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Feb. 6's meeting of the Fleet Reserve Association was exciting, not because of what happened but what is about to happen. Attendance was large, and the discussion was looking forward to the activities of the New Year such as a family picnic in the late spring which was voted on and approved; participation in both the Greenwood and Southport summer activities centered on the 4th of July; a field trip to Vincennes, Ind. for a visit to the Indiana State Museums Historic Site and more. The Fleet Reserve Association is open to members of the navy, marine corps and coast guard. The meeting of the branch is on the first Monday of each month at the VFW in Greenwood at 6 p.m. On the second Tuesday of each month they have a get together at Denny's at 9 a.m. for breakfast where wives or family members are encouraged to attend. Pictured from left, Joe Lanning of Indianapolis, Tom Gilliam, Anderson; Charlie Perry, Camby; George Dow, Greenwood; Nate Robe, Greenwood; Jim Sattler, Mooresville; Jerry Bennett, Indianapolis; James Hayes, Indianapolis; Charles Cleveland, Mooresville; Hank Jacoby, Greenwood. View is in the cargo deck just inside the open bow doors. Not pictured, two wives who came along.

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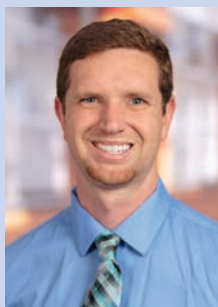
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Franciscan Health offers free joint pain seminar in Greenwood

Informational – Hip and knee pain shouldn't keep people from leading active and rewarding lives – and Franciscan Health wants to show you how. The orthopedic Joint Pain Seminar is slated for 6 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 28, in the community room at Franciscan Health at Stones Crossing, 1703 W. Stones Crossing Road. The event is a free, informational seminar and open to the public. Robert Malinzak, MD, will explain the latest procedures in joint replacement, managing arthritis and answer questions about related treatment options. A board-certified orthopedic surgeon, he is a member of Franciscan Physician Network Joint Replacement Surgeons, and practices at the internationally acclaimed Center for Hip & Knee Surgery on the Franciscan Health Mooresville campus. Registration is required because of limited seating. To register, call (877) 888-1777.



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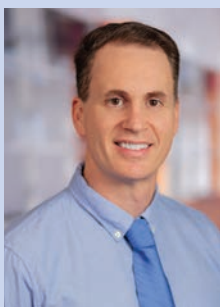
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(Cover) Exploring a cavern in Carlsbad Caverns. | (Left) Larry and Daina Chamness of Center Grove explore a copper mine in Carlsbad Caverns. | (Right) The view from their window in Quartzsite, Ariz. (Submitted photos)

RVing as a lifestyle

Center Grove couple sell their home to travel the country

COVER STORY

By Sherri Coner

Intending to casually hit the road every now and then, Larry and Daina Chamness of Center Grove bought a 26-foot trailer five years ago, hitched it to their vehicle and drove Southwest for the winter.

"This is where our story began," Daina said of their temporary address in Quartzsite, Ariz.

Spending eight weeks together in a much more cramped living space than the home they shared for more than 30 years was an experiment to answer a couple of burning questions.

How homesick would they be, so far away from their seven adult children and three grandkids?

"And also, could we stand each other for eight weeks in a trailer," Daina said with a laugh.

A nomadic adventure

What this happy-go-lucky couple didn't expect was the simple fun of pedaling their bikes in the desert, enroute for shopping in the small nearby town. They didn't expect the peacefulness and so many new friendships.

"There are lots of artists, writers and musicians here," Daina said. "There are all kinds of people here, from big mo-

torhomes to tents. It's very interesting."

Because electricity is unavailable in this RV park for boondock fans, sundown brings out flashlights or generators if your rig isn't equipped with solar panels.

These retirees began to ponder the possibility of creating a lifestyle on the road.

A couple of new questions required answers, "What will we do with all of our stuff?" and "Can we really do this?"

Before they chickened out of exchanging everything predictable for nomadic adventures, the Chamnesses returned to Indiana and invited their family to stop by and take whatever they wanted from the family home.

Soon after, they hosted more garage sales than anyone would ever want to have.

Larry made several trips to area donation centers.

They rented their home to a friend.

And suddenly, 33 years of belongings disappeared.

The Simple Life

"It felt very freeing," Daina said of choosing a much more minimalist lifestyle. "We didn't own all of that stuff, it owned us."

They traded the trailer for a 40-foot fifth wheel, adopted a feisty Yorkie

named Finnegan, and took a deep breath in a much lighter existence.

No more overcrowded cabinets and overstuffed drawers.

Never-worn clothing was also gone, right along with utility bills and property taxes.

After renting their home for two years, the Chamnesses let go of their last anchor.

They sold their home.

Nearly every material possession was successfully traded for

experiences.

These days, not necessarily making a plan at all is often the plan for Larry, who retired from a 40-year career with Workforce Development and Daina, who still authors books, available on Amazon.

"RVing is a subculture, really. I never thought this was something I would ever do."

— DAINA CHAMNESS

Exploring new cultures

Curiosity has taken them to the Alamo and the riverwalk in San Antonio.

After a swamp boat ride in Louisiana, they dined on local food, immersed in Cajun culture.

They have explored Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico and patted gray whales in the lagoon of Guerrero Negro in Baja.

"We've also been to the Grand Canyon a couple of times," Daina said.

This life is also sprinkled with an occasional stroll through flea markets and farmers markets.

Having nothing but time, they can follow signs to enjoy an impromptu music festival, a county fair or a state park.

"RVing is a subculture, really," Daina said. "I never thought this was something I would ever do."

Since several of their children now reside and work in different states and the grandchildren are teenagers finding their way toward adulthood, living this mobile life is more important than having a permanent address.

After an early spring romp through Alabama and back to Louisiana to see friends, they will spend the summer in the Center Grove area.

"We just got a notion," Daina said of their gypsy-flavored decision.

"Yes, whimsy," Larry added.

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(Left) From left, Izzy Felke, Devin McCormic, Chef Susanne Grier, and Grayson Roberts. | (Right) From left, Haidyn Brooks, Jesus Tello-Perez, Manuel Lopez, and Brennan Stockbridge. (Photos courtesy of Center Grove Community School Corporation)

CGHS culinary arts teams shine at regional competition

Culinary Conference - Seven Center Grove High students competed in the SkillsUSA Region 3 competitions at Ivy Tech Community College Culinary and Conference Center on Feb. 3 and 4. Izzy Felke, Devin McCormic, and Grayson Roberts competed in the Baking and Pastry Arts competition on Friday against 20 other bakers. They earned three of the top five spots to qualify for state. Haidyn Brooks, Manuel Lopez, Jesus Tello-Perez, and Brennan Stockbridge competed Saturday against

22 other students in the Culinary Arts competition. Jesus and Haidyn placed in the top 6 to qualify for state. The SkillsUSA State Competition will be April 14 and 15 at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. All Baking and Pastry and Culinary Arts competitions will be held at Ivy Tech Community College Culinary and Conference Center. This is just the second year CGHS has competed in Region 3 for SkillsUSA, which includes many career centers in Central Indiana.



February 2023 signing class. (Photo courtesy of Center Grove Community School Corporation)

19 senior student-athletes commit to colleges

Athletics - Nineteen Center Grove High School senior student-athletes were recognized on Feb. 1 for their commitments to continue their academic and athletic careers at a college or university. National Signing Day is traditionally held on the first Wednesday of February. The students include: Marcus Ankney, basketball, Indiana Wesleyan University; Collin Carroll, Lacrosse, Brigham Young University (Utah); Micah Coyle, football, Indiana Wesleyan University; Parker Doyle, track & field, Indiana State University; Grace Gagne, lacrosse, Ohio Wesleyan University; Charlie Gardner, football, Butler University; Bradley Gilliam, baseball, Wabash College; Amelia

Harrigan, lacrosse, Maryville University; Tyler House, baseball, Ohio Christian University; Harrison Hummel, lacrosse, Elmhurst University; Ethan McComb, basketball, Butler University; Aleks Parsetich, swimming, Olivet Nazarene University; Malia Schembra-Owen, volleyball, Indiana University-Purdue University Columbus; Payton Shimanisky, softball, Columbia University; Molly Tapak, soccer, Southern Illinois University; Jalen Thomeson, football, Ohio University; Emma Wheatley, softball, Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis; Addie Whitman, lacrosse, Maryville University; and Carson Vlcan, baseball, Wabash College.

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Bob Rohman's **INDY** Athlete of the Month **HONDA** Marcus Ankney

By Mark Ambrogio

Center Grove High senior Marcus Ankney has developed into a great shooter, but he can do so much more.

"Marcus is a complete player," Center Grove coach Zach Hahn said. "He can score at all three levels. He can shoot off the catch, coming off screens or shoot off the bounce. He can finish in transition, knock down pull up jumpers, and make transition threes. The biggest improvements Marcus has made are his willingness to guard the opposing team's best player and his vocal leadership. Marcus is one of the best players in the state of Indiana and should be an Indiana All Star."

As of Feb. 14, Ankney was averaging 16.2 points of 58.2 percent shooting for the Trojans (17-2). He has made 35 of 67 from a 3-point range (49.3 percent).

"I definitely have extended my range on the 3-point line," Ankney said. "I have made the most

improvement by being able to get to my spot, and either pull up or drive all the way to the rim. I also have improved by being able to stop and shoot behind the ball screen."

Ankney, who also was averaging 3.6 rebounds per game, said one of his goals has been to be a more vocal leader this season.

"I have focused on talking more in practice, encouraging my teammates as much as I can, and when things get down, I try to stay positive," he said.

Hahn has noticed.

