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First grader Jacob Dunn takes a swing during a recent coach-pitch baseball game at the Community Life Center. Mount Pleasant Christian Church offers tee ball (for preschool and kindergartner students) and coach-pitch (for 1st and 2nd graders) summer baseball leagues through its Youth Sports program. Players gather twice a week, once to practice and another for scheduled games, while having fun learning the game of baseball and creating summer memories. For more information on MPCC Youth Sports, contact Dustin Hart at the Community Life Center. (Submitted Photo/Community Life Center/Mount Pleasant Christian Church)





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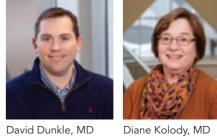
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#### **HISTOPY & ARCHITECTURE**



Whetzel Trace Trail was named after early White River Township settlers (Jacob and Cyrus Whetzel). The Whetzels created the trail around 1818. (Photo by Jeff Beck)

#### **Whetzel Trace Trail needs your support**

By Jeff Beck

I recently enjoyed breakfast with two ladies who are passionate about trails in Johnson County. The women are dedicated volunteers with the Johnson County Aspire trails project. The website for Aspire (aspirejohnsoncounty.org) can provide more information on goals for the trails in the Johnson County group.

Trails made me think of early White River Township settlers, namely Jacob Whetzel and his son, Cyrus. Axemen and the Whetzels carved a trail commonly thought of as the first east-west road in our community of Johnson County around 1818. Men started their work near the town of Laurel (eastern Indiana) on the Whitewater River, crossed over the Blue River in Shelby County and ended northeast of Waverly overlooking White River. The final location of the trail is said to be at Bluffs Creek, or communities far to the west which no longer exist (other than residential homes). The trail was used to form the counties of Shelby, Rush, Johnson, Morgan and Marion. Early trail blazers surely encountered bears, snakes and wildlife of all kind, which was dangerous work for early settlers. The state of Indiana worked after the War of 1812 to obtain land rights from Indian tribes, including Miami and Delaware, among others. The land was finally purchased by the state of Indiana with unknown costs other than "goods" given for the Indian land in 1818. The land was now open for settlers and farms to be started on the Wabash River Trail. This meant hard work and short lives for the men and women who first settled in our community. Families from early settlers continue to live in the trail.

While driving through the neighborhood, trying to find a historical marker near State Roads 144 and 37 was not productive. I thought if the marker had been replaced, it would be an opportunity for history to be shared and a potential grant for a trail project. Johnson County is blessed to have a list of historical markers sharing points of interest and a history of our communities. One marker of particular interest is located south of Franklin in the community of Amity. Located south and east of Arthur's Roto Grill restaurant, the first road going east has a historical marker (and odd but true story of a lady buried in the middle of the road); it's worth the drive to read the marker. The state of Indiana and the Johnson County Museum of History just excavated and updated the site, keeping everything intact.

Trails are priorities for many Johnson County residents, including health benefits: a peaceful walk, run or bike ride. The Aspire trails project could use support, both financially and from those who can volunteer. Those trails were originally made with the use of axes, saws and horses, if available. Trails are now much easier to construct however, one must pay the cost either by taxes. grants or donations. The cost for these trails is unknown; I am happy to share that at least one trail project will use reclaimed material from roadway reconstruction, which means a lowered cost.

Don't forget to date and identify all photos of the history of Whetzel Trace Trail so that visitors can enjoy and understand them. Contact the Johnson County Museum if you are interested in the Whetzel Historical Marker being replaced.



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.



#### Athlete of the Month

Santina Schembra ===

By Rick Morwick

Santina Schembra is no stranger to success on the volleyball court.

Heading into her fourth varsity season as a defensive specialist for state power Center Grove, the senior standout has already been a part of one regional title and three straight sectional championships

Not surprisingly, she expects her final varsity season to be her best -- for herself and for her team.

"I see us all being very close as friends and having a good relationship and that will lead to us being successful on the court this year," said Schembra, who will be a three-year starter when the 2018 season begins Aug. 12 at New Castle.

As one of the Trojans' most experienced returners, they will look to her for direction as well as production.

ership," said first-year Head Coach Chris Due, who was hired last month after two successful seasons at Ritter High School in Indianapolis, "That's one of the first things that stood out to me with her. She has a great rapport with her teammates."

Due, a veteran head coach who also enioved a successful stint at Franklin Community High School from 2010 to 2013, appreciates Schembra for other

moves (on) the court well," Due said.

"She does a great job bringing a great energy and vibe to the court."

In light of heavy graduation losses from last year's team that advanced to the Class 4A regional finals, Schembra will be among the Trojans' most experienced returners. She will be a four-year varsity player and three-year starter.

But her experience isn't limited to high school. An accomplished club player, she literally grew up playing the sport.

"I have played volleyball my whole life," Schembra said. "I enjoy being able to connect and create relationships with teammates, on and off the court."

Due is confident Schembra's leadership, coupled with that of fellow returners, senior, Graci Gasper and juniors, Madison Hammill, Ashley Eck, Anna Line and Calista Stafford, will help the Trojans build off last year's success, which also included Johnson County Tournament and Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference championships.

"We lost some really solid seniors last year but we have a great core returning," Due said. "We have a very strong junior class and have a lot of depth in multiple positions. We play one of the strongest schedules in the state, so that will help us get ready in the postseason.

"One thing I've learned about the players in the first few weeks I've been here is that they are hungry for success. They really enjoy the game of volleyball and they also work hard in the weight room.

#### THE SCHEMBRA FILE "She has displayed some great lead-INTERESTS OUTSIDE OF VOLLEYBALL: Santina Schembra "I love to spend time with my teammates and friends." POSITION Defensive specialist COLLEGE PLANS Aspires to play in college but is still exploring options Will be a four-year varsity player and Antoinette Pulse three-year starter Mother; Larry Schembra, father: Derrick Pulse, reasons: her ability and skills. stepfather; Shelly "She is a very scrappy defender that Schembra, stepmoth Bob Rohman's INDY



#### **Center Grove News Quiz**

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

What is Santina Schembra's position on the volleyball team?

A. Setter

specialist

B. Outside hitter C. Libero **D.** Defensive

What did Goebel "Pop"
Hampton serve as during WW II?

A. Rifleman B. Purchasing agent

C. Meat cutter D. Cook

Where is CHAMP Camp located?

A. Bloomington B. Martinsville

C. South Bend D. Anderson

What is Tracy Watson's title at Mount Pleasant

Christian Church? ■ A. Communications coordinator

**B.** Accountant

C. Ambassador Coordinator

D. Receptionist

**5** A member of a famous country singing group visited Paws & Claws Gift Shop/Hamilton Art Gallery and Studio. Which group was it?

☐ A. The Gatlin Brothers B. Sugarland

**C.** The Statler Brothers D. Lady Antebellum



**SEE ANSWERS ON PAGE 27.** 

## END OF AN ERA

#### Center Grove's first family-owned grocery is saying goodbye











Left top, owner Sue Hampton and grandson Nick Baxter, the night manager, have enjoyed working together behind the deli counter. | Left bottom, owner Sue Hampton converses with customers for one of the last times at Hampton's Marke. | Center, Hampton's Market, Center Grove's first family-owned grocery, is closing its doors at 44 years of service to the community. | Right top, Shannon Hoover has embraced the family atmosphere at Hampton's Market for 22-years, serving as a manager. | Right bottom, the Hampton's Market deli counter closed on Sunday, July 8th, after 44 years of business. (Photos by Jeremy Dunn)

#### **COVER STORY**

#### By Jeremy Dunn

In a few short weeks, Hampton's Market, off Smith Valley Road, will not only be closing its doors, it will also be closing the book on a treasured part of Center Grove history. Goebel "Pop" Hampton and his son, Keith, opened the area's first family-owned grocery in 1974 to the welcoming arms of local farmers. Over the next 44 years, "Pop", who served as an army cook for General Patton during World War II and his family not only shared their love for food with the community but treated all their customers like extended family members.

Store manager Shannon Hoover, 22, shared, "We know everybody. It's more like family out here. We have some of the same customers we had in 1974. We know their kids and their kids' kids. They've all grown up here."

#### Weathering the storm (and more)

The Hamptons had to endure one of their greatest challenges in 1997, when a tornado caused massive damage to the market's roof and structure. Always ones to care about the well-being of their employees and customers, "Pop" and Keith relocated their staff and products to another family business, Boggstown Locker, while Hampton Market faced a year-and-a-half rebuilding window. Wanting to remain in Center Grove, the family elected to reopen across the street, on westbound Smith Valley Road, in December of 1998.

Another rebuild was necessary about a decade ago after a freak accident. Hoover recalled, "The tornado was huge but we did have a car drive through the front of the building one time. A lady got her foot caught one the gas pedal and drove through the front of

the building. Right through the front door." Fortunately, no one was seriously injured but once again, the Hamptons found themselves making repairs.

#### Carrying on a legacy

Among the challenges, Hampton's Market had become a staple in the Center Grove community. Known for its outstanding deli meats and service, the family grocery was beginning to draw in customers from outlining areas, including Mooresville, Indianapolis and even Carmel. Hoover shared that Hampton's Market values providing quality. "We have always had better meats. We are very picky about the meat we sell and the customers like that. We aren't just going to put anything out," she said. As the Center Grove area was blossoming, so was the store. "When we

first came in, we were doing great. All of these houses were being built. There was a lot of construction," remembered the longtime manager.

Unfortunately, nothing could prepare the Hamptons for the loss they would face in 2006, as Goebel passed away. With his father and co-founder gone, Keith Hampton and his wife, Sue, carried on the Hampton's grocery tradition. Little did they know at the time, but the couple was about to face some of the market's toughest challenges.

#### Taking on the big-boxes

As Keith and Sue continued to have success, the area's growth continued to expand toward State Road 135. With the population rapidly rising, more and more businesses began to set their sights on Center Grove. The newfound

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competition brought a whole new set of challenges for the small familyowned grocery. "People just weren't coming in and buying the groceries like they used to," Hoover said. "We suddenly had five big-box stores, Wal-Mart and Kroger, around us. You can't buy Tide and stuff in the quantity that they do. So, we can't offer the prices they can. Once they started building up around State Road 135, we started slowing down." Even with the deli thriving, Hampton's Market was struggling to stay afloat against the supermarket powerhouses.

