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(Cover) A group of volunteers at the care pantry. | (Left) A group of volunteers dedicates their Thursdays to the CG Blessings program. Pictured are Dan Hickey, Chris Hickey, Angie Sodrel, Angie Schoolcraft and Lauren Cram. Not pictured: Joyce Peters and Dave Henry. | (Right) Chris Hickey, second from left, with son, Chase, left, husband, Dan and daughter, Taylor. (Photos submitted by Chris Hickey)

Blessings in a Backpack: 10 years of giving back

Center Grove program continues to provide food and hope to the community

COVER STORY

By Todd Travis

Philanthropy Fridays evolves into so much more

When Chris Hickey's children were in middle school, she started a tradition called "Philanthropy Fridays." The goal was to help her kids and their friends find ways to help in the community and feel like they were empowered to help in ways that they invented. "They learned about how they can be of help, even in a small way in their community and all the needs that are out there," Hickey described. "My son and his friends and my daughter and her friends would get together on Fridays for lunch and talk about where they found passion and what ways they were drawn to help people. Since it was something they did with their friends and got to choose for themselves, they looked forward to it."

The projects they chose included visiting children at the Wheeler Mission Center for Women & Children and making military care packages to collecting canned goods and fundraising using their own artwork at coffee shops. "They would go door-to-door in the hot summers collecting cans

in the neighborhood. Some people didn't have cans, so they gave cash and the kids researched where they could go to get the biggest bang for their buck in canned goods. They ended up filling up a whole pickup truck's worth of canned goods," Hickey recalled. "The artwork they sold ended up being, I would call it, the first seed money for Blessings in a Backpack because each of the paintings were being sold for the cost it was to feed a child for a year."

Introducing Blessings to Center Grove

Around the time her children were in high school, Hickey researched Blessings in a Backpack, a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that allows people to start grass roots in their own town. "I was able to get into a meeting with Rich Arkanoff (superintendent of the Center Grove Community

School Corporation), where I asked to bring the program to Center Grove. I said, 'I would commit to being the program coordinator, which is a three- to five-year commitment, and I would do all the fundraising.' I just needed permission from the school, and I also asked to use the care pantry to store the food," Hickey said. "I wanted to use high school young adults to volunteer and help stuff the bags."

The program was met with overwhelming support. "We started with just one school and now we do all six elementary schools," she said. "I used to get calls from schools asking to pick up money that bus drivers or lunch ladies had left because they want to support the program." This is now the 10th year running for Blessings in a Backpack. "At this point, all I do is shoot an e-mail to the teachers that are part of all the groups like choir, track, cross country, football, National Honor Society, tennis, wrestling, robotics, etc. and

they will just say what days they're going to take. Some groups take full months because there are so many students involved and helping," Hickey mentioned.

It takes a village

Hickey's had high school volunteers tell her that they actually received the food when they were in elementary school and how it impacted their life. The team effort is key to Blessings in a Backpack's success. "This Blessings program has flourished because of every single person who has shown up, said 'yes,' packed a bag, given a donation, and cared for these children for the last 10 years. They don't even know the impact they have had. It is far greater than the food; it is the love shown through these gifts. In times where it seems people have forgotten about humanity, it is alive and well in Center Grove. Thank you," Hickey stated.

To learn more or to donate to the program, go to blessingsinabackpack.org and find the Center Grove program by searching Center Grove Schools Greenwood, IN, or send a check to: Christine Hayes Hickey, Esq., Rubin & Levin, PC, 135 N Pennsylvania St., Suite 1400, Indianapolis IN 46204.

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Bob Rohrman's **INDY** Athlete of the Month **HONDA** Zach Greller

By Mark Ambrogi

When Zach Greller was in sixth grade, the Center Grove Middle School track and field coach Brandon Painter encouraged him to run track.

"I had just stopped playing baseball, so I had nothing else to do," Greller said. "He also was the freshman football coach, so I was definitely trying to impress him a little. I went out and ran track. I was good at it in middle school, so I kept doing it."

Greller said Painter remains a mentor. "He still texts me after every meet and asks how I'm doing," Greller said. "That's pretty important to me."

Greller, who will be a Center Grove senior in August, finished ninth in the 400 meters in 49.42 seconds in the IHSAA state finals June 4 in Bloomington, Ind. He also was a member of the 1,600-meter relay team that placed fourth in state along with Drew Wheat, Eli Hohlt and Brandon Wheat.

"I feel like it was a pretty successful

season, I feel like I could have set myself up better for the state meet, Greller said. "I didn't perform the best in the regional meet and that led me to be in the slowest heat in the 400. It kind of set me up for failure, but I feel like I made the most of it. I was pretty sick at regionals, so I feel that had a lot to do with it."

In the 2021 state track meet, Greller was sixth in the 400 meters in 49.47 and on the sixth-place 1,600 relay team.

Greller said track and field coach Eric Moore always has the team peaking at the right time.

"He always says we are not preparing for the beginning of the season, we are preparing for June," Greller said.

Greller started as a junior at wide receiver for the Trojans, who finished 14-0 and won their second consecutive Class 6A state title.

"I had a lot of fun and lot of success and I'm hoping to carry it on this year," Greller said. "Last year I was more of a blocking receiver. I had some big blocks that led to touch-

downs."

Greller had eight catches for 80 yards and one touchdown last season.

"I'm looking to increase my usage (as a receiver) and keep that same blocking intensity," he said.

Growing up, the 6-foot-4, 185-pound Greller said he played more tight end.

"But with track, I could get that much bigger (weight-wise) or it would destroy my track season," he said. "I decided to move out to receiver."

Greller said he definitely wants to be an athlete in college.

"I want to do any opportunity I'm given," Greller said. "I've gotten a little interest from colleges for track. I'm getting some Division I schools interest for track and some D-II and D-III schools for football. I definitely have more of a passion and love for track."

Greller's brother, Ben Greller, played basketball for Center Grove High School.



