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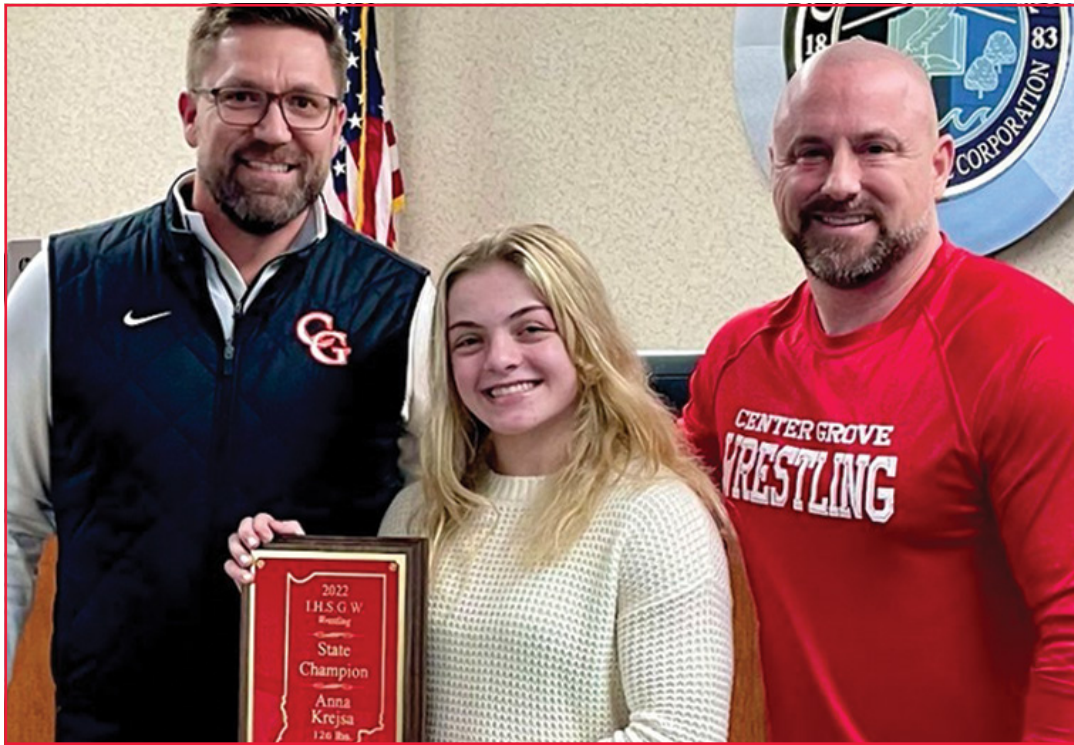
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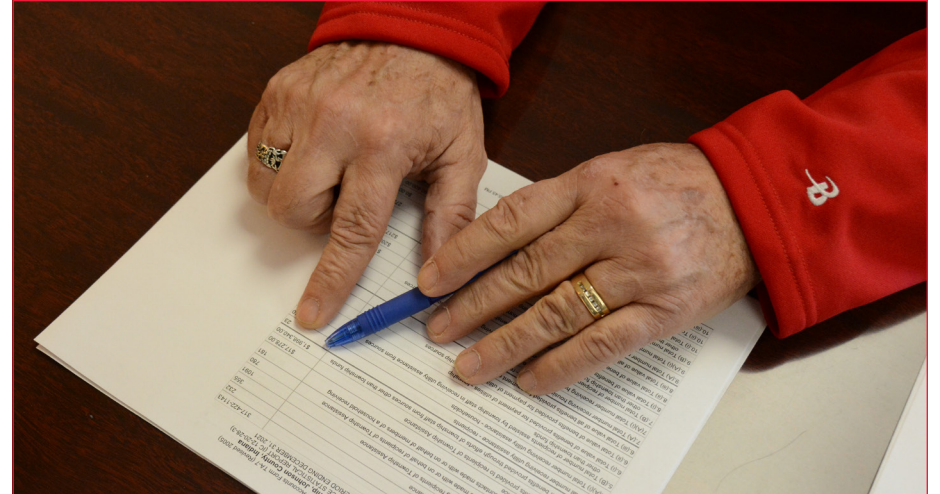
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On the cover and top left, White River Township Trustee Mark Messick discusses the growing need in his community, caused from the COVID-19 pandemic, inflation, and other economic issues. | (Right) Messick shares details of the annual financial report. (Photos by Nicole Davis)

A helping hand

White River Township Trustee Office offers financial assistance to residents facing pandemic-related hardships

COVER STORY

By Todd Travis

Many residents of White River Township are feeling the effects of rising costs as the pandemic continues to affect people's health and their finances. "The fourth quarter of 2021 was especially difficult," said Mark Messick, White River Township's trustee. "We ended up going about 19 percent over budget because of an increase in requests for assistance toward the end of last year."

Luckily, they were able to cover the deficit, but they are expecting more funds to be needed this year as well. "Just in the first month, we have seen the trend continue as the requests for assistance continue to come in. At this rate we are going to go over budget by about 40 percent this year," Messick projected. As a result, he will be asking for approval to increase the budget for this year, and he expects to be granted the money.

The current budget for the township is \$13,500. Two years ago it ended up under budget at around \$9,900. Last year they ended up going over budget and spending just over \$17,000. As Messick mentioned, this year looks to be on the same track. "That's not to say that things won't level off over time," he added.

AN INCREASE IN RENT, UTILITIES AND FOOD COSTS

So what is causing this extra need? According to Messick, there are a few factors. First, rental costs have gone up significantly. In 2019 a one-bedroom apartment could be found for as little as \$700. Today, the rent in the same place is around \$1,000. Two-bedroom apartments were going for as low as \$725-\$850 and today they are going for \$1,100

up to \$1,400. That's a 30 to 40 percent increase in the last two years. "A lot of those increases have just been in the last year," Messick noted. "Rent shouldn't cost people more than 25 percent of their income, but some people are paying nearly half their income in rent alone due to this increase."

Secondly, food costs have risen as well. "Food costs have gone up by about 20 percent in the last two years," he pointed out. In some cases, people who have had a pay increase have moved out of the income range where food stamps or township assistance would be provided. "Unfortunately, with the increase in food costs and other costs (like fuel and utilities), people are at a net loss even with a pay increase. We're seeing this more now with companies starting to go to \$15 per hour pay," said Messick.

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- MARK MESSICK

A third factor is added when people get sick with Covid. "Some companies are giving paid leave for people who are sick with Covid, but most aren't. So now you've lost two incomes for a week and you're living check to check," he said. This is an added strain to the already difficult circumstances that people are facing. As a result, more people need help.

RETIRES AND FIXED INCOMES

Retirees are some of those getting hit the hardest by the pandemic. Those on a fixed income are having a tough time keeping up with increases. Rent, food costs and medical costs continue to rise while their income stays relatively stagnant. "We're driving them away from a place they've lived for 50-60 years, and that's the reality," Messick revealed.

