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(Cover) American Ninja Warrior Jr. Season 3. | (Left) Jess competes at the Boss competition in November 2021 in Nashville, Tenn. | (Middle) American Ninja Warrior Season 14. | (Right) Jess Wombles in the pilot's seat. (Photos by Melissa Wombles)

## The sky's the limit

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### COVER STORY

By Todd Travis

#### Being one for uniqueness

Following in her dad's footsteps, Jess Wombles was hooked on flying propeller planes from the moment she sat in the pilot's seat. "I was a little scared at first, but then it became my favorite thing. The first time my dad let me put my hands on the controls I just felt very close to flying," Wombles recalled.

Wombles tried a lot of sports from a young age, looking for a new sport to try every few years.

"Flying was a big thing that just helped me realize I'm one for uniqueness," she said. "That's where me knowing that my sport is ninja came in. It's something you don't see every day."

#### Introduction to 'American Ninja Warrior'

About six years ago, one of Wombles' neighbors introduced her to the show "American Ninja Warrior." At that time, Wombles was doing gymnastics and cheer, and her friends suggested she make it a goal to get on the show. "They were like,

'this would be the perfect show for you.' So of course I was like 'I definitely would want to be on the show. It's so cool!'; never imagining in a million years that I would actually be on the show," she said. Wombles began watching the show regularly with her friends and cheering on her favorite competitors every time the show aired. A little while later, she actually built a mini training course under the deck at her house. After watching an episode, she would immediately go out to the deck and start playing on the obstacles, pretending she was on the show.

#### Getting serious about training

After a couple years of dreaming and imagining herself on the show, Wombles decided it was time to look for some serious training if she wanted her dream to become a reality. She was only in seventh grade at this point and didn't realize at the time you needed to be 21 to compete on the show. Still, she did some research and

found Train Yard 317, a ninja training gym. "I remember the first class I went to – I was in heaven seeing all the obstacle courses and the famous warped wall. I also saw people that were on the show and my jaw just dropped," she described. It was also a little bit of a reality check for her as she realized the obstacles were much more dif-

icult than they looked when she was watching the show. "I was thinking I could show everyone what I was made of. But I quickly realized I could not do ANYTHING in there. I jumped to grab a rope and ended up falling flat on my face and I couldn't even get up halfway up the warped wall," she remembered.

#### Pushing through adversity

Wombles didn't let this challenge discourage her. She realized it was going to take a lot of work to make the show, but she also realized that she had found a sport that she loved and wanted to excel. "I worked harder than I ever thought I could,

and I got to the point where the things I thought were hard before started to feel easy," she said. She made a believer out of everyone, including her coach George O'Dell, who knew she would have to push her limits to achieve her goals. "Jess has what it takes to lead people and inspire people and to achieve greatness in whatever she wants," O'Dell mentioned. At this point, "American Ninja Warrior" had added a junior class, and Wombles was selected to compete on their third season. Competing on the show only fueled her fire and made her want to work harder and get better.

#### Living the dream

After competing on the junior show, Wombles got right back into the gym and increased the intensity of her training. She also took the opportunity to train younger ninjas who want to get into the sport. Her determination has now earned her a spot on the adult version of "American Ninja Warrior" which will be aired on June 27 on NBC. She is the first 15-year-old from Indiana to compete on the adult version of "American Ninja Warrior" and one of only five total 15-year-olds competing on season 14.

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- GEORGE O'DELL



## ICONic briefs

### Summer Concert Series returns to Greenwood Park Mall

**Entertainment** – Adding to the vibrant roster of summer festivals and outdoor events throughout Indianapolis, Greenwood Park Mall announced details of its Summer Concert Series. Presented by Ray Skillman, the free public concert series kicked off June 2, with a performance by Crush, the ultimate Bon Jovi experience. Concerts are slated for consecutive Thursdays, through July 21, from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Each concert is set to take place at Greenwood Park Mall's outdoor fountain, located near Entrance 3, next to Bar Louie. From classic rock and party hits to country favorites, the Summer Concert Series will spotlight local bands from a range of popular genres. Drinks are available for purchase from Payless Liquors for guests 21+. Attendees are also encouraged to bring their own blankets and chairs for seating. Announced shows in the Greenwood Park Mall concert series include:

**June 23:** Jambox

**June 30:** Tastes Like Chicken (Give Back Night for Simon Youth Foundation) Soft drinks, water and fresh popcorn will be available for a donation from the students at Clark-Pleasant Academy

**July 7:** Blue River Band

**July 14:** Five After Midnight

**July 21:** Revery

For more information, visit [simon.com/mall/greenwood-park-mall/news-and-events](http://simon.com/mall/greenwood-park-mall/news-and-events).

### Free, year-round obstacle course set to open on June 10

**Fitness** - Training for an obstacle course race? A practice course is just a short drive away. Central Indiana's fun, new outdoor attraction, the Gatling Gauntlet obstacle course, officially opened to the public with a grand opening event on June 10. The Gatling Gauntlet, located at 7995 Gatling St., Nineveh (in Johnson County Park), is a 1.6-mile extreme fitness course with 20 fun, challenging obstacles. Since this course is designed with beginner and advanced options for most of the obstacles, it is attainable for people of varying skill levels. The course was built by Festival Country Indiana in partnership with Johnson County Park. Participants can experience military-style and obstacle-race-style fitness challenges like a cargo net climb, incline wall climb, tire flip, belly crawl, Atlas stone life, balance beam, and much more. People can enjoy the course one time or do two laps around it to make it a 3.2-mile run, which is a 5k experience. People who complete the course can get a free sticker and can purchase Gatling Gauntlet shirts at the park office at 2949 North St., Nineveh, or at the Festival Country Visitor Center at

66 S. Water St. in Franklin. While the event is open to all ages, users of the obstacle course must be at least 13 years old. Visit [gatlinggauntlet.com](http://gatlinggauntlet.com) for more information.

### Free summer meals available to students across indiana

**Feeding Our Communities** - This summer, all Indiana students age 18 and younger have access to free, nutritious meals and snacks at more than 1,000 locations statewide through the 2022 Summer Food Service Program. To find a Summer Food Service site, families can visit [IDONutrition.com](http://IDONutrition.com) to search for sites nearby. This tool allows families to search by the meal served and days of the week where meals are offered. Families can also call the National Hunger Hotline at 1-866-3-HUNGRY or 1-877-8-HAMBRE or text "summer meals" or "verano" to the National Hunger Hotline at 914-342-7744 for additional assistance. June marks the busiest month for the Summer Food Service Program, with many families seeking help finding nutrition resources for their children.