Zach Greller displays his medal for placing ninth in the 400 meters in state meet. (Photo courtesy of Chuck Robinson)

THE GRELLER FILE

AGE: 18

HEIGHT: 6-foot-4

SPORTS: Football and track and field

POSITION: Sprinter in track and wide receiver in football

CLASS: Senior

COLLEGE PLANS: Wants to compete in athletics and major in pre-law and business

HOBBIES: Golfing, fishing and hanging

out with friends

FAVORITE ATHLETE: U.S. Olympic sprinter Michael Norman

FAVORITE SUBJECTS: English and journalism

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Stranger Things"

FAVORITE VACATION SPOT: Anna Maria Island, Fla.

PARENTS' NAMES: Matthew and Nicole Greller

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Franciscan Health's YoMingo pregnancy app has 1,100 users in first year

Parent Education - In just a year since Franciscan Health's Family Birth Centers introduced its patients to the YoMingo pregnancy app, about 1,100 new moms and moms-to-be have benefited from the free online tool's information and support. YoMingo is a free parent education program available through a smartphone app and website. The medically accurate content covers pregnancy, labor and birth, postpartum, breastfeeding and newborn care, while tools include a contraction timer, kick counter, feeding log, diaper log, journal and more. YoMingo is available on any device with an Internet connection and comes in 14 different languages. Once users register for an account, they can download the free app by searching for YoMingo in the App Store or Google Play. The YoMingo app complements Franciscan Health's perinatal education classes, which can be found by going to FranciscanHealth.org and clicking on the "Patient Resources" menu, then clicking on "Classes, Events & Support Groups."

Center Grove carries on with strong real estate market

Housing - The residential real estate market in Center Grove continues with signs of a strong market, as homes left the market faster in June 2022. According to F.C. Tucker Company, homes in Center Grove sold five days, or 35.7%, faster than this time last year. The average sale price of a Center Grove home also increased, up 18.1% to \$429,880 compared to June 2021. The average price per square foot also increased 13.9%, to \$181.48. Monthly real estate statistics from F.C. Tucker Company revealed that central Indiana housing inventory increased 61.3% compared to this time last year, while pending home sales decreased 6.4% compared to June 2021, and year-to-date home sale prices increased 14.4%. In June 2022, 4,109 central Indiana homes were purchased, down 6.4% from the 4,391 sold in June 2021. Specifically, Johnson County pending sales had the greatest decrease with 17.7% fewer homes sold in June 2022 compared to this time last year.



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Don't live with back pain

Commentary By Linda Barnes,
Therapy on Wheels

If you have back pain, physical therapy may be your ticket to relief. Physical therapy can relieve pain, promote healing and restore function and movement. If you get physical therapy when your back problems first begin, you may even be able to avoid surgery. And if you do need surgery, physical therapy can greatly help you recover.

Getting Started

Some spine specialists recommend physical therapy sooner, particularly if the pain is severe. In general, the goals of physical therapy are to decrease pain, increase function, and get the patient on a maintenance program to prevent further recurrences.

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Myckenzie Horton Spreads the Word About CarDon

By Aspen Trace,
a CarDon & Associates Community

As Aspen Trace's new residential marketing director, Myckenzie Horton now gets to tell the same stories that first sparked her interest in senior living.

"When I was in college, we had a guest speaker from a local senior living community come in and talk about different hospital-related facets of the industry," she said. "It sounded like a rewarding and fun job to be serving seniors."

Myckenzie joined the CarDon family in 2020, and the key word is "family" because that's what made the company stand out to her.

"I love the history of how CarDon started and how it has continued to be a family owned and operated business," she said. "You can tell there is a lot of care and compassion within this company."

Prior to her recent promotion, Myckenzie served as Aspen Trace's residential activity director and formed a strong bond with residents that made her feel like she was having fun with her own loved ones.

"I loved doing manicures and crafts and

putting together the ladies' tea parties," she said. "I personally love all those things, so it was fun getting to do that as part of my job."

Myckenzie's new position involves another one of her favorite pastimes — talking to people. She loves spreading the word about what Aspen Trace has to offer and helping seniors find homes in the community.

"I have such an appreciation for the lives these residents have lived, and I enjoy getting to build relationships with them," she said. "I love that there are so many stories I get to hear. One resident, John Wheeler, is 102, and he actually wrote a memoir about his life recently! I am a sucker for love, and I adore hearing about how my residents met their husbands and wives. John told me how he was in Hollywood at the time, and he met his wife, Evelyn, at this bar on Sunset Boulevard by offering to light her cigarette. They went on a few dates and married shortly after. They were together for 76 years."

Myckenzie now feels like a fellow member of these residents' families.

"The residents are also always so eager to hear about my life and treat me as if I'm family," she said. "This is just a really special industry to work in."



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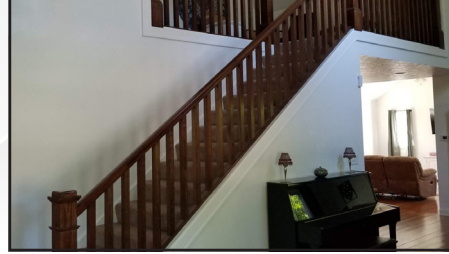
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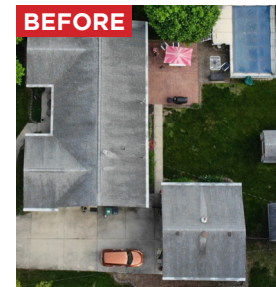
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Bob Tuttle, left, hands a check to VFW vehicle passed through the entrance without being Post 5864 Adjutant Richard Dennis, approached by a member of the Honor Guard. (Submitted photo)

Greenwood and New Whiteland Honor Guard donates money

Relief Fund - The Greenwood and New Whiteland Honor Guard contributed \$3,102.85 to each of the three groups of Honor Guard members. The money was for each Post's relief fund. The Honor Guard earned the money by offering Poppies over

a 32-hour span of time over four days at its annual Buddy Poppy drive at the entrance of Forest Lawn Cemetery during the Memorial Day weekend. Grave flags were handed out by the group also. The flags were donated by Forest Lawn.



