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### Plainfield-Guilford library presents Mathis' artwork

**ARTWORK** – The Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library will exhibit more than 40 pieces by Center Grove-area artist Beverly S. Mathis. This free exhibit is located on the second floor of the Library and will run now through Aug. 29. Since 1996, Mathis has been an art instructor at the Southside Art League, Inc. (SALI) in Greenwood. She currently teaches two watercolor classes per week and students of all ability levels are encouraged to attend. Her paintings are also on display at the SALI Off-Broadway Gallery and the Brown County Art Gallery. For more information, visit [www.plainfieldlibrary.net](http://www.plainfieldlibrary.net). The Library is located at 1120 Stafford Rd., Plainfield.

### Blevins is new manager for Habitat for Humanity of JC

**NEW HIRE** – Habitat for Humanity of Johnson County recently hired Jenny Blevins as the Affiliate Support Manager where she will assist with all aspects of the organization. Prior to joining Habitat, Blevins worked in banking for 14 years, most recently in the trust department at Mutual Savings Bank. Jenny is a 2016 LJC graduate and has participated in numerous non-profit events throughout the county. She resides in Trafalgar with her husband and two children. She enjoys traveling, reading and spending time with family and friends.

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## HISTORY & ARCHITECTURE

### First and 10 at CGHS

By Jeff Beck

Early Center Grove football teams would be very proud of the current program, especially after last year's win by the 6A Trojan State championship team. Many Center Grove residents are proud of the Trojans football team and its leadership, as the season will be long remembered and written about in Center Grove Sports history.

The 1938 football team was a seven-man team wearing leather helmets with Brad Schultz leading the newly formed team. Wilbur Hardin, assistant coach, later became guidance counselor and superintendent of Center Grove Schools. Team manager Harvey Thompson became a farmer, deputy sheriff for Johnson County, and marshal for Town of Bargersville. The principal of Center Grove High School when the football team started was Harry Hays. The site of first football field per Don Hendricks, Center Grove graduate 1947 was south of the current high school and in front of Center Grove Alternative Academy.

History tells us football was short lived at Center Grove. The team, mostly sons of White River Township farmers, often would have "chores" at home, thus unable to practice. World War II also saw many potential football players serving our county. Football ended after a very short time at Center Grove.

Aug. 16, 1956, the Franklin Evening Newspaper reported football was again active at Center Grove High School. Coach Marvin Hawkins was leading a group of 28 men to start a seven game schedule. The first year, 1955, saw no field competition; he year was dedicated to learning basics, rules and going over and over drills to be used for first competitive season.

Don Blackwell, CGHS 1957 is credited as scoring the first touchdown. Center Grove lost to Greenwood 32 -7. The 1961 yearbook states Millard Sutton, senior, was honored as State of Indiana Gridiron scoring champion.



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.

## Chris Harrel

### Battalion Chief originally joins Greenwood Fire for its professionalism

#### BEHIND the BADGE

As a battalion chief for the Greenwood Fire Department, Chris Harrell says he enjoys spending

time with the firemen on his shift, learning about them and how to help them grow in their career.

Harrell grew up in Southeastern Kentucky, joining the Airforce at 18. He spent seven years as a firefighter for the Airforce, serving in Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. After returning to the U.S., he worked in California in the department of forestry, the department of defense as a firefighter and in Fayetteville, N.C. before coming to the Indianapolis Airport.

After taking a training class with some part-time Greenwood firemen, he was encouraged to apply to the department.

"Their professionalism – walking in and seeing the organization and how it ran," he says about why he chose to work for Greenwood. "Knowing that 80 percent at that time was part time, and how it still ran as a career department. Now that's probably 60/40."

He was hired part time at the Greenwood Fire Department in 1998. He was hired full time in 2005 as a captain. He was promoted to battalion chief in 2013. Harrell resides in the Center Grove area with his wife, Melissa and four children.



Greenwood Battalion Chief Chris Harrell.  
Photo by Nicole Davis

#### What was your inspiration to become a firefighter?

I started in the Airforce as a firefighter. It was more of a desire of the unknown, something different. The best thing, for most everyone, is helping people.

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

You're helping people at their worst times. Being able to help them when they're down is awesome. Helping them is the most gratifying. We went to New York on 9/11. To see how that all comes together, everyone helping each other, the citizens and everyone swarming into the different sites and making it work – America as what it's supposed to be. But again, it's everyone's worst time.

#### What aspect of the job do you find most challenging?

Managing day-to-day operations in the ever-changing fire service. When I came in 27 years ago to now, it's almost night and day. The generation that's coming up now

is smarter, faster and do things better than my generation. Technology is their forte. Managing the generations and making that blend and come together as one.

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

Baseball. I love spending time with family and going to baseball games, softball, basketball, sporting events.

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

At this point as a battalion chief I've gone further than I thought I would. It just depends on the right opportunity at the right time. Personally, to be a better husband, father and follower. You can never learn enough.

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

I would be in law enforcement.

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**1** How old is Saints Francis & Clare Catholic School turning this school year?

- ☐ A. 5
- ☐ B. 10
- ☐ C. 15
- ☐ D. 20



**2** Jennifer Rakow is the new executive director of which Center Grove organization?

- ☐ A. Parent-teacher association
- ☐ B. Education foundation
- ☐ C. Booster club
- ☐ D. Red Alert Robotics

**3** Mt. Auburn United Methodist Church off Smith Valley Road is celebrating its \_\_\_\_\_ anniversary this year with a special worship and lunch on Sept. 18.

- ☐ A. 50th
- ☐ B. 100th
- ☐ C. 130th
- ☐ D. 190th



**4** Dr. Davin Harpe of Sugar Grove Elementary School was recently named \_\_\_\_\_ of the Year for District 9 of the Indiana School Association of \_\_\_\_\_.

- ☐ A. Principal
- ☐ B. Teacher
- ☐ C. Chef
- ☐ D. Parent



**5** Lots of Anniversaries! Mallow Run Winery will celebrate its 10th anniversary with a \_\_\_\_\_ celebration on Labor Day weekend.

- ☐ A. Line Dancing
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# 190 YEARS

## MOUNT AUBURN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### Mount Auburn United Methodist Church celebrates its 190th anniversary of faith, family and fortitude

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By Nicole Davis

Mt. Auburn United Methodist Church was initially called the Pleasant Hill Society, a home on the banks of Pleasant Run Creek just three miles of where the church is now. A group from that church formed Mt. Auburn Society in 1835, in the former residence of William Harrell, located just south of what is now Dye's Walk. The church relocated to a ¾ acre property on the Southside of Stones Crossing Road in 1904.

"I remember growing up in that church and getting connected to the youth," said Elaine (Francis) Collins, lifelong Mt. Auburn member. Her family is in its fifth generation of Mt. Auburn parishioners. "I was very active in the children's choir. The thing I remember the most was the sanctuary. We had wooden pews and stained glass windows. It was a beautiful building. We had Sunday school classes in the back part of the church. We had a basement where the church kitchen was. We used to have our church dinners down in the basement. Youth groups would meet there."

By the 1950s, the population of White River Township had nearly tripled. Members of the church attempted to purchase adjoining land to grow the church building, but could not. A 14 ½ acre farm was purchased in 1966 where Mr. Auburn stands today; it has continued to expand and grow since. Notably, the church made land available for four baseball diamonds to serve the Center Grove Little League. The fields were named in honor of Mt. Auburn member Harry McNabb who had been instrumental in founding the Center Grove Little League which grew to be the largest little league in the state.

Collins' wedding to her late husband, Larry, was the sixth wedding held in the new building.

"The church is not just a building," Collins says. "It's the people in it. Mount Auburn has been such a great home place for me. My boys went to daycare here, preschool, played little league, went to the teen center for many activities, in youth group. We have gotten a lot out of Mt. Auburn. When my husband passed away, his funeral service was in the sanctuary where we got married, the same room."

In 1963, Mt. Auburn began to offer full-day kindergarten, before Center Grove schools began offering the program. It later added preschool and discontinued kindergarten in 1968. The daycare was added in 1979, working with Center Grove Schools and the state Board of Health to develop curriculum and receive certification. It opened its doors in August with five students but by December had 150. The daycare averages 130 children today.

"We have a long history of our daycare there," says Heather Bonser, parishioner. "People will say 'my kids went there' or even, 'I went there.' We've been able to fill a need and know our kids are going to a safe, Christian environment."

Church membership began to boom in the late '70s.

"Back in the late '70s, early '80s, we had a popular minister, a very dynamic speaker," Collins says. "We got so big that we outgrew our sanctuary. We had to build a new sanctuary to accommodate the people. He was here seven years. When he left, a lot of our congregation did, too. They formed another church. We probably lost over half of our congregation. It was a big transition. We didn't need that large sanctuary anymore so it was converted it into classrooms to be used for the day care, Sunday school

and a teen center. It was a great community outreach. There is a big core group of people that have stayed through all of this, because Mt. Auburn is just home for a lot of people. It has grown back."

In March 1986, a tornado destroyed much of the church, with more than \$500,000 in damage. The daycare was in session when the tornado struck, but no one was injured.

"My son, Lance was in here that morning," Collins says. "We came that night to look at the devastation. There was a small tree in his classroom. We couldn't figure out why there was a tree in the classroom. There was no roof."

Mt. Auburn temporarily relocated to Center Grove Middle School and the daycare temporarily moved to Maple Grove Elementary. Renovation on the church was complete by Easter 1987.

"It was pretty devastating," Bonser says. "After that, it was a rebuilding time, not only for our church but our congregation as well. It's something people still talk about today."

The church continues to grow, expand and change to accommodate the growing needs of its congregation.

"I have only been here a couple of years, but our son went to the preschool and little league," says Sharon Beck. "It is a very warm and inviting church."

The church continues to focus on serving its community both locally and globally through missions and more. In 2013, a Tralfgar church became Mt. Auburn Fellowship UMC, an outreach extending beyond the Greenwood church.

In November 2008, the church broke ground to the O'Dell Family Life Center which opened in 2009. Worship now takes place in "The Courts," or the basketball courts. Members help set up and take down chairs each Sunday where the space serves as a community room the remainder of the week. In 2011 the Chambers Celebration Center was created, a worship space for children and the church's Jesus and Me (JAM) program.

Dr. Jim Wesley Hertel served as senior pastor from 1990 until 2014. Pastor Jeff Buck currently serves in that role.



Below: Youth Choir, 1958

Sharon and her husband Jeff are helping with a committee to compile the history of Mt. Auburn UMC for its anniversary.