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## Bob Rohman's **INDY** Athlete of the Month **HONDA** Kylie Crum

By Mark Ambrogi

Center Grove High School thrower Kylie Crum finished her high school career with a special showing.

Crum finished sixth in the shot put with a throw of 41 feet, 8.25 inches in her first state track and field meet June 3 in Bloomington, Ind.

"Getting on the podium senior year was amazing," Crum said. "I put so much time and effort into my training this year and it's nice to see it pay off. It's also amazing because I was throwing 35 feet consistently last year and to have a personal best over 41 feet is amazing. I really focused on breaking down my form and making improvements where they were needed."

Crum said her motivation is self-driven.

"I know that I have more to learn and more effort to give to

be the best thrower I can be, and that is what pushes me to continue to practice," she said.

Crum said her father John Crum, and late mother Sheryl Crum have always been supportive and encouraging. That support has given her confidence, she said. Sheryl died in January at age 46 from COVID-19.

Crum will compete for Milwaukee School of Engineering's track and field team. The school competes in NCAA Division III athletics.

"I got attached to Milwaukee because of the campus as well as the coaching staff," Crum said. "There is some much to do on and off of campus because it is located in downtown Milwaukee.

Crum will continue to throw the shot and discus and said she also hopes to throw the hammer and the weight.

"I have tried throwing hammer before and I absolutely love throwing it," she said. "I haven't been able to

spend much time focusing on hammer though seeing as we cannot throw it in high school."

She enjoys the individual and team portion of track and field.

"I started throwing in seventh grade because one of my teachers was a coach for the track team and he told me that I should try throwing," Crum said. "I really liked throwing from the start and my love for the sport only grew the more I learned about throwing. I love the team and individual aspect of track. I am part of a team and I want to earn points to help my team place first overall, but I also get to compete for myself regardless of how the team does."

Crum played soccer for 13 years.

"I have always been a goalie in soccer," she said. "I love being able to see the whole field and having the ability to help my teammates out."

### THE CRUM FILE

**AGE:** 18

**HEIGHT:** 5-foot-9

**SPORTS:** Track and field and soccer

**CLASS:** 2022 Center Grove High School graduate

**COLLEGE PLANS:** Will attend Milwaukee School of Engineering to major in civic engineering and compete for the track and field team.

**HOBBIES:** Baking, playing board games, hiking, swimming and playing soccer

**FAVORITE VACATION SPOT:** North Carolina

**FAVORITE SUBJECT:** Math

**FAVORITE MOVIE:** "Remember the Titans"

**PARENTS:** John Crum and the late Sheryl Crum. Stepmother is Vicki Crum.

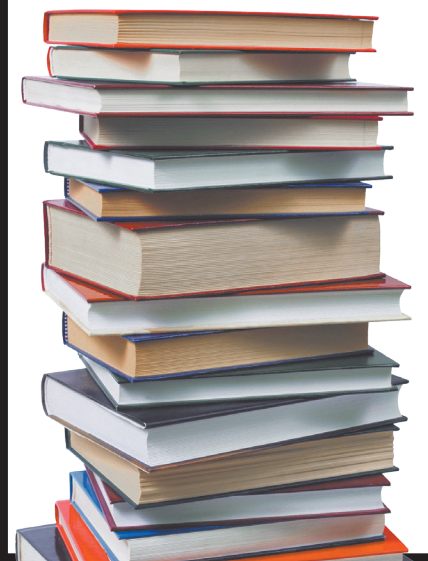


Kylie Crum, a 2022 Center Grove High School graduate, finished sixth in the shot put June 3 in the state meet. (Photos courtesy of Kylie Crum)

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### Freedom Springs Aquatic Center celebrates successful opening week

**Water Park** - The City of Greenwood celebrated another successful opening week for its popular Freedom Springs Aquatic Center, which officially opened its doors for the 2022 season on May 28. "It's not summertime in Greenwood without Freedom Springs," said Greenwood Mayor Mark W. Myers. "Last year we welcomed more than 115,000 people to Freedom Springs and I hope this year we top that mark." The facility welcomed approximately 11,000 guests from May 28 through June 5 and sold over 2,000 season passes to residents and non-residents. Scheduled events include: Adult Nights (21 and older), June 17 - Big 80s Acoustic set, July 22 - Karaoke - DJ MAC Events, Aug. 5 - Blue River Band; Family Fun Night: July 7; Puppy POOLooza: Sept. 10; and TOTswim: Every Monday in August 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Season passes are currently being sold at the Greenwood Community Center, Greenwood Fieldhouse and Freedom Springs. The 2022 season is scheduled to run through Monday, Sept. 5. For additional details on pricing, hours, park features and other information, please visit [greenwood.in.gov](http://greenwood.in.gov).



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## Express Employment Professionals named winner of Central Indiana Top Workplaces 2022 award

### FEATURE

By Blake Williams  
Express Employment  
Professionals

Express Employment Professionals has announced that they have been named a 2022 Top Workplace in Central Indiana by the Indianapolis Star. Express receives the award for the eighth consecutive year – coming in at #14 in the small-sized company category.

Express Employment Professionals is a full-service workforce solutions company and employment agency. Express along with the Specialized Recruiting Group, the new professional recruitment division of Express look to staff, recruit and hire candidates in several areas: Accounting, Finance, Office Services, Professional, Advanced Manufacturing, Skilled Trades and Light Industrial. Express credits the award to building a sustainable culture, empowering its employees and continuing to strive to make a difference.

Mike Heffner, local franchise owner of the Indianapolis South and Columbus offices, said, "It's always a great honor to be named a Top Workplace. It's a testament to the unselfishness, hard work and values of our team. We not only work hard to serve our clients by connecting them to top talent, but we serve each other every day as an Express family."

The prestigious Top Workplaces award is based solely on the results of an employee feedback survey administered by Energage, working in partnership with IndyStar. Over

1,000 companies applied for the award, and 92 were recognized as a Top Workplace. The anonymous survey uniquely measures 15 culture drivers that are critical to the success of any organization: including alignment, execution and connection, just to name a few.

