that fire station so it's in a better place, to improve response times... Our staffing is about 63

percent part-time. We need to shift from part-time more toward a full-time fire department... We need to eventually add another fire company and shifting more toward a full-time department is what this community needs to grow at the pace of the community.

### What would you have done if you hadn't become a firefighter?

I probably would've opened up a bicycle shop. That's kind of how I started; it was my first real job. It's hard to imagine not being a firefighter. I started out working in an Emergency Room and I've been a firefighter for over 27 years now but I probably would have been biking, fitness and some kind of my own little business. (That) might be what I do after I retire - I might have a little dog business sometime... I've got a lot of years left.

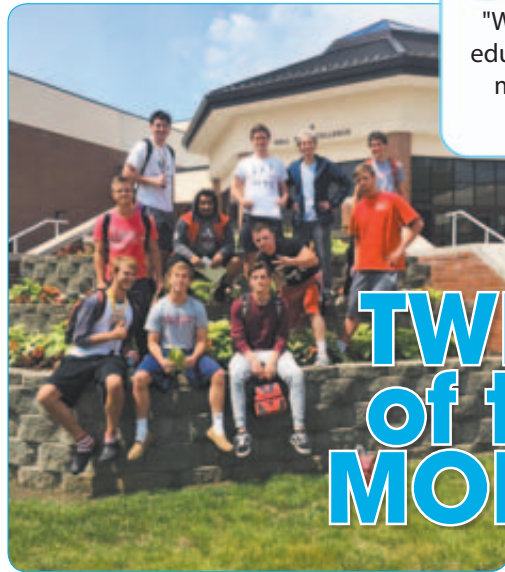
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**TWEET**  
**of the**  
**MONTH**

## Center Grove News Quiz

How well do you know your Center Grove community?

Test your current event knowledge each month with a little Q&A!



**1** In recognition of the Fourth of July, Center Grove Icon's cover, Faces of Freedom, features two local veterans. Judd Green says because of the sacrifices

others who have donned a uniform have made for us, we have a responsibility to do what?

- A. Live the best lives we can
- B. Consider military service
- C. Take a moment of silence before the fireworks
- D. Pray for the safety of those currently serving

**2** The Greenwood Freedom Festival is June 25. Who is the 2016 grand marshal?

- A. Governor Mike Pence
- B. Ronald McDonald
- C. Mayor Mark Myers
- D. The Chick-fil-A cow

**3** Greenwood accountant Mike Wright advises that small business owners take a \_\_\_\_\_ first approach when managing their finances.

- A. Employee
- B. Expenditure
- C. Charity
- D. Profit

**4** Why is Center Grove Education Foundation Executive Director Carla Johnson stepping down after four years of growing the organization?

- A. She's finished her four-year term
- B. She no longer has a passion for the job
- C. She achieved everything she wanted to achieve
- D. She's moving out of state



**5** What does 2016 Center Grove High School Class Valedictorian Bhumi Patel say is the biggest lesson she learned in school?

- A. Focus on yourself before you look to see what others are doing
- B. Start your assignments as early as possible
- C. Listen and think before you speak
- D. Learn to push yourself out of your comfort zone

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By Nicole  
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# Faces of Freedom

Center Grove area residents Judd Green and Jim Girdley tell about their overseas deployments, including to Vietnam, Bosnia, Iraq and Afghanistan

The Fourth of July, as we all well know, is a celebration of this great nation's birth — 240 years ago Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence. Since then, millions of citizens have donned the military uniform in service to protect the liberties and freedom of the United States. Countless souls have been lost, untold acts of heroism committed, all in the name of our country 'tis of thee.

"The reason you and I can sit here, in Bargersville, Indiana, in this free country, is because our men died so we can do this," says Judd Green, Bargersville police chief, who served in the Marine Corps. "We should never forget the sacrifices other people make for us so we can live the lives we're living. Along with that goes the responsibility to live the best lives we can."

Center Grove has more than its share of U.S. veterans who risked their lives for those freedoms. Here, learn the stories of two of those residents: Judd Green and Jim Girdley:

## Judd Green

Judd Green says it was an honor to serve his country in uniform — an honor which he received twice. He not only served a tour overseas in Vietnam from 1966 to '67, but again 40 years later in Iraq.

Judd's father was career army, so the family moved around a lot. Judd graduated from Arlington High School and joined the Marine Corps. He went to boot camp in San Diego, infantry training. It wasn't long before he was sent to Vietnam for a 13-month deployment. He was in Vietnam from 1966 to '67, becoming a sergeant.

"I tried to serve honorably in Vietnam but it does change you," Judd says. "You're never the same as you were before. It gives you a magnificent appreciation for life — yours and other peoples. We should be thankful for that."

He continued, "I lost a number of friends who were killed in action. One group of them was killed by what they called then a roadside bomb. It was an IED (Improvised Explosive Device). I stayed in country until my tour was over. I decided the best way I could honor their memories was to live a good, honorable life. That's what I've tried to do my whole life."

After he returned home, he joined the Indianapolis Police Department in 1969 where he retired in 2000. He ran a private detective agency after retirement from 2000 to 2009. He was then offered a position as a law enforcement advisor with the Marine Corps, so long as he would give a four-year commitment to go to either Afghanistan or Iraq.

"In 2009 when the Department of Defense said if you go to Iraq or Afghanistan for a year, you can save young soldiers from being killed from IEDs," he says, "I thought well, I couldn't save my friends who were killed in Vietnam but I might be able to go and save some other sons and daughters and send them back to their families."

He told his wife, Candee, that he was headed to his second war. He was leaving behind his wife, two children and seven grandchildren.

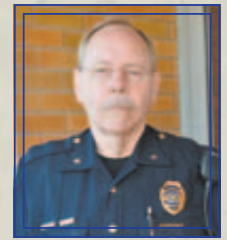
"Some of my family thought I was crazy," he says. "My wife kissed me goodbye and said nothing will happen to you that God doesn't allow to happen. She prayed for me and I prayed for her while I was gone, that God would take care of her and my family. I thought it was the right thing. It was an honor to be able to serve America twice in one lifetime. I don't know how many people get that chance. People serve in more than one war, but maybe not so far apart."

Judd was sent to Washington DC on April 30, 2010, then to Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He worked in counter insurgency.

"Iraq was like Vietnam in that the enemy many times didn't wear uniforms," he says. "My biggest challenge as an instructor for the Marine Corps, I was teaching Marines about finding IEDs, how to locate weapon caches, how to identify bomb builders ... I gave the best training I could to our Marines. I always felt very responsible for the young Marines and they watched over me, too."

When he returned home to the Center Grove area, Judd served on the Marion County Sheriff's Department for two years. He then accepted the chief's position at the Bargersville Police Department, where he still works.

"I just want to continue to be of service," he says. "In America today, there are too many people that don't have a purpose in life. They just seem to be wandering through their lives. I'm in the last few chapters of my book of life. I would say to those young people, make your life worth it. Do something that feeds your soul and gives you purpose in life."



Judd Green, Bargersville Police Chief, served in both Vietnam and Iraq with the Marine Corps.



Above: Judd Green



Top, right: Judd Green is pictured with Jerry Ross, who both served together on the Indianapolis Police Department before joining the military to go to Al Anbar Province, Iraq.



Above & On the Cover: Judd Green is pictured, on the far left, after returning from patrol in Chu Luj Vietnam. Green served in Vietnam from 1966 to 67.

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## Jim Girdley

Although he realized how good American citizens have it before his deployment to Afghanistan, Jim Girdley says you recognize just how many luxuries of everyday life that we have after spending time in a war-torn country. He resided on a military base that is 5/8 of a square mile with one place to eat, one coffee shop and dependent on aircraft to bring in fresh foods.

Jim has resided in Johnson County, White River Township, most of his life. A 1975 graduate of Center Grove High School, he was involved in athletics including football, wrestling and track. After graduation, he went to work in construction, a family business. The business closed in the early 80s. He joined the National Guard Reserve in 1984. In 1986 he went to officer candidate school and was commissioned as a lieutenant. He and his wife, Meresa, and three children moved to Ft. Milburn in Virginia for six months.