"I believe his vocal leadership and the rest of the seniors leading by example are why this team has had great success this season," Hahn said. "Their relentless off-season work ethic is another reason for their success."

Ankney agreed that the hard work has paid off.

"I think the most important thing for our team was the work that we put in during the off-season," Ankney said. "We were all in the gym, every single day, bring-

ing in each other to work out."

As a junior, Ankney averaged 14.3 points. He shot 50.7 percent overall, including 40 percent from a 3-point range.

Ankney has been playing basketball since he was 4 years old. He gave up football and baseball after third grade to concentrate on basketball.

"I love the work ethic that you have to put into this game to be good. I love playing the game and that nothing ever comes easy," Ankney said. "I love the team aspect when everyone comes together and there is a bond that no one can break."

Ankney will play for Indiana Wesleyan University, an NAIA program, next season.

"When I first visited the school, I really liked the campus," Ankney said. "I think that always helps when you like the campus but for me it was the coaching staff. They have a great coaching staff that cares about the players and that want the best for them."

THE ANKNEY FILE

HEIGHT: 6-foot-3

AGE: 18

SPORT: Basketball

CLASS: Senior

COLLEGE PLANS: Attending Indiana Wesleyan University to play basketball and major in business.

FAVORITE ATHLETE: Kyrie Irving

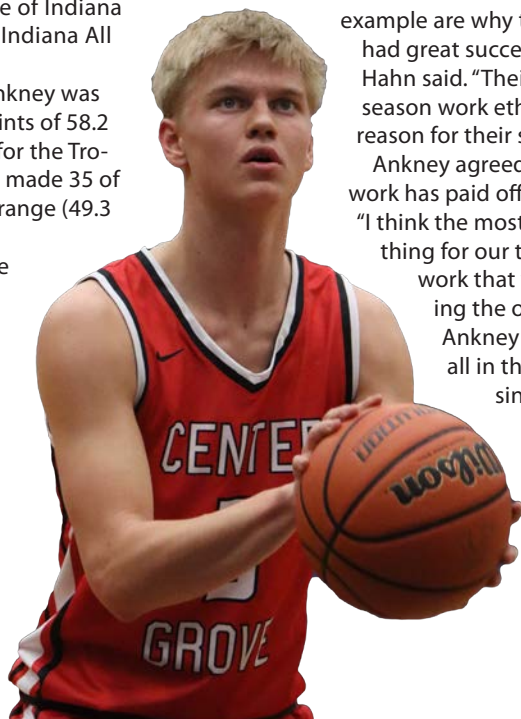
FAVORITE SUBJECT: Math

FAVORITE GENRE OF MUSIC: Rap

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Peaky Blinders"

PARENTS' NAMES: Steve and Cheryl Ankney

Center Grove senior Marcus Ankney is a key reason for the Trojans' success. (Photo courtesy of Sam Findley)



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Greenwood student makes Carthage College dean's list

Academic Achievement - Carthage College has named Logan Dales of Greenwood and graduate of Center Grove High School to the dean's list for academic excellence during the Fall 2022 term. Dean's list honors are accorded to Carthage students who achieve a minimum 3.5 grade-point average while carrying at least 14 credit hours during a semester. For more information, visit carthage.edu.

Indiana Members Credit Union announces senior leadership positions

Banking - Indiana Members Credit Union (IMCU) recently announced 10 senior leadership promotions to further position the credit union for ongoing growth and success. John Newett was appointed president and chief executive officer effective Jan. 1. Newett succeeds Ron Collier, who retired in December 2022. Newett joined IMCU in 2011 as director of planning and administration and was named president of the credit union in April 2022. He has more than 26 years of experience in the financial services industry. In addition, Todd Habig is now chief financial officer; Justin Sindors is chief strategy officer; Scott Mann is chief retail officer; Thorpe Miller is chief marketing officer; Tom Wellman is chief risk officer and general counsel; Jeff Hawkins is senior vice president, information systems; Chantelle Sparks is senior vice president, human resources; Michael Murphy is senior vice president, commercial services; and Daralyn Schneider is senior vice president, mortgage services. For more information, please visit IMCU online at imcu.com.



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Turning setbacks into opportunities

By Mike Heffner

About this time of year is when the New Year's resolutions that you made in January start to fall apart. I believe the reason for frustration and failure around resolutions is our inability to move beyond setbacks. They happen all year long, but this time of year is when the obstacles start coming at us with full force in the face of our new goals, systems, and ideas.

We would all like to win, accomplish our goals and have everything run smooth. Winning feels good and gives us momentum. However, it's nearly impossible to always win and sustain it at the highest level. Even the best of us have difficult days. The balance to winning is setback. The remarkable thing about setbacks is that our capacity to learn and grow is fueled by them. It is how we develop character and perseverance. It's how great innovative ideas happen. It's the way things get accomplished.

I do not often refer to the Bible in this

space, but I am going to share this because James 1:2 reminds us of a very fitting thing here.

"When it seems as though you are facing nothing but difficulties see it as an invaluable opportunity to experience the greatest joy that you can." (TPT)

Winning is great but just think if we didn't have setbacks. There would be so many things that wouldn't happen.

- Lessons learned happen best through failure
- Growth happens when obstacles force us to adapt
- Improvements come when failure moves us forward with added information
- Opportunities open when a setback happens, and a new path is forged
- Motivation and energy can come with the chance to prove someone wrong

No matter the setback you're dealing

with – a lost job, mistake, project failure, an illness or unforeseen damage to property – there is a way to look at what has happened and move forward. Time spent agonizing over what happened will not change much, but you can choose to look at setbacks and obstacles in a way that helps others, has influence, or allows for progress.

The last three years have personally been challenging for me and others, but I know that God has wonderful things in store for you and me. My hope is something in the words above inspires you to put the past behind you, grow from it, and move forward as the best version of yourself.



This article is written by Mike Heffner, the owner of the local Greenwood Express Employment Professionals franchise. Contact Mike at Mike.Heffner@expresspros.com, @IndySouthMike on Twitter or visit ExpressIndySouth.com.

PEER-TO-PEER

Does your business have the art of closing the deal?

By Howard Hubler

When I first got involved in the automobile business, conventional wisdom said the average person shops at four dealerships to buy a car. Today that's down to 1 1/4. With all of the information available to the consumer, most people can determine what they want and how it will perform and what the cost of payment will be before they ever even get in the car to go look at an automobile to replace their current car.

Let's assume for a moment, that you are one new salesperson who "gets it." Let's say you sell three of your four customers and make for a good week pay for yourself and your company. Let's say another new salesperson who doesn't get it greets for people and sells either one or no new automobiles in four unique customer visits. The question becomes, how long will this ill-trained person who has very likely little professional curiosity and equal small amounts of drive be allowed to fail before management scoops them up and trains him or her and motivates them or eliminates them?

These closing numbers are often referred to as "hits runs and errors," a term from baseball. My industry might have finally hit Nirvana; one

salesman, one customer, one sale. I am sure other industries are performing just as favorably with the help of all the information their customers have as well.

In your organization how long does it take for you to identify that somebody who is truly creating more harm than good? Is this somebody you've tested? Do you measure their drive? Do they have the innate left-brain right-brain skill sets to close the deal? In my industry one thing is certain: you're better off to double up salesman to try and sell your product short side-by-side with one bad salesperson because the bad one will do more damage than a good one can create. In an era of short supply retail product to sell, how long will it take to eliminate mediocrity because mediocrity can bring you down?



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(Left) Coffeehouse Five celebrates its ribbon cutting for its third location with Aspire Johnson County. | (Right) Coffeehouse Five Owners Michelle and Brian Peters. (Photos by Mark Gasper)



Coffeehouse Five opens its third location in Bargersville

By Todd Travis

If you haven't heard of Coffeehouse Five, it is a coffee shop that also provides free marriage and addictions counseling to members of the community. After opening the first two locations in Greenwood and in Franklin, Brian and Michelle Peters have decided to open a third location in Bargersville located at 10 Plummer Ave.

"We have been doing this with the idea that the coffee shop would be a revenue source that would then allow us to offer free marriage and addictions counseling. The idea behind the additional locations is simply to provide more income to be able to provide more free services," Brian Peters stated.

"The Bargersville location was actually where we considered for our first location back in 2011-2012. At that time we just had a sense that it wasn't ready. It certainly is ready now, and after our Franklin location opened it was pretty obvious that Bargersville was going to be the next step for us. About a year ago we had a family acquaintance who bought a building in Bargersville that asked us if we wanted to rent it as a coffeeshop. So the pieces just kinda came together for this," he continued.

The location is officially open as of Feb. 8. Coffeehouse Five provides marriage

counseling and addictions counseling as a service but they also have a treatment program and a treatment fund. So when someone comes in and asks for help that they don't provide, they try to connect them with another mental health provider and if they need financial assistance, that can be provided through the treatment fund.

Even though the goal for these coffee shops is to fund the counseling services they offer, Brian wanted to make it clear that their goal is still to have the best coffee shop they could possibly run.

"Our focus is to provide the very best customer service and the very best products that we can in the coffee shops. For that reason, we do everything in house. We bake our own product and roast our own beans to maintain quality control over the product," Peters specified.

The three location addresses are:

**41 W. Monroe St.
Franklin, IN 46131**

**10 Plummer Ave.
Bargersville, IN 46106**

**323 Market Plaza
Greenwood, IN 46142**



(Left) Create your own garden themed tier tray. | (Right) Sarah Nilsson with an example of the complete design from all five stores. (Submitted photos)

Art and craft therapy

**5 women-owned businesses collaborate to help
patrons develop their creative side**

FEATURE

By Todd Travis

Find your creative outlet

This month between Feb. 17-Feb. 21 five women-owned creative shops are partnering together to share the love of art with the community. Each shop will be contributing one piece to an overall finished craft that comes together from the five individual mini-crafts.

