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Travis Carpenter is the only player who has been with the team since it was formed in 2012. (Photos by Mike Gross)

RETURN OF THE ALLEYCATS

Center Grove alumni Travis Carpenter leads the ultimate disc team into a new season

COVER STORY

By Jessica Todd

After an off-season due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Indianapolis Alleycats are back in action. Center Grove High School alumni Travis Carpenter has played since the professional ultimate disc team formed in 2012.

"I am the only person left on the team that has been there since it started," said Carpenter. "The league has grown tremendously compared to how it was when we began."

Carpenter began playing ultimate disc in 2010 when he was in high school. He began playing for Center Grove when he was in the off-season for soccer.

"Center Grove has contributed the most players to go on and play for the Alleycats than any other school in the state," explained Carpenter. "No other school comes close."

CGHS won the state championship in ultimate disc Carpenter's senior year. The school continued to place first for seven consecutive years after that.

"After I graduated high school and headed to Indiana Wesleyan, I decided to form a team on my campus because there was not one at the university. I did it all from scratch and built up a pretty good team," said Carpenter.

Carpenter made it to nationals his senior year of college and won a gold medal in 2015 for team USA in the world games. He

was the only person to come from a smaller school and make it on the world's team.

"Throughout college and ever since I have continued to find success in the sport with the Alleycats," Carpenter said. "I have been a captain six years in a row, beginning in 2016. We had our best season in 2019 and were able to attend the AUDL championship. We lost to an undefeated team in the semi-finals."

Keenan Plew was the assistant coach for the CGHS high school disc team and told Carpenter about the Alleycats.

"I decided I would try out because I wanted to gain experience and play with players who knew the game better than I did at the time," said Carpenter. "I did not expect to make it, but I made the team as an 18-year-old in 2012. I played for both the Alleycats and my college team until I graduated."

Plew, a retired player for the Alleycats and current Center Grove Middle School North gym teacher, says playing on the field with Travis was like having a constant security blanket.

"I knew what Travis was capable of, and I knew he could take control of a game," said Plew. "If the team needed a play, Travis would step up and make it happen. He brings a level of intensity to games that make everyone around him play harder. That is often hard to find in teammates."

Carpenter was honored as an MVP finalist for his success with the Alleycats in 2019.

"I was one of five athletes named as an

MVP finalist," explained Carpenter. "I have been aiming to be recognized as someone that is good not just in the Midwest, but in the country as well. Ultimate disc was not popular in Indianapolis until about 10 years ago. Winning MVP made me feel like I was one of the best in the whole league and not just the area I play in."

As the team begins making its comeback after an off-season, Carpenter says the sport means more to him than he ever thought before.

"As the saying goes, 'You never know what you have until it is gone.' I never wanted to take this sport for granted. The games are so much more special now because we realize how much fun it is to be together as a team."

The Alleycats are a team of 30, with 25 new players joining this season. It is one of the largest roster turnovers the team has seen in years.

"I was nervous about the first couple of games, but we have been doing better than I expected," said Carpenter. "The toughest part has been the physical impact on the player's bodies. We were all not in the best shape when we began training again. Overall, I do not believe we have had a huge setback."

Plew believes Carpenter's work ethic will help him have another successful year with the Alleycats.

"Travis is constantly trying to become a better player or find an edge on his compe-

tion. He has shown his ability to work independently on his game and regularly finds the drive to push himself. His work ethic is what has made him become the great player that he is."

The next home game for the Alleycats will be on June 26 against Chicago at 8 p.m. Games are held at Grand Park on the indoor soccer field. For more information on Travis Carpenter and the Alleycats, visit theaudl.com/alleycats.

Get to know Travis Carpenter:

What is your favorite place in the Center Grove area? Both of my favorite places, Stacked Pick and The Gathering Place have been closed. When I visit, I enjoy going to Yats.

What has been your favorite game you have played with the Alleycats? My favorite was when we beat the Madison Radicals. We had not beaten them, for years and when we finally did it was at home in front of all of our fans.

What is your favorite vacation spot? The Philippines

What brings you the most joy? My relationship with Christ is where I find my purpose in life and my motivation.

Where do you see yourself in the near future? In about a year I will be getting married to my fiancé Deanna. We are moving to the Northside together and hopefully will start a family soon after that.

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Jon Zwiitt, CGHS Athletic Director; Rich Arkanoff, CGCSC Superintendent; Alyssa Coleman, CGHS Softball Coach; Alicia Milligan and Alex Milligan, wife and son of Russ Milligan; and Jeff Henderson, CGHS Principal dedicated the field on May 15. (Submitted photo)

CGHS softball field named for former coach Russ Milligan

Field dedication – Center Grove Community Schools dedicated the Center Grove High School varsity softball field in memory of former coach Russ Milligan on Saturday, May 15. ‘Russ Milligan Field’ was unveiled at a ceremony before the Johnson County Softball Tournament game between CGHS and Edinburg HS. The Center Grove Board of School Trustees approved the renaming at its April meeting. Russ Milligan was a dedicated and faithful servant to Center Grove for 27 years through his service as a faculty member and softball coach. He led CGHS softball to 741 wins (the most of any Indiana high school softball coach) and an 89 percent winning percentage, five IHSAA State Championships, three IHSAA State Runners Up and induction to the Indiana High School Softball Hall of Fame. Milligan was named State Softball Coach of the Year three times, District Coach of the Year five times and coached two Miss Softball Players. “This honor is reserved for those who have left a lasting impact on a part of our community,” Jack Russell, CGCSC Board president, told the crowd gathered for the dedication. “The Center Grove softball community will certainly never forget Coach Russ Milligan. Beyond the powerhouse teams, trophies and accolades, Coach Milligan was known in the softball community for developing the strengths of his players and coaching them to play to the best of their abilities. What he had was certainly a gift and one that we were fortunate to share here in Center Grove.” “Early on in the season, Russ would emphasize that the girls were not on their travel teams while they played here and that he was the coach of this team,” shared Jon Zwiitt, CGHS athletic director. “And as only he could say it – he would proclaim to the team that ‘This is not your daddy’s field, it’s my field.’ Well, Russ, today this field officially does become your field.”