The League of Women Voters gather together on June 29. (Submitted photo)

League of Women Voters Johnson County recognized as a local league

Political Organization - Members of the League of Women Voters of Johnson County (LWVJC) gathered on June 29 in celebration of being recognized as a local league. The National League of Women Voters (LWV) officially recognized LWVJC on June 8, 2022. LWVJC is a nonpartisan political organization. Its mission is to empower voters and defend democracy through education and advocacy. Members advocate for good government on all levels. Through research,

study, and consensus LWVJC will identify and work on issues of importance to our community. Members will receive training on various aspects of the League in late July. Monthly meetings will be held. Its primary focus for the remainder of 2022 will be growing membership and voter services. Its current 28 members range in age from 13 to 85. All persons are welcome and eligible to join the league. For more information, visit lwvjcin.org or email lwvjcin@gmail.com.



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From left, Ruth Ann Moore, town council board member; Dustin Doyle, town council board member; Andrew Greenwood, town council president; Susie Qualls, town council vice president; and Julie Young, town manager. (Submitted photo)

Moving ahead

Bargersville celebrates the groundbreaking of Kephart Park, expects to complete construction by May of 2023

By Nicole Davis

Kephart Park is one step closer to reality after the town of Bargsville celebrated its groundbreaking late June.

The 19-acre park will add significantly to the quality of life within the town, said Carissa Comstock, the town's community development coordinator. The park will include splash pads, a playground, eight pickleball courts, two shelter houses with grills, three shade canopies, restrooms, drinking fountains, a recreational area and will be the first Bargsville park with access to WiFi. The project will cost approximately \$3.5 million. It is located between the Saddle Club housing addition and the Morning Side housing addition on State Road 144.

"We have a few parks in town that are your standard park," Comstock said. "This park will be next level, with the splash pad,

pickleball courts. It was something we really felt we need to add to our community. It's going to pull people in. It will raise the quality of life. I think it's going to give our residents a better opportunity to get out in nature with their children."

The process to add a new park began years ago, when the town council purchased the land for a park, but it sat empty since 2015. When COVID-19 pandemic began, Comstock said it highlighted the need for another park, to give residents more opportunities for things to do within the town.

The town has worked with CrossRoad Engineers and Shrewsbury and Associates LLC to finalize the plans, which is scaled down from its initial conception in order to hasten the construction and save money.

The park is expected to be completed in May of 2023 and will connect the town's trail system.



(Left) A sketch of Kephart Park's 19 acres will include eight pickleball courts, a playground, splash pad, connection to the town's trails and more. | (Right) A concept design of Kephart Park's playground, expected to be complete by May 2023. (Submitted photos)

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The Picture in the Puzzle

Center Grove resident Wayne Andre publishes his first book, a holistic study of the Bible

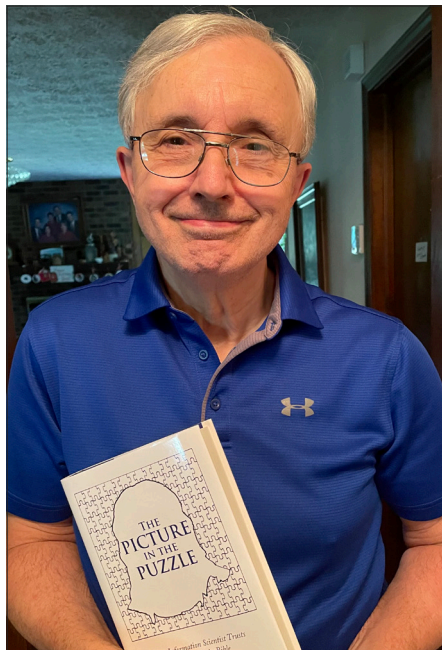
By Nicole Davis

In his three decades of teaching adult Bible classes and as a Christian ministries team leader, Center Grove resident Wayne Andre noticed a common factor in the questions these adult students would ask. He took things people typically want to know in their religious studies and compiled that information into a book titled "The Picture in the Puzzle," a holistic study of the Bible.

"I've noted along the way how much people really enjoy studying the Bible and they know a lot of the stories, but they have trouble putting the Bible together as one continuous story," Andre said. "That's something I cover in my book. In addition to that, there are a number of very contemporary issues that people want to know more about, for example what exactly does the Bible say about creation and how does that relate to science? The Bible has very reasonable claims to scientific statements. Nobody that believes in the Bible should feel they're at a disadvantage to what science has to say."

Andre said he breaks the Bible down into seven major stories that starts with creation, studies why mankind has such a problem with the relationship with God, how God has intervened to right that relationship and more. The completed book is 400 pages with more than 100 diagrams to show the many ways the Bible can be understood. It can be purchased on Amazon or wayneandre.com.

Andre has resided in the Center Grove area for 35 years. He is retired from Eli Lilly in Information Technology and has an engineering degree and business MBA. His children attended Center Grove schools. He



Wayne Andre holds a copy of his first book, "The Picture in the Puzzle." (Submitted photo)

and his family worship at Mount Pleasant Christian Church and previously worshiped at Greenwood Christian Church for many years. "The Picture in the Puzzle" is Andre's first book, published by WestBow Press. It took him nearly five years to write, edit and get ready for publication.

"The next step, I'm going to be on the marketing side of things, trying to reach my potential audience with what I've written, to serve them the best I can," Andre said.

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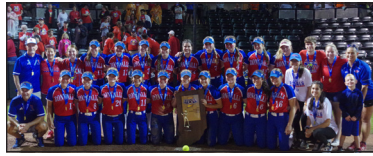
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American Legion Post 1919 sponsors three Hoosier Boys State

Hoosier Boys State - The American Legion Post 1919 sponsored three boys to Hoosier Boys State this year. They were Tyler Krieder, Shelbyville High School; Jesse Hester, home schooled; and Vincent Albright, Center Grove High School. All three boys were invited to the July 12 post meeting to discuss their week at Hoosier Boys State (HBS). Hoosier Boys State is a week-long event which facilitates building important real-world skills and leadership qualities in exceptional

young men by creating a fictional, and functional, state government based on Indiana's political process. During this program, junior-aged high school students will actively work together to establish platforms for two made up parties, participate in elections, propose laws, negotiate bills and enforce the established legislation from the local up to the state level. For more information, visit hoosierboysstate.org.