"My kids got to see Washington DC," he says. "Every weekend we went around to see another museum, another memorial, another battlefield. They got an early education in history, civics, and living with people from all over."

When they returned home to the Center Grove area, Jim remained in the military. In 2002, Jim went into the Guard full-time, stepping down from his 12-year position at Eli Lilly. In 2004, he was deployed to Bosnia for nine months. In 2009, he was deployed to Afghanistan for 10 months.

"The first time you're lying in bed and you hear a rocket go overhead and explode in the distance – that was a defining moment," Jim says. "I worked training Afghans in a headquarters, kind of like a corporate headquarters. It was very different. We weren't under fire often. You had to keep your guard up, for sure. There was always the question of when an Afghan might turn on you. That happened about two weeks after I was gone; an Afghan strapped a bomb on himself and killed four or five people."

Jim says he was fortunate with the people he was assigned to train.

"The neatest thing was, I did get to work with an Afghan colonel who was very interested in improving himself and Afghanistan," he says. "There were many of my peers over there that had people who were very corrupt with no desire to make things better. I had one of my best jobs ever in the military, working with this group of fairly young Afghans, learning how to do things better for them and their country."

While he was deployed to Afghanistan, Jim says his son was, too. Their tours overlapped for four months.

"I was both proud and fearful," he says. "It was nerve-wracking knowing he was in harm's way every day."

When Jim returned to the U.S., he spent a year at Camp Atterbury before he retired from the Guard in 2011. He returned to Afghanistan for a year as a contractor.

Transitioning home, Jim says, is sometimes more difficult than leaving.

"Part of it is muscle memory and reacting to things in different ways, not liking loud noises, not liking crowds," Jim says. "I'm still very cautious. Your wife and family have learned to live without you for that long. When you come back, you don't just fit right in. You have to learn to live together again. You have changed so much, though the person that left 12 months ago looks the same and sounds the same."

Jim currently works at Lowe's in Franklin and co-owns Rescue Duct. Jim also stays busy as a member of the Greenwood and Franklin Chambers of Commerce. He and his wife are members of Bluff Creek Christian Church and are involved at Center Grove High School where his wife works.

By the end of the summer, he says he plans to focus solely on Rescue Duct and will be happy to be down to a 40-hour work week.

"I had 27 years of (the military), more of a share than most," he says. "I truly enjoyed being a soldier and a leader, but now I enjoy being out of it completely and having my own business. I'm still organizing, still planning, still leading – just for myself."



*Jim Girdley served in the National Guard from 1984 to 2011.*



**Top:** Jim Girdley  
**Center:** Girdley and his son served in Afghanistan with overlapping tours.  
**Bottom:** Girdley is pictured with few of the Afghanistan people that he trained.  
**On the Cover:** Girdley is pictured with his wife Meresa.



Photos by Nicole Davis



## Five kilometers + Fellowship

**Saints Francis & Clare Catholic School brings the community together for a 5K & Fun Run**

### ICONOGRAPHY

By Nicole Davis

Smiles spread across the exhausted faces of many children as they finished a one-mile run around Saints Francis & Clare Catholic Church on

May 30. Some crossed the finish line while sitting on their parent's shoulders. Other little ones kept running, not realizing that they were done.

"I love to see all of the students come," says Rebecca Stone, SSFC assistant principal. "The mile run gives them the option to feel like they're part of the fun when maybe they're not ready to run a 5K just yet."

Saints Francis & Clare Catholic School hosted the 5K Fun & Run on Memorial Day, beginning with a memorial mass in the morning, followed by the celebration.

"Our school does its best to offer several events throughout the year that are fun gatherings for families," Stone says. "It's not about making money. It's about our school family coming together for fellowship."

This is the second year the 5K & Fun Run was offered. Runners received free drinks. There were also children's games, vendors, a DJ, face painting and more.

"It's a wonderful turnout," said SSFC Secretary Katie Dollens and an event organizer. "Our community always brings it together."

For more information and to see the results of the 5K, visit [ss-fc.org/race](http://ss-fc.org/race).

**Top, left:** Riley Turk of Center Grove High School, who placed first in the 5k, congratulates Howard Harrell who placed third.  
**Top, right:** Runners begin the 5K. Pictured on the far right is Ronnie Malan of Indianapolis and David Barton of Greenwood.  
**Middle, left:** John, J.J. and Emily Deaton run the 1-mile Fun Run.  
**Bottom, left:** Audie Altherr of Center Grove plays with painting materials as her mother paints faces.  
**Center, top:** Kevin Clark of Greenwood finished the Fun Run.  
**Center, right:** Runners wait for the go ahead to start the 5K race.  
**Center, bottom:** Riley Turk of Center Grove High School earned first place in the 5K with a time of 17:30.5.



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Reported by J. Page

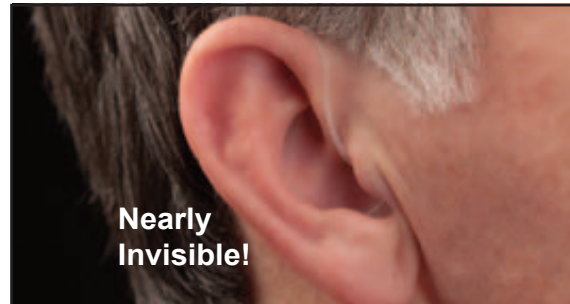
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June-July

# Teacher of the Month

Mr. Blackburn

By: Ellen Nguyen  
4th Grade, CG Elementary



*Ellen Nguyen and Mr. Blackburn*

I think that Mr. B should be Teacher of the Month because he is nice. When we learn something, he makes it fun for us. He makes hard things, like fractions, easier to learn by showing us lots of ways to solve problems. He also teaches us life lessons like what is right and wrong. This is why he should be Teacher of the Month.



Kids, watch for opportunities when school resumes in August to honor our many Center Grove teachers.



Chicago's Pizza  
is the official ICON  
Teacher of the Month  
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Pictured is June-July Teacher of the Month, Mr. Blackburn's 4th grade class at Center Grove Elementary enjoying their pizza party!



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**Top, left:** Eva Kor signed books after speaking to Center Grove eighth graders about the Holocaust. **Top, right:** Eva Kor. **Bottom, left:** From left, Anna Bauer, Jillian Ransdell, Ella Sutton wait in line.  
Photos by Nicole Davis

## Forgive and heal

### Holocaust survivor Eva Kor shares inspirational message with Center Grove 8th graders

#### SPEAKER

By Nicole Davis

Never, ever give up on yourself.

Eva Kor visited Center Grove Middle School Central to give an educational, inspirational speech about how she survived the Holocaust. Middle School North eighth graders joined Central's eighth grade students for the speech. Her trip was made possible by the Center Grove Education Foundation's Beck Memorial Grant.

"It was a real emotional speech," said eighth grader, Zane York. "She presented it really well and got it through to us in a way I don't think many people could."

Eva and her family were taken from Romania to the Auschwitz concentration camp in 1944. After she and her twin sister, Miriam, were separated from their parents and other siblings, Eva says she made a promise to herself: she will survive.

Eva and Miriam Mozes were subjects of genetic experiments by Josef Mengele. They were injected with an unknown substance, and carefully monitored. There was a time when Eva fell ill and was separated from her sister.

"He looked at my chart and then he declared, laughing sarcastically, and said 'too bad,' Eva said. "She's so young. She has only two weeks to live.' I knew he was right, but I refused to die. I made a second silent

pledge that I will prove Mengele wrong and I will be reunited with my sister Miriam... I kept telling myself I must survive, I must survive."

She did. When the camp was liberated in 1945, she and Miriam were finally free. Their family, however, did not survive.

Eva now resides in Terre Haute, Ind. Her sister passed away in 1993. It took Eva 50 years after their liberation to forgive those who took her and her family and experimented on her sister and her.

"It has been now 21 since I forgave the Nazis," Eva said. "The Nazis didn't even care. It was the victims with the pain and most of the survivors, 71 years after the liberation of the camp, they are still victims and they still pass that pain down to their children... Forgive and forget is incorrect. I would like to counter that slogan with forgive and heal. That's what I write in my books. When you forgive, you heal yourself."