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Center Grove senior Taylor Jarosinski won the State championship in pole vault on June 5. (Photo by Phil Brunsman)

Taylor Jarosinski wins pole vault state title

State title winner - Center Grove senior Taylor Jarosinski won the State championship in pole vault on June 5. She was second in the state as a sophomore with a vault of 12 feet, 9 inches, the school record. She cleared 13 feet this year winning both the championship and breaking her own school record. Center Grove High School finished seventh in the overall team standings. Jarosinski has received a scholarship to continue her career at Indiana University. She plans to major in kinesiology and wants to go to physical therapy school after graduation.

Center Grove Community School Corporation offering free meals to children

Free meals - Center Grove will offer free meals for breakfast and lunch to any child under 18 this summer. They will offer curbside pick-up at Center Grove Elementary in June and Center Grove Middle School Central in July. No registration is required. Breakfast is served between 7:30 and 7:50 a.m. and lunch is served between 10:30 and 10:50 a.m. The meals will be served Monday and Thursday throughout June and Mondays throughout July. For more information, visit centergrove.k12.in.us/SummerMeals.

Bob Rohman's **INDY** Honda Athlete of the Month Jacob Wilson

By Mark Ambrogi

At 6-foot-7, Center Grove High School pitcher Jacob Wilson is an imposing figure on the mound. His mental game improved in the second half of the season, and he credits that for his success this spring.

"A lot of that I would credit to our senior pitcher Drue Young," said Wilson, who will be a senior in fall. "He was the leader of the pitching staff. He was saying he believed in me and wanted me to step out there knowing I was better than the other team."

Wilson, who has grown five inches since his freshman year, had a 7-1 record with a 2.19 earned run average for the Trojans (29-5). He also has 66 strikeouts in 44 2/3 innings.

"Jacob has not only had a very successful season for us, but he is also an incredible leader in the weight room and on the field," Center Grove coach Keith Hatfield said. "His work ethic is tremendous and has improved his mound presence and control."

Wilson said he improved his control later in the season.

Where I succeeded the most, this year was when I was locating my fastball.

Sometimes I was able to blow my fastball by the hitters because of the speed. Later in the season, I was able to succeed more by locating my fastball in certain spots. When they were

able to catch up to it, they were making contact because it was not over the middle of the plate."

In winter training before the season, Wilson's fastball was clocked at a high of 94.8 mph.

"My fastball usually tops at 92 (mph)," he said.

Wilson said the team's closeness helped with the success.

"This year, starting the winter, we were building the family atmosphere," Wilson said. "We were all cheering each other on during conditioning and the hard parts. As the season came along, it made it a lot easier to have fun."

After the 2020 season was canceled by the pandemic, Wilson said the players were motivated.

"We were anxious and excited to get out there because we had our season taken away from us," said Wilson, whose summer travel team is Five Star National Midwest. "Most of us got to play last summer (in travel baseball), but we all came back excited to play with one another because we are basically best friends. We grew up with each other. We played Little League together and had classes with one another."

The Trojans won the sectional and reached the Class 4A Jasper Regional final before losing to Jasper 7-4 on June 5.

"We wanted to make it to state," Wil-

son said. "The younger guys felt like we let down the seniors because they invested so much. They improved the whole team by them stepping up and being leaders."

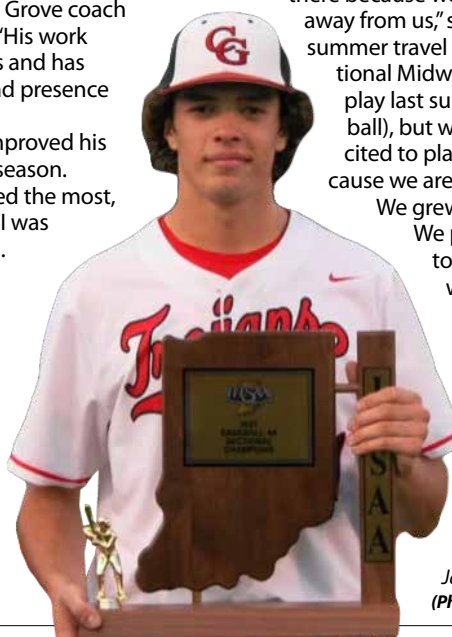
Wilson said most of the Trojans' starters were juniors and sophomores during the season.

Wilson played basketball through his sophomore year in high school. He mostly played junior varsity but got in some varsity games. He committed to the University of Dayton in the fall of 2020 to play baseball, so he decided to concentrate on baseball for the rest of his high school career.

"I love to compete. I was always playing Wiffle ball, baseball and pickup basketball games growing up," he said. "I always enjoyed baseball a little more, maybe because it is outdoors, and I enjoy the weather. My love for the game just kept growing."

THE WILSON FILE

NAME: Jacob Wilson	(Tampa Bay's 6-foot-8 pitcher)
SPORT: Baseball	
POSITION: Pitcher	HOBBIES: Fishing and Cornhole
CLASS: Will be senior in the fall	FAVORITE VACATION SPOT: Lake Freeman
HEIGHT: 6-foot-7	HOW DO YOU RELAX: "Play with my dogs."
AGE: 17	
FAVORITE SUBJECT: History	COLLEGE PLANS: Has made a verbal commitment to play baseball for University of Dayton. Plans to major in chemical engineering.
FAVORITE SHOW: "Scooby-Doo"	
FAVORITE MOVIE: "Talladega Nights"	PARENTS: Aggie and Greg Wilson
FAVORITE ATHLETE: Tyler Glasnow	



Jacob Wilson is looking forward to competing in his senior season of baseball. (Photo by Kris Griffith)

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Center Grove High School graduated 597 students on June 5. (Submitted photo)