Heffner said, "This award reflects our 'why.' Finding your purpose and serving others is fulfilling work. We love being able to help make a difference and help people succeed. Our vision is to inspire hope for associates, clients and community."

"During this very challenging time, Top Workplaces has proven to be a beacon of light for organizations, as well as a sign of resiliency and strong business performance," said Eric Rubino, Energage CEO. "When you give your employees a voice, you come together to navigate challenges and shape your path forward. Top Workplaces draw on real-time insights into what works best for their organization, so they can make informed decisions that have a positive impact on their people and their business."

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### Greenwood native earns 4.0 GPA at University of Arkansas at Little Rock

**Perfect Grades** - Devin Trammell, of Greenwood, is one of more than 50 University of Arkansas at Little Rock student-athletes who finished the spring 2022 semester with a perfect 4.0 GPA. UA Little Rock student-athletes posted another stellar semester in the classroom, accumulating a departmental 3.268 GPA during the spring 2022 semester. The cumulative GPA for the Trojans is 3.358, extending the department's streak. Nearly one-fifth of all Trojan student-athletes (52) achieved a 4.0 GPA over the course of the spring semester with over 64 percent of student-athletes recording a 3.0 or better GPA.

### Center Grove alum graduates from Anderson University with perfect GPA

**Graduation** - During the May 7 graduation ceremony, 32 students received MBA degrees from Anderson University. On June 2, a banquet was held to present those graduates with framed diplomas as well as present plaques to graduates who received a 4.0 GPA during their graduate career. There were five students who earned a 4.0 GPA. Sarah Connors, a 2017 Center Grove High School graduate was one of those five students. She was a student in the 10-month residential MBA program at Anderson University.



Kroger shoppers packed police cruisers throughout the day June 4. (Submitted photo)

### Kroger Packs the Cruiser at local food drives

**Food drive** - Kroger stores across Johnson and Hamilton counties took the time to "Pack the Cruiser," in a four-hour food drive. This is the sixth year for the drive that strives to ensure local children have access to nutritious meals during the summer months. Kroger stated that generous shoppers filled police cruisers many times over the day. Kroger hosted the first "Pack the Cruiser" drive six years ago at our three Fishers stores, led by the Fishers Police Department and Hamilton County Harvest Food Bank. The drive has grown to include law enforcement agencies across Hamilton County. Also, last year, police in Greenwood and Franklin joined the food drive and participated again this year.



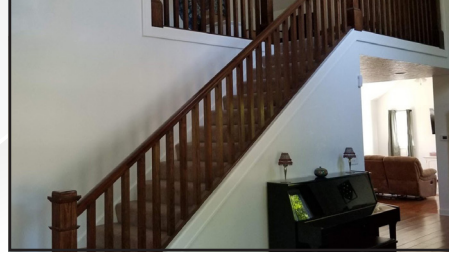
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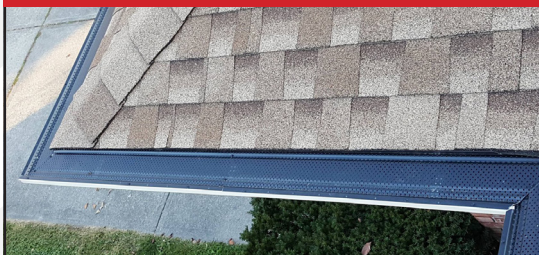
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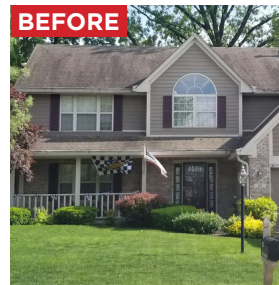
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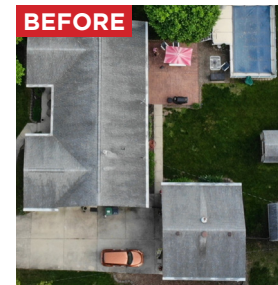
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(Left) From left, Dr. Krista Nelson, Beth Knapp, Amy Dickinson, Katie Bruner and Misty Spittler. Nelson was presented with a bench with funds collected from the student body. | (Right) Jennifer Rakow, president of the Center Grove Education Foundation, presents a check of \$500 to Principal Dr. Krista Nelson to go to the purchase of furniture for the outdoor pavilion. (Submitted photos)



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## Taking education outdoors

### Students, teachers, celebrate the ribbon cutting for Center Grove Elementary's new outdoor classroom

By Nicole Davis

Teachers at Center Grove Elementary expressed an interest in taking students outside and give them an alternative classroom experience. The school PTO, with help from the community, made it happen. They celebrated the ribbon cutting for the school's new outdoor classroom on May 20.

The classroom includes a pavilion complete with electricity so students can still use their computers outside, picnic tables, raised bed gardens and more.

"We're all really excited about it," said Sarah Schenk, PTO volunteer with Purdue

Extension Johnson County. "There's so much merit to getting kids outside and free time in nature."

At the ribbon cutting, the Center Grove Education Foundation presented the PTO with a \$4,500 check for furniture for the pavilion. Dr. Krista Nelson, who will leave as Center Grove Elementary principal to move to a district-level position this year, was presented with a bench with funds collected from the student body. Then they took the opportunity to celebrate the end of the school year with bounce houses, food trucks, a DJ, airbrush tattoos and more.

The outdoor classroom has been sup-

ported by a wide range of benefactors: Tractor Supply donated troughs for raised bed gardens; Mike Harris designed and installed the timber border for the State of Indiana Garden; Barbara Lowe Hamilton donated a peony bush for the State of Indiana Garden; Mike Bergman donated limestone examples for the State of Indiana Garden; Bill Hendricks helped install the timber border; Sandy Fougerousse donated a rain barrel; Petrica Popovicu donated heirloom tomato and pepper plants for the salsa garden; McCarty Mulch contributed garden soil; an anonymous donor donated mulch; and the Schenk and Shaffer families installed the

raised beds. Sarah Hanson, Master Gardener Program coordinator and Donna Rogler, DNR Forestry, served as consultants.

Schenk said this is a multi-year project which will eventually include a mini arboretum with local state trees, limestone, a native plant area with alternate seating and other things that represent the State of Indiana.

Volunteers are still needed for the project for things such as helping during the summer with the vegetable gardens or donations. Contact the PTO for more information: Facebook: Center Grove Elementary School PTO.