ICONic rewind



The Roncalli softball team celebrates its State Championship victory. (Submitted photo)

Royal softball team named National Champions

#1 Ranking - After successfully defending their 4A Softball state championship and finishing the season with a perfect 33-0, the Roncalli softball team were named as the 2022 national champions by high school sports website MaxPreps. The team started the season ranked #1 in the nation and never gave the voters a reason to demote them. On their way to an undefeated record, the team recorded 20 shutouts, clubbed 58 home runs and outscored their opponents by 300 runs. The honor comes at the conclusion of a season capped by the team's fifth state championship and a 46-game win streak. The 2022 squad set 18 program records, five Indiana state records, seven team state championship game records and five individual state championship game records. In addition to the team national championship, juniors Lyla Blackwell, Abbey Hoffmann and Keagan Rothrock were all named to the MaxPreps All-American Team.

ICONic brief

I-69 construction progresses through Johnson County

Traffic - I-69 Finish Line construction is heating up this month in Johnson County. I-69 interchange construction progress has closed Smith Valley Road west of S.R. 37 and restricts the road going east. Traffic will be shifted north through the work zone and restricted to one lane in each direction with no dedicated turn lanes. Installation of new Bargersville Water lines is ongoing along Smith Valley Road near Mullinix Road. For more information, visit <https://i69finishline.com>.

NIGHT & day LOCAL Entertainment ENTERTAINING

EVENTScalendar

Johnson County 4-H & Agricultural Fair • Enjoy the sights, sounds and food that comes along with the annual Johnson County Fair. | When: July 17 - 23. | Where: Johnson County Fairgrounds. | Info: jocofairin.com

Micro Wrestling • Get ready to rumble at the Johnson County Fair with the Micro Wrestling Federation. The Micro Wrestling Federation is a full-scale, WWE type event supported by an entire cast under five feet tall. It's going to be pandemonium as the Micro Wrestlers body slam, bear hug, and headlock throughout an evening of nonstop action. | When: July 19, 7 - 9 p.m. | Where: Johnson County Fairgrounds, 250 Fairgrounds Street, Franklin. | Info: MicroWrestling.com

Purse Bingo • Win popular brands such as Kate Spade, Michael Kors and Coach. Proceeds benefit The Social of Greenwood. | When: July 20, 5 p.m. doors open, 6:30 p.m. Bingo starts. | Where: The Barn at Bay Horse Inn, 1468 W. Stones Crossing Road, Greenwood. | Info: thesocialofgreenwood.org

Explore Summer Celebration with Sub Zero Nitrogen Ice Cream • Experience a unique, STEAM-focused presentation using liquid nitrogen to make fresh ice cream. Plus eat some ice cream! Space is limited, you must register for this event, for all ages! | When: July 20, 6 - 7 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

Adult Night at Freedom Springs • Adult Night at Freedom Springs lets you tap into your inner child and relax as the sun goes down! Come take in the evening enjoying your favorite Oaken Barrel and Mallow Run beverages. Get your singing voices ready for Karaoke Night with MAC events at Freedom Springs! Take a stroll around the Lazy River, race down the water slides and relax in a lounge chair. | When: July 22, 8:15 p.m. | Where: Freedom Springs, 850 W. Stop 18 Road, Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/greenwoodparks

Sound Bath • Come and enjoy the healing vibrations of singing bowls, Shrutti box, tuning forks, chimes, and other sacred sounds while you relax and meditate. The format of this offering is a short introduction to the sounds you will hear,

a long immersion into sound based meditation, and an option to participate in a short mantra practice. The sound bath is appropriate for anyone who is willing to find stillness seated or lying down (with props available for support) and interested in practicing meditation. Cost: \$30. | When: July 23, 6 - 7:30 p.m. | Where: Studio You Yoga, 862 S. State Road 135, Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/studioyouyoga

Brass Transit • Join this tribute to the multi-platinum songbook of Chicago live on the lawn at Mallow Run. Tickets: \$15 in advance, \$20 day of show. | When: July 23, 7 p.m. | Where: Mallow Run Winery, 6964 W. Whiteland Road, Greenwood. | Info: mallowrun.com

All Corvette Car Show • Registration, \$25, is open until noon. Awards at 2:30 p.m. Car Show contestants will judge the Hoosier Corvette Club Cars, while the Hoosier Corvette Club will judge the contestant Corvettes. Proceeds support the Indiana State Police Youth Camps. | When: July 23, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Park Mall, 1251 S. U.S. 31 N., Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/groups/329617655159830

Crafting for a Cause - Cards for First Responders • Make the world a better place, one craft at a time! Drop in to make cards to send to First Responders. Child's caregiver required. | When: July 27, 3 - 5 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

Quilters Guild of Indianapolis South Group • Speaker: Mary Ellen Straughn, award winning quilter and former Quilters Guild of Indianapolis President, will speak on Japanese inspired quilts. | When: July 28, 9:30 a.m. "Meet and Greet" followed by a meeting from 10-12. | Where: Friedens United Church of Christ, 8300 South Meridian St., Indianapolis. | Info: quiltguildindy.net

Love Grows Pottery Painting Class • Explore the art of pottery painting! In this class, paint a beautiful platter personalized for your family. Class is instructor led, but also allows you to go at your own pace. Class reservation includes pottery, paints, supplies, and a helping hand. Cost: \$37. | When: July 28, 6 p.m. | Where: uPaint Pottery Studio, 3113 W. Smith Valley Road, Suite D, Greenwood. | Info: upaintpotterystudio.com

Movies in the Park: Encanto • Hosted by the Greenwood Public Library. Consider bringing a blanket, lawn chair, bug spray, and snacks! | When: July 29, 8:30 p.m. kids crafts, 9:30 p.m. movie. | Where: Old City Park, 304 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/greenwoodpubliclibrary

Nerf on the Turf • The ultimate NERF battle! Greenwood Parks & Recreation will transform the indoor turf at the Greenwood Fieldhouse into an arena for kids to battle and play fun competitive games. There will be an all-out battle to end the night. Participants must provide their own Nerf Blasters (no automatic); eye protection will be provided. Greenwood Parks & Rec will provide all NERF Elite darts. Entry fee: \$10 per participant, ages 8 - 15. | When: July 29, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Fieldhouse, 411 S. Madison Ave., Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/greenwoodparks