Center Grove High School graduates 597 students

CGHS graduation - Center Grove High School (CGHS) graduated 597 students on Saturday, June 5, in the high school's Ray Skillman Football Stadium. The CGHS class of 2021 had two Co-Valedictorians, Christina Monev and Sapna Vyas. Both students ended the school year with a GPA of 4.825. Monev plans to attend New York University to study finance and pursue a career in investment banking. Vyas plans to attend the University of Texas at Dallas with a major in healthcare studies on a pre-med track. The 2021 CGHS Salutatorian is Bryce Rayner who finished with a GPA of 4.792. He plans to attend Purdue University where he will study pharmacy. One graduate, Macy Detty accepted an appointment to the West Point. Sixteen students have shared plans to enlist in the U.S. Air Force, Army, Marines or Navy. Among the graduates, 258 seniors received Core 40 with Academic Honors diplomas, six received Core 40 with Technical Honors diplomas and 30 seniors received 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, fine arts credits and earn a GPA of a B or better. 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 GPA of a B or better and complete either dual credits in a technical area or additional career-readiness criteria. Fifty-eight seniors received an Associate's degree in General Studies from Vincennes University, along with their high school diploma, through the CGHS Early College program. Fifty-six students received a 30-hour Indiana College Core certificate, which means they have earned 30 credits in general education courses that will transfer to all state universities in Indiana.



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Dr. Kevin Mowrer, Vincennes University Assistant Dean, spoke to the audience during the ceremony on May 20. (Photo courtesy of Center Grove High School)

Center Grove High School seniors receive college degrees and certificates

Seniors awarded - Center Grove High School (CGHS) honored 114 seniors for earning college degrees or certificates through the school's Early College (EC) program on Thursday, May 20. Through the EC program, students can take courses that earn credit toward both high school and college at the same time. "I am so proud of our EC seniors," said Tracy McMahan, CGHS assistant principal and director of Early College. "Even with all of the challenges that COVID presented, they adapted and persevered. They've grown stronger, become more self-reliant and more independent. When things got tough, they still showed up. They showed up for their friends, their teachers, and, perhaps most importantly, themselves. They are going to accomplish great things." Of this year's class of 121, 120 graduating seniors earned more than 15 college credits. In total, this year's EC seniors earned 6,330 college credit hours, which is a savings of approximately \$1,053,400 in college tuition. The Early College program is open to all CGHS students. Students are selected for the program based on their reading level, grades and recommendations. The program admits approximately 110 students per year. Students take all of their core classes with the EC faculty and other EC students in a small learning community. This structure increases collaboration between faculty and leads to increased accountability and attention to students.



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Berger named Director of School Counseling and Mental Health

Welcoming Berger - Christy Berger, MSW, LSW will be named Director of School Counseling and Mental Health for Center Grove Community School Corporation (CGCSC). Berger's appointment was approved by the CGCSC Board of School Trustees at its May 20, 2021 meeting. Berger will provide district-wide leadership of Center Grove's comprehensive school counseling program. She will also oversee mental health and behavioral supports and social-emotional learning for Center Grove students. Berger most recently served as Director of Social, Emotional and Behavioral Wellness for the Indiana Department of Education. Prior to that, Berger worked for nine years in Center Grove, first as a School Social Worker at North Grove Elementary and then School Counselor at Center Grove Middle School Central. Berger holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Work from Anderson University, a master's in social work from IUPUI and a Masters in School Counseling from Indiana Wesleyan. She is also a Licensed Social Worker.

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Indiana State Representatives John Young, John Jacob and Michelle Davis posed with Superintendent Rich Arkanoff and members and coaches of the CGHS Varsity Football team. (Submitted photo)

CGHS football team honored for perfect season

Undefeated - Indiana State Representatives John Young, John Jacob and Michelle Davis presented the Center Grove High School varsity football team with a House resolution honoring the team for its perfect season and 2020 6A State Football Championship at the Thursday, May 20 meeting of the CGCSC Board of School Trustees.

Center Grove honors all teachers during virtual 2020-21 teacher celebration

Honoring CGHS teachers - Center Grove Community School Corporation (CGCSC) honored all teachers as Teacher of the Year for the 2020-2021 school year. The announcement was made during a virtual teacher celebration at the beginning of May. "Every one of our teachers worked their tails off this year, being innovative and creative, being flexible and responding to whatever came around the entire year," said Rich Arkanoff, Ed.D., CGCSC superintendent. "Our teachers were tremendous. They were courageous. They worked hard and they were there for our children. That's why every teacher in Center Grove deserves to be honored and recognized as our Teacher of the Year." Center Grove also announced Legacy Award winners in the virtual ceremony. Additional information about the award winners and a link to the videos of the 2020-21 Teacher of the Year Awards and Legacy Awards presentations are available at centergrove.k12.in.us/teacherawards. CGCSC's 2019-20 Teacher of the Year, Center Grove Middle School Central teacher Carrie Sumney, will represent Center Grove in the 2022 Indiana Teacher of the Year competition. The 2021 state competition did not occur due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Henkel Schultz ran, slid and jumped through the mud pit during the first of two Mud Day sessions. (Photo by Nicole Davis)

Return of Mud Day

Grassy area at Freedom Park transforms into one giant mud pit to benefit Greenwood Parks Foundation

By Nicole Davis

Children and adults alike jumped, splashed and even swam in mud on June 4 during Greenwood Parks and Recreation's annual Mud Day event.

Children ages 2 to 10 were invited to play as the Greenwood Fire Department helped turn the grassy area of Freedom

Park into a large mud pit. Some children ran in without a thought, gleefully covering themselves in mud while others approached with caution. Some sat and played with toy construction vehicles while others took the opportunity to have a mud fight or ran into it like a muddy Slip 'N Slide. Either way, the parks and fire departments were ready with a hose to

wash the kids clean before their journey home.

The annual event was cancelled in 2020. This year, the event was free, with any monetary donations benefitting the Greenwood Parks Foundation. For more upcoming family-friendly events with Greenwood Parks, visit greenwood.in.gov/parks.