The need today is especially great. A word of advice Messick would offer to those who might be looking for help: "Regardless of your circumstance, ask for assistance." There are many ways that people can find resources even if their income level is above any minimum. If you don't know where to turn for help, Messick will be able to provide several referrals to different organizations that have the means to help. "If I can personally find them help somewhere outside the township money, I'll do that. If I can't, I'm going to try and find my best way to help them."

You can contact the White River Trustee Office at (317) 422-1143 or visit their website at whiterivertownship.org.



The Blessing Box outside of the White River Township Trustee Office is another way for people to get a little extra support, often stocked with shelf-stable foods; those in need are welcome to take. (Photos by Nicole Davis)

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Discover Your Career Path Forum offered for parents and high school students

Career Opportunities – Parents and current high school students will learn about profitable career opportunities in skilled trade and manufacturing fields not requiring a college degree at the 2022 Discover Your Career Path Forum on March 3 from 6-8 p.m. The Forum will be at the Indiana/Kentucky/Ohio Regional Carpenters Council (IKORCC)m, 1499 Windhorst Way #270, Greenwood. Guest speakers include Jerome Stanford of IKORCC, Mike Metzger of Envelop Group, The Beers Family, and Dani Wernert of Peterman Bros. who will discuss lucrative trade careers for young adults as alterna-

tives to careers requiring higher education. After the presentation, parents and students are invited to tour the business booth fair to speak to other professionals. Pizza and refreshments are available while supplies last; door prizes. The event is hosted by Aspire Talent Attraction & Retention Team, part of Aspire Economic Development + Chamber Alliance, and IKORCC, in partnership with Johnson County Public Library, and sponsored by the Rotary Club of Franklin. Find additional program details and digital career resources at PageAfterPage.org/discover.

Taxman Brewing announces Death & Taxes Day

Local Tastings - Taxman Brewing Company announced that Death & Taxes Day, its annual outdoor Beer Release and Tasting Festival, will return on Saturday, April 23, from 12 - 4 p.m. This festival is held at the brewery, 13 S. Baldwin St., Bargersville. This yearly event shuts down the streets and brings the community together to celebrate some of the best local craft beer, wine and cider, as well as food trucks and live music from around the state of Indiana. Death and Taxes Day features 40+ Indiana-proud breweries for beer enthusiasts and the local com-

munity to come out and taste what Indiana has to offer. Along with all the samples, Taxman will release an exclusive beer with four variants just for the event, known as Deadline. Deadline is a rich, roasted and robust Belgian-style stout aged with Indonesian vanilla beans and rested several months on Kentucky-whiskey barrels. All ticket holders will receive this one-of-a-kind 4 pack of Deadline to enjoy with the option to purchase additional cans, while supplies last. For more information, visit deathandtaxesday.com.

Department of Education encourages participation in summer meals program

Food Service - The Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) encourages schools and qualified community organizations to participate in the 2022 Summer Food Service Program. The Summer Food Service Program reimburses local sponsors that serve healthy free meals and snacks to children 18 years old and younger. Sponsorship is open to public and private nonprofit groups, including local governments, summer camps, religious

organizations and recreation centers. In 2021, more than 280 Indiana sponsors served nearly 22 million meals during the summer months. In addition to providing free meal service in a local community, many sponsors also offer educational or physical activities for students. The application deadline for new sponsors is April 15. For more information, visit in.gov/doe/nutrition/summer-food-service-program.

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Bob Rohman's **INDY** Athlete of the Month **HONDA** Jordan Vaughns

By Mark Ambrogi

Center Grove High School basketball coach Zach Hahn has watched as Jordan Vaughns continues to develop.

"Jordan has made tremendous strides since his freshman year," Hahn said. "He was a 5-foot-11-inch, 135-pound freshman that rarely played and now is a 6-foot-5-inch 200-pound senior captain of our program. Jordan is one of the best on ball defenders we have had in our program, and he is relentless as a rebounder and rim runner in transition. He has held the leading scorer on the opposing team to less than one-half of their average the last five games."

Prior to Feb. 11, Vaughns was averaging 7.8 points and 5.5 rebounds per game.

"Most importantly, he is an extremely hard worker and great teammate," Hahn said.

Vaughns said last season his role has gone from being

primarily a key rebounder to a scorer and top defender on the team.

"My scoring and rebounding has went up a lot since last year," he said. "I made the most improvement in defense."

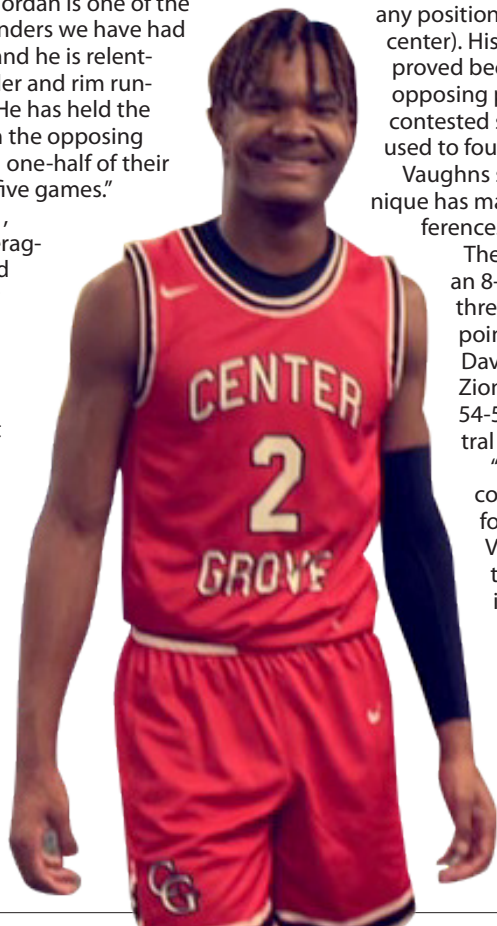
Vaughns averaged a little over two points and three rebounds per game last season.

"Jordan has great versatility as a defender," Hahn said. "He can guard any position (point guard to center). His defense has improved because he makes opposing players take tough contested shots where he used to foul more frequently."

Vaughns said improved technique has made the biggest difference.

The Trojans, who had an 8-9 record, have lost three games by a single point, 44-43 to Ben Davis Jan. 21, 47-46 to Zionsville Feb. 8 and 54-53 to Lawrence Central Feb. 11.

"We just need more communication and focus as a team," Vaughns said of getting over the hump in close games.



Senior Jordan Vaughns plays for the basketball team at CGHS. (Photo courtesy of Center Grove High School Athletics)

Vaughns played football until his freshman year and then began concentrating on basketball only. Vaughns plans to play basketball in college but is undecided where he will attend.

"It's so much fun to watch him play even when I coached him," said his father John Vaughns. "I've been coaching him since he was 3. He started watching his older brother play (John Vaughns III) and couldn't wait to get in a game to score. Now, of course, through the years his role has changed as he has matured at a fast pace because he has always played up. It's kinda full circle in a way because he started out as a really great defensive player and then realized he could score just as well. He became a great passer and then finally when he got some height a great rebounder as well. I love those games when he realizes he can do them all because those are the games that everyone loves to see. I can't wait to see him on the next level and him knowing and being allowed to just be Jordan and have fun doing it. I'm without a doubt his biggest fan."

