

# CENTER GROVE

# ICON

Volume 4 Issue 03



Center Grove ICON  
of the Month Page 31

**BUSINESS LEADER**  
SOUTHSIDE

Pages 11-14

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS  
WEEK Pages 15-23



IT'S GOLDEN Pages 24-25

Between the Johnson County  
Community Foundation  
and Center Grove Education  
Foundation, there is a fund for  
everyone's charitable interests.

# GIFTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING

Pages 6-7

January 16 – February 12, 2016

[myICON.info](http://myICON.info)



**CARTER'S**  
*my plumber.com*

On Time, Fixed Right, With Courtesy, Respect, And A Smile!



**859-9999**

C088900054

**\$25 OFF**  
ANY FROZEN WATER LINE



Some restrictions apply. Coupon must be presented at time of service. Cannot be combined with any other offers. Expires 2/21/16

**CARTER'S**  
my plumber.com

Call now

**859-9999**



Superbowl Specials

# Superbowl got you Cranky?

The toilet is flushed more during half-time than at any time during the year! Stop worrying about your plumbing, and Call Us today!



**FREE**



*NO purchase Necessary!*

**Plumber to your door!**

Monday-Friday 8a-3p. Coupon must be presented at time of service. Cannot be combined with any other offers. Expires 2/21/16

**SAVE \$50**

**ANY PLUMBING REPAIR OR DRAIN CLEANING**

Not valid with any other offers. Cannot combine offers. Some restrictions apply. Coupon must be presented at time of service. Expires 2/21/16

**GAME DAY \$49 CLEANING**

1. DRAIN WATER HEATER & CLEAN AIR SCREEN
2. WHOLE HOUSE TOILET INSEPTION
3. KITCHEN DRAIN TREATMENT

Excludes Tankless Flush. Coupon must be presented at time of service. Expires 2/21/16

**\$700 OFF ANY TUB/SHOWER REPLACEMENT**

Coupon must be presented at time of estimate. Cannot be combined with any other offers. Expires 2/21/16

## ALL TYPES OF PLUMBING REPAIR & REPLACEMENT



*Kelson & Jamie*  
2nd & 3rd Generation Plumbers



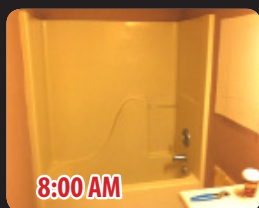
PROTECTING YOUR HEALTH AND SAFETY

*Max & Bella*  
Stress Management

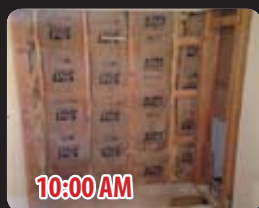


Locally Owned and Operated by the Carter Family

**Get a Tub or Shower Replaced in a Day!**  
Go to [www.CartersMyPlumber.com](http://www.CartersMyPlumber.com) for more info!



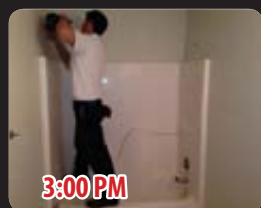
8:00 AM



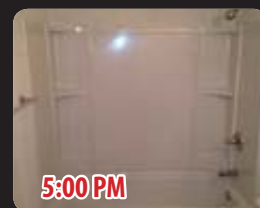
10:00 AM



12:00 PM



3:00 PM



5:00 PM

**Contact the Editor**

Have any news tips? Want to submit a calendar event? Have a photograph to share? Call Nicole Davis at 300-8782 or email her at news@myICON.info. Remember, our news deadlines are several days prior to print.

**Want to Advertise?**

Center Grove ICON reaches a vast segment of our community. For information about reaching our readers, call Brian Ruckle at 300-8782 or email him at bruckle@businessleader.bz.



A product of



**Established**  
November 2012  
Times-Leader  
Publications, LLC  
©2016  
All Rights Reserved

**CENTER GROVE**  
**ICON**

Rick Myers  
Publisher  
Brian Kelly  
Chief Executive Officer  
Nicole Davis  
Content Editor  
Katie Mosley  
Copy Editor  
Carey Germana  
Production & Design

**7670 US 31 S**  
**Indianapolis, IN 46227**  
**Ph: (317) 300-8782**



The Center Grove ICON is published by Times-Leader Publications, LLC. Content published alongside this icon is sponsored by one of our valued advertisers.

Sponsored content is produced or commissioned by advertisers working in tandem with Times-Leader's sales representatives. Sponsored content may not reflect the views of The Center Grove ICON publisher, editorial staff or graphic design team. The Center Grove ICON is devoted to clearly differentiating between sponsored content and editorial content. Potential advertisers interested in sponsored contact should call (317) 300-8782 or email sponsored@myicon.info.

# Outlook on 2016

## Greenwood Mayor Mark Myers discusses infrastructure, business and budgets for 2016

**FEATURE**

By Nicole Davis

Going into his second term, Greenwood Mayor Mark Myers said the city is excited about 2016. While there aren't as many large-scale projects for the coming year, Greenwood residents can look forward to changes in infrastructure, more high-quality businesses and the creation of a master plan for the betterment of the entire downtown area.

In his first term as mayor, Myers said they are proud of Freedom Springs, the newest amenity. He said there were surveys that said the city would lose a lot of money by opening the aquatics park. However, even with the cold summer weather in 2015, the center profited \$300,000.

"I can hardly wait to see what this summer brings," he said. "It's a huge addition for the city. When you talk to businesses, show them our aquatics facility while they are looking at relocating and where they want their employees to be."

The opening of the I-65 Worthsville Road interchange was a success, he said. The interchange, in the works since 2012, opened November 2015. The city also constructed its first three roundabouts to relieve rush-hour traffic.

Myers said, overall, relocating the city building was one of their biggest accomplishments.

"It's no longer like you're going into a dungeon where the floors creek and you can hear people walking above you," he said. "It's amazing the difference it has on people's opinions of Greenwood. They see us as being very progressive. It changed everyone's attitudes, the employees', too. You can see and sense the happiness that everyone has and it still carries on."

Myers said the city is entering 2016 in a good place financially, having presented budgets the past three years that were cash positive.

The city will see a lot of infrastructure this year, including street repair and a \$30 million sewer project taking care of the west side of the city and into the Center Grove area. The

storm water department will work on a masterplan to stop flooding issues.

The Downtown Façade Project will begin in 2016. Greenwood was awarded a grant in 2015 to improve its historic commercial properties. Twenty-two of the 33 eligible buildings will have some type of restoration work done, giving the area a more historic look. The city is conducting a traffic survey, looking to re-route some of the downtown traffic and widen sidewalks to make the area more walkable.

The city has made an arrangement with the Greenwood Community School Corporation to purchase the Greenwood Middle School building on South Madison Avenue. The corporation is constructing a new middle school on Averitt Road, scheduled for completion for the 2017-18 school year. Knowing that, Myers said the city plans for the downtown area by the end of 2016, incorporating the school property and the old

park. He would like to see two to three-story buildings constructed on the school property, with restaurants and other businesses on the bottom with apartments and condos on top.

Gershman Partners announced in 2015 that it purchased the property near County Line Road and the I-65 interchange, planning to invest \$90 million into the construction of Greenwood Town Center. It will bring higher-end restaurants and shops to the area. Construction is expected to start late summer and the center will open early 2017.

With a growing city, Myers said the biggest challenge is maintaining a balanced budget and continuing to provide the same high-quality services. He said he will lobby the state for a food and beverage tax for Greenwood. A bill proposing the tax has been introduced to the legislature in previous years, and voted down.

"We are trying to find ways to have more businesses come to Greenwood," Myers said, "especially the office professionals and light industrial which is some of the higher paying jobs and will benefit our tax base and our residents."



Mayor Mark Myers  
Greenwood

*"It's amazing the difference it has on people's opinions of Greenwood. They see us as being very progressive..."*

**AROUND TOWN****Educator Nominated for National LifeChanger of the Year Award**

Angela Marsh, academic instructor, grades 9-12 at Center Grove Alternative Academy, has been nominated for the 2015-2016 national LifeChanger of the Year award.



Sponsored by the National Life Group Foundation, the LifeChanger of the Year program recognizes and rewards the very best K-12 public and private school educators and employees across the United States who are making a difference in the lives of students by exemplifying excellence, positive influence and leadership.

Marsh was nominated by assistant superintendent Sally Hacker. Marsh's classroom has a non-traditional school setting; her students work at their own pace through blended learning. Each school year, the LifeChanger of the Year program receives hundreds of nominations. For 2015-2016, a total of 16 winners will be chosen by the selection committee to receive cash awards that are split between the individual winner and their school. The national Grand Prize award is \$10,000. The top five winners will also be honored at a national awards ceremony. Winners will be announced in spring 2016. To view Ms. Marsh's LifeChanger of the Year nominee profile, or to nominate someone from your school community, visit [LifeChangeroftheYear.com](http://LifeChangeroftheYear.com).

**Center Grove's Tidd named to all-American football team**

Center Grove High School senior Cameron Tidd has received all-American honors with his selection to the Blue-Grey North-South Game. Tidd plays defensive tackle for the CGHS varsity football team and



helped lead his team to the 6A State Football Championship in November. Tidd has accepted a full scholarship to play football at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

"I am excited for Cam on all of his accomplishments," said Brock Tidd, Cameron's father. "Mostly, I am proud of him for his humbleness. He has always been more focused on his team and this community. He, like the rest of the team, had one goal this season. That accomplishment with his team means more to him than any personal award."

The Blue-Grey North-South Game was at Raymond James Stadium in Tampa, Fla. on Jan. 9.

## Center Grove News Quiz

How well do you know your Center Grove community? Test your current event knowledge each month with a little Q&A!

- The Johnson County Community Foundation is celebrating its \_\_\_\_ year as an organization in 2016.
  - 10th
  - 15th
  - 25th
  - 50th
- What is Saints Francis & Clare Catholic School's fundraiser on Jan. 30?
  - A chili cook-off
  - A winter festival
  - An ice cream party
  - A talent show
- Winter has been warm so far in 2016. Reflecting on colder times, Jeff Beck's column states that Center Grove alumni can recall having to stay where during a snowstorm in the winter of 1963?
  - Center Grove High School
  - Whiteland Gymnasium
  - His home in Bargersville
  - The middle school
- The longtime Center Grove business, True Value Hardware, recently reopened where?
  - Bargersville
  - Franklin
  - Greenwood
  - By Center Grove High School
- According to Greenwood Mayor Mark Myers, the Center Grove area will receive much-needed \_\_\_\_ work in 2016.
  - Trash removal
  - Electric
  - Street
  - Sewer

Answers  
1. C  
2. A  
3. B  
4. A  
5. D



## HISTORY & ARCHITECTURE



Submitted Photo

Main entrance of Center Grove High School during a cold snap in earlier years.

## Snow days: Time to bundle up for the bus

By Jeff Beck

Many people enjoy snow, however, most do not. Cold temperatures and blustery days greet students on many mornings as their school day begins. The photo this month shows the main entrance of Center Grove High School in years past. Busses were often packed with students, both high school and elementary, bundled up for their cold ride to school. Remember writing messages on frosted windows as we waited for our friends to join us for our morning ride? A bus driver asked a student one morning why he was always late. The student simply replied that it was because he had to wait for his mother to scrape the burnt stuff off his toast ... another winter memory.

Center Grove seldom closed for snow in early days. A friend told me recently he could not recall school ever being called off during his years at Center Grove. Two-hour delays were unheard of in my Center Grove days. Now, we see two-hour delays as worthwhile, especially on icy or foggy mornings, as safety is of utmost importance. Weather delays provide students time to finish reports, sleep a few hours longer or enjoy the serenity of the morning.

Winter makes older Center Grove alumni recall many basketball tournaments having many inches of snow. Winter of 1963 was a memorable one. Whiteland Gymnasium hosted the 1963 basketball tournament where many inches of snow fell before and during the event. Leaders were so concerned about folks returning home after the basketball game that they were asked to remain the night at Whiteland gym. Folks were not pleased, but they safe and warm. Stories soon abound about local farmers and contractors using their personal equipment to clean roads, giving those stranded at least a chance to return home the next morning. Be safe, keep warm, and enjoy our changing seasons.

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*.

## GREAT SERVICE, SMART PRICING CALL RAY'S TODAY.

"Is your company's New Year's resolution to go green? Call Ray's and find out about all of its exciting recycling programs. Whether you need a small container for office recycling, or large-scale equipment to handle excess packing materials, and things in between, Ray's has you covered. Ray's Trash is the only call you need to make for your recycling and waste removal needs. We offer consultants to review your needs and design a competitively priced custom program for you. Call us today to schedule a review of your property's disposal plan."

**Ray's**  
TRASH SERVICE

317.539.2024 • 800.531.6752  
www.raystrash.com

## OUR VIEWS

## All of the activity and now we wait

For the past couple of months, Center Grove residents have signed petitions in support of or against a proposed Student Activity Center. The Center Grove school board voted in approval to renew bonds that would soon be paid off to fund the \$10 million activity center without raising taxes.

Supporters say that students are running out of space to host their extracurricular activities. This would certainly give them that space, for not only athletics but activities such as robotics. Remonstrators say there are better ways to spend taxpayer dollars and are upset that the project is \$1 away from residents needing to vote on it.

As of Dec. 14, 178 petitions were turned in supporting the Student Activity Center. The opposition turned in 94. Each petition packet has space for 25 signatures. The Johnson County Clerk's Office now has to verify that each signature is valid and that the person is a resident of the Center Grove district. So now we wait.

As we have seen time and time again, this community revolves around the school district. The proposed Student Activity Center will be 59,500 square feet with an expanded weight room, small activity space and a large activity space including four basketball courts and an indoor track. With a facility like this available to all high school students, it would be a nice space for them to continue to flourish in their athletic and academic achievements. Now community members have had their say on whether or not it's something they want. We're looking forward to what the future holds for this proposed facility.