"We want people to get out there and see new shops and use their creativity to make these special crafts, but also to get back to the joy of crafting and being able to see how crafting can be therapeutic and can help with mental health during these difficult times," said Sarah Nilsson, owner of Bella Rose Designs, one of the participating shops.

Garden-themed creation

The five shops that will be participating are Bella Rose Designs, Crafts and Creations, Pro-Art Gallery & Custom Framing, KJ's Boutique and Creatives, and Wild Sapphire Boutique. At each shop, the customers will be making different crafts that are all garden themed. After making each of the five mini-crafts, they will all combine to make a tiered tray which they can enjoy in their home.

At Bella Rose Designs, people will be painting a wooden piece to add to the design; at Crafts and Creations, they will make a glass terrarium jar; at Pro Art Framing they will make a matted photo of a painting; at KJ's Boutique they will be painting a concrete statue; and at Wild Sapphire they will be making a beaded garland. An example of the finished piece is pictured.

Boosting mental health

This event is about more than just the crafting alone. Each of these creative businesses wants to give people an opportunity to get the therapeutic benefits from crafting and spending time with others in a fun environment.

"Crafting has been a way to release and get out some of the pent-up energy that we can hold. When we're crafting with our friends or hanging out with other women, we realize that we are all facing battles and different struggles and that we're not alone. Laughing and opening up together has helped me so much, especially with struggles I've had in my family lately," Nilsson shared.

"The way a lot of us were raised, when people had mental health struggles, we would just sweep it under the rug and not talk about it. That really didn't help anyone. It almost made it worse because you would feel more isolated and more alone. To be able to have an outlet for this can help you to feel better and more connected with a community," she added.

Details

The entry for the event is \$25 which can be purchased at any of the five stores. That will cover the cost of all five of the mini crafts. If anyone is wanting to participate but doesn't feel up to making the craft themselves or don't have the time, a pre-made version will be made available to them if needed. Once customers have finished their craft, they can post it to the Facebook group (fb.me/e/3st3Km1CK) and will have a chance to win one of five gift baskets with a value of over \$100.

Tickets are on sale now for the event so stop into any of the five stores to get a ticket. Each shop will only be selling 20 tickets so be sure to get one before they sell out.

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Beech Grove



The building where Beech Grove's first grocery store, Wheat's Grocery, opened its doors, still stands today on Main Street. (Submitted photo)

Railroad facility helped to launch many Beech Grove businesses

By Sherri Coner

Nearly every dirt-road rural town has a special story explaining how some lucky breaks led to growth.

For Beech Grove, it was a \$5 million complex for repair work on steam locomotives.

Anticipating in 1905 how the area would change, a group of Beech Grove investors formed the Beech Grove Improvement Company.

First, the group purchased 2,640 acres of ground, sold 640 acres for the construction of the railroad facility and earmarked the remaining acres for housing and businesses.

By late 1906, Beech Grove was officially incorporated.

When the facility, known as the "railroad shops" opened in 1908, residents hit the ground running. Many went to work there. Others grabbed tool belts to help build area homes as well as new businesses along Main Street.

By the time Richard "Dick" Templin came along in 1948, Beech Grove was a much more exciting place to be. Since he lived two blocks from Main Street, Templin often walked to town, just to grab some ice cream at Bosma's Dairy.

"The biggest day of my bike riding life was when I took my training wheels off my bike," said Templin,

president of the Beech Grove Historical Society.

With a generous pick of grocery stores, pharmacies and meat markets on the main drag, Templin learned quickly about kid-friendly places to show up. For example, occasionally pressing his face against the screen door at Haag's Meat Market until the owner, Joe, noticed him, would result in a snack.

"Joe would say, 'What do you want? Does your mother know where you are?'" Templin said with a laugh. "Then he would give me a bologna sandwich and tell me not to tell my mother he fed me."

Though Haag's stayed on Main Street until the 1970s, a lot of yesterday is long gone with the exception of 417-419 Main Street, where the first grocery opened its doors in 1907.

According to Templin, Clifford Wheat, the son of William Wheat, who opened the store in partnership with John Mitchell, used coal lamps since there was no electricity, got water from a nearby well and drove a wagon, powered for a team of horses, to downtown Indianapolis to buy meat for customers. The town's first school was housed above Wheat's Grocery until 1913.

"Through the years, a lot of small businesses and little shops have been in there," Templin said.

Fountain Square

A barber, his bowling alley, and a historic building

Fountain Square Theater Building provides infrastructure for a man and his wife's many endeavors

By Todd Travis

When the Fountain Square Theater Building was built in 1928, it must have been quite a spectacle to behold. It contained a Vaudeville Theater, a bowling alley, a speakeasy dance hall, offices and retail storefronts.

"It was basically a shopping center because at the time there was no such thing. This building had all those needs for the community and the neighborhood," said Linton Calvert, longtime owner of Fountain Square Theater Building and the many different businesses inside.

Shortly after the opening of the vaudeville theater, it was converted into a movie theater — showing different movies instead. At the time, Fountain Square was known as being a theater district, with about four or five theaters right in the nearby area. Of the different theaters, the Fountain Square Theater was the biggest of them all.

It would remain a movie theater up until 1959, when the Woolworth company gutted the theater and put a department store there instead. The bowling alley and the offices remained in the building at that time as well. Then a new trend began to siphon people away from the Fountain Square area.

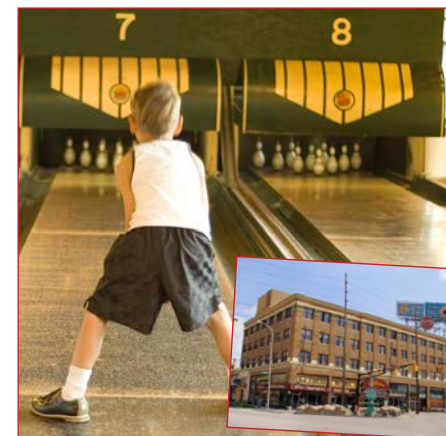
"Basically what happened is you had Glendale, Eastgate, Greenwood shopping centers that evolved in the '60s. People tend to move out to the suburbs and so Fountain Square became sort of a lost commodity to the suburban growth in the shopping centers," Calvert explained.

"Plus the interstate went through downtown which cut the umbilical cord of Virginia Avenue for a while because of all the construction. So Fountain Square fell by the wayside for a while," he added.

When Calvert originally approached the owner of the building to buy it, he found that the owner wasn't willing to sell right. Instead they agreed to a 42-month lease with an option to buy at an agreed price.

"So we basically had 42 months to make the building financeable, and that was quite a job. At the time it had no heat, no air, nothing," Calvert said.

Along with his wife, Fern, Calvert devel-



Duckpin bowling is a popular option in the Fountain Square Theater Building. | (Inset) The building was built in 1928. (Photos submitted by Fountain Square Theater)

oped all the businesses within the building. That included the fourth-floor duckpin bowling, an atomic duckpin bowling in the basement, a hotel on the third floor, apartments on the second floor along with Linton and Fern's personal home, a theater that would later become a banquet hall, the Imbibe bar, a diner, and a barbecue restaurant which has since turned into an Italian restaurant.

Then there was a barber shop, beauty shop and a little lounge bar on Prospect Street which were also developed by the Calverts.

After many years developing this building, someone finally made the Calverts an offer to buy the building that they would accept. However, Calvert asked that he keep his businesses running and would then begin to rent the space from the new owner, and the owner agreed. Just last summer, someone in the wedding reception and banquet business who was looking to expand bought the business.

And so the building continues to stand as a legacy to the Calverts as they have moved on in their lives to the next phase. Still, Fern's sister and another partner of the Calvert's, Eric, have kept a minority interest in the buildings and continue to be involved. Fern remains on the payroll, so it seems there is still a tiny bit of involvement left, but the building is mainly left for a new group to take forward.

Center Grove

Banta Community Center

A former host site for wedding receptions and church dinners needs TLC to continue to run

By Todd Travis

The Banta Community Center was originally an army barracks that was located at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis. In the 1940s, it was moved down to Banta and placed on a small, donated lot next to the old Banta General Store. For years it was operated by the Ladies Auxiliary at the Banta Community Church.

"They operated it and used it for other things such as wedding receptions and graduation parties. They would hold smorgasbord dinners in the '40s and '50s. Anyone in the community could use it to hold their events or functions," recalled Mike Kelly, one of the board members responsible for keeping the Banta Community Center running.

After some time, the building began to get run down and was in need of some updates. Some people worried that the building would get too far gone and become unusable. Luckily, an attorney who used to live in Banta named Tackett left some money upon his passing for the betterment of the community of Banta. Kelly and his wife, Shelly helped to organize a new board to renovate and reinvigorate this dearly held location.

Shelly had an especially sentimental tie to the building as she remembers her mother and grandmother serving community meals there when she was just a child. She also remembers aunts, uncles and many other family members being involved with the building and could not just see it deteriorate the way it had.

The board helped lead a complete overhaul of the community center which included new insulation, new plumbing, new electric, an updated kitchen and a new indoor restroom (the previous one was outdoor).

"It was all done by community volunteers. We had a plumbing company in the community that donated a lot of the plumbing and a local electrician who helped rewire the whole building. We just went through it and made a nice



The Banta Community Center not only serves the community, but was revitalized by community volunteers as well. (Submitted photo)

facility out of it with new air conditioning and lighting and everything. It'll seat from about 90 to 100 people," Mike Kelly shared.