## ICONic briefs

### Center Grove High School graduates 638 students in the Class of 2022

**Graduation** – Center Grove High School (CGHS) graduated 638 students on June 5. The ceremony was webcast on the CGCSC YouTube channel at [youtube.com/centergroveschools](https://youtube.com/centergroveschools). The valedictorian of the CGHS Class of 2022 is Gavin Anderson. Gavin ended his high school career with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.864. He will attend Indiana University to study political science and music and plans to pursue a career in law. The 2022 salutatorian for the Class of 2022 is Raef Sauer who finished with a GPA of 4.851. Raef plans to at-



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tend Indiana University to study Biochemistry and Spanish. CGHS has several graduates who plan to serve in the military following graduation. Drake Buchanan has accepted an appointment to US Air Force Academy. Chase Ennis will attend Army ROTC. Eighteen students have enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, Army, Marines, or Navy. Among the graduates, 279 seniors will receive Core 40 with Academic Honors diplomas, 13 will receive the Core 40 with

Technical Honors diploma, and 47 seniors will receive both. To qualify for Academic

Honors, students must meet additional requirements beyond the state mandates for a Core 40 diploma, earn a total of at least 47 credits that are recommended to include additional math, world language, and fine arts credits, earn a grade of a B or better, and meet certain AP, dual credit, or SAT/ACT requirements. Technical Honors recipients must also meet state mandates for a Core 40 diploma, earn a total of at least 47 credits that are recommended to include additional math credits, earn a grade of a B or better, and complete



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either dual credits in a technical area or additional career-readiness criteria. Forty-three seniors will receive an associate's degree in General Studies from Vincennes University, along with their high school diploma, through the CGHS Early College program. Thirty-one of those seniors have earned college honors. Seventy-six students will receive a 30-hour Indiana College Core certificate, which means they have met all requirements for general education courses at all state universities in Indiana.



## Caps off to grads

### Celebrate the graduating Class of 2022

Compiled by Nicole Davis

They've studied hard, put in the time and it has paid off in a big way. Whether it came easily or with many sacrifices, these high school seniors are graduating with top honors and heading off their chosen path in life. Here, get to know those who ranked at the tops of their classes at area private schools.

**Congratulations to all of our 2022 graduates!**

#### GREENWOOD CHRISTIAN ACADEMY



**Sarah Ziegler**  
Valedictorian  
GPA: 4.0

**Future plans:** Attend Grand Canyon University to study elementary and special education

**Extracurriculars or hobbies:** Swimming, Adventure Crew (through the Boy Scouts), and enjoys training dogs

**Favorite book/movie:** The original Lion King Movie

**What motivates you to succeed in your education?** I am motivated by knowing that God has a purpose for me and succeeding in my education, will help me to achieve that purpose.

**What makes you happiest?** Knowing I have helped another person in life

**What talent would you most like to possess?** I wish I were a better singer.



**Delaney Dillard**  
Salutatorian  
GPA: 4.0

**Future plans:** Butler University, study middle/secondary math education

**Extracurriculars/hobbies:** ASL Club, NHS, cheerleading, bowling, Theatre at Creative Grounds Fine Arts Academy

**Favorite book/movie:** "Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine"

**What motivates you to succeed in your**

**education?** The more wisdom I have, the more wisdom I can share with the next generation!

**What makes you happiest?** Performing and using my gifts to glorify God

**What talent would you most like to possess?** I wish I was more athletic!

#### RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL



**Anne Ameis**  
Valedictorian

**Future plans:** I will attend Miami University of Ohio to major in biology and co-major in pre-med. I also hope to minor in psychology and nutrition.

**Extracurriculars/hobbies:** Co-founder of Earth Club; member of Student Council, Ski Club and Four Paws Club; executive board member of South Deanery Dance Marathon; participant in Unified Track and CYO Basketball

**Favorite book/movie:** "Harry Potter"

**What motivates you to succeed in your education?** My desire to always learn more

**What makes you happiest?** Being with friends and family

**What talent would you most like to possess?** Public speaking skills



**Katrina Gangstad**  
Salutatorian

**Future plans:** Purdue for veterinary medicine in the Vet Scholars Program

**Extracurriculars/hobbies:** I play varsity tennis, co-founder of Earth Club, CYO Volleyball, Four Paws Club

**Favorite book/movie:** "The Hunger Games"

**What motivates you to succeed in your education?** My goal of becoming a veterinarian

**What makes you happiest?** Spending time with my friends and family

**What talent would you most like to possess?** Flying

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## ICONic cartoon





# letter to the editor

## Local American Legion, VFW give thanks to heartfelt donation

The American Legion and VFW were passing out flags and giving out poppies for donations for needy veterans recently. A lady with tears in her eyes said she didn't have any money and she wanted to donate. She gave me a book of stamps. I told her that I didn't want to take her stamps because she needed them. I would give her the money for the donation. She handed me the stamps and she started crying and said give them to a veteran.

With a heavy heart and tears in my eyes I took her donation.

Ma'am may God bless you and comfort you may He take the sadness from your heart. Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us everyday unseen unheard but always near still loved still missed and very dear.

**Thank God and thank you,  
MAJ. Don Worthington  
Honor Guards from American  
Legion Post 252, Greenwood  
and VFW Post 6978  
New Whiteland**

# NIGHT & DAY LOCAL Entertainment ENTERTAINING

## EVENTS calendar

**Puzzle Bingo** • Play Bingo to win puzzles. All supplies provided in this family program. | When: June 20, 2 - 3 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

**Let's Shellabrate** • Looking to DIY those summer vacation seashells you tracked down on the beach? Bring your favorite finds June 21st as we make Seashell Garland for National Seashell Day! All supplies provided. | When: June 21, 6 - 7:30 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

**Jambox** • Part of the Summer Concert Series with Greenwood Park Mall, enjoy a free public concert every Thursday through July 21. This week, Jambox will perform. Attendees are also encouraged to bring their own blankets and chairs for seating. | When: June 23, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Park Mall's outdoor fountain, located near entrance 3, next to Bar Louie. | Info: simon.com/mall/greenwood-park-mall/news-and-events

**Bogey's and Beach Songs** • Show us Your Love and Support while raising money for DSI (Down Syndrome Indiana)! Bring kids and Putt Putt for \$8! All you have to do is say you're "Playing for DSI." Anyone with Down Syndrome plays free. Also visit the silent auction and baked goods Table. | When: June 24, 5 - 9 p.m. | Where: Otte Golf and Family Fun Center, 681 Sheek Road, Greenwood. | facebook.com/kindnessdeliveredinc

