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From left, Mason Richter, 2, has book in hands while listening to a story, while his brother, Kitric, 4, looks like he is more in tune with nap time. The two are the sons of Brian and Jessica Richter, Plainfield. They were participating in the Plainfield-Guildford Township Public Library's "Tot Tuesdays" on Jan. 23, which are scheduled three Tuesday per month. For more information visit [plainfieldlibrary.net](http://plainfieldlibrary.net) or call (317) 839-6602.



**Do you think  
Indiana should  
allow alcohol  
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"Yes, why not!"

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"Yes, a resounding yes! I absolutely am in support of Sunday alcohol sales. The current laws are beyond antiquated and put our state behind many others. Sunday sales will allow for happy citizens and more tax profits for our state.

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## Inside the hearts of Hendricks County

**With Valentine's Day nearing,  
we asked local couples to  
share their stories and tips  
for lasting love**

**By Lindsay Doty**

Beyond the overpriced roses, supermarket aisles splashed with pink and red, and all those tightly-packaged heart boxes, Valentine's Day is a time to embrace our sweethearts.

For some couples—the lucky ones—the complicated quest for that special someone is complete. But love and marriage isn't always a Disney fairytale. Still, there are those who live in harmony. They are the perfect pairs who are making their way through this crazy life as a team, for better or for worse.

Many say love comes in stages. Terms like, "attraction," "the honeymoon period" and "companionship" are often used to describe this phenomenon. But is it all really that simple?

"As researchers, I think we try to order the things we study so they make more sense to us," said Dr. Sherry Strafford Rediger, a Plainfield psychologist with 30 years' experience in individual and family therapy. "Many or all of them occur, but not necessarily in the order that we would like them to. For example, you can go through a honeymoon stage multiple times, but also experience

crisis stages multiple times as well. So I do think there are stages of love, but it doesn't always come in a nice, neat package."

For one Plainfield couple, it seems they skipped right to the good part, and proved that love at first sight doesn't just happen in the movies. Whitney and Brandon Driver saw each other four years ago at a Hendricks County business expo (no, this isn't an ad for matchmaking services). Whitney was working a booth for Trine University when a young commercial mortgage broker named Brandon Driver caught her eye.

"I was sitting at a table and he walked into the room and I literally said to myself, I am going to marry that man," Whitney recalled.

Brandon noticed the pretty 20-something from a distance.

"Where I was standing it looked like there was a ring on her finger and she was sitting next to this older gentleman, and I was like, oh wow, good for him," he laughed.

Upon closer review, Brandon realized the ring was on the other finger.



*The Drivers*

He made his way over to throw away some trash nearby. He ended up breaking the ice by asking if school was out.

"She was working for Trine University, so that's what I came up with. So it was a total bomb of a pick-up line," he laughed.

The conversation ended there and Whitney was packing up to leave. Brandon said he was ready to give up but something inside him made him go back in.

"I had a gut feeling."

Brandon and Whitney struck up another chat and exchanged information. The two did some quick follow-up research on the internet — she scanned his LinkedIn, he went to her Facebook page — and it was on.

A first date the next week led to another. That Christmas Eve, Brandon popped

the question with a surprise Gazebo proposal using their pet Boxer Reese.

"I got Reese a new name tag, so instead of saying Reese Doyle, it said Reese Driver. The funny part is she was in such a daze she didn't realize the ring was around his neck."

Four years into their marriage, the couple seems to enjoy even the boring winter nights. You can find them cooking at home or cheering at high school basketball games.

Whitney, outgoing and bubbly, seems to be the perfect balance to the more reserved Brandon.

"I think you need someone who will challenge and balance you, she is absolutely my best friend in this world," Brandon said.

## Driver's Advice

### 1. How do you handle disagreements/stress?

"We talk it out. If something is bothering us, we don't dwell, we cut to the chase and communicate."

### 2. Advice for making it work:

"We are both very independent, but at the end of the day we need each other's company. That's truly how every day goes for us."



## Dr. Sherry Strafford Rediger on Marriage

**Q:** In your experience, what would you say is the single most common obstacle for a lasting marriage/relationship?

**A:** I would say it's taking the other person for granted. I think we all long to be deeply loved and sometimes we forget it's the same for our partner. Being the force behind loving your partner and considering it in return in a way that we don't take each other for granted can help couples through a lot of problems that arise in marriage.

**Q:** If you had to break it down to the five most important components for a lasting marriage, what would they be?

**A:** Courageous and kind communication, honesty, laughter, risking vulnerability to deepen intimacy, and commitment. There are going to be times when you think your relationship is not what it ought to be, or what you deserve. It takes tenacity and it takes commitment.

**Q:** What's one technique that every couple should know?

**A:** Communication is such a complex thing for people, even not communicating is communicating. There is a technique called the Elegant Tool. You tell your partner that you heard or felt something, and then simply ask them if that is what they meant. So it's all about getting to the brass tax of communication. You risk putting your feelings out there which deepens intimacy and maintains clear and open lines of communication.

Compiled by Chris Cornwall



## The Disneys

By Peg McRoy Glover

Couples always seem to remember their first date, even after 50 years of marriage.

"She stood me up!" said Jim Disney.

It was a suspected case of the mumps that caused Helen to cancel her first date with Jim during their senior year of high school. She said she hadn't felt well most of the day, but as the day turned into night, she began to feel better.

Jim recalled, "I went to a school ball game that night instead. There was a dance after the game that I went to and she came in. I guess she didn't

have the mumps after all."

"I went hoping he would be there and I would get to see him after all," Helen said.

Originally, Helen was not interested in dating Jim at all. He was a prankster and Helen was shy and reserved.

Despite the rocky start, Jim and Helen dated for the remainder of the school year.

As Jim began his college career at Butler University, their relationship took a small hiatus. But after spending a year apart, the relationship was rekindled and eventually led to marriage. They finally tied the knot during Jim's senior year of college; they were 21-years-old.

Not being much of a romantic, Jim didn't do anything special when he proposed. He didn't even have a ring, but Helen defends him.

"He was in school and we didn't need to spend the money on a ring," she said.

They married at Mary, Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Danville on June 16, 1967.

They both agree that throughout the early years of their marriage, budgeting was the number one issue for disagreements.

"But, if I could go back to any part of my life and live it again, it would be when we had nothing," Helen said.

Jim added, "I think when you don't

have anything you have each other."

They owe their longevity by adhering to the belief that, "When we weren't getting along divorce was not an option. We took that vow very seriously and worked it out."

Two kids and five grandkids later, they celebrated their 50-year anniversary last year. "Now there is just the two of us. I think we enjoy each other's company more now than we did when we were first married," Jim said.

## Disney's Advice

### 1. How do you handle disagreements?

"Gosh it has been a while since we have had a disagreement. When we did have disagreements, we stayed out of each other's way until there was a calming influence. Then we talked it out."

### 2. Advice for making it work:

"Make sure that you are ready to make a firm commitment. When disagreements arise, be willing to work them. Don't smother the other person. Give the other an opportunity to seek their interests but not to the exclusion of the other person."



## Hendricks County Planner

### AVON

- **Redevelopment Commission** | Jan. 29, 6 p.m.
- **Parks, Recreation Beautification Council** | Feb. 7, 7 a.m.
- **Police Merit Commission** | Feb. 12, 7 p.m.
- Council meetings are held at Avon Town Hall, BZA meetings are held in the Avon Town Courtroom, 6570 E. U.S. Highway 36. For more information, call (317) 272-0948 or visit [avongov.org](http://avongov.org).

### BROWNSBURG

- **Redevelopment Commission** | Feb. 6, 6 p.m.
- **Town Council** | Feb. 8, 7 p.m.
- **Board of Zoning Appeals** | Feb. 12, 7 p.m.
- **Police Commission Meetings** | Feb. 13, 6 p.m.
- **Park Board** | Feb. 15, 6:30 p.m.
- All meetings are held at Brownsburg Town Hall, 61 N Green Street. For more information, call (317) 852-1120 or visit [brownsburg.org](http://brownsburg.org).

### DANVILLE

- **Town Council** | Feb. 5, 7 p.m.

- **Plan Commission** | Feb. 12, 7 p.m.
- All meetings are held at Danville Town Hall, 49 N Wayne Street. For more information, call (317) 745-4180 or visit [danvilleindiana.org](http://danvilleindiana.org).

### PLAINFIELD

- **Board of Police Commissioners** | Feb. 1, 6 p.m.
- **Redevelopment Commission** | Feb. 5, 5:30 p.m.
- **Town Council** | Feb. 12, 7 p.m.
- **Design Review Committee** | Feb. 13, 4 p.m.
- All meetings are held at the Town of Plainfield Building, 206 W. Main Municipal Street. For more information, call (317) 839-2561 or visit [townofplainfield.com](http://townofplainfield.com).

### HENDRICKS COUNTY

- **Commissioners' Meeting** | Feb. 13, 9 a.m.
- All meetings are held at the Hendricks County Government Center, 355 S Washington Street. For more information, visit: [co.hendricks.in.us](http://co.hendricks.in.us). To reach the Plan Commission or Board of Zoning Appeals, call (317) 745-9255; for County Council, call (317) 745-9221; and for the Board of Health, call (317) 745-9217.