Students were allowed the opportunity for a question and answer session after the speech, then lined up for a book signing before being released for the school day.

"She was so uplifting," said eighth grader, Anna Line. "I like that she said 'prejudice is like cancer to the human soul.' It takes over you and makes you do things you don't think about."

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## HISTORY & ARCHITECTURE

# Honoring educators at Center Grove

By Jeff Beck

Center Grove High School honor day was enjoyed by 558 students as many awards for outstanding study were received. Graduates are now members of one of the oldest continuous running alumni associations in State of Indiana. Center Grove Alumni Association was formed May 21, 1898, with 15 graduates and spouses attending first gathering. The association is now called Alumni and Friends sponsored by Center Grove Education Foundation (CGEF)

Educator Mr. John Frank retired at end of this school year after 39 years of teaching, 29 at Center Grove. Mr. Frank coached freshman basketball with retired educator Mr. Richard Ratliff during the early years of his CGHS career. Social Studies students who participated in Mr. Frank's class enjoyed history from a man who has travelled the world gaining experiences relating to subjects of classroom discussion. Mr. Frank has hiked the Appalachian Trail, explored tunnels used in the Vietnam War, and many additional summer travels. John Frank was dedicated to obtaining and retaining historical items of Center Grove Schools. He was honored by the State of Indiana for his support of soldiers attending Center Grove, both active and veteran.

Center Grove Alumni and Friends presented Mr. Frank with honorary alumni status during a senior honors program. The award was presented by school board member Mr. Jack Russell and me, much to the surprise of Mr. Frank. Students and staff rose to their feet clapping and cheering in honor of their friend. Mr. Frank spoke very briefly and said award will be cherished always. Mr. Frank was only the third non-Center Grove High School graduate to be honored with CGAA membership.

Carla Johnson was also honored as she is soon to be leaving the Center Grove Education Foundation as director. The Center Grove community wishes the best for both Carla and John as they move towards new goals.



John Frank



Carla Johnson  
Photos by Nicole Davis



Jeff Beck is a lifelong Bargersville resident who has a passion for the history of the Center Grove area. He has authored the books, *Bargersville and Center Grove: Unveiling the Past*.



## Center Grove High School names 35 AP Scholars

### SCHOLARS

The College Board has granted 35 Center Grove High School (CGHS) students Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar Awards for demonstrating college-level achievement through AP courses and exams. The honor is given to students who receive scores of three or higher on three or more AP exams during their high school career. Of those 35 students, 12 received the "with Honor" designation for achieving an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP exams, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams on full-year courses. Four students received the "with distinction" honor for earning an average grade of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken, and 3 or higher on five or more of the exams.

CGHS students who have earned an AP Scholars award include AP Scholar with Distinction, Samuel Canner, Jiawei Chen, Al-exagail Colinco and Bhumi Patel; AP Scholar with Honors, Madeline Fain, Shelby Ferrill, Lucas Frandsen, Nicole Jansen, Janesh Kamati, Sabrina Maristela, Jacob Maurizio, Amreitdev Parihar, Sean Pearson, Christina Randall, Alexis Rasmussen and Erik Switzer; AP Scholars, Justice Amick, Andrew Cheng, Grace Culver, Sneha Dave, Alexandria Ed-minster, Zachary Hanquier, Harrison Holt, Juhi Kekre, Alexa Kovacs, Mason Pawlik, Lauren Ralph, Andrea Rayner, Jeffrey Robinson, Roberto Rodino Ortiz, Caleb Skinner, William Smithey, Patrick Southern, Riley Turk and Bess Yeager.

## CG's Ziegler is 'Outstanding Accounting Student'

### STUDENT

Elizabeth Ziegler, a graduating senior at the Kelley School of Business Indianapolis, received the Outstanding Accounting Student Award upon graduation. She grew up in the Greenwood/Center Grove area. The Kelley School of Business Indianapolis Outstanding Student Awards are awarded each May prior to the annual com-

mencement ceremony which was held this past May 7. The school recognizes an Outstanding Student in each of the business disciplines that it offers: Accounting, Finance, Human Resource Management, Management, Marketing, and Supply Chain Management.



## Four Center Grove schools earn Four Star awards

### SCHOOLS

Four Center Grove schools have been named 2014-2015 Four Star Schools by the Indiana Department of Education. The distinction is the highest award given to schools by the state. The Center Grove schools receiving the honor include: Center Grove High School, Center Grove Middle School Central, Center Grove Middle School North, and Sugar Grove El-

ementary. Superintendent of Public Instruction Glenda Ritz announced Tuesday that 287 of the more than 2,000 eligible Indiana schools received the award. To be eligible, schools must be in the top 25th percentile of schools in three ISTEP-based categories during the 2014-15 school year. For the list of all 2014-15 Four Star Schools, visit [doe.in.gov/accreditation/four-star-schools](http://doe.in.gov/accreditation/four-star-schools).



Submitted Photo

Class of 2016 at CGHS celebrating the close of ceremonies. See list of graduates on pages 14-15.

## Top ranking grads at CGHS

### GRADS

As Center Grove schools concluded the 2015-16 school year, graduates are now transitioning from high school life and moving on to other areas.

Now is a time when many graduates are reflecting back on their experiences and looking forward to creating new ones. Here, learn more about Bhumi Patel and Amrit Parihar, who ranked top in the 2016 class:

### Center Grove High School



**Bhumi Patel**  
**Valedictorian**

Future education: Indiana University, with plans to go to medical school  
 Intended major: Neuroscience

**What is the biggest lesson you learned in high school?**

Focus on yourself before you look to see what others are doing. Take time to get to know yourself and see where you fit, but don't waste time comparing yourself to others. Make sure you are happy before anything else.

**What is the secret to success?**

Working because you want to, not because you feel pressured or want the reward.

**In 50 years, suppose you were to write a book. What would the title be?**

*How to get that Bhumi Bhumi Pow: A Guide to Success*



**Amrit Parihar**  
**Salutatorian**

Future education: Indiana University Bloomington  
 Intended major: Biochemistry

**What is the biggest lesson you learned in high school?**

Start assignments and projects as early as possible.

**What do you feel is the secret to success?**

Organization and time management.

**In 50 years, suppose you were to write a book. What would the title be?**

*Patching Up the World.*

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## FROM THE PUBLISHER

### 544 CGHS grads: Journey begins now

Here is to the Center Grove High School Class of 2016 (CGHS), 544 students who on June 5 were awarded diplomas and the confidence to begin their lives' journeys.

Congratulations, too, to Bhumi Pate, the 2016 valedictorian, who finished with a GPA of 4.745. Bhumi will study neuroscience at Indiana University with plans to go to medical school. Kudos, too, to Amritdev Parihar, salutatorian. Parihar finished with a GPA of 4.739 and will also attend Indiana University where he plans to study biochemistry.

"This is a very talented class," said Doug Bird, principal, in a prepared statement. "They've earned more than \$5 million in academic and athletic scholarships to continue their educations. That's truly an exceptional display of their accomplishments."

In addition, of all the graduates, 222 received Core 40 with Academic Honors diplomas. No easy task and a testimony to the education that is available to a CGHS student. No easy task because students must meet additional requirements beyond the state mandates for a Core 40 diploma, including a GPA of a B or better; additional math, world language, and fine arts credits are also mandatory.

In addition, fifty-two students received recognition for their membership in the National Honor Society. Scholarship, leadership, character, and service were the prerequisites - and they were selected by those who know them best: members of the Faculty Council.

Your community is proud of you. You should be proud of your accomplishments, but also realize there are more challenges ahead. Success is attainable - find your passion and approach it with vigor.



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## BELIEVE IT!

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

In Tennessee, it is a crime to share your Netflix password. **SOURCE: dumblaws.com**



## Hippy-Dippy techniques for a better life

### HUMOR

By Gus Pearcy

Two years ago, I was asked for a divorce. What followed was a long recovery. I was beyond anger, lost my identity and way. In my solitude, I turned to meditation.