With the new renovations, the building was brought back to life and started to be used again for all kinds of events and gatherings. They famously held fish fries and chili suppers that the community members enjoyed together.

Unfortunately, the board that was responsible for the revitalization of the building has begun to age and some members have even passed away. At this time, Mike and Shelly are looking for a new group to take the baton and help keep the center going for the next generation of people. As of yet, they have not found anyone who is ready to take on the responsibility, but they are hoping to find someone soon.

"What I'm trying to do is get the word out that we need some help because we just can't continue to operate this on our own. What we don't want to see is for it to just be sold off. We want to keep it around for the community to use," Kelly said.

"It rents out for a couple hundred bucks a day and you just can't find anything else like that around here," he added.

If you're interested in getting involved with the building, reach out to Mike Kelly at 317-504-5838.

Franklin Township

From horse-drawn wagons to modern-day automotive repair

Former Waterman building becomes home to Indy Auto Repair in Franklin Township

By Nicole Davis

In 1881, the red brick building at 7006 Southeastern Ave. in Franklin Township served as a blacksmith shop where people would travel for miles to have their wagons repaired and plow points sharpened. Its purpose hasn't strayed far from its origin of transportation reparation. Today, it is home to Indy Auto Center, a full-service ASC certified automotive repair shop for foreign and domestic cars.

The building was first owned by Henry A. Waterman, the son of German immigrants who came to Indiana after they first went to California searching for gold (which they didn't find).

Nancy VanArendonk of the Franklin Township Historical Society wrote, "Henry was an apprentice blacksmith in New Palestine for five years before opening his own blacksmith shop in 1881, at the intersection of Five Points Road and the Michigan Road (now Southeastern Ave). Farmers came from miles around to have their horses shod, wagons repaired, and plow points sharpened. The shop also built wagons. In time, as automobiles began to compete with horses and wagons as a means of transportation, Henry enlarged his shop and in 1914 added a garage, hardware department, and truck and machinery repair building. Henry's five children all worked in the business starting in childhood, when they were paid 10 cents a day (the amount was worth more back then) for working before and after school."

Until last year, the H.A. Waterman Company was run by Donald Waterman, the grandson of the founder, and by his wife, Connie. The business did lawn mower repair and sold hardware, among other things.

Parts of the building's history still remain untouched. Upstairs, there are parts belonging to wagons and horse-drawn carriages, left behind as the world transitioned to automobiles.

"Upstairs, there is a passage written on the wall that was written in 1913 by Mr. Waterman's grandmother when she was



Greg Hearl relocated Indy Auto Center to 7006 Southeastern Ave. in 2022. (Photo by Nicole Davis) | (Inset) The Waterman building, pictured in 1912. (Photo courtesy of Franklin Township Historical Society)

a little girl," Greg Hearl, owner of Indy Auto Center, said. "They used to live up there. It was saying 'it's 38 below zero now, a storm has hit Indianapolis, the likes Indianapolis has never seen, and we have no heat.' She was fearful. She was writing a message in case they died. Where it's at is an extremely unsafe part of the building. This building being this old, it has some areas that are a little rickety."

Greg and Kristine Hearl started Indy Auto Center in 2021 and said they were so well received by the Franklin Township community, that they quickly outgrew their former space. They purchased the Waterman building in 2022 to have a larger space to give them the capability to service more cars.

Greg said that after they purchased the building, he was surprised to notice that on the walls of Meijer on Washington Street and the Kroger on Southport Road, there is an image of the building.

"It's amazing," he said. "The building has so much history."

They have been working to repair the old structure, as the building has seen its better days. They have shored up the walls and roof, replaced all of the plumbing and mechanicals, redone the drains and are looking at how to fix up the parking lot.

"Our plan is to be a staple to Wana-maker for the next 20 years," Greg said. "Our plan is to continue to improve the building and taking care of the township."

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

CATHOLIC CHURCH



Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church and School

Founded in 1908 to serve Beech Grove and the surrounding community, Holy Name Parish is committed to the Mission of making Christ present in the world through prayer and the sacraments by living the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. Holy Name is home to many Southside Catholics, and for 114 years, has been a dynamic force in the life and faith of Beech Grove and the Southside of Indianapolis.

Ground for the new parish was purchased in 1907, and the first Pastor, Fr. Peter Killian was appointed in June of 1908. At the time, there were only approximately 50 families living in Beech Grove. The original church was built in 1908 with a small chapel on the second floor of the red brick rectory, which still serves as the home for the Holy Name pastor. Until 1918, the parish was named Blessed Sacrament, before it was changed to Holy Name when the Blessed Sacrament Chapel of the Cathedral was built.

Holy Name Catholic School was

established in 1922 as a ministry of the parish and has served many generations of young Catholics from Beech Grove and the surrounding communities since that time. Starting with 53 students in 1922, Holy Name grew to over 400 students by 1954 and over 800 students by the mid 1960s. In 1922, when the school was first built, the upper floor of the school building served as the church until 1954 when the new church was constructed. For many years, the school was staffed by Franciscan Sisters; from the same community that founded St. Francis Hospital in 1914.

Holy Name School has had a long history of excellence in education, music, and faith formation. For over 35 years, Mr. Jerry Craney established a wonderful music tradition at Holy Name School and Church, which has been continued in recent years by Dr. Joseph Chrisman. The school has also had a great tradition when it comes to training altar servers, who help to offer Mass in a reverent and



Front view of the church. (Photos courtesy of Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church)

beautiful manner. To this day, school students participate in Mass two to three times per week, and ordinarily spend time in Eucharistic Adoration every week. In the classroom, Holy Name teachers are also deeply committed to making the faith an important element of classroom relation-

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Cornerstone Laying - June 4, 1922.



Original rectory for Parish clergy after relocation in 1953.



Cornerstone of the new Church building, 1953.



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Nearing completion of the new Church building in 1954.





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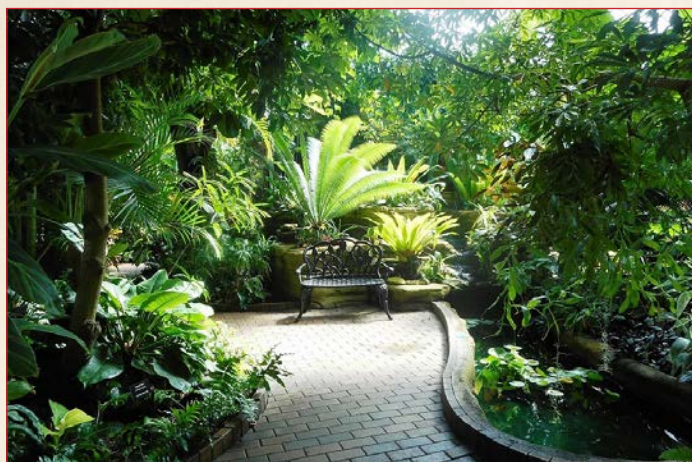
*Current Photograph of Holy Name
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*Photo shows the new wing addi-
tion to the school circa 1961.*



Garfield Park



With the theme of an indoor rainforest, the conservatory boasts tropical plants from around the world. (Photos courtesy of Garfield Park Conservatory)

Garfield Park Conservatory

Education and nature join hands with all ages

By Sherri Coner

An amazing year-round list of activities and programs make the Garfield Park Conservatory an icon where education and nature join hands with all ages.

After a permanent rainforest theme was added in 1997 to this sprawling 10,000-square-foot structure, it became possible for visitors to see "tropical plants from all over the world," said Jessica Helmbold, a naturalist employed for eight years at the conservatory, where she is also in charge of educational programming.

One of the most important aspects of the addition "is the opportunity to learn about the rainforest, how the plants are grown and what we do with them," Helmbold said.

When nature lovers acquired a 128-acre stretch of Marion County land in 1874, it was known simply as City Park. But when President James Garfield was assassinated in 1881, the park was renamed in his memory.

In an effort to make the lush green time away from city life even more beautiful, three acres of space was dedicated in 1909 to growing thousands of tulips and hundreds of annuals. Three lighted fountains, brick walkways, classical urns and a lot of pride added the perfect finishing touch to what is still known as the Sunken Garden.

As if visionaries weren't already on a

roll, more brilliance struck in 1916, when German landscape architect, George Kessler, designed and constructed the conservatory.

Along with providing at least 10 public programs each month for pre-school and school-age children along with programs for adults, an average of 200 students visit monthly on school field trips, Helmbold said.

All of those interactions are opportunities to teach.

To keep the aging structure beautiful, renovations have been necessary through the years.

When the original wooden structure was in dire need of repair, it was replaced in 1955 with a welded aluminum frame, making it the nation's first aluminum building.

After nearly 150 years, the magic of this community park remains unchanged.

Families continue to picnic under maple, oak and sycamore trees.

Area residents walk their dogs and ride bikes.

On snowy days, kids still drag sleds up the large hill near the South entrance and squeal their way to the bottom.

Proposals and marriage ceremonies happen near the gardens and fountains.

And of course, it's a perfect place to curl up with a good book on a warm spring day.

"It's just a pretty place to be," Helmbold said.

Perry Township

Historic Hannah House

From 1850s family mansion to rumored haunted site

By Todd Travis

Hannah House dates back to 1858 when Alexander M. Hannah purchased the bricks to build the house for \$585. He had just returned to Indiana after spending several years in California prospecting for gold and co-owning a ranch. His father, Samuel Hannah, was a prominent land owner and the president of the Indiana Central Railroad. Upon Alexander's return to Indiana, he began to work for the railroad and purchased about 240 acres of land from his father. On that land is where he built what is known as the Hannah House today.