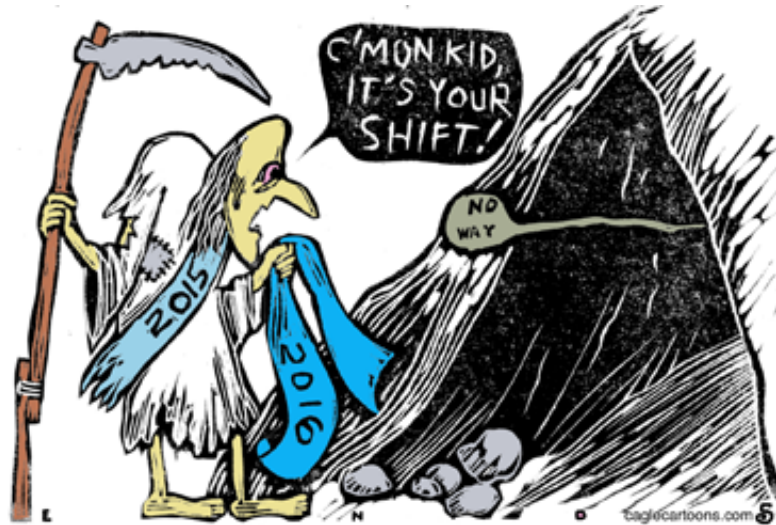
## BELIEVE IT!

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

In Maryland, thistles may not grow in one's yard.. **[dumblaws.com](http://dumblaws.com)**

## Yes, we want your letters

Readers of the Center Grove ICON are encouraged to send letters to the editor as often as they wish. The stipulations are that the letter is timely, focused (not more than 200 words) and verifiable. Please make sure to provide your complete name and daytime and evening telephone contact numbers. All letters are subject to editing for brevity, clarity and grammar. Please direct correspondence to: [news@myICON.info](mailto:news@myICON.info).



## A new year and a new you

Commentary by Gus Pearcy

A recent study determined that people seem to think a casually-dressed person is more of an expert than a well-dressed one. Why? Researchers think it has to do with a perception that a disheveled looking person must be more of a genius since he can dress however he wants. That's my story. I dress down to make people believe that I'm a genius when in reality I can't afford the Men's Wearhouse.

Perceptions affect us in ways we can't imagine. We sit on our intelligence thrones and pass judgements on people based on their haircuts or tattoo placement. Everyone does it. Thinking you don't judge on small, imperceptible items is a level of naïveté that forces me to judge you. Even how you dress has been shown to affect your self-perception.

In one study, recent college grads were given lab coats. One group was told the coats were the same that research scientists wear. The other group was told they were painter's smocks. Then both groups were given a test to list minor differences in two, seemingly similar photos. As you have probably already guessed, the winners were in the "doctor's lab coats." Why? The theory is that when you wear something deemed more prestigious or important that you feel more important and can focus better.

This also has the same effect on dealing

with others. Several times I've heard of an experiment where classroom teachers were told that their students were high-performing and the teachers reacted accordingly. Students were expected to perform better simply because of a perception of the teachers. These high expectations pushed the students to do more and learn more.

Other examples include study participants who, after washing their hands, had enhanced moral purity and ethical judgements. Another experiment seemed to prove that participants who were holding hot drinks judged others as warmer.

Either way, I think it is better to be aware of these things and either dismiss them or take action steps to enhance them. The easiest thing to do is to not jump to conclusions. That's my New Year's Resolution (along with eating better and walking the length of a marathon over the course of a month). If we could just not be so judgmental and think the best of people's intentions, we could go a long way in becoming what we want the world to be. It has to be better to think that way, right?



Gus Pearcy is a contributing columnist to the Center Grove ICON. He may be reached at (317) 403-6485 or [pearcy.gus@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pearcy.gus@sbcglobal.net). Gus blogs frequently at [guspearcycommunications.wordpress.com](http://guspearcycommunications.wordpress.com).

## MONTHLY QUOTE

"Hope smiles from the threshold of the year to come, whispering 'it will be happier'..."

~ Alfred Lord Tennyson

## FROM THE PUBLISHER

## Entering 40 years, Price still eager to serve public

In February, John Price will be entering his 40th year of public service, and the District 47 State Representative seems as ready as ever to do what he believes is in the best interest of his constituency.

This milestone includes his service in the US Army, law enforcement, as well as the many elected offices he has held over the years serving the folks in Johnson County and White River Township.

Price and other local state legislators were speaking at the Greenwood Chamber of

*"...I would have expected nothing less of an answer. There's something about his sincerity and it resonates to those he serves."*

Commerce's Legislative Matters Luncheon on Jan. 8. Afterward, I got a chance to speak to the winner of two State Legislator of the Year awards, and our conversation centered on what he gets out of being a legislator – he's in his second term.

"I'm doing this to make a difference," he said. "I've lived here all my life. So the people in Johnson County ... the Southside, surrounding counties. I deal with them, talk with them through the different hats I've worn and the different boards I've been on."

As I've gotten to know John over the years I would have expected nothing less of an answer. There's something about his sincerity and it resonates to those he serves.

"I'm humbled by that (being named Legislator of the Year twice) but that's not my motivator," He said. "My motivator is to go in and get something done that constituents want done and it helps either save money or saves lives ..."

If you have something on your mind that you believe needs legislative action, let John know by emailing him at [h47@iga.in.gov](mailto:h47@iga.in.gov) – or better yet, email him and let him know how much you've appreciated his 40 years of public service.



Rick Myers is co-owner of Times-Leader Publications, LLC., publisher of Center Grove ICON, Southside Business Leader and The Southside Times. Write him at [news@myicon.info](mailto:news@myicon.info).

# GIFTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING



**Between the Johnson County Community Foundation and Center Grove Education Foundation, there is a fund for everyone's charitable interests.**

**By Nicole Davis**

With many projects and initiatives in the community, it's likely the Johnson County Community Foundation or the Center Grove Education Foundation has helped work behind the scenes.

Those desiring to contribute financially to their community, but aren't quite sure how or to what, should turn to these foundations to see the many ways that these dollars can be stretched. From art programs to scholarship funds, the opportunities to give back are endless.

## Johnson County Community Foundation

2016 is a year to celebrate for the Johnson County Community Foundation. As the nonprofit organization enters its 25th year, it continues to see growth in funds raised and given.

Last year, JCCF applied for a Lilly Endowment Match program, needing to raise \$1 million by March 2016. Its goal was achieved by the end of 2015 – three months early.

JCCF started 27 new funds in 2015, partially due to the Lilly Match opportunity. They average 12 new funds a year. With more than 250 different funds, JCCF has \$23 million in total assets.

"A lot of people think we fund general charity programs: food pantries, domestic violence programs. We do that," says Gail Richards, president and CEO. "But we also do things like arts and culture, which includes parks and recreation, community development."

Richards said they have a town fund in Bargersville that they used until it got its Main Street designation. They helped start the Center Grove and Franklin Education Foundation's funds until they got their 501c3 designation. They held funds for an Independence Park project as an accessible playground was being constructed. The White River Township Fire Department is building a live burn unit to train the firefighters in the county, which JCCF helped fund part of last year.

JCCF will kick off its 25th anniversary with A Classic Car Event on Jan. 20, 5:30 – 7 p.m. with snacks, drinks and a tour of Ray

Skillman's Classic Car collection at 1280 U.S. 31 S., Greenwood.

"We're very excited about reaching that milestone," Richards says. "Lilly started a community foundation in every county, so a lot of us are reaching our 25th anniversary about the same time. I think that it's amazing. I knew the foundation when it had nothing, when first full-time director Sandy Daniels was in charge of it. To watch it grow from the first \$600 grant to watching it give out almost a million dollars a year in grants and scholarships is pretty phenomenal."

Here are some examples of funds that JCCF organizes. Donations to the general fund or a specific fund may be made at [jccf.org](http://jccf.org).

## General Fund - Arts and Culture

JCCF will host a special community project in celebration of its 25th anniversary, as part of an arts and culture initiative. Stephanie Walls, program associate, says they hope to paint murals in Franklin, Greenwood and

Bargersville.

They are currently identifying locations. A "call to artists" will be sent out mid to late February, asking for designs for the murals. The winning artist will receive a prize and get to work with a professional artist to have their design painted. JCCF will host community days in each location, allowing community members to contribute to the mural.

"We're looking forward to the art project, the mural project because a lot of people don't know we do this kind of thing," Walls says. "The mural will be there for five to 10 years. We hope to continue that each year with different themes, showing that we support public art in our community."

## Jill Buck Memorial Scholarship

After Center Grove resident Jill Buck and her children, Branson and Aidan, passed away in 2015, a memorial scholarship fund was set up in Jill's name by her colleagues at South Grove Eye Care.

The scholarship is open to any Johnson County students desiring to pursue a career in the healthcare field. The application is available on the JCCF's website through Feb. 26. Students are told to write an essay on "What in your life has led you to desire to work in the medical field?"

"We have a lot of memorial funds," says Kim Minton, vice president of development for JCCF. "We love being approached for stuff like this. (Jill) was prominent in the community. People know who she was. She really had a passion for her community, the kids she served. Being able to award scholarships in someone like that's name is a cool way to honor those people. I'm excited to see where it goes."

## Endress + Hauser Scholarships

Endress + Hauser sponsors two scholarships through JCCF: Launching Scholars Scholarship and Sustaining Scholars Scholarship. The international company has its U.S. headquarters in Greenwood. It awarded its first scholarships through JCCF in 2015.

"They wanted a cohesive way they could manage their charitable dollars," Minton said. "It's been a fun process to see them come through this and their wheels turning. Rather than thinking just straight engineering, they're thinking broader into the types of disciplines that their work falls under."

Launching Scholars is for graduating seniors who plan to enroll full time at an ac-

credited two to four-year college and plan to major in engineering, engineering technology, biology, chemistry, physics, industrial distribution or industrial design. Sustaining Scholars is for graduating seniors enrolled full time at Purdue University, Rose Hulman Institute of Technology or Ivy Tech who are majoring in the above listed degrees or advanced automation, advanced manufacturing or electronics and computer technology. The company has also sponsored classroom grants for schools which participated in a community career and education forum, along with other charitable causes.

"It's been wonderful to see the kinds of kids we're getting in this program," Walls says. "We're interested to see where this is going."

## Center Grove Education Foundation

The Center Grove Education Foundation will award more teacher grants than ever by the end of the 2015-16 school year.

CGEF received 28 teacher grant applications for the 2015 Fall Grant Cycle, just under \$28,000, and 13 Professional Development grant applications totaling more than \$26,000. The board approved awarding more than double the usual amount of grants for the school year. Between last fall and this spring, the foundation will present \$42,000 to teachers in Center Grove schools. \$20,500 was awarded for the fall.

"We would hope that people would donate to the foundation, so we can use those funds where they are most needed," says Carla Johnson, executive director.

The foundation's largest fundraiser, the 9th Annual Gala for the Grove, will be April 22 at the J.W. Marriott Indianapolis. It is currently taking reservations for the gala at [centergrovefoundation.org](http://centergrovefoundation.org). Proceeds benefit Center Grove schools.

CGEF has used money raised at this gala to fund Camp REACH the past two years. Camp REACH is an enrichment and remediation camp offered during school intercessions.

To donate or learn more about the Center Grove Education Foundation, visit [centergrovefoundation.org](http://centergrovefoundation.org).

## Memorial Funds

Memorial grants are one way the CGEF is able to provide grants to the teachers in Center Grove schools.

The Beck Memorial Fund was established in 2005 by Jeff and Sharon Beck. Jeff, a Center Grove alumnus and former CGEF board member, started the fund in memory of his parents, John Earl and Ruth Beck. John Earl was a Center Grove-area farmer who served in the Army Air Corps during WWII. Ruth was the first school nurse for Center Grove.

They passed away at 94 and 98 years of age, respectively. This fund provides for a teacher grant each spring. This spring the grant will support Center Grove Middle School Central teachers Anthony Bell and Kathleen Schmidt in their project, *The Power of Forgiveness: Helping to Create a Better Tomorrow One Person at a Time*. Three hundred forty students will benefit as the grant allows for Eva Kor, a Holocaust survivor, to visit and speak. Kor is the author of *Surviving Angel of Death*, describing her experience of cruel and inhumane treatment as her twin sister, Miriam, suffered through experiments of Josef Mengele. She spreads a positive message of determination and self-belief.

The Lammert Memorial Fund honors the memory of Steve Lammert, a 1965 Center Grove valedictorian, former school board trustee member and CGEF board member. The Steve Lammert Science and Technology grant was established by Steve's wife, Andrea Lammert, to assist educators who share his passion for science and technology. This grant is awarded during the spring grant cycle, with consideration to any project promoting student appreciation of science or technology.

The Buchanan Memorial Fund was established by the friends and family of Sherrie Buchanan. Sherrie was a teachers' aide to students with special needs at Center Grove Middle School Central and a four-year CGEF board member and officer. She passed away of cancer in November 2012. The Sherrie Buchanan Memorial Grant is funded by private donations of friends and family along with proceeds from an annual summer fundraiser, Sherrie's Ride. The grant goes to teachers who educate students with special needs.

## Teacher Grants

CGEF awarded nine teacher grants totaling \$9,335 and five professional development grants totaling \$11,175 in the fall of 2015. Here are three examples of what these grants support:

Center Grove High School science teacher Danielle Myers was awarded a grant for her project, *Virtual Vision – A Need for Nearness*. In her application, she wrote that CGHS will soon offer a course titled *Introduction to Forensics*. The grant will provide for lab materials to study specimens and evidence that students will collect as part of the laboratory exercises, cameras and micro-

scopes.

Center Grove Middle School North teacher Mark Snodgrass was awarded a grant for his project, *Failing Forward: Blending the Virtual World and Reality*. The money will

go to the purchase of a 3D printer. The eighth grade students will use graphic skills by designing a two-part model with the software, Blender.

"Students will utilize their math concepts, as well as basic engineering concepts while also applying what they have learned about new software, Blender," Snodgrass wrote in his application. "By allowing the students

to print a 3D model that they have created removes that fear (of failure); instead it embodies them with confidence to venture into the unknown."

Center Grove Middle School Central TAP teacher Kara Johnson was awarded a grant for her project, *Trojan Café*. The project was jointly funded by CGEF and the Buchanan Memorial Fund. CGMSC has reintroduced the Essential Skills program. Partnering with

the Transitional Academics Program (TAP), this teaches life skills such as cleaning, cooking, budgeting, grocery shopping and more to students with special needs. Trojan Café will allow the program to have two fully-stocked kitchens to allow students to practice kitchen safety, cleanliness, cooking skills, business skills and work experience.