An even bigger blow came in July of 2017, when Keith Hampton suddenly passed away, leaving the family business solely to Sue and her longtime staff family. Even before the last co-founder's passing, the family had already been in discussions about the store's future. Now, with her family's and customers' best interest at heart, Sue Hampton knew what she had to do. "She had been trying to find someone (to purchase the store) since the beginning of the year. It wasn't like an overnight decision. We thought maybe someone might be able to come in but it just didn't work out and we cannot go into another winter losing money." Hoover said.

Ultimately, it was decided that Hampton's Market would close its doors at the end of July. The deli would offer service until Sunday, July 8 and the first family-owned grocery in Center Grove would end all sales on Sunday, July 29.

#### Leaving a mark on the community

While the community does not want to see Hampton's Market leave Center Grove, it will alwavs value the family more than the business. Recently, customers seem to linger in the deli line or check-out counters just a little longer, trying to capture that one last memory of the Hampton's Market experience. It is no secret that this small family business with humble beginnings deeply rooted with local farmers thrives on its relationships with its customers.

Upon checking out, one cus-

tomer asked if it would be possible to purchase one of the market's grocery baskets with a well-aged orange color and the words "Hampton's Market" faded on its side. "I just want something to remember this place by. There are so many memories here." he explained to the young cashier.

Customers of this Center Grove landmark know it was not the groceries that made this market unique. It was the stories shared alongside a deli counter, the partnership with the local fire department at strawberry fests, families passing down trips to the store to their children and the value of a warm smile and friendly conversation. THAT is Hampton's Market and that is how they wrote their own chapter in Center Grove history.

Hoover will always treasure the element of family. "We grew up with them," she said. "Their kids grew up with us. We've been to the weddings. We've been to the funerals. We've been to everything."



Sunday, July 29 will be the final time you can "checkout" at Hampton's Market before all lanes will be closed at 44 years in Center Grove. (Photo by Jeremy Dunn)





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## Southside Burmese immigrants become U.S. citizens

By Nancy Price

Forty southside Burmese immigrants became U.S. citizens at Freedom Park in Greenwood on July 7, thanks to a nonprofit, Hope for Tomorrow, created by Executive Director Justin Thang. Thang, a Burmese refugee who immigrated to the United States at age 16, began Hope for Tomorrow to help other Burmese refugees learn the English language and obtain their American citizenship through classes and to help build a bridge between American and Burmese communities.

More than 100 people attended the day's festivities, including members of the current U.S. Citizenship class, board members, volunteers and community leaders. Greenwood Mayor, Mark Myers, also attended and congratulated the new American citizens.

"We wanted to celebrate our graduates, recognizing their esteemed honor of becoming United States citizens," said Thang. "They have committed their time and hearts to this great nation and we are thrilled that their journey as U.S. citizens is ahead of them."

For more information, please visit hopefortomorrowusa.com.

## **ICON**ography











1. Greenwood Mayor Mark Myers congratulates new U.S. citizen Van Ram Thangi. 2. New U.S. citizen Ester Thiang. 3. Esther Zing, 8, and Slomi Luri, 8, wait for the festivities to begin. They are the daughters of new U.S. citizen Esther Luri. 4. Jafet Thawng shows his American spirit. His father, San, was one of the new U.S. citizens. 5. Priscilla Mawi, 16 months, shows her American pride with U.S. flags with her mother, Biak. (Photos by Rick Myers)



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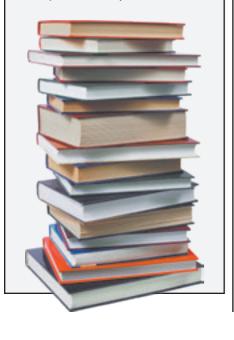
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#### WHAT WILL THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR BRING?

#### **By Nancy Price**

The Center Grove Icon thanks the educators in our school system to provide the tools necessary for students to be successful in life. The community is blessed to have such diligent and dedicated educators from our local private and public schools. Thank you also to the parents who believe that education begins in the homes. Center Grove, Greenwood Community, Greenwood Christian Academy and Roncalli proudly shared their success stories from the previous school year We look forward to hearing what they have planned for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year. We're confident that the schools will be having yet another successful and productive year.



#### **Center Grove Community School Corporation**

On behalf of the Center Grove Board of School Trustees, administration, faculty and support staff, we would like to welcome everyone back to school on Aug. 2, 2018! Our school corporation's vision is to provide all students with an "exceptional educational experience". We are incredibly fortunate to have knowledgeable teachers and dedicated staff members who are devoted to helping our students succeed. While education is our mission, the safety of our students and staff is our top priority. Our Center Grove Police Department (CGPD) is a critical part of keeping Center Grove safe. They patrol our buildings, inside and out, and help monitor the more than 500 security cameras installed throughout the district. We have a background check policy in place for volunteers and use LobbyGuard to check in and screen visitors. In addition, we've added a fourth CGPD officer in January and a second canine this summer to the department to help keep our students safe. Our officers are in every school every day. However, it is important for every student, staff member, parent and visitor to follow the security procedures for our buildings. We are proud of the continued investments in safety by our School Board. You can read more about Center Grove's ongoing commitment to safety at

centergrove.k12.in.us/safety. The new school year will bring new principals for Center Grove Middle School North, North Grove Elementary and Sugar Grove Elementary. Dr. Davin Harpe will move from Sugar Grove to Center Grove Middle School North, Dr. Harpe has served as principal of Sugar Grove Elementary since July 2013. Before coming to Center Grove, he spent 14 years as a principal, assistant principal and teacher in various schools in Brownsburg, Franklin Township, Hamilton Southeastern and Western Boone school corporations. Dr. Harpe has received the Indiana Association of School Principals Elementary Principal of the Year and was named a National Distinguished Principal. The new Sugar Grove principal will be Mrs. Jessica Hvde. Mrs. Hvde served as the assistant principal for Pleasant Grove Elementary for five years. She spent six years as a teacher in Center Grove before moving into administration. North Grove's new principal will be Mr. Ron Siner. Mr. Siner has been an assistant principal at North Grove, Maple Grove, Center Grove and most recently Sugar Grove Elementary. He started his career as a teacher at Sugar Grove in 2001. All three are excited to start working with the staff, students and families in their new schools. Work is progressing on time and on budget for the August 2019

opening of our newest elementary school, Walnut Grove Elementary. Later this fall, we will bring together staff and parents to work through how we will redraw our boundary lines to shift students to this new school. You can see photos and get updates on the school at centergrove.k12.in.us/WGES. We are proud that construction of this school was funded without impacting the tax rate for White River Township taxpayers. We are fortunate to have a school board and administrative team that work diligently and cooperatively to provide the resources we need to provide a highquality education for our students, all while being fiscally responsible. We are excited to continue our Silver Card program for White River Township residents who are age 62 and older in appreciation for their support of our school corporation. You can apply for the card or renew your card on our website to receive free admission to many athletic and arts events in Center Grove. We welcome all community members to attend our school events and school board meetings and to visit our website at centergrove.k12.in.us to learn more about Center Grove's exceptional educational

> Richard A. Arkanoff, EdD Superintendent

#### **Greenwood Christian Academy**

On behalf of the Greenwood Christian Academy (GCA) faculty, staff and board, it is our pleasure to welcome everyone back for the 2018-2019 academic year. We are excited about all the great changes taking place at GCA this upcoming year.

When you first enter our doors, the look of GCA will be vastly improved. Our main school office will be front and center. Security measures have been enhanced even more with a new security check-in system that will be monitored beginning at 7 a.m.

Next, GCA has a new administration team to better serve our families' needs. This team includes Jason Klingerman as our K-12 pastoral principal, Angelique Randall as our K-12 academic principal, Kevin Jackson as the middle school and high school academic dean and Christine Cross as the elementary academic dean. In addition, we know that part of any great school includes great communication. So, we have also improved resources in this area. We now have dedicated new staff assigned to internal and external communications, community relationships, volunteer coordination, financial aid and admissions.

We are an interdenominational Christian school with a student body of more than 500 students in grades PK through 12 representing more than 80 local churches. We know it is our mission to provide an excellent education with a Christian worldview and to prepare our students to succeed both academically and spiritually.

At the elementary level, we will continue to emphasize the core subjects such as reading, writing and mathematics, as well as provide special classes, including art, Spanish, PE, technology and music, to ensure our students are well rounded. This year, we have also expanded our preschool program to include a new full-day program, as well as resources for the Rtl program, including a full-time teacher for student interventions and meeting individualized learning needs.

At the intermediate and middle school levels we utilize specialized curriculum intended to prepare students for the rigor of high school, enhance their STEM knowledge and help them to develop cognitively, socially and spiritually. We have added some new elective choices at the 7th and 8th-grade level and improved on the band program in all grades. Additionally, with the help of our families, we are able to offer one to one Chromebooks in grades 5-12.

At the high school level, we will intentionally focus on courses and internship opportunities to effectively prepare our students for the upcoming demands of college and ca-

reers, to encourage them to become lifelong learners and lovers of God, His work and this world. We provide an academically rigorous curriculum and students with a strong desire to go on to college or advanced degrees including dual credit courses through both Vincennes University and Grace College.

Finally, GCA has thriving extracurricular programs as well. We are members of the IHSAA, Johnson County Tournament, and the regional PACC conference. Our fine arts department is phenomenal. Both the middle and high schools deliver incredible productions each year, as do our choral and band departments.

However, at the core of all our activities will continue to be Christ. We are motivated and led by God's Word. Our theme this year is THE STORY: We Learn the STORY, Live the STORY and Love the STORY. Psalm 107:2 tells us "Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story!" Our faculty challenges the students to meet their highest academic potential while modeling Christ's love, discipline and servant leadership.

Thank you for being a part of the GCA family. We are looking forward to an amazing year. Our first day for students is August 8.

Angelique Randall K-12 Academic Principal

#### **Greenwood Community School Corporation**

On behalf of the Greenwood Community School Corporation Board of Education, I would like to welcome students, parents, staff and community stakeholders back for the 2018-19 school year. As always, we look forward to seeing our students!

I want to first mention the members of our board of education. Our success as a school district starts with this governing body.