"One of the things that came out of the 190th anniversary committee, pastor Jeff Buck wanted to interview a lot of the senior members," says committee member, Jeff Beck. "His idea was to have the youth interview people like Elaine and her brother and develop that as a living history. He wants the history to stay alive... In 10 years it'll be our 200th. It seems like a lot of time but it will go fast."

The church having existed for 190 years creates an interesting internal dynamic, Bonser says.

"You have the roots, the people who have been here," she says. "We have a lot of those families that generation after generation have gone here but then you have people that have lived in the area but have come here later in life. Families might be coming to live here and find this church is like a home to their family. We have a lot of diversity in our church because of that."

Mt. Auburn UMC will celebrate its 190th anniversary on Sept. 18 with its One Community Worship Service at 10 a.m., a church photo at 11:30 a.m. and a lunch at 12 p.m. The lunch is \$10, including BBQ grilled chicken, 1/3 lb. steakburger or jumbo hot dog, sides, a snack and more. Lunch will take place outdoors.

For more information on the church, visit [mtauburnumc.org](http://mtauburnumc.org).

*\*Editor's Note: This article was compiled thanks to the historical information provided by Jeff and Sharon Beck and the parish committee.*

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**Across top:** 1926 congregational gathering**Above, left:** 1853-1904**Above, center:** Certificate dated January 5, 1902**Above, far right:** 1968 – Groundbreaking**Bottom, left:** 1904-1968**Bottom, center:** 1960's Cub Scouts**Bottom, right:** 1968**Submitted Photos**

From its daycare, youth leagues, little league, Boy Scouts and even a tornado, Mt. Auburn United Methodist Church has touched the lives of countless people who have walked through its doors or felt a helping hand from its congregation. As the church celebrates its 190th anniversary, members continue to focus on inviting people in, connecting to one another and serving both locally and globally.

"You see the ups and downs of everything that has happened over the years," says Heather Bonser, director of communications at the church and member since 1999. "We've had some good times but there have also been some bad times. God has always been faithful and led His leaders and the people throughout that. For a church to be 190 years old, you can't help but give glory to God for that to happen. The people in 1826, if they hadn't taken that initiative and heard that calling to start a church, where would Mt. Auburn be today?"



### 190th Celebration at Mt. Auburn UMC

When: Sept. 18, 10 a.m. One Community Worship Service,  
11:30 a.m. church photo and 12 p.m. All-American Picnic Co. Lunch  
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**Above and to the right:** Elaine (Francis) Collins and her late husband, Larry, were the sixth wedding to take place in the then-new Mt. Auburn UMC building. That cornerstone still stands today, inside of the church.

*Submitted Photos*



**Above:** 1960, From left: Bertha Brown, Eunice McKinney, Alta Francis, Alma Rund, Minnie Surface, Louise Bodine, Opal McCarty, Mrs. Wilson.



**Above:** W.F.C.S. Women's Society of Christian Service making peanut brittle during the 1960's and 70's. Proceeds helped to support mission projects. From left, Alta Francis, Dorothy McNabb, Bertha Brown and Catherine Doty.

## Mt. Auburn through its 190-year history...

**1835** – Mt. Auburn Society was formed. When the original meeting house was destroyed, a portion of the woodwork was salvaged and made into a baptistery which the church still keeps of a memento.

**1848** – The new church building was needed and construction began. Candles provided light for evening services. A partition through the

center of the sanctuary separated men's and women's benches. The partition was removed in 1881.

**1949** – After a two-story parsonage was built west of the church in 1948, they needed a way to pay down the mortgage. Pastor Robert Holmes, age 24, had the idea to raise the money through "Lord's Acre," where the church rented 40-acres of land

which farmer's planted crops, sold to pay down the debt. The entire congregation got involved in projects, selling items from ducks to bales of hay or handmade goods at an auction which drew 2,500 people from the surrounding community. The debt was paid.

**1963** – Mt. Auburn Kindergarten formed with its first teacher,

Janet Pollock. Linda Peters and Dorothy McNabb served on the first kindergarten committee. Linda later helped establish the daycare in 1979.

**2008** – Archeologists dug the "old" Mt. Auburn cemetery because of the anticipated widening of State Road 135 to five lanes by the Indiana Department of Transportation.

They found four times the remains than they originally thought and unearthed foundation stones of the original church building. County records indicated 20 graves and the dig revealed 78. The graves were relocated to GH Herrmann, The Gardens at the Olive Branch cemetery, the sites marked and fenced in.



# 'A great place to start'

## Center Grove Education Foundation names Jennifer Rakow as its new executive director

### FEATURE

By Nicole Davis

It is important to the Center

Grove Education Foundation to have an executive director who has strong community ties and a passion for Center Grove Community Schools, says Carla Johnson. Jennifer Rakow will fill that role.

"We felt she would be a great fit from the start," says Johnson, who stepped down as executive director June 30.

Jennifer grew up in Owosso, Mich., graduating from Owosso High School. She finished her undergrad at Indiana University. Before having her children, she lived on the Southside of Indianapolis and worked with the National Institute for Fitness and Sport for five years. She lived in Tennessee for a couple years.

Jennifer and her husband, Derek, moved to the Center Grove area in 2003.

"When we came back it was important for us to find a good school system," Jennifer says. "We only had one child and he was five. We were just starting the school process. We bought a house here specifically because we wanted our kids to go to Center Grove Schools."

gious education and youth ministry.

As the new executive director of CGEF,

Jennifer says she is lucky to come at a time when the organization is on the upswing, continuing to look at ways to grow and raise more funds.

The next fundraiser, Toast of the Town, will be held in November. The most recent fundraiser, the 2016 Gala for the Grove held in April, raised \$66,000 which went to teacher grants in the school system. The education foundation had received \$97,000 in grant applications last year.

"This is an awesome opportunity to help and work with the community and with our school system," Jennifer says.

"We have five new board members and 14 returning members. That's a lot of support. That's a great place for me to start."



Jennifer Rakow  
Submitted Photo

*"This is an awesome opportunity to help and work with the community and with our school system..."*

~ Jennifer Rakow

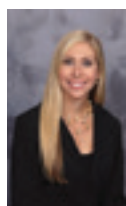
Jennifer and Derek now have two children: Chris is a senior at Center Grove High School and Cooper is an eighth grader at Center Grove Middle School North. Both children are involved in school sports, so Jennifer says she spends a lot of time taking them to their games.

She has worked the past five years at Saints Francis & Clare Catholic Church in reli-

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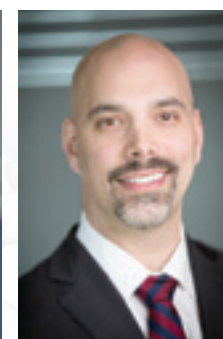
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### Center Grove welcomes new teachers

**SCHOOLS** – Center Grove Community Schools began on Aug. 2, welcoming its newest teachers.



F.C. Tucker celebrates the groundbreaking of its new South office with the Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce.

### F.C. Tucker to open new South office in Greenwood

**GROUND BREAKING** – F.C. Tucker Company, an independent real estate company, broke ground Aug. 4 on its new South office, located at 195 N. Emerson Ave., just north of Main Street in Greenwood. When complete by the end of 2016, the one-story, 7,000-square-foot office building will feature modern, comfortable working spaces, multiple meeting rooms, an outdoor patio and technology that meets the needs of today's mobile real estate professionals. The space, designed for flexibility and convenience, will accommodate 65 associates and will allow the staff to grow from their previous location that supported 42. In June, the South office moved from their previous location at 705 S. State Road 135 to a temporary location at 1675 W. Smith Valley Road until construction of the new building is complete.





Torch Bearers Jeff Beck and Jack Russel (first picture from left) point to Johnson County and in the second picture, hold the relay torch.

## All fired up

### Center Grove residents carry the torch for Indiana's Bicentennial Celebration

#### FEATURE

By Beth Wade

The coming of the 200th birthday of the state of Indiana brings many celebrations to the community. One of these celebrations is The Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay which selected members from the community to represent their county by carrying a torch through the state. Tom Brogan, a retired Center Grove High School History and U.S. Government teacher, is one of those lucky few selected to carry the torch for Johnson County.

Brogan is active in the Center Grove community. He is involved in the CASA program which is an advocate for children within the court system. Brogan also does a lot of work with the local food pantry, helps out with senior citizens, the homeless, and children who are indirectly involved in the court system. Brogan says he is extremely honored to be able to represent Johnson County in the torch relay.

"The bicentennial is really special to me," Brogan says. "It is a really important birthday for our state, and it's exciting to see how this unites the state and all of its 92 counties together. I hope that the relay stimulates

everybody to reflect on how the state has come along these last 200 years."

Brogan is not the only Center Grove-area resident representative for Johnson County in the relay. Jeff Beck, a member of Mt. Auburn UMC, and Jack Russell, the president of the Center Grove School Board, have also been chosen as torch bearers.

"It is such an honor to be selected as a torch bearer. I am sure there were many, many nominations, so to be picked out of all of them is a great honor," Russell says.

Russell says he is looking forward to learning more about Indiana through the entire experience. "Once you think you know a lot about something you find out you don't."

The torch will reach Johnson County on Sept. 23 and be walked, ran and driven through the county until it is passed along to Shelby County on the 24.



Tom Brogan

Submitted Photos



Harry C's Craft House of 5055 S Dearborn Street has been a Southside landmark since 1955. Located in the Saint Jude and Roncalli area neighborhood Harry C's Great Food - Fun - Spirits has now become Harry C's Craft House.

The new and improved Harry C's Craft House emphasizes fresh, locally grown and produced foods, beers and spirits. Harry C's features six draft beers from Indiana City Brewery located at Washington and Shelby Streets, a line of vodka, gin and whiskeys from 12.05 Distillery produced on Virginia Avenue in historic Fletcher Place. To complement the new food menu, many ingredients are acquired from local producers such as Smoking Goose Meatery, Myers Butcher Shop, Batch #2 and Saint Adrian Meats & Sausage.



The original Harry C's founded by Harry Carter in 1955 opened on Madison Avenue and over the years became a chain with four area locations in Indianapolis and Greenwood. Today only the continuous op-

erating anchor location of Harry C's Craft House remains and is now located in the area of Thompson Avenue and McFarland Avenue on the east side of Carson Square Strip Mall.

Owner Steve Neal acquired Harry C's in 2010 and immediately set about the tasks of remodeling the facility, upgrading the food suppliers, improving the operation and adding new entertainment. "It is time to upgrade again" said Steve Neal.