Bargersville and Greenwood increase available liquor permits through Riverfront Districts

Cities and towns across the state have taken advantage of the program adopted by the Indiana legislature in 2004 creating riverfront development districts. This designation unlocks a special allotment of "three-way" permits (beer, wine and spirits) typically needed by full-service restaurants. Without it, the number of licenses available is tied to a municipality's population, and that quota can drive up the price of permits available on the open market.

The "riverfront" can be property located within 1,500 feet of virtually any body of running water — a creek or brook will meet the criteria. The number of such permits that can be issued is unlimited and they cost only \$1,000, less than the amount levied by the state and a far cry from the six-figure amounts seen on the open market in some areas.

"In Johnson County, Greenwood has utilized the Riverfront District designation to help spur business development, and Bargersville is proactively planning its use," explained Aspire President and CEO Christian Maslowski. "These high-growth communities reached their maximum allotment of available alcohol permits before the decennial census was conducted."

In Greenwood, Kevin Steinmetz — capital projects manager for the City of Greenwood and administrator of its Riverfront District program — said the city first established its waterfront district in 2018. The district generally includes Old Town (where five permits have been issued), the former Greenwood Middle School site which is under development and where making liquor permits available is seen as a major first step, Greenwood Park Mall, S.R. 135 near Fry Road (one permit) and

Fry Road (one permit).

"The pre-Covid message from the restaurant industry was pretty clear that it needed three-way liquor permits in order to operate full-service businesses," Steinmetz said, "so we ran with the idea of creating a riverfront district when it became an option." He noted that Greenwood is hoping to attract smaller, independent businesses who could use these permits.

"Riverfront licenses are approved by the Greenwood Redevelopment Commission and the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission," Steinmetz explained. Annual renewal is required, he said, and health, wellness and safety regulations must be followed. These licenses cannot be sold like conventional ones.

Meanwhile, Bargersville also is planning to aggressively court new business with the riverfront district program. "We've been very proactive in pursuing this designation," said Bargersville Town Board Vice President Andrew Greenwood. "The location of the district was dictated by the presence of a stream near the intersection of S.R. 144 and the future I-69 interchange. The fact that this will be a high-traffic area made it an easy choice." He added that the district extends to Mallow Run winery, whose event center also could benefit from the district designation.

"Aspire originally helped advise Bargersville on existing options within state code to unlock additional alcohol licenses, including the Riverfront district," Maslowski noted. "Part of Aspire's counsel was reviewing a couple possibilities and convened the town with third-party experts to gather advice on best practices to get a riverfront district adopted and managed."



Steve Brown performed the National Anthem as part of the Opening Ceremony on June 3. (Photo by Jennifer Stewart-Burton)

Johnson County REMC awards Operation Round-Up grant

The Wall That Heals - The JCREMC Community Fund is proud to have awarded an Operation Round-Up grant to support The Wall That Heals Franklin. An opening ceremony took place on June 3. The Wall That Heals opening ceremony featured the reading of the names of those Johnson County residents who made the ultimate sacrifice during the Vietnam War. The wall is a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The wall was on display at the Johnson County Fairgrounds through June 6.

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The number 30 was worn by Center Grove High School senior Carson Steele, who was named as the 2020-21 Gatorade Indiana Football Player of the Year. Steele played on varsity all four years of high school and plans to continue his career and education at Ball State University.

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New pharmacy in Indianapolis

WindRose Rx - Epler Parke - Epler Parke pharmacy opened for business on May 17. Rich Jeffries, PharmD, will be the Pharmacist in charge at the WindRose Rx - Epler Parke pharmacy. Dr. Jeffries is a 2010 graduate of the Purdue University School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Science and has spent the past decade serving patients and customers at various retail pharmacies. Windrose Rx will be Dr. Jeffries first foray into a community pharmacy setting. WindRose Rx - Epler Parke was established to meet the needs of the local community and the surrounding area. Both WindRose Rx - Epler Parke pharmacy and WindRose Health Network are committed to the communities on the Southside of Indianapolis and serving their customers on a community level. The pharmacy is open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and is located at 5550 S. East St. Suite G, Indianapolis.

Annual Footy Golf Tournament

Golf tournament - Campbell's Highland Grille will hold its second Annual Footy Golf Tournament on Saturday, June 19. 100 percent of all proceeds will go towards SFSC and SCSA TOPSoccer programs. Teams are made up of four people and the event costs \$60 per team. The event will feature food, music, contests and prizes. The starting time for age U8, U10, U12 and U14 is 10 a.m. The starting times for those in the high school and adult category will be 2 p.m. Hole sponsors are still needed. For more information or to register for the event, visit scsaindy.com or stfrancissoccer.com.



NIGHT & day LOCAL Entertainment ENTERTAINING

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Community Yard Sale and Craft Show • American Legion Post 276 will be holding a yard sale and craft show fundraising event to raise money for its building renovation. The event will take place both indoors and outdoors. There is a \$20 set-up fee and table are available for use. A grill will be fired up and visitors can enjoy lunch, sell stuff, buy stuff and enjoy their time. | When: June 19, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. | Where: American Legion Post 276, 327 Main St. Beech Grove. | Info: americanlegion276@gmail.com.

Patriotic Concert • The Greater Greenwood Community Band will host this concert. Bring your lawn chairs, blankets and American pride. As always, the concert admission is free and provided by and for the city of Greenwood. | When: June 25, 7 p.m. | Where: Surina Park Amphitheater, 300 S. Washington St., Greenwood. | Info: greenwoodband.org/events.

Sparks in the Park • Join Johnson County Parks and Recreation for its fireworks event. The fireworks are free and entry into the amphitheater concert are \$5 (cash only) and free for children 12 and under. Enjoy classic rock tunes with the Warrior Kings until it's time for the fireworks. No outside alcohol or fireworks allowed. No animals will be allowed inside the amphitheater unless they are service animals. There will also be food trucks available and a new kids area. | When: June 25, 7-10 p.m. | Where: Johnson County Park, 2949 North St., Nineveh. | Info: (812) 526-6809.