Rapunzel Sing Along Party • Enjoy a story, songs and snacks by Magical Character Events. Bring a blanket to sit on. Each family will get a digital photo with the princess. Cost: \$5 per adult, \$10 per child 12 and under. RSVP by July 28. | When: July 30, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. | Where: 1300 Fry Road, Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/Magical-Character-Events-101393062226788

National Night Out 2022 • Join this free community event to help promote the relationship between law enforcement and the community. Come out and enjoy food, music, face painting, balloon twisting, a caricaturist, glitter tattoos, bounce house, and give-a-ways with the Greenwood Police Department! | When: Aug. 2, 5 - 7 p.m. | Where: Surina Park Amphitheater, Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/Greenwood-PoliceDepartment

Purse Bingo • Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary 5864 in Greenwood will have a Purse Bingo Fundraiser. Ticket price is \$30 and a reserved table is a flat \$10 (e.g. if there are six people, the price would be \$190.00). The event includes name brand purses such as Coach, Michael Kors and Kate Spade plus numerous raffle baskets and door prizes. | When: Aug. 6, 2 p.m. | Where: VFW, 1842 Veterans Way, Greenwood. | Info: [TrudyUmphrey,\(317\)702-3290,trudymcrae@gmail.com](mailto:TrudyUmphrey,(317)702-3290,trudymcrae@gmail.com)

NIGHT & DAY

LOCAL ENTERTAINING

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Sycamore Ice Cream

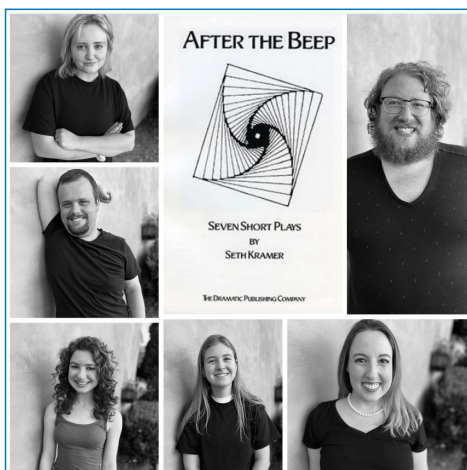
American summers consist of ice cream and baseball. At Sycamore Ice Cream, Greenwood's newest ice cream shop, frozen treats are served in a baseball themed store. The shop, which celebrated its grand opening recently, describes its ice cream as "homemade from all natural and super premium ingredients, our unique flavors spark the most powerful emotions: nostalgia, joy and togetherness. Also try our adult flavors. Home to The Original Liquor Infused Ice Cream." Flavors like banana, birthday cake, butter pecan, coconut, cookie monster, strawberry cheesecake and lemon blueberry swirl are already a home run with customers. Guests may also purchase caramel drizzle or crushed Oreo cheesecakes. "This is the best ice cream I've ever had," stated a Google reviewer. "The consistency of the ice cream is superior – it's hard packed and scooped, but it is so creamy that it reminds me of somewhere between firm soft serve and hard packed. It's simply wonderful."



Now serving Debra Sue's Shaved Ice with no guilt – gluten free and sugar free options are available. (Photo courtesy of Sycamore Ice Cream's Facebook page)

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SPOTLIGHT



Seven artists will perform in "After the Beep" (Photo by Creative Grounds Fine Arts Academy)

Community Production: After the Beep

Creative Grounds Fine Arts Academy will present its Community Production, "After the Beep," directed by Grant Steckbeck. The performances features Grace Allen, Haley Birdwell, Brianna Ernest, Nate Michaels and Janet Miller. It will take place July 15 and 16 at Creative Grounds Fine Arts Academy, Studio One at the Greenwood Park Mall. Get your tickets today at our.show/cgfinearts/atb. Please note, due to content of this show CGFAA recommends this production for audiences 12 and older.

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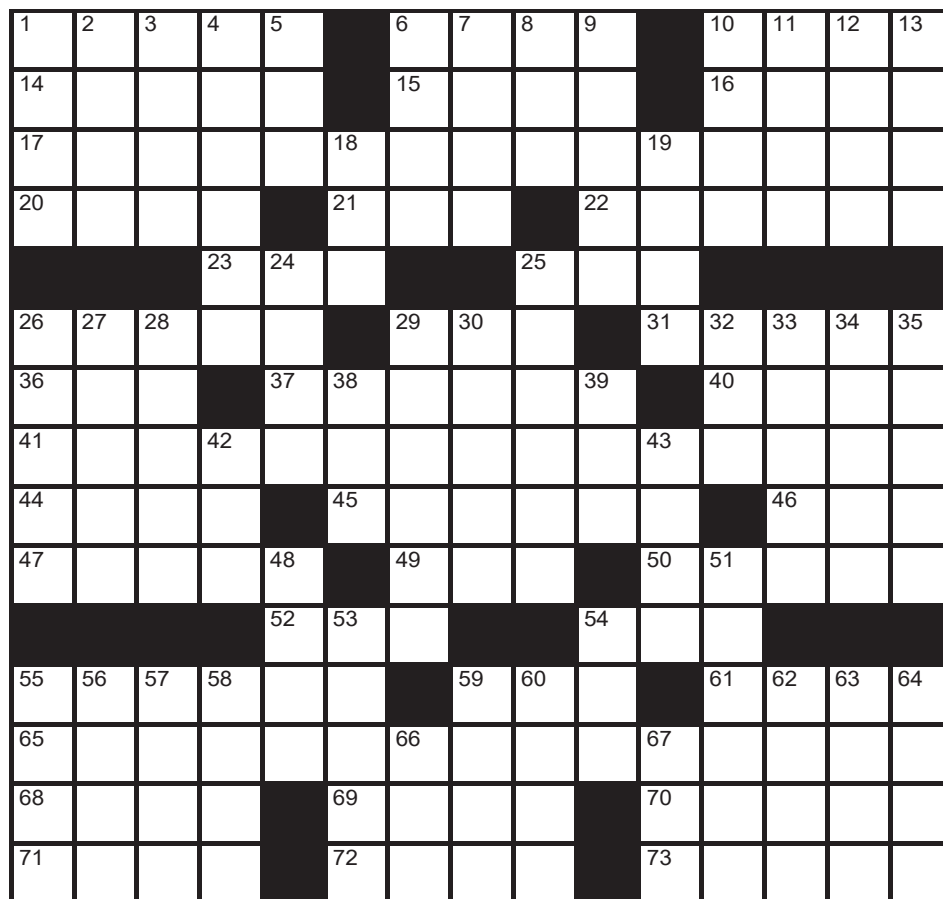
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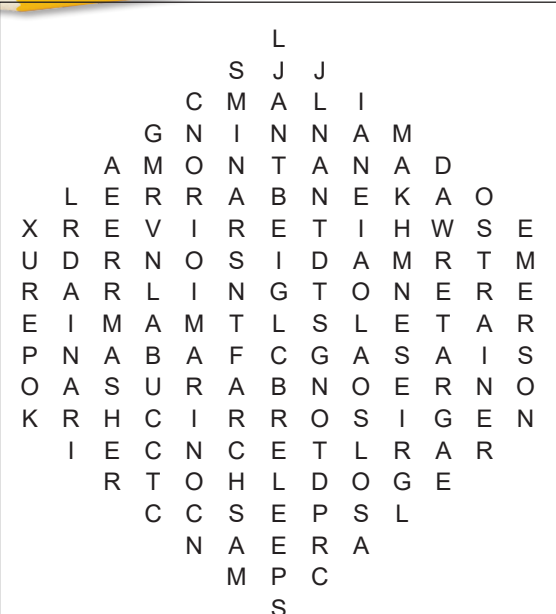