Members of our board of education are Steve Moan, president; Jack Napier, vice president; Mike Metzger, secretary; Nick Schwab, member; and LaDawn Weston, member.

I begin my sixth year as the superintendent here in Greenwood. I continue to be so appreciative of the opportunity to serve the Greenwood Community School Corporation and the Community of Greenwood. The key word in the Greenwood Community School Corporation is "community." It takes a community to help educate students. Everyone — whether you are a parent, staff member,

business leader or a resident with no children in our school system — has a responsibility to our young people.

Our school district enrollment has grown steadily over the last five years to where we are projected to begin this year with over 4,000 students. We always appreciate the feedback we get from parents new to our district regarding the positive culture and climate that exist for our students.

Thank you for being a part of the Greenwood Community School Corporation. Please know that we don't take you for granted. We are a service organization and we take our service responsibility to our students, parents and community seriously.

Please help us to carry out this mission by volunteering your time and talents to better serve our students.

Here's to a great 2018-19 school year!

Kent DeKoninck, Ph.D. Superintendent

#### **Roncalli High School**

At the beginning of a new school year, it is appropriate to consider the many opportunities offered to students who get a great education during their high school years. The competition that is emerging as a result of the globalization of our economy makes these opportunities even more important for the future of our youth.

After years of planning, fundraising, design and construction, our school plant continues to emerge as one of the finest private school facilities in the state of Indiana. Recent fundraising efforts have been successful and this year Roncalli is preparing to embark upon the construction of a new gymnasium for the school community. Current plans are for the construction to be completed in the 2019-20 school year.

However, it is the exceptional quality of the education that our students receive while here that is most unique about our school. That quality has always been the result of the extraordinary commitment of our teachers and staff working alongside students from families who put a high priority on the education of their children. As a result of this combined effort, Roncalli graduates are making an impact on the greater good of societies all across the world.

The academic accomplishments of our staff and students continue to reach new heights. For the sixth year in a row, Roncalli has been designated a Four-Star School by the Indiana Department of Education. As an indication of the excellent foundation our students receive for college, our recently graduated class of 2018 earned an all-time high of \$29.3 million in merit-based college scholarships!

The professionalism and dedication of our teachers translate into exceptional performance by our students, highlighted by our recent notification by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation that Roncalli will have 15 students recognized by the National Merit program as commended students and semifinalists, which matches an all-time high for the school as well.

Our enrollment will be nearly 1,200 students at the start of the year. We are excited to welcome the gifts and talents of so many young people. Our efforts to ensure that every student is engaged in the life of the school have been enhanced in recent years. We feel it is imperative that our students take full advantage of the many extracurricular programs and clubs that are offered at Roncalli. Research has consistently shown that students engaged in the extracurricular life of their school are much more likely to succeed in all areas of school life — especially the classroom.

Our mission has long centered on working to develop life-long learners in service to others. Inspiring students to truly become life-long learners requires gifted teachers with a passion for their subject matter and an enthusiasm for teaching their students. Inspired teaching leads to inspired students and inspired students become their own best teachers. It is a successful formula for optimizing student achievement upon which we continue to rely. We are so thankful for the abundance of inspiring teachers who are plying their craft at Roncalli. We look forward to a fantastic year!

Dr. Joseph D. Hollowell President

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#### Citizenship brings perspective of freedom

When I have a bad day and cannot think of as many things to be grateful for, I remind myself that I have my freedom. I used to take that for granted until I went through some challenging time in my life. I remembered that I had freedom to attend any church I wanted. Freedom to drive anywhere I wanted, at any time. Freedom to vote, work and own my own home. Freedom to marry or be single. Freedom to express an opinion and read what I want to read.

This is not the case for millions around the world who fear constant persecution for themselves and their families and friends due to their beliefs and values.

For refugees who enter the United States, freedom is something that is never taken for granted. Those who dream of freedom hold steady jobs and raise families while attending English as a second language classes and study for months to obtain their citizenship. A day of freedom means attending a church service, meeting with others to discuss politics or simply leaving their home: and in addition, for women, being able to drive, wear what they wish and walk unescorted without a male, all without a constant fear of being arrested or shot for simply living a life that they wish to live.

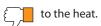
Remembering this puts a "bad day" into perspective. Thank you to all the brave, strong servicemen and women who have fought and continue to fight for our freedom. And congratulations to new U.S. citizens who have worked very hard and are proud to call themselves Americans.



 $\bigwedge$  to the men and women who serve and have served our country for our freedom and a reason to celebrate Independence Day.

to Greenwood Public Library and for their reading programs and events this summer.

to the volunteers who helped at Greenwood's annual Freedom Festival this year to help the event be a success.



**ICONtoon** 



#### My cinnamon challenge

HUMOR

**By Gus Pearcy** 

A few years ago, I got it stuck in my noggin that I needed good quality cinnamon. I can't explain it. So I purchased a two-pack of Durkee cinnamon in the industrial size. Uh-huh I have 36 ounces of high-grade cinnamon.

The thing about cinnamon is that you never need much. Seriously, though, you don't use more than a sprinkle each time and I purchased more than a million sprinkles. If cinnamon was a commodity, then I would have cornered the market.

My kids recently confessed that they didn't like cinnamon. What?

I tried the Cinnamon Challenge, which was a viral stunt on YouTube. Idiots (of which I count myself) try to eat a spoonful of cinnamon without the aid of liquid. It's funny to watch but can kill you. I chickened out.

Psychology would claim that I'm buying a "feeling". You know, when you buy exercise equipment because you are buying how you will feel when you get in shape. It's a great lesson for sales and marketing. People don't buy features; they buy how the features better their lives. They buy for their ego.

What's the point of having all this money but never using it? OK, saving money is important but eventually you will spend it. So, marketing becomes a timing issue as well as introducing the customer to something they didn't know they needed.

It reminds me of a story about a man who came into some extra money. He struggled almost all his life, so when he got the money, he immediately bought a new easy chair. Once the new chair was in place, the other furniture, carpet, drapes and walls looked drab. They didn't fit anymore. That's when the buying frenzy began and didn't stop until he was broke again.

True or not, if you have an issue with buying things you don't need, perhaps we can start a support group. I'll bring the cinnamon.



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#### QUOTE

"Peace is not the absence of conflict, it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means"

- Ronald Reagan

#### BELIEVE IT!

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

In Ohio, it is illegal to get a fish drunk.

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## Entertainment ENTERTAINING

#### **EVENTS**calendar

Like Chicken • Greenwood's downtown is experiencing significant momentum and city officials expect another year of record crowds for the city's Summer Concert Series. Nearly every Saturday evening between June and September, Greenwood residents, visitors and their families will gather with lawn chairs, blankets and snackfilled coolers to enjoy live performances spanning a variety of musical genres. | When: July 14, 7 p.m. Where: Greenwood Amphitheater in Craig Park, 300 S. Washington St. | Info: (317) 881-4545.

**NIGHT & DAY** 

Starlight Movie Night: Jumanji • Join us for a fun, family evening under the stars at this summer's Starlight Movie Night at Northeast Elementary School. We're showing 1995 classic, Jumanji - "When two kids find and play a magical board game, they release a man trapped for decades in it and a host of dangers that can only be stopped by finishing the game." Activities (including kids' crafts and games) will start at 7:30 p.m. and the movie will start at dusk. The event will also include raffle prizes! Don't forget to bring your comfiest lawn chair, a couple of blankets and bug spray! Northeast Elementary's PTO will be selling refreshments. | When: July 14, 7:30 - 11 p.m. | Where: 99 Crestview Dr. | Info: Emily Ellis at (317) 885-5036; eellis@greenwoodlibrary.us.

Read Wildly: For the Birds • Join us for bird-related activities. Children K-5 (grade completed). When: July 16, 10 - 11 a.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, children's 1 and 2, 310 S. Meridian St. | Info: (317) 881-1953; greenwoodlibrary.us.

10th Annual Ray Skillman Summer Concert Series: Meet the Beatles Tribute Band • Fans of the Beatles will love this band. Free admission. | When: July 19, 6:30 p.m. | Greenwood Park Mall, near the outdoor fountain on the mall's north side, Greenwood. | Info: shopgreenwoodparkmall.com.

Greenwood Rock 'N Chow: Bro Slaw & Beach Bum BBQ Food Truck! • Join us in our Greenwood tap room every Thursday for live, local, and original music, as well as local grub. Music starts at 7:00, and the food is served a little earlier. Let's rock and chow! Performing ridiculous parodies and cleverly idiotic original acoustic tunes, comedy musicians Bro Slaw will be back in the tap room. Be prepared to catch some moon pies! Joining the comedy duo in the tap room tonight is seasoned favorite Beach Bum BBQ, for a night of moving music; tasty dishes likes pulled pork egg rolls, nachos, smoked brisket, and, of course frosty brews. | When: July 19, 7 to 9 p.m. | Where: MashCraft, 1140 N. State Road 135, Greenwood. | Info: Emily Ellis at (317) 215-4578; mashcraft.com/event/greenwood.

Acoustic Catfish Live at Vino Villa • Featuring a live music performance. | When: July 19, 6 – 8 p.m. | Vino Villa, 200 N. Madison Ave. | Info: (317) 771-2814.

Annual Greenwood Chamber Golf Classic • Foursomes and sponsorships are still available. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided in addition

Greenwood Summer Concert Series: Tastes to a fun-filled day with games, prizes and camaraderie. | When: July 26, 6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. | Where: Dye's Walk Country Club, 2080 S. State Road 135. Info: (317) 885-3880; greenwoodchamber.com.

> Annual Alex's Lemonade Stand • Meridian Title Corporation will become lemonade vendors. The business will host Alex's Lemonade Stand to fight childhood cancer one up at a time. Hot dogs and chips will be served. | When: July 27, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Where: 1675 W. Smith Valley Road, Ste. E4. | Info: alexslemonade.org/mypage/14622952.

