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Honoring our nation's heroes on Memorial Day

By Todd Travis

With Memorial Day quickly approaching, there's a different feel in the air. As the weather warms, the birds sing melodic tunes that tickle our ears, lawn mowers hum happily across the newly-awakened grass, and people begin to venture out of their houses to resume normal human contact after the cold winter. It feels good.

As we prepare for our summer barbecues, dips into swimming pools, and our endless lists of summer events, let's not forget about the sacrifices that were made so that we could enjoy these freedoms. Memorial Day is observed in order to mourn and honor our U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the United States armed forces.

Could there be a better moment to observe this holiday than now? At the height of the excitement that this time of year brings, Memorial Day is a reminder to practice gratitude. Lest we get carried away with our own plans, we can pause — and be grateful for the selflessness of our fallen heroes.

As we contemplate these difficult truths, we can allow these lessons to give us a refreshed perspective over the next several months. When celebrating, we can't forget to be grateful. When someone is serving us, we must remember to be kind to them. When we are given good fortune, we should share it with those less fortunate than us.

This Memorial Day, take the time to remember the meaning



behind the holiday. Pray a small thank you to our fallen heroes and a word of comfort to those who mourn them. Be thankful for what you have and grateful for where you live. Thank you to all the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

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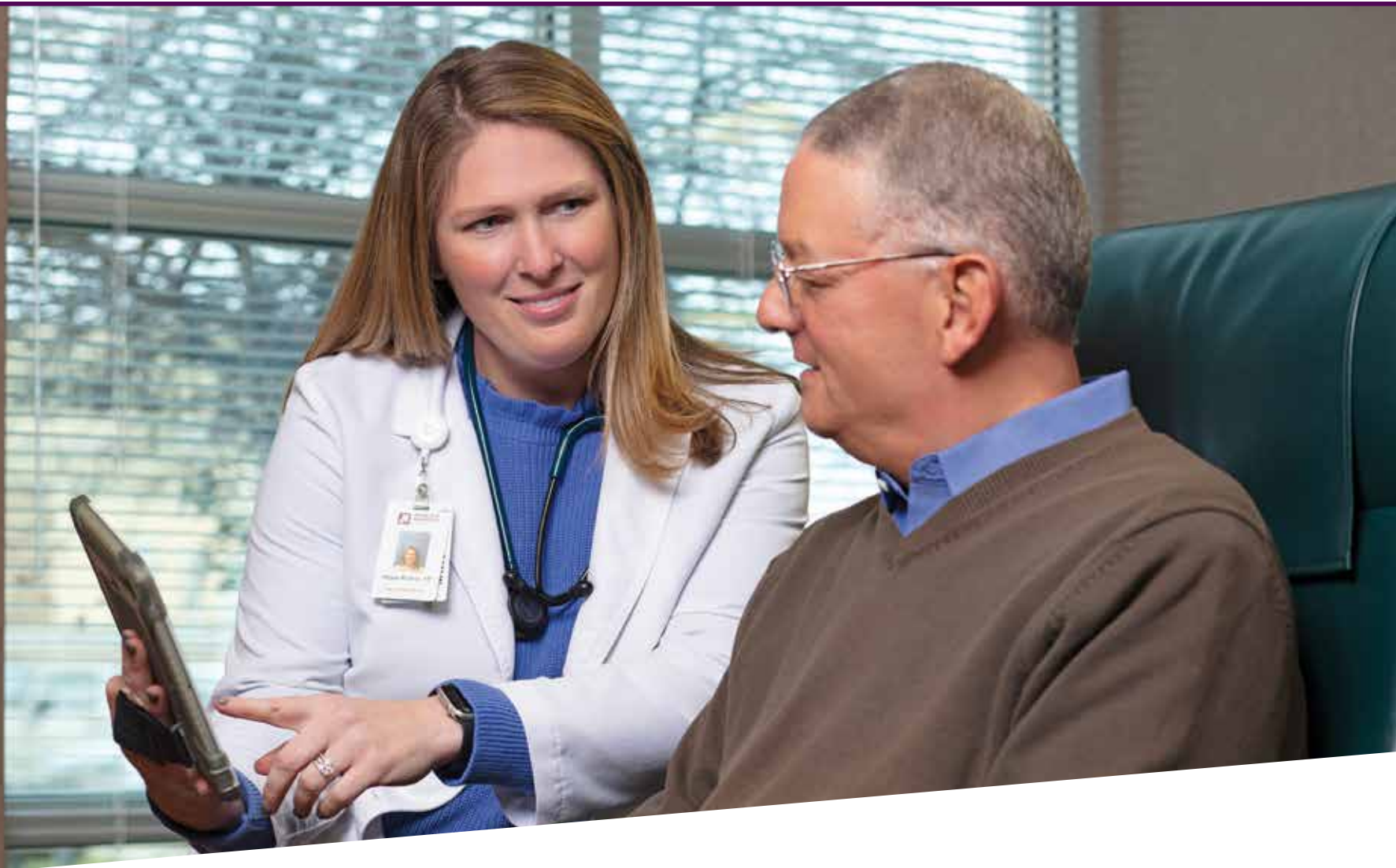
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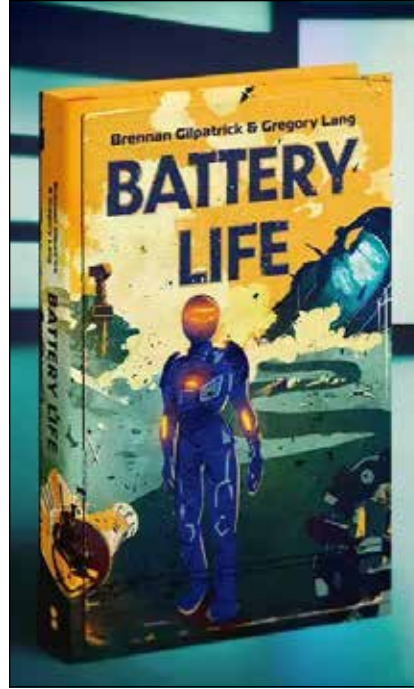
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(Cover photo) Center Grove graduates, lifelong friends and authors of "Battery Life," Gregory Lane, left, and Brennan Gilpatrick, right. (Photo by Jose Madigral) | (Left) Brennan and Gregory attending the Greenwood Teen Film Festival in 2010. (Submitted photo) | (Center) "Battery Life" was written during the pandemic lockdown. (Submitted photo) | (Right) Brennan and Gregory became friends during the sixth grade, bonding over the video game "Mortal Kombat." (Photo by Jose Madigral)