Hole in One Event • Come show off your putting skills and earn a chance at discounts and prizes with a little putt-putt. New summer arrivals will be able to grab as well. | When: June 26, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. | Where: Alice & Agnes, 707 Main St., Beech Grove. | Info: info@aliceandagnes.com.

Art and Music Festival • The Garfield Park Art & Music Festival is hosted by the Garfield Park Arts Center, Indy Parks and Garfield Brewery at Garfield Park, the oldest city park in Indianapolis. The fourth annual Garfield Park Art & Music Festival (GPAMF) is an outdoor festival celebrating the art, music and culture of Indianapolis. The festival will feature a handful of local musicians and bands of diverse genres performing their original music. Up to thirty local artists working in a variety of mediums will also host artist booths with their fine art and handmade wares for sale. The mission of this festival is to showcase and celebrate local talent in the art and music scene in a diverse, inclusive and equitable way. Enjoy beers by Garfield Brewery, as well as local food trucks and vendors. This all ages, free event will also feature kids' crafts and activities for family-friendly fun. | When: June 26, 4-10 p.m. | Where: MacAllister Amphitheater, 2450 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. | Info: gpacarts.org/gpamf.



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Freedom Festival • As Greenwood's marquee community event, Freedom Festival draws more than 50,000 people to Craig Park every summer to celebrate the American Spirit. Held on the last Saturday in June, the festivities include a parade, local food and beer. Indiana's best fireworks show concludes the evening. | When: June 26, 4-10:30 p.m. | Where: Craig Park, 10 E Smith Valley Road, Greenwood. | Info: (317) 881-4545.

Beech Grove Fireworks Event • The Beech Grove Promoters Club will sponsor the fireworks again this year. Food vendors will be provided by local business and non-profits and will serve food starting at 6 p.m. A DJ will also be present at the event. There are a limited number of parking spaces within the park reserved for vehicles with valid handicapped tags or license plates only. | When: July 3, 5-10:30 p.m. | Where: Sarah Bolton Park, 1300 Churchman Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: (317) 803-9140 or BGPromoters.org.

Rummage Sale • The Franklin Township Historical Society will hold its popular fundraising rummage sale at the Civic League building. Donation drop-off will be on July 9 from noon to 6 p.m. Donations that will be accepted include, household goods, antiques, tools, books, toys, entertainment media, collectibles, furniture, etc. No clothing will be accepted unless it is specialty antique or vintage. | When: July 10, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. | Where: 8822 Southeastern Ave., Indianapolis. | Info: franklintownshiphistory@gmail.com.

Perry Pasta Night • Join Perry Senior Services for a fun-filled evening of dinner and raffles. All proceeds from the event with benefit Perry Senior Services. The event costs \$10 per person and the menu includes spaghetti, salad, breadsticks and a beverage. Tickets must be ordered by July 1 and can be found at perryseniors.org. | When: July 10, 6-9 p.m. | Where: 6901 Derbyshire Road, Indianapolis. | Info: (317) 783-9231.

Help Build the Walls • Men & women from Johnson County and central Indiana are joining forces to help raise funds for Habitat for Humanity and build a house for a single mom and her four children. This fundraising event will include bingo, great prizes and delicious food available to purchase from two local food trucks. All funds raised by this event will be used to help build a Habitat home off of Tracy Road in Whiteland starting in August. | When: July 15, 6 p.m. | Where: Barn at Bay Horse Inn, 1468 Stones Crossing Road W., Greenwood. | Info: hfhbuildthewalls.eventbrite.com.

Soul Asylum • Back in Your Face Tour • The MacAllister Amphitheater at Garfield Park in Indianapolis is proud to welcome Soul Asylum to the stage, following Billy Strings (tickets are selling fast!) the night before. | When: August 22, 6 p.m. | Where: MacAllister Amphitheater at Garfield Park 2450 Conservatory Dr, Indianapolis. | Info: mobbpresents.com/garfield-park-concerts.

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Smokeyhouse Catering Company

Smokeyhouse Catering Company has been local to Greenwood since the summer of 2017. The business specializes in catering southern-style smokehouse food.

The company is owned by Keith Johnson and Chef Chip Huckabee is the executive chef.

"We offer Indy's best BBQ and fresh sides smoked daily," said Johnson. "Our most popular dishes include smoked brisket, pork and ham. We cater approximately 150 weddings each year at numerous event centers across the state."

Smokeyhouse also caters corporate events, school events, graduations and parties.

"We are Indy's top caterer with EZ Cater catering numerous lunches and dinner weekly," explained Johnson. "We have two food trucks



Smokeyhouse Catering Company is known for their smoked, southern menu options. (Photo courtesy of Keith Johnson)

capable of feeding thousands of different events."

They are open with all hot food Tuesday thru Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. and closed on Mondays. The store opens at 9 a.m. and features fresh eggs and baked goods, along with local honey, preserves and other goodies. They are opened for take-out and delivery.

To learn more about Smokeyhouse Catering Company and view their full menu, visit smokeyhousecateringco.com.

LOCATION:

1275 West Main St., Greenwood

SPOTLIGHT



(Photo courtesy of Southside Art League)

Southside Art League's June 2021 featured artist – Amy Townsend

About the artist - Amy Michelle Townsend is a transgender artist who is very new to art, having devoted most of her creative life to music. Art has now taken her life over, and pastels are her principal medium. She felt the urge to break free into abstraction and since January 2021, she paints entirely from her imagination in pure improvised color and has no thoughts of returning to realism. Townsend has been chosen by the Southside Art League as their June 2021 featured artist. The gallery is open Wednesday-Saturday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, contact Amy Townsend at (812) 340-2189 or jones.amy3371@yahoo.com or the SALI gallery at (317) 882-5562.