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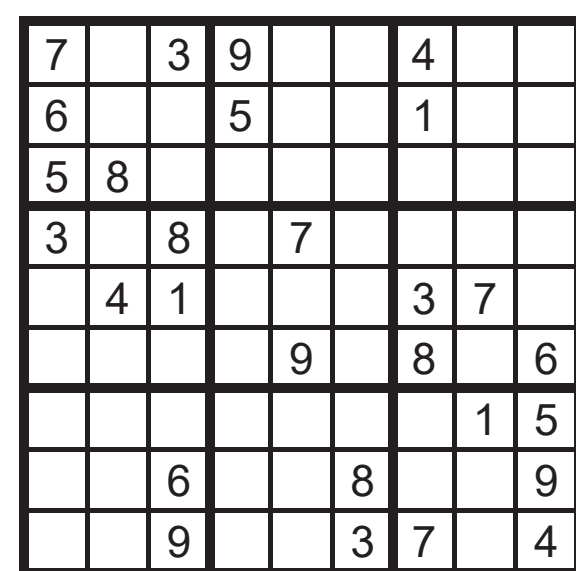
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PERSONNEL MATTERS

How to be the type of leader you'd want
to work for while taking care of yourself

By Mike Heffner

As you think back on the leaders you worked for in the past, which ones are the ones you would work for again? Likely the ones that cared and took a genuine interest in you as a person. The ones that wanted to see you succeed and help you reach your goals. There are a few things you can do today that allow you to stay in tune with your team and get your own personal work done.

Have a set one on one every week with each direct report – People like to make sure their leaders know what they have accomplished and what difficulties they are having. It allows you to help them grow and show you care about them. Share stories of how you as a leader may have worked through some similar situations in the past.

Be available for teams to get together and share – Have events that allow teams to get together and spend time just doing something fun. This does not have to be anything expensive, just a good old pitch-

in with time to relax and shut off work. This allows time for co-workers to get to know each other outside of the day-to-day tasks.

Be visible and accessible – Caring leadership requires you to treat employees with the same interest you give your clients. Are you ever too busy for a client that wants to give you business? Make sure you allow time for those, “do you have a minute?” moments. If you don't have time, let the person know when you will and circle back when you said you would.

Have clear expectations – I like to say, “what can you do?” There is so much out of our control that we must focus on what we can do and then agree with what needs to be done. When we know what is expected in the face of difficult circumstances then we can face it head on.

Take care of YOU – We must schedule time for ourselves. Sometimes that means closing our door, setting an appointment with ourselves or getting well deserved rest. When you show appreciation, it's hard to be stressed. Take care of you – it will im-

prove your ability to be there for others.

Be vulnerable – Your ability to be open about some of the things that you have going on can allow others to understand it is OK. We all have some level of dysfunction in our lives. We can work together to get through difficulty and find opportunities in our adversity. When we ask others for help, it also empowers them that you trust them.

When we listen to our teams, demonstrate that being “not OK” is OK and that there is a way despite the difficulties can help situations be not so overwhelming and create a better environment. This helps teams grow closer together while heading toward their goals.



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PEER TO PEER

How are your company's conflict
resolution skills with customers?

By Howard Hubler

My wife and I recently bought a vacation home in a warm climate. I have an air-conditioning unit that has a shut-off valve notification if the condensation tray gets too high and may overflow. The unit is in a mechanical room at the back of a home with an unfinished concrete floor. I have had multiple visits to the home to fix things, including this valve, but the valve remains unfixed.

My problem is I come here perhaps once a month and in between time this unit fails, I have just learned to pull the plug. I'm sick and tired of it. I now just want it fixed. The HVAC phone receptionist indicates that they will come out only if I pay them the normal \$125 in advance. Ah, here is the rub. I paid this bill twice; both times it has not been fixed. I explained to the HVAC company that I am in the service business of selling and servicing automobiles; similar to what they do, only they're selling air conditioning units. I said, “If I called somebody who paid in good faith to have their car fixed twice and it wasn't, and they were coming in a second or third time for the same repair, and I said I would not work on their car unless they gave me \$125 in advance, most

of my customers would tell me where to go. It would not be to church.”

To say the least we had a long circular conversation. She broke every rule that you would pay some professionals to come train your staff for customer conflict handling. She simply did not know any better. She was caustic, belittling and insulting. I truly think in another environment she would probably be pretty nice; conflict resolution on the phone just was not her forte.