Dan Harris, ABC News anchorman and author of the book "10 percent Happier," rightly says that meditation has bad PR. It sounds too mystical and spiritual. To be honest, it sounds like a scam.

It's not. The benefits of meditation or mindfulness appear proven. A 15-20 minute session helped me deal with anxiety. It helped, a little, with my penchant for overreacting and helped me feel more rested. Perhaps it was the placebo effect, but honestly, it gave me the calm to respond to a situation rather than a knee-jerk reaction.

Meditating sounds so easy. Sit in a quiet room. Close your eyes. Then don't think about anything. There's the catch. We spend most of our days fixing issues or trying to get things done, that we don't ever just clear our minds for 15 or 20 minutes.

Just try it. Ignore your phone, computer, issues at work, financial difficulties or per-

haps even the stress of a divorce. Unlike exercise which works muscles, mindfulness gives the brain a rest. If you love your brain, give it a rest other than sleeping.

Personally, I like meditating on a verse in the Bible, not trying to define it or fit it into my life, just meditating on the words. The meaning comes later, if ever.

Despite feeling unnatural, meditation or mindfulness products grow at an alarming rate. Dozens of apps focus on the technique that proponents say will make you feel better and declutter your head.

Like exercise, I go for a few weeks at a time without practicing. So I don't blame you for emptying your head of this column.

Don't take my word for it. Look it up. You'll see study after study touts the benefits of mindfulness. Go on. Get out of your head.



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## Fireworks and freedoms: Have a good July 4th!

### OUR VIEW

The end of June marks the end of the first half of a year—2016 has certainly had its ups and downs. We celebrate the birth of our great nation in July and thank the thousands of veterans who have fought to secure our freedoms at home—and we continue to thank those still abroad putting their lives on the line every day.

As the nation soon gathers in celebration of the Fourth of July, we hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable weekend with friends and family. Aside from taking care that everyone is safe around fireworks and grills and various other flammable celebratory activities, we should also take care to be good neighbors. We are a nation comprised of immigrants; our "melting pot" of citizens began calling this land home long before 1776, or even before 1492. Remembering that we are all in this great nation together will strengthen our Americana bond and bring us all closer, despite our many differences. In fact, our differences are what set us apart from the rest of the world. Our freedoms allow us to pursue whichever religion we please, whatever career calls to us, or whatever makes us truly happy.

These liberties, of course, come at a price, so let us also take time this Fourth of July weekend to honor and commemorate our veterans and brave men and women overseas who fight to protect our freedoms.

Happy birthday, America! Let's make this a year to remember.

## QUOTE

"Getting even has never healed a single person."

~ Eva Mozes Kor  
(Auschwitz survivor)

Editor's Note:  
Read more about Eva on page 11





## Greenwood Lions Club welcomes new members

**MEMBERS**

The Greater Greenwood Lions Club welcomed six new members, four affiliate members, and one associate member into the ranks, at its May meeting. The club will meet in June on June 28, 7 p.m. at Golden Coral, 160 S. Marlin Dr., Greenwood.

## SR 37 repaving project to start in July

**ROADS**

A \$3,312,000 pavement preservation project—beginning at S.R. 144 in northwest Johnson County and extending to Wicker Road in southern Marion County—is on schedule for summer construction. Reith Riley, the state's contractor, plans to patch S.R. 37 roadbed starting immediately after the July 4th weekend. Milling and paving operations should begin later in the month. Flaggers will be onsite to direct motorists around moving worksites. The state's contract which has an October completion date includes work at drive and

street/road approaches. They include: S.R. 144, C.R. 144, Stones Crossing, Old S.R. 37, Olive Branch Road, Bluff Lane, C.R. 900N, Smith Valley Road, Bluff Road, Fairview Drive, County Line Road, Glens Valley Road and Wicker Road. A new 2-inch Stone Matrix Asphalt (SMA) lift will restore S.R. 37's surface and ride-ability while extending service life. This section of S.R. 37 has a traffic count of 33,270 vehicles per day. Motorists can learn about highway work zones and other traffic alerts at [indot.carsprogram.org](http://indot.carsprogram.org), 1-800-261-ROAD (7623) or 511 from a mobile phone.

## Wellness initiative to lose weight

**HEALTH**

Johnson Memorial Health Weight Loss and Wellness Center announces a new community wide contest to encourage residents to lose weight. The contest – called the Johnson Memorial Health Weight Loss and Wellness Center \$10,000 Team Challenge – encourages participants with winning big money prizes, fitness challenges, and weekly nutrition and

fitness tips along the way. Teams of 5 compete for the greatest percentage of weight loss from June 17 through Sept. 9. Participants can win cash prizes funded independently and guaranteed by HealthyWage. The top-performing team will win \$10,000; second place will win \$5,000; and third place will win \$3,000. For more information, visit [healthywage.com/clients/Johnsoncommunity](http://healthywage.com/clients/Johnsoncommunity).

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## Father Vince celebrates 25th anniversary as priest

Father Vincent P. Lampert, Pastor of St. Malachy Catholic Church, Brownsburg, talks with Ed Hoeping, left, while Ray Buening listens. Hoeping and Buening, Saints Francis and Clare parishioners, as well as many from the Southside, came to celebrate the Silver Anniversary celebration of Father Vince's ordination June 5 at St. Malachy where he is pastor. Previously he was pastor at Saints Francis and Clare for 12 years - he also spent time at Our Lady of the Greenwood.

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## Culinaria

### An Option: House of Thai

**The scoop:** House of Thai opened in March giving Center Grove and Greenwood residents another great option for Asian food. The new restaurant, located on SR 135 across the street from Menards in the White River shopping center next to Speck's Pet Supply, serves a number of different curry dishes with your choice of protein: chicken, beef, pork, or tofu. Green curry, red curry, yellow curry, Panang curry, Mussaman curry, pineapple curry, mango curry, and roasted duck curry several of the options you have with most served with coconut milk for that unique Southeast Asian taste. Traditional entrees include Pad Kra Prow, Rama Delight, Ginger Lover, Pad Prik Khing, and Pad Ped. Noodles, soups, Thai fried rice, a number of healthy Thai salads are also on the menu. You can order red and white wines, sake and beer to go with your meal.

**Type of food:** Thai

**Recommendation:** Orange chicken



**Hours:** Opens every day at 11 a.m. Mon. to Thurs. hours 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.; Fri. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and dinner 4 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Sat. 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Location:** 275 S. State Rd. 135, Greenwood, IN 46142

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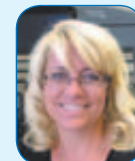
**Lisa Jones**, Carpet Country in Greenwood

**Where do you like to dine?** Oaken Barrel Brewing Company

**What do you like to eat there?** The pizza is really good and I like their specialties. I also like their beer.

**What do you like about this place?** Very friendly. They have a great menu and the people there are nice. It has a really nice atmosphere. They have indoor dining and you can also eat outdoors. It is kid friendly, so you can bring your kids.

*Oaken Barrel Brewing Company is located at 50 Airport Pkwy., Greenwood, IN 46143. The phone number is (317) 887-2287.*



### Behind Bars:



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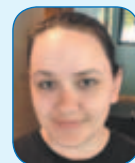
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### Bomb Pop

**Bartender:** Tiffany Moody

**Location:** BoJak's, 377 E. Jefferson St., Franklin, IN 46131

**Ingredients and directions:** Serve a tall rocks glass with 1 oz. Blue Curaçao Liqueur and one ounce Smirnoff Ice malt beverage. Also fill a shotglass with grenadine syrup. Serve both the rocks glass and shot glass to the customer and instruct the customer to empty the shot glass into the rocks glass.



## EVENTS CALENDAR

**The Social of Greenwood Birthday Bash** • Join this 1950s-style party celebrating 37 years of The Social. There is food, games, prizes, raffles, entertainment, cars and cake! | When: June 25, 11 – 2 p.m. | Where: 550 Polk St., Greenwood. | Info: RSVP to (317) 882-4810.