'Battery Life'

Center Grove graduates and longtime friends create a fascinating new world with their first book

COVER STORY

By Todd Travis

For some people, it takes a long time to find a true friend who really "gets them." For Brennan Gilpatrick and Gregory Lang, co-authors of the upcoming novel "Battery Life," that happened to them in sixth grade.

They first met when Lang overheard Gilpatrick mentioning he was having some trouble mastering the finishing moves in the popular video game: "Mortal Kombat." Lang was basically an expert at the game and was eager to share his knowledge with Gilpatrick.

"I was talking about how I was struggling with these moves when Greg appeared, seemingly out of nowhere, and started writing down some moves for me to try," Gilpatrick remembered.

A creative friendship begins

"From there we started talking and realized that we had a lot of similar interests – that is when our friendship began," Lang added.

As their friendship developed, an ongoing conversation continued between the two of them that included discussions of their favorite movies and video games – eventually, that evolved into them discussing how they would design their own reality if they were to create a story.

As teenagers, they began having fun with

their ideas and would create different short films where Gilpatrick would direct, and Lang would play one of the character roles.

"For one of the roles, I played a monster under the bed and covered myself in green paint for the role. After showering all the green paint off my body, the tiles in the shower were stained green for about six weeks!" Lang laughed.

Another film featured Lang playing "The Crescendo Kid," a homeless youth who turned out to be a piano prodigy. In the story, he eavesdrops into some piano lessons and even breaks into a house to have an opportunity to play a piano himself.

Award-winning films

"It was a long time ago, but I remember one of these two short films actually winning at a local teen film festival we entered," Gilpatrick mentioned.

After high school, Gilpatrick moved to Los Angeles where he studied film production and screenwriting, and Lang went to Indiana University to study informatics. During this time their conversations about creating a story became more serious. They began talking on the phone religiously every week and building on ideas and letting their creativity flow.

In 2017, the two of them were on break from school and they got together on one of their front porches for an in-person creative

session. One of the elements that fueled their creativity was listening to synthwave music. As they listened to one of their favorite soundtracks, they both realized it was time to take one particular idea and run with it.

This was going to turn into something; they just knew it at that moment.

From that point forward, the book "Battery Life" began taking form. The story follows a young girl who crash-lands into a toxic wasteland and is forced to rely on a savvy scavenger with mixed intentions to survive.

The pandemic's silver lining

As they slowly developed the environment, the characters and the storyline, an event happened that gave new shape to their process – the pandemic. With lots of newfound time during lockdown, the pair was able to really hunker down and dive into their writing.

"It was kind of ironic because as we were writing a book about a crumbling world, the world was literally crumbling around us," Gilpatrick remarked.

Besides writing, I just remember being in my room, growing my hair out like a caveman, doing push-ups until I was cross-eyed and sweaty," Lang said.

Lang and Gilpatrick began to pitch their story to industry experts and were met with positive responses. That gave them the confidence to continue and complete their dream project.

"We wrote a few short stories set in the world of "Battery Life" to feel out the tone, and I got the opportunity to share those with CAA literary agent Abby Walters. She gave us the encouragement we needed to write the book proper, and when it was finished, she agreed to represent the novel and found us a publisher. We couldn't have gotten this far without her help," Brennan explained.

Launching their first book

After all the years of developing ideas, "Battery Life" is now complete and launching at the end of this month!

Besides being an action-packed adventure with multi-faceted characters, the book presents underlying themes that Gilpatrick and Lang both face personally and pose in the story. One of those themes revolves around the idea of mentorship. Does a mentor really have your best interests at heart or is there another selfish motive behind their offer for help?

Another theme that presents itself is finding "your people." In a world with so many types of people, where do you really fit in, and what do you really enjoy doing?

"Taking care of the environment is also a very clear takeaway that can be found in the book," Lang commented.

The book's release date is May 30.

To pre-order go to: blackstonepublishing.com/battery-life-ezku.html#541=2053569

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Athlete of the Month Payton Shimansky

By Mark Ambrogi

For Center Grove High School senior catcher Payton Shimansky, it was love at first swing.

"I have loved softball since the moment I swung a bat," she said. "I thoroughly enjoy how it takes an entire team to win a game. I love all of the technical aspects that softball has with hitting, fielding, throwing, etc. This means I can always improve in one aspect of the game and my role as a player can change based on what a certain team needs. The feeling that comes with getting a hit or getting a big out is incredible and something I have grown to wholeheartedly love. I enjoy how knowledgeable you have to be about the game and how complex it can be. It keeps me challenged and never bored."

As of May 15, Shimansky was hitting .389 with eight doubles, two homers and 19 runs batted in for the Trojans (20-5). She hit .307 as a junior and .333 her sophomore season.

"Payton is an extremely driven and intelligent individual, both on and off the field," Trojans coach Alyssa Coleman said. "She is impressive on the field with power at the plate in the most clutch moments, and behind the dish guiding our pitching staff and shutting runners down. Even more impressive is her interactions off the field with her peers where you see her carry herself with grace."