**Greenwood Freedom Festival** • Join for a parade and an evening of live music on the Event Lawn featuring the NACHI stage. Rocking sessions include 5:30 p.m. with Groove Smash and Toy Fac-

tory at 7:30 p.m. Festival Partners will have booths to peruse. Enjoy lots of good food and a new beer and wine garden on the courts! Then join in as we Honor Our Heroes with Grace Assembly of God at 9:15 p.m. and end the evening saluting the flag and celebrating freedom with KORN Country Musical Fireworks blasting off at 10:15 p.m.! | When: June 25, 4 p.m. parade, followed by the festival until fireworks begin at 10:15 p.m. | Where: Craig Park, Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/events/987819325207119/

**Picnic Concert Series: The Flying Toasters** • Join for wine and music on the lawn. Food trucks will also be lined up outside the tasting room offering a variety of mobile eats. | When: June 25, 12 - 9 p.m., Music on the Patio with Craig Thurston, 12 - 3 p.m. and The Flying Toasters, 6 - 9 p.m. | Where: Mallow Run Winery, 6964 W. Whiteland Road, Bargserville. | Info: mallowrun.com

**Outdoor Sunset Yoga** • Enjoy an evening of sunset outdoor yoga with live music at Greenwood Amphitheater! Practice cultivate peace, strength, focus and release. All levels are welcome! Bring a mat, water and join for a Sunday evening sunset yoga! Cost: \$15. | When: June 26, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Amphitheater, 300 S. Madison Ave., Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/studioyoyoga

**Rollin' for Rescues** • This fundraiser for Johnson County Humane Society features bowling, bourbon and wine pulls, a raffle and a DJ. Call to reserve your spot. A team of four is \$110. | When: June 26, 11:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Where: Hi-Way Lanes, 400 N. Morton St., Franklin. | info: facebook.com/HSJIndiana/events/

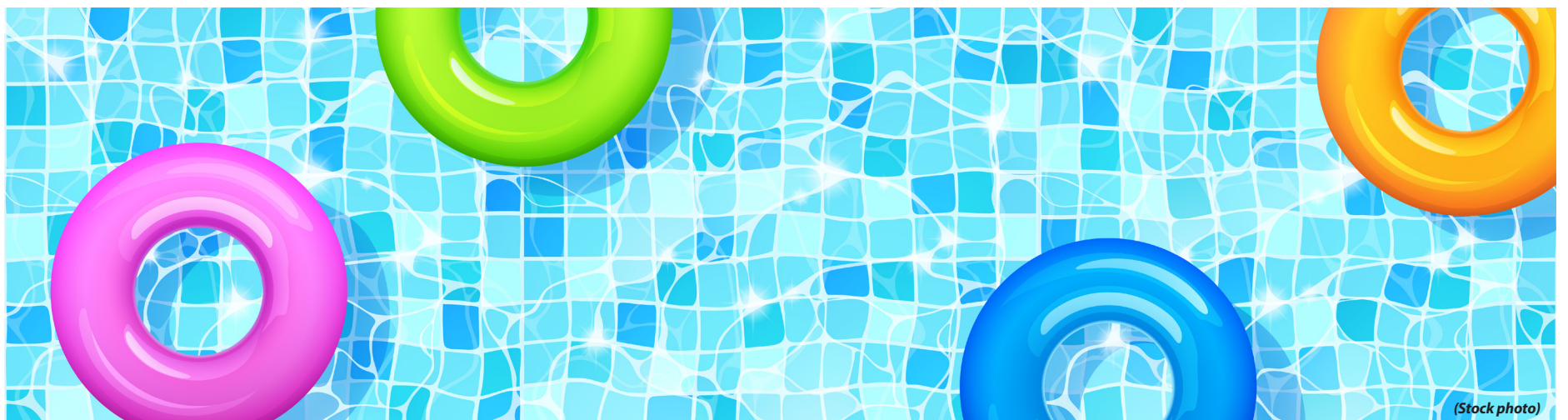
**4th of July Crafts** • School-age children can celebrate the Declaration of Independence by making crafts to decorate your room for the holiday. | When: June 27 and June 29, 4 - 5 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

**Crafting for a Cause - Senior Fidget Blankets** • Make the world a better place, one craft at a time! Stop in to make lap blankets to provide calming activities for dementia patients with restless hands. Child's caregiver required. | When: June 29, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

**Greater Greenwood Community Band Patriotic Concert** • Enjoy a collection of patriotic favorites from the community band. Bring a lawn chair to enjoy this free event. | When: July 1, 7 - 8 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Amphitheater, 100 Surina Way, Greenwood. | Info: greenwoodband.org/events/

**Cartoons in the Park** • Enjoy a night of your favorite Looney Toon episodes under the stars. Bring a blanket or lawn chair. | When: July 1, 8:30 - 10:30 p.m. | Where: Old City Park, 304 S. Meridian Road, Greenwood. | Info: greenwoodlibrary.us

**Red, White and Blueberry Festival** • Join for a weekend of food, music and all things blueberry. Mallow Run will release its Blueberry Wine and Blueberry Hard Cider. | When: June 2 - 4, Saturday and Sunday, 12 - 9 p.m. and Monday, 12 - 6 p.m. | Where: Mallow Run Winery, 6964 W. Whiteland Road, Bargserville. | Info: mallowrun.com



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# NIGHT & day LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT ENTERTAINING

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Your favorite frozen yogurt flavor is waiting for you at Ella's. (Photo courtesy of Ella's Frozen Yogurt and Candy Shop)

through fundraisers, too. They have a real connection to the community, which makes the Ella's experience even sweeter!"