THE VAUGHNS FILE

NAME: Jordan Vaughns	wants to major in athletic training
SPORT: Basketball	HOBBIES: Fishing and video games
GRADE: Senior	FAVORITE ATHLETE: Kevin Durant
AGE: 17	FAVORITE SUBJECT: Math
HEIGHT: 6 foot 5 inches tall	FAVORITE MOVIE: "Central Intelligence"
COLLEGE PLANS: Undecided but	

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Trammell chosen as Scholar All-American Team, chancellor's list

Swimming and Diving - Devin Trammell, of Greenwood, is a member of the UA Little Rock swimming and diving team that has been selected by the College Swimming and Diving Coaches Association of America (CSCAA) as a Scholar All-American Team, as announced by the organization on Jan. 24. The program posted a team average GPA of 3.43 in the fall to earn the honor. Trammell has also been named to its fall 2021 chancellor's list, with a GPA of 3.9 or higher. She is a graduate of Center Grove High School.

Southside students make dean's list at colleges across the nation

Academic Achievement - Students from the Southside have earned a place on the dean's list at universities across the U.S. Dean's List recognition, in general, is awarded to full-time undergraduate students who have earned at least a 3.4 grade point average for not less than 12 semester hours of credit in the Fall semester. Included is:

Youngstown State University: Anthony Dzikowski of Greenwood, who is majoring in psychology

University of Findlay: Sophia Bunten, of Greenwood

Trine University: Matthew Burns of Greenwood

Canisius College: Rachel Kinney, of Greenwood, has been named to the fall 2021 Dean's List or Merit List. Kinney is a member of the Canisius Class of 2022 and is pursuing a degree in Human Services.



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Roncalli students receive scholastic art and writing competition awards

Artistic Talent - Roncalli High School students received a record total of 26 separate awards in the Scholastic Art and Writing Competition. There were five gold keys where the winners move onto the national competition in New York, eight silver keys and 13 honorable mentions. Students are allowed to enter multiple pieces within the same category, and the art portfolio consists of many works of art and cumulative judging. Senior Ella McCalip received a gold key in drawing and illustration. Senior Emily Och received a silver key for her art portfolio. Senior Sam Peeples' printmaking received an honorable mention. Senior Audrey Rearick earned four honorable mentions in drawing and illustration, two honorable mentions in digital art and two silver keys for her art portfolio and drawing and illus-

tration. Junior Catie Reed's sculpture earned a silver key and her ceramics and glass earned an honorable mention. Senior Cat Sergi received honorable mentions for two drawing and illustrations, and for digital design. Sergi also received a silver key for her art portfolio and a gold key for her drawing and illustration. Senior Emily Smith's painting and art portfolio received honorable mentions. Junior Abigail Wulf earned a silver key for her painting. For the writing portion of the competition, senior Amanda Wolf's writings received silver keys in the categories of science fiction and fantasy and her writing portfolio. Wolf's flash fiction writing received an honorable mention. Her art portfolio and painting received silver keys, and she was awarded three gold keys for her photography and two paintings.



Scholastic Winners pictured from left: Emily Och, Emily Smith, Audrey Rearick, Cat Sergi, Amanda Wolf, Catie Reed, Abigail Wulf, Ella McCalip, Sam Peeples. (Photo courtesy of Roncalli High School)



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Big Night Out Mount Pleasant Christian Church hosts dance party for people with special needs

Compiled by Pleasant Christian Church

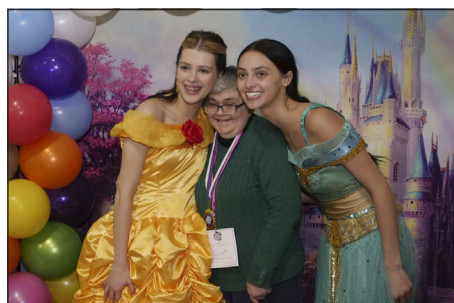
Mount Pleasant Christian Church welcomed approximately 400 guests to its inaugural Big Night Out on Feb. 11. Big Night Out was designed to be an unforgettable in-person dance party experience for people with special needs. Guests and their caregivers encountered characters including Spider-Man, Mario, Frozen cast favorites and more as they entered the event. There were also games, tattoo and hair stations, food stations, official and candid photo opportunities, commemorative medals, t-shirts, and of course – a huge dance floor.

"I just can't say enough good things about hosting and being a part of this event," said Heidi Wright, Missions & Outreach Director at Mount Pleasant in a press release. "I'm so incredibly grateful for continued vision from our pastor, our staff and our church family to provide something with such a big IMPACT on the special needs community! I'm reminded just how valuable every single life is to God; He knows us, formed us and created us for purpose. My life, all our lives, are enhanced and fuller for having stepped into special needs ministry! Plus, we have the best outreach volunteers and MPCC knows how to throw a great party!"

Mount Pleasant Christian Church has been a previous partner with Night to Shine, launched by the Tim Tebow Foundation. After 5 years, Mount Pleasant decided to create Big Night Out as an in-person party option for the special needs community. This first event included more than 170 volunteers from the community. For more information, visit mpcc.info/big-night-out



(Photos courtesy of Mount Pleasant Christian Church)



Together's always better

Jessica and Matt Limeberry share how they keep their relationship going through distance and difficulty

By Todd Travis

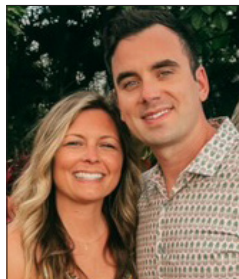
Being deeply in love doesn't always mean spending every waking moment with your significant other. This was certainly not the case for Jessica Limeberry, owner of Sophia's Bridal, and her husband, Matt ... at least not at first. They fell in love in one of the classic romantic settings – high school gym class. They didn't just stop at puppy love though; they have stayed together for the long haul – more than 20 years now.

After two years of dating at Center Grove High School they went off to different colleges, Jessica to DePauw University and Matt to Indiana State and IUPUI. During that time, Matt also joined the U.S. Army and became an officer. This required a lot of travel for Matt.

"We started to joke about how we spent more time in different zip codes than the same," Jessica laughed. "It worked for us though, because we were able to be independent while cherishing the time we had together," she added. They got married right out of college in 2006.

In 2008 they had their first child together. In 2009 Matt was deployed to Afghanistan, leav-

ing Jessica behind with their son. This was not easy for either of them. But Jessica had lots of support from family to help her along. At the time, Jessica was also running a wedding photography business so she needed all the help she could get.



Jessica and Matt Limeberry have been through it all in their 20 years together, from far and near. (Submitted photo)

"Both of our families lived on the Southside so that was super helpful," Jessica mentioned.

In 2017 Matt was deployed again, only this time he had four children to say goodbye to when he left.