"At the beginning of the school year, students fill out a job application, create posters and signage, and assist in picking out items for the menu," Johnson wrote in her application. "Almost every other Friday, the classroom is transformed into a coffee shop; students change into their Trojan Café uniform, and everyone reports to their station. Staff at MSC can order their coffee and snacks online or in-person, and they can choose if they would like their order marked for delivery or pick-up. The students' families are also welcome to visit the Trojan Café. Students alternate jobs each week taking on the different tasks needed to make everything run smoothly. They greet customers, take orders, fill orders, make deliveries, and use a cash register iPad app to determine the customer's total and change. After the coffee shop closes, students count the money in the cash register, tally amounts sold of each item, take inventory, and reflect on how they felt they did at their job that day."

"Those desiring to contribute financially to their community, but aren't quite sure how or to what, should turn to these foundations to see the many ways that these dollars can be stretched..."



INDIANAPOLIS SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

# COMING TO GREATER GREENWOOD

## BEETHOVEN'S FIFTH SYMPHONY

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 3PM

Center Grove High School

Krzysztof Urbanski, Conductor






**TICKETS: \$20 FOR ADULTS, \$10 FOR CHILDREN AND STUDENTS**

**BUY NOW AT 317.639.4300 OR AT INDIANAPOLISSYMPHONY.ORG.**

TITLE SPONSOR: 

Supported by: The Margot L. and Robert S. Eccles Fund, a fund of CICF



# Night to Shine

Every guest will leave Mount Pleasant feeling like a king or queen as the church hosts a prom for people with special needs

## FEATURE

By Nicole Davis

Red carpet and paparazzi will greet guests on Feb. 12 as Mount Pleasant Christian Church holds its Night to Shine, a prom experience for people age 16 and older with special needs. With dancing, food, photos and games, each guest is promised to leave feeling like a king or queen.

“When I picture it, it’s just going to be an incredibly enjoyable evening,” says committee member, Christy Brink. “I look forward to seeing people dance and have a good time, let loose with lots of laughter and lots of smiling. I hope it’s an evening with a lot of joy.”

Mount Pleasant is one of 100 churches around the world which will simultaneously host the prom, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation.

After walking the red carpet, guests will receive VIP treatment including hair and makeup stations, shoe shining stations, corsages and boutonnieres, a karaoke room and dancing. Everyone will be crowned king or queen of prom, getting to leave with their crown, a framed photo and door prizes.

Caretakers will have a separate place to eat and enjoy the evening as well.

Brink says they hope to have 150 to 200 guests. Registration is open until Jan. 31. They will need approximately 300 volunteers for the evening, to help with set-up, manage different areas of the prom and to buddy up with the guests. Each guest will be matched with a buddy who will stay with them through the evening, dancing, playing games with them and making sure they stay involved.

“We know that sometimes individuals with special needs will need a quiet space or some time to unwind, so we have a decompression room they can go and it will be quiet and relaxing,” she said. “This is a population of people that is often overlooked. We want to open our arms to all individuals in all stages of life and just say we love you. We want to give caretakers a break for an evening and let them know we appreciate what they do. We want everyone to leave feeling not only like the king and queen of prom, but king and queen in the love of God.”

For more information on Night to Shine, visit: [timtebowfoundation.org/index.php/night-to-shine/](http://timtebowfoundation.org/index.php/night-to-shine/). For more information on Mount Pleasant’s event, visit [mpcc.info/localmissions](http://mpcc.info/localmissions).



Mount Pleasant Christian Church will host its first Night to Shine in February.  
Submitted Photo

## “Indy’s Oldest Heating & Cooling Co.”

**132nd Anniversary Sale**

Save \$45

**1/2 price Service call**

Must present at time of service.  
Cannot be combined with any other offer or discount  
W/ paid repair. Thiele 639-1111. Expires 2/16/16. M-F 8-4

**132nd Anniversary Sale**

Save up to \$480

**FREE**

**10 Year Warranty on the purchase of an air conditioner or heat pump**

Must present at time of service.  
Cannot be combined with any other offer or discount.  
Thiele 639-1111. Expires 2/16/16.

**132nd Anniversary Sale**

**FREE**

**2nd Opinion**

Will be honored upon presentation of Competitor Invoice at time of service.  
Cannot be combined with any other offer or discount.  
Mon-Fri 8am-5pm. Thiele 639-1111. Expires 2/16/16.

**132nd Anniversary Sale**

**\$59.95**

**Air Conditioner or Heat Pump Tune Up**

Must present at time of service.  
Cannot be combined with any other offer or discount.  
Mon-Fri 8am-4pm. Thiele 639-1111. Expires 2/16/16.

**No Hassle Financing Available!** WAC




Whatever it takes:  
**bryant**  
Heating & Cooling Systems

**317-639-1111**



**callthiele.com**



Chicago's Pizza  
is the official ICON  
Teacher of the Month  
Pizza Party supplier

January - February

**Mrs. Williamson**  
By: Rachel Graham & Maggie  
Marlin, Third Grade  
Maple Grove Elementary

We would like to nominate Mrs. Williamson for teacher of the month from Maple Grove Elementary School's third grade class.

Mrs. Williamson is sweet, kind, always has a smile on her face or says something positive to cheer us up. She makes us feel special because every week she picks someone to be Most Valuable Person and makes the whole week about that person. She is creative and makes learning fun. During reading time, she lets us read with one of her stuffed animals or pillows, and we get to read in a special place like a chair or couch. She rewards us for good behavior and grades with Willibucks that we cash in for toys or "fun things to do in class" coupons.

Kids, send your name, address and telephone number along with a 100-word summary of why your teacher should be honored as the Center Grove Icon Teacher of the Month to [teacher@myicon.info](mailto:teacher@myicon.info). The deadline for nominations for the Jan-Feb 2016 Teacher of the Month is Feb 1st. Your teacher will receive special recognition; plus, your class will win a pizza party compliments of Chicago's Pizza. Please take time to nominate a deserving teacher from Center Grove.

**Teacher of the Month**

## PERSONAL TRUSTS AND ESTATES



PROTECT, GROW AND  
MANAGE YOUR ASSETS

Our full-service Personal Trust Division includes:

- ◆ Revocable and Irrevocable Trusts
- ◆ Estate Settlement
- ◆ Life Insurance Trusts
- ◆ Charitable Trusts
- ◆ Guardianships

We are ready to respond with the highest level of personal service, privacy, confidentiality, and attention to detail.

In the ever-changing world of financial services, our Personal Trust Division is a constant.



THE NATIONAL  
BANK of INDIANAPOLIS

261-9790



CHECK OUT OUR  
**2015**  
 YEAR-END  
 CLOSEOUTS!  
 BUY NOW  
 AND SAVE  
 UNBELIEVABLE  
 BUYS  
 FREE LAYAWAY  
 FOR 6 MONTHS TO  
 RESERVE YOUR TAX  
 REFUND SAVINGS



[www.MartinFineFurnitureOnline.com](http://www.MartinFineFurnitureOnline.com)

Queen  
 Mattress Sets  
**\$299**



**HOURS:**  
 M-F, 10-8  
 Saturday, 10-6  
 Sunday, Noon-5



John & Suzanne  
 Fourth Generation

5420 US 31 South  
 Indianapolis  
 (317) 787-8659



Derek Watkins. Photo by Nicole Davis

## Derek Watkins

**Greenwood Fire lieutenant discovered his passion for the career through Central Nine Career Center**

### BEHIND the BADGE

Derek Watkins chose to make the Greenwood Fire Department his career home after he experienced how it operates as a cadet.

A 2001 graduate of Center Grove High School, Watkins attended Central Nine Career Center for half of each day during his junior and senior year. It was there that he was exposed to the life of firefighting which made him realize what he was supposed to do with his life.

"Greenwood was where I felt comfortable," he said. "I like the way it's run. I like the people. It's not a huge department but we do quite a bit of runs..."

Watkins resides in Greenwood with his wife, Mandy, and daughter, Laylah. He was hired to the Greenwood Fire Department part time after graduation and full time in 2006. He was promoted to lieutenant two years ago, working at Station 93 on Stop 18 Rd., and said he looks forward to what the future has in store.

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

In high school, I went to Central Nine and got involved in it and fell in love with it. I didn't know what I wanted to do with my life. I was in the first firefighting class offered at Central Nine. From then on I got involved with the cadet program here and made it my career.

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

Helping others in need. You know most of the time that we're called out, people need us.

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

Kids: dealing with kids is usually the hardest. Seeing some people lose everything in a fire and knowing that if they didn't have insurance then they have lost everything. That's probably the hardest part, but I love being able to help and know that I've tried everything.

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

Spending time with family. I have a three-year-old so I enjoy spending time with her, watching her grow up.

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

Becoming better at my job and trying to learn every day. I want to try to help as many people as I can. I'm a lieutenant now, so I will see where it goes. But I always want to improve.

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

I don't know. The whole reason I went into Central Nine was I had no idea what I wanted to do.

Compiled by Nicole Davis

## Getting to know Jeff...

- I've been married 19 years to Danielle with three children, Joanna, 17, Samuel, 12 and Jack, 7.
- We have two dogs, Lexi and Archer.
- As a family, we enjoy water skiing or wakeboarding, water sports in summer time. I enjoy swimming, for fun.

## How Jeff did it?

**Best advice:** Everybody will tell you how to do something but you have to figure out how to do it for yourself and hope that you make the right decision.

**Worst advice:** Buying equipment and leasing it outright.

**Best business decision:** Follow your dreams.

**Secret to success:** Be a good listener.

**In 5 years...** The current five-year plan I'd like to continue is to see growth in the patients we're seeing and be back to five or six doctors. We're currently at four.

"My favorite is that first exam. There is a lot of positive energy. People are very excited when they get a new puppy. We want to bottle that little bit of happiness."

~ Jeff Udrasols

**Meridian Veterinary Clinic & Hospital**  
648 Treybourne Dr.  
Greenwood, IN 46142  
(317) 888-4405  
meridianveterinaryclinic.net

# Puppy love

By Nicole Davis

When working with animals, every day is different; from the first visit with a young puppy to needing to remove an item from the stomach of a dog that swallowed something it shouldn't have.

That's what owner Jeff Udrasols says makes the job fun at Meridian Veterinary Clinic & Hospital. The clinic recently relocated to a new building in Greenwood, giving it space to grow with twice the square footage as before.

"I enjoy seeing people every day, meeting their new pet," Udrasols said. "My favorite is that first exam. There is a lot of positive energy. People are very excited when they get a new puppy. We want to bottle that little bit of happiness."

Udrasols was born in Indianapolis, growing up in the Lebanon area. His family had a traditional small farm, 50 acres of tillable land with corn and soybean plus cows, sheep, chickens and other animals. After graduation, he attended Purdue University where he studied animal science and later completed veterinary school in 2000.

"As a kid, I always wanted to know what made things work, why this did that," he said. "The field of medicine was fascinating. My draw was always to animals."

Udrasols graduated on a Saturday and began working at Meridian Veterinary Clinic & Hospital the following Monday. His family moved to Greenwood, a place he said they felt would be perfect to raise a family. After 10 years working for the clinic, the opportunity came up for him to be both a doctor and business owner, something he'd always wanted to do. He took ownership of the clinic on Jan. 2, 2010.

Udrasols stays active in the community through involvement with his oldest son's Boy Scout troop, starting a three-year rotation with the executive board of the Indiana Veterinary Medical Association and serving his fifth term as president of the Kiwanis Club of Perry Township.

## Jeff Udrasols relocates Meridian Veterinary Clinic & Hospital to larger, more modern building in Greenwood



Jeff Udrasols. Photo by Nicole Davis

The veterinary clinic has continued to evolve through the years, adopting new technology and ways of caring for its patients.

"It's the change of time," Udrasols said. "We have slightly modernized the family-doctor feel. We added elements of a more contemporary practice: computerized medical records, digital radiography, more advanced anesthetics, improved patient care."

After 52 years in business, Meridian Veterinary Clinic has gotten a makeover. As the clinic continues to grow, Udrasols said it would not have been cost effective to renovate the previous facility. It was relocated along the same road, State Road 135, from Perry Township in Indianapolis to Greenwood at the corner of Fry Road.

Udrasols said the business continues to see a year-over-year increase in its percentage of clients, both returning and new families. He said he looks forward to maintaining

the business so it can have 50 years of memories at its new location.

"Every day is a new experience," Udrasols said. "I tell the staff that if you don't learn something new every day, you're not doing your day right. It can be simple to the most complex things, but I try to learn something new every day: whether I hear a new technique, a new medicine or a new way of doing things."

**BUSINESS LEADER**  
SOUTHSIDE

January 2016 | Issue 0113  
www.businessleader.bz

**BUSINESS LEADER**  
SOUTHSIDE

Advertise today! Call 300-8782



**Leadership**  
JOHNSON COUNTY

**BUSINESS**  
SOUTHSIDE  
**LEADER**

Leadership Johnson County (LJC) provides personal and professional development to a diverse group of individuals representing small and large organizations, nonprofit and for-profit groups, government officials, volunteers and anyone interested in improving individual leadership skills, learning more about Johnson County and making connections.



“The leadership lessons and networking opportunities I learned through Leadership Johnson County have equipped me to be a leader in both my professional life and in my community.”

*Cody L. Jones*  
*President/Owner*  
*Cody L. Jones Design*

To learn more about how to apply for the next Leadership Johnson County class, please join us for an information session:

**January 21st at 8:00 a.m.**  
**or February 16th at 6:00 p.m.**

Franklin College – Johnson Center for Fine Arts,  
Henderson Conference Room  
101 Branigin Blvd, Franklin, IN 46131  
(Session last 45 minutes)

For more information: [leadershipjohnsoncounty.org](http://leadershipjohnsoncounty.org)  
101 Branigin Boulevard • Franklin, Indiana 46131  
Phone: 317.738.8264

## BIZ HISTORY

# Above the dirt and muck

By Dan Miller

Thirty years ago this month, a national tragedy occurred. Seven people died in an explosion aboard the US Space Shuttle Challenger. The event is remembered today largely for the brief speech that American President Ronald Reagan gave that night and still ranks as one of the best speeches of the late twentieth century.

Another part of the Challenger story, though, seems forgotten.

Peter Jennings was the ABC News anchorman who hosted the television network's coverage of the memorial later that week. He was no friend of Reagan's. They were very much opposites with their political views.

Throughout the memorial service, Jennings maintained the professionalism for which he was famous at the time. He narrated in clear voice and calm tones. But at a particular moment, something happened. He described Ronald and Nancy Reagan moving down the line of surviving family members. Spouses, parents, children. Reagan spoke to or embraced each. It was clear that every man, woman, and child along that front row shared their grief with Reagan and

he, in turn, showed his love toward them.