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## SPOTLIGHT

### Guest Artist Show: Indiana Gourd Society

A Guest Artists Show by the Indiana Gourd Society will take place at the Southside Art League Off Broadway Gallery in July, 2022. These artists will be displaying a collection of decorated gourds. The local Central Indiana Patch (CIP) of the Indiana Gourd Society was started in June of 2014 by Diane Werblo and her husband Robert McCrary. The CIP gourd artists meet on the third Thursday of each month at Indy's Garfield Park Arts Center from 1-3 p.m. All are welcome to come and participate. Almost anything that an artist can do on paper and canvas, they can do on a gourd - draw, paint, etch, wood burn, carve, embellish, etc. They make unique useful or decorative items such as bowls, vases, rainsticks, thunder drums, tiny fairy houses, spinning tops and more. The CIP members compete in both the IGS Show and Indiana State Fair. The ISF competition can be found in the Agriculture-Horticulture and Indiana Arts Buildings. For more information, visit [indianagourdsociety.org](http://indianagourdsociety.org). View the current exhibit from July 6 - 30 at SALI, 299 E. Broadway St., Greenwood during gallery hours, Wed. - Sat. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Come meet the CIP Gourd Artists at the SALI Open House, Friday July 8, 6-8 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.



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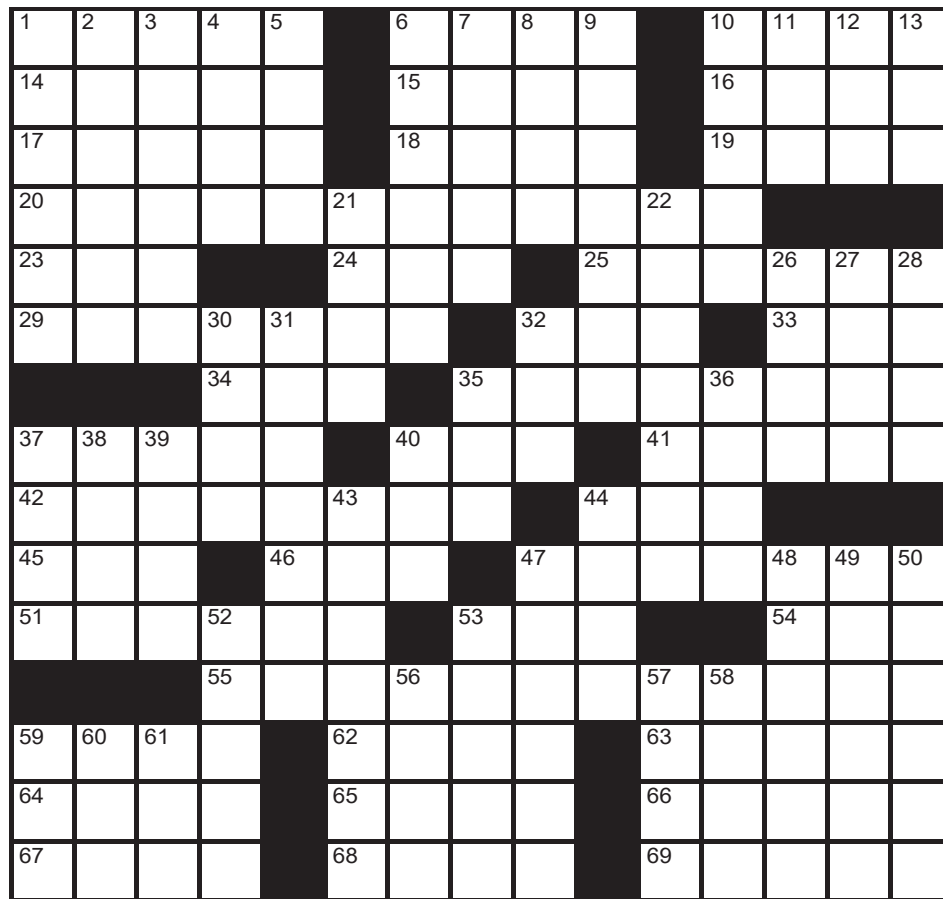
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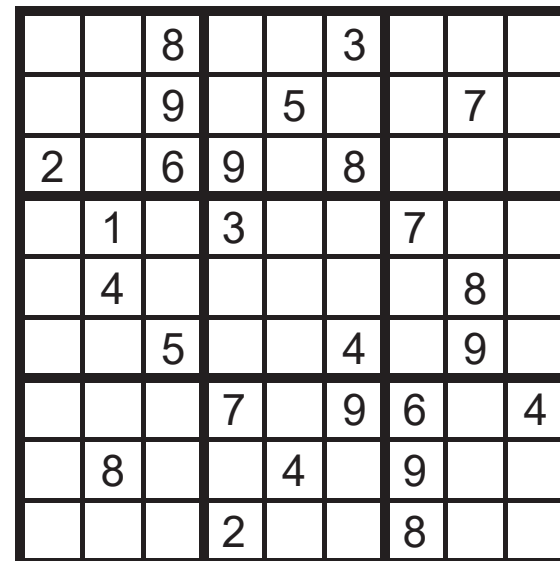
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By Mike Heffner

Our society is feeling unsettled. Jay Height, executive director of Shepherd Community Center, said, "the ground has shifted, and fear, frustration and anger have surged as our footholds in life suddenly feel less secure." There is tension around racism, inflation, social inequities and our overall health. All of this has created an unsettledness like I have never seen before. It has Americans frustrated at work, school board meetings, grocery stores, etc. It has employees quitting their jobs and searching for new career paths at a record pace. It has torn apart marriages, churches and longtime friendships. The rants on social media and anywhere someone can complain are off the charts.

The news media, lockdowns, social media and politics have created fear and frustration that has many of us turning inward with our thoughts and thinking. There are newer, convenient processes removing personal social interactions as well – remote work, online meetings, church services via social media and online shopping. This new way of life is causing isolation, so we aren't seeing those random acts of kindness and people willing to serve others.

## PERSONNEL MATTERS

## How to create a positive culture during an unsettled time

What can be done? Well, Jay would say it's simple. Find a way to serve our neighbors, "helping to meet their needs, passing on hope in times of fear and despair, listening to and encouraging them in good times and bad and in all those times when life seems uncertain and overwhelming."

How does a leader lead right now with all this change? How does one create a positive culture that focuses on serving and creating hope?

- **Find ways to serve your team, customers and community** – we must transform our businesses in ways that bring us together and allow us to help each other be successful. Our purpose and mission must be rooted in making a difference for others.
- **Make sure your batteries are charged** – you cannot serve others if you are not at your best self. Find time to think, plan and restore your mind.
- **Do not let your fatigue drive your decision making** – the right thing is rarely the easiest. When things are tough, we must stick to our values and know that doing so may have short-term difficulties, but you have done the right thing for the long haul.