**Indianapolis Blues Vintage Baseball Team** • Vintage Base Ball is a game played by the rules and customs of an early period, the mid-19th century. | When: June 26, 1:30 p.m. | Where: Craig Park, Greenwood. | Info: Email [indy.blues@yahoo.com](mailto:indy.blues@yahoo.com).

**Fight Club** • From world record-breaking paper airplanes to parachutes, explore the world of extreme flying in this children's school-age program. | When: June 21, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. | Where: White River Library branch, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: Visit [pageafterpage.org](http://pageafterpage.org).

**Self-Defense Class** • Adult-teen program. | When: June 22, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. | Where: White River Library branch, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: Visit [pageafterpage.org](http://pageafterpage.org).

**Take the Library Challenge** • Children in grades 5 – 12 can test library skills with relay races, speed shelving, book bingo and other games. | When: June 23, 3:30 – 5 p.m. | Where: White River Library branch, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: Visit [pageafterpage.org](http://pageafterpage.org).



**Summer Concert Series: Henry Lee Summer** • Join the 8th Annual Greenwood Park Mall Summer Concert Series presented by Ray Skillman Automotive. Henry Lee Summer is a Brazil, Ind. native who performs rock and roll, country, and blues. | When: June 23, 7 – 8:30 p.m. | Where: Near outdoor fountain on mall's north side. | Info: Visit [facebook.com/GreenwoodParkMall](http://facebook.com/GreenwoodParkMall).

**Tot Art** • Join for an art program just for toddlers Ages 1-3. | When: June 24, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. | Where: White River Library branch, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: Visit [pageafterpage.org](http://pageafterpage.org).

**Color the County** • Johnson County Community Foundation invites the public to paint murals, along with the winning artists, during Community Paint Days. | When and where: Bargersville, 10 S. Baldwin St., June 25, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.; 189 W. Main St., Greenwood, Aug. 5, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. | Info: Visit [jccf.org/mural-program](http://jccf.org/mural-program).

**Freedom Festival** • The theme of the parade is Freedom Festival – I'm Lovin' It with Ronald McDonald as the grand marshal. | When: June 25, noon parade, 1 p.m. festival. | Where: Parade begins and ends at Greenwood Middle School. Festival is in Craig Park. | Info: Visit [greenwood.in.gov/festival](http://greenwood.in.gov/festival).

**Hairbanger's Ball** • Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 day of show. | When: June 25, 7 p.m. | Where: Mallow Run Winery, 6964 W. Whiteland Rd., Bargersville. | Info: Visit [mallowrun.com](http://mallowrun.com).

**Fourth of July Crafts** • Attendee must be between ages of 5 and 11 years old. Create sparkling fireworks and fun patriotic artwork. | When: June 27, 4 – 4:45 p.m. | Where: White River Library branch, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: Visit [pageafterpage.org](http://pageafterpage.org).

**Beginning Yoga** • Stretch, unwind, and relax with Beginning Yoga. Attendee must be between the grades of 6 and adult. | When: June 28, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. | Where: White River Library branch, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: Visit [pageafterpage.org](http://pageafterpage.org).

**Meet And Eat** • The Greater Greenwood Lions Club will install new officers at its meeting. | When: June 28, 6:30 meet and eat, 7 p.m. meeting. | Where: Golden Coral, 160 S. Marlin Dr., Greenwood. | Info: Call Vickie Gilmore, (812) 603-4440.

**Kevin Gregory's Weather Camp** • Children 6 to 11 years old can learn about Indiana weather and television broadcasting from WRTV meteorologist Kevin Gregory. | When: June 29, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Where: White River Library branch, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: Visit [pageafterpage.org](http://pageafterpage.org).

**The Time of the Phoenix: The Franklin Fires** • Franklin College will host a special screening of a 35-minute documentary about the 1985 fires at the college. | When: June 30, 6 p.m. Doors open 5:30 p.m. | Where: Franklin College, Richardson Chapel. | Info: Call (317) 738-8051.



**Summer Concert Series: Mike and Joe** • Join the 8th Annual Greenwood Park Mall Summer Concert Series presented by Ray Skillman Automotive with this cover band that plays modern rock music from the 70's through today. | When: June 30, 7 – 8:30 p.m. | Where: Near outdoor fountain on mall's north side. | Info: Visit [facebook.com/GreenwoodParkMall](http://facebook.com/GreenwoodParkMall).

**Uncle Phil's Diner** • This summer camp continues with Center Grove Fine Arts Academy's mission to share quality opportunities for families to see and learn about the arts. | When: July 30, 1 and 6 p.m. Tickets go on sale July 1. Camp begins July 24. | Where: Show at New Hope Church. | Cost: Camp, \$75 per student. Show, \$15 adults, \$8 children under 12. | Info: Visit [centergrovechurch.org](http://centergrovechurch.org).

**Pizza & Wine Night** • Bring lawn chairs and picnic blankets to spread out on the lawn and enjoy pizza and wine with live music by Zanadoo. | When: July 2, 5 – 9 p.m. | Where: Mallow Run Winery, 6964 W. Whiteland Rd., Bargersville. | Info: Visit [mallowrun.com](http://mallowrun.com).

**Hooray for the Hula Hoop** • Attendee must be between 5 and 11 years old. Discover the wonders of the hula hoop through games, science and crafts. | When: July 5, 4 – 5 p.m. | Where: White River Library branch, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: Visit [pageafterpage.org](http://pageafterpage.org).



**Summer Concert Series: Zanna Doo** • Join the 8th Annual Greenwood Park Mall Summer Concert Series presented by Ray Skillman Automotive with rock, disco, Motown, retro, 90s and top 40 hits. | When: July 7, 7 – 8:30 p.m. | Where: Near outdoor fountain on mall's north side. | Info: Visit [facebook.com/GreenwoodParkMall](http://facebook.com/GreenwoodParkMall).



**Greenwood Summer Concert Series: Living Proof** • Presented by Mallow Run Winery and Oaken Barrel Brewing Company. | When: July 9, 7 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Amphitheater. | Info: Visit [greenwood.in.gov](http://greenwood.in.gov).

**Polka Boy** • Tickets available for \$15 in advance, \$20 day of show. | When: July 9, 7 p.m. | Where: Mallow Run Winery, 6964 W. Whiteland Rd., Bargersville. | Info: Visit [mallowrun.com](http://mallowrun.com).

**Colorful Coasters** • Coloring is not just for kids anymore. Relax and color some intricate designs that will be used to create drink coasters. | When: July 12, 6:30 – 8 p.m. | Where: White River Library branch, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: Visit [pageafterpage.org](http://pageafterpage.org).

**Teen Mystery Dinner** • Unmask the villain during a dinner filled with murder, suspects, and clues. Registration is limited. | When: July 13, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. | Where: White River Library branch, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: Visit [pageafterpage.org](http://pageafterpage.org).



**Summer Concert Series: Love and Theft** • Join the 8th Annual Greenwood Park Mall Summer Concert Series presented by Ray Skillman Automotive. Love and Theft, an original country band is best known for their number one hit "Angel Eyes". | When: July 14, 7 – 8:30 p.m. | Where: Near outdoor fountain on mall's north side. | Info: Visit [facebook.com/GreenwoodParkMall](http://facebook.com/GreenwoodParkMall).

**Eats & Beats Night** • Food trucks will be lined up. Toy Factory will perform. | When: July 16, 5 – 9 p.m. | Where: Mallow Run Winery, 6964 W. Whiteland Rd., Bargersville. | Info: Visit [mallowrun.com](http://mallowrun.com).



**Greenwood Summer Concert Series: Tastes Like Chicken** • Presented by Mallow Run Winery and Oaken Barrel Brewing Company. | When: July 16, 7 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Amphitheater. | Info: Visit [greenwood.in.gov](http://greenwood.in.gov).

### Getting to know Mike...

- I like to read. I also watch too much TV.
- When the weather is good, I do small woodworking projects. I've built a table, built a bed. I plan to build a tear drop camper this summer. I'm looking forward to that.
- When we lived in Texas, I wrote the charter for the town we lived in. Somewhere in their archives there is a document with my signature. We were only there for two years.
- I am a member of the Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce. I work with United Way of Johnson County as a loaned executive and am on Greenwood Arts Council.
- My wife, Jackie, and I have lived in Perry Township since 1980. My son lives in Acton with his wife and our two grandkids.