Indiana Elite Baseball tryouts • Tryouts for 2019 for youth for Indiana Elite Baseball, age 8 – 17. On Friday, Aug. 3, tryouts will be held for 10U at 5:30 p.m. at Smith Valley Community Center. On Saturday, Aug. 4, tryouts will be held at Smith Valley Community Center at the following times: 8 a.m.: ages 8U &9U; 10:30 a.m.: 12U; 1 p.m.: 13U. Tryouts will also be held on Saturday, Aug. 4, at Center Grove High School at the following times: 9 a.m.: 15U; 11 a.m.: 16U; and 1 p.m.: 17U. On Sunday, Aug. 5, tryouts for 11U will be held at 4 p.m. at Smith Valley Community Center. In case of rain, tryouts will be held on Sunday. | When: Friday, Aug. 3 – Sunday, Aug. 5 | Where: Smith Valley Community Center, 5157 Old Smith Valley Road & Center Grove High School, 2717 S. Morgantown Road. Info: Jeff Amodeo at ilamodeo@gmail.com.

Leche League of Greenwood/Indy South • Who is welcome? Nursing mothers and their babies/ toddlers, pregnant mothers and grandmothers. A La Leche League Leader is there a half hour before start time, if you would like to come early. You may also come late; our discussion usually ends about 7:30 p.m. | When: Aug. 7; the first Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. | Where: Methodist Plaza Community Room, 8830 S. Meridian St. Please enter the room from the door on the south side of the building. | Info: (317) 782-5082; Ill.of.indianapolis@ gmail.com; LLC of Greenwood Chat & Discussions.

Primetime Book Club • Primetime reads a variety of fiction, mysteries, memoirs and the occasional nonfiction. Meets on the first Tuesday evening of the month. Led by Cheryl Dobbs. | When: Aug. 7, 6:30 - 8 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, Community Room A, 310 S. Meridian St. | Info: (317) 881-1953; greenwoodlibrary.us.

Teen HQ POPtastic After Hours • We're celebrat-

ing the beginning of another great school year with a POPtastic after hours event! What does this mean? We're not really sure but you will definitely enjoy tons of activities and treats that POP with excitement including (maybe): drinking pop, eating pop tarts, popsicles and popcorn, popping balloons and bubble wrap, learning how to pop and rock, listening to pop songs, creating pop art, conducting pop rock science experiments and challenging each other to pop culture trivia and more! Grades 6 - 12 | When: Aug. 11, 5 - 8 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, Teen Room, 310 S. Meridian St. | Info: (317) 881-1953; greenwoodlibrary.us.



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**CHAMP Camp provides a** special group of campers a memorable summer experience







From top, Makia is proud of the fish she caught in the lake. | Lane receives a warm welcome to camp by staffers. | Sophie makes many new friends at CHAMP Camp. | Gabriel nails an art project during craft time. (Submitted photos)

There is something magical about Indiana summers. Just the mere mention of the word summer sparks countless childhood memories for many Hoosiers. It is likely several of these vivid recollections involve the outdoors: playing by the water, spending time at a park and barbeques with family. Then, there is the long-lost gift that is summer camp.

Henry David Thoreau once stated, "I took a walk in the woods and came out taller than the trees." Unfortunately, fewer children are getting the opportunity to experience this "walk in the woods" each summer. However, thanks to the work of Greenwood resident, Jennifer Kobylarz and her organization, CHAMP Camp, a very special group gets to experience camp and take "a walk" each summer.

#### Vision is born

In early 1991, David Carter, a hospital administrator with a background in respiratory therapy and Nancy McCurdy, a child life specialist, came together to form a shared vision. The duo wanted to provide a summer overnight camping experience for children with tracheostomies or requiring technological or ventilator assistance.

While working in a pediatric rehabilitation, Carter and McCurdy saw many children diagnosed with quadriplegia, a spinal condition that usually results in a paralysis of all four limbs, benefit from the advances in technology and medical science. Even though these patients were receiving a chance at life, they required around the clock attention and support, making them unable to participate in many childhood activities such as camping. That realization drove the pair to make it their mission to make the outdoors accessible to these children. By August 1991, CHAMP Camp was born, receiving incorporated status

from the state of Indiana and becoming an established 501c3 nonprofit.

#### The summer camp experience

In its earlier years, CHAMP Camp was hosted at Recreation Unlimited in Ashley, Ohio. As the program continued to grow, it was relocated to Bradford Woods in Martinsville. Owned by Indiana University and nationally-recognized for its outdoor education and therapeutic recreation, Bradford Woods became the perfect location for CHAMP Camp.

Participants are given the opportunity to engage in activities such as swimming, canoeing and climbing while building independence, confidence and self-esteem.

CHAMP Campers spend an entire week at Bradford Woods with a group of nurses, therapists, speech pathologists, specialists, teachers, physicians and recreational professionals, who volunteer their time to be "counselors" and help establish a feeling of community for participants. Jennifer Kobylarz, executive director of CHAMP Camp, shared, "Our volunteers are truly awesome. They really take a week away from their jobs to be friends and mentors."

#### Soaring to new heights

During the fall of 2012, the nonprofit's founders dreamt of building an accessible zip-line for CHAMP Campers to experience. A few years later, CHAMP Camp was able to turn this dream into a reality. "We are proud to say that in partnership with the Finish Line Youth Foundation in 2014, we constructed a 375-foot accessible zip-line for our campers to enjoy. Since many of our campers have wheelchairs and ventilators, getting the chance to zip line through the trees was an amazing new reality and experience," Kobylarz stated.

The dream does not end there. The Greenwood resident went on to include that the nonprofit's next vision includes a wheelchair accessible ramp (that is currently being completed) and treehouse for participants. The best part? The executive director explains, "It's about so much more than just CHAMP Camp. Nearly 900 kids with chronic illnesses and disabilities from camps like Camp Riley, Little Red Door, Muscular Dystrophy Association and Easter Seals will have the opportunity to enjoy an amazing new experience they simply can't anywhere else."

#### A shared vision

While CHAMP Camp have provided countless memories for their special campers for the past several years, maybe their biggest impact can be seen in how they bring support together for their vision. Being a nonprofit organization, one can imagine the financial cost associated with providing an opportunity of this scale and never turning away a family due to expenses. CHAMP Camp has created a shared vision with the Indianapolis community and drawn its support through two annual fundraisers: the Silver Sneaker Benefit Ball and a golf outing.

This year's golf outing will take place on Aug. 29 at the Hickory Stick Golf Club in Greenwood.

#### The value of the 'walk'

Remembering the words of Thoreau, one cannot help but be moved by CHAMP Camp's vision of using nature to build individuals up against insurmountable challenges. The famed naturalist used his "walk" in nature to represent the personal growth that nature can provide. As CHAMP Camp prepares for its 28th year of camp from June 17 – 21, thanks to the work of Kobylarz and the organization, everyone involved, from the campers to the volunteers to the donors, can walk a little taller this summer.



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Left, Father Douglas Hunter, new pastor at St. Roch Catholic Church and chaplain for the Colts, was the guest speaker at a recent Catholic Business Network social at Shallo's Antique Restaurant & Brehaus. Networking opportunities are a primary function of the CBN. | Right, past President Ben Brown talks during the 2015 Inspirational Insights - of which the organization was the Southside Catholic Business Professionals. Inspirational Insights is the organization's main fundraiser, which has been instrumental in helping to raise over \$250,000 for Catholic school tuition assistance for needs-based families over the past decade. (Photos by Rick Myers)

#### Renaming the future

The Catholic Business Network hopes a slight name change will have a large impact

#### By Jeremy Dunn

It was a passion and love for Roncalli football that brought four friends together in 2005. The group quickly realized that they shared much more than fandom for the Southside Catholic pigskin powerhouse. Catholic Business Network board member, Ben Brown, recollected, "As the months passed, they got the idea to form a group of south side Catholic businesses and meet on a regular basis. It was through this process that our Three Pillars were formed: Catholic faith, charitable works and Christian business networking." It was this platform that led to the creation of the Southside Catholic Business Professionals.

Recently, the Southside Catholic Business Professionals (SCBP) renamed the organization the Catholic Business Network (CBN) in hopes of reaching a



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larger audience. However, do not let the name change mislead you. This is still the same group of parish business professionals sharing a bond of work, faith and friendship while thriving to live and spread their faith in their professional and personal lives and looking to give back to their community.

#### Changing to expand

The CBN has always been devoted to the support and development of Catholic education in its region. Over the past decade, the organization has raised over \$250,000 for tuition assistance for needsbased families within Catholic schools. These professionals still believe their greatest accomplishments are ahead of them and the name change will expand their reach. "Other than being a mouthful, there has been a need to change with the times," Brown said. "We felt that the word 'southside' was becoming a geographical barrier for our membership, even though we have members at St. Malachy, St. Susanna, St. Christopher and St. Simon, to name a few. The majority of our members are South siders. Catholic Business Network more accurately describes who we are and hopefully translates into, 'All are welcome."

#### Identifying challenges and embracing a younger generation

Brown identified that businesses must be challenged to reinvent themselves and keep up with technology and not remain idle in promoting a brand. The CBN board member follows up by stating, "As Catholic businesses, we need to make sure that we remember that our faith does not stop on Sundays or with our families at home. You should continue and live your faith in the workplace as well."

Last fall, the CBN Board of Directors met to plan strategically for 2018 with many goals in mind. Along with the name change, the group sought out ways to replicate its charitable giving in other deaneries, attract younger members and develop a stronger social media presence. "As our base membership is getting older, we realized the importance of reaching out to our own kids and their friends who have been in the workforce for a few years and have started their own families. Millennials are definitely part of our future and they have a lot to teach us about effectively communicating in today's hi-tech world. Contrary to the perception that they are lazy and self-absorbed, I personally have seen how idealistic they are, love to be engaged, intelligent and keenly aware and involved in social issues," Brown said.

#### **Moving forward**

As the Catholic Business Network embraces its new name and expands its boundaries, the professional organization will host two events to raise funds for tuition assistance for needs-based families at their parish schools. On July 19, the CBN will host its first annual golf outing at Smock Golf Course on the southside of Indianapolis. It will consist of a four-person team scramble, with box lunches being provided. Then, on Aug. 30, an Inspirational Insights event will bring together professionals and provide them an opportunity to network and be inspired. The evening will be hosted at Primo South Banquet Hall & Conference Center and include former Colts offensive lineman, Joe Reitz, as a keynote speaker. More information on both these events can be found on the CBN website (indycbn.org).