Jennings said, "We have seen it before – at Fort Campbell, Ky – just a couple of months ago – where the President's mere presence – "at this instant, Jennings's voice started to waver, his emotions welled up, tears formed in his eyes. He paused in silence, struggling to regain control of himself. A few minutes later, Jennings asserted, "it is more as we have seen before than the simple power of the presidency, President and Mrs. Reagan seem to give a gift of warmth..."

The political partisanship didn't matter. Jennings, in those stirring seconds, revealed the grasp that Reagan's actions had on him and, by extension, millions of other Americans. A leader and a follower went above and beyond the dirt and muck of the day.



*Dan Miller is founder and president of Historical Solutions LLC - Ideas and Inspiration Through History. Dan uses history to help people strengthen their leadership. His website is [historicalsolutions.com](http://historicalsolutions.com).*

## AFFORDABLE CARE ACT INFORMATION REPORTING

If you are an applicable large employer, or a small employer with a self-insured healthcare plan, you have an obligation to submit information reports.

Contact us today to learn how Somerset can help you with:

**compliance | data extraction | consultation and staffing**



find us on...



**SOMERSET**  
CPAs AND ADVISORS

## BIZ LOCAL



Jeff and Greg Dannemiller opened their new home for Dannemiller True Value Hardware nearly two years after they shut down the previous store at 300 S. State Rd. 135 where Aldi now stands. Their father started the original Dannemiller True Value Hardware in 1972. **Photo by Brian Ruckle**

## Dannemiller brothers reopen True Value Hardware in Bargersville

**SPONSORED**  
**CG**  
**CENTER GROVE**  
**ICON**

**By Brian Ruckle for True Value Hardware**

Two Southside brothers rang in the New Year in a most satisfying way: with a set of keys to open their brand new hardware store in Bargersville 20 months after they closed its predecessor.

Jeff and Greg Dannemiller opened their new Dannemiller True Value Hardware on Dec. 14, in an 8,400 square foot building at 2991 Southgrove Blvd. in Bargersville. The store is more than double the original 4,000 square foot building that was at 300 S. State Rd. 135 where an Aldi store now stands.

The Dannemiller name has long been tied to the hardware business as Jeff and Greg's parents David & Helen established Dannemiller True Value Hardware in February 1972 on SR 135.

"Since the beginning in 1972, Greg and I were involved in the business," said Jeff adding that both he and his younger brother graduated from Perry Meridian High School and Purdue University.

After Jeff graduated from Purdue in 1985, he went to work full time at the business and added a lawn and garden service center. Greg started his own construction compa-

ny building custom homes in the Lafayette area and in 1993 returned to the Southside. He rejoined his brother while their parents transitioned out of the business and retired in the late 1990s.

Space and traffic on SR 135 near Main Street became an issue and in 2005 they expanded to Madison Avenue near Southport Road with Dannemiller Southport Lawn & Power, which focused on power equipment sales and service. In 2013, they worked to sell the property.

"We simply were running out of space there and it was very difficult for contractors to get in and out of that location," said Jeff, noting that when they closed the State Road 135 property in March 2014 they moved the staff and business to the Southport location.

The new store is part of the Southgrove Landing development that will add apartments and retail shops to the current businesses: Flap Jacks, Adamson's Karate, and Las Chalupas Mexican Restaurant.

"We know that growth is coming to that area," said Greg. "The economy is getting stronger and we feel that we are in a good position to do well."

## PERSONNEL MATTERS

## Talents that drive engagement

**By Mike Heffner**

The battle for talent is currently fierce and it's as important as ever for companies to be focused on the engagement and retention of their employees. I read an article with comments from Jim Harter of Gallup. Harter says Gallup believes that high performing managers have five talents. He says, "These are leaders who not only engage their teams, but who consistently drive high productivity, service levels, retention and profit."

I agree with Harter and know that very few leaders master all of these talents. But, if they look to continually improve in each area and care deeply about the people they manage, they will drive engagement to higher levels.

- **Motivators:** I firmly believe everyone is intrinsically motivated and great managers find ways to challenge themselves and everyone around them to improve. I don't think you can make someone motivated, but good leaders help others find their own motivation.

- **Assertive:** My favorite managers were the ones who pushed me, helped me figure out how to push past obstacles and showed me how to live in the tension of the moment. They taught me how to work through, and,

amidst conflict, find the optimal solutions that create a win-win situation.

- **Accountable:** The way to create accountability is to have processes that help a team stay focused on the goal. Great managers keep score and use lead measurements that move the pendulum continually closer to the desired result.

- **Relationship Builders:** I like to call this type of leader a situational leader. He individualizes his coaching and management to each individual and task. He finds ways to reach his team one-on-one creating a strong bond.

- **Decision Makers:** Talented managers get things done. They know how to ask the right questions, stay focused on the task/goal and solve complex issues and remove roadblocks. They are always planning the next move and know how to communicate quickly what needs to happen next.



Mike Heffner is the owner of the Greenwood Express Employment Professionals franchise. Contact Mike at [mike.heffner@expresspros.com](mailto:mike.heffner@expresspros.com) or visit [www.expressindysouth.com](http://www.expressindysouth.com).

**NOW OPEN**

# Dannemiller True Value.

Brands We Carry:

- Master service technician on site
- Huge selection of fasteners including chrome, stainless steel, metric
- Service and repair of most lawn and garden power tools including mowers, tillers, chainsaws
- Windows repaired
- Keys made

**2991 Southgrove Blvd., Bargersville, IN 46106**  
**(317) 888-4109**



## Powerful solutions for powerful businesses.



Businesses depend on Duke Energy for our reliable service, competitive rates, and technical support to help manage their energy use.

Our award-winning site selection services are also available to help our business customers gain a competitive edge – and have a positive impact on our communities.

## PEER TO PEER

# Perception of an expectation

By Howard Hubler

I'm a hot food freak. I would rather have average hot food in a restaurant than good food that is lukewarm. Call me crazy, but that's just the way it is. I find a very unique occurrence in the food industry: an entry-level restaurant is how I would describe a Mexican restaurant, and at the top of the food chain, no pun intended, would be Ruth's Chris Steakhouse or a Capital Grille. If you go to either of these restaurants, you will get a piping hot meal. In fact, it is so dependable that if you are eager to take the first bite, you may burn your mouth.

Now, let's take a moment and think of every restaurant in between those two. Yes, I don't want to mention names, but you know who they are, everything from low-tech to high tech and everything in between. Where would you go – and bet \$100 – that before you walk in the door you would get a piping hot meal? You should bet it would be the place where you'll see a guy wearing a pair of gloves carrying a plate with four piping hot taco dinners and steam coming off lining his arm. Or if you go to Ruth's Chris, you will hear your steak before you ever see it. Those two restaurants are a sure bet. Why

is it that everyone in the middle can't deliver the goods?

This article is not about restaurants. It's about the core of what we do as business people. A franchise is actually a picture in the mind as to what the customer expects when he walks in your door. In a restaurant, you come to eat with an expectation. The franchise comes to represent your thoughts of perfection. Mine happens to be hot. No matter what you sell, when people come in, they have a perception of expectation. When you match or exceed that perception, your business will grow, and conversely, it will shrink when you don't match that perception.

Challenge yourself. What can your company, with better circumstances in almost every area, do to provide a greater customer expectation?



Howard Hubler can be reached at [howard@hubler.com](mailto:howard@hubler.com).

## LOOKING FOR A BETTER JOB?

Express can help you get hired today!

Express is the connection to over 350 top companies offering:

- Career Advancement
- Better Hours or Increased Pay
- Enhanced Benefits for Your Family

We have jobs and career opportunities in the following areas:

- Engineering & Logistics
- Accounting & Finance
- Industrial & Warehouse
- Administrative & Clerical
- Skilled Manufacturing & Technical

(317) 888-5700  
707 S. Madison Ave.  
Greenwood, IN 46143

**Express**  
EMPLOYMENT PROFESSIONALS

HELPING PEOPLE SUCCEED  
by getting you HIRED today!

[ExpressIndySouth.com](http://ExpressIndySouth.com)

## BIZDispatches

**Stock perks** – Stock ownership sometimes comes with little known perks. Check out these examples:

1. Ford – stockholders may qualify for discounts on new vehicles
  2. Carnival and Royal Caribbean – cruise lines offer onboard credits to some stockholders
  3. Kimberly-Clark – stockholders often get outstanding deals on paper products
- Eligibility for these perks varies and may depend on number of stocks held or other factors. Be sure to ask about hidden perks when investigating new stocks.

- [MSN.com](http://MSN.com)

**Risky stocks** – High yield dividend stocks are attractive because of the cash payouts. Some, however, are too risky regardless of the yield because of poor financial backing. Here are five to avoid:

1. Frontier Communications Corp. (FTR)
2. EV Energy Partners, L.P. (EVEP)
3. Tronox Ltd (TROX)
4. SeaWorld Entertainment Inc. (SEAS)
5. PDL BioPharma Inc. (PDLI)

- [InvestorPlace.com](http://InvestorPlace.com)

### Franciscan Alliance celebrates 140th anniversary of treating first patient

- Franciscan Alliance celebrates the anniversary of treating their first patient 140 years ago. On Jan. 3, 1876, just three weeks after arriving from Germany, the six Sisters of St. Francis of Perpetual Adoration admitted and cared for an ill civilian at their newly secured building in Lafayette, Ind. This historic date commemorates a crucial milestone in the founders' mission to provide for the needs of the sick and disenfranchised. Since that time, the Franciscan family has expanded to 14 hospitals, employing nearly 20,000 individuals who build on this mission.

**The Greenwood Chamber of Commerce** has a new Twitter handle. It is now @GWChamber. Christian Maslowski, president and CEO of the chamber, said the removal of a dash was to make the chamber more searchable.



# National Catholic Schools Week January 31 – February 6, 2016

## Foundation for faith-filled education



Catholic Schools Week, Jan. 31 to Feb. 6, is the annual celebration of catholic education in the United States. In observance of the week, catholic schools across the nation will celebrate with fun, themed days highlighting aspects of catholic education, Masses, open houses and service projects.

“Catholic Schools Week is one of the highlights of the entire school year. It’s something the students look forward to and the staff as well,” says Rebecca Stone, assistant principal at Saints Francis & Clare Catholic School. “It brings to the forefront of everyone’s mind, after you’ve been in school an entire semester, why we do what we do. Everyone is celebrating catholic schools at the same time. It’s nice that it brings us all together. It’s a lot of fun but it’s also an opportunity for us to put our faith in each one of those days.

This year’s theme is “Catholic Schools: Communities in Faith, Knowledge and Service.” To recognize the contributions that these schools bring to the community, this issue of Center Grove Icon highlights what is happening in schools that serve the area and how it is meaningful for teachers and students.

To learn more about the week, visit online at [ncea.org/our-services/catholic-schools-week](http://ncea.org/our-services/catholic-schools-week).

**Pages 15-23**

*Student at Saints Francis and  
Clare Catholic School.*

*Photo by Nicole Davis*



*SPECIAL SECTION  
published by Times-Leader  
Publications, LLC*



**Good Luck Rebels!**

- ★ Greg ★
- ★ Paul ★  
'95
- ★ Avery ★  
'20
- ★ Evan ★  
'23
- ★ Addison ★  
'26
- ★ Ella ★  
'28
- ★ Ian ★  
'31
- ★ Peggy ★
- ★ Patrick ★  
'99
- ★ Lillie ★  
'31



**COMPANY  
INCORPORATED**

**ELECTRICAL  
MECHANICAL  
CONTRACTORS**

- Heating & Air Conditioning Installation, Service, Maintenance & Contracts - Commercial and Industrial
- Computer, Phone Cabling & Fiber Optics
- Commercial Refrigeration Installation, Service & Sales
- Commercial Electrical Installation & Service

2221 E. SOUTHPORT RD.  
SOUTHPORT, IN 46227  
**(317) 783-3291**  
www.em-company.com

**PROUD SPONSOR OF THE INDIANAPOLIS COLTS!**

## Catholic education sets the foundation for spiritual formation

Let me begin with a disclaimer: In the 20 years that I was a student, from first grade through grad school, every one was in a Catholic institution. St. Barnabas Grade School, Roncalli High School, Marian University, and St. Meinrad School of Theology are the only academic institutions I have known firsthand. Thus I cannot compare from experience a Catholic and a non-Catholic school. Nevertheless, I can say with certainty the main thing that Catholic schools provide that no other school can.

Instilling knowledge is the primary function of any school, and in that regard, Catholic schools are second to none. But beyond academic formation, Catholic schools can provide something even more fundamental to who we are as human beings: Christ-centered spiritual formation. It is here that I think we really shine as a beacon of hope for



CG ICON file photo.

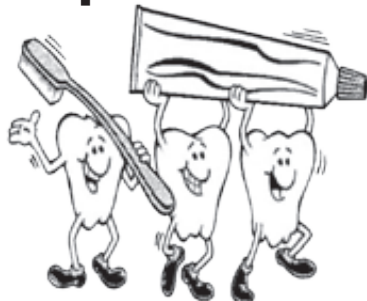
the Southside of Indianapolis. Spiritual formation isn't just an addition to the curriculum in the form of religion classes; it is the lens through which all formation at Saints Francis & Clare is focused. In this regard, our students receive a formation that is truly human because it touches on every aspect of who they are. It affects how they learn, how they interact with each other, how they serve the community, and especially how they reach out to those in need. We are able to connect our curriculum to the only end that truly matters, and that is a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. That is why so many of our students and graduates excel, not only in school, but as positive influences in our community. They are excelling at becoming who God made them to be, and we are intentional about helping them realize what that means.

Of course this happens in the home first and foremost; I am not saying that students of public schools cannot be just as well formed as students in Catholic schools. But I do know that further support of our Catholic faith in school only serves to strengthen what our parents try to instill in their children at home. I know that I would not be a priest had I not have had the spiritual and academic formation that I received at Roncalli. And I know that our local community has, and will continue to benefit from those who pass through these halls. It is for this reason that I am most excited to be back here as a priest on the Southside!

*Father Tim Wyciskalla,  
Saints Francis & Clare*

**Proud supporter of  
Catholic Education**

**Thank you parents & teachers!**



**STEVE DOUGLAS, DDS**

6745 S. Gray Road, Suite F  
Indianapolis, IN 46237  
(317) 786-1277



Cause when you gotta have it... You Gotta Have It!