Behind-the-scenes of "The Good Catholic" Chie Sharp and Julie Powers work on talent on location at the rectory set. **Submitted photo**

## H.C. make-up and hair power duo work movie magic

### FEATURE

By Lindsay Doty

Avon makeup artist Julie Powers and friend Chie Sharp (a hair stylist from Danville who has a salon in Indianapolis) have added some star power to their resumes.

The duo has worked on two movies filmed in Bloomington, Indiana, through independent film company Pigasus Pictures. The first was "The Good Catholic" — a romantic comedy featuring Danny Glover and John C. McGinley ("Scrubs," "The Rock") written and directed by IU graduate Paul Shoulberg.

"It was amazing," Powers said. "This was the biggest thing I had ever worked on, certainly with the biggest name talent and seeing it screened in an actual theatre, I mean, I cried during the credits."

The Avon native first heard about the movie while doing makeup for an Indie project in Bloomington. The early buzz was that the film crew wanted to outsource a hair and makeup team from New York, but she and Chie Sharp were able to snag a coffee shop interview.

"I was calling Chie every five minutes, she was probably with a client, but I said whatever you are doing on Wednesday, cancel it. This is big!"

The ladies landed the job and worked on the film in 2016, proudly styling every character. Sharp said the biggest challenge was tending to the hair of Father Daniel (Zachary Spicer).

"He has sculpted, perfect Ken Doll hair that was always being maintained for length and molded into place. That's what I loved about these characters, the challenges they gave me as an artist," Sharp said.

Both artists (who have become close pals) were hired back for another Pigasus Project film titled "Ms. White Light." The drama was shot in Bloomington in the fall of 2017 and is still in post-production.

"The work we did for 'Ms. White Light' is even stronger. Everybody was familiar with each

other's working styles. It was an incredibly satisfying feeling," Powers said.

On set, you could always find the makeup guru carrying her go-to lights and signature "makeshift towel caddy" comprised of hot towels rolled into a Crock Pot.

"It's refreshing for the talent at the end of the day," she said.

During filming, the job got emotional for her crew while transforming a beautiful actress into a very sick patient.

"She was all made up and she came back to set and we had to strip it (the makeup) all down and then take it even further to make her look like a Stage 4 cancer patient. We just lost it," Powers recalled. "I think it's very realistic and everyone has been touched by that (cancer) in their lives."

Familiar with the arts, the 1988 Avon High School graduate worked as an entertainer for more than a decade, co-owned a small theatre in Nashville, Indiana, and still does gigs like singing in the Indianapolis

Jazz Orchestra. She never wanted to stop pursuing the entertainment biz, but knew she needed a steady paycheck.

"I do a lot of things to try and cobble together a living."

The single mom (her daughter is now a teenager) says being able to stay close to her family support system in Hendricks County while embracing her Hollywood passion has been win-win.

She and Sharp often collaborate on editorial work for bridal hair and makeup. With six more films slated for Pigasus Project, they hope to continue to be part of movie magic.

"I'm thankful to be able to build my career in film and still get to see my clients here in Indy. That means the world to me," Sharp said.

For more information on the film company, visit [PigasusPictures.com](http://PigasusPictures.com).

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## FARMERSmarketFINDS



Pictured in the foreground is Woodruff's award winning "Farmstead" which took third place at the 2017 Artistry in Wood event.  
Photos by Chris Cornwall

## Timber tableaus

By Chris Cornwall

Art takes many forms and is produced in a variety of ways, just ask Danville artist Judy Woodruff.

"I've done artsy stuff all of my life—painting, woodcarving, drawing—just about everything," she said.

While Woodruff has experienced much in the way of making art, she's anything but burned out. However, the same cannot be said about her work; Woodruff recently picked up pyrography, the art of burning wood.

She said she used to do a lot of woodcarving which is what led her to pyrography. Three years ago, Woodruff attended an art show that featured a wood-burning demonstration.

"My husband said, 'You could do that.' So I took a few lessons and then took-off on my

own, and this is where it led to," Woodruff said.

"Taking-off" is right. One of her pieces took first place at the Artistry in Wood show held annually in Dayton, Ohio. It's said to be the largest event of its kind.



To make these timber tableaux, Woodruff uses a burn pen against basswood or cottonwood to sear in anything from entire landscapes to a single bird, and even portraits. A little color is then added with an oil pencil. Woodruff said the larger pieces can take a week to finish.

Although Woodruff said she has done a lot of custom work, her most popular piece shows a series of birds, each perching at its own birdhouse.

"I've sold so many of these, and it's real simple."

For more information about Judy's Pyrography, contact her via email at bigbob244@sbcglobal.net.



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OUR VIEW

## Banishing blue laws

For the first time in state history, the Senate Public Policy Committee approved a measure allowing carryout Sunday alcohol sales at convenience, grocery, drug and liquor stores. And, they voted unanimously! SB 0001 will soon move to the senate for a second reading.

It's about time!

Indiana is among the few remaining states with laws restricting the sale of alcohol on Sunday—and we're the only state that regulates the sale of alcohol by temperature.

We are proud to be a unique state in many other regards, but not so much in this instance. It's time for Indiana to get with the program, the rest of the nation, and overcome this antiquated law so our legislators can focus on the more important issues at hand: education, infrastructure, creating jobs and improving the lives of our citizens.

*It's time for Indiana to get with the program, the rest of the nation, and overcome this antiquated law*

So what's with the change of heart? We cannot speak for the entire state, but we do know that microbreweries have been popping up in Hendricks County. Perhaps our love for craft beer has not gone unnoticed and we're getting a Valentine from the state? Probably not, but it's the thought that counts.

Whatever the reason, it's time for this archaic piece of legislation to see itself out. Cheers!

BELIEVE IT!

**Our nation has all sorts of arcane, non-sensical laws on the books. Each issue, we'll share one with you ...**

In Bernard Township, New Jersey, it is illegal to frown as the town is a "Frown-Free Town Zone."

SOURCE: dumblaws.com

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## Floating on air

HUMOR

By Dick Wolfsie

My wife noticed that I was continually swatting at flying bugs in the house. I told her that this one little black gnat had been bothering me for several days, but that every time I took a whack at it, it disappeared.

"Those are not insects," said Mary Ellen. "You probably have floaters."

"What's a floater?" I asked. I always thought a floater was a dead body the police found in the river.

Mary Ellen explained to me that floaters are a common eye disorder that causes tiny specks to drift around the field of vision. Then she realized why, for the last several weeks, I was always waving at her while we were watching TV.

Over the past few weeks, the little gnat and I had developed a closer relationship and with proper eye-roll and head tilt, I could sometimes control exactly when and where Skipper would appear (yes, I named him). He still makes unannounced visits, like right now as I'm typing this, he's kind of driving me CRAZY.

Skipper had disappeared for a few days and I was happy about that, but then this morning he returned with a little friend—a squiggly line underneath him—who follows him around wherever he goes. He was doing a great job driving me nuts on his own. I'm not sure why he needed a partner.

I googled the term "floaters" and was surprised to see how many websites were devoted to this issue. It said the problem had something to do with a part of the eye called the vitreous humor. I could also use a vitreous sarcasm and a vitreous exaggerator to help me finish writing this column.

One site suggested this home remedy for floaters:

1. Sit in a chair
2. Rub your hands together to produce some heat
3. Place the palms of your hands over each eye

My wife walked in as I was completing step number three and she thought I wanted to play hide and seek.

Most of the websites said there isn't much you can do about floaters, but there was one that recommended a dietary fix. It's a regimen that requires consuming large amounts of citrus fruit like lemons, limes and oranges for 10 straight days. I tried that for almost two weeks. The bad news is, it didn't work on eliminating my floaters. The good news is, I have no signs of scurvy.

If past columns are any indication, many readers will email me with medical advice. Please don't. I have talked to my ophthalmologist, Dr. Keener, who convinced me there is nothing to worry about—it's just part of aging. I gave my brother in New York a call to see if he had any experience with this condition. "I don't know what you mean by a floater," he said, also unaware of the disorder. "But before we hang up, I was wondering if you guys in Indiana also have houseflies in the winter?"



Dick Wolfsie lives in Indianapolis with his wife of 33 years. Dick is usually in the basement trying to think up something funny to write. He can be reached at: wolfsie@aol.com.



THUMBS UP

THUMBS DOWN



### MURDER SUSPECTS IN CUSTODY.

Police have arrested two teenagers (a former nurse's aide and her boyfriend) for the murder of a 74-year-old Alice Wright who was killed in her Brownsburg home in early January. Police say one of the suspect's was previous nurse's aide to Wright's husband. The family has set up a Go Fund Me page.



### DANVILLE TEA ROOM SHUTS DOORS:

The owner of The Porch Tea Room & Gift shop in Danville announced on Facebook that the shop would be closing for good Jan. 27. This a few months after the restaurant closed. Sad to see another small business go. Remember to shop local.