"The new Harry C's featuring the fresh and local concept, brings the downtown Craft House experience to the south side, Beech Grove neighborhood" added Neal.

Besides Weekly musical entertainment featuring Steve Jeffris on Mondays. Karaoke Gold on Tuesdays, local bands such as Acoustic Flashback and special appearances of Will Scott,

Harry C's hosts events such as beer and spirits tasting with brewers and distillers explaining the differences between the drinks and how they are produced.

Harry C's is open seven days a week opening Sunday through Friday at 11 a.m. and featuring breakfast on Saturdays opening at 8 a.m. It boasts a Party Room that can be partitioned from the rest of the dining room and can seat up to 50 guests. A sound enclosed game room features pool table and pinball machine and the beautiful outside dining deck features a water fountain and shelter area with TV.

Harry C's Great Food - Fun - Spirits just became even better as Harry C's Craft House!

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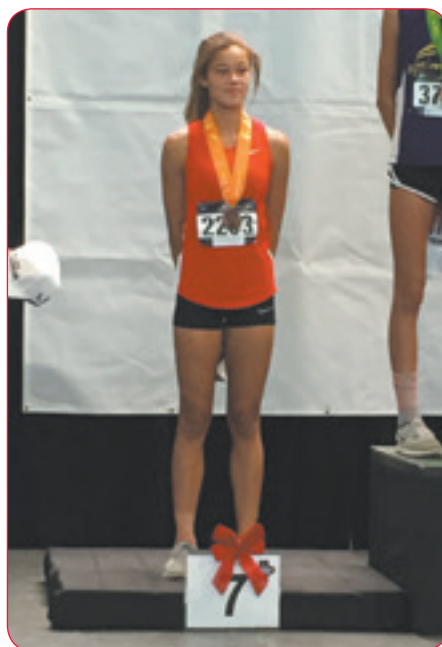


## Red Alert Robotics Team 1741 to host STEM Fair

**SCHOOL FAIR** – Red Alert Robotics Team 1741 will present a free, fun-filled day for the whole family with its STEM Fair on Aug. 27, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Center Grove Middle School North, 202 N. Morgantown Rd., Greenwood. See robots in action (and drive one); try hands-on science and technology activities; watch a drone demo; learn about STEM careers; and more! Meet FIRST® Robotics team members and find out how you can participate. Food is available from Johnson's BBQ Shack and Ella's Frozen Yogurt. Visit [redalert1741.org](http://redalert1741.org) to learn more.



Christian, Haley and Jalen Goines at the USATF National Championships.



Haley Goines at the USATF National Junior Olympics Championships.

## CG athletes have top scores at national youth championships

**SCHOOL SPORTS** – Center Grove High School student-athletes Christian, Haley and Jalen Goines recently competed in the USATF Hersey National Youth Outdoor Championships in Millersville, Pa. Christian finished 1st in the High Jump and 5th in the 110M High Hurdles in the 17-18 Age Division. Haley finished 2nd in the 15-16 High Jump and 7th in the 100M Hurdles. Jalen finished 16th in the 15-16 High Hurdles. The Top 8 received medals. <http://www.usatf.org/Events---Calendar/2016/USATF-Her>

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The students also competed in the 2016 USATF National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships. Christian competed in the 17-18 High Jump and 110M High Hurdles, Haley in the 15-16 High Jump, Long Jump and 100M Hurdles, Jalen in the 15-16 110M High Hurdles. Haley received a 7th place medal in the 15-16 High Jump.



100WWC Founders from left, Cheryl Morpew, Dorcas Abplanalp, Carol Phipps and Gail Richards.  
Photo by Haleigh Inscore

## No strings attached

### 100 Women Who Care Johnson County nears its philanthropic goal

#### FEATURE

By Haleigh Inscore

Having begun in December 2015 and now sitting at over 80 members, 100 Women Who Care Johnson County is nearing its goal of being able to present a \$10,000 check to a local organization in need.

The main requirement for membership is a pledge to donate \$500 per year. The first \$100 of that goes directly toward the 100 Women Who Care

Future Fund and the rest is contributed in a \$100 quarterly donation at each meeting.

Garnet Vaughan, a member who helps promote the group, says her favorite thing about it is the 'no-strings-attached' donation.

"The granting process for most charitable gifts is so long and tedious and full of red tape and there are so many restrictions on what money can be used for," she says, "...so the fact that we give these gifts no-strings-attached is a huge benefit to the organizations because we can help them pay for things that they wouldn't otherwise have been able to pay for. For me that's what's really special."

Vaughan noted that operational expenses, such as replacing a roof, would not be covered by most grants.

Johnson County women are not alone in their endeavor; more than 200 chapters of 100 Women exist throughout the country. Carol Phipps, one of four founders of

the Johnson County group was a member of the chapter in her second home of Edgar County, Ill. and thought the group would also succeed in Johnson County.

Phipps then met with three friends, Dorcas Abplanalp, Cheryl Morpew, and Gail Richards, to propose starting a local chapter, and says "they were all over it."

100 Women Who Care Johnson County meets one evening per quarter between 5:30 and 6:30 pm, with an optional gathering a half an hour before the meeting commences. Though their numbers have grown quickly since its conception, Vaughan says 100+ Women would be phenomenal, "it can be as many people as we have who are interested in participating."

To become a member or learn more about 100 Women Who Care Johnson County, visit [jccf.com](http://jccf.com).

*"...we can help them pay for things that they wouldn't otherwise have been able to pay for." ~ Garnet Vaughan*





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SPECIAL SECTION  
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## Start strong to end strong

### FEATURE

By Gina Kuntz Fleming  
Superintendent of  
Catholic Schools

#### Archdiocese of Indianapolis

For some, it is purchasing new supplies. For others, it is reconnecting with friends. And yet others like the routine and familiarity of a typical school day. Why do I love the start of a new school year? It is the promise of new opportunities and personal growth when one starts strong on the very first days of school.

Everyone appreciates a "clean slate" – a time to begin anew. There are few preconceived notions or formulated opinions about students or about teachers; instead, new relationships are formed and new opportunities develop. All are able to share their best self without bias.

Fresh starts are also wonderful for establishing healthy habits. Effective study habits, organizational skills, and work ethic should be defined and practiced starting with the very first day of school. Setting these expectations at the onset are key to good habit formation and ongoing success throughout the school year and beyond. When healthy habits are practiced consistently from the start of the school year to the end, the more likely they will become healthy habits for life. In addition to coming to class prepared and on time, putting a few valuable practices in place at home, like those listed here, certainly leads to greater outcomes in and out of the classroom:

- Allot time each evening for reviewing notes from class.
- Get plenty of rest each evening, as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (go to <http://bit.ly/2aFdUac> for details).
- Eat a healthy breakfast, high in protein with necessary vitamins and minerals.
- Limit screen time that is not pertinent to classwork during the school week.
- Encourage and promote family fitness and wellness to maintain the physical and emotional health our children need.
- Make time for conversation with your child. No matter how busy the days and evenings are, try to find time to learn about your child's day – what was studied, what was new/different, what excited your student, and how your child contributed to the growth of self and others.

When one is prepared with necessary materials, healthy study and work habits, and a positive growth mindset, the possibilities for learning and progress are endless! Teachers are eager to help unleash the inner greatness within each of their students; and our young people have incredible opportunities at their fingertips.

Here's to a fantastic school year for all students, teachers, administrators, and parents! Let's make it a wonderful year!

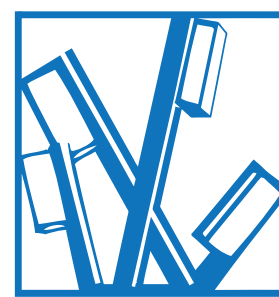
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## Catholic Schools: Back to School

### Growing gains

#### FEATURE

By Nicole Davis

When her first son was preparing to enter first grade, Lorianne Meek says that because she wasn't going to be with him all day, she wanted him to be in a school where he could have God in his life while receiving an education.

Lorianne's son, Bryson, was one of the first 34 children to attend Saints Francis & Clare (SSFC) Catholic School when it began in 2006. The school ministry began with two

classes: kindergarten and first grade.

"We've had tremendous growth in both the student and staff population," says Rebecca Stone, vice principal and parent. "I love to see the growth in our kids: faith, academic growth and social growth. Our first graduating eighth graders are now freshman in college. It's exciting to see the fruits of our labors and see how it's all turning out."

SSFC celebrated the school's 10th anniversary during Mass on Aug. 14. The school which now has more than 560 students serves infants through eighth grade.

"The changes have been wonderful. I have to be honest to say that starting a new school, there were a lot of growing pains," Lorianne said. "The first year there were a lot of new teachers. I'm a teacher by trade so I know it takes a few years to get good. When Mrs. Popp (the principal) came, she made sure the teachers were trained. We had a lot of seasoned teachers and expert teachers."

The priests have held a weekly all-school Mass since the ministry began.

"When they first started, Father Vince would have all of the students come up and sit around the altar when he did his homily," Lorianne says. "He did that for two years until it got to be too much of a distraction.

They stay in their seats now. Those were special times when they were up on the altar with him, him sharing about the gospel with them and sharing God's word with them, right there, personal. It was so one-on-one."

As the size of the school population grew, SSFC leadership saw a need for the school ministry to expand. The Early Childhood Learning Center opened in September 2015, a facility for Pre-K and kindergarten students.

"Last year we added infants, so we're serving infants through eighth grade," Stone says. "It's that family atmosphere of pairing older students with younger students that we hope to continue this year. It's amazing to see what the school has done in just 10 years."

The school has three main events through the year: an adult trivia night in the fall, a chili supper in the winter and a 5k fun run in the spring. The events not only raise funds for the school, but offer fun and fellowship for the church congregation, Stone says.

Lorianne, who serves on the school commission, now has her first two children, Bryson and Garrett, at Roncalli High School and her other two children, Kaden and Ella,

attending SSFC.

"It makes me sad because I have two that are gone already," Lorianne says. "Next year I will have three at Roncalli. I can't imagine having more of my kids away from here. It's where we spend our time. It's hard to leave once you're here because you're still part of the family. I'm emotionally tied to this place. It will always be home to us."

Stone says the school's mission statement is the driving force of everything they do: "... Our Catholic identity and academic excellence are the core of our 21st Century curriculum that prepares our students to be leaders and innovators in a global society." She says students and staff put their faith into action locally and globally throughout the year, taking pride in offering academic excellence to students while maintaining their Catholic identity.