With all the things going on in the world today, and yes, we've covered them over the last year, customers are more precious than ever. Nobody wants to have an untrained phone receptionist put in the middle of customer conflict who is not trained and very likely does not have the God-given skill set. In closing, how are your phone people? Likewise, I hope mine are equally trained and gifted



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ICONic briefs

Local students receive degrees at Miami Univ.

Graduation - Miami University located in Oxford, Ohio, awarded degrees to students during spring commencement, including Mary Dzinbinski of Greenwood graduated with a Master of Arts, majoring in biology; Jesse Helm of Greenwood graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Biology, Premedical Studies; and Cami Zuch of Greenwood graduated Magna Cum Laude, University Honors with a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Biology.

Franciscan Health offers Stroke Camp for survivors and families

Registration Open - A stroke can change one's life instantly. For the 795,000 Americans annually affected it is a life-changing experience resulting in a range of disability, from slight to debilitating. For stroke survivors, and their caregivers and families, their lives, their friendships and how they perceive themselves are transformed when they attend a Retreat & Refresh Stroke Camp. The event is slated for Aug. 19-21 at Waycross Camp and Conference Center, 7363 Bear Creek Road, Morgantown. The camp is sponsored by the Franciscan Health Stroke Center, Franciscan Health Foundation and Franciscan Health Rehabilitation Services. The camp will be staffed by several hospital volunteers who will help participants with a full range of activities, including games, hiking/walking, drum circles, entertainment, and swimming. Campers also will be included in discussion groups and provided with various stroke resources. Space is limited and registration is required. To register, call (309) 688-5450 or visit strokecamp.org.



'Iona Iverson's Rules for Commuting'

A tale of unexpected friendships

BOOK REVIEW

By Stefanie Davis

The second rule for commuting is never talk to strangers, but what would happen if you did? "Iona Iverson's Rules for Commuting" by Clare Pool-ey explores that question in a feel-good, character-driven tale of unlikely friendships. Readers are first introduced to the main character, Iona Iverson. Iona is a quirky, middle-aged self-proclaimed magazine therapist who is always seen with her French bulldog Lulu. She likes to sit in the same seat in the same train carriage for her commute to work at "Modern Woman" magazine. Iona loves her job but is facing ageism as the magazine seeks to attract more younger readers and add more "size" to its content. The other commuters seem to keep their distance from eccentric Iona and her yappy dog. That is, until one day fellow commuter Piers chokes on a grape from his salad. Iona saves the day with her quick thinking, and from there breaks the second rule for commuting: to never talk to strangers. Previously, Iona had only known the other commuters by the nicknames she had given them. There was Impossibly-Pretty-Bookworm and Mr.-Too-Good-To-Be-True among others. After the choking incident, she is introduced

to Emmie, who first noticed the choking, and Sanjay, a nurse who ultimately saved Piers' life. Their group grows to include seven diverse individuals as their commute continues. Each person seems to have preconceptions of the others based on their limited observations of them. As they continue their daily commutes, they learn that each one of them is hiding something about themselves. One-time "It" girl Iona seeks to solve each of their issues by connecting them to each other; however, Iona soon finds herself needing saving. As Emmie recalls, "One thing Iona had taught her was that rules were there to be broken. Spectacularly, and with panache." This second novel from the debut author of "The Authenticity Project" is recommended for fans of "Oona Out of Order," by Margarita Montimore, "Anxious People" by Frederik Backman and "The Story of Arthur Truluv" by Elizabeth Berg.



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@jcpl.in.org.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

Adult:

"On Rotation"
by Shirlene Obuobi

"The Patron Saint of Second Chances"
by Christine Simon

"Flying Solo"
by Linda Holmes

Young Adult:

"Boys I Know"
by Anna Garcia

"Slip"
by Maruja McCoola and Aatmaja Pandya

"The Language of Seabirds"
by Will Taylor

Children:

"Berry Song"
by Michaela Goade

"If You Find a Leaf"
by Aimee Sicuro

"Everywhere with You"
by Carlie Sorosiak and Devon Holzwarth

When a word is itself – or is it?

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

I like to think of myself as a logical person, but as I dig into the English language, I find that much of our language is nonsense. English is a mutt of a language that breaks more rules than it keeps. Sometimes "y"? Make up your mind, "y"! Pick a side!

While English may not be logical, I get a kick out of autological words. An autological word is a word that describes itself. Before you feel like you're in a room full of infinite mirrors or that we're headed straight into a scene from "Inception," I know saying "a word that describes itself" sounds strange. It is strange; that's why I want you to know about it!

Let's start with the word "word." The word "word" is a word. So, the word "word" describes what it is – a word. Are you hanging on my every word yet?

I'm going to jump right into the deep end with this next example. The word is "recherché." This word means "exotic, rare,

obscure, elegant or pretentious." If you use the word *recherché*, you may be a bit pretentious yourself.

The word "noun" is a noun. Remember how a noun can be a person, place, thing or idea? A noun is a thing, which makes noun a noun.

One of my favorite autological words is "sesquipedalian," which means a long, polysyllabic word. Polysyllabic, too, is an autological word.

Unhyphenated is unhyphenated. Don't hyphenate it.

The word "sibbilant" refers to a word having a harsh "s" or "sh" hissing sound. You can imagine a snake hissing the word: s-s-s-s-sibbilant.

On the other side of the coin, we have heterological words. If autological words describe themselves, heterological words do not describe themselves. For instance, the word "misspelled" is not misspelled, although it's easy to misspell it.

The word "French" isn't French; it's English. In French, the word French is français,

including the "c" with the tail on it (called a cedalia).

"Monosyllabic" is polysyllabic, while "long" is short. If you're feeling dizzy, you're not alone in this "up is down, down is up" language excursion.

Although "unhyphenated" is an autological word, the words "non-hyphenated" and "hyphenated" are heterological words. Non-hyphenated is hyphenated, while hyphenated is not.

Just when you think you've got English figured out, it throws a curveball right at your shin. If I were a bartender, I'd tell English to go home because it's drunk. And, while the word "verb" is a noun, "four" is still a four-letter word.