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16. Massage Envy target
17. Perched on
18. IMS titan "Tony" Hulman, Jr.'s given first name
19. Appear to be
20. Fourth of July noisemakers
23. Catch forty winks
24. IND posting
25. Pod veggie
28. Artillery blast
32. MCL soup eaters needs
34. Half a bikini
37. "To ___ his own"
39. Tongue-in-cheek humor
40. Fourth of July colors
44. Many a film at Keystone Art Cinema
45. Greenwood Park Mall event
46. Pose
47. Some Ball State sorority women
49. Brief memos
52. Johnson County Fair barn mother
53. Solemn promise
55. Grammar subject
59. Freedom Festival display
63. Up to the task
66. Male mallard
67. "Leave in," to an ICON editor
68. Regrets
69. Small land masses
70. Sea eagle
71. Board defect
72. Ownership papers



73. Person of action

DOWN

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3. Make a basket for the Trojans
4. Eiteljorg Museum homes
5. Indy Zoo attraction
6. Arm bone
7. Purdue military org.
8. Bicycle wheel part
9. Principles

10. Mouth off
11. County Line hardware store
12. Sow or cow
13. Sew Perfect's bottom line
21. Katz, Sapper & Miller pro, for short
22. Speedy
25. Cement ponds
26. Boredom
27. Up to now
29. Floral ring
30. MashCraft brewing vessels

31. Atlantic or Pacific
33. Celestial sphere
34. "I do" sayer
35. Extend a subscription to Indianapolis Monthly
36. Befuddle
38. Head light?
41. Dick Wolfsie forte
42. Weighty, as a Colts lineman
43. CGHS tennis court divider
48. Seedy and sleazy
50. Biblical verb ending
51. Had a hunch
54. No ___ for wear
56. Lucas Oil Raceway drag-racing fuel
57. Part of an act
58. Fragrant compound
59. Orkin's target
60. Fish story
61. Barely managed, with "out"
62. Lead-in to pipe or pit
63. Object of Indiana Jones' first quest
64. Hot dog holder
65. Zodiac cat

Puzzle Time

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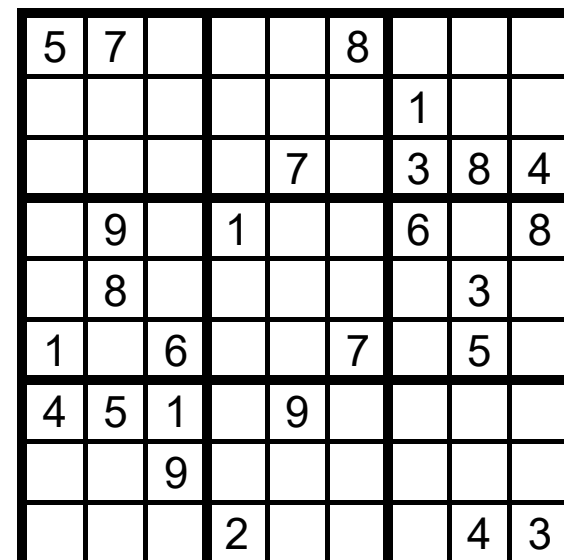
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By Howard Hubler

In the last five or six months, I have indicated the biggest problem with the state of Indiana is that people are getting paid too much money not to work. Or, just when it was an irritation, good old Joe decided to raise \$1.9 trillion to pay people even more money to sit at home. Yes, some of that money is not just going to pay people to stay at home. Other funds in this bill will go to infrastructure. At this point in the game, the average tuned-in Hoosier business-person pretty much understands this issue.

Of the dealerships that our family owns, we could use 5-10 new hires in almost all of them. If you are in the service industry, you just now got the green light to open up only to find out that you cannot get employees to serve in the industries you represent. A typical example is a pizza parlor. Many pizza companies are closing down simply because they cannot find people to work, cook and serve pizzas.

The lingering question is, how much will you have to pay somebody to put to go flip burgers? People talk about a \$15 minimum wage. Did it take \$15 to motivate someone to get off the couch before they got \$1400

PEER-TO-PEER

The unemployment saga continues

or after they got \$1400? If you take a millennial kid and give them \$1400, \$15 will not interest them.

As I write this article, in our country, there are a total of 25 and counting states that said, "Joe, keep your money. You are not going to destroy the work ethic in my state." I am proud to say that our governor recently said, "You cannot buy Hoosiers for \$1400." Indiana, at this writing, was the last state to tell Joe to keep his money. Congratulations to Indiana Governor Holcomb, whose government was bold enough to deny "free" federal funds. Yes, maybe some of these people will seek a job, and accidentally, a handful of them will start a long career.

For the last year, when I would talk to my kids, I would indicate that they have lived through a "once in a lifetime" economic activity. It will be the story they will tell their grandchildren. Little did I know, the federal government would do something out of sheer stupidity. They would pay people to sit at home after most of the nation was emerging from it.

There are two sides to this story. One is political manipulation, and the other is a

heartfelt desire to help the "Covid" unemployed. These people have horrible timing. By every measurable, business was coming back at better rates than we thought just months ago. The numbers of jobs needed exceed the number of jobs available for the first time in a while. On top of other trillions spent by both the Trump and the Biden administrations to ease the pain of the Covid pandemic, our economy cannot bear the burden of these additional expenses.

I am proud to say that back here again in Indiana, cooler heads prevailed, and somebody said the only way we are going to get these people back to work is to provide a little discomfort. I promise you, however difficult it will be to get people to come to work over the summer, it will be that much easier as the unemployed are losing an unneeded safety net.



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PERSONNEL MATTERS

Have you built a winning team?

By Mike Heffner

Many companies can be successful for a few years. The more difficult thing to do is to build a culture that can withstand adversity over the long term. Coaching and leading to create a long-lasting, winning culture is a tough task. I think it all comes down to the belief in a purpose. I read a quote recently by Phil Jackson, former NBA coach, that said, "The most effective way to forge a winning team is to call on the players' need to connect with something larger than themselves."

Creating a long-lasting culture starts with values, but at the heart of a team is its purpose. Great teams must have something to believe in and something to rally around. As Phil stated above, "...something larger than themselves." A team that utilizes its strengths and lives out its values every day will find personal satisfaction. It becomes more than a job and a paycheck.

A great leader creates an environment of belief. This belief starts with a purpose and then comes together with a group of people that depend on each other to fulfill that purpose. That group forms relationships and confidence to create its dynamic. The team

becomes more important than one individual, and the team creates a community committed to the purpose.