"It's the reason I sent them there in the first place," Lorianne says. "I still think it was an important enough choice to send them there to have God as the center of their day. It isn't a just class on religion. It's the basis of everything. Especially when you're raising children, God needs to be the focus and SSFC meets those needs."

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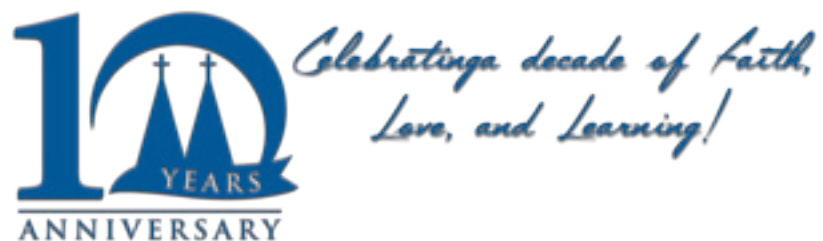


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## Catholic Schools: Back to School



**Top, left:** Groundbreaking 2006.

**Immediately Above:** All school photo 2006.

**Top, right:** Father Vince Lampert allowed students to sit at the altar during the all-school Mass in 2006.

**Right:** Morning prayer on first day, 2016.

**Below:** All school photo 2016.

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# Bargersville is BECK-oning

**Bargersville Town Councilor Jim Beck looks to better his hometown by keeping tax rates low while making improvements for its residents**

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

By Nicole Davis

Who wouldn't want to live in a town with decent roads, utility rates and taxes that don't increase? Jim Beck says he serves on the Bargersville Town Council to play a part

in creating that type of town – a place where people want to move into and existing residents want to remain.

"The town has a really good council right now," he says. "I'm really pretty proud of how we've done all of that and we've done that without increasing tax or rates."

Jim was born in a farm house on Whiteland Road – the oldest deed on that property dating back to 1837. When he was young, he enjoyed hunting, fishing and trapping. He kept up this pastime until last year, trapping mink, raccoon, beaver and more.

"I hunted a lot," he said. "Before I got to high school and could drive, my dad would tell me 'I am going to need you in a couple of hours,' then he'd have to come to the woods to find me. People would say I was born 100 years too late."

He graduated from Center Grove High School in 1959. After graduation, he went to work for High Grade, a meat packing plant in Indianapolis. He then worked with IPL for two years.

"I decided farming was more interesting, so I went back to farming," he says.

Jim farmed in Marion County for almost 15 years, growing grain and raising cattle. He and his wife, Yvonne, then moved back to Bargersville in 1972, building a house on the same farm property on which Jim was raised. Jim continued growing grain until 10 years ago, with 40 years of farming under his belt when he stopped.

"I farmed until I was 65," he says. "During that time I worked numerous part-time jobs. I always worked part-time jobs somewhere. The one I liked the best, I worked for about 25 years. I bought standing timber for a couple of different companies. You have to learn to grade the wood on a standing tree without being able to see it. Most folks go to college to learn it and I didn't. I learned it in the woods."

Jim and Yvonne attended high school together. When Yvonne graduated in 1961, the couple married that September. They have three children and two grandchildren.

Jim was elected to the Bargersville Town Council, one of five members, in 2010, beginning his first term in 2011. He is now serving on his second term.

"I ran a second time because I'd like to see some of the things through that we started in the first four years," he says. "I'd like to see them completed."

Jim dedicates much of his time to working for the council. The town is in the process of upgrading the water lines. The town is preparing to construct a new street department building. He says when he started on the council the street department had two employees and hardly any equipment. There are now four employees and six to seven trucks with equipment to help them do their job properly. The police department had four officers using their own cars to patrol. The department now has 12 vehicles for its 12 officers. The town had \$35,000 in its rainy-day fund in 2011. It now has in excess of \$900,000.

"Everything we buy in way of equipment, if we can't pay for them outright, they're never financed more than three years," he says. "We're dedicated to holding our tax rate as long as we can. The only rate that got increased, we increased the wastewater rate... This takes a lot of time. If you don't have councils or boards that get down and dirty, you take the easy way or go the traditional way and



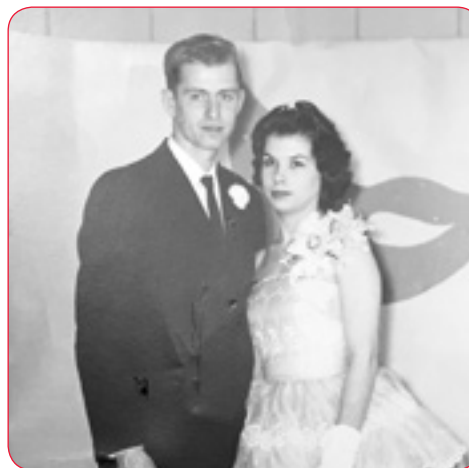
**Above:** Jim and Yvonne Beck.

**Photo by Nicole Davis**

**Left:** Jim Beck is a 1959 graduate of Center Grove High School.

**Below:** Jim and Yvonne married in 1961.

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## Getting to know Jim...

- I used to have bird dogs and beagles. We raised birds: pheasants and quails.
- I mushroom hunt a lot. We would start around here and ended up in Michigan.
- When I was in grade school, there was a field in the middle of the woods. Dad would be working out there. Mom would meet him at a rock and they'd eat lunch. As a child, I'd be taken along. So when we were cutting some timber one year, I had a guy take the rock out to our house. It's as big as a bed in the pickup truck.
- The first year we were married, they were pouring the streets at El Dorado. I worked with the guys that moved the concrete around in the streets. Then, the truck would just come out and dump it in one spot. You'd stand in concrete almost to your knees and move it with scoop shovels, in 90 degree weather.

**What's some advice you wish someone had given you when you were younger?** I've had a pretty good life. I don't see any gaps where good advice would have filled it out better.

**In your school-age years, is there a person who had a significant impact on you? Who and why?** My dad. As hard as he worked, and worked a second job, that parallels the way I was. He never complained about working a second job. He did what he had to do. I don't think I ever complained about a second job, any of them I had. It's the way I was raised and he instilled in me what he did.

**What do you do in your free time?** I like to take my grandkids fishing, squirrel hunting. I've taught them, you shoot a squirrel, you have to eat it. They both did. I've taken them trapping, too.

**What are some goals you'd like to accomplish in the coming years?** As long as I can keep my mind about me, I'd like to live to be 80.

let the attorneys do their part, then the taxpayer or ratepayer pays for all of it."

Jim says he's also looking forward to a new privately-run baseball field coming to Bargersville which will be for traveling teams. It's supposed to break ground next year. The town also purchased 19 acres at Saddle Club Road and Old Plank (144) in hopes of constructing a pathway and small park. This will be done in small steps, piece by piece over time.

We're progressing," Jim says. "That's a tribute to the whole council."



## FROM THE PUBLISHER

### The future of charitable donations?

For many of us, crowded schedules leave little time to devote to causes outside of work and family demands and making any significant impact on our communities can seem out of our reach. It's not that we lack compassion, but rather our watches outpace our aspirations - our wish lists go unchecked while our "must-do" lists consume our attention and energy. If only we could extend ourselves beyond time constrictions.

With these impediments in mind, the concept of 100 Women Who Care Johnson County could be a breakthrough in how the modern woman gives back. While the stay-at-home women of previous generations were steadfast in supporting their community as school board members, food drive coordinators, and petition circulators, today's take on all of this in addition to their inundation of the work force.

Perhaps the key to 100 Women Who Care's effectiveness is its strength in numbers. Each quarter the members - there are currently over 80 - meet and write a check for \$100. They then draw three non-profit nominations at random and vote for one to receive the total dollar amount of all 80+ checks in a no-strings-attached donation. All of this takes place in the course of only an hour, yet the gift of several thousand dollars can be of immeasurable benefit to a deserving charity. And, somehow, there is still time for socialization and good fun among the group of women who have connected through a common interest of giving back. Maybe we are underestimating the impact we can make with the little excess time that we have - maybe this is the future of charitable donation.



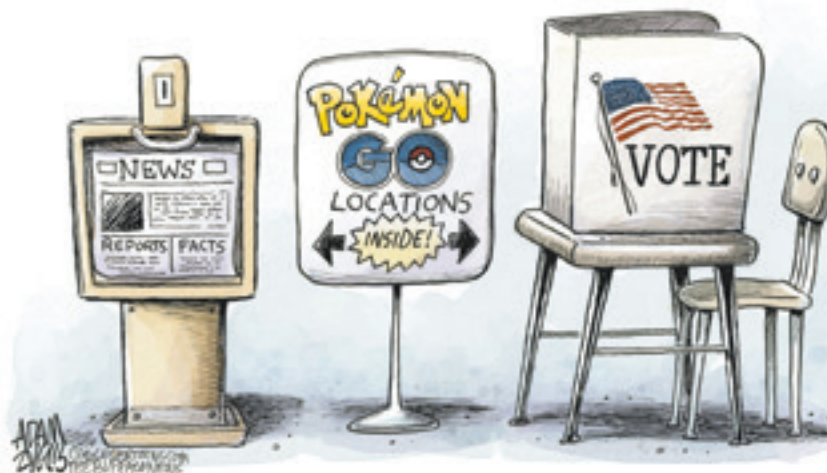
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## BELIEVE IT!

**Our nation has all sorts of arcane, nonsensical laws on the books. Each month, we'll share one with you...** In Arizona, it is unlawful to refuse a person a glass of water.

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LAST-DITCH effort To SAVE our DEMOCRACY



## How depressing is the Olympics?

### HUMOR

By Gus Pearcy

Well, I was prepared for two weeks

of feeling inferior as a human or what everyone else calls the Olympics. The summer Olympics has always had an effect on my image of what I could or should be doing with my abilities as a human.

Oh, sure, I tell myself that these are extraordinary specimens with a genetic predisposition to physical excellence. Then I see Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps and I'm back to wondering what could have been if I had just applied myself in gym class all those years ago.

Well, now it appears these Olympians like performance enhancing drugs. I don't judge, I just report. Many people are hell bent on removing them from the sport, but some entire countries look the other way and count the medals when the freak show is over.

It seems almost impossible to now have a drug-free Olympics. It's costing us money, as well. And let's be honest, it takes away from the gold medal ceremonies if we all must wait 24 hours to discover the results of a post-event drug screen.

This calls for some outside-the-box thinking. Why don't we concede that per-

formance-enhancing methods are legal and just as much a part of the sport as hydrating with Gatorade or abstaining from sex? Let's transform the Olympics to be a showcase of the latest science has to offer in advances in

human performance.