"The second time we had so much more communication with each other because of technological advances. This made his deployment much easier, especially for the kids," Jessica said. During Matt's second deployment Jessica was running multiple Sophia's Bridal locations.

Things took a rough turn in 2019 when Jessica was diagnosed with lung cancer. She ended up with a collapsed lung which had to be removed. Thankfully, the cancer did not spread to her other lung, and she did not have to undergo any chemo or radiation. She again credits her family for supporting her through this difficult time.

"I also have to give a ton of credit to my staff at Sophia's Bridal," she mentioned. "They didn't call me once with any problems during my recovery. They handled it all on their own."

The pandemic created a new shift for Jessica, Matt and their four sons.

"We both went from being gone a lot to being totally together all the time," said Jessica. "It was an adjustment, but it was good to get into the nitty gritty with each other and spend so much more time with the kids." Matt also started to help run the bridal shops as they have now gone up to owning four locations. Jessica has really appreciated Matt's help. "I'm an art major and he has much more of an analytical mind, so it's really nice to hear his perspective on running the business as well," she said. In addition, they have been enjoying being able to travel together on some business trips and just spend more time together in general. "He's probably going to be deployed again soon, so we are appreciating this time together while we have it," said Jessica.

They are also doing their best to give back to people, especially people in the military. One thing Jessica is super proud of is her partnership with Brides Across America, an organization that donates 2,000 wedding dresses to military and first responder brides. "This is one of my favorite things we do, especially being

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... tied to the military myself. It's very rewarding," Jessica said.

Matt and Jessica have come a long way from their first meeting in high school gym class. Through distance and difficulty their love has continued to grow. While the military has given them the opportunity to relocate, they are happy to be in Indianapolis with their families. They have experienced great distances from each other as well as a more confined lifestyle during the pandemic. One thing that hasn't changed is their commitment to each other and to their family.

Roll up a sleeve

Blood donations are in highest need as hospitals approach critical supply

FEATURE

By Kelly Williams

Blood supply across Indiana is lower than normal creating what Celina Fabrizio, vice president of National Media Relations for Versiti Blood Center of Indiana, calls a dire state of need.

"Between the tragedies that have struck the Midwest recently as well as loss of appointments due to the holidays and special events, the need is more than urgent," Fabrizio stated.

Versiti is a lead supplier of blood services, products and specialty services to more than 60 hospitals throughout Indiana and explains that over 2,400 blood donations per day are required in order to maintain a safe and adequate supply of blood for patients in need within Indiana.

The American Red Cross broadens Versiti's explanation by citing that every two seconds a person in the United States needs blood or platelets.

Regardless of geographical location, a donor's generosity of one hour of time and a pint of blood has the potential to save three peo-

ple's lives who may be facing surgery, an organ transplant, suffer a traumatic injury, be burned, have a blood disorder and/or suffer from pregnancy complications.

The demand for both blood types remains high even though the most common blood type donated is O-positive. However, because O-negative blood is able to be administered to anyone, it is often in the greatest demand with the shortest supply with only 7 percent of Americans being O-negative blood types.

"As hospitals approach critical supply shortages, decisions about use and conservation of supply can't help but be made. There is no substitute for blood, it must be donated," Fabrizio stated.

Many Southside businesses and organizations have hosted blood drives for years and continue to do so during this time. Greenwood VFW Post 5864 has held a few successful blood drives with another company and will be home to a drive with Versiti on March 15 from 2 - 6 p.m. at 578 Commerce Parkway W. Drive.

"We will probably do this two or three times a year," said Steve Milbourn, commander of the

post. "As veterans, we have a higher calling, and it is important that we help those who need help."

Beginning with registration, then a brief medical screening, blood donation, then refreshments, the whole process takes on average one hour, while the actual blood draw itself takes just about six minutes, and most anyone is eligible.

Donors 17 years or older are eligible without parental consent, while 16-year-olds are able to donate but require parental authorization. All donors must have a photo ID that includes their birth date, and vaccinated individuals must wait 48 hours after receiving the vaccine before donating blood.

For those interested in hosting a local drive, contact Shannon Crawford, Donor Recruitment, Versiti/Indiana Blood Center at (317) 995-1713 to schedule a time when the blood mobile is available.

For more information on donating blood, donation sites, hosting a blood drive and/or other questions regarding blood donorship please go to versiti.org.

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Rocklane Christian Church
4430 Rocklane Road, Greenwood
Feb. 20, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Franciscan Alliance - ESSC and Sierra Building
1040 Sierra Drive, Greenwood
Feb. 24, 8 - 10:30 a.m.

Franciscan Health at Stones Crossing
1703 W. Stones Crossing Road, Greenwood
Feb. 24, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

New Hope Church
5307 W. Fairview Road, Greenwood
March 3, 4:30 - 8:30 p.m.

VFW Post 5864
578 Commerce Pkwy W Drive, Greenwood
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Find more at: donate.indiana.versiti.org/donor/schedules/county

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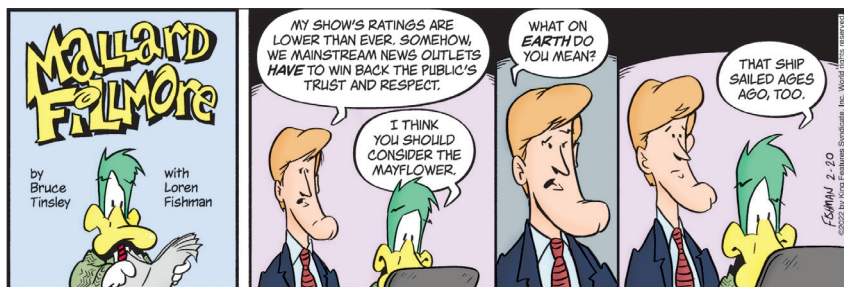
Top students in the Class of 2024. (Submitted photo)

CGHS recognizes top students in the Class of 2024

PSAT Scores - Center Grove High School honored 20 sophomores for their strong scores on the PSAT with a luncheon on Feb. 8. The students include Aarav Agrawal, Elise Armstrong, Ava Brock, Hermione Capps, Isabella Dills, Alita Fischer, Andrew Harmon,

Charles LaRocca, Logan Meyer, Kyle Montgomery, Jonathan Parackattu, Cooper Peters, Jenna Pippenger, Lindsay Ponder, Grayson Roberts, Nasser Sanwari, Lillie Speight, Jemma Walker, Chloe Wilhelm, and Max Wilkinson.