In 1872, Hannah married his wife, Elizabeth and added a service building to the house. In this addition there was a milk house and a wash house or summer kitchen with a large fireplace on the first floor. On the second floor were the servants' quarters.

Also running through those 240 acres of land was Marion County's first toll road, the Indianapolis-Southport Toll Road, which ran from Indianapolis to Madison along the Ohio River. Hannah collected tolls from travelers from 1860 until he passed away in 1895. Following his passing, the land was split up and sold since he had no heirs to inherit the land.

While it has not been confirmed, lore has it that the house was one of the stations for the Underground Railroad. The slaves would have been hidden on the grounds and secretly escorted to the railroad that was on the property.

In 1899, the house was purchased by Roman Oehler, along with 21 acres of property surrounding the house. During the time he lived there, the front porch was widened, and several outbuildings were added to the property. Oehler's daughter Romena Oehler Elder would be the next owners of the property, which consisted of the five acres that are still owned by the Elder family today.

In 1978, the house was placed on the national register of historic places. Over the years the house has been used as an antique shop and a flea market and it continues to be used for parties, banquets and receptions.

Scott Longere, the manager of the house, visited the house for the first time



The 24-room house was built in 1858. (Photos courtesy of Hannah House)

when it was a flea market and took an immediate interest in it.

"I love the historical architecture of the house and the history of the families who lived there. I've made up a family tree of the Hannahs and the Oehlers and the Elders and I give tours of the house every week on Sunday," Longere mentioned.

Longere has become like a son to Judy (Judith) Elder and has helped her to maintain the house and run the various events that are held there. Judy married David Elder, the son of Marion and Romena Oehler Elder, in 1960 and was with him until he passed in 2013.

"The first time I saw the Hannah House was at David's brother's wedding. For David and his family, it was just the house they grew up in," Elder said.

In addition to the historical significance of the house, a following has grown over the years from people interested in the paranormal. Many people have come to believe that the house is haunted. Longere has welcomed paranormal followers to come and investigate the house for themselves and has even hosted National Paranormal Day at the house.

"We had people come from five different states to set up as vendors for Paranormal Day. It's one of the largest ones around," Longere said.

Whether you are interested in the paranormal or just the rich history of the Hannah House, you can check out the website: historichannahhouse.com. Hannah House is located at 3801 Madison Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46227.

Greenwood



(Left) As a Greenwood icon since it was built in 1840, the sprawling home first loved by an area pastor and his family is now Folktales Greenwood, an event venue. The sign near the driveway hints to visitors about the home's rich history and folklore. | (Right) Greenwood's first general store was constructed in 1840 at the same location where the store's last rebuild was completed in 1889 by Grafton Peek. (Photos courtesy of Brad Nemeth)

Greenwood events center location once home to 1840s millionaire and his exotic animals

By Sherri Coner

A couple of beloved bear cubs romped freely 100 years ago on Main Street while a lion or two sunned on the grounds of the Johnson homestead, now known as Folktales Greenwood, an events venue on South Madison Avenue.

The Dr. Doolittle type of guy who loved exotic animals and resided in the home at that time was the second Grafton Johnson, oldest surviving son of Grafton Johnson, a Greenwood millionaire.

"He was almost mauled to death by one of the lions," said Brad Nemeth, board president of Restore Old Town Greenwood Inc. Just to clarify, the oldest Johnson son simply refused to answer to a less snobby name, such as maybe Junior.

The story of Grafton Johnson and his family began in 1847 when Johnson's brother-in-law decided to move to Mooresville a year after clearing enough timber to construct a general store in the densely wooded area. Business savvy Johnson not only bought the business; he also expanded it. He then married Julia Noble, the daughter of an Indiana governor, and purchased the sprawling white house in the woods, built in 1840 and loved by an area pastor.

"The Johnson family owned that house for more than 80 years," Nemeth said.

While the Johnsons raised their six children in the home, less than a mile from the new and improved general store where business was booming, Johnson's nephew, Grafton Peek eventually moved to the area and went to work for his uncle as a store clerk.

By the time Greenwood earned an official place on the map in 1864 as an incorporated town, the intersecting streets of Main Street and Madison Avenue saw a scattering of new businesses move in along Main Street. At the same time, a lot more customers followed progress.

Eventually, McGraft Peek bought the store from his uncle.

In tune with his uncle's vision for the future, Peek deconstructed the store and replaced it in 1889 with a stately, two-story brick icon.

"It's such a solidly built building, it's been there ever since," Nemeth said.

Like the Grafton Peek building, the Johnson homestead had its fair share of change-of-address cards, too. The home was last occupied as a residence until 1978 by Dr. John and Mrs. Berniece Machledt. Occasionally, longtime Greenwood residents still refer to it as the Machledt Mansion.

Southport

Houseful of history

Southport Mayor Jim Cooney's home featuring a federal style is believed to be the oldest in Southport

By Nicole Davis

Southport Mayor Jim Cooney resides in what is believed to be the oldest house in Southport.

The house was built around 1834, which would be about two years after Southport was founded in 1832. Cooney noted that despite efforts to learn more about its history, he has yet to discover paperwork which could prove the exact date. The records stop in 1970 due to a fire where the papers were previously held. He did find a list of previous owners dating back to the 1920s. He has been told the house might have originally belonged to a sheep herder, before the railroad came through the town in 1849.

The red brick home features a federal style of architecture, common in the United States from 1780 and 1840. A Federal-style house is typically a simple square or rectangle box, two or three stories high and two rooms deep. The design emphasizes balance and symmetry, such as its windows being laid out in a vertical or horizontal line.

Cooney's 3,000-square-foot home has been completely remodeled and added onto, although pieces of its history remain sprinkled throughout. The door frames are much smaller than homes built in the modern day. The old handrail going up the stairs is lower, too. The basement, which would have originally been a crawl space and later dug out, exposes older brick. In doing minor renovations, he said he's found wooden boards under floors and behind walls which are wider than what would be used in recent years.

Cooney has taken pride in maintaining the home and its outdoor landscaping. He has also paid tribute to its history, through antique decor in the entryway or the living room which displays a bottle of federalist wine to represent the federal style of house and a photo of Andrew Jackson who was president in 1834.

The house sat empty for three years from 1984 to 1987 until it was purchased by Tom Eckstein. By that point, the house was falling down.

"A number of things were wrong," Cooney said. "This wall in the front room, the window, it vibrated from bees. If you walked through the upstairs, you could see the sky through the roof. It was a wreck. (A Southport resident) walked through here before it was rehabbed and said the floor had rotted away around the bathtub."



Southport Mayor Jim Cooney's home features a federal style that was popular in the United States from the 1780s to 1840s. (Photo by Nicole Davis) | (Inset) The historic home was completely rehabbed in the late 1980s. The side balcony was torn apart and rebuilt to maintain a similar appearance. (Submitted photo)

The previous owner fixed up all of the major problems, almost completely gutting parts of the house. They lived in it until 2007, when Cooney purchased it.

"It's historic and I like that," he said. "It's certainly not an open floor plan. The rooms aren't very big, but they seem reasonably sized because the ceilings are so high."

Cooney said while he hasn't had to do many updates to the structure since it was completely remodeled in the 80s, he did get blow-in insulation this year to help with heating and cooling costs. Because the layout was not designed for the ducts needed for heating and cooling.

The house needs three separate systems to cover the house: one upstairs, downstairs and in the family room. The walls are thick, consisting of layers of drywall, plaster, lath and brick – but no insulation. The large windows combined with lack of insulation led to heat escaping as fast as it entered.

"They hand delivered my electric and gas bill, saying you'll need to pay this please," Cooney joked.

Work in an old house (or any house) is never done, and he continues to plan for improvements to his historic home.



A vintage photograph of the H.A. Waterman Co. building. (Photo courtesy of Franklin Township Historical Society)



Parts for wagons and carriages remain in an unused room on the second floor of the former Waterman building. (Photos by Nicole Davis)



Remnants of the Waterman's hardware store, photo taken August, 2022. This is where God's Love Offerings and Donations Store, a "name your price" thrift shop, is now located. (Photos by Nicole Davis)



Along with gardens and fountains, the historic Garfield Park Conservatory is a beautiful place to visit. (Photo courtesy of Garfield Park Conservatory)



The Italianate design of the house with Greek Revival influences was a popular style in the 1850s. (Photos courtesy of Hannah House)



Southport Mayor Jim Cooney's home was completely rehabbed in the late 1980s. The side balcony was torn apart and rebuilt to maintain a similar appearance. (Submitted photo)

Center Grove principal says Carmel High School wants to end athletic contracts

By Mark Ambrogio

Center Grove High School Principal Jeffrey Henderson has said he was surprised the Carmel High School athletic department had requested to cancel its contracts with Center Grove in all sports.

His email to parents read: "This sudden request came as a shock, given the collaboration we have enjoyed over the last 25 years. We have reached out to Carmel to request a meeting to address any concerns they have regarding the future of our relationship."

Henderson's email to parents also stated the school's goal is to do what is best for the students.

"We want to provide our students with an athletic experience that includes rigorous competition and the support necessary to help them excel in their sports and grow into responsible young adults," the email stated. "We appreciate your support and patience with our administrative team and coaches, as we continue to work for what's best for our students."

Emily Bauer, director of community relations for Carmel Clay Schools, said no Carmel officials will comment on the matter at this time.

Stacy Conrad, executive director of communications for Center Grove Com-

munity School Corp., said it would be premature for Center Grove to make a comment to the media before the school has an opportunity to meet with Carmel representatives.