Instead of features of athletes and how hard they train and sacrifice for their event, we can get background on their drug regimen and the side effects of whatever cockamamie drug they're trying this week.

Just as the Indianapolis 500 was instrumental in innovating technology advances for the automobile, the Olympics could be the laboratory for human per-

formance. Then we will see how dedicated these athletes really are. Lance sacrificed a testicle for his sport, what will you give?

We work so hard at preventing people from being idiots. It would be nice just to let the chips fall where they may.



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## Protecting our police

### OUR VIEW

Recent violence against police is becoming a frightening trend. For us at the ICON, we find the tragedies heartbreaking and senseless. Each morning and evening, a servant of Center Grove kisses a significant other good bye, and many kiss a child good bye. And every day, a wife, husband, child, mother or father sends an officer to protect the citizens of our county.

Being a police officer is a selfless act. A person enlists in such a job to serve and protect the citizens of the community. Police officers are a servant to the public. They patrol and look after people and property, enforce laws, respond to emergency calls, as well as a myriad of other duties. They play the roles of counselors, referees, investigators, teachers, doctors, mentors, and the list goes on...

Most regular citizens couldn't wear as many hats or be nearly as versatile as a police officer. A police officer is a special breed of person. One to be revered and respected.

Being a police officer is a difficult and daunting task. The ICON challenges you to take a moment to thank an officer. Let our police departments know how grateful and appreciative we are for their tireless commitments to make Center Grove the safest and best place to rear a family.

## QUOTE

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."

~ Henry Ford



# NIGHT & day LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT ENTERTAINING

## Culinaria

### An Option:

#### South of Chicago Pizza & Italian Beef at Fletcher Place

**The scoop:** South of Chicago Pizza and Italian Beef for the past five years built a loyal following in Fletcher Place neighborhood in Indianapolis and in June they brought their Chicago-style goodness to the Center Grove community. Located at 2550 S. State Road 135 where the former Cherry Berry Yogurt Bar did business, Center Grove residents can dine in, carry out, request delivery, or arrange catering for events. Order a 10, 14 or 18 inch thin crust, 10 or 14 inch deep dish, or 12 inch pan pizza with all your favorite toppings plus salads and appetizers. Other options on the menu include homemade lasagna, chicken parmesan, spaghetti and meatballs. South of Chicago also specializes in Italian Beef sandwiches dry, wet or dipped. Other sandwich options include meatball, Italian sausage, chicken parmesan, hot ham and cheese, and BBQ Beef on a Kaiser roll.

**Type of food:** Pizza, sandwiches, salads and pasta.



Courtney George at South of Chicago Pizza & Italian Beef in Greenwood.

**Recommendation:** The pizza, as you like it.

**Hours:** Lunch buffet Monday to Friday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Monday to Thursday 2 p.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday 2 p.m. to 11 p.m.; Saturday 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Sunday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.

**Location:** 2550 S. State Rd. 135, Greenwood, IN 46143

**Phone:** (317) 534-0424.

### Where We Dine:

**Olivia Fisher**, beauty consultant for Merle Norman, 455 Greenwood Park South Dr., Ste. B, Greenwood

**Where do you like to dine?** Red Sun

**What do you like to eat there?** My favorite thing to order there is their California Rolls.

**What do you like about this place?** They have good food and their service is fantastic.

*Red Sun Hibachi and Sushi is located at 3100 Meridian Parke Dr., # Q, Greenwood, IN 46142. The phone number is (317) 893-3678.*



### Behind Bars:



#### Lazy Stacy

**Bartender:** Stacy Arnold

**Location:** Mucky Duck Bar and Grill, Center Grove

**Ingredients and directions:** ½ oz. vodka, ½ oz. gin, ½ oz. rum, ½ oz. peach schnapps, ½ oz. triple sec, finish with pineapple juice. Garnish with a lime slice and a maraschino cherry.



## EVENTS CALENDAR

**WAMMfest** • Sertoma Club of Greenwood, presented by Ray Skillman Auto Group and Johnson Memorial Health, host a charity festival focused on showcasing Indiana wine, art, music and microbrews. All net proceeds are distributed back to support youth, individual and community organizations. | When: Aug. 20, 11 a.m. – 8 p.m. | Where: Craig Park, 10 E. Smith Valley Rd., Greenwood. | Cost: \$10 in advance, \$15 at the gate. | Info: Visit [WAMMfest.com](http://WAMMfest.com).

**Concert in the Park** • The Greater Greenwood Community Band will perform a variety of music for everyone. Admission is free. | When: Aug. 21, 7 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Amphitheater, 100 Surina Way, Greenwood. | Info: Visit [greenwoodband.com](http://greenwoodband.com).

**Fall Lawn Care** • Master Gardener Dick Huber, of White River Township, will simplify weed control management. | When: Aug. 23, 6 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. | Info: Visit [greenwoodlibrary.us](http://greenwoodlibrary.us).

**Discover Essential Oils** • Diane Castle will discuss essential oils and how they can improve life. Grades 8 to adults can make something with the oils to take home. | When: Aug. 23, 6:30 – 8 p.m. | Where: 1664 Library Blvd, Greenwood. | Info: Visit [pageafterpage.org](http://pageafterpage.org).

**Friends of JCPL Book Sale** • Books, CDs, DVDs, audio and video tapes, and books-on-tape/CD will be sold at bargain prices. | When: Aug. 26, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Aug. 27, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.; and Aug. 28, 1 – 4 p.m. | Where: 1664 Library Blvd, Greenwood. | Info: Visit [pageafterpage.org](http://pageafterpage.org).

**Greenwood Summer Concert Series: Southern Country** • Presented by Mallow Run Winery and Oaken Barrel Brewing Company. | When: Aug. 27, 7 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Amphitheater. | Info: Visit [greenwood.in.gov](http://greenwood.in.gov).

**Labor Day Weekend Anniversary Hog Roast Celebration** • Celebrate Mallow Run's 10th anniversary with an old-fashioned hog roast. | When: Sept. 3, 12 – 9 p.m. and Sept. 4 – 5, 12 – 6 p.m. | Where: Mallow Run Winery, 6964 W. Whiteland Rd., Bargersville. | Info: Visit [mallowrun.com](http://mallowrun.com).

**Tinker Time Pick a Part** • Explore a room full of stuff to take apart. Peek inside electronics and appliances, check out how they work and break things without getting in trouble! No kid? No problem. Tinkering is fun for grown-ups, too. | When: Sept. 3, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Where: 1664 Library Blvd, Greenwood. | Info: Visit [pageafterpage.org](http://pageafterpage.org).

**Craft Night: Upcycled Bird Feeders** • Grades 8 to adults: Assemble old china, dishes and glassware into bird feeders that just might be too cute to hang outside. | When: Sept. 7, 6:30 – 8 p.m. | Where: 1664 Library Blvd, Greenwood. | Info: Visit [pageafterpage.org](http://pageafterpage.org).

**YMCA Annual Golf Outing** • Foursomes play for \$400. Cost includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch, goodie bag, and complimentary drinks and snacks on the course. Proceeds benefit south side families

with a demonstrated financial need to participate in YMCA services. | When: Sept. 8, doors open 10 a.m. | Where: Dye's Walk Country Club. | Info: Visit [indymca.thankyou4caring.org/baxter-ymca-golf](http://indymca.thankyou4caring.org/baxter-ymca-golf).

**Creating Your Own Nature Journal** • Love to garden? Watch birds? Observe wildlife? Learn techniques to record observations. No drawing experience is necessary. Adult-teen program. | When: Sept. 10, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. | Where: 1664 Library Blvd, Greenwood. | Info: Visit [pageafterpage.org](http://pageafterpage.org).

**Greenwood Summer Concert Series: Indy Nile** • Presented by Mallow Run Winery and Oaken Barrel Brewing Company. | When: Sept. 10, 7 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Amphitheater. | Info: Visit [greenwood.in.gov](http://greenwood.in.gov).

**Coloring Club** • De-stress and relax with calming coloring pages. | When: Sept. 14, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. | Where: 1664 Library Blvd, Greenwood. | Info: Visit [pageafterpage.org](http://pageafterpage.org).

**Preschool Science: Gravity** • Explore the concept of gravity with stories and hands-on activities. For ages 3 to 5. | When: Sept. 16, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. | Where: 1664 Library Blvd, Greenwood. | Info: Visit [pageafterpage.org](http://pageafterpage.org).

**Diamonds & Denim** • The Social of Greenwood will host this fundraiser with live music featuring Black Water Gypsy, dinner, silent and live auctions, raffle, best dressed contest and line dance lessons. Western chic attire encouraged. | When: Sept. 16, 6 p.m. social hour, 7 p.m. dinner. | Where: The Barn at Bay Horse Inn, 1468 Stones Crossing Rd. W. | Cost: \$75. | Info: Email [info@TheSocialofGreenwood.org](mailto:info@TheSocialofGreenwood.org) or call (317) 882-4810.

**Fly-In for Diabetes** • The Indianapolis South Radio-Control club will host its 31st annual benefit air show "Fly-In for Diabetes." The public is invited to visit Rike field to see a Radio-Control model air show and help raise money that will go to the American Diabetes Association. On display and in the air throughout the day will be a variety of high-performance and scale radio controlled models. Admission is free. | When: Sept. 17, 12 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Where: Enter 3200 E. Worthsville Rd. in a GPS, or take I 65 to exit 97 (Worthsville road) and travel east approx. one mile on Worthsville/750N. | Info: Visit [indyrcsouth.org](http://indyrcsouth.org).

**10th Annual Fall Festival** • Saints Francis & Clare Catholic Church will host this festival with carnival rides, hot grilled foods, beer garden, Monte Carlo, silent auctions, live music and a \$15,000 mega raffle. | When: Sept. 23, 5 p.m. – 11 p.m. and Sept. 24, noon to 11 p.m. | Where: | Info: Visit [ss-fc.org/page.cfm?p=586](http://ss-fc.org/page.cfm?p=586).

**Labapalooza** • Celebrate labs and rescue with live music and wine. | When: Sept. 25, 12 – 6 p.m. | Where: Mallow Run Winery, 6964 W. Whiteland Rd., Bargersville. | Info: Visit [mallowrun.com](http://mallowrun.com) or [lolin.org/labapalooza.shtml](http://lolin.org/labapalooza.shtml).