"Being an all-volunteer organization with no paid staff, it is always 'all hands on deck.' Originally, our primary geographical reach was the south deanery of the Indianapolis Archdiocese and just through connections we've gained some members in other deaneries. Again, with the name change, our hope is to reach out to other Catholics in all deaneries and the state of Indiana," Brown said.

With a new name and passionate vision, the Catholic Business Network looks to be in good hands.

#### PERSONNEL MATTERS

**Southside Business Leader** 

## Do you need work-life balance or balanced time well spent?

#### By Mike Heffner

I read a Business Insider interview this past week with Jeff Bezos, the CEO of Amazon. One of the topics discussed was that Bezos isn't a fan of the phrase "work-life balance". I share in the view that Bezos has; that there should be a more holistic relationship between work and life outside of the office. Our work and life are really pretty integrated. Bezos said, "It actually is a circle. It's not a balance."The key to having harmony is not separating work and personal things and then have them compete for time and energy. I personally love what I do so I don't really look at it as work. Now don't get me wrong, there are times when I don't enjoy things that go on in my work but I have the same thing with my family, hobbies and other activities. The idea is to blend our work into our lives in such a way that we are fulfilled and have energy for all the things we love. The thing I find to be the biggest challenge is how I manage my time. Stress usually occurs when I am not managing my priorities well or I have over or underestimated what I hope to accomplish.

As I started thinking about this topic, I did some research and found a WebMD article that I felt had five pretty good things I wanted to share my take on and I hope to incorporate into my daily life.

- 1. BUILD DOWNTIME INTO THE SCHEDULE how many times do we cram as the saying says 10 pounds of stuff into a five pound bag? The key is to keep a calendar, review it often and build in time for the things you love the most. Those are the things that allow you to recharge.
- 2. WHAT NEEDS TO STOP BEING DONE what needs to stop being done so the important things get done. Sometimes we have to say "no" to some really good ideas. It's

easy to have little things steal our time.

- 3. RETHINK THE TO-DO LIST does your list only contain things you don't like to do? Add some things you enjoy and consider outsourcing some of your time-consuming unfulfilling chores or to-do list items? I overheard one of the gals in the office say that she now purchases her groceries online and picks them on the way home.

  4. MAKE SURE FITNESS AND EXERCISE ARE ON YOUR
- 4. MAKE SURE FITNESS AND EXERCISE ARE ON YOUR LIST — I know when I exercise, I find that I am more motivated, have more energy and have a clear mind. Make that appointment with yourself; it will pay you back.
- 5. SET GOALS FOR HOW TO SPEND DISCRETIONARY TIME – maybe it's setting a goal to read a book a month, exercise three times a week or do a date night every other week. In order to create harmony, make sure you get to do more of the things you enjoy.

Many people say I work too much. I say that I try to put too many things into my day that I like to do. The key isn't to try and separate work and our personal lives. It's to make sure you are refueling by doing things you love to do more often. I often stay late to work on projects so that I can spend a day with my son on the golf course or go catch my daughter playing softball. I never look at it as work-life balance. My time is blended; I don't look at my time spent in my business as work and I don't look at activities outside the office as personal time. It's all just time well spent.



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#### **BUSINESS**

#### New clinic at Franciscan for orthopaedic injuries

Medical - A new walk-in clinic is now available at Franciscan Health Indianapolis for patients with recent orthopedic injuries. The clinic is located in the offices of Franciscan Physician Network Orthopedic Specialists, 5255 E. Stop 11 Road, Ste. 300. The hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Patients who would benefit from the clinic are those with new or recent sprains, hand, wrist or shoulder injuries, swollen ankles, possible broken bones and other sports injuries. Those with concussions, burns or bleeding wounds should contact their primary care provider or visit the emergency room. The clinic provides quick access to an orthopedic professional who will conduct an initial exam, order any needed X-rays and diagnose and treat the injury. Additional follow-up may be needed, depending upon the extent of the injury. If such is the case, patients will be referred to one of the Franciscan Health specialists. For more information, call (317) 528-4723.

### Curtis elected to FORUM Credit Union Board

**Elected** – JoDee Curtis has been elected to FORUM Credit Union's Board of Directors.

Curtis is the founder of Purple Ink and the ink pad, author of JoyPowered™: Intentionally Creating an Inspired Workspace and co-author of The JoyPowered™: family. Prior to founding Purple Ink in 2010,

Curtis spent 21 years in public accounting as a practicing CPA and has experience as a CFO. Curtis obtained her bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Evansville. Curtis will serve a three-year term where she will join eight board members and the FORUM executive team for monthly and annual meetings.



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#### Upcoming chamber meetings and events

26 - 2018 Chamber Golf Classic | When: July 26, 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Where: Dye's Walk Country Club, 2080 S. State Road 135, Greenwood. | Info: greenwoodchamber.com.

#### **AUGUST**

- 9 Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce Business Matters Workshop: Digital Marketing Strategies for Businesses | When: Aug. 9, 3 - 4 p.m. | Where: 65 Airport Pkwy, Suite 140, Greenwood. | Info: greenwoodchamber.com.
- 14 Senior Helpers 10-year Anniversary Celebration When: Aug. 14, 4 - 5 p.m. | Where: Senior Helpers, 494 S. Emerson Ave., Suite 1-2, Greenwood. | Info: greenwoodchamber.com.



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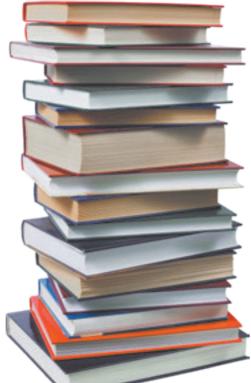
#### The DIY degree track

#### By Andrew Angle

Sure, I feel personally enriched by my college experience — a rite of passage that I fulfilled nearly three decades ago. The friendships, memories, knowledge and discipline provided some personal and professional value. To pay for that education I started working and saving at age 12, worked 80+ hours per week during college summers, worked at a school computer lab during the school year and still had to endure a student loan. At least I didn't borrow more than I was able to pay off within a couple years after graduation. The irony is that the Break Even Point analysis calculation I learned in my Biz Finance class reveals that my degree is not worth what it would cost to get at today's prices.

Money aside, for many business professions I now suspect that someone who studies online and seeks mentors and internships to develop on-the-job competence can be even better prepared for career success than those who pursue traditional business degrees. I am not suggesting that education is not important. I am saying that everything taught in a business college classroom is available online without costing you a dime.

This does not apply to all degree tracks. A guy ordering a patient's brain operation



should have plenty of framed diplomas hanging on the wall. In management, marketing, various liberal arts and several I.T. areas, searching Google will lead you to more course material than you can possibly consume. Decide how to organize it, then use it.

Before diving into college debt, check out top university degree tracks to compile a list of course requirements. Read industry forums and boldly track down experts in your field. Taking a guru out for lunch is cheaper and more informative than buying a day in a college classroom. For careers that require an accredited degree, save a bundle by enrolling in less expensive online schools for general classes, then transfer credits into a more costly university for the final finish. You could earn your diploma for half the cost, which is still more than I spent for mine 30 years ago.

Whether it's within or without a degree, always be learning.



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#### PEER TO PEER

#### Phase 1 business inflation: New hires

#### By Howard Hubler

A while ago I went to Europe. One of the things American tourists have an uncanny knack of doing is going to McDonald's for lunch. The first thing an American traveler notices in a European McDonald's is the use a kiosk when ordering food. You can go to the counter and deal with a "person", however the only ones there are Americans. Everyone else is using a kiosk and it seems like they are jumping in line ahead of you. They address the kiosk, push a few buttons, and stick in their card and within seconds their number appears in the "pick up your food" area.

Fast forward USA. You see on the evening news that if a state starts a minimum \$15 wage in the food Industry a kiosk will soon be standing there instead of an employee. Well, back home again in Indiana, as the song goes, along the beautiful shores of the Wabash, you will see a shiny kiosk where a retiree or a college kid or a Latin or black person used to be. I think we can print this. It is not a secret. This is probably not only a sign of technological

progress, but it's also a sign that those people now can get more pay than McDonald's pays so McDonald says we're going to get a kiosk and the other people hopefully moved on to a better vocational opportunity.

When a self-employed individual who hires 20 or 200 people goes out to dinner with friends that work, say as a teacher or in a factory, there is a disconnect that they just cannot come together on. They simply do not know how desperate their self-employed dining friends are for new hires to show up for work. Today, as the conversation switches to all manner of the "nanny state" which they inevitably do, the small business person seems somewhat heartless. However, something I recently read online suggests, it seems as though all who want a job currently have one. So why, you ask, do we need food stamps and a broad welfare state today for able-bodied people?

Which brings me to my teachable moment closing thought. In my line of work, I am every bit as stymied for good help. Little by little you read stories about wage infla-

tion gripping home. I think if you cannot hire new people and you have been frustrated for a year, you need to completely rethink your pay and bonus system. As long as people can be productive and create goods or services that profit your company, now you are in an uncharted water as to pay: how much is too much? You need to make a return on investment study to see what you can pay and then go to market with that number. If it works, labor will be a higher percent of the gross but hopefully you are gross more than you are currently grossing. As mundane as it may be, that is my thought for the day. I truly think those that grab it and run with it will be the winners.



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#### OPEN 4 BUSINESS

#### Paws-itively artistic

New store caters to pet lovers and art enthusiasts alike

#### **By Nancy Price**

Customers who stroll into a new Beech Grove store on Main Street are scratching their heads. A man is painting his canvas on an easel and portraits line the walls. Yet there is a woman welcoming guests to check out dog biscuits, catnip toys and outfits for pets. They aren't sure if they've stumbled across a pet gift shop or an art gallery.

**Southside Business Leader** 

Welcome to Paws & Claws Pet Gifts and Hamilton Art Gallery/Studio. Owned by Stan and Marilyn Hamilton, the shop caters to pet lovers and art enthusiasts alike.

The residents originally based their shop in quaint, touristy Nashville, Indiana. Each day, the couple traveled 2 ½ hours round trip. The popular shop catered to tourists, some of whom were regular customers. Their cats needed to satisfy an addiction.

"We had folks all over Cincinnati come out and buy catnip and it would fly off the

Why did you decide to open this business?