Carmel and Center Grove were charter members of Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference when it formed in 1996. The schools were voted out of the MIC in December 2021 when MIC officials learned Carmel and Center Grove were exploring membership in the Hoosiers Crossroads Conference.

The two schools both became independent when the HCC voted not to invite either team to join in January 2022.

The rivalry between Center Grove and Carmel has always been intense.

Carmel boys basketball coach Ryan Osborn was shoved by a Center Grove student when trying to leave the floor when there was a court storming after the host Trojans won 43-41 Jan. 6. According to published reports, the student received a three-day suspension, but the student's father said Osborn should have some responsibility for the incident after he chose to walk through the celebrating students. A video shows Osborn directing his team around the students, but he walks into the middle of the celebration.

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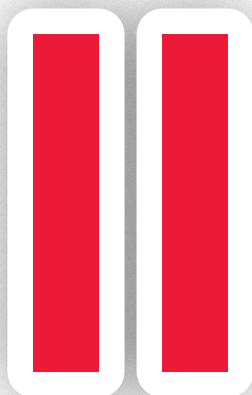
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Center Grove experiences quieter housing market

Real Estate - Center Grove experienced a quieter residential real estate market to start the new year. According to F.C. Tucker Company, homes in Center Grove spent 37 days, or 185%, more time on the market compared to January 2022. The average sale price of a Center Grove home decreased 14.8% to \$346,311, and the average price per square foot also decreased – down 29.5% to \$137.53, compared to this time last year.

Val Buchholz of Greenwood named to Nebraska dean's list

Academic Achievement - Val Buchholz of Greenwood has been named to the dean's list at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln for the fall semester of the 2022-23 academic year. Buchholz, a sophomore majoring in forensic science, was named to the dean's list for the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

Molly Baker earns dean's list honors

Academic Achievement - Molly Baker, of Greenwood, earned dean's list honors at The University of Tampa for the Fall 2022 semester. Baker is majoring in international business and marketing BS. Students must maintain a GPA of 3.75 or higher to be eligible for the dean's list.



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2023 Red Alert Scrimmage - Overcharged
• Red Alert Robotics is hosting its annual Week 0 scrimmage! All teams are welcome. | When: Feb. 19, 1:30 - 6:30 p.m. | Where: Center Grove Innovation Center, 2797 Trojan Lane, Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/redalertrobotics, redalert1741.org

Indianapolis Wedding Show • The Indianapolis Wedding Show by A Bridal Affair features the area's best wedding professionals to help with wedding plans. Free Admission, reservations required. When: Feb. 19, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Where: Hilton Garden Inn South/Greenwood, 5255 Noggie Way, Indianapolis. | Info: facebook.com/BridalAffairWeddingShows, abridalaffair.net

Meet and Greet with Adorable Dogs! • Speck's Pet Supplies Plus will host a meet and greet with Tails and Trails Rescue adoptable dogs! Come see us to ask questions and meet the dogs. If you are interested in adopting a dog, it CANNOT leave with you at the event. The only exception to this is if you have an approved application on file. | When: Feb. 19, 12 - 3 p.m. | Where: Speck's Pet Supplies, 6845 Bluff Road, Indianapolis. | Info: To become an approved adopter, apply at tailsandtrails.org.

Bags or Bucks Bingo Fundraiser • Greenwood Community High School Athletic Department presents bag or bucks bingo. | When: Feb. 22, doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the games start at 6:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Moose Lodge, 813 W. Smith Valley Road, Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/gml2079

Family Fun Night with Hedgehog Hannah
• Meet 12 different animals at this interactive family program! Whether you like scary, cuddly, or exotic animals, Hedgehog Hannah has them all to share. | When: Feb. 23, 6:30 - 8 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

Clarity Fundraising Event • Enjoy a banquet

to raise money for Clarity, an organization that provides pregnancy and sexual health services. | When: Feb. 23, 7 - 9 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Christian Church, 2045 Averitt Road, Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/GreenwoodChristian

Indiana Statewide Stout Day • In an effort to showcase solidarity throughout the independent craft beer industry, Indiana breweries are joining together in a statewide collaboration for the annual Indiana Statewide Stout Day. Indiana breweries across the state will feature stout-style beers on tap in their taprooms, and many are planning new beer releases on this day. | When: Feb. 25, 11 a.m. - 10 p.m. | Where: MashCraft, 1140 State Road 135, Greenwood. | Info: drinkin.beer/event/indiana-statewide-stout-day/

Texture Painting Class • Learn how to texture paint and create angel wings on canvas. | When: Feb. 25, 2 - 4 p.m. | Where: Bella Rose Design, 1001 N. State Road 135, Greenwood. | Info: bellarosedesign.com/events-1

Soup Bowl • \$25 admission includes soup bowl, soup, dessert/bread and drink. A potterly silent auction will take place 4 - 6 p.m. Proceeds benefit Habitat for Humanity of Johnson County. | When: Feb. 26, 4 - 7 p.m. | Where: Johnson County Fairgrounds, Scott Hall, enter off U.S. 31 by Kohls, Franklin. | Info: habitatjohnsoncounty.org

Purse Bingo Fundraiser • Play bingo for the chance to win designer purses. This event benefits Kitley Intermediate School. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased by clicking the link. Must be 18 or older to attend. | When: March 1, 5:30 - 9 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Moose Lodge, 813 W. Smith Valley Road, Greenwood. | Info: eventbrite.com

Tall Cop Says Stop • Parents and community members are invited to a free seminar with Officer Jermaine Galloway (aka Tall Cop Says Stop). His seminar "High in Plain Sight: Current Alcohol, Drug, and Concealment Trends

and Identifiers" will cover these topics including drug trends, alcohol/drug clothing, signs and symptoms, popular party drugs, social networking sites, youth party tendencies and more. | When: on March 2, 6:30 p.m. | Where: Center Grove High School Auditorium | Info: centergrove.k12.in.us/tallcop

Convocation Lecture Series • Franklin College will host the final event in its 2022-23 Convocation Lecture Series. Pam Fessler, a former correspondent for NPR News, will present a lecture titled "Fighting for Justice, From Leprosy to the Ballot Box." This event is free to the public. | When: March 2, 7 p.m. | Where: Branigin Room in the Napolitan Student Center. | Info: Register at FranklinCollege.edu/convocation

Shamrock Wreath • Teens/adults, create a beautiful shamrock wreath using paper. All supplies and instruction provided. Please register. | March 2, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

Greater Greenwood Mayor's Prayer Breakfast
• Reserve a ticket or table for the Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. | When: March 4, 8 - 9:30 a.m. | Where: Greenwood Fieldhouse, 411 S. Madison Ave., Greenwood. | Info: Call Lee Money at 317-865-9607 for tickets.

Indy Dancers Lesson and Open Dance • Come to the Greenwood Moose Lodge for a dance lesson at 7 p.m. on the first Saturday of each month, followed by dancing. | When: March 4, 7 - 9:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Moose Lodge, 813 W. Smith Valley Road, Greenwood. | Info: indydancers.com/calendar.htm

Learn to Sew • Teens/adults, Learn about the tools, terminology, & basics of sewing before you ever sit down in front of a machine. Sewing instructor, Kathy Anderson, will teach participants to read patterns, cut fabric, & more. | When: March 7, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

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La Trattoria Italian Restaurant

Picking the ideal restaurant for a date night may be a challenge if one of you loves Italian food and the other can't get enough of a tender, juicy steak. Take heart – La Trattoria offers the best of both. "My 18-ounce ribeye steak might have been the best I've ever had," according to a Google reviewer. "As good as any famous, big-name steakhouse anywhere." Patrons also enjoy the lasagna, "it has a ton of cheese," stated a Trip Advisor review, as well as the baked spaghetti with extra meatballs, tilapia, pasta carbonara, spinach and beef ravioli and cheese-filled portabella mushroom over linguini. "The spaghetti with vodka sauce is in the top five spaghetti sauces I have had in the state of Indiana," added a Google reviewer. "It has a nice little spicy kick to it, and it's top notch!" Pair your meal



Lasagna – a classic choice for a romantic dinner. (Photo courtesy of La Trattoria Italian Restaurant)

with a glass of wine or martini. "I decided to go decadent with the triple chocolate truffle martini, and it was delicious," according to a Google review. "I noticed the rich chocolate flavors and a sweetness unlike most martinis."

Hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 4 to 8:30 p.m. Closed Sunday and Monday. Address: 201 N. Madison Ave., Greenwood. For more information, call (317) 859-0487 or go to Facebook: La Trattoria.

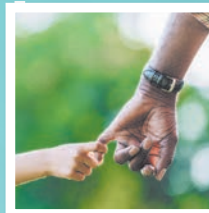
SPOTLIGHT

Solo exhibition: Paul Crosby



A game cabinet by Paul Crosby. (Photo courtesy of Paul Crosby)

Southside Art League, 299 E. Broadway St., Greenwood, presents a solo exhibition of the work by local artist, Paul Crosby. This One-Artist-Show will be held during the month of March 2023. Paul will feature an eclectic mix of 2-D and 3-D pieces including carvings, chalk and resin art. Paul is a mostly self-taught artist. His diverse skill-set has allowed him to work with numerous mediums, including acrylics, ceramics, chalk and paper making. Most recently, Paul has focused on combining his love of color and youth-oriented subjects with his passion for wood working. Pieces have included children's furniture, board game tables and wall art infused with iconic music, comic book and 60s and 70s artwork and imagery. Paul lives in Southport with his wife, Clara, an art teacher and artist in her own right. Paul credits his wife with teaching him the value of art appreciation and how to derive inspiration from artists of all types, a skill that has served him well in crafting his own, unique style. Artwork will be displayed at SALI from March 1 – 25. A reception will be held March 3 from 6 – 8 p.m. to meet the artist. Gallery business hours are Wednesday – Saturday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., closed Sunday, Monday and Tuesday.