## Getting to know Greg and Nickole...

- We both enjoy adventure, hiking, sports, reading and spending time with our children.
- Nickole still plays softball, her favorite sport, and hasn't missed a season since she was 7.
- Greg has summited Mt. Rainier, raising money for at-risk, fatherless youth

## How did Greg and Nickole do it?

**Best advice:** Your biggest risk will be the one you don't take.

**Worst advice:** Throw everything you have into your work.

**Best Business Decision:** Choosing to focus more on the culture and community of our business and empowering, encouraging, and inspiring the people within our own company. When you make people feel important and valued, you change things.

**In 5 years:** We hope to have a company that continues to inspire, encourage, and point people to an abundant life. We desire to preserve our partnership with the African Hospitality Institute and other amazing organizations that are in the trenches and on the front lines, making a difference in the world.

**Secret to success:** Finding our purpose, cultivating change and focusing on relationships. These are so important to us.

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# Sharing in life's abundance

## Zoë Facility Services celebrates its 15th anniversary with a gala fundraising for African Hospitality Institute

By Nicole Davis

Zoë Facility Services will soon reach its 15th anniversary, and owners Greg and Nickole Huffman says they expect business to grow by 100 percent next year and continue getting bigger.

Not wanting to lose sight of what the company is about, Zoë has launched a partnership with the African Hospitality Institute, celebrating with a gala on Aug. 27, to raise funds for this school that provides job training to students in Uganda.

"We are so thankful for the last 15 years and what we have learned, who we have met, and the amazing businesses we have served in Johnson and surrounding counties," Nickole says. "As we look back and are thankful for what we have accomplished thus far, we are eager to look ahead and see what can be accomplished in the next 15."

Before going into business, Greg attended Indiana University, getting a job after college cleaning apartment hallways and office buildings to pay off his debt. He then joined Youth With a Mission (YWAM), and became involved with ministries in downtown Indianapolis. He met Nickole through those missions and they later married, now residing in the Center Grove area.

A carpenter by trade, Greg learned in his and Nickole's first year of marriage that he would be laid off. He decided to incorporate his own company, calling it Zoë Cleaning Services. Zoë stands for the Greek word for "life." In the Bible, John 10:10 states "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

"The way we read it in English is that you might have an abundant life," Greg says. "It's about a life of purpose, understanding, meaning and freedom... Right off the bat, I thought this business was a way to put some kids from youth group to work and work alongside them."

The layoff didn't last long, so Greg went back to work while running Zoë Cleaning Services as more of a small business in which he was self-employed. It earned enough income to pay the bills and help youth find work. They cleaned apartment hallways, some residential, small office buildings and most of the work was done for major camp and retreat facilities in central and southern Indiana.

In 2008, Greg and Nickole had their first of two children. There had been a lot of growing success with the business, but Greg says he felt like he wasn't doing what he wanted between work, the business, home and his ministries.

"I started going through the idea that what if I could run my own business and not be self-employed?" Greg says, "I had some good ideas. Then the flood happened in 2008. We lost our house, our office and a lot of our equipment. I had this idea that we could either ride this wave out or we could sink. I asked my wife to take on the flood insurance; we divided and conquered... Right after that, I got rid of 30 percent of our business. I knew I needed time to build something different. We rented a condo in Greenwood/Whiteland. It was small. But I was able to focus on family and work. We grew 64 percent over what I got rid of in 2008, in 09. I was at the beginning stages of learning what it was going to be to run a business."

The name was changed to Zoë Facility Services, and is now the largest, privately-owned commercial cleaning company in Johnson County. Greg says business has grown on average 60 percent every year since 2009. There are currently 50 employees.

"We intentionally slowed down last year because we realized we didn't have the processes in place to make this as successful as it has been for the long term," Greg says. "We're there and we're ready



Nickole and Greg Huffman will celebrate their 15th wedding anniversary and 15th business anniversary of Zoë Facility Services this year. Photo by Nicole Davis

to do that, so we brought on our first full time sales department; all our business had come from word of mouth."

Through the changes, Greg and Nickole still wanted the focus of the company to remain about "life."

Nickole says a couple of years ago, she read a book called *Love Does* by Bob Goff, who is active in social justice issues. He had started a school in Uganda.

"In the back of his book, he puts his phone number," Nickole says. "After reading this book, I was highly inspired. I called him. He answered, which I couldn't believe. He says 'I'm going to Uganda in a few weeks, you should come with me.' I spoke with Greg and says 'do you think we could go?' Within six months, I planned a trip for our family of four. We were in Uganda for 10 days and did a lot of work. We didn't call it a mission trip. We called it our adventure. On the way to the school, we were told to stay at AHI."

AHI is a school run by Maggie Josiah for 18 to 20-year-old students, teaching them hospitality skills. The first year, the students have classes and the second year they intern unpaid. The Huffman's stayed in the guest house where students can practice their skills.

Employment rate in this school is 100 percent in an area where the unemployment rate is 80 percent. Nickole went to visit AHI a second time with friends. Recently, they asked Maggie of the school's needs, and have organized a way to fund some of them.

"We spent the last couple of years really establishing who we are and what our brand is, trying to figure out how to let our employees know that," Greg says. "We saw a challenge of how do we show employees that the work they do with their hands can help other people? ... One thing we wanted to do is give them something that the company clearly falls behind."

The gala, Life Beyond Clean, Life Beyond Borders: A Zoë Celebration Gala, is Aug. 27, 6 p.m. at Sanctuary on Penn, 701 N. Pennsylvania St., Indianapolis. It is black tie optional. Greg, Nickole and a couple of Zoë employees traveled to Uganda together in July, bringing back local art and items for a silent auction at the event. The goal is to raise \$30,000 to help fund the school and its needs. For more information, visit [beyond-clean.com/gala](http://beyond-clean.com/gala).

"To see the vision of what Zoë is supposed to be like actually coming to fruition, seeing the positive impact on the employees, the community and places around the world is really neat," Nickole says.



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## PERSONNEL MATTERS

### Is it work or is it your passion?

By Mike Heffner

Recently, I had some extended vacation time. My summers are usually busy with kid's sports and this year our normal annual spring trip was thrown into the mix – mid summer. This made for a busy summer but also proved to be a great time to read and think. I think every leader needs time like that because it forces you out of your normal routine and gives you a different perspective.

This vacation helped me figure out one thing for sure. I love what I get to do every day. I have many people who question the hours I put into my work and say that I sacrifice time from my family. I don't look at it that way. I look at what I do as a complete blessing; I look at my co-workers as part of my family. God has allowed me to use my talents, gifts and strengths in a way that my work is just part of who I am and what I love to do. I don't mind taking the call on my vacation or checking my messages. I don't see it as a burden to stay late on occasion or work on a Saturday for a few hours.

I have a passion for helping people be successful. As with anything you do, it requires balance because too much of anything can create problems. This extended vacation was needed if nothing else to help me see what I have and how blessed I am.

Although there needs to be some division in my work and play, I am at peace with how they blend together every day. I find a great deal of satisfaction doing exactly what God has called me to do. My role is to set the stage for others to seek their passions. Sometimes that is removing roadblocks, having a tough convo or encouraging someone that needs it. My business has been a way for me to provide a ministry to my community, our team, clients and to the people we put into jobs. So did I enjoy vacation? Sure did. But I am glad that I am back at it again and look forward to what God has in store in the days ahead.



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## BIZ BRIEFS

### Wilson St.Pierre wins Excellence in Customer Service Award

The Johnson Consulting Group of Scottsdale, Ariz. presented the Wilson St.Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory, Greenwood Chapel, with the Excellence in Customer Service Award for achieving the highest levels of customer satisfaction in 2015. The Johnson Consulting Group is a funeral home consulting firm that developed and implemented the first of its kind JCG Performance Tracker™ to measure a family's level of satisfaction with their funeral home provider. The Awards were presented in July 2016 to select JCG client funeral homes who achieved the highest Overall Performance Scores from responses to family satisfaction surveys sent to each family they served during 2015. The Wilson St.Pierre Funeral Service was founded in 1897, and is the oldest funeral home in Greenwood.



### Zach Jones named Hallmark Home Mortgage Top Producer

Zach Jones, Mortgage Loan Originator at Hallmark Home Mortgage, has been named the top producer in the Greenwood office for July 2016. Hallmark Home Mortgage, based in Fort Wayne, Ind., was established in 2007 by President and CEO Deborah Sturges. With 14 locations throughout Indiana, Ohio and Colorado, Hallmark Home Mortgage is committed to deliver a superior lending experience to their clients through the quality efforts of their employees.



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## OPEN 4 BIZ

# Fun is on the line

## Zip City offers indoor zipline, trampolines, laser tag, rock climbing, soccer and more in Perry Township

When Scott Weiner first walked into the building at 6650 Bluff Road in Perry Township, he says it only took him a couple of seconds to decide he was going to buy it. Nothing could be more fitting for the image he had in his head for his business, Zip City.

The 60,000 square foot building is now home to a 250-foot zipline, trampolines, soccer field rock climbing wall, laser tag and more. There is a concession stand that serves high-quality food, beverages and beer and wine.

"I think this is the crown jewel," Weiner said. "If I build any more, I don't think anything will be better for this. The building needed so little work and had so much to offer. It was a miracle. It was the perfect fit."

This is Weiner's third Zip City facility, and the largest. He has plans to continue to grow the business on the 10-acre property, with a possible water park with near-vertical speed slides and rope course outside – in a couple of years.

"It's a great idea," said manager, Randy Cobb. He and his wife have been in sports management for 32 years. "The Southside desperately needed something like this. There has been a lot of places come and go over the years. We don't plan on being one of those places. We have a lot of fun things for the kids."

Having opened in July, Zip City will celebrate its grand opening on Sept. 29. Zip City in Indianapolis is now open Tuesday through Thursday, 3:45 – 8 p.m.; Friday 3:45 – 10 p.m.; Saturday 12 – 9 p.m.; and Sunday 12 – 6 p.m.

Here, Weiner shares more about the business:

### Why did you open this business?

I began in Cleveland. I bought land for some real estate before the 2008 crash. We were going to build a shopping center in 2007. In 2008 that was not a good idea. I was sitting on this land and saw the trampoline parks popping up. I didn't want to compete with them. I got the idea for indoor zipline. It flew into my head one day. I was dumbfounded that this didn't exist.

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

I opened two previous businesses. In Indianapolis – this building I found on the web for sale. It was huge and pristine and needed a small makeover, carpeting, paint, redo the bathrooms, new lighting, cosmetic stuff. We took out all of the basketball courts and put in everything you see on the web site. We put in a soccer field and maintained our soccer leagues.