• **Do not look at the quick fix** – think about what is ahead – you might fix the problem but have not looked at the long term. Frustration can have us get off the right path and just try to ease today's pain.

• **Find flexibility and new ways of doing business** – the way you have always done things won't work moving forward. What process, structure or shift needs to happen? Find ways to bring your teams together and provide a level of flexibility that allows the work to get done and still manage all the things outside of work.

We have seen terrible economic, health and mental battles going on. As Jay wrote, "we can react to those changes in fear and flail in anger at all those who intersect with our lives. Or we can find stability by identifying and fulfilling our purpose."



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## PEER-TO-PEER

## 'It ain't over till the fat lady sings'

By Howard Hubler

In January I talked about Covid, and from all that an enlightened Hoosier reader could conclude from the news, after two years of various lockdowns, Indiana is finally emerging from the nightmare. China is on a total lockdown now, but that's another story for another day. It is thought that Covid would continue to harass and be the new winter flu of choice. A lot of people will get it, but most cases would be mild and hopefully it would claim no more lives than the annual flu visit.

Later I talked about the fact that the government largesse was so great at paying people to stay home, that four million people just left work and never came back. That caused my family and others to redouble their efforts to recruit as most of our businesses were short on staff. I even noted that some people wrote in social network that businesses that could not properly "wait on them" were worth taking out back and being flogged. They never tried to hire people that have no motivation to come to work. In what perfect

world do these Hoosiers live?

Anyway, as we look at the summer months, it is not necessarily smooth sailing; inflation, rising interest rates, supply chain nightmares and the like will continue to hunt. However, with Covid behind us we now have a fighting chance for success. The other issues just look like details on the Hoosier landscape. As "Restaurant: Impossible" star Robert Irvine says, "Let's get to work."

Dr. Fauci gave as close to an "all clear" as we're ever going to get from him. What I heard is, the "fat lady just sang." Let's all have a great Hoosier summer, and don't forget our best practice; there's a lot of hurt consumers out there.



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## ICONic briefs



Stephen Reeves, Kailyn Spitler, John Brooks, Carina Oza, and Prakhar Saxena. (Photo by Center Grove Community School Corporation.)

### Five CGHS seniors named National Merit Finalists

**Scholarship Opportunity** - Five Center Grove High School seniors were named finalists in the 2022 National Merit Scholarship Program. They are Carina Oza, Stephen Reeves, Prakhar Saxena, Kailyn Spitler, and John Brooks. To become a finalist, the approximately 16,000 semifinalists and their high school had to submit a detailed scholarship application, including information about the student's academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received. Each finalist will receive a Certificate of Merit. These high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$30 million. The nationwide pool of Finalists represents fewer than one percent of U.S. high school seniors. There are three types of Merit Scholarships offered: 2,500 National Merit \$2500 Scholarships, 1,000 corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards, and 4,100 college-sponsored Merit Scholarship awards. Beginning in March and continuing to mid-June, NMSC notifies these finalists that they have been selected to receive a Merit Scholarship award.

## 'Anatomy: A Love Story' A haunting and suspenseful young adult novel

### BOOK REVIEW

By Amy Hamilton

"Anatomy: A Love Story" by Dana Schwartz is a dark, gothic, young adult novel. Hazel Sinnett, the niece of a viscount in early 19th-century Scotland, dreams of being a doctor. Unfortunately for her, upper-class women did not join a profession, especially becoming a doctor. Disguising herself as a man, she starts taking classes in anatomy to pass the doctor's examination at the end of the semester.

Jack Curren, a resurrection man, digs recently deceased bodies out of graveyards to sell to doctors and medical classes around the city. He meets Hazel, who needs bodies to study after being kicked out of school for being a woman. She is determined to take the exam and become a doctor. Together they start robbing graves and discover someone

is taking organs from living people and burying them as if they died from the fever ravaging the city. They must work together before more of Jack's friends disappear.

"Anatomy" is both haunting and suspenseful, while being great fun to read. Recommended for fans of "The Corpse Queen" by Heather Herrman, "Stalking Jack the Ripper" by Kerri Maniscalco and "The Death of Jane Lawrence" by Caitlin Starling.



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@jcpln.org](mailto:ahamilton@jcpln.org).

### ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

#### Adult:

- "The Lifeguards" by Amanda Eyre Ward
- "The Patron Saint of Second Chances" by Christine Simon
- "The Island" by Adrian McKinty
- "Elektra" by Jennifer Saint

#### Young Adult:

- "Hollow Fires" by Samira Ahmed
- "The Edge of In Between" by Lorelei Savaryn
- "Tokyo Dreaming" by Emiko Jean
- "Wind Daughter" by Joanna Ruth Meyer

#### Children:

- "Building" by Henry Cole
- "Everywhere With You" by Carlie Sorosiak
- "Berry Song" by Michaela Goade
- "Rosa's Song" by Helena Ku Rhee

## Is it OK to write 'okay'?

### GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

I'm from Oklahoma, the state which had the best state song until Ray Charles' "Georgia" became The Peach State's official song in 1979. As a native Okie, I'm proud to say that I've written "OK" more times than I can count - even if that was mostly in addressing mail to fellow Oklahomans.

When it comes to the word "OK," how do you write it? Is it OK to write "okay"? Let's dive in.

First of all, and not that you were wondering, OKeH Records (yes, that is the correct way to spell it) is a record label that came into being back in 1918. The spelling comes from founder Otto Karl Erich Heinemann's initials. Among other great artists, OKeH recorded albums by Louis Armstrong and Duke Ellington. As of today, the label is a subsidiary of Sony Music Entertainment.

Now it's back to OK, OK? We get the

word OK from an intentional spelling of "all correct," spelled "oll korrekt." In the 1830s, "oll korrekt" (or "orl korrekt") was a slang term and intentional misspelling of "all correct." This soon got abbreviated to "O.K." When Martin Van Buren ran for reelection in 1840, his nickname "Old Kinderhook" got abbreviated to "OK." Van Buren's campaign didn't coin "OK"; they merely capitalized on its popularity in the widespread jargon of its time.

The "OK" craze caught on during Van Buren's failed reelection campaign, and offshoot spellings took root. This is where we get the spelling "okay." So, the million-dollar question is: which spelling is "oll korrekt" in 2022?