### POTHOLE PROBLEMS:

While roads here are generally smooth, drivers have recently complained about potholes popping up and tearing up their cars. One Facebook poster warned others about a big one while getting on 70 E. from 267. Thanks for the tip!



### AVON DIRECTOR PREMIERS NEW FILM:

Avon native and film director/writer Dustin Kay held his second movie premier at the Royal Theater in Danville, Jan. 20. The film "Dover Road" included other locals like actress Ambyr Tunny (Brownsburg), co-star Erin Trimble (Plainfield) makeup artist Joslyn Eckert (Danville), and producer Kevin Wheeler (Plainfield). Kay's first film "Belly Timber" debuted last summer at the same spot. Congrats!

QUOTE

*"Work like you don't need the money. Love like you've never been hurt. Dance like nobody's watching."*

— Satchel Paige, Hall of Fame baseball player

# Brave new storm

## HUMOR

By Kristin Ferklic

I'm no Bear Grylls, but I've managed to live through Snowmageddon 2009, Icpocalypse 2011, and even the Blizzard of '78. We did ok. However, as of late, it seems both Mother Nature and our coping mechanisms are on an unhinged, helter-skelter spiral.

The arrival of the (in)famous Jim Cantore from the Weather Channel in Indianapolis raised the Snowcon threat level in the minds of our friends and neighbors to a solid four. Although not a monstrous weather event, it was unique, even by Indiana standards. It seems that Mr. Cantore was at least momentarily impressed (Go us!).

Watching the local roving reporters was spellbinding as they struggled to describe the stuff. It's possible that we challenged even Native American nomenclature for frozen precipitation. You see, we started with mist, then drizzle, then rain. Now it's freezing! Sleet!!! No, pellets, by golly! Actually, folks, it's freezing rain with ice balls!! (I wonder if the Navajo were plagued with ice balls?) Then finally Chuck Lofton cleared it up for us lay folk, that stuff is called "graupel." Who knew?

And then, glory hallelujah, school was cancelled! Wait, wut? All except those poor saps that got stuck with the "e-learning" days. Oy. What a 21st century killjoy. In our house, one out of three got the "e-learning" death sentence. But, there will be joyous taunts on President's Day when small fry gets to stay home. I'm sure the friendly debate will kick up on the local Chatters at that time, if not before.

*"It's possible that we challenged even Native American nomenclature for frozen precipitation."*

— KRISTIN FERKLIC

An odd evolutionary observation: contemporary humans subjected to subzero temps, adverse winter conditions, and rising cortisol levels have evolved to crave refriger-

ated grated cheese products. My personal case study: the Avon Walmart. The shelves looked like the bizarre first stages of an apocalypse in Wisconsin. What happened to the traditional milk, bread and eggs of yesteryear? We've lost our taste for french toast?

The aforementioned ice balls, soon matted down into a nice textured ice. "Sledding," the children said, "we want to go sledding!" After some positive self-talk and a nap, I took three boys to Washington Township Park, along with a few other brave souls. They proceeded to rocket down the graupel covered hill at highly unusual velocities, aiming perilously for the tree line and wooden fence. My job for the following two hours: defensive lineman at the bottom of the hill. And dang, I was good; intercepted every one of my charges. Seeing my chiropractor tomorrow. Stay awesome Hendricks County!



Kristin Ferklic resides in Brownsburg, is happily married to a police officer and is the mother of three highly-spirited children. Email: offthechainicon@gmail.com.

## Outdoors with Greg Mayo

# The journey begins

By Greg Mayo

Today we begin what will be a regular series on the outdoors in and around Hendricks County and I couldn't be more excited. We'll cover just about any outdoor activity and sport one can imagine.

I have spent most of my life in Hendricks County and as much of that as possible in the outdoors. From Sodalis Nature Park south of Plainfield to McCloud Nature Park in North Salem, there is so much to do and see and talk about.

At times, we will venture out of the county to find opportunities. There are several State Parks nearby, such as Shades and Turkey Run, Lieber State Recreation Area, Morgan-Monroe State Forest and Eagle Creek Park in Indianapolis (one of the biggest city parks in the nation).

I started writing in 1986 with the Plainfield High School student publication (then called RSVP: Responsive Student Voice of Plainfield). Since then, I have written for many newspapers, magazines and other periodicals. Over the years I was

blessed with the opportunity to cover politics, social issues and local sports. I completed several series of restaurant, movie and live music reviews. There was even a stint where I wrote for trade publications (building trades) and on home improvement.

Sprinkled in and among all of those topics was always the Great Outdoors.

We all see the posts on social media about the health benefits of being in the midst of nature. Scientific studies are cited often as proof. If you're like me you didn't need a study to confirm these things. You live the benefits. You feel the benefits. When you don't get out and about you feel that too.

So we're going to cover it all because I love it all: hunting, fishing, hiking, biking, naturalists programs, boating, kayaking, climbing, camping (maybe even glamping), local history and things to do with family or in solitude.

You may be reading this and nodding along because you're a lot like me and you

can't wait to read about places you love and find out about new opportunities to explore. Or, you may not consider yourself to be very "outdoorsy." You may not yet find excitement in archery tournaments north of Cartersburg, or appreciate the tranquility of watching Swallows dart in and out of their cliff-side nests along Big Walnut Creek while you eat wild raspberries and float on a kayak... but consider this an invitation.

Along the way I hope you will share your favorite spots with me as well. There is plenty of outdoors to love in and around Hendricks County so come with me and let's enjoy what the 32nd county has to offer.



Greg is an outdoor enthusiast who lives and works as a realtor in Plainfield. You can reach him at gregoryamayo@gmail.com

## ICONIC IQ

How well do you know your Hendricks County community? Test your memory of news featured in the previous issue of ICON.

- 1 HC Parks communications specialist, Eric Ivie, was recently promoted to the position of \_\_\_\_\_?
- ☐ A. Superintendent
  - ☐ B. Assistant Superintendent
  - ☐ C. Senior Naturalist
  - ☐ D. Jedi Knight

- 2 Avon mother Missy Flint recently joined an online panel of advice-giving, family vacation experts for which amusement park?

- ☐ A. Disney World
- ☐ B. Cedar Point
- ☐ C. Knott's Berry Farm
- ☐ D. Where's My Kid Island

- 3 Alan Hawkins, 34, Indianapolis, was arrested last month for breaking into 24 local \_\_\_\_\_.

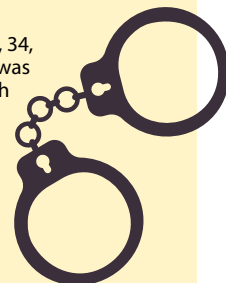
- ☐ A. garages
- ☐ B. vehicles
- ☐ C. businesses
- ☐ D. snow forts

- 4 Before coming to the United States, Ricardo Laranja of Avon, was officially recognized as the youngest professional \_\_\_\_\_ in his home country of Brazil.

- ☐ A. tennis player
- ☐ B. musician
- ☐ C. gameshow host
- ☐ D. riverboat gambler

- 5 Residents have been invited to meet their elected state representatives and grab some chow at which annual event?

- ☐ A. Assembly Grill
- ☐ B. Legislative Indigestion
- ☐ C. Tax Cutlets
- ☐ D. Legislative Breakfast



ANSWERS ON PAGE 25  
Compiled by Chris Cornwall



# NIGHT & day LOCAL Entertainment ENTERTAINING



Artwork by Steve Thomason

## Big-name comedian to perform in Brownsburg Feb. 10

Acclaimed comedian, Michael Jr., will be in Brownsburg on Saturday, Feb. 10, to headline the 2018 Sheltering Wings Premier event. The theme of this year's event is "Live, Laugh, Love," and if his past performances are any indicator, Michael Jr. will deliver on at least one of these.

Michael Jr. has a "clean" comedic style and avoids using profanity in his routine. In an interview, he explained he wouldn't say things that his kids aren't allowed to say. He's made television appearances on "The Tonight Show," "The Late, Late Show," "Oprah," and "Jimmy Kimmel Live,"

to name a few.

Tickets are \$100, but should be money well spent. In addition to seeing a national headliner like Michael Jr., proceeds will go to benefit Sheltering Wings Women's Shelter in Danville. It's a night to enjoy big laughs and also support one of Hendricks County's great organizations.

The event will be held at the Top Eliminator Club, Lucas Oil Raceway, 10267 E. U.S. Hwy 136, on Saturday, Feb. 10, 5:30 – 9:30 p.m. For more information, contact Donita Roberts (317) 386-5062.



## Mid-Winter Break ice skating

Residents will have an opportunity to skate on a simulated ice rink Feb. 15-19 inside the Guilford Township Community Center, 1500 S. Center St., Plainfield. The event will feature an indoor rink large enough to accommodate up to 50 skaters. According to park officials, skaters can enjoy a minimum of an hour on the rink and even longer during lower-volume times. There is no cost to skate and all ages are welcome. However, those under age 18 must have a waiver signed by a parent or legal guardian. Limited concessions will be offered during regular skating hours. Proceeds will benefit a local non-profit organization. For more information, contact the park office at (317) 839-9121.