The tough part as a leader is sticking to the plan and not allowing the team to get off track or one person to derail things. Holding the team to the standards and values while building individual belief as the team looks to execute on the mission and vision (purpose) of the company is not easy. If you look at any winning team, they almost without fail have alignment and clarity around a goal. They also believe they can be successful if they all are doing the right things – together.

We are all driven by our desires, fears and needs. Belief is the power behind everything else. When a team believes in each other, communicates at a high level and is committed, the sky is truly the limit.



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

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Center Grove honors all teachers during virtual 2020-21 teacher celebration

Honoring CGHS teachers - Center Grove Community School Corporation (CGCSC) honored all teachers as Teacher of the Year for the 2020-2021 school year. The announcement was made during a virtual teacher celebration at the beginning of May. "Every one of our teachers worked their tails off this year, being innovative and creative, being flexible and responding to whatever came around the entire year," said Rich Arkanoff, Ed.D., CGCSC superintendent. "Our teachers were tremendous. They were courageous. They worked hard and they were there for our children. That's why every teacher in Center Grove deserves to be honored and recognized as our Teacher of the Year." Center Grove also announced Legacy Award winners in the virtual ceremony. Additional information about the award winners and a link to the videos of the 2020-21 Teacher of the Year Awards and Legacy Awards presentations are available at centergrove.k12.in.us/teacher-awards. CGCSC'S 2019-20 Teacher of the Year, Center Grove Middle School Central teacher Carrie Sumney, will represent Center Grove in the 2022 Indiana Teacher of the Year competition. The 2021 state competition did not occur due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



"Hour of the Witch"

BOOK REVIEW

By Amy Hamilton

Hour of the Witch by Chris Bohjalian is a haunting historical fiction novel that will stay with you long after reading it. Mary Deerfield is a 24-year-old woman in 1662 Boston. She is married to the town's miller, Thomas Deerfield, a man old enough to be her father. As the second wife, she has a step-daughter her age, who is married with young children, which puts pressure on Mary as she hasn't yet had children. Mary struggles with her barrenness because, in her community, it can be a sign of sin or corruption by the devil. Thomas, not Mary, is the problem, especially when he drinks too much and takes his rage out on her. Although, he is careful to never hit her around anyone else, especially their servant Catherine.

One night, Mary, unable to sleep, goes outside and discovers possibly cursed items buried: forks and a mortar and pestle. Mary wonders if these items are a spell keeping her barren. Catherine, her indentured servant,

catches her finding the objects and believes that Mary is a witch casting a spell. After Catherine runs off, Thomas, in anger, stabs a fork through her hand, breaking bones. Mary decides at that moment to divorce her husband for cruelty, setting in motion both a divorce trial and a witch trial that shakes their community to the core.

Hour of the Witch is a taut psychological, historical fiction novel. It is thought-provoking and has well-written but flawed characters. It will leave you rooting for the main character as she fights for justice in 1660s Boston. This novel is recommended for fans of *The Witchfinder's Sister* by Beth Underdown, *Beheld* by Tara Shea Nesbit and *The Heretic's Daughter* by Kathleen Kent.



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.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

Adult:

"The Other Black Girl"
by Zakiya Dalila Harris

"The Maidens"
by Alex Michaelides

"Songs of Ursa Major"
by Emma Brodie

"One Last Stop"
by Casey McQuiston

Young Adult

"The Girl from the Sea"
by Molly Ostertag

"Don't Hate the Player"
by Alexis Nedd

"Sisters of the Snake"
by Sasha and Sarena Manua

"Indestructible Object"
by Mary McCoy

Children:

"Poem in my Pocket"
by Chris Tougas and Josee Bisailon

"We All Play" by Julie Flett

"Bodies are Cool" by Tyler Feder

"Line and Scribble" by Debora Vogrig

Pardon my harsh letters

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

My wife and I are in a stage of parenting where we cannot get away with spelling words aloud around the kids anymore. Our son is a great reader and can sniff out a secret-parent-spelling code faster than you can spell i-c-e c-r-e-a-m.

Because of this, we use a language where we spell out words, except that consonants are pronounced with their letter plus the sound "ong" at the end of them, while vowels are pronounced normally. So, my name would be "Cong-u-rong-tong-i-song." The kids will never catch o-nong.

Letters are powerful. In polite society, many people are too shy to say delicate or harsh words, opting instead to use initials. Have you ever heard someone's boss described as a "real S.O.B.?" Believe me, "S.O.B." does not stand for "super outstanding boss."

When we use initialisms like this as a substitute for harsh words, it is called a "eusystolism" (pronounced yoo-SIST-olism). A eusystolism is the offspring of an

initialism and a euphemism.

Eusystolisms have made it into popular culture. Kenya Barris, creator of the ABC sitcom "Black-ish," created and stars in a Netflix sitcom called "#blackAF." Let's just say the "AF" doesn't stand for "Abercrombie and Fitch." People avoid utter-

*"A eusystolism is the
offspring of an initialism
and a euphemism."*

ing this particular profanity by merely saying, "Oh F!"

Mr. T portrayed the memorable character Bosco Albert "B.A." Baracus in the 1980s action-adventure show "The A-Team." Although "B.A." were the initials of the character's first and middle name, the "B.A." supposedly stood for "bad attitude." I agree that the "B" stood for "bad," but my opinion is that the "A" stood for something you couldn't say on TV in the

'80s. Perhaps it's still unacceptable in a newspaper in 2021, so I'll just say the "A" is the animal that talked to Balaam in the biblical book of Numbers chapter 22.

Eusystolisms serve our texting culture well. The briefer the better, right? Chat room culture of the late '90s gave us LOL, which means "laughing out loud." Today, if someone texts "LMAO," they're sending you a eusystolism stating that they are laughing their Balaam's animal off. While we're at it — no — WTF does not stand for "why the face?" Instead, it's a eusystolism for "what the (fill-in-the-blank)." Using these initialisms gets around the loophole of George Carlin's "Seven Words You Can Never Say on Television." Pardon the harsh letters, but now you know all about eusystolisms.