Zip City manager Randy Cobb has gone down the 250-foot indoor zipline at least 50 times, and says he highly recommends it. Photo by Nicole Davis

### Who is your ideal customer/client?

The core age group is 5 to 15, however, I have seen little three year olds go down the zipline with absolutely no fear. You need to be 30 pounds. I've also seen a 90-year-old man do this... Moms do this, everybody. But the core is 5 – 15.

### How do you plan to be successful?

We offer Knocker Soccer, soccer, trampoline, rock wall, laser tag and zip line. We can package them. We'll do two hours of unlimited, go bonkers, crazy and do everything you want for \$21.95. The whole key to success is being able to package things, multiple events together, and charge a lower fee.

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

Between the three facilities, I have five full-time people and almost 200 part-time people. It's much easier to run than you would think. I only really have to delegate with five people and not 200. The way it's set up, we have incredible management. Once it gets going, it almost runs itself, if you have the right people running it and I do.

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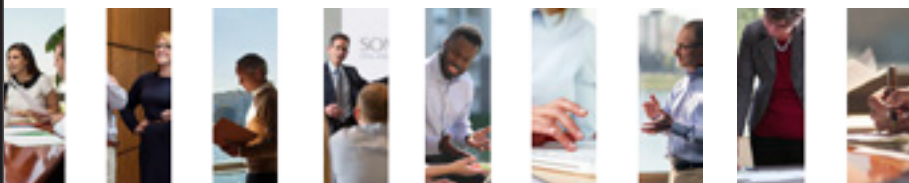
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## PEER TO PEER

# All fuzzed up

By Howard Hubler

My son Greg married golfer and vodka great Fuzzy Zoeller's daughter Heidi. This has given me a chance to watch the birth of a small national brand, and watch it be rolled out in a fashion that I can sit back and ponder it and create my own opinion. At the same time, I might even enjoy a little Fuzzy and lemonade.

Fuzzy and his partners teamed up with Tony Hulman George's son, Ed Carpenter for the fifth year in a row for an IndyCar team endeavor to spread the word about Fuzzy vodka.

This weekend, I watched the IndyCar race in Iowa with the Fuzzy car driven by Joseph Newgarden win the race. Between Carpenter and Newgarden, they have sat on as many poles and won as many races as any small independent team in operation today. If anyone has gone to the 500 in the last few years, the seven and eight story elevators are wrapped to look like huge Fuzzy vodka bottles. The same goes for support posts at the airport.

On more than one occasion I have gone

with Fuzzy to a bottle signing. The people have one or two cases in hand ready to be signed. In one bottle signing, they sell hundreds of cases of product. Fuzzy works as hard as ever, visiting with fans and signing autographs on his vodka.

These are just a couple of elements that I have been involved with. Fuzzy has created a tremendous product and named it after a very unique person in the way of Fuzzy. It is tied to both golf and automobile racing in a unique way.

So that is my story of a very successful launch that I have had an opportunity to witness from day one. A great product with a successful media campaign can produce tremendous results. If you're not driving, try a Fuzzy and cranberry juice. You haven't lived until you have been "fuzzed up."



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## BIZ WEB

# Balanced efforts

By Andrew Angle

One risk of relying exclusively on organic search traffic is that small changes in rankings can make a hefty impact on sales. How you approach the effort to grow visibility matters.

With brick & mortar, businesses traffic patterns are predictable. Street traffic seldom appears or disappears without advance notice. But, suppose you have a website that's plugging along with a steady stream of traffic as your site floats around the #3 position in Google's organic (free) results for relevant keywords. Knowing that your sales volume could be better with higher positions, you get quotes from digital marketing agencies and hire the one with the lowest bid. Weeks later you check your email and gasp as you see several times more orders than usual. It's working!

You add staff, invest in equipment, lease more space and watch the business grow a nice profit.

Then, one day your Inbox isn't packed with order notifications. The eerie calm in the office is deafening. You test your order forms. They work fine. A peek into your campaign's analytics reveals that keyword searches that once listed your site #1 now put yours somewhere near the bottom of

the page, down in "no click" land.

Deeper analysis could reveal outdated techniques, shortcuts that cut corners and worked only briefly before backfiring. Or, maybe Google ran an update. Whatever the cause, such a decline puts jobs at risk and can take months of costly work to recover, especially if the previously impressive positions were gained by cheap tactics.

### How to reduce the volatility risk:

1. Beware of cheap SEO bids. Holding onto organic rankings takes a lot of work. Taking shortcuts due to squeezed budgets get penalized.
2. Organic efforts usually yield the best returns in the long run, but paid search is immediate, predictable, and keeps traffic flowing even if organic rankings slip.
3. Offline ads bring customers and may boost rankings while helping to boost rankings.



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## Data: Singular or plural?

### GRAMMAR GUY

By Jordan Fischer  
Q: I see the word 'data'

used all the time as both a singular and plural noun. Can it be both, or is there a consistent rule for it?

A: To begin with, "data" comes to us directly from Latin, where it is the plural form of "datum." In English, we understand data as "facts or information used usually to calculate, analyze, or plan something." Data is information.

Some professional organizations have endeavored to standardize the use of "data." The American Psychological Association, which regulates APA Style, has, for example, decided that "data" is always to be used as a plural noun.

For most uses that don't follow APA Style, however, you'll need to decide whether "data" is acting as a count noun or a mass noun.

The best way to do this is to decide whether you are referring to individual units of data or an abstract group of data as a whole. A trick to help you figure this out at first is to mentally add the word "points" after "data" in the sentence and see whether

it makes sense.

For example: "These data (points) are out of order" vs. "This data (points) comes to us from the CDC." In the first sentence, the addition of "points" makes sense because we are talking about individual data. "Data" is therefore a count noun and should be treated as a plural. In the second sentence, adding "points" doesn't make sense – "data" is acting as a mass noun and should get a singular verb.

Sometimes, though, treating "data" as a singular or plural noun comes down to personal preference. Consider this sentence: "Self-reported data (is/are) historically unreliable." "Data" could be used as either a singular or plural noun in the sentence, and both choices would make sense and be grammatically acceptable. Like the data itself, how you use it is up to you.



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## Rkatsiteli, a versatile wine

### WINE & DINE

By Charles R. Thomas, M.D.

Rkatsiteli (pronounced, "rkah-tsee-tel'-y") a household name, right? Well, probably not where you are from, but it is the second most abundant white wine in the world! It originates from Georgia, in Russia, but is now found in many countries. The numerous plantings in nearby Romania, Ukraine, Moldova, and Armenia have given support for market needs. Russia considers this grape its most prized because of its marvelous flavors and versatility. It can produce wine in many styles, making its value such that it can traverse several markets.

Rkatsiteli grapes are generally high in acid, which make them valuable for crisp, dry white wines but also acid support for the sweet, late-harvest, dessert-style wines as well. The grape is robust and hardy, making grapes with high sugars but well-balanced with acid. The grapes can be left on the vine for a late harvest crop. Of all the virtues of Rkatsiteli, the one failing seems to be its unsuitability as a base wine for sparkling wine because of its high alcohol.

Tasting Rkatsiteli reveals a wine that is tasty, well-mannered, and palate-compelling regardless of the nature of the weather under which the grapes were grown. In

Georgia, winters with consistent sub-zero temperatures are the norm, but Rkatsiteli grapes are very sturdy and usually survive. Because of adequate to abundant alcohol levels, the wines are medium to full-bodied. The aromas range from fruity to floral and mimic Alsace wines in their flavor profiles. Aromas consist of refreshing and restrained aromas of green apple, peach, quince, and melon. The crisp nature of the wine's balance has been compared to the Pinot Grigio wines of Italy. The finish is medium and complex.

Food pairing for this wine includes the usual white wine fare such as hors d'oeuvres, pasta, shellfish, whitefish, poultry, cheeses, and white meats. Rosé versions of Rkatsiteli would match well with processed meats such as ham, sausage, and salami. The Port and Sherry versions complement nuts, cheeses, cheesecake, and sweet desserts. The brandy version would go with hard cheeses, nuts, and perhaps a good friend.



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## Uninstalling

### TECH SAVVY

By Regina Miller  
How do I permanently

remove programs from my computer?

The method to uninstall programs depends on what operating system your computer uses. The two most common ones are Microsoft Windows (PC) and OSX (MAC). Programs, applications, are removed in Windows by navigating to Control Panel, selecting "Uninstall Programs" under the Programs section. After a few moments a list of programs will populate; scroll through the list and select the program you wish to uninstall.

You may get prompts to confirm the uninstall; read the options and select the one that corresponds with uninstalling the program and the automated process of uninstalling will begin. After the program has successfully completed the uninstall process you may be prompted to reboot; it's a good idea to follow that suggestion.

If the program is not listed in the Programs list or does not successfully uninstall when you have followed that process, it is most often due to a software corruption or infection. If it's a reputable title that you are trying to remove, you may visit the publisher's website and see if an uninstall tool is listed

to remove the software. In cases where the title is unknown or seems suspicious, it's best to seek professional help. Remember: On a Windows machine, deleting the icon does not uninstall the program – it just deletes the shortcut to the installed program.

### How do you remove a program from MAC?

Open Finder, navigate to and select "Applications" in the left hand pane; a list of installed Applications will populate in the right hand pane. Select the title you wish to remove and drag it to the trashcan icon. Alternatively, right clicking the name of the program and selecting "Move to Trash" can also uninstall programs. If the program doesn't go away after following this process and a reboot, it's possible the installation is corrupt or, in cases of unknown or less reputable programs, a possible infection. Deleting the icon from the desktop or removing from the Dock does not uninstall the program.



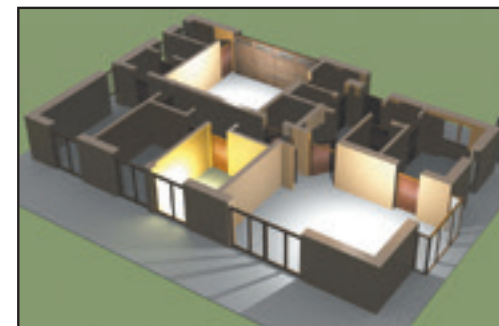
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## TsT Home Improvement Services Tip of the Month

By Tom S. Truesdale

### Floor Plan Changes

Floor plan changes can be applied to almost any interior renovations: This season is a great time to complete projects on the inside of your home. This month I will provide some general thoughts regarding floor plan changes that can be applied to most bathroom, kitchen, basement and garage renovations.



#### 1. Relocation of a wall can

be simple or complicated depending on the situation but can provide a great solution to square footage needs by combining 2 rooms into one:

- Evaluate if the wall is load bearing.
- If a load bearing wall, a beam will need to be installed to carry the load.
- Determine the size of the opening desired between the adjacent rooms.
- Example: Opening up a wall between a kitchen and a dining room can provide an open concept that makes the existing space much more efficient.