Coleman said when Shimansky talks, everyone listens.

"That is an absolute strength of hers, she does not waste anyone's time, and she has a strong vision and focus on her goals," Coleman said.

Shimansky, who will play softball for Columbia University in New York City, said she has made the most improvement in her leadership and mentality.

"I have learned to gain the trust of my teammates to help command the field," she said. "I've developed immensely in my ability to step out of my comfort zone, be loud, and know what is needed to keep everyone on the field calm and in the right headspace. Personally, my mentality has also improved. I often struggled with letting the little mistakes mess with my head. Lately, I have been much better with keeping a level head regardless of the outcome which keeps me more in control of myself."

Shimansky said her parents put her in every sport so she could try everything out.

"There were times when I was playing three sports at once. I've played soccer, basketball, volleyball, and done cheerleading," she said. "Softball became my favorite in the end."

In addition, she has played multiple positions during her softball career.

"I became a catcher at the age of eight when my all-star team needed one and it kind of stuck," she said. "It always depends on the team that I am on. For example, I am set to play outfield in college and have played middle infield and corners prior to becoming a catcher. I just like being on the field and have been willing to learn any position in order to make that happen."

Shimansky said she chose Columbia because of the Ivy league school's academic rigor.

"I love to put myself in challenging situations because I believe it helps me grow," she said. "Columbia initial-



Payton Shimansky is a key contributor and leader for Center Grove's softball team. (Photo courtesy of Nick Bowen)

ly wasn't on my list until I visited for a camp early my junior year and fell completely in love with the entire environment. The campus was absolutely beautiful. It is in upper Manhattan, yet feels like its own little world. It was a place I could see myself spending the next four years of my life."

In addition, she said she felt a connection with the coaching staff.

"The coaches were strong, inspiring women who I knew would help shape me as a person," she said. "The team environment was positive yet focused which was exactly what I was looking for. After just the first day being there, Columbia moved to the top of my list and there it stayed."

THE SHIMANSKY FILE

AGE: Turns 18 May 26
HEIGHT: 5-foot-7
SPORT: Softball
POSITION: Catcher
COLLEGE PLANS: Attend Columbia University to play softball and study psychology
FAVORITE SUBJECT: English

FAVORITE MUSICAL PERFORMER: Taylor Swift
FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Gilmore Girls"
FAVORITE VACATION SPOT: San Diego
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Center Grove's residential real estate market continued to be strong and steady in April, according to F.C. Tucker Company. The average sale price for a home in Center Grove increased 7.1% to \$403,161; however, the price per square foot for a Center Grove home decreased slightly – down 17.3% to \$146.02, compared to this time last year. Homes in Center Grove spent more time on the market, selling in 51 days on average, a 292.3% increase compared to April 2022.



(Left) Caitlyn Ebert | (Near left) Meredith Fain | (Near right) Magdalene "Maggie" Joseph | (Right) Julia Boston (Submitted photos)

A dream comes true

Four Center Grove college students named 500 Festival Princesses

By Sherri Coner

Since 1959, The National Bank of Indianapolis has presented the 500 Festival Princess Program. By identifying college-age women to serve as ambassadors in their hometowns and college and university campuses, the program provides community interaction and leadership experiences.

This May, four of the 33 princesses hail from Center Grove.

As a child, Julia Elizabeth Boston, 21, daughter of Jason and Meghan Boston, wanted to be a 500 Festival Princess.

But when she wasn't thinking about that goal, Boston had an unusual childhood request.

"I have always loved museums," she said. "On vacation, that's all I wanted to go see. As soon as I found out you could work

at a museum, I made it my career goal."

As a senior at Purdue University, Boston has participated in a museum apprenticeship program and interned at the Indianapolis Children's Museum, where she was also involved with several children's programs.

As a busy princess talking to lots of people, Boston visited students at New Britton Elementary School in Fishers, read a book to them and showed them an official festival princess car.

"It has been so much fun to hear all the stories of fellow race fans," she said.

Like Boston, Caitlyn Ebert, 22, loved 500 Festival Princess possibilities.

When the dream actually came true, "It brought me to tears," said the daughter of Dave and Lori Ebert.

Although the Indianapolis Motor Speedway is a second home for her family,

that's not true everywhere. In Evansville, Ind., Ebert is a senior at the University of Southern Indiana.

With a degree in graphic design she hopes to work in sports marketing.

Residents in the Evansville area don't always have Race Day fever.

So this princess dons her crown and shares the Speedway magic.

"I'm trying to leave a little footprint all over Indiana," Ebert said.

Meredith Fain, 21, daughter of Jim and Shelly Fain, is a junior at Indiana University, studying computer science.

"I plan to work in cybersecurity or security awareness, so I can combine both my technical and creative interests," Fain said.

Being a princess centers around, "representing women in the computer industry and hopefully encouraging young women interested in the field," she added.

Fain's princess highlights include visiting Center Grove High School's robotics team as a former member and being honored during the Little 500 bike race in Bloomington, Ind.

Magdalene (Maggie) Joseph fell in love with Race Day during her first visit in 2018.

As the youngest child of Mark and Vanessa Joseph, she is pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing at Indiana Wesleyan University.

Although Joseph, 21, expresses interest in travel nursing and several specialty options, becoming a naturopathic physician is also a possibility.

Being a princess "enables young women to step up in their communities and in the professional world," Joseph said.

A Race Day family tradition

Tom Sponsel recalls thrills, terror after attending his first Indy 500 Race more than 55 years ago

By Sherri Coner

A few minutes and a few yards after excited fans heard, "Gentlemen, start your engines" and saw the green "Go" flag wave, they were horrified by crunching metal, flying car parts and billowing smoke.