We decided to open in Beech Grove so that we

could be mostly retired and still enjoy visiting with

our customers. We are senior citizens and so we

Stan is a nationally known, self-taught artist that

had been painting since he was a child. Stan re-

tired after 40 years of working at Ford and wanted

to have a studio/gallery to show his artwork and

keep himself busy. Before I owned Paws & Claws

Pet Gifts, I owned several other small businesses:

Mums & Pups, which was a pet sitting service,

Dust or Us, which was a house cleaning service

like doing this part-time to keep us busy.

What did you do to prepare

for opening your own business?

shelves," Marilyn said.

In addition to the product, World's Strongest Catnip, edible goods purchased from the store are organic; no chemicals of preservatives, which includes the variety of dog biscuits. Marilyn also said that she prefers to buy locally. The pet odor candles are made by a woman who lives in Columbus and key chains are crafted by an 81-yearold Whiteland resident.

Other popular items include clothing made for dogs and handmade water and food dishes (one is in the shape of a toilet).

Pet lovers will also notice the array of dog and cat portraits, all made by Stan, a selftaught artist who began crafting his talent at the age of eight. Stan, who kept up his painting over the years on the side, retired from his day job at Ford after 40 years and decided that it was time to devote his energy to his true passion. His paintings are varied, from U.S. presidents to wildlife to family

and Waggin Tails Bakery. Before then I was a man-

portraits, and have captured the attention of art collectors, authors and even famous country singers.

"One of the singers from the Gatlin Brothers came in our gallery in Nashville when we first opened up," Stan recalled. "I had a portrait of Chief Sitting Bull and he really liked it. He sent his limo to the side of the shop and told his limo driver to give me his business card and that he wanted the portrait. I felt really honored."

The Hamiltons eventually grew tired of driving to and from Little Nashville after 13 years and decided to set up shop near their home. Their grand opening was held May 10.

Although the store is still relatively unknown to the southside, the Hamiltons are getting repeat customers who are paws-itively smitten. "Folks who really like the shop are coming back," Stan said. "Everybody likes

#### are everywhere, so we have to be different. More ager of a couple of restaurants: Mac's Family of Restaurants, Dutch Pantry and a bakery called TJ

#### Who is your ideal customer?

Any pet owner that loves to spoil their pets. We love talking to the pet owners and seeing pictures of their pets and yes, even seeing their pets come into the shop.

#### How do/did you plan to be successful?

I have to admit that we are not as ambitious as most small business owners. We do this for our entertainment. As far as being successful? I believe that when people see our little shop they will be back and it is the repeat customer that we love to

personable, more unique items, and many of our items are made in the USA by other entrepreneurs. What would surprise people about your

#### store and art gallery? LOL!! The fact that we are an art gallery and pet

store all in one. It confuses some people at first, but when they see that we are serious they then enjoy seeing the artwork while shopping

How would you explain your atmosphere? Unique, friendly and small-town atmosphere.

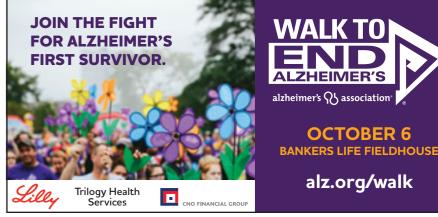




From top, Paws & Claws Pet Gifts & Hamilton Arts Gallery/Studio has plenty of love for pets and portraits. | All edible goods from the shop are free from chemicals and fillers. | Paintings are varied, from U.S. presidents to wildlife to family portraits. Stan Hamilton is a nationally known, self-taught artist who has been painting since the age of eight. (Photos by Mike Laudermilk)

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**PUZZLES** 

Find the items in the puzzle going up, down, sideways or diagonally

and list them. Each letter is used no more than once.

PEP

AMTED

RDOEOAF

PTRRNHPQ

SPEAGMYLQUS

YIIEAAAKIXNDP

GSXHYNNYAEAAB

CEISYTIGHNDER

LUDAROHTIDREO

IQGNDWASOLSWM

LKIOANTCIOOFE

YSVDSOKNRCSBG

BDNNEUGARPA

BOTIBBARR

LLOPEZN

KUDEE

J Z R

1 Bean Blossom Blues Festival Town

4 State Fair Animals

3 Famous Jennifers

2 Center Grove "P" Roads

4

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4

6

6 European Capitals

5 Indiana Flowers

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#### RISE OF THE FEMALE BREADWINNER

MORE WOMEN HAVE BECOME ECONOMIC FORCES WITHIN THE MODERN WORKPLACE.

All of those college degrees women are earning these days and the evolution of family structure have contributed to a mom phenom enon: Mothers contribute almost \$1 trillion to the U.S. economy according to data from the U.S Census Bureau's 2015 survey. Further, the Senate's Joint Economic Committee reports that women provide nearly 40% of household earnings for amilies with working mothers.

Women have become a major economic force, changing the modern workforce and making up 47% of all workers. Today, 70% of mothers with children under the age of 18 are working – up from 47% in 1975, says the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

So, what does this mean?

For starters, the increase of women in the workforce has fueled U.S. economic growth. The economy is 13.5% bigger than it would have been if women hadn't increased the time they spent working for pay since the 1970s, translating to an additional \$2 trillion in gross domestic product, according to the 2016 Economic Report of the President. What's more, a study from the McKinsey Global Institute found that \$12 trillion could be added to the global GDP, the value of all the goods and services produced in a country, by 2025 by advancing women's equality in our society and the workplace.

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Working mothers also have a positive influence on their children, according to a study by Harvard Business School. The survey showed that daughters of working moms earned 23% more than those of stay-at-home mothers. and sons were more likely to help with house work and spend time caring for children and family as adults.

Finally, many of these breadwinner women are leading their family's financial futures. In a recent study by Allianz Life, 53% of women said they are responsible for managing their household's long-term savings and investments. Further, 67% of women reported that becoming more knowledgeable and involved in managing their finances made a difference in their quality of life.

Chances are you or someone you know is among these working women who help strengthen the economy, inspire a generation of children and take charge of their family's financial well-being. It's a tough job, but the rewards are many.

SOURCES: Joint Economic Committee, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, McKinsey & Company, Planadyiser.com

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#### **Integration: Connecting the dots** of modern technology

#### TRENDS IN TECH

**By Chet Cromer** 

Integration is when we take multiple, disconnected components and combine them in a

Is integration right for your business? I believe the answer is a resounding YES. You are probably already integrating software without even knowing it. If you use an email service such as Google and Microsoft Outlook for reading your email, you're already integrating tools provided by two of the largest technology providers in the world!

manner that produces a cohesive result.

There are boundless opportunities to integrate tools involved in project management, time tracking, bookkeeping, and customer relationship management.

In my business, we carefully manage projects and the work that goes into them. It's important for us to properly scope projects, keep them on budget and track associated time and expenses. Not long ago, we had separate tools for each task: Word, Outlook, Excel and a time-tracker, to name a few. As our business has grown, we've chosen different tools that are made to communicate with each other and streamline these tasks. Now,

when a task is defined, it goes into a webbased management tool which links to our time tracking tool, which then pushes data over to invoicing workbooks each month so we can effectively settle up with our clients.

If one company decides to stop supporting an integration, things can quickly fall apart. Conversely, as cloud services continue to appear, more opportunities to make the team effective and the business profitable quickly become available.

Partnering with a solid technology firm becomes extremely useful as you move from customizing software to integrating multiple tools. While you may be able to do much of this work on your own, setting up cloud services to communicate with each other and resources you may house on-site can be a daunting task, and I recommend treading into these waters with a trusted partner.



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#### What's a moot?

#### GRAMMAR

**By Curtis Honeycutt** 

JOEY: All right, Rach. The big question is, "does he like you?" All right? Because if he doesn't like

you, this is all a moo point. **RACHEL:** Huh. A moo point?

**JOEY:** Yeah, it's like a cow's opinion. It just doesn't matter. It's moo.

Many of you remember the Friends episode entitled, "The One Where Chandler Doesn't Like Dogs," in which Joey Tribiani further confuses an already confusing phrase. Many people get "moot point" confused with "mute point," but Mr. Tribiani adds another (and a hilarious) phrasal faux pas to the list.

The correct phrase, of course, is "moot point", which is an inconsequential or irrelevant point. "Mute" here certainly makes sense. I think the idea is if you mute something, you can't hear it anymore. But "moot" came first. So, what exactly is "moot"?

Moot is something that is open for debate. It comes from the Old English word gemot, which was any legislative or judicial court where people would meet to discuss a matter. A moot point was something that hadn't yet been decided. It's where we get the word "meet" from.

How did something that meant "up for

debate" become known as something trivial and irrelevant? Welcome to Moot Court.

A moot court is where law students competitively hone their arguing skills. It involves a simulated appellate court case, where students focus on the application of the law to a standard set of evidentiary suppositions, facts and clarifications to which the competitors are introduced. In other words, moot court is made up. The debates held at moot courts are purely academic. Other than a nerdy way for law students to get better at lawyering, the outcomes and arguments make absolutely no real-world difference. They're moot points.

Here's a way to remember moot vs. mute: Since I have two feet, owning only one boot is pointless. Boot rhymes with moot. A butte is kind of like a mesa. Butte rhymes with moot. Buttes don't make any noise. One boot is moot. One butte is mute. Just like Joey in *Friends*, I'll be there for you to settle any word debates or grammar conundrums.



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#### ACROSS

- 1. HP products
- 4. Apple tablet
- 8. Knight sticks
- 14. "Lookee here!" 15. Indiana driver's license info
- 16. Indiana National Guard command
- 17. "I need help, Mom!"
- 19. Sandpaper descriptor
- 20. "It's f-f-freezing!"
- 21. Deal with it
- 23. Pimp My Ride net.
- 24. Santa's vehicle
- 26. At a distance, like Ft. Wayne
- 28. Water carrier
- 31. Crude carrier
- 32. Deco artist
- 33. Adam's grandson 34. Leaking sound
- 35. Do as told
- 37. Use Listerine, say
- 39. Ripped 40. Coconut tree
- 41. Go-getter
- 44. Wrinkly fruit
- 45. \_\_\_ Vegas
- 48. Dutch cheese
- 49. Ichiban Sushi Bar fish
- 51. Mans the buckets
- 53. Latin 101 verb
- 54. LBJ's veep 55. Not at all loyal
- 56. Take a shot
- 58. Center Grove HS baseball
- team stat 60. Wide shoe spec
- 61. Pathways Photography gear
- 64. Local heating, cooling and plumbing superstar... and anagram of 17-Across and 10and 39-Down

24. "Mayday!"