### How did Mike do it?

**Best advice:** Look into things before you do them.

**Best business decision:** To get out of the house and start getting into the world. That led me to networking and a lot of business growth.

**Worst advice:** Worst advice I ever got was to go into financial planning as part of my tax business. Problem is that the companies that want you to do this really just want a mutual fund salesperson. To me, the desire of the broker-dealer to make new sales is in conflict with my idea of planning which is to move slow and steady.

**Secret to success:** I like to talk to people and people like to hear what I say. It is a topic I am passionate about that few people are. If you don't care about something, then you won't be that involved in it.

**In 5 years...** I'd like to have a staff, instead of just one part-time person. Then I can go out and talk to people more.

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# The *Wright* way to wealth

## Mike Wright, owner of Taxwright, takes a Profit First approach to accounting and tax preparation

By Nicole Davis

Taxes are complicated. For that reason, or another, many individuals and business owners tend to avoid the topic. Good or bad, everyone has to deal with it. Mike Wright, owner of Taxwright in Greenwood, says he knows the ins and outs of the tax codes well and is always eager to help small business owners and individuals understand their accounting needs.

"I worked with a client once that for a variety of reasons had not been filing tax returns for several years," Wright said. "He felt he owed large sums of money and had been paying some. When I got to work with him and bring things up to date, we found he in fact did not owe money, but had substantial refunds that were owed to him. That's pretty gratifying. That doesn't happen often, but it does happen. With equal truth, I've had to hit some people with a \$30,000 tax bill. You can't know what it is until you come to grips with it."

Wright previously worked for 30 years as an insurance auditor. For 10 of those years, he traveled across Indiana and other states, responsible for audit departments across the country. Wanting a change, he put a sign in the yard of his Perry Township home that said 'Taxes: Your Place or Mine' and started filing taxes out of his basement in 1992.

When the business grew to be more professional and less like a hobby, Wright stopped doing insurance audits to concentrate on taxes. At first he focused on individual tax returns, with a large senior citizen clientele.

With time, he realized the people who truly need his help are small business owners. Many business owners become discouraged after working hard all year only to pay more in taxes and see no financial benefit for themselves. They may begin to wonder why not go to work for someone else to draw a regular paycheck. There is a better way, Wright said.

"When you're an accountant working with very small businesses, they don't understand many accounting concepts and rightfully so," Wright said. "But I was always hampered by the fact that when someone asked me a question, I knew the accounting answer but how to make that clear to someone was often difficult. As I was reading Profit First by Michael Michalowicz, it was obvious that this guy had gotten the answers in a way that was understandable and allowed me to show the accounting stuff behind it."

Profit First operates under the formula of sales minus profit equals expenses. Set aside profit first and what's left is for expenses.

"Now you're starting to say, do I really need to spend this, or how can I do this for less money? That is a tool that is very powerful for business owners to use," Wright said.

Wright said small businesses often don't do a good enough job of tracking their expenses, so at tax time they cannot deduct as much as they could have. The biggest expense, he says, is the use of the automobile, which requires a lot of attention to detail to obtain a

**"Profit First operates under the formula of sales minus profit equals expenses. Set aside profit first and what's left is for expenses."**



Mike Wright

Photo by Nicole Davis

deduction. The second mistake business owners tend to make is not providing a profit for themselves.

"Income and wealth are not the same thing," he said. "Income is what you bring in. Wealth is what you keep. In fact, they're lucky to say they have an emergency fund. That is a mistake for small businesses."

The largest client Wright serves has 10 employees. Wright has one, part-time staff member aside from himself. He said he is actively seeking new clients year-round who are interested in working to build their business profits.

"I really appreciate the chance to dig into someone's problems," he said. "(My clients) know I'm interested in their success and not just the income that I can make."

## OPEN 4 BIZ



From left front, Chara Peña, Tonya Mackie, Whitney Ward; back, Mackenzie Mackie, Brandy Mueller, Warner Mackie and Ben Ward. Not pictured, Lynn Evans.  
Photo by Nicole Davis

## Cuts and comfort

*Greenwood's family-owned Willow Salon offers hair, nail and makeup services*

Growing up, Tonya Mackie enjoyed playing the part of a hair dresser with her grandmother and even thought about attending cosmetology school. Instead, she pursued a career in design and business. So when her two daughters began attending cosmetology school, the idea for a family-owned salon was the perfect fit.

Willow Salon, at 520 N. State Rd. 135 in Greenwood, is owned by Tonya and Warner Mackie and Whitney and Ben Ward. The six-chair salon opened on April 4 and offers hair, nail and makeup services.

Tonya and Warner, who reside in the Center Grove area, have four children. Their daughter, Whitney, has completed cosmetology school while Mackenzie is currently pursuing her education.

"It's rewarding because this is something we've done completely as a family," Tonya said. "To be able to work as a mom with my daughters is a great experience as well."

Here, Tonya answers questions about Willow Salon:

### Why did you open this business?

My oldest daughter has been doing hair since '09. My youngest daughter is going to school now and will want to come to a salon. We did this to start a family business. My husband and I have owned Greenwood Lawn & Garden for 25 years. We did this for the opportunity to own a business with our girls.

### What did you do to prepare for opening your business?

We did a lot of research on the area and the expenses of opening a business. We want to be fair to anyone that works for us. We are a commission-based salon.

### Who is your ideal customer/client?

We offer services to women, men and children. Anyone in need of hair, nail, makeup or waxing services and wanting quality service with a kind, friendly environment. Our hope is to make our clients feel special and important and provide quality service.

### How do you plan to be successful?

By giving our clients the service and quality they deserve. We're also doing a lot of events and getting involved in the community. We plan to do a lot for the community and give back, not just

expect the community to come to us.

### What would we be surprised to learn about you or your company?

All the work was done by our family. The wood wall, front desk, the drink bar, the pipe shelving, pipe coat rack, pipe purse hooks, sliding barn door and cabinets were all designed and custom-made by our family.

#### Willow Salon

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## PEER TO PEER

## My fun-filled European vacation

By Howard Hubler

My daughter Christi I just returned from Europe with our significant others. The biggest comparisons we made regarded labor. Probably the most common entry point for American labor is waiting tables. In Europe, waiting tables is a time-honored tradition. I don't know waiters/waitresses earn but the men and women who waited tables in Europe did so with absolute pride and dignity. Whether they were explaining a hamburger or quail Faux Gras, they did it with such a romantic flair that to a guy like me who would not eat a quail liver on a dare, everything sounded wonderful.

A lot has been written about attitude in life. It's been said that if you are ill health and have a wonderful attitude you are better off than a person in good health who is a sourpuss. People wait tables in Europe as though it is a life's calling. They do it with their heads held high and with an attitude as though they can hardly wait to get to work the next day.

Yes, I loved Europe, but I could hardly wait to get back home. You know, sometimes when I go to "Free Pie Wednesday" or "Happy Hour Milkshakes," I just like to see a little bit of that European excitement, formality and some of that enthusiasm in the good old American waiter staff. Believe me, it starts from McDonald's and it goes all the way up to a five-star restaurant in Europe. Somehow as an American businessman, I wish I could bottle this attitude and bring it home for everyone to adopt this type of class in the products that they represent.

In closing I have to be thoroughly candid with you. The first thing I did upon returning home was get an all-American hamburger, sink my teeth into it, and wash it down with a large American cup of coffee. The wait staff ... they weren't so bad either. A little familiar, but that's the good old USA.



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BIZ BRIEF



## Hops & Fire opens in Greenwood

The Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce celebrated on May 17 the opening of Hops & Fire, a craft beer tap house in Greenwood located at 1259 North SR 135. *Photo by Brian Ruckle*

BIZ HISTORY

## Major change on a small letter

By Dan Miller

It was a Sunday, June 19.

A stout-looking man, walked near the Ohio River. Strong, six-feet tall, athletic. The settlers who lived along the river in the year 1803 called him William Clark.