Gotta Have It Courier is a family-owned business serving Indianapolis and the surrounding areas since 1998. We specialize in delivering small packages for customers ranging from law firms to hospitals. We pride ourselves on providing the best possible customer service.

**www.gottahaveitcourier.com**



**PARCELS**  
We deliver anything from small packages to medical specimens.



**HOURS**  
Gotta Have It Courier is open 24/7, 365 days a year!



**DRIVERS**  
Our drivers are some of the best in the Nation!

2027 S. Shelby St. Indianapolis, IN 46203      Phone: 317-783-4892  
Fax: 317-783-4879



**PIAZZA**  
— SINCE 1970 —  
**PRODUCE**  
& SPECIALTY FOODS

**We support Catholic Schools Week!**

Piazza Produce - 5941 W. 82nd Street, Indianapolis, IN 46278  
317-872-0101 • www.piazzaproduce.com



# Roncalli Celebrates Catholic Education



- ◆ The Class of 2015 earned over \$20.5 million in college scholarships.
- ◆ Over 74% of the RHS Class of 2015 graduated with an Academic Honors Diploma or higher.
- ◆ Roncalli awarded more than \$950,000 in need-based tuition assistance to RHS families for the 2015-2016 school year.
- ◆ In the past 23 years, Roncalli students have collected more than 1.6 million canned food items for the poor.
- ◆ The Class of 2015 completed over 51,000 hours of community service during their four years at RHS with every Roncalli student performing more than 150 hours of community service prior to graduation.



**RONCALLI**  
THE LIFE PREP SCHOOL

Applications For Registration Now Being Accepted Call 787-8277, ext. 243 or visit [www.roncalli.org](http://www.roncalli.org)

# Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic School

Photos by Nicole Davis

By Nicole Davis

Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic School Principal Kent Clady says he asks the school staff each week, "What are we doing to make sure we're making this a product for parents to want to invest in?" It's important that the school has a high level for academics, but Clady says it's the faith-piece that sets the school forward.

OLG, located at 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood, serves 376 children in kindergarten through eighth grade. That number has remained steady, but Clady says the demographics have changed with the school becoming much more diverse.

"The diversity of our population changing has caused us to look at things differently and how things are presented to our families," he says. "That's caused us to look a little differently at our communication, how each teacher is making sure she is reaching each student effectively. It's been a positive for the kids and families, to be able to open our eyes and see what's going on around them."

OLG implemented a five-year technology plan, now in its third year. The students all have Chromebooks, the school has convert-

ed its stationary computer lab and has mobile labs with electronics so all students have a chance to work with these devices.

"We feel like we're meeting the needs of our kids moving forward, not only giving them the Google platform, but giving them a traditional setting as well as virtual. The next year, we look to continue the technology. We want to make sure we're using the tools to the best of our abilities."

For more information on OLG, visit [ol-g.org](http://ol-g.org).



Kent Clady  
Principal



Gretchen Guerrettaz

## Gretchen Guerrettaz, eighth grade

Eighth grader Gretchen Guerrettaz says she loves everything about going to school at Our Lady of the Greenwood, from the extracurricular activities she's involved in to the teachers.

"I love how everyone is really close," she says. "It's like one big happy family and everyone loves each other."

Guerrettaz has attended OLG since preschool, along with her three siblings. She is involved in choir, kickball, volleyball, track, basketball, golf and says she looks forward to the spring musical, *Lion King* in February



Jan Sexton's first grade class.

during Catholic Schools Week.

As she prepares to finish the eighth grade this semester and go to Roncalli High School in the fall, she says she feels prepared for her future.

"I'm going to miss Our Lady of Greenwood," she says. "I'm also ready to graduate. OLG has prepared [me] to take the next step to becoming a better person going into high school. OLG has definitely made me grow stronger in my faith. I made such good friends here. I'm ready to graduate even though I love my family here."



Allison Boehm and Megan Hillstrom.

## Allison Boehm and Megan Hillstrom, fourth grade teachers

Fourth-grade teachers, Megan Hillstrom and Allison Boehm have taught at Our Lady of the Greenwood for five years, supporting each other's classrooms in any way they can.

"They just have this magic together that is incredible," says Principal Kent Clady. "When you think about one, you can't [not] think about the other."

Hillstrom, of Greenwood, went to St. Barnabas Catholic grade school. Boehm, of Perry Township, went to Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Grade School. Both went to Roncalli High School, graduating in 2005. Boehm attended IUPUI and Hillstrom went to University of Southern Indiana. After college, they both taught at Clark Pleasant Elementary School for a year before coming to OLG.

"When I was looking for jobs, this one popped up," Boehm said. "It seemed like a good fit. I was excited to give back to Catholic School."

Hillstrom agreed, saying "It's been a good place to be. It's nice to get back to your roots a little bit."

Boehm says they look forward to the many activities that OLG hosts, including fundraisers for different causes such as support for Haiti. The teachers said that being able to include prayer throughout the day is gratifying for them.

"It's being able to share your faith with your students," Boehm says. "Most of them enjoy religion as their favorite subject."

## GEDEK TRAILER SALES

### Semi Trailers & Equipment

Gedek Trailer Sales is owned and operated by Tim Gedek since 1989. When entering the front office, Tim's mother, known by all as "Granny", is available to direct you and answer any questions you might have.

Specializing in used semi trailers and equipment, Gedek Trailer Sales has a 100% success rate for finding customers the specialized equipment they need. Gedek Trailer Sales is the place for "One Stop Shopping!"

Stop in today and take a look at Gedek's ever-changing inventory. They are ready to assist you 24/7. We are doing business when our competitors are sleeping. Give us a call or stop in and let us know what you need. If Gedek Trailer Sales doesn't already have it, we are sure to find it for you.



## GEDEK TRAILER SALES

925 W Troy • Indianapolis, IN 46225

(317) 783-0446

[www.gedektrailersales.com](http://www.gedektrailersales.com)

## Construction - Conventional • FHA - VA, Jumbo

### Local servicing • Local processing

REFINANCE PURCHASE

Cell: (317) 714-0720 • Fax: (317) 865-1177

Email: [rbaumann@usavingsbank.com](mailto:rbaumann@usavingsbank.com)

[www.yourusb.com/rbaumann](http://www.yourusb.com/rbaumann)

RYAN BAUMANN  
Senior Loan Officer  
NMLS# 664555



# Roncalli High School

By Nicole Davis

If you watch as students walk through the doors of Roncalli High School, you might be surprised by their demeanor, says Principal Chuck Weisenbach. The students are happy to come to school.

"It's a positive, life-giving environment that they enjoy," Weisenbach says.

Roncalli High School, located at 3300 Prague Rd., Indianapolis, is the only catholic high school to serve the South Deanery. Weisenbach said there are a number of things that make Roncalli a wonderful place to receive an education.

He says he believes the students at Roncalli genuinely appreciate the value of prayer in their lives. The level of accountability placed on both students and staff has been rewarding as they continue to see their work transform into student success after graduation.

"We've been able to generate a culture that fosters religious vocations to the priesthood, to religious life," he says. "I say that based on the number of our graduates, the last 10 years especially, who are now ordained priests, religious women or serving in the missionary fields. That's a little of a countercultural call to society today."

Weisenbach said Roncalli has seen 25 years of slow, steady growth. Enrollment bottomed out in 1988, with a little more than 600 students. There are currently 1,250 students enrolled.

"There seems to be a growing number of people who would like a faith-based education for their child," he says. "The level of excellence we've been able to establish is already proven. We've worked hard and we are able to offer a high-quality academic experience. We meet the needs of all children that come in. I think people are attracted to that."

Weisenbach says a challenge to education today is technology, how quickly it changes and how to best use it as an educational tool.

"You have to be careful with technology," he says. "Are you doing this for the effect, so your community has a good feeling, or to be effective?"

In 2016, Roncalli will prepare for another capital campaign that will allow the school to expand its campus and services.

"Nothing is definitively stated, but it looks like we would be moving to building another gym/fieldhouse, continuing to add classrooms to our structure and building our endowment so we can ensure this education to our kids in the future," Weisenbach says.

## Kate Myers, senior

As Roncalli High School Senior Kate Myers is deciding on which college to attend, she says she feels that her catholic education has allowed her to excel throughout school.

"I like the family aspect that it involves," she says. "It's great that we can come together and share in our faith and our beliefs. I think Roncalli does an excellent job of making everyone feel at home."

Myers, who attended St. Barnabas catholic grade school, is currently involved in the student council, drama club, Spanish club, pro-life club, dance captain of the show choir and participates in the school's musicals. She was on the dance team her first two years of high school. She plans to study dance and physical therapy in college, choosing between Purdue University, Penn State or Marymount Manhattan College.

"Roncalli has been a great school for me to go to," she says. "I feel very prepared to leave here and going into college, wherever that might be. They definitely prepare you for academics but they allow you to grow spiritually. We all have different opportunities to help us."

## Michelle Roberts, Life Academy coordinator

Michelle Roberts says she loves teaching students at the Life Academy at Roncalli, a program for students with cognitive disabilities, helping them learn and become independent thinkers and problem solvers. Like any program in the school, she says it's not just about the academics but helping them to grow in their faith journey as well.

"It's exciting to be a part of a program for students with disabilities in a catholic school," Roberts says. "It was a new challenge. Having a tradition of catholic school in my own family, it's an important part of who I am. I stay here because I am able to work in a place where the administration, the board of directors care about me as a whole person. That's a great environment to spend 40 hours a week."

Roberts grew up on the Indianapolis Northside, attending Bishop Chatard High School and later Indiana University. She earned her Master's degree at Indiana Wesleyan. She started her career in special education for public schools, and then helped St. Roch Catholic School develop a resource program. She took 10 years off from work to stay home with her children. She was hired as Roncalli's special education coordinator



Chuck Weisenbach  
Principal



Kate Myers



Michelle Roberts



Students at Roncalli High School.

in 2009.

"We're allowing catholic families to have a choice," she said "The students in the Life Academy are able to go to the same school their siblings go, where their parents went. It's a big deal for students with these sorts of disabilities who probably couldn't go to the catholic grade schools but can attend Roncalli. Because Roncalli has this program, some of the grade schools are looking to do this as well. We're kind of leading the South Deanery and expanding what we are able to offer to catholic families."

The Life Academy currently has six students, and can accept up to 10. She says the students spend part of the day with all of Roncalli's students in the classrooms, and the other part in classes geared toward their abilities. Juniors and seniors work with businesses to gain work experience that better prepares them for their future.

Photos by Nicole Davis

**BECKSERVICE CENTER**  
A Sign of Quality & Professionalism

6025 Madison Ave.  
Indianapolis, IN 46227  
Ph: (317) 787-5345  
www.beckservicecenter.com

Monday-Friday  
7:30am to 6:00pm  
**We appreciate your business!**

Support Catholic School Education

**VISIONQUEST EYECARE**

1160 North State Road 135  
Greenwood, IN 46142  
Office phone: (317)865-6829  
Office fax: (317)886-7655  
Cell phone: (317)679-3395  
cbrowning@visionquesteyecare.com



Christopher J. Browning, O.D.  
Doctor of Optometry

"A proud supporter of the Catholic Schools in the Indianapolis Archdiocese."



Students at Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic School.  
Photo by Nicole Davis

## Two schools, one mission

### Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic School and Saints Francis & Clare Catholic School

By Ben Potts, Office of Catholic Education  
Archdiocese

Though a half-century separates their first days of school, both Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic School and Saints Francis & Clare Catholic School serve the same mission on Indianapolis's Southside. The Archdiocese of Indianapolis established parishes in these communities in response to changing demographics and local needs, and each parish, in turn, developed a school. From humble beginnings in 1955 and in 2006, respectively, more than 900 young people now learn in grades Pre-K – 8 at these two schools every day.

In the classroom, teachers implement Indiana's Academic Standards and the Archdiocesan Curriculum Guidelines. Through differentiated instruction and the support of parents, students consistently earn high marks on the State of Indiana's standardized tests. Both schools have been recognized for these educational outcomes by being placed in the state's top performance categories since the modern ratings system was imple-

mented starting with the 2009-2010 academic year. While both schools are proud of these achievements, both go out of their way to emphasize that test scores do not define a student or the Catholic school experience.

At the heart of these schools is their shared mission of forming young people as disciples of Christ. Within a community setting, young people learn to see Christ in themselves and in others and to be Christ for one another. They learn an incarnational and sacramental worldview, seeing all of creation as an expression of God's love and taking responsibility for making their homes, classrooms, teams, parishes, and communities better places.

This transcendent worldview permeates all of the programming at these schools, from their technology-infused classrooms and one-to-one initiatives to their CYO sports programs and other clubs and activities. Because of the commitment of their entire parish and school communities – parents, parishioners, teachers, administrators, and priests – students benefit from growing up and being formed in an intentional culture that extends well-beyond the classroom and that lasts well-beyond 8th Grade. As Archbishop Tobin has recently written, "These are more than educational institutions – they are formational and transformation ministries that are integral to the life of the Church and to the mission of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis."



Ben Potts is the Assistant Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Email him at [bpotts@archindy.org](mailto:bpotts@archindy.org).

## Jaria's Italian Restaurant

SERVING HOMEMADE ITALIAN FOOD SINCE 1933

### DINNER:

Tues - Thurs: 5pm - 9:30pm

Friday: 5pm - 10pm

Saturday: 4:30pm - 10pm

### LUNCH:

Tues - Fri: 11am - 1:30pm

Call ahead for carry-out

Closed Sunday and Monday

**Reservations Online @ [iariasrestaurant.com](http://iariasrestaurant.com)**

*The fourth generation family members are keeping the tradition alive today!*

317 S. College Avenue  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
(317) 638-7706



## We support the Southside Catholic Schools

### Daniel F. O'Riley Funeral Home

6107 South East Street  
(US Highway 31 South)  
Indianapolis, IN 46227

(317) 787-8224

[orileyfuneralhome.com](http://orileyfuneralhome.com)

Shawn Gudat,  
Funeral Director



**Baxter YMCA**  
7900 S. Shelby St.  
Indianapolis, IN  
(317) 881-9347



## Saints Francis & Clare Catholic School

By Nicole Davis

Enrollment at Saints Francis & Clare Catholic School has increased consistently since the school opened nine years ago. With 570 students from infants to eighth grade, Assistant Principal Rebecca Stone says they continue to work on academic and spiritual education while providing an atmosphere that supports happy families.