25. Indiana Grand stable worker

27. Local movie theater moniker

29. Myers or Holcomb

30. Language suffix

- 67. Turns left on US 31 68. Recite the rosary at Saints
- Francis & Clare of Assisi Catholic Church
- 69. Coach Parseghian 70. Bit of corn
- 71. Alma mater of Colts FB Tyler Varga
- 72. Greenwood summer hrs.

#### **DOWN**

- 1. Old man
- 2. Vino Villa white option
- 3. Reddish-brown horses at Hoosier Park
- 4. Red Roof
- 5. Stones Crossing Road pothole repair 6. Shoot Point Blank supply
- 7. Make some fast food
- 8. Clippers on a Bankers Life Fieldhouse scoreboard
- 9. Molecule part in a Center Grove HS science class

- 45. One way to drive on I-65

- 62. GPS reading 63. ISP choice
- 65. Pupil's place 66. \_\_\_ King Cole

See **Answers** on page 25.



42. Andrew Luck stats

43. More unpleasant

46. Eager to listen

44. Bummed



#### Just tell them

#### DEVOTIONAL

By Pastor Chris Philbeck

Most people recognize the name, Helen Keller. When Helen was 19 months old she contracted an illness that left her blind and deaf. When she was 10, she began working with a brilliant teacher named Anne Sullivan, who taught her to communicate by spelling words on the palm of her hand. Later, Helen was able to receive religious instruction from the eminent clergyman and educator, Phillips Brooks. As he told her about God and the One who gave his life for her, she said something quite interesting: "I knew about God before you told me, only I didn't know His name."

I planted a church in a suburb of Houston back in 1982. One night I was visiting a young couple in their home and as I began to tell them about the love of God, demonstrated in the sending of His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior, tears began to stream down the young woman's face. I was a little surprised by her response, so I paused and asked her if she was OK. Through her tears she told me, "I've sensed the love of God my whole life and I've been waiting for someone to tell me about Him." That young couple, now grandparents, both became Christians and are still a part of that church today.

A few years ago, my wife and I led a group of people on a tour of Greece and Turkey, to follow in the footsteps of the apostle Paul. When we were in Athens, we visited the Areopagus, a prominent rock outcropping near the Acropolis where a council of philosophers would meet in ancient days. In Acts 17, Paul visited Athens and was distressed to find a city full of idols. So, he began to preach about Jesus and as a result, found himself speaking to this council. In talking about their worship, he noted that he had found an altar with the inscription "TO AN UNKNOWN GOD." Then Paul said (Acts 17:23) Now what you worship as something unknown, I am going to proclaim to you. I believe the God of the Bible is the God everyone is looking for. I also believe that many people have some sense of His presence. But they will never know His name and that He is real until we tell (and show) them. When was the last time you told someone about God? Don't be afraid, just tell them. They may have been waiting for that conversation for their entire life.



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#### OBITUARIES

#### Clavton Dean Arthur

Clayton Dean Arthur, 77, of Greenwood, died on June 24, 2018. He was born on March 3, 1941 in Washington, Indiana to the late Clyde and Cordia Miller Arthur. He was retired from General Motors. Allison Division, Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Patricia Hicks Arthur; two daughters, Michelle Arthur and Kimberly Cahill; his sister, Mona Small; sister-in-law, Sandra Baumeyer and brotherin-law, Gerald Hicks; nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews and great-great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son-inlaw, Jimi Cahill; his brother, Eddie Arthur and niece, Cathy Ahlf; and brother-in-law, Ron Baumeyer. Visitation will be on June 29 from 5 – 7 p.m. at G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home at The Gardens Of Olive Branch, 1605 S. State Road 135 and Olive Branch Road with the service at 7 p.m. He will be laid to rest at 11 a.m., June 30 at Fairview Cemetery,

#### Earl Douglas Carver

Earl Douglas Carver, 78, of Greenwood, died on June 16, 2018. Doug was a lifelong resident of the Green-

wood and Indianapolis area. He was born on Feb. 13, 1940 in Indianapolis. He worked at Amtrak Beech Grove Facility. He was previously self-employed in HVAC services and Stark & Wetzel/Rath Meat Packing Company. He enjoyed golfing, architectural drafting, hunting,



family and friends. Doug is survived by his wife, Rita J. Carver; sons, Edward Carver and Mark Carver; and his wife, Bobbi; grandchildren, Laura Conley (Josh), Meghan Carver, Nathan Carver, John Alan Donnella and Jennifer Carver; one great-grandchild, Jaxon Conley; siblings and their spouses, Sue Carol & Joe Harper, Sharon Bennett, Kathleen Carver, Linda, Lester & Veda Carver, Tom & Rhonda Jones and a host of other family and friends. Doug was preceded in death by his mother, Moil (Bandy) Jones; father, Alton Carver; maternal grandparents, Falconer & Anna Bandy; paternal grandparents, Alex & Betty Carver; and uncle, Douglas Bandy. Visitation will be held on June 22 from 10 a.m. until the funeral service at noon at Newcomer – Indianapolis Chapel, 925 E. Hanna Ave. Interment will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

#### Avanell DeVore

Avanell DeVore, 94, of Greenwood, died on June 16, 2018. She was born on Nov. 11, 1923 in Johnson County. Avanell is survived by her son, Stephen (Nancy) DeVore: daughter-in-law, Diane DeVore: brother, Don Sullivan; grandchildren, Travis (Alexandra), and Paul (Eva) and six great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Forest and Gertrude Sullivan; son, Rick DeVore; and sister, Eldred Swanson, Per Avanell's wishes, a private memorial service will be held at a later date

#### John Steven Kot

John Steven Kot, 79, of Greenwood, died on June 29, 2018. He was born on Oct. 1, 1938 to the late Steven and Grace Kot. On April 3, 1993 he married Deborah Reese, John was owner and operator of Kot's Ceramics of Greenwood for many years, retiring as a manager of Speedway Gas Station in Whiteland. He was an avid Colts fan. John enjoyed shooting pool, playing bridge, euchre and golfing. John is survived by his wife, Deborah; children, Deloras J. Gartner, Jack S. (Dessie) Kot, David C. (Nga) Kot, Kris-

ten R. (Jon) Moon, Keith E. (Patricia) Frederick, James P. (Shannon) Kot and Adam J. (Rhonda) Frederick;14 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren and brother, Ron (Connie). In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his first wife, Patricia (Singleton) Kot. Services will be held at 10:30 a.m., July 5, at Our Lady of Greenwood Catholic Church. Visitation will be held from 4 – 8 p.m. July 4 at Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center and one hour prior to service time at the church. Interment with military honors will follow at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery

#### Tara L. McHenry

Tara L. McHenry, 36, of Greenwood, died on June 7, 2018. She was born on Feb. 15, 1982 in Beaumont, Texas. She is survived by her children, Nicholas "Nick" Lynn Griner, Dakota Mitchell McHenry and Damon Christopher Harvey; mother and step-father, Rhonda and Les Ramsay; father and step mother, Philip and Debra McHenry; siblings, Christopher (Sabrina) Mitchell Ramsay and Katherine Anne (Joel) Lickliter, and Daniel (Courtney) McHenry; step brother, William Shutter; step-sister, Sherry Shutter; grandparents, Bernie Fullen and James O. Gillespie, Eric and Constance Ramsay; and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Chloe Anne Fullen, Mary Hawn and James McHenry. Visitation was held at G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home at The Gardens Of Olive Branch, 1605 S. State Road 135 and Olive Branch Road.

#### Mary Evelyn Mitchell

Mary Evelyn Mitchell, 82, of Greenwood, formerly of Sholas, died on June 15, 2018. Mary was born in Sholas, Indiana on March 15, 1936 to the late Leland Edward and Edith Grace (Ray) Grissom. Mary worked for Stockly Van Kamp as an assembly line worker for 26 years before retiring. Mary loved going to church and Gospel Sings. Mary is survived by her children, Darlene (Bruce) and Kenneth (Lisa): her grandchildren Terry, Jennifer, Amber, Kenny, and Mikayla; her great-grandchildren Andrew, Savannah, Ryan and Nicholas; her sisters, Francis, Lorene, Phyllis and Linda; her church family; and many friends. In addition to her parents, Mary is preceded in passing by her husband, Kenneth Mitchell; and her siblings, Imogene, Loretta, Eddie, Delema and Lelah, Funeral services were held June 19 at House of Victory Church. Burial followed at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

#### Betty J. Schneider

Betty J. Schneider, 70, of Greenwood, died on June 25, 2018. Betty was born in Connersville, Indiana on Feb. 27, 1948. Betty is survived by her children and their spouses: Bill L. (Lisa) Ripberger, Beth J. (Mark) VanHoose, Charles E. (Stacev) Barnett II, Craig M. (Becky) Wheeler; 10 grandchildren; eight greatgrandchildren; sister, Diana Welch; best friend, Mary Jones; stepfather, Daugh Hubbard; step-sisters, stepbrothers and a host of other family and friends. Betty was preceded in death by her father, Fredrick Ripberger; mother, Wanda Hubbard; husband, Clarence Schneider; brothers, Kenny Ripberger and Keith Ripberger; and stepbrother, Earl Hubbard, Visitation will be held on June 29 from 2 p.m. until her funeral service at 3 p.m. at Newcomer Cremations, Funerals & Receptions, 925 East Hanna Ave., Indianapolis.

#### **Edith Mary Smither**

Edith May Smither, 94, of Greenwood, died on June 26, 2018. She was born Sept. 30, 1923 in Jennings County, Indiana to the late John & Elise (Morrison) Sullivan. She worked as a beautician prior to marrying Jess P. Smither in 1943. Edith May enjoyed sewing. She was a member of the Greenwood United Methodist Church and served as the president of Women's Society of Christian Service. She was pre-

ceded in death by husband, Jess P Smither, son Richard A Smither and nephew, Ed DiDomenico. Survivors include children, John M Smither and Sharon "Suzies" Oliveau; three grandchildren, Audra Hobson, Brandon Henry and Leon Boone; two great- grandchildren, Lillie May Hobson and Christopher Hobson; sister, Maxine DiDomenico; and nieces, Anita Rifkind, Janet Odeshoo and Gail Ives. Visitation and a service was held July 1 at G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home. Entombment was at Washington Park East.