Clark knew Major Change, the kind that alters the direction of a person's life or, at least, a significant part of a person's direction. Major Change affects a person's work, home, health, family, and more.

His parents had recently died. Major Change. His oldest brother teetered on bankruptcy and financial ruin. Clark had been forced to sell the family home in Louisville, Ky., to help pay his brother's bills. Major Change.

A man well known to Clark also confronted Major Change. Like Clark, he was strong, well-built, arrived in Louisville from Virginia as a teenager, and was 33 years old.

York was Clark's slave.

The Major Change affecting Clark affected York, too. If the Clarks' financial status worsened, one option for raising money was to sell slaves. To York, this prospect of Major Change was horrifying.

Major Change weighed on Clark and York.

Yet neither man realized that Major Change was itself about to change.

That's because on this Sunday in Washington D.C. a young man had just sat down at his desk. He picked up a goose-feather pen, dipped the tip in a small bottle of black ink, and scratched words across the stiff paper. For an instant, the man formed an image of William Clark in his mind at this desk, in the young nation's capital city. Then, he wrote: "From the long and uninterrupted friendship and confidence which has subsisted between us I feel no hesitation in making to you the following communication ...". He signed with his name, Meriwether Lewis.

A new form of Major Change moved toward Clark and York in a letter. The expedition of Lewis and Clark and, yes, York was about to begin.



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## PERSONNEL MATTERS

## What is going on right now?

By Mike Heffner

The most asked question in my world right now from an employer is "Why is it so hard to find good people?" Currently, that is a loaded question that I will try to answer the best that I can.

The labor market in this area is what most considers as "full employment." Basically it means there is one job open for every person who wants one. You would think that is a perfect situation, right?

The reality is this: In the US today, there are 159 million (+/-) people who are working. That is more Americans working than ever before. If you go off of the unemployment rates, there are about 7.9 million people who are unemployed. Job openings have been running in the 5.5 million range and about 1.5 million people turnover in their current positions each month. So, you have about 7 million positions open and about 8 million people looking. None of these numbers are exact, but in general, it's safe to say there is one opening for every person who wants to work.

Here is the kicker: Not all of the openings match up with all of the skills, shift, pay and

location that people have or want. This has created a real supply and demand problem and makes the unemployment rate feel even lower. It also makes the job market very frustrating if the skill you have isn't in demand. Conversely, the employer who is looking for an individual with a specific skillset that's in demand can become very frustrated because it can take a long time to find. Which then drives up cost and makes it harder for the business to grow.

My advice to employers right now is to be open to teach and train new employees. Look for attitude, work ethic and transferable skills. In addition, look at your overall employee engagement and retention efforts with the current staff you have. With this being a crazy political year, I think the labor market is in for a ride over the next few months.



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# A Place to Serve

Bill and Julie Weinberg grow their family and spiritual relationship at Stones Crossing Church

## WHERE WE WORSHIP

For Bill and Julie Weinberg and their daughters Addison and Jocelyn, Stones Crossing Church has provided their family with a place to continually

grow their relationship with God and others.

"Stones Crossing is a community in which we are encouraged to establish solid relationships," Julie says. "Relationships are extremely important in our church."

Actively involved in All Pro Dad's, Bill meets with dads from Center Grove Middle School North once a month for a Chick-fil-A breakfast.

"Our purpose is to encourage dads to spend quality time with their kids with the goal of having better conversations," Bill says.

Both Bill and Julie have been involved with Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) outside of Stones Crossing for several years. BSF is an interdenominational study hosted by churches within the community.

### What is it about your place of worship that helps you to grow spiritually?

For our kids, it's very relational and individual. Addison has had the same group leader for four years and she is like a second mom to her. They see Christ

lived out not only in their relationships at home, but the ones at church, too.

We don't just have the opportunity to receive from our church, but our church gives us the opportunity to be able to serve back to them. It allows us to grow in the way that Christ wants us to through serving and loving one another.

### Why would you recommend your place of worship to someone?

It's hard to give just one reason; it's a great community. They're welcoming and warm, and they preach gospel-centered Biblical messages. We have a lot of different spiritual maturities in our church, so we are focused on letting each person take their next step with Christ wherever they are in their walk.

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Compiled by Beth Wade



Julie and Bill Weinberg with their daughters, Addison and Jocelyn. Submitted Photo



## Agape Performing Arts of Greenwood presents Into the Woods

### MINISTRY

The Agape Performing Arts Company, a new ministry of Our Lady of the Greenwood, presented its first production, "Into the Woods, Jr," June 16 - 18. To help publicize the play, the cast hosted a Mother/Daughter Storybook Tea at Our Lady of the Greenwood Church on May 21. Guests had refreshments, made a garland craft, had their fingernails painted, heard stories, played games, and had the op-

portunity to have their pictures taken with Cinderella, Rapunzel, and Little Red Riding Hood.

The Agape Performing Arts Company is open to OLG parishioners and youth from the community. The cast includes performers from Our Lady of the Greenwood, St. Roch's, Saints Francis and Clare, and Holy Rosary Churches. Ticket information is available at [thelittleboxoffice.com/agape](http://thelittleboxoffice.com/agape).

## Adjusting our attitudes

### DEVOTIONAL

By Pastor  
Chris Philbeck

Robert Louis

Stevenson, author of such well known books as "Treasure Island" and "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," spent much of his life struggling with serious health issues. In spite of it, he remained eternally optimistic. One day when his fever was running high and he couldn't control his coughing attacks, his wife said, somewhat cynically, "I suppose you still believe it's a wonderful day." To which Stevenson replied, "Yes, I do. I will never permit a row of medicine bottles to block my horizon."

What a great perspective. And what a great reminder of the truth that nothing is more critical when it comes to the quality of our day-to-day lives than our attitude. In his book, "Strengthening Your Grip," Charles Swindoll writes, "Attitude is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than what other people think or say or do... We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude."

When I was in college I had a part-time job working at a household appliances store. My boss had the best attitude of anyone I ever met. No matter what happened,

no matter how stressful or difficult the day, he would always find something positive to focus on and to say. I can't say that I've always followed his example but I will tell you that there have been many times over the past 40 years when I have remembered his words.

I think of him when I read Philippians 4:8 where Paul writes, "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you."

Are there rows of problems and fears attempting to block your horizon today? If so, look past them and remember tomorrow is going to be a better day, especially if you have the right attitude.



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## Lesser-known Anglianico worth a try

### WINE & DINE

By Charles R. Thomas, M.D.

A fantastic wine not often found in a typical grocery store is Anglianico, a premium red wine originally made in Southern Italy near Naples in Basilicata. It is believed that this grape was brought to Italy in the 6th century B.C. Anglianico received DOC status (Italy's best) in 1971 and is the only wine in Basilicata to have that rating. It has been said that this wine could have been one of Italy's greatest with the right production, advertisement, and luck. Most declare that Anglianico rivals both the great Sangioveses of Tuscany and the Nebbiolos of Piedmont Italy.

Anglianico is grown in the mountainous region of Mount Vulture and to areas south and west. The best grapes are grown at elevations of 600 meters or so. Clay is common. The grapevine typically has a late harvest maturation (late October to mid-November). While Italy is the primary area where this grape is grown, other areas such as California produce this a well. The vineyards where Chateau Thomas Winery sources its grapes, Herringer Vineyards, grows Anglianico and also produces Anglianico wine.

A grape that matures late is a blessing for

a winemaker since the fermentation tanks may well be empty by the time this grape is ready for harvest. Anglianico is one of the few late harvest grapes that is not made into a dessert-style wine. After fermentation and pressing, the wine is barrel-aged. In earlier times in Italy, chestnut barrels were used, but oak is now the preferred wood. The resultant wine after one year of aging is an intensely dark ruby colored wine, heavy in body. The aromas and bouquets are primarily those of cherry and chocolate. They are often somewhat rustic and tannic, but with long finish. As they age, however, they soften as the tannins polymerize. These well-made wines can age 20 years or more.

Food pairings for these wines involves food that pairs with sturdy, complex wines such as grilled, roasted meats, classic sauces, Spiced foods such as barbeque, Cajun, and other spice-laden foods and sturdy yellow or pungent cheeses. Check with you local wine store to find some Anglianico!