### Schedule:

Thursday, Feb. 15, 5–8 p.m.  
Friday, Feb. 16, noon–8 p.m.  
Saturday, Feb. 17, noon–8 p.m.  
Sunday, Feb. 18, noon–6 p.m.  
Monday, Feb. 19, noon–8 p.m.

## EVENTS calendar

### February

#### 7 Wednesday

##### Indoor Nerf II

When: 6 p.m. | Where: Washington Township Parks and Recreation Department, 435 Whipple Ln. | Nerf gun battle. Sign up for this free indoor event at washington-twp-parks.org. Bring your own gun and bullets. Label your bullets. Wear eye protection. For more information, call (317) 745-0785.

#### 9 Friday

##### Valentines Dance (daddy-daughter)

When: 6 p.m. | Where: Hendricks Regional Health YMCA, 301 Satori Pkwy, Avon. | Bring the apple of your eye and the girl you adore, for a family fun event. Activities include music, games, snacks and a themed photo space with a photographer. See about registration. For more information and registration details, call (317) 273-9622.

#### 10 Saturday

##### Sweet Saturday on the Square

When: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. | Where: Downtown Danville Square | Visit all the unique retail shops and sample a sweet treat. For more information, call (317) 319-1492.

#### 11 Sunday

##### Hendricks Symphony presents 2018 Student Recital

When: 3 p.m. | Where: Bartlett Chapel United Methodist Church, 4396 East Main St., Avon | Free concert spotlighting the future of music in Hendricks County. For more information, call (517) 403-8379.

#### 13 Tuesday

##### House Concert at Bread Basket Cafe & Bakery

When: 7 a.m. | Where: 46 S. Tennessee St., Danville | Concert will feature an evening of live music to enjoy with your sweetheart—desserts and appetizers at intermission. Cost: TBA. For more information, call (317) 718-4800.

#### 15 Thursday

##### Canvas Painting at Chateau Thomas Winery

When: 7 p.m. | Where: Chateau Thomas Winery, 6291 Cambridge Way, Plainfield | No need to be an artist—step by step instruction on how to paint the Heart Wreath. Cost: \$25—includes everything you need to create on a 16x20 canvas and 2 hours of instruction. Wine will be available for purchase. Seats limited. For more information or to RSVP, call (317) 837-9463.

#### 17 Saturday

##### Frosty Feet 5k

When: 09 a.m. | Where: Plainfield Parks & Recreation, 651 Vestal Rd | The first of three races to get you ready for your Spring Half Marathon. Bring your pint sized runners/walkers for a special \$10 registration. For more information or to register, visit race-maker.org/event/plainfield-parks-run-series.

#### 17 Saturday

##### Sax Pistols at the Firehouse Bar

When: 10 p.m. | Where: 310 W Main St, Plainfield | Live music. Rock & Roll cover band.

#### 22 Thursday

##### College and Career Fair

When: 5-8 p.m. | Where: Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex, 1900 E. Main St., Danville | Over 100 education booths including colleges, trade schools, military, apprenticeships and adult-accelerated programs. There will also be workshops on financial aid, scholarships, essays, and recruiting. For more information, visit hendrickscollegenetwork.org.

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# FAITH ON FOOD

by Faith Toole

## Byrnes Grilled Pizza

5615 North Illinois St.  
Indianapolis

I hope you've been enjoying Devour Indy! I certainly have; it's been fun meeting new people on the FAITH ON FOOD journey. Recently, while taking pictures of a coffee creation, I met Adam Reinstrom. His family owns Byrnes Grilled Pizza, one of the eateries participating in Devour Indy. He me told their story. In 2011, they decided to start a food-truck business and named it after their family friend and mentor, Father Jim Byrne of Holy Cross. First Friday Food Trucks really took off and they expanded to Farmers Markets, Indianapolis Motor Speedway events and more, plus catering. In November 2015, they opened a storefront along the 56th and Illinois neighborhood lined with quaint shops. In January 2018, after renovations to the restaurant, they opened the Rhino Bar serving Hotel Tango's favorite drinks.

Our lunch started with bruschetta, a tangy mix of diced tomato, red onion,



fresh garlic, olives and basil served with bread planks toasted with a hint of pesto, and accented with rich balsamic vinegar. We savored the burst of flavors. The Byrnes Specialty pizza arrived bubbling with pesto, spinach, artichoke hearts, tomatoes, bell peppers and ricotta. The thin crust was amazing and didn't overpower the taste of each ingredient. The menu items are prepared per order with the freshest ingredients. Byrnes also offers gluten-free options and has a massive fire grill (no oven onsite).

Add Byrnes Grilled Pizza to your list especially on a Thursday when local shops are open for the evening.

## WHERE I DINE

**Jason Warthan,**  
Plainfield

**Where do you like to dine?**

Fogo de Chão

**What do you like there?**

It's a Brazilian steakhouse, so they have really good meat - steak and chicken.



**What do you like about this place?**

It's all-you-can-eat and a good experience. It's different than most steakhouses. They bring meat over on a skewer and cut it all for you. You get to try a lot of different meats. It's expensive, so we don't do it a lot. It's a special occasion, once-a-year type of place.

Fogo de Chão

117 E. Washington St, Indianapolis



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1502 East Main St., Speedway

### Raspberry Tequila

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# ICONography



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## A dog-gone good time for all at 16th annual Dogtona!

It was a fun time for dogs on Jan. 20 during the 16th annual Dogtona! The event, at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex, was hosted by the Hendricks County Humane Society. There were many games for dogs to play, informational booths for dog owners, as well as rescue groups with dogs ready to be adopted on the spot. Dogtona! was created to provide people with an inexpensive, fun day for their dogs, to promote the adoption of homeless dogs in area shelters and rescue groups, and to educate the public on pet responsibility.

1: - From left, Rachel Rice of Far Fetched Dog Rescue holds Weeble as Sara Davis, Plainfield, plants a kiss on him. 2: Lilly Coleman, 7, follows Cindy Lu through a tunnel. Lilly is the daughter of David and Andrea Coleman, Danville. 3: Hendricks County Deputy Sheriff Nate Hibschan, a K-9 handler, works with Edo on a narcotics demonstration. 4: Amy Lincks, Avon, has her dog, Bella, play "Walk the Plank" as Human Society volunteer Kyle Moseley entices her with a treat. 5: Jean Perry, Danville, pushes Sadie in a stroller. Photos by Rick Myers



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## ICONICrewind



From left: Stan Albaugh, Avon; Carol Neaville-Wright, Brownsburg; Cindy Hohman, Brownsburg; Theresa Brandon, Plainfield; Tobi Beck, Avon; Cheryl Teague-McClendon, Indianapolis; Harlan Vondersaar, Whitestown.  
Photo by Chris Cornwall

### Local Dems fill in to file

Seven local candidates running for offices that range from precinct committeeman to U.S. Representative met at the Hendricks County Government Center, Danville, Jan. 11, to file for candidacy and, according to Carol Neaville-Wright of Brownsburg, show residents that there are in fact democrats in the very red county of Hendricks.

Among the political hopefuls were Tobi Beck, Avon, running for U.S. Representative (District 4), former Avon native, Harlan Vondersaar, running for State Representative (District 28), and Brownsburg resident Carol-Neaville-Wright, running for Precinct Committeeman (Lincoln Twp.).

"Yes, Virginia, there are Democrats in

Hendricks (County)," Neaville-Wright wrote in her statement. "From the U.S. Congress Indiana 4th District, to the 40th House District in Indiana, to County Councilmen, Township Board Members, Precinct Committeeman, town, city, and School Boards, we are all registering. In the 2018 election, there will be names on both sides of the ballot to ensure Democracy is at work in Hendricks County."

Neaville-Wright, who has become committed to spreading the word about local Democratic candidates, also said there will be meet-and-greet and a silent auction Tuesday, Feb. 20, 5 – 7:30 p.m., Avon Town Hall, 6570 E. U.S. Hwy 36.

### Brownsburg announces new appointments

The Brownsburg Town Council announced new commission and committee members at the Dec. 21 meeting. The council named Ward 5 representative Sean Benham as president and Ward 3 representative Brian Jessen will serve as vice-president this year. Appointments for Brownsburg committees and commissions are as follows:

#### Economic Development Commission

Robert McLaughlin, four-year appointment

#### Advisory Plan Commission

Chris Worley, four-year appointment (as town elected official)

Ben Lacey, four year appointment from Town Council President

Barry Francis, \*appointment through Dec. 31, 2019, from Town Council President

#### Brownsburg Park Board

Nick Mayes, four-year appointment

Cari Palma, appointment by Library Board

#### Police Commission

Terry Smith, three-year appointment

#### Redevelopment Commission

Matt Browning, one-year appointment by Town Council President,

Troy Austin, one-year appointment by Town Council President

Travis Tschaenn, one-year appointment by the Town Council President

Paul Logsdon, one-year appointment by the Town Council

#### Brownsburg Improvement Committee (all one-year appointments)

Robert McLaughlin (EDC)

Matt Simpson (RDC)

Ben Lacey (APC)

Scott Lattimer (Engineer)

Jennifer Mulligan (Resident)

## HISTORY & ARCHITECTURE



McCloud Nature Park, 8518 Hughes Rd., North Salem.