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Every month, we aim to share the best of the **Center Grove community** sharing the stories of people who make a difference every day.

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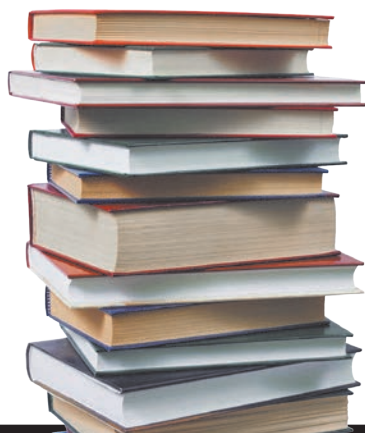
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Greenwood Parks, Arts Council seeks entries for Art on the Trail

Public Art - The Greenwood Parks & Recreation Department, in cooperation with The Greater Greenwood Arts Council in Greenwood, invites artists to participate in our 2023-2025 juried, on-loan, public art exhibit. This open call is for outdoor three-dimensional art. The selected artists will be awarded \$3,000 for the two-year loan project. Polk Hill Trail, where selected art will be on display, is adjacent to Smith Valley Road which is a gateway to the city of Greenwood. Surrounded by a golf course, residential homes, apartments, and condominiums, it leads to a pedestrian bridge and Craig Park. Many viewers of the artwork will be vehicular traffic; however, the trail is a multi-use trail. Artists must be 18 years of age or older. Artists must own the rights to the sculpture, which must be available for the duration of the exhibition. Selected artists must be willing to enter into an Art Loan Agreement with the city of Greenwood. Artwork may be made available for purchase. Submission of ready to install original sculptures will be accepted through June 23, 2023 (11 p.m. EST). Artwork must be constructed of durable materials that will withstand year-round Indiana weather. Any questions can be emailed to Jen Winget win-getj@greenwood.in.gov or visit greenwoodarts.org.



'Take My Hand'

A horrifying, heartbreaking, and empowering story of Black and poor childbearing women based on real historical events

BOOK REVIEW

By Stefanie Davis

"Take My Hand" by Dolen Perkins-Valdez is a work of fiction based on real historical events. Set in a post-segregation Alabama, this story tells of the real atrocities against primarily Black and poor girls and women. Civil Townsend has just finished nursing school when she lands a job at a family planning clinic. She is assigned to do home visits with sisters Erica and India who live in a poverty-stricken area. She becomes concerned when she finds out the sisters haven't reached puberty and have never been sexually active, yet are being prescribed birth control. Civil begins to dig deeper into medical abuses that she's made aware of involving the clinic and is determined to fight for what she believes is right. However, the story takes a dark turn when Civil learns that her boss has ordered the sterilization of the two young girls. Her boss took advantage of

the girls' illiterate father to get consent for the procedure. Civil begins the fight for justice for those who have been subjected to these medical abuses and injustices. The story then flashes forward to when Civil has become a doctor and has her own child, for whom she must explain the story. This a great own-voices read that gives the reader a true history lesson that is horrifying, heartbreaking, and empowering. The characters are relatable, and Perkins-Valdez has written the story in such a way that makes it come alive for the reader. If interested in similar reads, try "The House of Eve" by Sadeqa Johnson or "The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks" by Rebecca Skloot.



This review is written by Stefanie Davis, the adult services librarian of the Johnson County Public Library - White River Branch. She enjoys reading, water aerobics and spending time with her German Shepherd. Contact Stefanie at sdavis@jcpln.org.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

Adult:

"Maame" by Jessica George
"Wade in the Water: A Novel" by Nyaneba Nkrumah
"Moonrise Over New Jessup: A Novel" by Jamila Minnick
"In the Upper Country: A Novel" by Kai Thomas

Young Adult:

"The Girl I am, Was, and Never Will Be: a Speculative Memoir of Transracial Adoption" by Shannon Gibney
"The Davenport" by Krystal Marquis
"For Lamb" by Lesa Cline-Ransome
"Cool. Awkward. Black." by Karen Strong

Children:

"History Comics. Rosa Parks & Claudette Colvin: Civil Rights Heroes" by Tracey Baptiste
"Sincerely Sicily" by Tamika Burgess
"We are Here (An All Because You Batter Book)" by Tami Charles
"We Are Your Children Too: Black Students, White Supremacists, and the Battle for America's Schools in Prince Edward County, Virginia" by Patricia O'Connell Pearson

What's my name again? Explaining pseudonyms

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

Names hold enormous power. I've always been impressed by people who go by names with only one word — Cher, Beyoncé, Prince, Madonna, Bono, Beck, Banksy or Pelé come to mind. These one-word names are called "mononyms." Add Plato, Aristotle, Fergie, Fabio, and Coolio, and you're looking at quite the lineup of mononymous people. If you're not singing "mononym" to the Muppet tune of "Mahna Mahna," you will be by the end of this sentence.

You probably know about pseudonyms. These "pen names," "noms de plume," or even "aliases" are the names authors use for a particular purpose. Classic examples include Dr. Seuss, Mark Twain and Mrs. Silence Dogood. Modern examples include Richard Bachmann (Stephen King) and Robert Galbraith (J.K. Rowling).

However, do you know the word for the "given" name of an author who goes

by a pseudonym? It's called an "orthonym." Mark Twain's orthonym (a.k.a. his original name) was Samuel Clemens and Dr. Seuss' orthonym was "Theodore Giesel." While "pseudonym" translates to "false name," "orthonym" means "true name."

In the age of Twitter, Mitt Romney is my favorite example of a digital pseudonym. Back in 2019, it came to light that he had a secret Twitter handle under the name "Pierre Delecto." First of all, that's a great name. Secondly, it was a way for Romney to follow presidential campaign politics anonymously and correct news outlets when they didn't have the full story from the former presidential hopeful. As Romney started the account in 2011, his digital pseudonym was a well-kept secret for eight years.

Now I need to discuss another type of pseudonym — the stage name. In the entertainment industry, performers want to stand out in a sea of fame-seekers. One great way to do that is with an interesting name. You probably didn't know that Jamie Foxx is a stage name for the man with

the given name Eric Bishop. Have you ever heard of Robert Zimmerman? You probably know him by his stage name, Bob Dylan. To rattle off a few more stage names, how about Elton John (Reginald Dwight), Marilyn Monroe (Norma Jeane Mortenson), Lady Gaga (Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta), and the greatest actor of all time: Nicolas Cage (Nicholas Coppola).

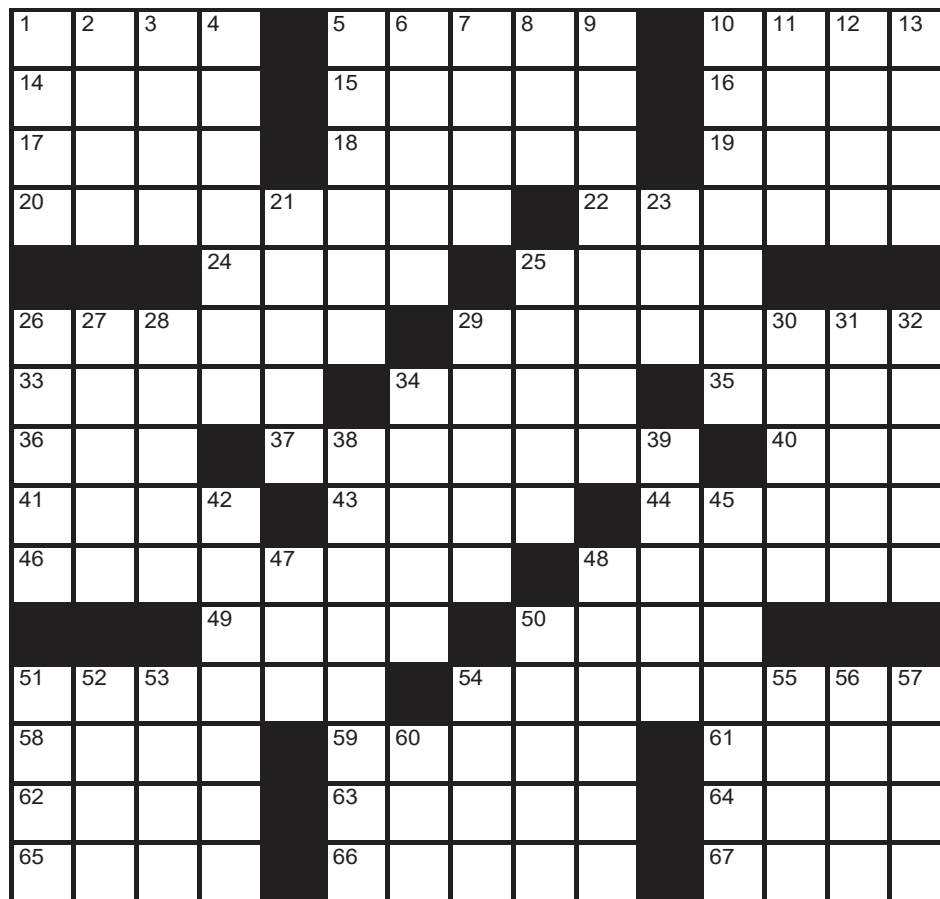
I don't have any type of pseudonym or stage name — I like "Curtis Honeycutt." In case you were wondering, my people do not cut honey, although I do subscribe to the axiom that you catch more flies with honey than vinegar. That truism not only passes muster, but it also cuts mustard.