"It's a big school as far as catholic schools go, but we want to maintain that small school feeling," she says. "That doesn't happen accidentally. It happens because we have a lot of people working to make it feel like a family."

Saints Francis & Clare opened an Early Childhood Learning Center in the fall, currently taking infants to children in preschool. Eventually that building will have classrooms for the kindergarteners.

The school will have an open house on Jan. 20 and Jan. 21, 9 to 11 a.m. Prospective families are invited to tour the classrooms, meet the teacher and learn about the school ministry. For more information, call (317) 215-2826 or email [admissions@ss-fc.org](mailto:admissions@ss-fc.org). The school will enter its 10th year in the fall.

"As we continue to have more graduates from eighth grade going to Roncalli and Center Grove, we're always excited to see what our students can accomplish," Stone says. "That's something that's still new to us. Be it their academic successes, successes in plays and the arts, I'm always excited to see what they come back and do."

### Elliana Aleski, eighth grade

Eighth grader Elliana Aleski credits Saints Francis & Clare to her academic successes since she came to the school three years ago.

"Before I was at this school, I was a mediocre student. Once I came to this school, I blossomed and was able to perform better. It helped me in all areas. It helped me raise my grade and everything."

Aleski is involved in the school's archery club, choir, cross country and currently in volleyball. She aspires to be a veterinarian, having been raised on a small farm and enjoying working with the animals.

She says that goal is supported by Saints Francis & Clare, as every teacher goes out of their way to help make sure she is doing the best she can in academics and life outside of the classroom.

"The best thing about catholic school is the overall community setting," she says. "Everyone goes out of their way to help everybody in their times of need. I believe a catholic school is more personalized. You can participate in things public schools may not include such as prayers in the morning or being able to go to Mass every morning."

### Bradley Doherty, middle school math teacher

Having experienced both catholic and public education in his school-age years, Greenwood resident Bradley Doherty says when he went to student teach at a catholic school it reaffirmed his desire to teach in a catholic school setting. He was hired to Saints Francis & Clare four years ago, teaching middle school math.

"What is fulfilling is being able to not necessarily provide answers, but at least have discussions with middle schoolers as they are becoming young adults," he says. "It's being able to have discussions with them about their spirituality and about their futures, how God and the community of believers that we surround ourselves with play a role in their lives and their journey."



Students at Saints Francis & Clare Catholic School. Photo by Nicole Davis



Rebecca Stone  
Asst. Principal



Elliana Aleski



Bradley Doherty



David H. Wolf, D.D.S.  
Amanda E. Miller, D.D.S.

Family and Cosmetic Dentistry

Call: 317-881-8161

[www.indysfamilydentist.com](http://www.indysfamilydentist.com)

We Support Catholic Education



Students in Allison Boehm's fourth grade class at Our Lady of the Greenwood Catholic School.



Students at Roncalli High School.



Students at Saints Francis & Clare Catholic School.

Photos by Nicole Davis

## Indiana Oxygen Company

- Gas and welding supplies
- Industrial Products
- Bulk, Specialty, and Medical Gases
- Safety Supplies
- Indiana's largest independently owned gas and welding distributor
- Official gas and welding supplier of the Indy 500

*Supporting Catholic Education*



Gary Halter  
 President, IOC  
 6099 W. Corporate Way  
 Indianapolis, IN 46278  
 (O) 317-808-4060  
 (C) 317-460-9873



[www.indianaoxygen.com](http://www.indianaoxygen.com)



*We salute Catholic Schools Week  
this week and all year.*

[www.indyscbp.com](http://www.indyscbp.com)

CENTER GROVE  
**ICON**

SUPPORTING  
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS!  
Visit online: [myICON.info](http://myICON.info)

**INDY'S TELEPHONE &  
COMPUTER EXPERTS**

**indyteledata**

**Steve Battiato**  
**(317) 727-0760**

5144 S. Madison Ave., Suite 12  
Indianapolis, IN 46227  
[www.indyteledata.com](http://www.indyteledata.com)  
[steve@indyteledata.com](mailto:steve@indyteledata.com)

EDISON BUILDING SERVICES INC

BETTY STUMPF *A Woman Owned and  
Operated Business*  
MOON *30 Years Experience*



**BUILDING  
CLEANING  
SERVICES**

*Saluting St. Roch & All Catholic Schools!*

Indianapolis, Indiana  
**(317) 248-9548**

[Betty@EdisonBuildingServices.com](mailto:Betty@EdisonBuildingServices.com)

[www.EdisonBuildingServices.com](http://www.EdisonBuildingServices.com)



**The Ezell Group, Inc**  
*"In Service To Others"*

**Commercial • Auto  
Home • Health • Life**

*Call Randy or Jean for a  
FREE quote today!*



918 Fry Road • Greenwood, IN 46142  
[rezell@theezellgroup.com](mailto:rezell@theezellgroup.com)  
Ph: (317) 884-1777  
Fax: (317) 882-5198

[www.theezellgroup.com](http://www.theezellgroup.com)



**Law Office of  
R.J. Schoettle**

*Board Certified Indiana  
Trust & Estate Lawyer (by TESB)*

**(317) 374-7918**  
2235 S. Garfield Drive  
Indianapolis, IN 46203  
[www.rjschottle.com](http://www.rjschottle.com)



**Jim Chapman**  
*license #113951*  
**CHAPMAN  
MORTGAGE**  
*license #111441*

8001 S. Meridian Street  
Indianapolis, IN. 46217  
Call (317) 883-2604  
[Jim@ChapmanMortgage.com](mailto:Jim@ChapmanMortgage.com)

*We support Catholic Education!*

*Supporting Catholic Schools*

**We are your ONE-STOP  
Office Solution Specialist  
for business and  
home office needs.**

**5144 Madison Ave.  
783-5639**

**American  
Business  
Machines, Inc.**



[ EXPERIENCE • a hair spa ]

8610 Madison Ave.  
Indianapolis, IN 46227

317.851.9212

[www.experienceahairspa.com](http://www.experienceahairspa.com)

**FIREHOUSE  
SUBS**

884 North US 31  
Greenwood, IN 46142  
Phone: (317) 851-8615  
Fax: (317) 851-8637

PROUD SUPPORTERS OF  
CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Ben Brown  
**office360°**

Support

**Catholic Schools**

[b.brown@office3sixty.com](mailto:b.brown@office3sixty.com)

**PLAY IT AGAIN  
SPORTS**

*Your Southside Store for New  
and Used Sporting Goods.*

Elaine Hale • (317) 859-8080  
8923 S. Meridian Street, Suite B2  
[www.playitagainsportsindy.com](http://www.playitagainsportsindy.com)  
[piasindy@gmail.com](mailto:piasindy@gmail.com)

# NOW OPEN & LEASING



**B**eech Grove Station is designed for those 55 and better, offering distinctive, spacious two-bedroom apartment homes nestled within a warm, friendly atmosphere. Beautiful landscaping and perfect location are just part of what makes this community a great place to live.



2 Bedroom  
1 Bath  
906 sq. ft.



- Spacious 2-bedroom plans\*
- ADA units available
- Attached garage
- Fitness center
- Community center
- Activity rooms, library and computer center
- Laundry facility
- Fully equipped kitchens
- Washer & dryer in unit hookups
- Window coverings
- Tile flooring
- Courtyard with grilling area
- Planting beds
- Playscape for grandchildren



317.231.5013 • [BeechGroveStation.com](http://BeechGroveStation.com)

Dana Copeland  
240 Buckley Drive  
Beech Grove, IN 46107  
[BeechGroveStation@nrpgroup.com](mailto:BeechGroveStation@nrpgroup.com)

**STARTING  
AT \$620**

\*Income and other restrictions may apply.



SENIOR LIFESTYLES

IT'S Golden

Pages 24-25

**T** CENTER GROVE  
TIMES-LEADER  
PUBLICATIONS **ICON**

SPECIAL SECTION  
published by Times-Leader  
Publications, LLC

## Neighborhood living at CarDon

### FEATURE



By CarDon & Associates

CarDon & Associates senior living communities aren't just a place where residents live – they're part of the neighborhood! The people who live and work at each place create the unique sense of compassion and togetherness that is a hallmark of CarDon communities.

CarDon President David C. Moore, whose parents founded the company, and Chief Development Officer Scott Rigney explored a variety of different designs and floorplans focused on creating a better living environment for seniors and those needing short-term rehabilitation.

The result is a smaller, more intimate feel while providing amenities such as dining rooms, a fully-equipped therapy gym, fitness area and theater in centralized locations to maximize a sense of shared community. CarDon's communities, such as Aspen Trace in Greenwood and Cumberland Trace in Plainfield, boast facilities and teams organized around the purpose of providing seniors and rehabilitation residents with the maximum level of independence possible.

"We wanted to create various neighborhoods within each CarDon community to help establish a deeper relationship between the staff and residents, between families of residents and between the residents themselves," Rigney said.

CarDon communities are divided into neighborhoods built around the level of care needed, such as long-term nursing care, assisted living, memory care or rehabilitation. Though the environment and support may vary between them, what is consistent across

all of the neighborhoods is the home-like feeling of freedom and interconnectedness.

"Each of the neighborhoods also has a separate entrance," said Kellie White, one of the local community marketing directors. "This makes it easier and more convenient for the residents and their families to get to their rooms. Each neighborhood has its own dining area, social center and lounge. This adds to the comfort and home-like atmosphere."

Jack H. Craig, whose wife, Sue, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease 13 years ago, said moving her to Cumberland Trace was one of the best decisions he's ever made.

He was impressed with the community – not only the high quality, but that it was designed to encourage people to gather together and interact. Meals are served in a restaurant-style dining room, not a drab cafeteria. There is entertainment, clubs, movies and other programs available every day. Sue Craig lives in the Ambassador neighborhood, and enjoys getting her hair done in the salon and attending church services every Sunday.

Jack spends most afternoons there himself, and he and Sue feel like any other senior couple, passing the time talking to neighbors and partaking in social activities.

"It's a better experience for the whole family," Rigney said. "Although the building itself is quite large, having this design eliminates the institutional feel and makes it more residential. Residents are in a much more personal environment, which leads to more social interaction and more familiarity with the staff and each other. I'm really proud of the product we have put out there, and it's changing the image of our company and of senior living in general for the better."





Your life,  
*your way.*



Your individuality is what sets you apart. **Recognizing it is what sets us apart.**

At all CarDon senior living communities throughout central and southern Indiana, you'll find our associates share a commitment to enhancing the lifestyle and well-being of the people we serve every day, at every stage of life.

We invite you to find the community most convenient for you!



**ASPEN TRACE**  
Family-first Senior Living  
from CarDon

[www.AspenTrace.us](http://www.AspenTrace.us)

**FAMILY-FIRST SENIOR LIVING FROM CARDON**

**ASSISTED LIVING • REHABILITATION • LONG TERM CARE • MEMORY SUPPORT**

## TsT Home Improvement Services Tip of the Month By Tom S. Truesdale

### Expectations, Trust & Relationship

I hope you had a happy holiday season! We are looking forward to exciting new projects in 2016. This month I would like share some thoughts regarding customer service and performance expectations to consider when selecting a contractor to complete a project.

As a contractor, service and customer satisfaction should always come first and at TsT, we always put that as a first priority. With that being said, coupling a service priority with the construction industry can make things challenging to say the least due to all the variables that can impact a construction project.

A few things to understand and keep in mind as a customer. Construction is a challenging business, so many factors have impact to the daily success of a project. Weather obviously can not be controlled and can delay exterior projects. It also impacts means and methods of how things are built. Consider the season when planning an exterior project. Suppliers and labor also create a daily challenge. Changes and additional work being added during the project create significant challenges. Try to avoid added scope and changes unless it is understood that additional time and cost will be incurred. None of these items should be used as an "excuse" by your contractor, but a customer understanding these challenges will make for a better relationship between you and your contractor.

A good contractor does their best to plan for the unexpected, but sometimes "issues" happen that are out of their control. Unforeseen existing conditions



can be discovered during construction that were not expected. A few examples are hidden or undocumented underground conditions, water damage or interior mold or termite damage. These kind of issues can cause significant impact to a project and can cause delays and added cost. The best strategy is to keep the customer informed and work hard to resolve issues when they develop.

The challenges listed above lead to a key component of a successful project. Trust and relationship with your contractor. Ask for references from previous projects, take time during the interview process, develop a trust and relationship that will be comfortable during the course of the project. Keep in mind that the lowest bid is generally not the best. A good contractor should always return communications in a timely and professional manner. Of course choosing a contractor that will stand behind his product and installation is critical.

Hope this month's tips were helpful, have a nice winter season and we look forward to hearing from you when your next Home Improvement Project comes to mind! *TsT*

## TsT Home Improvement Services

Helping people one job at a time...

# 317-550-8677

1 FREE HOME IMPROVEMENT CONSULTING VISIT

Plainfield, IN • email: [thomas\\_truesdale@yahoo.com](mailto:thomas_truesdale@yahoo.com)  
website: [tsthomeimprovement.com](http://tsthomeimprovement.com)



## Time to liven up the flavor of your food

### WINE & DINE

By Charles R. Thomas, M.D.

*Lively* - A wine that excites the palate or the taster, either by its flavor, aftertaste, or its character. Possibilities include effervescence, high acidity, or some other physical characteristic that induces an immediate response. Suitable synonyms include energetic, vigorous, sparkling, active, vivacious, animated, dynamic, bubbly, and spirited.

The word "lively" tends to suggest a wine that excites your palate, either with acidity such as a crisp Riesling, or a Pinot Gris, a New Zealand-style Sauvignon Blanc, a Vidal Blanc, or one of my favorites, Muscadet wines from the Loire Valley (in Northern France) made from Chenin Blanc. These wines excite and wake up the palate at the beginning of the meal that makes the taster look forward to the food. The acidity of these wines is the key ingredient that accounts for the quality we attribute as lively. My friend, John Fischer, M.D., another retired Ob-Gyn, has written a book called, "Wine and Food." He describes a "squeeze of

lemon test" to determine whether the food in question will go well with an acidic wine. If you are not certain which wine to choose for a dish, squeeze a few drops of lemon on the food. If it improves the taste, then an acidic wine will pair well. Acid propels flavor. Remember that older wines lose their acidity, so a younger one is best. Also, the food should never be more acidic than the wine.