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Engaged in Indiana Wedding Show • See the latest trends in designs, colors and tastes for your wedding celebration. | When: Feb. 20, from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. | Where: The Nest Event Center 400 Byrd Way. | Facebook: Engaged Indiana Wedding Shows

Read & Bleed • Give the gift of life and roll up your sleeves while you read. All blood types are urgently needed. To schedule an appointment, please call (800)733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org. Ages 17 and up. | When: Feb. 22, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

Purse Bingo • Mark your calendar and plan on joining the Center Grove Education Foundation for an evening of food and fun as they raise money to support Center Grove

students and teachers! | When: Feb. 24, 5:30 p.m. | Where: Barn at Bay Horse Inn, 1468 W. Stones Crossing Road, Greenwood. | Info: centergrovefoundation.org/events

Friday Flicks @ the Library: "Harriet" • Join for the incredible true story of Harriet Tubman, one of America's greatest heroes. Movie is rated PG-13. Children under 13 must be accompanied by a parent. Refreshments will be provided. | When: Feb. 25, 6 - 8:15 p.m. | Where: 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

Heartland Crossing Bank • Tickets are \$6 per person in advance, \$8 at the door. | When: Feb. 26, 8 - 11 p.m. | Where: Greenwood VFW Post 5864, 578 Commerce Pkwy., Greenwood. | Info: (317) 888-2488.

Showcase of Champions • Tickets are on sale now for this performance by all Center Grove choirs. | When: March 1, 7 p.m. | Where: Center Grove High School, 2717 S. Morgantown Road, Greenwood. | Info: centergrovechoirs.org

Green Screen Magic • School-age children, take pictures anywhere in the world, or out of this world, with green screen magic! Have a movie idea but no set? Use a green screen and make your dream movie! | When: March 3, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. | Where: 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

Field of Dreams • Celebrate Creative Grounds Fine Arts Academy's 5th annual gala. | When: March 5, 5:30 p.m. | Where: Mallow Run 6964 West Whiteland Road, Bargersville. | Info: cgfinearts.org

Christian College Fair • Greenwood Christian Academy hosts this college fair, free and open to the public, with approximately 30 Christian colleges and universities from all over the country in attendance. There will also be a financial aid professional available to speak with families about paying for college. | When: March 8, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. | Where: 1495 W. Main St., Greenwood. | Info: ChristianCollegeFairs.com.

Studio You Yoga & Wine • Join Studio You with Yoga & Wine at The Sycamore at Mallow Run. Registration is \$15 and includes a full yoga class and a glass of wine of your choice. Bar is open 6 - 8 p.m. | When: March 9, 6:30 p.m. | Where: Mallow Run Winery, 6964 West Whiteland Road, Bargersville. | Info: mallowrun.com

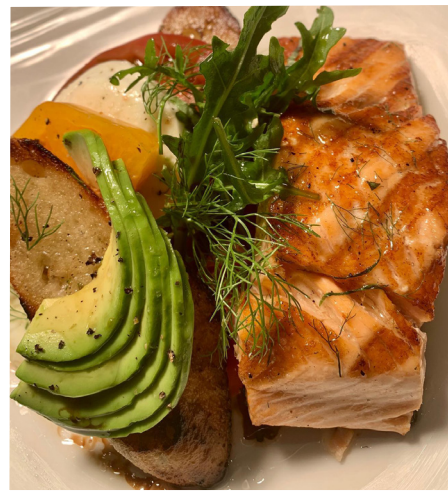
Blood Draw • Versiti Blood Center of Indiana is hosting the blood donation. VFW Post 5864, American Legion Post 1919, and the 40 & 8 Voiture Locale 145 will co-sponsor this event. | When: March 15, 2 - 6 p.m. | Where: VFW Post 5864, 578 Commerce Pkwy, W. Dr, Greenwood. | Info: (317) 888-2488

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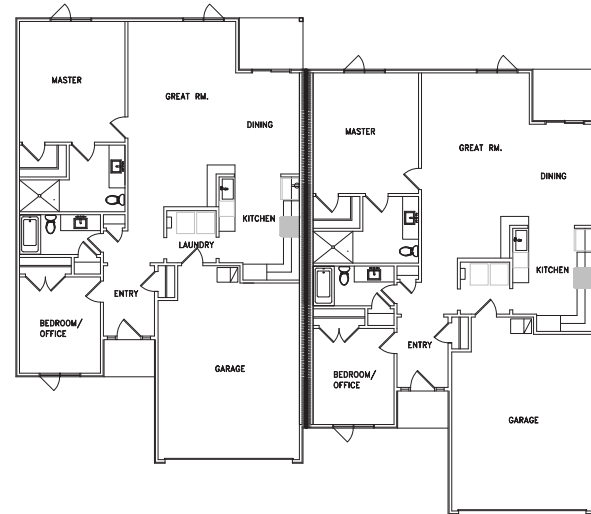
Our Table American Bistro

A new, upscale American restaurant in Bargersville blends old-world recipes and French-style baking with a warm, hospitable environment. Our Table American Bistro opened by owner and executive chef Joe Miller, who was professionally trained at Ivy Tech and studied in France. Executive Pastry Chef and Baker Tanya Smith, a Southside Indy resident, makes a variety of pastries including croissants, macarons, entremets and breads. A few specialties include Cajun Truffle Fries and Horseradish Crusted Grouper Filet. Signature cocktails are created by the restaurant's bartenders. Customers enjoy the Old World Lasagna, Bistro burgers and steak, as well as fresh seafood flown in daily. "I ordered the filet, and my husband ordered the grouper, and both were yummy," a Facebook review stated. "The apple pie and the peanut butter torte were amazing," according to another customer. Hours are Tuesday through Thursday, 5 to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 5 to 10 p.m.;



Grilled Salmon Caprese with heirloom tomato, buffalo mozzarella, fresh avocado and toasted crostini finished with aged balsamic, evoo and arugula. (Photo courtesy of Our Table American Bistro's Facebook page)

closed Sunday and Monday. For more information, go to ourtablerestaurant.com or call (317) 530-2624.