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## Problems with Windows 10

### TECH SAVVY

By Regina Miller  
My computer  
somehow

updated itself to Windows 10 and now all my mapped drives are gone. Help!

This seems to be happening a lot, but the good news is it doesn't mean the data is gone. Often it simply needs to be re-mapped. Most people discover that if they manually look for the data on the attached external drive or by browsing their network from File Explorer they are able to locate the files. Of course, it's much easier to find and work with that data if the network drive is mapped.

In fact, some programs require the process in order to access the file so it can efficiently read and write to it. This means that file location, or path, is given a drive letter and shows up as a regular drive on the computer (much like your internal hard drive or CD drive). As long as the drive is connected either physically or on the same network you should be able to add the drive letter back by opening File Explorer (whose icon is in the task bar) and selecting "This PC" on

the left hand side then selecting "Map Network Drive" at the top.

A window will open that will allow you to select the drive letter you want to assign. You then navigate to folder you would like to map as a network drive by selecting browse. This will fill in the path of the folder that the drive letter will point to.

In many cases recently upgraded Windows 10, users will find that when they select the drive letter it is already taken by the old connection. You can select that drive letter and overwrite the old connection to create this new one. After you have completed the prompts to create the mapped drive, be sure to reboot the computer and to confirm the drive letter is present and goes to the location you intended.



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## TsT Home Improvement Services Tip of the Month

By Tom S. Truesdale



## Summer Projects

Summer is finally here! The summer season is always a busy time for contractors as the summer weather is ideal for completing exterior projects. If you have been planning to complete a project at your home do not delay in calling a local contractor as the summer schedule is busy and unfortunately fall will be here before we know it. This month I have listed a few projects that are ideal during the summer season.

- Gutters replacement - check gutters that may have been damaged by winter ice accumulation.
- Siding repair and replacement; check for detached siding and rotted areas. Before painting existing siding, determine if it needs to be replaced.
- Painting - exterior painting is a seasonal activity, if your home is in need of painting, do not wait till the end of the summer to begin getting bids.
- Window replacement - if during the winter

season you noticed icing, condensation or cold drafts around any windows, repair or replacement is most likely necessary.

- Deck repairs, staining and sealing
- Deck / patio / paver construction
- Roofing replacement
- Side walk and driveway repairs and replacement
- Attached or detached building additions

The projects I have listed can range from simple to complex, therefore it is to the homeowners advantage to start the planning process as early as possible. Selecting products and a contractor can take time. My advice this month is to begin planning that summer project before it is too late. As always consult with a local qualified Construction Professional before starting your project. Have a great summer season and I hope this month's tips are helpful. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions. *TsT*

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# ICON of the Month

## Carla Johnson

Executive director of Center Grove Education Foundation 'passes the baton at full stride'

In her four years as executive director of the Center Grove Education Foundation, Carla Johnson has helped the organization grow and prosper. She is stepping down from the position at the end of June and moving to Tennessee, but says Center Grove will always have a special place in her heart.

"With schools, you don't get the opportunity to just be stagnant," she says. "You're moving, either forward or backward. Center Grove has moved forward for a long time. That's intentional by the school board, administration, faculty and staff, parent organizations and the Center Grove Education Foundation. It's a privilege for me to be part of a large cast of people helping Center Grove continue to move forward in a positive direction."

Carla and her husband, Jeff, moved to Center Grove in 2007, with two of their five kids still in high school. She volunteered with parent organizations before taking a role in public relations at the school for three years, until 2010. In 2012, she was hired as executive director for CGEF.

"When I started, all of the records were spread out on 15 different computers of the board members," she says. "Unfortunately, a lady whose name is synonymous with the foundation, Sherrie Buchanan, passed away a month after I got the position. We didn't have the luxury to call her and ask, how did you do it? We were pretty much starting from scratch. We had a wonderful, energized board. Now, with the efforts we've made, we bought donor development software so now we have a central location that's web based."

Carla says the momentum that CGEF has developed is evidenced by this year's Gala for the Grove. They broke records in every area: attendance, donations and donations from the silent auction. In the 2014 – 15 school year, the foundation received \$12-13,000 in grant applications. This past year, 2015-16 they received \$97,000 in grant applications.

"All of our funds come from the community; that's who supports it," she says. "It's just Center Grove people helping Center Grove people and giving a great education to our kids."

Carla and Jeff always planned to retire Tennessee, where they previously lived for 15 years, and enjoy the milder climate. With her husband's ability to work remotely and their children all residing out of Indiana, now's the time to return. She says she plans to stay around for a little longer and volunteer to help train her replacement if necessary, and looks forward to returning as a guest at next year's gala.

"I feel like I really hope we can pass that baton at full stride to the next person, who can capitalize on that," she says. "I'm confident that it will keep growing."

Here, learn more about our July Icon of the Month, Carla Johnson:

**What do you consider your greatest virtue?** Tenacity. I just don't give up!

**What do you most deplore in others?** Selfishness.

**What do you like most about living in Center Grove?** Everything! The people of our community are Center Grove's greatest assets. I love this community!

**If you had to live anywhere else in the Metro Indianapolis area, where would it be?** I would stay right here ... except the question is "had to." If I had to choose, I would try living on the canal in downtown Indy (but only because I no longer have kids in school).

**If you could begin life over, what would you change?** I would take some things less seriously, and be more adventurous.

**If money were no issue, how would you spend it?** Travel. I want to go everywhere!

**What makes you happiest?** Spending time with our family all together. All the love and chaos rejuvenates me!

**What is your favorite vacation spot?** Isle of Capri, near Naples, Italy. We just discovered this spot a few weeks ago – and it is so beautiful it doesn't even seem real!

**What do you do with idle time?** What in the world is idle time?

**What is it that makes you angry?** Injustice.

**What do you do to escape from reality?** Reality is awesome, so I don't typically look for an escape ... however, I truly love time on and in the water ... ocean, lake, or river ... doesn't really matter!

**What or who is the greatest love of your life?** Jesus. He is always faithful, challenges me, and never lets me down.

**Which living person in Center Grove do you most admire?** This is tough, as CG is simply full to the brim with amazing people. However, I most admire my pastor, Chris Philbeck, at Mount Pleasant Christian Church. We could all learn more about love and compassion from him – and he truly loves this community and desires what is best for all of us and for the future.

**What is the quality you like most in a man?** Unwavering integrity.

**What is the quality you like most in a woman?** Loyal friendship.

**What is your greatest extravagance?** Travel.

**What are your fears/phobias?** Fear of living a small life, as opposed to life abundantly.

**What has been the happiest time of your life?** I have been blessed with a generous helping of happiness during every season of my life. My happiest memories are growing up with my cousins (who remain close, more like siblings), enjoying my extended family and my children in every phase of their lives.

**Which talent would you most like to possess?** I SO wish I could sing. What I lack in talent, I make up for in volume!

**What do you most value in your friends?** Openness to lovingly sharing life with them – with all its joy and sorrow.

**Which historical figure do you most admire?** The Apostle Paul.

**What is your greatest regret?** I choose to dwell instead on life lessons learned, and my greatest joys – which far outweigh any regrets.

**What tenet do you live by?** Above all, love.



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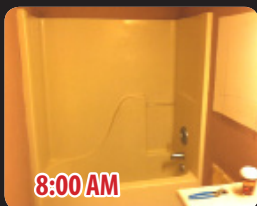


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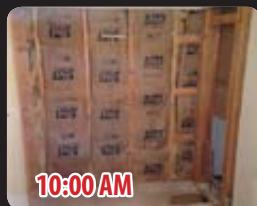
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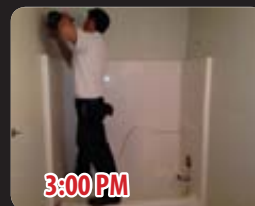
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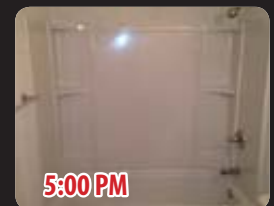
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