Curtis Honeycutt is a syndicated humor columnist. He is the author of *Good Grammar is the Life of the Party: Tips for a Wildly Successful Life*. Find more at curtishoneycutt.com.

Enjoy it while you can

DEVOTIONAL

By Pastor
Chris Philbeck

An October 5, 2020 story from The Good News Network tells of how when Randy Long was cleaning out his garage, he came across some baseballs he used to toss around with his son and grandson. Thinking a new generation of kids might get some use out of them, he took them to a batting cage, where he left them along with a note that might bring even the manliest of men to tears: "Hope someone can use these baseballs in the batting cages. I found them cleaning my garage. I pitched them to my son and grandson for countless rounds. My son is now 46 years old, and my grandson is 23 years old. I am 72 and what I wouldn't give to pitch a couple of buckets to them. They have both moved away. If you are a father cherish these times. You won't believe how quickly they will be gone. God bless. P.S. Give them a hug and tell them you love them every chance you get." I never knew my biological father and never had much of a relationship with my adopted father. When I became a father, I made a commitment to God, to myself and to my children to create a new reality for my family. That's something I have never regretted because I have a close personal relation-

ship with both of my children. I wasn't a perfect father, and probably had more failures than successes, but I showed up every day and when I failed, I said, "I'm sorry." Recently I watched my son handle a difficult moment with his oldest son. I watched him do it with patience with gentleness and love. I realized in that moment that a shift had taken place in our relationship. In the beginning I was the hero, that's just part of a little boy's perspective. In the end, he had become the hero (my hero). Proverbs 23:24 says, "The father of godly children has cause for joy." What a pleasure to have children who are wise. I thank God every day for the privilege of being the father of two special children named Andrew and Tricia. P.S. I played a lot of catch and pitched a lot of batting practice with my son. Now I'm going to go buy a new baseball glove so I can do that same thing with my grandsons. My arm will be sore, but it will be worth the pain.



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

Finds: CARROT, CORN, LETTUCE, PEA, POTATO, TOMATO

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Holidays: FATHER'S DAY, FLAG DAY, JUNETEENTH

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Park: HOLIDAY WORLD

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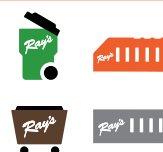
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Dr. David Dunkle

President and CEO of Johnson Memorial Health

Compiled by Rick Myers

Dr. David Dunkle was named President and CEO of Johnson Memorial Health in 2019. Dunkle also serves as Vice President of Medical Affairs and is Vice President of the Johnson Memorial Hospital Foundation Board. A family physician in Franklin for nearly two decades, Dunkle was named Johnson Memorial Health's "2018 Physician of the Year" by his patients and peers. Dr. Dunkle grew up in West Lafayette, and attended Franklin College, where he was a standout basketball player and academic All-American. He graduated from Indiana University School of Medicine and completed his residency at St. Francis hospital in Indianapolis. He then returned to Franklin to join Family Physicians of Johnson County. Dr. Dunkle is a specialist in family medicine and is passionate about helping his patients maintain healthy lifestyles. He holds interests and special training in population health management, preventative medicine, concussion management and hyperbaric oxygen treatment. Dr. Dunkle resides in Johnson County with his wife and two children.

What is your greatest virtue?

I consider my greatest virtue to be kindness. I try to treat everyone in a friendly and considerate manner.

What do you deplore in others?

I strongly disapprove when people act only with their own self-interest in mind.

What do you like most about living in Johnson County?

The thing I like most about living in Johnson County is its residents. I feel blessed to be surrounded by so many great people who work hard to make Johnson County such an outstanding place to live, work and raise a family.

If you had to live anywhere else other than JoCo, where would it be?

If I had to live elsewhere, it would probably be somewhere in the south. Never having to get my snow blower out again is very appealing to me.

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

If I could begin life over, I probably would not change much other than beginning to eat a healthier diet at an early age.

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

If money were no issue, I would use it to help the residents of Johnson County find better access to behavioral healthcare services.

What makes you happiest?

I am happiest when I am spending time with my family. I especially enjoy just hanging out, watching a movie at home and eating popcorn.

What is your favorite vacation spot?

I would not say that I have a favorite

vacation spot. Different places offer varied experiences to enjoy.

What do you do with idle time?

What is idle time?

What is it that makes you angry?

I don't get angry often, but when I do, it is usually because someone has not done what they are supposed to have done

What do you do to escape from reality?

To escape from reality, I usually will watch something on Netflix with my wife or kids.

What or who is the greatest love of your life?

The greatest love of

my life is Jesus.

Which living person in Johnson County do you most admire?

Johnson County is full of great people. If I had to choose one that I

admired the most, it would probably be Chris

Philbeck, pastor of Mount Pleasant Christian Church.

Chris is not just a great pastor, and teacher of God's word, but he has helped Mount Pleasant make an unbelievable impact, both locally and globally.

What is the quality you most like in someone?

Compassion is probably the quality I like both

men and women to possess.

What is your greatest extravagance?

I don't feel like I have many extravagances, but my wife would argue that I spend too much on shoes.

What is your biggest fear?

Like many parents, my biggest fear is that something bad will happen to one of my children.

What was the happiest time of your life?

The happiest times of my life have been when I'm on vacation with my family. No work, no sports, just family time.

What is a talent you wish you possessed?

I've always wished that I could sing. My dream would be to kill it at karaoke. Unfortunately, I have never been able to carry a tune.

What do you most value in a friend?

In my friends, I value loyalty over all else.

Who is a historical figure you identify with?

I think if I were to identify with a historical figure, it would be David from the Bible. I had a humble upbringing, have been blessed to become a leader, am far from perfect and make it my mission to help improve the lives of others.

What is your biggest regret?

I don't have many regrets. However, I should have bought Amazon stock when it first went public.

What is a quote you live by?

As my kids have heard me say a million times, "Kill them with kindness."



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