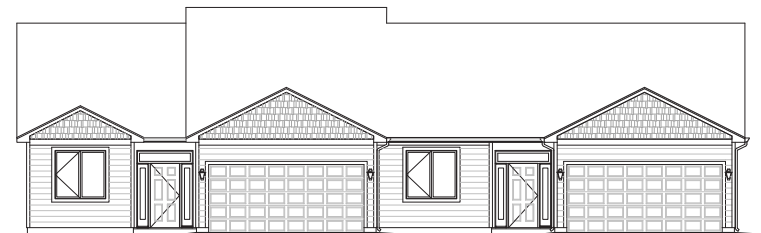
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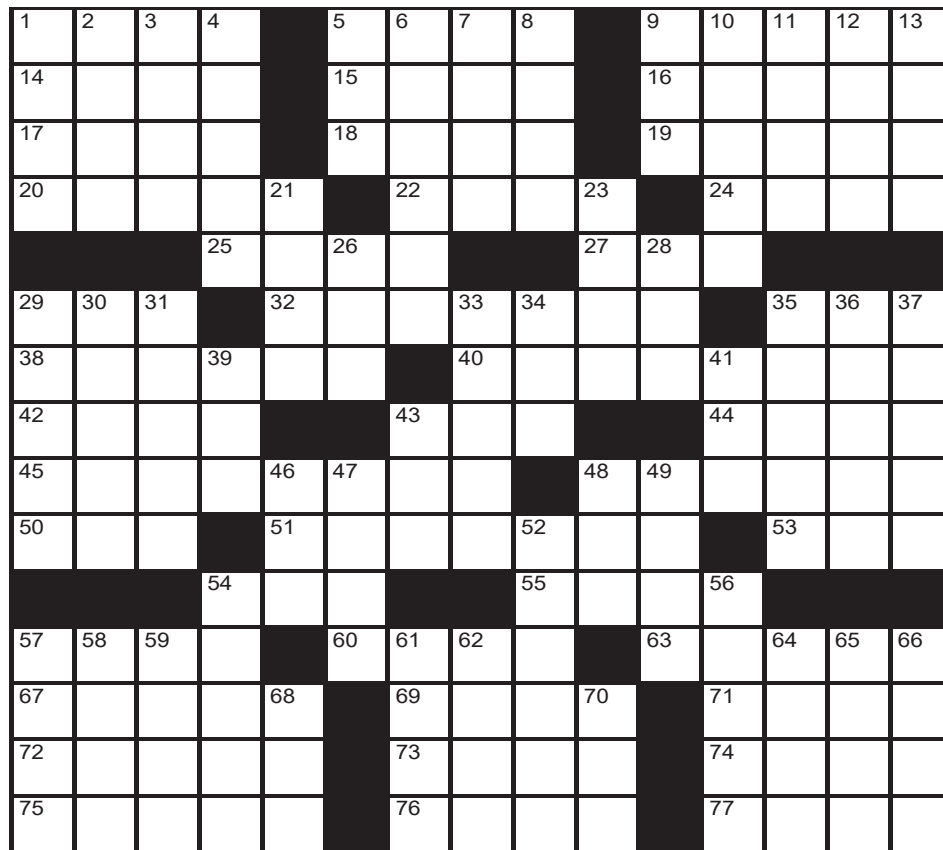
Pottery Painting Class

While this week's Spotlight may not be an art gallery per se, you can be the artist in this class at uPaint Pottery Studio, 3113 W. Smith Valley Road, Suite D, Greenwood. It's hard to believe we'll soon be hopping into spring. Prepare for the season ahead by making your own Bunny Egg Plate on March 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. The class is instructor led, but also allows participants to go at their own pace.

Feel free to change colors/design to meet your wishes. Class reservation of \$36 includes pottery, paints, supplies and a helping hand. uPaint offers classes throughout the year with different themes and designs or drop in to paint any piece of pottery of your choosing, any day during regular business hours. For more information or to register, visit upaintpotterystudio.com.

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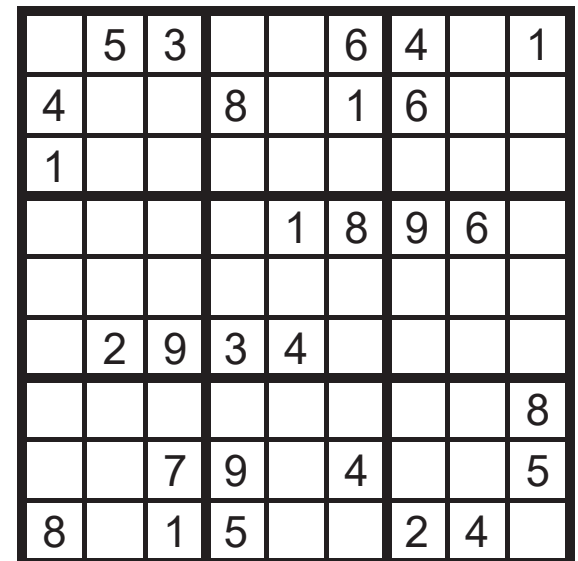
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The dangers of thinking everything is still roses and butterflies

By Mike Heffner

Are you still motivated and excited to tackle your goals of 2022? This time of year, it is easy to quickly move from the optimism of the new year into the doldrums of winter. This is when new year's resolutions start to go bad, and people start to fall back into old habits. Why is that? It is likely because you fell into a negative thinking pattern. It's equally dangerous that you had yourself thinking everything was going to be roses and butterflies at the start of the year with all that positivity.

What do they often say – "too much of a good thing is a bad thing"? In the case of negativity, too much of a bad thing is a terrible thing. I recommend thinking about another saying – "everything in moderation." This is not a political comment, but we cannot allow ourselves to get too far to the left or too far to the right. There's value in thinking about everything in moderation. Better said, find neutral thinking.

If you wake up with the mindset of *today is going to be a dreadful day*, it will be.

In the same way of thinking, if you wake up with the mindset that today is going to be the best day ever you could be a bit disappointed. We can have an optimistic viewpoint that is real. It does not have to be overly positive but cannot be negative. Real sounds neutral. It is not going to be a difficult day.

The golfer that warms up while thinking about how today is going to go bad will likely think it into fruition. A golfer that starts off a round thinking they are going to shoot par when they have never broken 80 sets up some possible negative thinking. It's important to be realistic and optimistic. The golfer that just focuses on getting a little closer to the hole on each shot will probably have the best round. This golfer is in the best position thanks to being present and focused on what is next.

Most of us spend too much time either looking back at all the bad things or we become so focused on the future fairyland that could be ahead that we allow our emotions to be yo-yoed around. It is like what happens when they say a snow-

storm "might" be coming. We go through all the snow apocalypse thoughts or we totally blow it off. Neutral thinking is not overreacting but simply preparing with a shovel, gas for the snow blower and some ice melt. Be prepared, and don't waste your mental energy.

Neutral thinking is thinking that no matter what happens, it was just something that happened. Accept what happened and then move on to find the advantage. It is not rocket science to reach neutral; look to have fewer negative thoughts and more positive ones. As William Shakespeare said over 400 years ago, "There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so."



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PEER-TO-PEER

Help needed

Why teens and seniors are essential in the current marketplace

By Howard Hubler

The other day I went to the paint store. The lady who waited on me was much older than I am, and I can buy senior coffee at McDonald's for 50 cents. I asked if she was working because nobody else could be found to do this job; she smiled and said, "Yes." She indicated with Omicron, spot absentees of a week or two are now common in the industry. That, combined with nobody wanting to work and the workforce down by say 2 percent make a bad problem worse. That's where she fits in.

Likewise, I went to a big box store; the workers appeared to be college aged. The manager was a friend of mine, and I commented on his young staff. He shared with me that if he gets a kid out of high school that doesn't know what they want to do, or a kid that's college aged and hasn't selected a career or gone to the military, they are good options for him to hire. They've never tasted free money and they're not against work, they've just never been pointed into a direction. He indicated that most of the

people that work for him fill in the gaps for people that don't want to work are either very young or very old. The old appreciate being needed and the young have never tasted free money and they're eager to start a quality career.

Now the government dole for folks is over on the Biden program. At the same time, we have rampant inflation. Whatever bucks you chucked in the savings account from living back in your parents' basement and taking government cheese is not going to last very long. The question remains for all of us: will this drive these young Hoosiers back into the marketplace? And if so, will they have developed a work ethic having nothing to do for the better part of two years?