The most lively and the most acidic of all wines are the sparkling wines or champagnes. The method by which the wines are crafted is the key. First of all, the grapes used are either white or red with the capability for high acidity, and they perform best in soils where there is abundant mineral content, good drainage, and cool nights. These grapes are harvested very early in the harvest season, when the pH is still very low and the acidity is high. They are generally fermented in stainless steel tanks in a cool/cold environment to preserve the fresh acidity. The secondary fermentation is carried out in the bottle, and although there is some creaminess imparted, the acidity is preserved, yielding a wine that puckers your mouth and wakes up your palate with its "lively" character. This is the ultimate aperitif wine, the one that awakens the senses, and portends the arrival of the feasting to come.

From my family to yours, we wish you a "lively" New Year!



2 N State  
Rd #135  
Bargersville, IN  
317.422.8114

Large 1 topping traditional  
crust pizza and an order of  
breadsticks

# \$14<sup>99</sup>

Like us on Facebook!

Exp: 2/13/2016



Charles R. Thomas, M.D. owns Chateau Thomas Winery with locations in Plainfield, Fishers, Bloomington and Nashville. Contact him at [charlest@chateauthomas.com](mailto:charlest@chateauthomas.com).

## EVENTS CALENDAR

**Family Forts** • Bring a blanket and make a family fort with our tables and chairs. Grab some popcorn, and read a story! | When: Jan. 16, 1 – 3 p.m. | Where: White River branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: Visit [pageafterpage.org](http://pageafterpage.org).

**Puzzle Party** • Youth between grades five and 12 can join for puzzles. | When: Jan. 18, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. | Where: White River branch library, 1664 Library Blvd. Greenwood. | Info: Visit [pageafterpage.org](http://pageafterpage.org).

**Snowflake Art** • Children between grades K and five can create a snowy masterpiece. | When: Jan. 19, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. | Where: White River branch library, 1664 Library Blvd. Greenwood. | Info: Visit [pageafterpage.org](http://pageafterpage.org).

**Zumba!** • Adults can join Lisa Wilde's class and dance their way to better health. | When: Jan. 20, 7 – 8 p.m. | Where: White River branch library, 1664 Library Blvd. Greenwood. | Info: Visit [pageafterpage.org](http://pageafterpage.org).

**Chili Cook-off for Riley Hospital** • The event is an annual fundraiser by Kiwanis Club of Greenwood, which last year began inviting neighboring Kiwanis clubs to join in competition. Each team offers a sample in a cup bearing a number that diners can use to vote for their favorite chili. | When: Jan. 22, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood United Methodist Church, 525 N. Madison Ave. | Cost: Adult meals, \$7. Kids, \$3. | Info: Visit [kiwanisgreenwoodin.com/](http://kiwanisgreenwoodin.com/).

**Membership – First Step** • Learn more about Stones Crossing Church in this membership class. | When: Jan. 24, 1 – 3:30 p.m. | Where: 7000 W. Stones Crossing Rd., Greenwood. | Info: Visit [stonescrossing.com](http://stonescrossing.com).

**Puppet Palooza** • Children in grades K through five can make a puppet, have a snack, write a short script and put on a show. | When: Jan. 25, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. | Where: White River branch library, 1664 Library Blvd. Greenwood. | Info: Visit [pageafterpage.org](http://pageafterpage.org).

**Craft Night: Flower Pot Candy Dish** • Adults and teens can paint a flower pot and turn it into a candy dish. | When: Jan. 25, 6:30 – 8 p.m. | Where: White River branch library, 1664 Library Blvd. Greenwood. | Info: Visit [pageafterpage.org](http://pageafterpage.org).

**Dreaming of Summer** • Children grades K through five can dream up a hot, sunny, summer day and play, craft and create in shorts and flip flops. | When: Jan. 26, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. | Where: White River branch library, 1664 Library Blvd. Greenwood. | Info: Visit [pageafterpage.org](http://pageafterpage.org).

**Greater Greenwood Lions Club** • Visitors are welcome during this meeting. | When: Jan. 26, 7 p.m. | Where: Golden Coral on State Road 135. | Info: Call Vickie Gilmore, (812) 603-4440.

**Lunch and Learn** • In recognition of Depression Awareness Month, the topic for Community Hospital South's free Fall Lunch and Learn will be the Signs and Symptoms of Depression. | When: Jan. 27, noon – 1 p.m. | Where: Conference Rooms 5 and 6, 1402 E. County Line Rd., Indianapolis. | Info: RSVP to (317) 887-7434.

**Chili Cook Off** • Saints Francis & Clare will host its annual Chili Cook Off, a fundraising event. | When: Jan. 30, 6:30 p.m. | Where: 5901 Olive Branch Rd., Greenwood. | Info: Visit [ss-fc.org](http://ss-fc.org).

**Valentine's Day Crafts** • Everyone can spread their love by being creative with Valentine's Day crafts. | When: Feb. 4, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. | Where: White River branch library, 1664 Library Blvd. Greenwood. | Info: Visit [pageafterpage.org](http://pageafterpage.org).

**Read and Bleed @ Your Library: American Red Cross Blood Drive** • All blood types are urgently needed. Refreshments provided. | When: Feb. 8, 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Where: White River branch library, 1664 Library Blvd. Greenwood. | Info: Visit [pageafterpage.org](http://pageafterpage.org), [redcross.org](http://redcross.org) or call 1-800-733-2767.

**Collage Self-Portraits** • Children grades K through five can use a variety of materials to make self-portraits. | When: Feb. 9, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. | Where: White River branch library, 1664 Library Blvd. Greenwood. | Info: Visit [pageafterpage.org](http://pageafterpage.org).

**Chocolate Party!** • Youth between grades five and 12 can join for chocolate trivia and other games. | When: Feb. 11, 6:30 – 8 p.m. | Where: White River branch library, 1664 Library Blvd. Greenwood. | Info: Visit [pageafterpage.org](http://pageafterpage.org).

**Valentine's Dinner at Mallow Run** • Castlewood Singers presents a Valentine's dinner and wine pairing. Treat your sweetheart to a romantic Valentine's dinner in the cozy and rustic setting of Mallow Run Winery. | When: Feb. 12 and 13, doors open 7:30 p.m. | Where: 6964 W. Whiteland Rd., Bargersville. | Cost: \$75. | Info: Call (317) 422-1556.

Happy New Year!  
2016

Stay warm...



## Learn a new language from your computer

### TECH SAVVY

By Regina Miller

**A few members of my family are interested in learning different languages. Do you have any suggestions for learning languages on the computer or Internet?**

There are a lot of solutions for learning a new language on the computer these days. Personally, I am a big fan of Rosetta Stone. I am bilingual and ran through the program of my second language to test the content and learning format before buying a different new language that I wanted to learn. Rosetta Stone is very effective, even if you only have 15 minutes a day to invest to learn. On the desktop version, you can install one language but have several users on the same license. There is also an app version to learn from mobile devices.

Admittedly, the mobility is nice, but the app for Rosetta Stone currently only allows

one user and one language for that user per license. I would be happier if it were unlimited languages for one user or several users for one language. While Rosetta Stone is a lot of bang for the buck and the price has dropped over the years, it can still be cost prohibitive for some when you have multiple people in the family wanting to learn different languages. There are other apps that are low cost or free for learning languages. For example, a couple of those apps include Duolingo and Hello Chinese. Whichever solution you choose, commit to studying on a regular basis, even if it's only for short bursts and you'll see progress in no time at all.



Regina Miller owns Geek in Pink. Contact her with tech questions at [regina@geekinpink.com](mailto:regina@geekinpink.com) or (317) 882-1606.

## This Christmas miracle helped local family

### FEATURE

By Daina Grounds Chamness

A simple email group performed a Christmas miracle a few weeks ago and it all started with one person's concern about some neighbors.

Leslie Bradshaw posted on an email site Next Door asking her neighbors if anyone knew about two men that she saw frequently walking along Smith Valley Road. Judging from their appearance, Leslie discerned that they might be in need. When several neighbors responded, they discovered that there were actually three men and a woman who lived together in a rented house behind Walters Collision & Body Repair on Smith Valley Road. Further investigation revealed that no one in the house was able to work and the woman was bedridden and on hospice care.

Many of the 1,700 neighbors in this email group began to offer help. Neighbors from Walnut Woods, Hill Valley Estates, Wind-song, Greenwood Commons, Sable Ridge, Turfway Park and Glens Valley pitched in to

make this Christmas just a little bit better for this family. Over 50 families and individuals, total strangers bound by a network of caring for those less fortunate.

When Norm Fanter of Sable Ridge delivered the gifts on Christmas Eve, he spotted the men outside walking their dogs. Opening the door of his little red van, Norm said "Ho! Ho! Ho! Santa Claus is here!" As he first unloaded a cheese and sausage tray and a tray of Christmas cookies, the men looked confused. When he began to unload \$2,500 worth of clothing, gift cards, cash and gifts, the recipients were speechless. "They didn't know what to say," Norm said. "I honestly don't think they had ever gotten help from anyone before." Fanter, who is retired from US Air, found the experience to be the most fun he had had in a long time, he said.

In his final post on Next Door, Fanter said "Thank you for all of your gifts! A special thanks to Dwayne Walters who let us use his shop as a drop off point for our collections." He credits Bradshaw from Walnut Woods and Dwayne Walters for making the whole thing happen.

## IN OUR SCHOOLS



From left, Laurinda Godfrey, Emily Larmore, Mia Nunokawa and Jeremy Combs. Submitted Photos

## Four Center Grove High School musicians named to All-State Honor Band

Center Grove High School junior, Laurinda Godfrey, senior, Emily Larmore, and sophomores, Mia Nunokawa and Jeremy Combs were selected to perform in the prestigious Indiana Music Education Association (IMEA) Honor Band. The band will perform during the January IMEA conference in Fort Wayne. The Honor Concert Band is an honors ensemble that performs each year at the IMEA Professional Development Conference. It includes high school students selected from a pool of nominations sent in by IMEA member band directors. This per-

forming ensemble works with top clinician from around the country and gives students an opportunity to play with other high caliber students from throughout the state. Directors may nominate up to four students per school. Eligible students must have received a gold rating in Group I solo at the state level. Consideration is also given to whether a student has previously participated in the IMEA Honor Band or other state honor bands and whether the student studies privately.

## face to face

### Q: What have you been postponing that you would like to do or finish this year?

"I would love to start my new business with Arbonne International, a health and wellness company. It has been around for 35 years and I've known about it for ten. I started in August thinking about it. My plan is to get a car so that my kids can have my car and they pay for a car for us to have and put it all away for college so nobody has to think about college payments."



**Sherry Andersen of Center Grove**

Visit us online and post your community news! [facebook.com/CenterGroveICON](https://www.facebook.com/CenterGroveICON)

"Building a healthier lifestyle. I've been thinking about this for a couple of years. I did it once before and fell off on it. I just want to get back on it. I want to diet and be more active and get my kids involved with it. That would help."



**Angie Bills of Center Grove**

"I would like to finish the landscaping I have been doing as well as painting the house and other improvements around the house. We have been planning to do this about three years. We have been caught up in the (Center Grove) sport scene with my daughter and my son and my other daughter at nursing school at IUPUI."



**Kevin Davis of Center Grove**

## BEHIND BARS

### O'Reilly's Bloody Mary

**Bartender:** Erica Tate

**Location:** O'Reilly's Irish Pub and Restaurant, 8923 S. Meridian St., Ste A1, Indianapolis, IN 46217.

**Ingredients and directions:** In a 16 oz. glass, add 1 oz. Pinnacle Mango Vodka, 1 oz. Pinnacle Pepper Vodka, 3 oz. Bloody Mary mix. Add a splash or ½ oz. of Guinness Extra Stout beer. Garnish with a celery stick.



## WHERE WE DINE

**Steve Schellin**, Senior Pastor at Southland Community Church



**Where do you like to dine?**  
Bone Fish Grill

**What do you like to eat there?**  
We're big on the appetizers. The Bang Bang Shrimp is our favorite thing there. We could eat that all day.

**What do you like about this place?** The service is fantastic. The owner is awesome. It has a great atmosphere, great food and great service.

*Bone Fish Grill is located at 1001 N. State Rd. 135 in Greenwood. The phone number is (317) 884-3992.*

## AN OPTION

### BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse

**The scoop:** BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse at the Greenwood Park Mall is a great place to make a pit stop and fuel up for an afternoon of shopping at the mall. Elegant yet casual, the Southern California-based restaurant is especially proud of its "innovative, Southern California twist on Chicago-style deep dish pizza," according to its website. The menu includes a number of pizza combos: buffet salad and pizza, pizza with pasta and salad, pizza with an entree, or pass on the pizza and choose from one of their entrees: New Orleans Jambalya, Balsamic Glazed Chicken, Parmesan Crusted Chicken, Salmon, Fire-Roasted Barbacoa Chicken, Roasted Salmon Quinoa Bowl, Roasted Chicken or salmon and a Spinach Quinoa Bowl, and Baby Back Pork Ribs. If you are looking a healthy meal under 795 calories, look for the EnLIGHTened Entress logo highlighting those healthy options on the menu. Along with your meal, try their award-winning handcrafted beer and soda.

**Specialties:** Deep Dish Pizza and salads



*Sandwich at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse.*

**Recommendation:** Pesto Chicken Sandwich

**Hours:** Mon. - Thurs. 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Fri. - Sat. 11 a.m. - 12 a.m.; Sun. 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

**Location:** in the Greenwood Park Mall, 1251 US-31 N in Greenwood

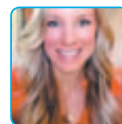
**Phone:** (317) 881-3500

*Compiled by Brian Ruckle*

## TWEET of the MONTH



"Hope your 2016 is off to a great start! Lots of exciting things in store this year @ Storm Chiro !!!"



**Storm Chiropractic**  
@MarieCStorm  
posted on Jan 3



# Communicating with Casey

Center Grove alumni Lauren Casey broadcasts traffic reports and coverage of her hometown for WRTV Channel 6

## FEATURE

By Nicole Davis

Lauren Casey discovered her passion for journalism while attending Center Grove High School. Graduating from Franklin College in 2013, she hasn't ventured far from her roots. She currently works as the morning traffic reporter at WRTV Channel 6 in Indianapolis, having many opportunities to return to her alma mater.