Maybe you write "okay." Perhaps you prefer "OK." In fact, both are OK. While the AP Style Guide (which newspapers use) prescribes "OK," the Chicago Manual of Style states that both OK and okay are OK. For the purposes of this newspaper column I have defaulted to OK, so my edi-

tor stays off my case.

Although "OK" was the original "word" from which we got "okay," the "okay" variant has become the more popular usage in books. According to the Google Books Ngram Viewer, which charts how often words appear in English language books, since the 1960s, "okay" has become more popular than "OK" by a margin of four to one. However, in our text message and shorthand-saturated digital world, my guess is most people type "OK" in texts more often than they painstakingly write out all four letters of "okay."



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## Anyone can be kind, and we can start today

**DEVOTIONAL**

By Pastor Chris Philbeck

A June 17, 2021, Washington Post article introduced the world to a man named Rob Kenney, who has become known as the "Internet's Dad." It all began during the COVID-19 pandemic when Kenney decided to start a YouTube channel called "Dad How Do I?" to provide practical advice and emotional support. In the end, the message he shared resonated with people who felt like their lives were defined by loneliness and isolation, as well as people who had painful and disappointing relationships with their own dads. As of writing this devotion, he has 4 million followers who not only watch and learn from his videos but also share their stories about their parents, broken relationships and traumatic experiences.

Kenney's interest in making "how-to" videos began as the result of what he called "adulthood" questions he received from his daughter, Kristine. So, he started making videos to share with his kids and, hopefully, his grandkids one day. The videos began by covering topics like how to shave your face and how to tie a tie and then moved to common home improvement issues like how to unclog a sink or fix a running toilet. And while you can find all this same information on hundreds of other YouTube channels, Kenney acknowledges that there are several things that set his videos apart. He says,

"One of the things is kindness. I've been trying to be kind and loving," something that comes through in the videos. Just today, I watched a two-minute video on how to tie a tie. Here are some of the comments that accompanied the video. "My dad never really taught me anything except how not to be. I've just discovered this channel, and this is so awesome. Thank you." "As a kid who had a very bad past with his father, this is EXTREMELY helpful, thank you and keep up the good work." Here's one that will break your heart. "I cried watching this because it makes me realize that I don't have much of a childhood. You're a great man, and I wish you nothing but blessings. Thank you, sir."

In 1 Thessalonians 5:11, Paul shares this simple message: Therefore encourage one another and build each other up... We often make the mistake of thinking we don't have anything to offer when it comes to the often-overwhelming needs of life. But Rob Kenney, the "Internet's Dad," reminds us we do. Because anyone can be kind, and we can start today.



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# John Norris, MD

Longtime OBGYN enjoys 'happy outcomes' and treating patients like family

## By Nancy Hammerstrom

When Dr. John Norris decided that he wanted to practice medicine, he set his sights on gynecology. "It's the only branch of medicine where the majority of the outcomes are happy," he said.

Norris studied at the IU School of Medicine and spent his residency with Ascension St. Vincent Hospital Indianapolis. An obstetrician-gynecologist for the past 36 years, Norris' Franklin office is affiliated with Johnson Memorial Hospital. He specializes in

high-risk obstetrics, minimally invasive and vaginal surgeries, laparoscopic procedures and routine GYN care.

During the span of his career, Norris estimates that he has delivered between 6,000 and 7,000 babies. The success of his practice comes from

the best advice he's received. "Treat all patients as if they are family members," he said.

A Center Grove resident for the past 22 years, Norris has seven children and 13 grandchildren (with one on the way).

**What do you consider your greatest virtue?** My work ethic

**What do you most dislike in others?** Laziness

**What do you like most about living in Center Grove?**

The small community atmosphere yet close to Indianapolis and all the things it offers.

**What makes you happiest?** My family and my career

**What is your favorite vacation spot?** The Caribbean

**What do you do with idle time?** I recently

built a new home and am constantly working on improving the exterior, i.e. yard work.

**What is it that makes you angry?** Life is too short to be angry.

**What do you do to escape from reality?** Exercise and spend a lot of time on my tractor

**What or who is the greatest love of your life?** My children and grandchildren

**What are your fears, phobias?** Snakes

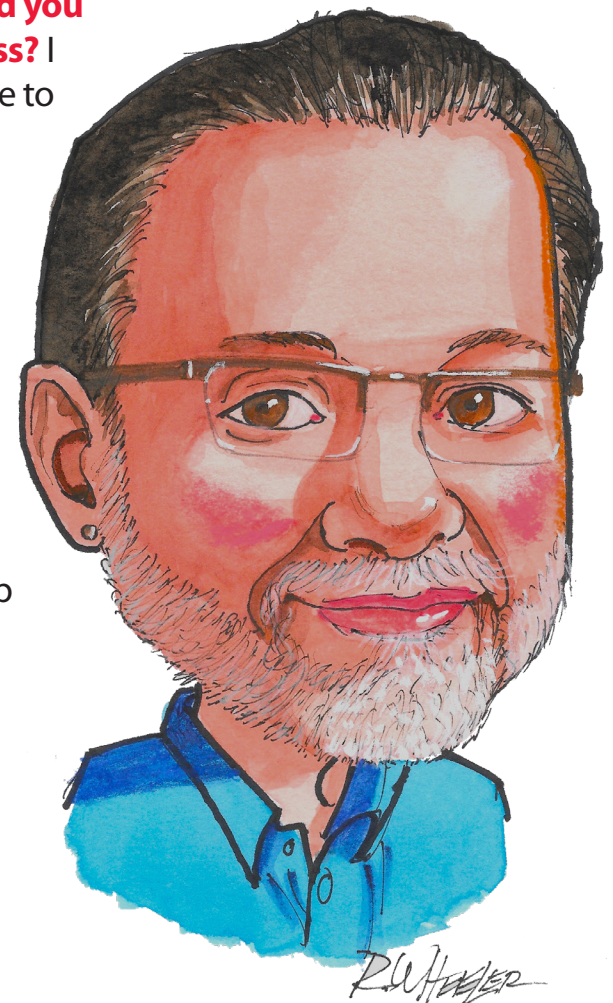
**What has been the happiest time of your life?** The birth of my children

**Which talent would you most like to possess?** I would like to be able to sing.

**What do you most value in your friends?** honestly and loyalty.

**What is your greatest regret?** I haven't taken enough time to stop and smell the roses.

**What tenet do you live by?** I live by hard work and dedication.





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