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God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things

DEVOTIONAL

By Pastor
Chris Philbeck

In the book "Forward: Discovering God's Presence and Purpose in Your Tomorrow," David Jeremiah writes about Lillian Trasher. She was working in an orphanage in North Carolina when she felt God's call to pursue missionary work in Egypt. The call was so strong she broke off her engagement when her fiancé didn't share her vision. She sold her belongings, booked a passage to Egypt, and arrived with less than \$100 in her purse. One day she was at the bedside of a dying widow, who begged Lillian to care for her baby girl. Lillian agreed, and so began the first orphanage in Egypt. The beginning years were difficult, but she didn't give up and eventually realized her vision of an orphanage and evangelistic ministries. When she died in 1961, Lillian had cared for more than 8,000 orphans and touched the lives of thousands more. A closer look at Lillian's life reveals the source of her vision and commitment. When she was a little girl, she prayed: "Lord, I want to be your little girl. Lord, if ever I can do anything for You, just let me know and I'll do it!"

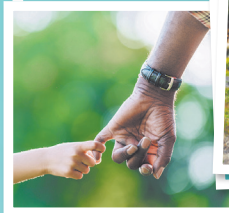
Several years ago, I was preaching a message series on the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20), and I began each message with the question, "Can a single

church in Central Indiana change the world?" God uses ordinary people to do extraordinary things when they are fully committed to following Christ wherever he leads. And it's that kind of commitment that allows us to change the world for Christ: one life, one family, one opportunity at a time. The only thing unique about Lillian Trasher was her commitment. What about you? You don't have to travel to a foreign country to change the world for Christ. All you need to do is pray, "Lord, if ever I can do anything for You, just let me know, and I'll do it," with a sincere heart, and then look around you for someone who is in need, someone who is lonely, or someone who is lost.

In Ephesians 3:20, Paul prays, Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us ... God can use you (yes, you!) to change the world for someone if you have the vision and commitment to follow Christ wherever he leads.



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Puzzle Time Answers – ON PAGE 14 Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:

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Avenues: ARLINGTON, EMERSON, MADISON

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Jon Wright

IT entrepreneur gives back by helping those who struggle with infertility

By Todd Travis

Jon Wright has been an entrepreneur for as long as he can remember. He started with delivering papers at age 12, continuing on through selling candy or magazines or newspapers after that. "I was always driven to being an entrepreneur and being my own boss," he said. "My mom and dad ran an E&L Cake & Candy in downtown Greenwood. I'm not sure it bolstered my enthusiasm for entrepreneurship because it was not easy, but I do think it helped me to stomach the more difficult parts of entrepreneurship that I've faced," he added.

His company, Core Managed, an IT consulting company, was just added to the Fast25 list of growing businesses in Indianapolis by the Indianapolis Business Journal.

During the 2008 recession, Wright took time from the direct marketing company he was operating and decided to look into other avenues for his future business ventures. As he looked at what he enjoyed most in the work he had been doing, he realized that managing the technology was at the top of the list. "I specifically enjoyed making sure that technology served the business purpose and was not just technology for the sake

of technology. That's something that is somewhat unique in my position – in my seat usually sits a technician or an engineer, but in our company the seat is occupied by someone who has always run a business that used technology to serve the businesses purpose," Wright explained. "Since I liked that so much, I decided my next attempt at business should be technology-related," he continued.

As Core Managed grows and begins to serve a market that goes beyond Indianapolis, he also spends time running a nonprofit with his wife, Jenna called "Hannah's Wish." The purpose of Hannah's Wish is to come alongside

people who are experiencing infertility, stillbirths, miscarriage and infant loss. "We start by giving all the hospitals and doctors' offices our information and they give that to families on their way out the door. They go home and read it and learn about us. Along with the info, we leave a number they can send a text message to, and we buy a meal for them." Wright explained. "We also invite them to a peer-led support group if they are interested," he continued. Wright and his wife began this nonprofit as they were struggling with infertility themselves and had their second child not long after starting Hannah's Wish.

What do you consider your greatest virtue? Compassion. Putting others first.

What do you most deplore in others? Narcissism

What do you like most about living in Johnson County? The people! You can build and develop relationships easily here. There's an extra sense of security that comes from living in such a strong community.

If you had to live elsewhere than in Johnson County, where would it be? It'd be somewhere with less harsh winters.

If you could begin life over, what would you change? I'd enter the technology business sooner! I wish I'd found my true passion sooner.

If money were no issue, how would you spend it? I'd spend it supporting children and families. (Adoption, foster care, infertility, etc.).

What makes you happiest? Being with my wife, anywhere.

What is your favorite vacation spot? Anywhere Amtrak will take me. I love trains!

What do you do with idle time? We have two girls, ages 4 and 13. Combined with a growing business, I don't have idle time. I like it that way.

What is it that makes you angry? Nothing. It's a waste of time. I focus on solving the problem.

What do you do to escape from reality? Travelling is probably the closest I come to escaping reality. Being on vacation is nothing like real life!

What or who is the greatest love of your life? On this earth, my wife!

Which living person in Johnson County do you most admire? My dad, Cliff Wright. Unlike me, he's a quiet man. He is a Godly man and has lived out his convictions without talking about it.

What is the quality you most like in a person? I'm around so many influential people, that the quality that sticks out and is most exceptional is humility.

What is your greatest extravagance? All the things we do to trade money for time. Mowing and landscaping,

pool service, etc.

What are your fears, phobias? I've recently developed claustrophobia, and it manifests itself in more places than you might think!

What has been the happiest time of your life? When our family was blessed with a second healthy child after eight years of infertility and miscarriage.

Which talent would you most like to possess? I'd like to be good at golf. It looks fun, but I can't enjoy it while I'm bad at it.

What do you most value in your friends? Loyalty and wisdom.

Which historical figure do you most identify with? Jeffrey Lebowski

What is your greatest regret? I don't have any significant regrets.

What tenet do you live by? That all I really am is a sinner, saved by the grace of God. I didn't do anything to deserve it, and I'm no better than anyone else.



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