Photo by Chris Cornwall

## McCloud beginnings North Salem land owner's vision started 75-years-ago

By Ken Sebree

Around 1830, several members of the McCloud family moved from North Carolina to Eel River Township in western Hendricks County. As time passed, many members of the McCloud family became property owners in the area.

About 100 years later, a man named Robert Davidson from North Salem purchased large tracts of land in the area with the intent of developing a park, and by the early 1940s Davidson owned about 800 acres. Davidson built a home there and developed various park amenities; however, after his death in 1951, the land was passed on to other various owners. In 2000, the Hendricks County Council created the Hendricks County Department of Parks and Recreation and soon after, they began to purchase property in the area. On May 3, 2003, the 232-acre McCloud Nature Park formally opened to the public. Big Walnut Creek divides the park in two, and in the early years, park visitors had to leave the park and travel county roads to go from one side of the creek to the other.

In 2010, an old iron truss bridge was disassembled in Pulaski County and reassembled across Big Walnut

Creek in McCloud Park thus allowing pedestrians and maintenance vehicles to easily cross the creek within the park.

Today, McCloud Nature Park is a premier nature park in central Indiana. Visitors can enjoy over six miles of hiking trails, access to Big Walnut Creek for fishing, canoeing and kayaking, year round programs at the Nature Center and a wide variety of wildlife viewing opportunities. Modern restrooms and picnic facilities are on site. The park pavilion is also available for group rentals, and is often used for reunions and celebrations.

Other popular park activities are nature center interactive exhibits, a bird viewing room, resource library, weekly nature programs and the very popular family summer fun run/walk which attracts hundreds of participants each summer.

McCloud Nature Park is free for all to enjoy throughout the year.



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## DWHCS announces 2018 contestants

The flu-season is coming to end but dance fever is just around the corner. Organizers of the popular spring event, Dancing with the Hendricks County Stars (DWHCS), have officially announced this year's contestants.

The announcement comes one week after the initial "Kick-Off" at Arthur Murray Dance Center, Avon, where contestants were paired with instructors and randomly assigned a dance style.

Event Coordinator Deanna Hindsley is very pleased with this year's crop of local stars.

"This looks to be our best event ever," she said. "We have a great group of dancers from all across Hendricks County who are excited about the event, and Arthur Murray Dance Center is changing up the program for another unique presentation."

Here are the 2018 DWHCS contestants along with their assigned partners and dance styles:



**Amanda Goings**  
Captain with the  
Hendricks County  
Sheriff's Department,  
Style: salsa  
Partner: Jamis  
Wadsworth-Carr



**Rev. Fr. Doug Hunter**  
Associate Pastor at St.  
Malachy Catholic Church  
Style: tango  
Partner: Ana Fernandez



**Linda Jenks**  
Executive Director  
for Park  
Square Manor  
Style: samba  
Partner: Barry Snyder



**Tom Klein**  
Avon Town Manager  
Style: swing  
Partner: Lollie  
Henshilwood



**Heidi Jo Maddix**  
Owner of BB Consign  
and Design in  
Brownsburg  
Style: waltz  
Partner: Barry Snyder



**Tracie Shearer**  
Owner of Royal Theatre  
and Marmalade Sky B & B,  
and instructor at Exercise,  
Inc., Danville  
Style: fox trot  
Partner: Jamis  
Wadsworth-Carr



**Shane Sommers**  
Director of Professional  
Services for Hendricks  
Regional Health  
Style: hustle  
Partner: Lollie  
Henshilwood



**Joanna Sproull**  
Community Central  
Manager of Plainfield-  
Guilford Township  
Public Library  
Style: bachata  
Partner: Cameron  
Dougherty



**Tim Whicker**  
Owner of Electric Plus  
Style: cha-cha  
Partner: Ana Fernandez.



**K. C. Woods**  
Warriors Head Football  
Coach for Danville  
Community High School  
Style: rumba  
Partner: Ana Fernandez

### Event details:

2018 DWHCS will be held Saturday, April 21, at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds and Conference Complex 1900 E Main St., Danville. The doors open at 5:30 p.m., dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. and the competition begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$50 per person and available online starting Feb. 1 at [hendrickscountymuseum.org](http://hendrickscountymuseum.org). All proceeds benefit the Hendricks County Historical Museum. For more information, or to donate a silent auction item, contact Deanna Hindsley at [dkhindsley@gmail.com](mailto:dkhindsley@gmail.com)

## YOU ARE INVITED

### 2018 Legislative Breakfasts

Take advantage of this opportunity to express concerns to your representatives from the Indiana Statehouse!

**Dates:** Monday, January 29  
Monday, February 26  
Monday, March 19

**Time:** Complimentary breakfast served at 7:00 a.m. on the above dates

**Location:** Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds Conference Center

**RSVP:** Please contact the Hendricks County Farm Bureau office at 745-4463 by the Thursday prior to each breakfast

*Representatives Bob Behning, Greg Steuerwald and Jeff Thompson have been invited to join us, along with Senators John Crane and Mike Young.*



\*\* If schools are closed due to weather, meetings will be canceled. \*\*

## Is chocolate medicinal?

### DIETARY

By Martha Rardin

The delicious richness. The smooth creaminess. The wonderful goodness that is chocolate. But here's a surprise – pampering yourself with a bit of fabulous and decadent chocolate might not be as scandalous as you thought.

In fact, the occasional indulgence of this sweet favorite could even be good for you. Chocolate does have slight medicinal properties. The properties in chocolate have many complex pharmacologically active properties. It contains antioxidants, oleic and stearic acid and flavonoids. While these terms may not mean much to you these naturally occurring chemicals do promote healthful properties.

#### Flavonoids are our friends

Chocolate contains flavonoids, naturally-occurring compounds found in plant-based foods such as cranberries, apples, peanuts, onions, tea and red wine. Flavonoids are antioxidants, which help protect the body's cells from damage and inflammation.

Flavonoids may also help your body in other ways, such as helping blood vessels to relax, which benefits circulation and may reduce cholesterol. There is a small amount of research that shows chocolate does help

us with stress management but use caution as too much chocolate may result in weight increases that lead to more stress.

#### Choose dark chocolate

Evidence points to health benefits in dark chocolate, but not necessarily in its white or milk chocolate counterparts. When chocolate is made from the fruit of the cacao trees, it goes through a process that diminishes its naturally occurring pungent taste (which comes from flavonoids). Dark chocolate seems to hang on to more flavonoids than milk chocolate.

#### Everything in moderation

When considering the health benefits of dark chocolate, remember to balance the calories. A 100-gram serving of Hershey's Special Dark Chocolate Bar has over 500 calories, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Many fruits and veggies with a fraction of that calorie content are loaded with antioxidants, plus vitamins and minerals to boot.

But, in moderation, the occasional small piece of dark chocolate (or glass of red wine) can be a guiltless treat.

A cup of hot cocoa usually contains about 4-5 milligrams of caffeine, which is about 1/20th of a cup of coffee.

A cocoa tree will produce two harvests

a year. As the cocoa pod ripens it will turn from red to yellow or orange. Each pod has enough seeds to produce about 4 bars of dark chocolate.

West Africa continues to produce most of the world's cocoa.

Cocoa butter melts at a temperature just below the human body temperature (98.6 degrees). So, it literally does melt in your mouth.

Here is a quick recipe you can make at home that is both a treat and a little bit of medicine!

#### Cherry Almond Chocolate Clusters

Makes 12 chocolate treats

1 cluster = 1 serving

1 cup almond -- whole, toasted and chopped

1/2 cup dried cherries, chopped

6 ounces bittersweet chocolate, finely chopped

1. In medium bowl toss together almonds and cherries. Line baking sheet with waxed paper.
2. Melt half of the chocolate in microwave safe bowl for 1 minute in microwave, stir, add 1/2 again and repeat for

30 seconds and repeat

3. Stir chocolate until smooth; add fruit and nut mixture. Spoon by heaping tablespoons and place on waxed paper about 1" apart.

4. Refrigerate to cool and set; about 20 minutes. Store in airtight container at room temperature.

**Per Serving: 164 Calories; 14g Fat (67.3% calories from fat); 4g Protein; 11g Carbohydrate; 4g Dietary Fiber; 0mg Cholesterol; 4mg Sodium.**

### Chocolate Fun Facts:

Americans eat an average of 10.6 pounds of chocolate every year, according to U.S. Department of Agriculture. The Swiss consume more chocolate than any other country in the world. Austria and Germany tied for second most consumption.



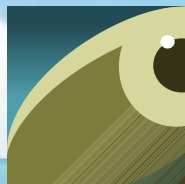
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## Why never use 'never'

### LIFE CHOICES

By Karl Zimmer

The year, 2018, is barely a month along and I imagine that many who made New Year's Resolutions have abandoned them already. Though studies vary, many studies show that within the first several weeks, more than half of the people who made resolutions quit even trying, and by mid-year, nearly 90 percent have all but forgotten the resolutions they made.