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Center Grove continues to experience robust real estate market

Homes - Center Grove homes left the market quickly, as the robust residential real estate market continued in January 2022. According to F.C. Tucker Company, homes in Center Grove sold 6 days, or 23.1%, faster than this time last year. The average sale price of a Center Grove home also increased, up 17.6% to \$406,500 compared to January 2021. The average price per square foot also increased 31.6%, to \$195.15.

CGHS strength coach named INHSSCA Coach of the Year

Strength & Conditioning - Center Grove High School Strength Coach Marty Mills was named 2022 National High School Strength Coaches Association (NHSSCA) of the Year for Indiana. This award is given annually to a High School Strength and Conditioning Coach in recognition for his or her coaching achievements and passion for the profession. The State Coach of the Year is selected from among the top coaches across each state and receives an award certificate.



Marty Mills

CGHS junior earns perfect ACT score

Top Tier - Center Grove High School junior Grant Embrey earned the highest possible ACT composite score of 36. Fewer than half of 1% of students who take the ACT earn a top score. The ACT consists of tests in English, mathematics, reading, and science, each scored on a scale of 1-36. A student's composite score is the average of the four test scores.



Grant Embrey

"The City of Mist"

A haunting and captivating collection of short stories

BOOK REVIEW

By Amy Hamilton

"The City of Mist" is a collection of short stories by author Carlos Ruiz Zafon. The stories, released after his death in 2020, are beautiful to read and have a strong sense of place. Almost all the stories take place in Barcelona, Spain. Set in different historical eras that were important to Barcelonan history. Many of the stories occur during the early 1900s through the 1930s, when Barcelona and Spain had social unrest and the Spanish Civil War.

"Men in Grey" is about a hitman who must return to Barcelona to kill his mentor and friend during the political upheaval in 1930s Spain. "A Young Lady from Barcelona" is a fascinating story about a girl gifted with the ability to impersonate the recently departed to comfort loved ones.

"The Prince of Parnassus" is an enchanting magical realism story about Miguel de Cervantes traveling from Italy to Barcelona to save the woman he loves.

"The City of Mist" is a haunting and captivating collection of stories. You will want to visit Barcelona after reading this collection. Recommend for fans of "Cloud Cuckoo Land" by Anthony Doerr, "Public Library and Other Stories" by Ali Smith and "Codex" by Lev Grossman.



This review is written by Amy Hamilton, the adult/teen librarian of the Johnson County Public Library - White River Branch. She enjoys reading, knitting and taking long walks in the woods. Contact Amy at ahamilton@jcpclin.org.

Hydronym: discovering the world of water words

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

At some point, every person thinks about making his mark - leaving his legacy in this world. Because I tend to think, I have always thought it would be cool to have a geographical feature named after me. I'm not asking for an ocean or anything, but I wouldn't be opposed to a street in the nice area of town. I'd even be open to a ditch.

There's a ditch in Fishers, Ind. with a sign displayed in classic road sign green with familiar white lettering: Shoemaker Ditch. It's a humble ditch that announces itself with all the fanfare of an intrastate highway. Every time I pass the sign, I wonder: did Mr. or Ms. Shoemaker contribute to the history and development of this area? Or did one of them die a shoddy death in this shallow-depth ditch? The mind races.

Of course, you know what's coming next. There's a word for the name of a

body of water: a hydronym. Hydronym (Greek for "water name") is a subset of geographical toponyms (place names). Hydronomy refers to the naming of any body of water. I'm going to lump ditches and ponds in with rivers, lakes, fjords, seas and oceans. Even small, manmade bodies of water should count, IMHO (in my hydronymic opinion).

This got me to wondering: who gets to name bodies of water? This winding river of research led me to a group called the International Hydrographic Organization (IHO). The IHO is made up of 97 countries that agree on standards for surveying and charting bodies of water.

All's well and good in the IHO until a naming dispute arises. Take the Sea of Japan, for instance. This is the internationally-recognized name for the body of water bordered by Japan, North and South Korea and Russia. However, South Korea prefers "East Sea," while

North Korea likes "Korean East Sea." In 1992, the IHO decided to include "East Sea" as a secondary hydronym for the Sea of Japan. The North Koreans still aren't happy.

If you need a reason to celebrate on June 21, take the day off to celebrate World Hydrography Day, a day in which you celebrate the importance of hydrography. Of course, the group of folks who get to decide on names of bodies of water (the IHO) also invented this holiday. So when June 21 rolls around, raise a tall glass of water to hydrography and hydronyms. Perhaps some year in the not-too-distant future, part of that holiday will include the ribbon cutting for Honeycutt Ditch.



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ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

Adult:

"My Heart Went Walking: An Irish tale of love, loss, and redemption" by Sally Hanan

"The Cage" by Bonnie Kistler

"Black Cloud Rising" by David Wright Falade

"Wildcat" by Amelia Morris

Young Adult:

"Murder of Crows (Lethal Lit, Novel #1)" by K. Ancrum

"This Woven Kingdom" by Tahereh Mafi

"Ophelia After All" by Racquel Marie

"Riley's Ghost" by John David Anderson

Children:

"The Book That Did Not Want to Be Read" by David Sundin

"Tiny Cedric" by Sally Lloyd-Jones

"There's a Lion in the Forest!" by Monica Carnesi

"Lovebird Lou" by Tammi Sauer

Learning the definition of a true 'hero'

DEVOTIONAL

By Pastor Chris Philbeck

This past weekend I sat in my living room and watched both the AFC and NFC Championship games to see who would move on to play in Super Bowl LVI. Both games had thrilling finishes where "heroes" emerged to make winning plays. It's interesting the way our culture identifies heroes today. Interesting, but not accurate. It's not athletic ability, wealth, or fame that makes someone a hero. A hero is someone who gives their life for something bigger than themselves.

Recently I traveled to Dallas to spend a day with one of our mission partners, Pioneer Bible Translators (PBT). PBT began in 1976 when a Dallas area pastor was inspired with a vision to recruit missionaries to translate the Bible into the language of all people. Fast forward, and today God has used PBT to translate the Bible for 102 million speakers around the world. What I didn't expect on my visit was to run into a woman I had attended Bible college with almost 45 years ago. Her name is Marsha Relyea.

In 1984, Marsha and her husband, John went to Papua New Guinea as missionaries. While there, they worked as Bible translators for the Aruamu people group. The Aruamu people live in remote portions of the rainforest in Papua New Guinea. When the Relyeas began work with the Aruamu, the language had no written alphabet. But

John and Marsha learned the language by living and interacting with the people. They analyzed the grammatical and sound systems of the language and developed an alphabet. They then worked with Aruamu leaders on an extensive literacy program to ensure future generations of Aruamus would be able to read the translated scriptures.

Ultimately the translation of the entire New Testament was completed in 2004. Sadly, John died at the age of 49 and never got to see the printed completion of his and Marsha's work. On my visit to Dallas, I held in my hand both a copy of the New Testament and the entire Bible in the Aruamu language. What a remarkable, maybe I should say "heroic" accomplishment. My guess is that there are heroes who surround us every day because heroes, real heroes, are people who are selfless and generous and who give as much of themselves as possible to help others. So let's open our eyes to the heroes around us. And let's find ways to celebrate them, not for what they can do but for what they give.