"There was a crash on the first lap; I was right in front," Tom Sponsel said of his first Race Day experience in 1966.

Eleven race cars were mangled, and 11 drivers lost their chance to pocket more than \$700,000, the largest sum ever offered.

That terrifying but exhilarating moment in Race Day history forever changed Sponsel, a 13-year-old boy at the time, selling newspapers.

"I was hooked," Tom said with a laugh.

When Memorial Day weekend in 1984 arrived, Tom was a grown man with a wife and children.

In the crowd of fans and coolers on that particular Race Day, Tom's only son, TJ, tagged along.

That year, TJ was only 8 years old at the time. But he was mesmerized by the deafening rumble of engines as a blur of brightly colored cars hugged the turns.

Like father like son, TJ was hooked.

Each year, the excitement is high, and the traditions are hardcore.

For example, where they park on Race Day has never changed.

Where they sit is also set in stone.

Turn four has always been their destination.

Nothing drives these guys out of their seats, either.

"I try my hardest not to leave my seat," TJ said. "It's the best three hours all year."

These diehard Race Day fans have braved everything from scorching heat to dropping temperatures to pouring rain.

No matter what the weather, "It's my favorite day of the year," TJ said with a grin.

In fact TJ tried to sneak off to the track instead of participating in his college graduation.

But his parents and grandparents nipped that idea in the bud.

This Race Day, 40 people will be seated in the Sponsel family's beloved turn four seats.

One aunt, four brothers, Tom's daughter, Natalie Hopkins and her son, Brock Hopkins, TJ's daughter, Maddi, 20 cousins and a sprinkling of friends will be there.

"There's three generations this year, our 40th year at the track," said TJ, a Bargersville resident.

With tears in his eyes, Tom said, "I really like how patriotic the pre-race ceremony is."



Three generations of the Sponsel family attend the Indy 500 Race: Tom, his children, Natalie and TJ, and his grandchildren. (Submitted photo)

Watching newbies react to the world's largest sporting venue is another highlight.

"They can't comprehend the size of the place," TJ said of the 253-acre track. "And that first lap, with cars going 230 miles per hour ... the look on their faces. ..."

Occasionally, Natalie stirs some sibling rivalry by trying to grab the seat beside their dad.

According to TJ, that idea is non-negotiable.

His sister can't sit beside their dad; it's not part of this four-decade kind of day.

Of course they're seated side by side.

"My dad was the best man at my wedding," TJ said. "He's one of my dearest friends."

Once a race car driver claims victory and down the traditional pint of milk, all 40 family members and friends head home.

But even then, Race Day doesn't end for TJ.

"TJ is like a kid in a candy store on Race Day," said Kelli Sponsel, TJ's wife as she looked at him and laughed. "What do you do when you get home from the race?"

"I re-watch the race on TV," TJ said with a laugh.



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Family STEAM Night • Enjoy activities and crafts with us as we introduce different building blocks of STEAM— Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics. Registration required. | When: May 25, 4 - 5:30 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

Nitro Extreme '23 Tour • Cirque Italia's new motor stunt show is the most action packed and adrenaline rushing show of 2023. See Mustangs on two wheels, semi-trucks going full throttle, and fierce stunts that will impress even the toughest audience. | When: May 25 - 29, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Park Mall, 1251 N. U.S. 31, Greenwood. | Info: Tickets required: cirqueitalia.com

Movie on the Lawn - "Lyle, Lyle Crocodile" • What happens when you move to New York City and discover a singing crocodile in your attic? Find out as we enjoy the movie, with free drinks and popcorn, on White River Branch's lawn. | When: May 26, 7 - 10 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

Dylan Raymond Concert • Enjoy the original country music of Dylan Raymond. | When: May 26, 7 - 9 p.m. | Where: Dye's Walk Country Club, 2080 S. State Road 135, Greenwood. | Info: dylanraymondmusic.com/

Ice Cream Social • Sign up for Explore Summer and start earning minutes right away! Check out a book, find a comfy spot and read quietly for twenty minutes. When you're done, you'll be rewarded with an ice cream treat. | When: May 30, 3 - 4 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

Chalk on the Walk • Enjoy the weather on the library porch as we draw and play chalk games, dance with bubbles, and enjoy ice pops. | When: May 31, 3 - 5 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

Blankets & Brews at MashCraft • Enjoy a fun class in which you'll make your own Chunky Knit Blanket. | When: May 31, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. | Where: MashCraft Greenwood, 1140 N. State Road 135, Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/arworkshopmccordsville

The Lit Soul Band • Come to Greenwood Park Mall in the lifestyle center by the outdoor fountain for a free concert every Thursday night in June and July. This concert features The Lit Soul Band. | When: June 1, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Park Mall, 1251 N. U.S. 31, Greenwood. | Info: simon.com/mall/greenwood-park-mall/news-and-events

Mud Day • Enjoy a day where it's not only okay to play in the mud, but it is encouraged. Admission is free. This event is for ages 2-10. | When: June 2, 10 to 11 a.m. and noon to 1 p.m. | Where: Freedom Park, Stop 18 Road and Averitt Road. | Info: facebook.com/greenwoodparks

Free Firearm Safety Training • The Suicide Prevention Coalition of Johnson County has partnered with Johnson County Sheriff Deputy and expert firearm instructor, DJ Neutzmann, to provide a free Firearm Safety Training for the community on National Gun Violence Awareness Day. This training is great for anyone who has a firearm in the house and will cover basic firearm safety including safe storage and handling, followed by shooting fundamentals. Dress for the weather and be sure to bring: your firearm, eye and ear protection, and 50 rounds of ammunition. | When: June 2, 1-4 p.m. | Where: 4608 600 West Trafalgar. | Info: Registration is required: June2FirearmSafetyTraining.eventbrite.com or upstreamprevention.org/calendar