I find it more effective to continually adjust and adapt goals throughout the year to fit your circumstances, and to make goals that are reasonable, measurable and meaningful with a specific timeframe for accomplishment. Most people who make resolutions aren't really that serious about them in the first place, and are, therefore, setting themselves up for failure. So, what does that have to do with "Never?"

Any absolute, like an expectation, is all but guaranteeing disappointment. "Never" and "always" are words that can never come true or will always disappoint. If you never make a decision, you will never make a mistake by making a decision, except the decision to not make a decision is a decision, so you have already failed. Confused, yet? You see, when we use words like, "never" and "always," we infer that from the beginning of time to the end of time, something will or will not occur. Will you be around to see whether it comes true or not? So, how will you know?

Since none of us will be around to confirm the truth of the statement that contains the

words, "never" or "always," what is the point of using those words at all? So, this article is basically nonsensical, except that perhaps you are beginning to smile or wonder if I've lost my mind. I have not, and neither have you. You may, however, be wondering if you will ever use the words, "never" or "always," ever again. In case you do, you might want to remember that Wendell Johnson said, "Always and never are two words you should always remember to never use."

All levity aside, as you look forward to 2018 and the possibilities that lie ahead, here are three things you can do to make it your best year yet. First, be nice to yourself and others. It is one of the simplest and most effective ways to make everything better. Second, believe in yourself and your goals. What you believe, you can achieve. And third, remember that when "bad" things happen, they are there to make you stronger, to make you appreciate all that is good in your life, and to prompt you to make necessary and appropriate adjustments in order to keep you on your best journey. You have the power to make this your best year yet! And you always will! How cool is that?



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## Have a heart-to-heart this month

### ASK THE EXPERT

By William Gill, MD

**Q: What does a heart attack feel like?**

Typical signs of a heart attack include chest discomfort, combined with queasiness, shortness of breath, nausea or sweating. Heart attacks are not always painful in the chest. You could feel pain in your arm, jaw or upper back. As I tell my patients, not all of our hearts read the book on how they're supposed to act when having a heart attack.

**Q: Can heart attacks differ between men and women?**

Yes, symptoms of a heart attack may differ between men and women. It is more common for women to experience "less typical" symptoms of a heart attack. Women are more likely to feel breathless or fatigued, and the location of their discomfort tends to be in the arms, shoulders, neck, and upper back, rather than the center of the chest.

Men often experience more typical symptoms, but both men and women should pay particular attention if symptoms are abrupt or acute, and when they've been occurring. Do symptoms occur with physical activity? Are the symptoms relieved with rest? Your doctor will

likely ask these questions. Take care not to minimize or dismiss symptoms that may be serious.

**Q: How can I be proactive with my heart health?**

- **Quit Smoking.** Everyone knows that smoking is bad for your lungs. It's also bad for your heart.
- **Exercise.** Physical inactivity is a killer. Incorporating exercise into your everyday life is an essential step in preventing heart disease.
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## The NEIPA craze

### BEER

By Scarlet Samm

The beer world is constantly evolving with new techniques and recipes and this is very apparent in the NEIPA surge. A NEIPA, or New England India Pale Ale, shot to beer world fame in late 2016, early 2017, and it doesn't seem to be dying down.

NEIPAs are known for their hazy and juicy quality. Brewers get the haze because this style isn't filtered, a heavy dose of double dry hopping is used and grains like flour, oats and wheat are often included. The thicker the haze, the better.

This style tends to look a lot like orange or pineapple juice when poured into a glass which is consistent with this style. Even though NEIPAs are super hopped, the hop bitterness takes a back seat to the bountiful floral and tropical notes that come with the variety of hops used. When poured, those beautiful smells tingle your nose and make you want to take the first swig right away.

New England IPA is now recognized as an official beer style, putting it on the map and igniting a frenzy of breweries trying to pump out this style and make a name in the market. Trillium, Alchemist and Tree House breweries on the east coast are known for this style and do it exceptionally well. Locally, the NEIPA craze took a bit longer to gain steam with Bare Hands and 450 North, among others, finally getting in the mix.

Bare Hands Brewing crafted Joe England which is packed with Citra hops and uses barley, wheat and oats. Joe England is not available year round but was recently brewed and distributed throughout their territory. This is definitely a brew you should seek out and tell your friends about. While you're at it, pick up some Drain the Swamp or Red Raspberry Milkshake if you see them!

450 North Brewing took a slightly different approach and are using old school designs for their labels on the NEIPAs they are cranking out. Their labels are super eye catching and take you back to your younger years of eating Fruity Pebbles while playing Nintendo. 450 North has gained so much steam in the last few months that beer aficionados in other states are actively searching out its beer. 450 North tends to do Friday brewery releases and sometimes their NEIPA styles hit store shelves.

New England IPAs aren't going away and are picking up steam. Brewers are creating new recipes every day in hopes of catching the beer world's attention. Well, we are listening!



Scarlet Samm is a wife and mother residing in Pittsboro. She is a self-certified beer geek. Scarlet can be reached at scarletsamm@gmail.com

## Chainsaws and killer coconuts

### GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

Falling coconuts kill an estimated 150 people worldwide every year. Because I don't want to get killed by a falling coconut, I'm working on a patent for a combination shield/umbrella, which I'm thinking about calling the shumbrella (coming soon to a Bed Bath and Beyond near you).

Falling from a height of 80 feet, coconuts can reach speeds of 50 miles per hour. And, even though I haven't noticed any coconut trees in Indiana (yet), a coconut could fall out of a plane, get shot out of a cannon or spat out of a really intense geyser, make an impact with my head and kill me. It could happen. What I really want to know is, when talking about my chances of getting killed by a falling coconut, should I use may or might? Is it "I may die as a result of the impact of a falling coconut" or "I might die as a result of the impact of a falling coconut?"

When it comes to may or might, it's a matter of likelihood. If something may happen, it's more likely than something that might happen. The incredibly unscientific way I remember which one to use is: may = yay; might = yeah right. As in, may could very well happen

(yay) and might has a much smaller probability of occurring (yeah right).

Based on an incredibly small likelihood, I would correctly say I might die as a result of the impact of a falling coconut. As a left-handed person, I'm much more likely to die from operating a product intended for right-handed people. It happens to approximately 2,500 southpaws each year. And, with my poor track record using traditional, right-handed can openers, I would correctly say I may die while improperly operating equipment intended for right-handed users.

I'm actually a little worried about the statistic about equipment killing lefties. After all, at 10 percent of the world's population, our quantities are already limited. Let's just say I'm unlikely to operate a chainsaw anytime soon; I might use a chainsaw, but I probably won't.



Curtis Honeycutt is a freelance humor writer. Have a grammar question? Connect with him on Twitter @curtishoneycutt or at curtishoneycutt.com.





Photo by John Chapin

## Small space vegetable gardening

### GARDENING

By John Chapin

The new year sees the arrival of seed catalogs in mailboxes! Those full-color photos and glowing descriptions are just what gardeners need in the dreary depths of winter. Mail order catalogs are an excellent and reliable way to get new and unusual plants that are not commonly offered in big box stores and even most garden centers till later in the summer. It's easy and much cheaper to order seed packets to try out these new perennials, annuals, and vegetables, as well as tried and proven varieties.

For people who don't have a lot of space for a vegetable garden, but would enjoy a little truly fresh produce, I would suggest planting any of the following in a sunny spot or even a large pot on the patio. I've grown them all, and can attest to the freshness and flavor that you would be hard pressed to find even at a farmer's market. Tomato seeds should be started indoors in April on a sunny window ledge for earliest harvest, but all the rest can be planted in the ground according to packet directions.

**Tomato:** "Patio tomatoes" are very popular for those with limited space. However, many on the market produce one big crop and then are done for the summer. 'Tumbler Hybrid' is an exception and can be grown in patio pots or hanging baskets to be readily available for salads or snacking. These cherry tomatoes taste as good as they look, start bearing earlier than others, with very heavy production over a long season. (Burpee Seeds)

**Beans:** For hands-down flavor and plant vigor, it's hard to beat 'Blue Lake' snap

beans. While a whole row of the bush type is needed for canning, for a continuous crop for fresh eating, plant 'Blue Lake Pole'. Just a few seeds planted to grow up any type of trellis will produce a reliable crop all summer. This pole bean seed is almost impossible to find unless you order on-line. (Available from Gurney's, Park Seeds, and others.)

**Cabbages:** Traditional cabbages grow into huge heads that can be difficult to fully use for the average family or retired couple. However, there are delightful "mini-head" cabbage types that take up little room and can be grow even in pots. Try 'Alcosa' (Savoy type), 'Tiara' (green), 'Caraflex' (pointed green head), and 'Omero' (red). All have great flavor and are good for you, too! (Johnny's Selected Seeds)

**Lettuce:** Leaf lettuce is available everywhere, but the popularity and flavor of Romaine lettuce makes it a favorite for salads and lettuce wraps. It's rare to find small-headed types for those with limited space, except by mail order. Reliable mini-heads include the green 'Dragoon' and the deep-red 'Truchas'. Easy to grow and delicious. (Johnny's Selected Seeds)

There are many great vegetables available for home gardeners, but for those with limited growing space, these can be fun and rewarding to try this year. Happy gardening!