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Puzzle Time Answers – ON PAGE 14
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- Movies: DR. NO, MOONRAKER, OCTOPUSSY, SKYFALL, SPECTRE
- Models: CIVIC, INSIGHT, ODYSSEY, PILOT
- Banks: BMO HARRIS, HOME BANK, REGIONS
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Raymond Jackson

Center Grove police chief helps open new emergency operations center

Compiled by Nancy Hammerstrom

Center Grove Police Chief Raymond Jackson knew from a young age that he wanted to pursue a career in law enforcement.

"My best friend's dad was a sergeant in the city I grew up in," Chief Jason said. "He would share stories with us on the good and bad. I wanted to change the narrative. Growing up in California during the 80s and 90s, the police were always in the news and social justice was the leading topic. There are good and bad in every profession, and I wanted to bridge the gap and be one of the good guys."

Jackson also nurtured his passion for sports while attending high school

in Santa Ana, Calif. After his school won state championships in basketball, football and track, Jackson attended Washington State University on a football scholarship, played in two bowl games (including the '98 Rose Bowl) and played for three NFL teams in four years, two seasons in the NFL Europe and one season in Arena Football League. Among his favorite memories? His first game of rookie season. "Just walking out on the field and seeing my family, knowing that I finally made it and living out a long-time dream," Jackson said.

In 2002, Jackson graduated at the top of his class from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Academy and served with the LA County Sheriff's Depart-

ment before relocating to Indiana, his wife's home state. Jackson worked for the Fishers Police Department as a patrol officer and school resource officer at Hamilton Southeastern High School. He was a member of the S.W.A.T. sniper team and taught D.A.R.E. to elementary students. In addition, he was a special investigator and has worked corporate fraud cases over the years.

The Center Grove Police Department, along with the White River Township Fire Department, Bargersville Fire Department and Johnson County Sheriff's Department, recently celebrated a ribbon cutting for the new Center Grove Emergency Operations Center at 2309 S. Morgantown

Road in Greenwood. The center will house all four departments.

"The EOC provides our officers a new headquarters, something we haven't had. It allows us to be centrally located, can monitor our cameras, a place to train and to work side by side with other agencies," Jackson said. "My goal is to continue to grow our department and provide more platforms to keep our students and staff safe."

Jackson, a father to three CGHS grads, credits his faith as a Christian to help him want to become a better officer. "It teaches me to treat others with respect and allows me to see that everyone has struggles," he said.

What do you consider your greatest virtue?

I would say kindness.

What do you most dislike in others?

Hatred and stupidity

What do you like most about living in Center Grove?

It's a safe community, very peaceful.

If you had to live elsewhere than in Johnson County, where would it be?

California or Hawaii. I love the weather, beaches and diversity.

If you could begin life over, what would you change?

Nothing, I'm a firm believer that everything happens for a reason. I am who I am because of the good and bad things that have happened during my life.

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

I would give it away to people that were less fortunate than me.

What makes you happiest?

The beach and being in the ocean.

What is your favorite vacation spot?

Oahu, Hawaii

What do you do with idle time?

It used to be coaching up my kids, helping them in whatever sport they were playing at the time. Now that I am an empty nester, going to the gym and playing golf.

What is it that makes you angry?

Being hit in the head, being called a racial slur and losing.

What do you do to escape from reality?

I enjoy doing yardwork and

cleaning (Indiana). Going to the beach (California).

What or who is the love of your life?

My kids

Which living person in JC do you most admire?

My friend Craig Gentry. He is a great father, friend, husband and lives his life with integrity.

What is your greatest extravagance?

Not really an extravagance person. If anything, maybe traveling or shoes.

What are your fears, phobias?

The fear of failing and having my freedom taken away.

What has been the happiest time of your life?

Being a dad to my three kids

What talent would you most likely to possess?

I feel grateful for everything God has given me and blessed to have all the talents I need to do what he has called me to do.

What do you most value in your friends?

Honesty and accountability

Which historical figure do you most identify with?

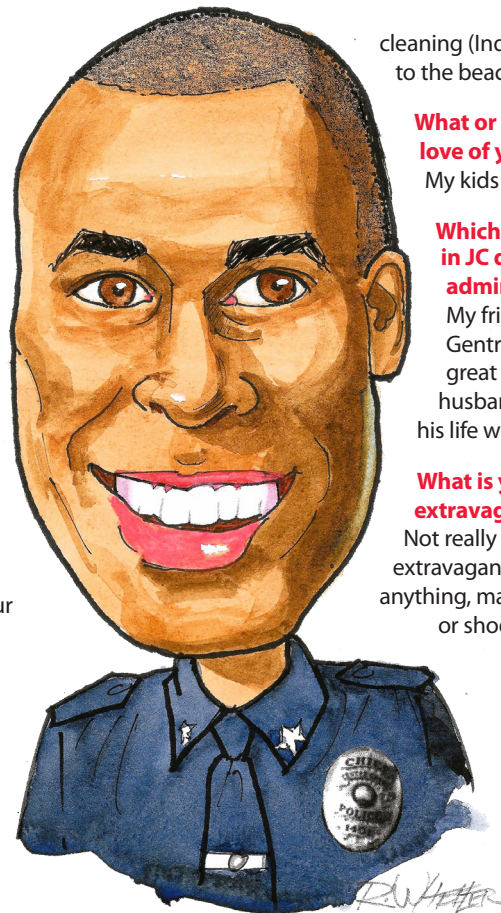
Dr. Martin Luther King. Leadership, passion, fight for what is right. I try my best to live by that creed.

What is your greatest regret?

Not taking my education more seriously and finishing my master's.

What tenet do you live by?

Treat others like you would like to be treated.





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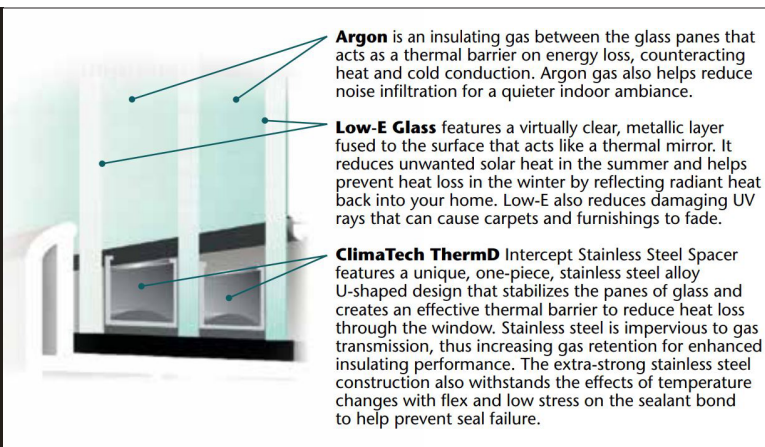
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