Summer Concert Series • The city of Greenwood's popular Summer Concert Series

returns and will continue every Saturday into August. Performances cover a variety of musical genres ranging from country to pop and rock. Toy Factory will kick off the Summer Concert Series on June 3. | When: June 3. | Where: Greenwood Amphitheater, 300 S Washington St, Greenwood. | Info: greenwood.in.gov

Greenwood Pride Festival • Greenwood Indiana Pride, INC invites you to kick off pride month in Indiana with a celebration that will include food trucks, vendors, a Kid's Kamp, bounce houses, a hot air balloon, entertainment on two stages and more. | When: June 3, 12 - 6 p.m. | Where: Woodmen Park, 720 Ashmore Dr., Greenwood. | Info: greenwoodindianapride.com

Discover Old Town Greenwood Strawberry Festival & Handmade Market • As Greenwood marks its Bicentennial year, we're celebrating with Strawberry Shortcake, Food Trucks, Handmade & Vintage Vendors, and Live Music. There will even be a visit from Strawberry Shortcake herself! | When: June 3, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Where: Madison Avenue, Old Town Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/DiscoverOldTownGreenwood/events

The History of Juneteenth • June 19th (Juneteenth) celebrates the end of slavery in America. Learn about the history of the federal holiday, cultural traditions, celebrations and the holiday's importance to American culture. | When: June 4, 2 - 3 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

Greater Greenwood Community Band Outdoor Concert • Enjoy an outdoor concert featuring the community band. Bring a lawn chair to enjoy this free event. | When: June 4, 6 - 8 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Amphitheater, 100 Surina Way, Greenwood. | Info: greenwoodband.org/events

Our Lady of Greenwood Parish Festival • Come to the church for food booths, amusement rides, games and more. | When: Event hours are 5 to 11 p.m. June 9; 5 p.m. to midnight June 10; and 2 p.m. to midnight

June 11. | Where: Our Lady of the Greenwood Church, 335 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. | Info: olgreenwood.org

Little Mermaid Jr. • Creative Grounds Fine Arts Academy presents Disney's "The Little Mermaid Jr." | When: June 8 - 11, 7 - 9 p.m. | Where: Creative Grounds Fine Arts Academy, 1251 N. U.S. 31, Suite 160, Greenwood. | Info: onthestage.tickets/creative-grounds-fine-arts-academy-inc

16th Annual Golf Tournament • Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5864 in Greenwood will host its 16th Annual Golf Tournament. Cost: \$280 per foursome. The price includes green fees, cart, unlimited beverages on the court and a buffet after the tournament. | When: June 10. | Where: Valle Vista Golf Club, 755 E Main St., Greenwood. | Info: greenwoodvfw.com, (317) 525-7291.

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SPOTLIGHT



Summer cast storytellers in Frozen Kids. (Photo courtesy of Creative Grounds Fine Arts Academy)

Frozen Kids

Creative Grounds Fine Arts Academy is presenting Disney's Frozen Kids, loosely based on the Snow Queen Fairy Tale by Hans Christian Anderson. This Danish fairy tale is filled with mystery and magic. Performances will be held from Thursday, May 18 through Sunday, May 21. Tickets for this show are magically disappearing. Snag yours before they are gone at Tickets.cgfinearts.org. (*Please note that if tickets are sold out a standby list will be created at the door beginning one hour before each show for any tickets that become available.)

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 26 "___ to self..."
 27 Chicago-to-Indy dir.
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 34 Quick kiss
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 40 Mellencamp song: "Women ___"
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 45 "Shucks!"
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 48 Indy Zoo inhabitant
 49 Missionaries' targets
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PERSONNEL MATTERS

Mastering your mindset: The key to victory in life's battles

By Mike Heffner

Do you regularly think about your goals, the success you have had and reasons to be grateful? Or does the moment something goes wrong, you find yourself in self-doubt, anxiousness and thinking all things negative?

In today's world, the media and social platforms love to feed us negativity. It's incredibly hard to think positive. Just the other day, the Colts drafted one of the most gifted athletes in Anthony Richardson and much of the talk was about all the negative instead of the possibilities. No wonder we often feel overwhelmed, stressed and anxious. It's a ton of work to stay in a neutral or positive mindset.

Let me share with you one of my favorite sayings – Control the controllables. We are always capable of controlling our effort and our attitude. If you want to stay positive, you must spend your time focused on the things that you can influence. Controlling our thoughts and how we talk to ourselves is the only way we can win the war between the negative and the positive in our minds. Ask yourself these five questions the next time you notice the war taking place:

Are you being honest with yourself?

Are the things you're saying true, helpful and kind? Are they things you would say to a friend? Author Jon Acuff talks about the soundtrack you play in your mind when things happen. It's important to ask ourselves these questions to evaluate your soundtrack. Is what you're saying to yourself when something goes wrong true? Or are you making things up?

Are you thinking about the past? When things go wrong, instead of thinking about the past, think of how it could have been worse and how grateful you are. Then find the opportunity in the place you are now. Turn that obstacle into your advantage. I promise your attitude will be better with gratitude.

Are you putting in your best effort? Are you putting in the time, preparation and planning needed to be successful? Or are you winging it? Are you working smarter vs. harder? You may be working hard but not slowing down in your frustration. Putting in the effort to evaluate what's the most important right now along with planning ahead is critical for mental clarity.

Are you surrounding yourself with the right people? Because you need a support system! Often, when things go wrong, we go looking for people to commensurate with us in our misery. A true support system will help you think about the right things and evaluate the obstacle objectively. I suggest finding people that will support you by loving you and telling the truth.