#### Thomas Mack Steinkamp

Thomas Mack Steinkamp, 74, of Greenwood, died on June 20, 2018. He was born on July 23, 1943 in Seymour, Indiana to the late Mack and Martha Steinkamp. Tom operated his own business, Albany Liquors in Beech Grove. He was a connoisseur of fine wine and was president of a local wine tasting club, Les Ami Du Vin. Tom also led tours of various wine regions in California and France. He was a long-time member of St. John Lutheran Church and was a past vice president of the Sertoma Club. His other interests included reading and spending time with his family. He is survived by his son, John T. Steinkamp (Jean DeLong) of Greenwood; his daughter, Rachel Putnam of Indianapolis; his brother, Steven Steinkamp; his three grandchildren, Sarah Ritchie (Noah), Jordan Steinkamp, and Jaclyn Steinkamp; his great-granddaughter, Minerva Ritchie. Aside from his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife, Donna Lea Steinkamp, A funeral service was held June 26 in Lauck & Veldhof Funeral & Cremation Services with burial at Greenwood Cemetery.

#### Joseph J. Underwood

Joseph J. Underwood, 87, of Greenwood, died on June 22, 2018. He was born on June 24, 1930 in Dayton, Ohio to the late Joseph Underwood and Dessie Fields. Survivors include his wife, Ruth Ann Williamson Underwood; children, Daniel (Karen) Underwood, Deborah Wagner and Dean (Eileen) Underwood; grandchildren, Dan (Judy) Underwood, Jr., David (Amber) Underwood, Jennifer (Jason) McGee, Josie Underwood, Camen Underwood, Megan Wagner and Patrick Wagner; great-grandchildren, Austin, Emma, Lucas, Jaxon, Gavin, Madelynn and Brooklyn. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Opal J. Underwood; and siblings, Bill Underwood, Lola Steelman and Eddie Underwood. Joseph was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served as a Master Sqt. in the Korean War. He was also an avid pilot (who acguired his pilot's license at age 15), fisherman, hunter and outdoorsman. Visitation was held June 27 at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, Indianapolis. A funeral service will be conducted at noon on June 28 at Mt. Gilead Church, 6019 E. State Road 144, Mooresville. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery.

#### Ruth E. Wortman

Ruth E. Wortman, 89, of Greenwood, died on June 27, 2018. Ruth was born on Aug. 19, 1928, daughter of the late Luther and Audra (Mae) Bolin. Ruth loved to cook and was an avid reader. Ruth is survived by her daughter, Kathy (Max) Dalmbert; sonin-law, Gary Gebhardt; three grandchildren, Christine, Davey and Shanna; and great-grandchildren, Connor and Erin. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Wortman; longtime companion, Anthony "Tony" Puntarelli; and daughter, Diane Gebhardt. Visitation was held on July 2 at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home. Ruth was laid to rest in Calvary Cemetery.

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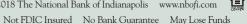
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#### Center Grove woman's calling leads to life-changing Bible club

#### By Nancy Price

Tracy Watson has had several faithbased callings in her life: communicating the word of God, leading by example to her children and serving as a volunteer coordinator with Mount Pleasant Christian Church in Greenwood.

Yet a calling inspired by her childhood has taken a small project into one that has grown by leaps and bounds.

Watson, a resident of Center Grove for the past 20 years, discovered Christ as a child, thanks to women volunteers who visited her classroom and spoke of His love. Their influence encouraged her desire to help bring others to know Him and His plans for a greater purpose in their lives.

Watson grew up in Wabash, a small town in northern Indiana. After graduating from Southwood High School, she attended Ball State University, where she received a degree in telecommunications. She married Stephen Watson and served as a communications director for four years at Mount Pleasant until starting a family.

While raising Tyler, 18, Austin, 15 and Haley, 13, Watson and some other mothers she knew started Center Grove Bible Club to teach their kids about the Bible. Watson remembered the positive impact that Bible teachings had on her as a child and wanted to give back. The mothers also connected with prayer groups at local schools. The idea for the modest beginning began growing in popularity. "What we had no idea is that God had much bigger plans," she said.

Today, Christ Youth Bible Club makes up 36 clubs in 11 different local school systems with an estimated 2,500 students participating and about 350 volunteers to help lead and coordinate the groups.

"We hear back from teachers and administrators about the positive affect the Bible Club has had on their schools," Watson said. "It's a great club that unites kids. We've seen kids and their families grow in their faith."

Watson, who is also employed as a part-time Ambassador Coordinator at Mount Pleasant, said that funding and prayer from churches in the community have been instrumental in support for the volunteer-led ministry.

"God has really been faithful for the club to grow," she said. "The club is His and

#### What do you consider your greatest virtue?

Empathy. I am pretty others-focused. When I was growing up my mom always used to ask me to stop and think how others might feel in any given situation.

#### What do you like best about **Center Grove?**

I love that people here are involved in the community and they appreciate and strive for excellence. I have participated in a number of events/athletics/clubs, etc. mostly with my kids and I've seen time and time again people giving their personal time and best effort.

#### If money were no issue, how would you spend it?

I'd put a pool in our backyard.

#### What makes you happiest?

When our home is filled with people; our kids, their friends, long-term guests etc. We hosted a ground-breaking ceremony before our house was built and invited friends to join us in praying that God would use it to bless others and He has been faithful to answer that prayer! Over the years we've hosted multiple Bible Studies for kids and teens: housed several summer interns and a few other long-term guests.

#### Pick three adjectives that best describe you.

Kind, conscientious and hospitable.

#### What is your favorite vacation spot?

There's so much to see. We never go to the same place twice.

#### What do you do with idle time? Ask me in 10 years.

#### What would you change about our culture if you could?

I wish people held God's word, the Bible, in higher esteem. It would solve a lot of our problems.

#### How do you escape from reality? I like the early morning Tabata workout at Mount Pleasant.

Which living person in Center Grove do vou most admire?

My husband, Stephen. I don't know anyone else who lives with more integrity than he does. He is a man of faith who consistently goes the extra mile and he does the right thing even when it's hard.

#### another person?

Grace. Life is busy and it can get messy and complicated. I appreciate people who can be authentic and gracious. We're all doing our best.

#### What is your greatest fear?

I am more fearful than I'd like to admit. It is something I have to pray about, otherwise I risk missing out on joys and opportunities.

I love each new season of life as it comes. I have especially enjoyed raising our kids and being involved in their activities. If there were ever a time I wanted to push pause, it's probably now, as we are getting ready to send our oldest to college.

#### Is there a special talent you really wish you had?

I really wish I could sing.

#### What do you most value in your friends?

Their faith. We encourage one another with truth and pray with and for one another.

#### Which historical figure do you most admire?

Jesus

What tenet do you live by? Do all things with love.

#### What quality do you admire most in

#### What is your greatest extravagance? Manicures. I just can't justify the expense

#### What has been the happiest time of your life?

#### **Greenwood's Whiteside** makes dean's list

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Harpe appointed principal of

**Center Grove Middle School** 

**Staff announcement - Davin Harpe** 

ter Grove Middle School

North in July. Dr. Harpe is

currently the principal of

Sugar Grove Elementary, a

position he has held since

July 2013. Dr. Harpe also

served for 14 years as a

will become the new principal of Cen-

principal, assistant principal and teacher

in various schools in Brownsburg, Frank-

and Western Boone school corporations.

In 2016, Dr. Harpe was awarded the In-

diana Association of School Principals

Elementary Principal of the Year. In 2017,

he was recognized in Washington, D.C.

as a National Distinguished Principal. Dr.

Harpe holds a bachelor's degree from In-

diana University, a master's degree from

educational leadership from Purdue Uni-

who announced his resignation from the

Ball State University and doctorate in

versity. He will replace Scott Johnson,

position at the end of the school year.

lin Township, Hamilton Southeastern

Academics - Kaitlin Whiteside of Greenwood qualified for the spring 2018 dean's list at Belmont University in Nashville. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a quality grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C.

#### Hyde appointed principal of Sugar Grove

Staff announcement - Jessica Hyde will become the new principal of Sugar Grove Elementary in July. Mrs.

Hvde has served as the assistant principal for Pleasant Grove Elementary for five years. Hyde holds a bachelor's degree in elementary education from

Indiana University and a master's degree in educational leadership and supervision from Ball State University. Hyde will replace Dr. Davin Harpe, who will become principal of Center Grove Middle School North in July. She and her husband, Mike, have two children, Molly and Bennett.

#### **IMCU offers Johnson Memorial Health debit card**

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Nonprofit news - Indiana Members Credit Union (IMCU) is pleased to announce it is now offering an exclusive Johnson Memorial Health debit card. The partnership allows members to show their support of the independent nonprofit hospital by signing up for a Johnson Memorial Health debit card. Every time the card is used as a signaturebased transaction, Johnson Memorial Hospital Foundation benefits. The more cards that are in use, the larger the contribution. The card is available for issue to members at IMCU's 26 central Indiana locations. The Johnson Memorial Health debit card is free to members with a free checking ac-count and can be issued immediately via IMCU's instant issue program, which allows members to receive their debit card on the spot. For more information about the IMCU Johnson Memorial Health debit card, please visit IMCU online at imcu.com or visit an IMCU branch for details.

#### **Pulliam named Greenwood director of** economic development

Government - Shayla Pulliam recently ioined the city of Greenwood as direc-

tor of economic development, serving as a primary liaison to businesses, developers and others exploring Greenwood as a potential home for future operations. Pulliam will

collaborate with and assist representatives from the Johnson County Development Corporation, Greenwood Redevelopment Commission, Indy Chamber, Indiana Economic Development Corporation and relevant federal agencies that coordinate economic development. Prior to joining the city of Greenwood, Pulliam served as a licensed domestic relations mediator for the Viola J. Taliaferro Family and Children Mediation Clinic at the IU Maurer School of Law in Bloomington. Primarily responsible for assisting low-income families with settling legal disputes. Pulliam received her law degree from the IU Maurer School of Law with undergraduate degrees in political science and sociology from Purdue University.

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