#### 2. Adding a wall / doorway to an open bonus room can create an additional bedroom:

- The bedroom must have an exterior window.
- If in a basement, egress codes must be met.

#### 3. Opening a wall in a bathroom into an adjacent closet or bedroom can capture space creating a larger bathroom:

- Tub, sink and toilet relocation is generally necessary to make this strategy successful.

- A master bath can be created by installing a connection between rooms.

#### 4. Enclosing a garage door can create additional living space. Many things must be considered in a garage repurpose project:

- Exterior finish
- HVAC
- Electrical

Floor plan changes can be a great way to solve existing space problems and make the square footage of your home more efficient. The examples above are greatly simplified for the sake of this brief article; time should be taken planning and evaluating existing conditions and scope of work before beginning construction. Designing with consideration of all the options and costs is key before beginning construction to achieve a successful project. As always, consult with a local qualified construction professional before starting your project. I hope this month's tips are helpful, please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

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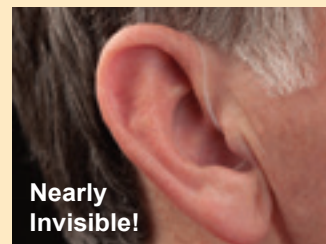
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## Talking about faith

Emmanuel Church of Greenwood parishioners AJ and Sarah Eder put Christ in the center of all family discussions

### WHERE WE WORSHIP

For AJ and Sarah Eder and their two boys, Emmanuel Church of Greenwood has become a second

family.

"We get to do things together as a family with our small group," Sarah stated. "Our boys are making friends with the kids of others members in our group. We fellowship with our extended family, our small group family, often and I think that is huge."

"Emmanuel is also huge on global missions," Sarah said. AJ will partake in a hike to raise money for Africa New Life. "We are climbing Mount Rainier," AJ stated, "and raising money to build more churches and schools and to provide meals for children."

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

The small group was the catalyst in our spiritual growth. We loved taking in and digesting the sermons, but we were really able to study them and break them down within our group.

### How does your place of worship help you feel connected?

The Lord is the common thread of all of our discussions. It has given us all something to base our lives, our decisions, our respect, and our love for each other on. We have found ourselves talking through different scenarios of life and applying it to Christ more. Talking about our faith in everyday conversation with the boys has become easier when we make Christ the center of everything.

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

The environment caters to families. The children's ministry is wonderful, and that is one of the things that drew us here. Danny Anderson, the pastor, is very relevant in the way that we look at scripture and apply it to today's life. From the beginning, we would walk away feeling like we had a new perspective into God's word.

Compiled by Beth Wade



AJ and Sarah Eder with their two sons Anthony and Alex. Submitted Photo

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## Changing the way you think

### DEVOTIONAL

By Pastor  
Chris Philbeck

The Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius once said, "The most important things in life are the thoughts you choose to think." If this is true, then the most important decision you'll make today is what to think about. You can choose to think thoughts of faith or thoughts of doubt, thoughts of hope or thoughts of despair, thoughts of love or thoughts of hate. But make no mistake, whatever thoughts you choose will ultimately find their way into your words and your actions as the day wears on and so, in the end, it will be your thoughts that shape your life.

In Romans 12:2, Paul writes, "Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think" (New Living Translation). What a powerful concept, but how does this happen? It happens as you read God's Word and let it fill your mind and shape your thoughts. And when you do that, when you make reading God's Word a priority in your life, you'll find you can make the choice to believe the best about the future He has planned for you. That's called faith.

When you make reading God's Word a priority in your life, you'll find you can make

the choice to expect the best in each situation because you'll know that God is at work in the details. That's called hope.

When you make reading God's Word a priority in your life you'll find you can make the choice to give your best to those around you, because that's what God has called you to do. That's called love.

Then one day you'll wake up and realize that your life has become filled with the very things you chose to think about - faith, hope and love. Proverbs 4:23 says, "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life." In other words, "Guard your heart because everything about your life flows from the heart." If you're familiar with your Bible, you know that the "heart" is always a reference to the mind: the source of our thoughts. Guard your mind, friend, because it has the power to shape your life. Guard your mind by choosing to let God change the way you think as you fill it with the truth of His Word. This is something all of us can do, and we can start today.



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## ICON of the Month

### Dr. Davin Harpe

### Principal of Sugar Grove Elementary is named district 9 Principal of the Year

As Center Grove Community Schools began the 2016-17 school year Aug. 2, Sugar Grove Elementary School Principal Dr. Davin Harpe says he looks forward to continuing to help students strive through the year and families to feel connected to the school.

Davin was recently named Indiana Association of School Principals District 9 Principal of the Year. He will be recognized on Nov. 20 as part of the 2016 Principals of the Year Recognition Celebration.

"I don't think it's me," he says. "I know that this award is called the principal of the year award, but I wish it was called the school family of the year award. Real substantial evidence of higher student achievement plays an impact on this award. It's our kids who are achieving at such high levels. I know they're getting the support they need from our staff and their families. I know I wouldn't be recognized with this award if that kind of achievement wasn't happening."

Davin is from Tell City, Ind. He earned a Bachelor's in elementary education from Indiana University, Master's in educational administration from Ball State University and a PhD in district level leadership from Purdue University. He and his wife, Betsy, moved to central Indiana in 1999.

Davin has taught at Western Boone Community School Corporation, Hamilton Southeastern School Corporation in Fishers, was principals at Parkside Elementary in Columbus, Ind. He helped open a school in Franklin Township, Indianapolis, in 2007. He served as a principal in Brownsburg before deciding to come to Sugar Grove Elementary in 2013.

One of Davin's first actions as principal at Sugar Grove was to introduce a collaborative program called Professional Learning Communities. The goal is to ensure teachers are working together to find the best way to serve their students.

"We're constantly asking ourselves four simple questions," he says, "what do we want our kids to learn, how do we know our kids have learned it, what do we do if they don't learn it and what do we do if our kids already know it, to extend and enrich on their learning. Our teachers have just run with that and have never looked back. As I look at our school today, we are very collaborative because of that process. We are focused on very specific and intentional things that are individualized for our kids."

Outside of his work at Sugar Grove, Davin was recently accepted into Leadership Johnson County. He attends Stones Crossing Church, and says he looks forward to volunteering each October with the Indiana Down's Syndrome Buddy Walk. He and Betsy have three children, who will or do attend Sugar Grove: Wyatt (9), Charlotte (8) and Maggie (3).

Here, we learn more about our September Center Grove Icon of the Month, Dr. Davin Harpe:

**What do you consider your greatest virtue?** Reflective. I am always trying to learn how I can be better at all aspects of life.

**What do you most deplore in others?** I defer judgment whenever possible. It is important to support, forgive, and expect the best in people. Seek first to understand, and only then, to be understood.

**What do you like most about living in Center Grove?** The people. We are so lucky to live in such a neighborly and friendly community. We expect excellence and are willing to do our part in achieving it.

**If you had to live anywhere else in the Metro Indianapolis area, where would it be?** Center Grove is home. We've lived in other areas, and I cannot imagine moving my family away from here.

**If you could begin life over, what would you change?** I have wished some things could have occurred differently as they were happening, but looking back at the big picture, I wouldn't change a thing. I feel so blessed to have the family, friends, career and life that I was given.



**If money were no issue, how would you spend it?** I would give to God by making sure my church had everything it needed, and I would travel the world with my family.

**What makes you happiest?** Spending time with my wife and kids.

**What is your favorite vacation spot?** Waiting in long lines so my kids can meet Disney characters, because I know one day I will wish I could do that again. I also love the Napali Coast in Kauai, Hawaii.

**What do you do with idle time?** I am blessed with a full life, but when I get idle time I tend to work on home improvement projects.

**What do you do to escape from reality?** I love to golf, especially when my kids go with me. I am also a PADI certified advanced open water scuba diver and love to be in, on, and around water.

**What or who is the greatest love of your life?** My wife, Betsy, whose love and support have always inspired me to do and be more. I have learned so much from her.

**Which living person in Center Grove do you most admire?** Fire Chief Jeremy Pell is a true community man with a servant's heart. He genuinely cares for others, and I enjoy speaking with him every time our paths cross.

**What is the quality you like most in a person?** I like people who choose to be positive, kind, and honest.

**What is your greatest extravagance?** I recently became a member at a local golf course, which is something I have wanted to do for a long time.

**What are your fears/phobias?** Heights and snakes – I could do without them both.

**What has been the happiest time of your life?** Every decade has given me many terrific memories, and I know the best have yet to come. My wife and I are having so much fun with our son and two daughters right now. They are just getting to the age when they can travel easier, play a full round of golf, ride roller coasters, and try new adventures.

**Which talent would you most like to possess?** I would love to be a professional golfer. I could travel the world, play golf, and use that stage to inspire kids worldwide to learn at high levels and be great contributors to society.

**What do you most value in your friends?** I can count on them to lend a hand, share some laughs, and offer great advice.

**Which historical figure do you most admire?** Benjamin Franklin made so many contributions as an inventor, scientist, author, printer, politician, and more. His wisdom and endless efforts to improve the society in which he lived

have greatly impressed me.

**What is your greatest regret?** I often regret not making sure my kids have their shoes on before we drive away from our house.

**What tenet do you live by?** Live your life with hope – guided by knowledge and inspired by love.

Compiled by Nicole Davis



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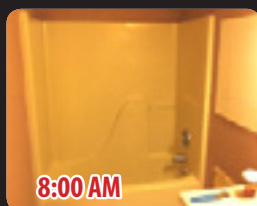


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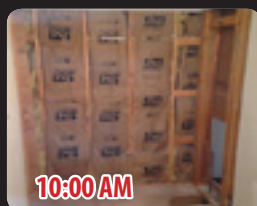
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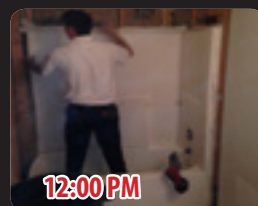
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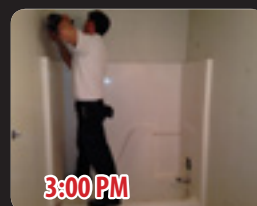
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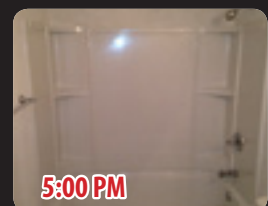
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