John Chapin is a retired school teacher and sole proprietor of Chapin Landscaping in Danville. He has over 30 years' experience in the landscaping business. Contact him at jchapinlandscaping@gmail.com

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## Letter delivers family to Echo Church



The Carpenter Family

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### WHERE WE WORSHIP

Levi and Julie Carpenter have been married for 15 years and have two sons, Braxton and Corbin. Levi serves as Fire Marshal for the Washington Township/Avon Fire Department and has been with the department for 12 years. Julie is a homemaker and oversees the education of their two boys.

Levi said they had been searching for a church to join when a mailer arrived at the family's home. It informed them of a new church starting up at the Hendricks Regional Health YMCA called Echo Church. The family attended during its opening week and have been members ever since.

**What is it about your place of worship that helps you grow spiritually?** Spiritual growth begins each week with the amazing worship music, and continues through Pastor Lunsford's messages. Each week, he teaches and preaches the Bible in a way that helps us apply it to our daily lives.

**What is it about your place of worship that helps you to feel connected to your spouse, children, parents or other family?** In the few months since the church launch we have all had the opportunity to begin serving at the church in different capacities. The boys and I arrive early to help the setup team get the stage and chairs ready for the service while Julie helps teach and works

with the children. Through these opportunities to serve we have felt more connected to each other.

**What is one meaningful event that has taken place at your place of worship?** We believe that there are several meaningful events that take place each week as people make the decision to take their next step spiritually. That can come in the form of wanting to come back the next week, becoming a member, or most importantly, giving their life to the Lord. Each week we can see the Lord working in the lives of those in attendance, and we are excited to see what else He has in store.

**Why would you recommend your place of worship to someone?** We would recommend the church for several reasons. One, it is the most welcoming church that we have ever attended. It is a place where you can worship wholeheartedly and hear an amazing message that you can apply to daily life, all the while growing closer to others and the Lord.

Compiled by Cathy Myers

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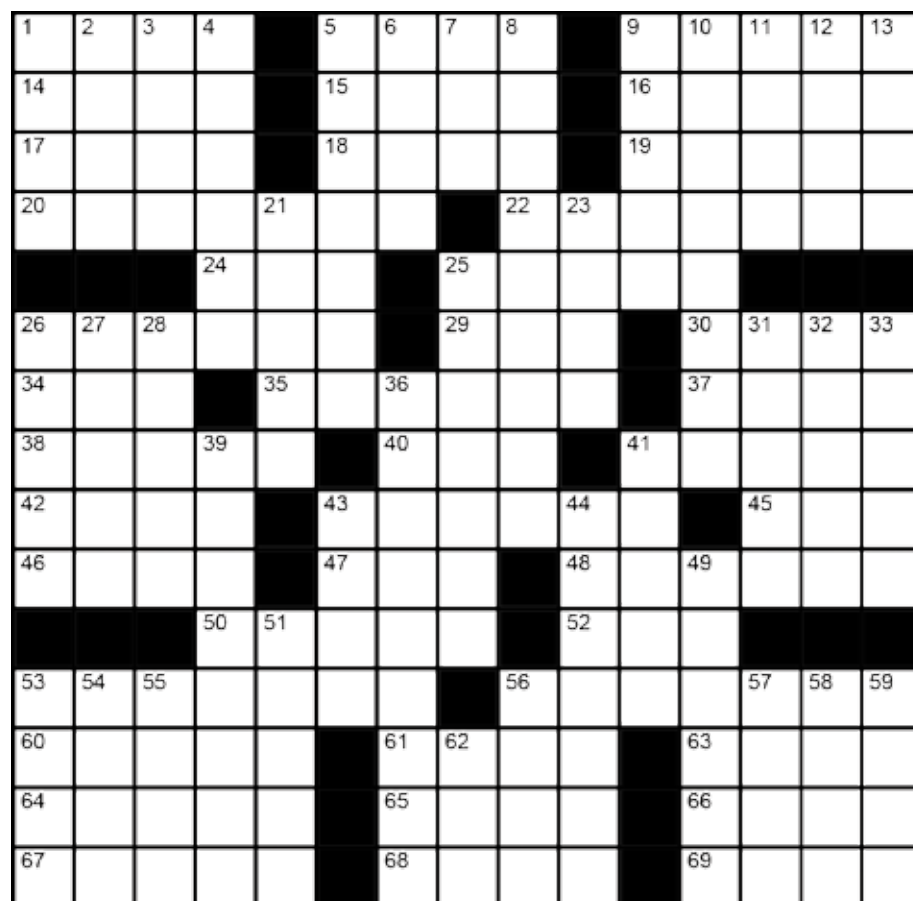
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## ACROSS

1. Pet lovers' org.
5. Trendy
9. Eagle Creek heron
14. Scarf material
15. Colts shutout, on a scoreboard
16. Lode of loot
17. Show horse
18. Broad Ripple record store
19. New \_\_\_, Ind.
20. Dwell on
22. They blow off steam
24. Yule quaff
25. Casts
26. Big gorge
29. MCL option: pie \_\_\_ mode
30. Capri, e.g.
34. 2016 Olympics city, briefly
35. Indianapolis Zoo equines
37. Online read
38. Without an escort
40. CPR pro
41. BYOB part
42. Paradoxical Greek
43. One of the friends on Friends
45. Chinese principle
46. Utopia
47. Many, many years
48. Ragamuffin
50. Like snakeskin
52. Last word of "America, the Beautiful"
53. Falling on deaf ears
56. Hardly artistic
60. New \_\_\_, Ind.
61. Indianapolis Fencing Club sword
63. Jazz Kitchen group, maybe
64. Uptight
65. Caviars
66. Take it easy
67. More aged
68. Quaker Day Festival mo.
69. Star Wars critter

## DOWN

1. Q-Tip
2. Tiny opening
3. IPL fuel
4. New \_\_\_, Ind.
5. Toiletry item
6. Day part
7. Danville HS physics class topic
8. Clot
9. Gas additive
10. More lush, in a way
11. Wander Indiana
12. "...happily \_\_\_ after"



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| 13. Addition column                                      | 39. Poppycock                    | 59. Sunny-side-up part |
| 21. Big Red Liquors buy                                  | 41. Tam's kin                    | 62. "The Raven" writer |
| 23. Brownsburg HS pitchers' stats                        | 43. Avon Farmers Market fruit    |                        |
| 25. New ___, Ind.  | 44. Having the most work         |                        |
| 26. Mania  | 49. New ___, Ind.                |                        |
| 27. Had a bug  | 51. Provide food for             |                        |
| 28. Nary a soul  | 53. No more than                 |                        |
| 31. Country Music Hall-of-Famer from Elkhart: Connie ___ | 54. Zionsville artist: Nancy ___ |                        |
| 32. Maui neighbor  | 55. Rear                         |                        |
| 33. Encourage  | 56. Retain                       |                        |
| 36. Witnesses  | 57. Eiteljorg Museum tribe       |                        |
|  | 58. Hawaiian port                |                        |

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# Teacher of the Month



*Megan Brouillard and Bailey Errett*

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**Megan Brouillard**  
**Van Buren Elementary**  
**3rd Grade**

By Bailey Errett

I think you should pick my 3rd grade teacher, Mrs. Brouillard from Van Buren Elementary School as teacher of the month! Mrs. Brouillard greets everyone with a smile every morning. She is patient with everyone in class when we are learning something challenging like multiplication and division. Reading is important to Mrs. B so we read a lot in class. She rewards us when we do things well. She makes learning fun and lets us work in groups. Mrs. B is very kind and helps our brains grow everyday!



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**FORtheRECORD - HC OBITUARIES****AVON****Judith A. Taylor**

Judith A. Taylor, 78, passed away Jan. 7, 2018. She was born Oct. 31, 1939. Services were not listed.

**Phyllis L. Westlake**

Phyllis L. Westlake, 90, passed away Jan. 13, 2018. She was born Aug. 25, 1927. Services are planned for later.

**Delores Jane Williamson**

Delores Jane Williamson, 87, passed away Jan. 18, 2018. She was born Dec. 6, 1930. No services are planned.

**Madge Marie (Covey) Wood**

Madge Marie (Covey) Wood, 82, passed away Jan. 7, 2018. She was born April 19, 1935. Services were held Jan. 11 at Baker Funeral Home, Danville.

**BROWNSBURG****Elbertine "Bert" Rose Crowe**

Elbertine "Bert" Rose Crowe, 89, passed away Jan. 14, 2018. She was born Feb. 5, 1928. Services were held Jan. 19 at Calvary United Methodist Church, Brownsburg.

**Helen C. Graham**

Helen C. Graham, 94, passed away Jan. 14. She was born Jan. 11, 1924. Services were held Jan. 20 at Matthews Mortuary, Brownsburg.

**John R. Hayden**

John R. Hayden, 83, passed away Jan. 11, 2018. He was born April 22, 1934. He served in the US Air Force. Services were held Jan. 15 at Conkle Funeral Home, Avon.