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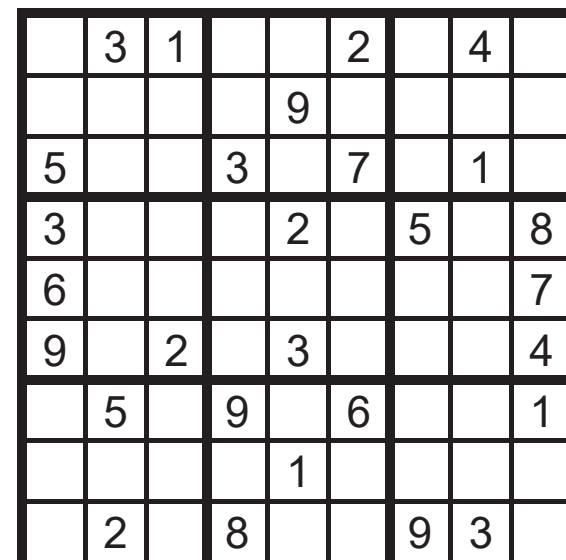
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Roger Tomey

Air Force veteran sees dreams taking flight

By Todd Travis

Small-town beginnings

Hailing from a small city called Eleanor, Ind. (about 900 people there at the time), Roger Tomey has led anything but a small life. He moved to Indianapolis at age 5 and graduated from Southport High School. From there he joined the Air Force and served at Vietnam in Okinawa as a survival instructor.

After leaving the Air Force in 1972, Tomey moved back to Indianapolis and began working at the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad while attending night classes at IUPUI. He was promoted to a position in Cincinnati with a company called Chessie System which later became CSX Corporation. He was promoted again to their first computerized yard as a car supervisor. He eventually made his way back to Indianapolis and stayed with CSX for 21 years and then worked for Amtrak for three years.

An unexpected blow

In his third year at Amtrak he was involved in an accident where someone turned the power on while he was working on the car.

"It blew me across the car – I was in a dining car which is stainless steel. While I was in the hospital, they went in to see how bad the damage was and I got a virus in my system which caused me to be paralyzed from the waist down for three months," Tomey shared.

"It took me about a year to recover and I had to learn to walk again. That's when the railroad told me to just take my retirement and don't come back," he continued.

The beginnings of a dream

Tomey didn't let this incident define him. Instead he took it as an opportunity and decided to pursue a passion for flying that he had since he was a kid. He learned to fly at Indy South Greenwood Airport and finished his degree in labor relations at Indiana University. Finally being able to achieve one of his lifelong dreams, he started to think about how he might be

able to help others do the same.

"I thought, there must be other kids just like me who have got the desire but not the means to do it, and I'd like to see what I may be able to do to help them," Tomey remembered.

At that time, he and a couple other people got together and filed with the national EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) to have a chapter. They were chartered in 2002 as Chapter 1354, with the goal of getting kids involved with aviation. From that program, they expanded into the Young Eagle program, which gives kids free airplane rides from ages 8-17. The education they have been providing was a useful tool in partnering with schools and a very important measure to help with the predicted pilot shortage the country is facing.

"Aviation is a great way to show the practical application to the STEM disciplines," Tomey pointed out.

Aeronautical Center for Technology

At one point, the mayor of Greenwood approached Tomey and told him about a couple guys who wanted to build an education center

to help strengthen the program. That became the start of the Aeronautical Center for Technology, which is located at Indy South Greenwood Airport. They are currently partnering with Roncalli High School and several other school corporations around the Greenwood area to boost STEM skills and provide practical application for those skills.

The Aeronautical Center for Technology is a 501(c)(3) that is helping to fulfill Tomey's dream to teach kids about aviation and to open opportunities for kids who couldn't otherwise afford it. They are working to raise money both to provide scholarships to kids but also to provide the absolute highest quality facility for training including flight simulators and even their own aircraft. If you're interested in donating or partnering, you can call 317-851-5245 or email info@aerotechcenter.org. You can view their website at aerotechcenter.org.

Tomey has done so much to make his hometown of Eleanor, Ind. proud. The A.C.T. is his dream realized – making a pathway for other young people to pursue and achieve their dreams.

What do you consider your greatest virtue?

The good Lord humbles me a lot. Anything that's been accomplished has been because of Him. If anything, my virtue would just be doing what I can to help these kids.

What do you most deplore in others? Telling me you're going to do something and not doing it.

What do you like most about living in Johnson County? I like the people, I like the small community. I think the mayor has done a great job with the airport and the city. The airport brings in about \$25 million a year to the city of Greenwood. The fact that the mayor is truly committed to education as well. That's very important.

If you had to live elsewhere than in Johnson County, where would it be? Hawaii or Florida – especially if it was up to my wife – somewhere it would never snow again.

If you could begin life over, what would you change? I would have gotten involved in aviation sooner. I would have definitely wanted to be in education teaching kids in aviation.

If money were no issue, how would you spend it? I'd buy me an airplane! I'd have the Tech Center done, and it would have the best equipment these kids could use.

What makes you happiest? Seeing people succeed.

What is your favorite vacation spot? The Grand Canyon. I love going out West.

What do you do with idle time? I don't have any. If I ever do I try to find things that are interest to me education-wise.

What is it that makes you angry? People not doing what they say they're gonna do or someone belittling another person.

What do you do to escape from reality? I pretend I have every rating and fly every plane there is. I also like woodworking – making chess boards and cabinets and other things.

What or who is the greatest love of your life? First, Christ and second, my wife.

Which living person in Johnson County do you most admire? Dennis Kruckeberg, Allen Guff and Jim Baughman – they are the most ethical and faith-based men I know. Their guidance and support have been immeasurable.

What is the quality you most like in a person? I like someone's honesty and kindness. Character is more important than anything else.

What is your greatest extravagance? Sweets. I'm a sugarholic.

What are your fears, phobias? The unknown. When I read a book, I always read the last chapter.

What has been the happiest time of your life? Teaching and being with my wife are when I'm happiest.

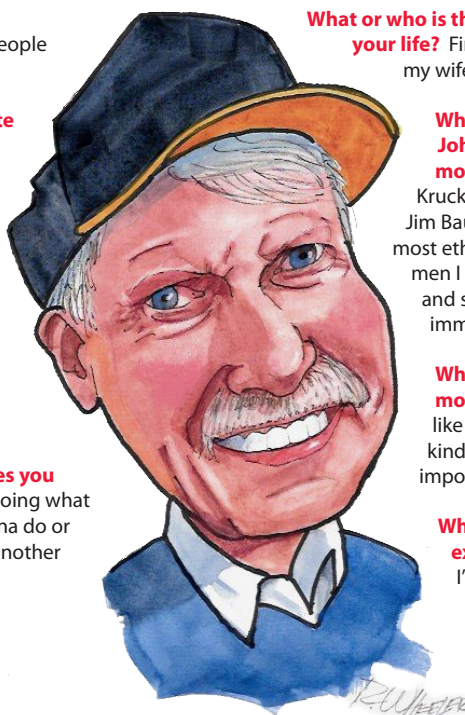
Which talent would you most like to possess? I'd like to be able to assess people better, to know who I'm dealing with.

What do you most value in your friends? Loyalty

Which historical figure do you most identify with? Saint Peter – he sat there and said, "I believe in you, Christ," and then ran like all get-out when He got arrested. The point is that we're all flawed, but we're also all redeemable.

What is your greatest regret? Not getting into aviation sooner.

What tenet do you live by? I have a biblical view of the world. I try to realize I'm no better than the next guy. I want to be able to forgive and move on.



Show the full extent of His love through serving

DEVOTIONAL

By Pastor Chris Philbeck

This past week I preached the funeral service for my mother-in-law, Beth Elston. My mother-in-law had a difficult childhood as she grew up in Marietta, Ohio, but she had a clear vision of the life she wanted to live. She wanted a family, and she wanted to be a teacher. On Aug. 9, 1953, she took the first step toward her goal of having a family when she married my father-in-law, Jack Elston. Together they had five children. My wife, Sandy, is the youngest of those five children. Her second goal of becoming a teacher began upon her graduation from high school when she enrolled at Marietta College in the teacher training program. Her marriage to Jack delayed the completion of that goal, but in January 1973, after 21 years of marriage, five children, four colleges, and two years as a teacher's aide, her dream came true when she graduated from Houston Baptist College with a 3.88 GPA. Beth spent the next 20 years as a loving and dedicated elementary teacher until her retirement.

In trying to think of the right thing to say about my mother-in-law, I turned to a verse of Scripture I have used before in funeral messages. It's found in John 13:1, where we read these words about Jesus. It was just before the Passover Feast. Jesus knew that the time had come for him

to leave this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he now showed them the full extent of his love. In the original language of the New Testament, those words, "the full extent of his love" can also be translated, "he loved them to perfection." We see what loving someone to perfection looks like in what Jesus does next. If you're familiar with the story you know He gets up from the tables and one by one, he washes the feet of the disciples. In other words, He served them. That reminds me of my mother-in-law, Beth, who loved her family by serving them. My hope and prayer in my funeral message was that her family would be comforted by the truth that they had a wife, a mother, a mother-in-law, and a grandmother who had loved them to perfection. During the month of February, it's easy to get distracted by a commercialized view of love. But Jesus' example of what it looks like to love someone to perfection reminds us that we demonstrate our love through service. So, serve someone today.



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Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:

Crimes: ARSON, FORGERY, HOMICIDE, PERJURY, ROBBERY, TREASON

Trees: ELM, MAPLE, OAK, SYCAMORE, WALNUT

Words: COLD, FREEZE, SLEET, SNOW

Brews: ALE, LAGER, STOUT

Animals: DOG, LION Champ: ASTROS

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