"It's cool to be able to go back and cover your community," Casey says. "I've gone back a couple of times to cover different events. You feel you have a different perspective than someone that's going there for the first time. I feel I can tell the story better because I know how it works. I know the people and know who I want to talk to. I try to make sure we get good coverage in Johnson County."

Casey attended Maple Grove Elementary, Center Grove Middle School Central and graduated from the high school in 2010. She started dancing at age four and began competing in first grade. She was captain of the dance team in high school, later returning to coach the team while in college.

"It's a huge school corporation," she says. "You have to work hard to stand out. It helped me be more independent, be able to work with other people and fight for what you want. Where I was on the dance team it was a new club and we had to fight to get time so I had to go to local meetings, talk to administrators and develop a plan. That helped me become a leader in high school."

Throughout high school, she says she had great teachers that influenced her interest in politics and current events. She went to Franklin College and joined the school newspaper and TV station, also coaching at the Dance Refinery on the Southside of Indianapolis.

She interned for Channel 13 twice before her internship with RTV6. She was hired after that internship.

"I got really lucky getting this job right out of college," she says. "I was expecting to have



**Upper, left:** Lauren Casey graduating from Center Grove High School and sister, Rachel Casey. **Upper, right:** In the studio with Casey, Beth Vaughn, and Ashley Brown on the set of Good Morning Indiana at WRTV6. **Lower, left:** Casey with RTV6 anchors and meteorologists on the field at Lucas Oil Stadium shooting a commercial for Colts coverage. **Lower, right:** Lauren with husband Brooks Bemis and their wedding party outside the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Indianapolis on Dec. 6, 2014. **Submitted Photos.**

to go somewhere far away. I have been lucky enough to stay in my hometown."

Casey does the traffic report at RTV6 from 4:30 to 9 a.m. and then goes to report on her own. She has covered topics such as Center Grove School Corporation's new security system earlier in 2015, saying it was interesting to shoot video from the rooftop

of the school. As she continues to hone her broadcast skills, she says she looks forward to continuing serve her community and spending time with her family and friends.

Casey is married to her high school sweetheart, Brooks Bemis. They still reside in the Center Grove area.

## Getting to know Casey...

**What's some advice you wish someone had given you when you were younger?**

My best advice that I wish someone had given me is use all of your electives and exploratory classes in school to figure out what you really love to do. I spent the majority of high school thinking I'd study dance and be a professional dance teacher. I kept taking these electives to fill my schedule and they were all English, current events and journalism-related classes. It wasn't until my senior year that my mom suggested you keep taking these classes to do with current events, news, writing and speaking so maybe you would like to do journalism. I loved it. I enjoy my job. You do a lot better when you find something you're passionate about.

**In your school-age years, is there a person who had a significant impact on you? Who and why?**

My parents, Sean and Ellen Casey. They instilled in me from a young age a good work ethic. They showed me that if you work hard you can achieve whatever you want to do. They taught me to have good values and to care about other people in the community. That's transitioned into what I do now, reaching out to people in the community and getting stories. They've always been there for me. They're my biggest fans. Now that I'm on television, they watch me every morning. They definitely had a huge impact on who I am today.

**What do you do in your free time?**

When I'm not working, because I work weird hours, I enjoy having some time off with my friends and family on the weekends. I'm married to my high school sweetheart and we live in Center Grove. We enjoy working out together, seeing our family and friends and going out to eat. We bought a house so we are working on fixing up our house and doing a lot of projects. We enjoy going back to Center Grove and Franklin College games, sporting events.

**What are some goals you'd like to accomplish in the coming years?**

I'm proud of what I've been able to accomplish so far, just having graduated college. I'd like to keep improving on-air especially with my storytelling, presentation and finding creative things to do stories on that are meaningful to my community. I don't have specific career goals. My biggest goal is to keep working on where I am now and get to the next level here in Indy. I enjoy the station I'm at, being in my hometown. Personally we want to travel, maybe out of the country while we're still young.



It's cool to be able to go back and cover your community...I've gone back a couple of times to cover different events. You feel you have a different perspective than someone that's going there for the first time.

~ Lauren Casey



# Spiritual influence

Daniel and Katie Johnston say Mt. Auburn provides a positive experience for any newcomer

## WHERE WE WORSHIP

Mt. Auburn United Methodist Church quickly felt like home for the Johnston family.

When they moved to Bargersville in 2014, Daniel and Katie were looking for a church with an all-day daycare. After trying two churches, their oldest daughter began asking when they would return to Mt. Auburn. She had enjoyed the children's program and wanted to go back.

"When we arrived it was at a big time of transition for the church, with Pastor Herlet retiring and Pastor Buck starting out," Katie says. "We were really impressed with how healthy the church was even through a big transition. It was a positive experience even for a newcomer, to see them welcome a new pastor with open arms. That spoke to us when we were thinking of joining the church."

Daniel and Katie have been married for 10 years and have two children, Audrey, 8, and Sarah, 4. They moved from Texas to Indiana in 2005, then to the Center Grove area in 2014.

Katie is a pediatrician with Riley Physicians Pediatrics. Daniel is a civil engineer at HNTB Corporation. Katie has gotten involved in Mt. Auburn's Moms and More Bible Study and has helped with a gardening committee. Daniel is joining a leadership council that is currently forming in the church. They are both members of a LIFE group, and have been approached to start a new one with parents with kids of elementary school age.

"We have only been there about 18 months but we feel so welcomed," Katie says. "They do a tremendous job of greeting you and helping you find out where your talents fit best in the church. It's kind of remarkable. [We] have moved around a lot the last 10 years. I don't know that we've had a similar church experience and [felt] so welcomed so quickly."

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

"It's the way the sermons are taught. They are looking at each verse of a particular reading, going into the meaning, the phrasing and how it's used. Pastor Jeff is very animated when he is giving his services. It brings a new level of understanding to a passage. It helps us grow spiritually to have a better understanding of the scripture." - Daniel

### What is it about your place of worship that helps you feel connected to your spouse, children, parents or family?

"Seeing how our children have thrived in the children's program. They have really learned a lot, being both in the day care and in the church. As parents it's been fun being a part of the church family,



Katie and Daniel Johnston with their daughters, Audrey and Sarah.

ly, being involved. Since we are many miles away from family, it is nice to feel like we have a church family." - Katie

### What is one meaningful event that has taken place at your place of worship?

"I've made some really incredible friends with the church. The church has provided several new and dear friends that have been meaningful to me." - Katie

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

"If someone were to show up, they would be welcomed. They always have an army of people standing at the door, or there are folks looking for first-time visitors and help find where they fit in. There are opportunities for folks to get connected. Wherever they are at their stage of life, there is a similar group of folks at the church. Once they do get connected they will definitely have a positive influence in the spiritual life." - Daniel

## Mt. Auburn United Methodist Church

3100 W. Stones Crossing Rd.  
Greenwood, IN 46143  
(317) 535-8555  
mtauburnumc.org

Compiled by Nicole Davis

Submitted Photo

## The root of all New Year's resolutions: Wisdom

### DEVOTION

By Pastor Chris Philbeck

If you could choose one word to describe all of your actions and choices in 2016, what would it be? It would be interesting to ask that question in a setting where you actually had the opportunity to hear people's responses, but since this is a written devotion in a magazine that people read privately, let me just cut to the chase and give you my answer – wisdom.

My answer is wisdom because pretty much every New Year's resolution that you can make will find its fulfillment through

wisdom. Some people will make the New Year's resolution to make better decisions because they know that so much of the trial and trouble and disappointment of their lives began with a bad decision. Wisdom is the answer.

Proverbs 8:12 says, "I, wisdom, live together with good judgment. I know where to discover knowledge and discernment." Wisdom leads to good decisions.

No doubt a lot of people will make New Year's resolutions that have to do with money. Their resolution is to be more responsible with money, a better manager of money, to save more money or something like that.

Wisdom is the answer.

Proverbs 8:21 says, "Those who love me inherit wealth. I will fill their treasuries." The Proverb writer is talking about wisdom.

Some people will make a New Year's resolution to live a fuller and more meaningful life. Wisdom is the answer.

Proverbs 8:32 says, "...listen to me, for all who follow my ways are joyful" (the "me" is wisdom). Proverbs 8:35 says, "For whoever finds me finds life and receives favor from the Lord" (again, the "me" is wisdom).

When you think about it, we don't really need to make New Year's resolutions; we just need to make it our goal to pursue wisdom.

It all begins with God. James 1:5 says, "If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking." You can't get a more straightforward answer than that. If you need wisdom, the first thing you do is ask God.



Chris Philbeck is senior pastor of Mount Pleasant Christian Church. You may email him at [inquiry@mpccministry.com](mailto:inquiry@mpccministry.com) or call (317) 881-6727.

# A golden opportunity

## Walt Madden-Warner gives back to the Center Grove community through management position at Golden Corral

Having an opportunity to be involved in the Center Grove community is one of Walt Madden-Warner's favorite aspects of his job as general manager of the Golden Corral on State Road 135.

As a child, Walt says he was able to participate in his local Shop With a Cop program and experienced first-hand the long-lasting impact these types of events can have on a child. That's why one of the first initiatives he became involved in through Golden Corral was making donations to Johnson County's Shop With a Cop program. Through the restaurant, he has also played a part in fundraising for local families in need and in Golden Corral's Camp Corral. Camp Corral, [campcorral.org](http://campcorral.org), is designed for children of wounded, disabled or fallen military service members. It takes place June through August of every year, but the restaurant will begin fundraising early spring with a yard sale.

"I get really excited about Camp Corral," he says. "It's an amazing program... The kids will be leading us tomorrow so we need to take care of them out today. There are so many bad things out there for the kids to get involved with; they have to have something positive."

After contributing to the Greenwood Lions Club's initiatives, helping families and children at Center Grove Estates, he decided three months ago to join the organization.

Walt grew up in Batesville, Ind., graduating from Franklin County Community High School in Brookville, Ind. He joined the Marine Corps and served for six years. He worked at a locally-owned restaurant in Greensburg until he was recruited by Chili's and transferred to Indianapolis. Wanting to move to management, he later was hired to Denny's doing local store marketing and getting involved in its Toys for Tots fundraising. He has been with Golden Corral for six years, as the general manager for the restaurant on State Road 135. Walt resides in Center Grove with his five-year-old son, Hunter.

Here, learn more about our January Center Grove Icon of the Month, Walt Madden-Warner:

**What do you consider your greatest virtue?** Being able to get out and involve myself in the programs in the community, being able to help kids that need help.

**What do you most deplore in others?** Lack of willingness to get out there and try to make a difference or care about anything beyond what's in their own doorstep.

**What do you like most about living in Center Grove?** It's a tight-knit community. The longer I'm here, the more I find it has that small-town feeling. You can't go the grocery store without running into someone you know. Plus, the schools are great.

**If you had to live anywhere else in the Metro Indianapolis area, where would it be?** Fishers area: I lived up there once before and liked it.

**If you could begin life over, what would you change?** I would have gotten more energetic a lot younger. The bad things in our life contribute to who we are today. If we're happy with where we are, then we shouldn't change anything.

**If money were no issue, how would you spend it?** I would put a lot of money into helping families in need, families that won't have a Christmas, things for school.

**What makes you happiest?** I love coming to work and seeing folks talking to the kids, families. I love what I do. I've always had a passion for being in a restaurant.

**What is your favorite vacation spot?** Top Sail Island, N.C. When I was in the Marine Corps, I would go out there on the weekends. It's quiet, peaceful.

**What do you do with idle time?** I spend a lot of time doing projects on the house. In the summer, I grow a garden and can vegetables.

**What is it that makes you angry?** People not willing to do what's needed to better themselves.

**What do you do to escape from reality?** I go soak in a tub and listen to music. Music is my all-time escape.

**What or who is the greatest love of your life?** Hunter, my son.

**Which living person in Center Grove do you most admire?** Pat Vehorn. She puts a lot of heart and soul into everything she does with the Lions Club.

**What is the quality you like most in a man?** Willingness to help out in any way they can.

**What is the quality you like most in a woman?** Willingness to help out in any way they can.

**What is your greatest extravagance?** My pickup truck. I use it a lot for work.

**What are your fears/phobias?** I'm afraid of heights.

**What has been the happiest time of your life?** Hunter was adopted. The process took two years, almost three. When I finally got to court we completed his adoption, it was pretty awesome.

**Which talent would you most like to possess?** Cooking is the thing I enjoy most and am always striving to do better.

**What do you most value in your friends?** Loyalty. They're there with you through thick and thin.

**Which historical figure do you most admire?** George Washington.

**What is your greatest regret?** Sometimes it's that I spend as much time at work and not enough time with family as I'd like to.

**What tenet do you live by?** You get out of life what you put into it.



Compiled by Nicole Davis



When is *your* big day?

# Bridal Show

*Vendors as of January 2016*

- Aadvance Limousine
- A Fitting Creation
- Active Family Chiropractic of Brownsburg
- Avon Wedding Barn
- Blanton House
- BMO Harris Bank
- Carole's Boutique
- Cruise Planners
- CCS Counseling
- Donnas Dress Designs
- Doterra Essential Oils
- Elegance Boutique of Pittsboro
- Elmwood by Redwood
- Glory Nails of Avon
- Its All About Thyme
- JJ's Catering
- Louies Tux Shop (Avon Location)
- Mary Kay (Lauren Gentry)
- Melissa Cain Art Studio of Danville
- Mindy Tasich-Koyani, Carpenter Realtor
- My House Fitness of Avon
- North Salem Garden Gate Gifts and Flower Shop (Designs By Terri Solomon)
- Photography by Fast
- Photography by Sarah Crail
- Pop O Licious of Brownsburg
- Special Occasion Design
- Visit Hendricks County
- White Lick Creek by Redwood

**FREE**  
*for all*  
**Brides!**

HENDRICKS COUNTY  
**ICON**

HOSTED BY

*Prestwick*  
COUNTRY CLUB

*You are invited...*

**5th Annual  
Hendricks County ICON  
Bridal Show**

January 31, 2016

1pm to 5pm

Held at the Prestwick Country Club

5197 Fairway Drive

Avon, Indiana 46123

To register, please email: [brides@myicon.info](mailto:brides@myicon.info).

Register NOW to be entered to win a wide variety of Door Prizes!

For questions or vendor space information, please contact  
Sherry Moodie at: [brides@myicon.info](mailto:brides@myicon.info) or call: (317) 525-1258