Are you counting your blessings? Spend time every day doing something that brings you joy. When you are doing whatever that is (a walk, reading a book, music, cup of coffee on the porch), take a moment and think of how you are uniquely blessed. Write it down, send a note, call someone special. These small actions can make a world of difference.

You may be saying – I have tried all that. It's a bunch of baloney. I would suggest that's not true or helpful to say. Take an active role in your mindset. Your thoughts determine your success. Only you can control your self-talk and just like everything else worth pursuing, success doesn't happen overnight. It takes work and if you put in the effort over time, you will experience a difference. What you tell yourself matters. Be deliberate about your thoughts and pay attention to your soundtrack. Your mind controls your physical body. Your body does not work right when your mind is not feeding it good things. I hope these questions help you be more prepared for your next battle.



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PEER TO PEER

You and me and Generation Z

By Howard Hubler



When does a "millennial" stop and Generation Z start? According to Pew Research Center, millennials are turning 38 this year. They are well into the prime of their jobs, they're highly focused and for the most part are good family people and well on the way to being Mr. & Mrs. Steady Eddie. If you were born after 1997, by many researchers' definition, you are a member of the Generation Z group. When they went through the pandemic, they were shut into their parents' home. A whole host of parent-dependency articles written on Generation Z is tragically perplexing. Their dependency seems more like a high school child than somebody prepared for the workforce. For things like housing, food, transportation and education, they are still highly dependent upon their parents who are at the age where they should be saving for their own retirement, not supporting a college graduate child. To make matters worse, Gen Z parents seem to bow to many of their children's demands; it is somewhat a symbiotic relationship between parent and child.

According to a Fox News poll, in this potential future generation of our workforce, 39% lack meaningful technical skills. 37% lack motivation and another 37% are easily distracted. Thirty-five percent are easily offended. Twenty-four percent are dishonest and 21% have a strong sense of entitlement.

Hoosier businesspeople must understand this if they continue to grow their business with younger people. Gen Zs is interested in joining a leisure workforce. They are interested in working from home as much as possible. They are not particularly good at communication skills, such as selling a product face-to-face as is the millennial. What you took for granted on previous generations, you cannot take for granted on a Generation Z hiring interview.

Once we get them into the workplace and they feel comfortable, they will do well. Go online and research stories available on hiring Generation X kids. Apply those to your own unique business demands and you should do well. They're out there. Now get them.

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Kelsie Sparks joins Habitat for Humanity as resource development coordinator

Philanthropic Leadership -

Habitat for Humanity of Johnson County announced that Kelsie Sparks has joined its team as resource development coordinator. Kelsie is a long-time Johnson



Kelsie Sparks
(Submitted photo)

County resident and currently lives in Greenwood. She has a bachelor's degree in business management from Grace College, as well as experience in marketing, partnerships, and sales. Kelsie loves sports, and has spent many years both playing and coaching soccer and ultimate frisbee. Kelsie played ultimate frisbee professionally for Indy Red, and is currently the color commentator for the Indianapolis Alleycats.

CGHS names Top 20 students of the class of 2023

Academics – Center Grove High School has named the Top 20 Students in the Class of 2023. The students were honored during a dinner and ceremony on April 27. Each student invited one elementary or middle school teacher and one high school teacher who inspired them during their academic career. The Top 20 students include Maxwell Barton, Stephen Burns, Suhani Desai, Evan Dunkle, Lauren Durbin, Grant Embrey, Cody Hewitt, Rachel Ingle, Ashley Mitchell, Mitul Patel, Benjamin Peters, Gracie Pli-kuhn, Brinna Porat, Micah Robertson, Ryne Roehling, Dylan Shelley, Joseph Sowers, Natalie Wilson, Alison Wiseman, and Caden York.

'Independence'

A tale of sisterhood, love and the fight for India's independence

By Stefanie Davis

BOOK REVIEW

She holds fast to the last thing," Sarojini said. "You are a daughter of independence, the country's future. Women like you are the ones for whom we fought and died, the ones who will transform India. You must carry the flag forward. You may fall from time to time. We all did. What is important is to get up again." (Divakaruni, p. 269) "Independence" by Chitra Banerjee Divakaruni is set during the partition of British India. It is a tale of sisterhood, love and the fight for India's independence. The story follows the wife and three children of a well-respected doctor in the village of Raniapur: Bina, the mother; Priya, the intelligent one; Deepa, the beauty; and Jamini, the devoted disabled daughter. Their family is torn apart when their father is killed during one of many riots. Priya is determined to become a doctor and continue her father's work serving the poor and vulnerable patients at his clinic. However, her family expects her to

get married. She has fallen in love with and becomes engaged to a Hindu man named Amit. As she later learns, her sister Jamini also has feelings for him. Priya's fiancée breaks things off when she decides to leave him and head to America to pursue her medical career. Their sister, Deepa, falls in love with a Muslim man, causing her family to cut ties with her. Jamini is left home alone to care for their mother and attempt to keep the family together. This story has strong female characters, great detail of the historical and political upheaval of the time and some Bengali terms, as well as rituals and traditions. For similar reads, check out "Moth" by Melody Razak, "The Parted Earth" by Anjali Enjeti, "And the Mountains Echoed" by Khaled Hosseini and "Salt Houses" by Hala Alyan.



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:

"The Do-Over" by Suzanne Park
"The House on Mulberry Street" by Jeannie Chin
"The Great Reclamation" by Rachel Heng
"Asian American Histories of the United States" by Catherine Choy

Teen:

"You are Here: Connecting Flights" by Ellen Oh
"Hungry Ghost" by Victoria Ying
"Boys I Know" by Anna Gracia
"The Silence that Binds Us" by Joanna Ho

Children's:

"Amazing: Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Who Inspire Us All" by Maia Shibutani
"Shining a Light: Celebrating 40 Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Who Changed the World" by Veeda Bybee
"We are Here: 30 Inspiring Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders Who have shaped the United States" by Naomi Hirahara
"How We Say I Love You" by Nicole Chen

The great domestic pet debate, solved

By Curtis Honeycutt

GRAMMAR GUY

Are you a dog person or a cat person? This is the age-old debate. Dogs tend to be extroverted and needy, while cats are generally independent-yet-murderous. Pick your poison.

My wife and I made the ill-informed decision to get a dog last year. After our third child was born, we thought it would be a great idea to add a puppy to the mix. Enter Socks the Cockapoo. Socks is cute — bless his heart — but he's not that smart.

At this point, I'm not going to stay neutral on the dog-cat divide, nor am I going to pick one or the other. Rather, I choose the third option: neither. I don't think I'm a pet person, although I am the primary person to feed the dog, clean up after the dog and take the dog to vet and grooming appointments. Go figure

Right now, you're wondering: hey, Grammar Guy, what's the word? Today we're tackling the dog-eat-dog world of snarl words and purr words. You see, when it comes to arguments (like cats vs.

dogs), snarl words and purr words can change the trajectory of the conversation, for good or for better.

A snarl word is like a growling dog — baring its teeth to try to intimidate and demean its opponent. You'll see snarl words in online debates and political ... ahem ... discourse. When people throw around terms such as "bigot," "fascist," "terrorist" and "pineapple-on-pizza lover," they're lobbing snarl words like they're verbal grenades.

Whether snarl words hit their targets or not, they never win the war. In fact, these growling dogs only further the divide between the opposing parties. Remember that when you're debating politics with your Uncle Rik at Thanksgiving dinner.

Purr words, on the other hand, are used to establish a positive and calming tone in a conversation. Think of Mr. Rogers or Bob Ross entering into an argument. The purring nature of soothing words changes the timbre of the discussion. When someone comes in with a tranquil attitude, the heightened discourse dissipates. Using words like "trust," "security," "freedom" and "home" connote positive

vibes that can win over harsh critics.

Whether you prefer dogs or cats, I'd like to suggest we start to employ more purr words into our rhetoric. In fact, you and your political polar opposite acquaintance may both share an affinity for Cockapoo. Purr more and snarl less.



Socks is Curtis' dog. He's an 11-month old Cockapoo. (Submitted photo)



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Let's 'paint our heart' with the truth of God's Word

DEVOTIONAL

By Pastor Chris Philbeck

Recently I read an article about the work of painting the Golden Gate Bridge that stated however many years it might take to paint the bridge from end to end – by the time it's finished – it's time to start all over again. After some research, I discovered that, in reality, sections and portions of the bridge are actually prioritized according to need. But regardless of strategy, the bridge is never not being painted. It is one of the primary maintenance jobs. Why? Because the air coming in from the Pacific Ocean is incredibly high in salt content and will wreak havoc on the structure if it is not properly sealed with paint. Exposed segments can lead to corrosion, which can lead to structural failure, which can lead to disaster. So, a team of 34 people makes it their life's purpose to paint the Golden Gate Bridge its trademark "international orange" color. They climb ladders hundreds of feet in the air, hang from harnesses and baskets suspended over the vast waters and risk their lives to put paint on the steel. Year after year. Every bolt, every rivet, every beam, every crevice and every cable gets covered because the safety of the bridge depends upon it.

I wonder what kind of protection would be in place in our lives if we recognized the same need to continually

"paint our hearts" with the truth of God's Word, which is pretty much what Paul commands in Colossians 3:16 when he writes, Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. The protective benefits of taking these words to heart are beyond the number of words I have for this devotion. But a quick look at Psalm 19:7-11 answers my question because, in those verses, David gives us six names for God's Word, six characteristics of God's Word and six benefits of God's Word. The six names are The law of the Lord, The statutes of the Lord, The precepts of the Lord, The commands of the Lord, The fear of the Lord and The ordinances of the Lord. The six characteristics are: perfect, trustworthy, right, radiant, pure and righteous. The six benefits are: reviving the soul, making wise the simple, giving joy to the heart, giving light to the eyes, enduring forever, altogether righteous. Given those names, characteristics and benefits, why wouldn't we obey Paul's command? In fact, why not pick up your Bible right now and begin reading? I recommend Psalm 19.



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Puzzle Time Answers – ON PAGE 10
Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:

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Jobs: DIRECTOR, MAKEUP ARTIST, PRODUCER

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Blythe Potter

Enthusiastic and active Bargersville resident envisions community growth and wellness

By Sherri Coner

As an active, interested member of the community, Blythe Potter pays attention to what's currently happening while she also envisions possibilities.

Potter, her husband, Michael and the youngest of their three daughters fondly call

Bargersville home. Potter also co-owns Bargersville Wellness, a business she and Ashley Auld opened in May 2019.

Potter's heart for community involvement leads her to juggle a demanding schedule enough to volunteer with Johnson County causes such as Assist Indiana, Leadership

Johnson County, Every Kid Eats Johnson County and Greenwood Pride.

"We host the silent tent," Potter said of Greenwood Pride. "This year, we are adding a glitter station for hair glitter."

Potter is so passionate about linking downtown Bargersville with all other resi-

dential areas and businesses that she is running for Bargersville Town Council.

"I love growth," she said. "And as a business owner here, I want to see growth. But I also want to see walkable and accessible sidewalks and trails."

What do you consider your greatest virtue? I believe my values and virtues are ethical, inclusive and kind.

What human trait do you most dislike? You know the people who vehemently stand in what they claim is their truth and refuse to hear others or communicate non-violently? That trait. Whatever that is, I dislike that the most.

What do you like most about living in Johnson County? The potential! We are literally a blank slate for so much positive change and growth both economically but also eco-consciously.

If you had to live somewhere other than in Johnson County, where would it be? Sweden

If you could begin life over, what would you change? I wouldn't. I really love the people around me and the place I am in life. I would never risk not having my family and my people that I have now (nor do I want to redo the mistakes I have had to learn from this far).

If money were no issue, how would you spend it? Pay off all debt for my immediate family, ensure we will all be taken care of as we age; I would donate to animal rescues and farm sanctuary and bribe whoever needed to be bribed to figure out how to get our global community out of the mess we seem to be stuck in currently.

What makes you happiest? I hate picking one of anything; too many things make me happy. But if I had to pick just one, being at home with my family and doing nothing important.

What is your favorite vacation spot? For leisure, anything that involves great hiking, but I have two parents who live in Florida. So I would have to pick that so we can see them!

What do you do with your free time? Read, run, and I love that hour at night when the baby is in bed and I get to eat ice cream, play Wordle, scroll mindlessly and watch Ted Lasso (or any other binge-worthy show).

What makes you angry? A lot of things but mostly a refusal for anyone to participate in communicating effectively or civil civic discourse. We largely seem to

have lost the art of actual conversation.

What do you do to escape from reality? I love reading. Mostly fiction, but I love a good biography.

What or who is the greatest love of your life? Again, I hate to pick one. My husband is my partner in so many things, but he also gave me three really amazing little girls to co-parent. If I really had to pick one, my daughter, Violet. She's so cool.

Which living person in Johnson County do you most admire? Suzanna Fortenberry. She is kind, genuine, honest and she makes Johnson County a better place. She has also introduced me to so many women who do the same.

What is your greatest extravagance? I don't splurge a lot but if I do, it's on running shoes or a custom dress made by Jamie Dampier. I love the dresses she has made!

What is the quality you like best in a person? Kindness

What are your fears/phobias? My greatest fear is the demise of humanity due to our own consumption and greed. I also

really don't care for spiders.

Which talent would you most like to possess? I would love to do a backflip. It has to be so fun.

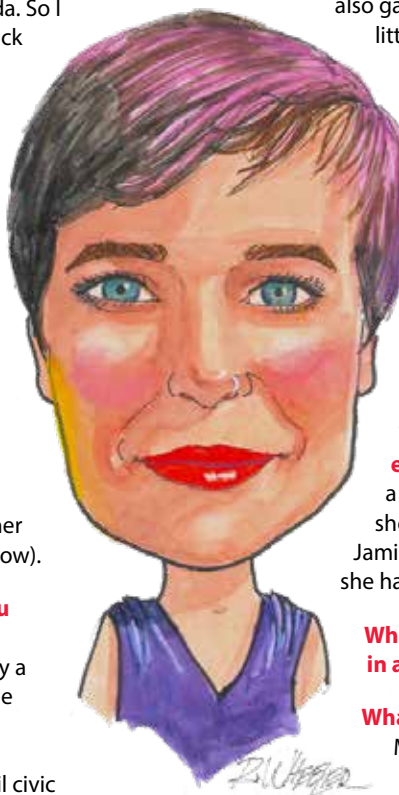
What do you most value in your friends? Someone who doesn't beat around the bush. If I did or said something that wasn't what they think I should have, I want to know so I can try to rectify it.

Which historical figure do you most identify with? It's hard to say. I identify with women who overcame more than I have; more sexism, more discrimination, etc. But if I had to pick one I could identify with, Susan B. Anthony.

What is your greatest regret? I don't know if I truly have any big regrets, maybe several when I was a student at Ball State, but I think, generally, I regret any time I didn't speak up for myself, for what was right, or didn't do something out of fear. Probably most women in their forties would think something similar.

What principle do you live by? Don't wait. Find a way to do it. Whatever it may be, if it changes your life and the world for the better, just make it happen.

What has been the happiest time of your life? Right now. I am very lucky to have been able to say that for most of my life.



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JCBank celebrated its Greenwood ribbon cutting with Aspire members. (Submitted photo)

JCBank hosts ribbon cutting for new Greenwood branch

Ribbon Cutting - JCBank celebrated the opening of its newest banking center with a public ribbon cutting on May 4. The event welcomed local dignitaries, Aspire Economic Development and Chamber Alliance members, and JCBank staff and customers. The 4,700-square-foot, state-of-the-art branch officially opened on April 28 and is the first banking center location for JCBank in Johnson County, located at 2871 S. State Road 135 at Stones Crossing. Marvin Veatch, JCBank president/CEO said, "The JCBank team has been working in the Johnson County market over the past four years, identifying opportunities that help build and grow the community. Our team of experienced bankers at the Stones Crossing location is committed to a client-driven and relationship-centric approach in delivering excellent customer service. We appreciate the support and vote of confidence from the Johnson County community which has allowed us to expand and open our newest location. JCBank's dedication to this community aligns with our Core Values – Honesty, Encouragement, Accountability, Respect, and Teamwork. We are committed to Johnson County, not only to provide banking, investment, and trust services, but to be an involved partner, supporting a number of organizations and causes such as Aspire, Johnson County Habitat for Humanity, and the Johnson County Cheer Fund." For more information, visit jcbank.com.

Center Grove receives CS100 Award

Computer Science - Center Grove has received the CS100 Award for our commitment to teaching computer science to 100% of its elementary students. This award was given out to 160 schools nationwide and Center Grove was the only school district to receive this recognition in Indiana. CS100 Awards recognize elementary schools that commit to teaching at least 10 hours per year of computer science (CS) to every K-5 student. The awards were announced March 30 at CSK5, The National Summit for K-5 Computer Science Education. Award-winning schools submitted 90-second videos describing their programs, five of which were featured at the CSK5 Summit.



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