**Tracey Barker Martonic**

Tracey Barker Martonic, 58, passed away Jan. 11, 2018. She was born July 14, 1959. Services were held Jan. 18 at Clermont Christian Church, Clermont.

**Paul Eugene Sparks**

Paul Eugene Sparks, 96, passed away Jan. 13. He was born July 28, 1921. He was a US Navy veteran and served during WWII. Services were held Jan. 17 at Matthews Mortuary, Brownsburg.

**Wayne Liberty Stalcup**

Wayne Liberty Stalcup, 96, passed away Jan. 17, 2018. He was born May 26, 1921. He served in the US Army during WWII. Services were held Jan. 22 at Porter Funeral Home, Jamestown.

**Maxine J. Teachout**

Maxine J. Teachout, 87, passed away Jan. 18, 2018. She was born Feb. 7, 1930. Services were held Jan. 24 at Matthews Mortuary, Brownsburg.

**Charles Robert Vaughn**

Charles Robert Vaughn, 78, passed away Jan. 17, 2018. He was born Nov. 6, 1939. He was a US Army veteran. Services were held Jan. 23 at Matthews Mortuary, Brownsburg.

**Alice B. Wright**

Alice B. Wright, 74, passed away Jan. 6, 2018. She was born Nov. 20, 1943. Services were held Jan. 12 at Bethesda Baptist Church, Brownsburg.

**CLAYTON****Annie Lou Clonce**

Annie Lou Clonce, 94, passed away Jan. 11, 2018. She was born Dec. 16, 1923. Services were held Jan. 15 at Weaver & Randolph Funeral Home, Clayton.

**COATESVILLE****Virginia (Bohn) Carpenter**

Virginia (Bohn) Carpenter, 87, passed away Jan. 9, 2018. She was born Aug. 15, 1930. Services were held Jan. 16 at Mary Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Danville.

**Ruby Mae Heavin**

Ruby Mae Heavin, 85, passed away Jan. 20, 2018. She was born March 18, 1932. Services were held Jan. 23 at Bousley Funeral Home, Coatesville.

**Frank Trickey**

Frank Trickey, 93, passed away Jan. 14. He was born April 24, 1924. He served in the US Army during WWII. Services were held Jan. 19 at Bousley Funeral Home, Coatesville.

**DANVILLE****Leon Bee Davis**

Leon Bee Davis, 89, passed away Jan. 9, 2018. He was born June 30, 1928. Services were held Jan. 13 at Weaver & Randolph Funeral Home, Danville.

**Alfred E. Havens**

Alfred E. Havens, 98, passed away Jan. 4, 2018. He was born Dec. 31, 1919. He was a US Army veteran. Services were held Jan. 10 at Whitestone Christian Church, Coatesville.

**Sandra Joy (Barnett) Howe**

Sandra Joy (Barnett) Howe, 77, passed away Jan. 8, 2018. She was born Dec. 18, 1940. No services were held.

**Robert M. Karnes**

Robert M. Karnes, 86, passed away Jan. 14, 2018. He was born Aug. 19, 1931. He was an officer in the US Army. Services were not listed.

**Randall Keith "Randy" Morpew**

Randall Keith "Randy" Morpew, 62, passed away Jan. 16, 2018. He was born Nov. 26, 1955. Services were held Jan. 28 at Weaver & Randolph Funeral Homes, Danville.

**NORTH SALEM****Lois Imogene Owen**

Lois Imogene Owen, 93, passed away Jan. 15, 2018. She was born June 10, 1924. Services were held Jan. 18 at Jamestown Christian Church.

**PLAINFIELD****Richard "Rick" Baughn**

Richard "Rick" Baughn, 78, passed away Jan. 17, 2018. He was born April 30, 1939. Services were held Jan. 23, at Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home, Plainfield.

**Gilbert L. Duncan**

Gilbert L. Duncan, 84, passed away Jan. 6, 2018. He was born Jan. 15, 1933. Services were held Jan. 9 at Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home, Plainfield.

**Mary Canfield Hank**

Mary Canfield Hank, 90, passed away Jan. 2, 2018. She was born Dec. 14, 1927. Services were held Jan. 16 at St. Luke Catholic Church, Indianapolis.

**Deborah S. Goen**

Deborah S. Goen, 67, passed away Jan. 2, 2018. She was born Dec. 12, 1950. Services were held Jan. 8 at Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home, Plainfield.

**Donald "Buzz" Keltner II**

Donald "Buzz" Keltner II, 55, passed away Jan. 11, 2018. He was born Aug. 20, 1962. Services were held Jan. 15 at St. Susanna Catholic Church, Plainfield.

**Norma Leigh Reed**

Norma Leigh Reed, 82, passed away Jan. 14, 2018. She was born Nov. 30, 1935. Services were held Jan. 19 at Hall-Baker Funeral Home, Plainfield.

**Mary Ellen Rhoden**

Mary Ellen Rhoden, 98, passed away Jan. 12, 2018. She was born July 3, 1919. Services were held Jan. 17 at Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home, Plainfield.

**Louise Roach**

Louise Roach, 89, passed away Jan. 7, 2018. She was born Aug. 23, 1928. Services were held Jan. 11 at Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home, Plainfield.

**Mary Ann E. Shrum**

Mary Ann E. Shrum, 95, passed away Jan. 1, 2018. She was born Nov. 22, 1922. Services were held Jan. 20 at Plainfield United Methodist Church, Plainfield.

**Genevieve "Jenny" Stinson**

Genevieve "Jenny" Stinson, 83, passed away Jan. 19, 2018. She was born April 3, 1934. Services were held Jan. 24 at Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home, Plainfield.

**Debra Ann Thompson**

Debra Ann Thompson, 63, passed away Jan. 7, 2018. She was born June 9, 1954. Services were held Jan. 13 at St. Susanna Catholic Church, Plainfield.

**Richard L. "Bud" Trump**

Richard L. "Bud" Trump, 86, passed away Jan. 12. He was born Aug. 16, 1931. He served in the US Army. Services were held Jan. 16 at Bousley Funeral Home, Coatesville.

**Anita M. Wildman**

Anita M. Wildman, 85, passed away Jan. 4, 2018. She was born May 18, 1932. Services were held Jan. 10 at Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home, Plainfield.

**PITTSBORO****Panagiotis (Pete) Avgerinos**

Panagiotis (Pete) Avgerinos, 67, passed away Jan. 12, 2018. He was born Aug. 1, 1950. Services were held Jan. 16 at Matthews Mortuary, Brownsburg.

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**Puzzles & Answers****SEE PAGE 23****Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:**

**Vegetables:** ARUGULA, CABBAGE, KALE, LETTUCE, ROMAINE, SPINACH  
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# New parks director counts John Wooden and Phil Parnin as major influences

By Lindsay Doty

Brownsburg Parks and Recreation Director Travis Tranbarger can't say enough about Hendricks County. He sees it as the perfect spot for work and play. Whether it's enjoying the local parks with his wife and young daughter or meeting new people in the community.

Tranbarger has been with Brownsburg Parks for almost eight years and was promoted to director last September. He worked for Indy Parks and Recreation for four years, serving as manager of Brookside Park. Travis graduated from Ball State University where he studied sports administration and business management.

Travis lives in Brownsburg with his wife and their 5-year-old daughter and loves spending time outdoors—that's probably a given. We caught up with him to learn more about the man behind our beloved parks.

## What do you consider your greatest virtue?

Probably my patience. I've definitely grown into this, though, as my parents would say, this was not the case when I was a kid.

## What do you most deplore in others?

When someone lets their personal agenda blind them from what is really a true need.

## What do you like most about living in Hendricks County?

I grew up not too far from Brownsburg. It is the right pace of life for me and my family. It is not hard to find somewhere to get involved and to be a part of positive change. There is a lot of it happening in this area these days.

## If you had to live somewhere besides Hendricks County, where would it be?

Somewhere in Colorado.

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

I would make sure my family was set up for the rest of their lives and then I would

probably invest in a huge piece of land for family and friends to enjoy for recreation purposes.

## What makes you happiest?

Accomplishing a major goal that benefits not only myself but others as well.

## What is your favorite vacation spot?

Anywhere close to mountains and fresh air.

## What do you do with idle time?

There isn't much of this to go around but I try to read, do some golfing, mountain biking or running and spend quality time with family and our puppy.

## What is it that makes you angry?

Seeing some people overreact to or exaggerate a situation before even considering any of the facts or another perspective.

## What do you do to escape from reality?

Exercise definitely helps clear my mind.

## What or who is the greatest love of your life?

My wife, Keisha. She is the outgoing one between the two of us and is extremely patient, loving

and caring toward myself and our five-year-old daughter. She is also not afraid to keep me in check when needed!

## Which living person in Hendricks County do you most admire?

My past supervisor and former Brownsburg Parks Director, Philip Parnin.

He gave me the opportunity to thrive in Brownsburg by making it a point to immediately become my mentor which in turn has led to a great friendship.

## What is your greatest extravagance?

Either my mountain bike or NFL Sunday Ticket. I have to make time to watch the Broncos each Sunday (and yes, I was a fan long before Peyton got to Denver).

## What are your fears, phobias?

I have a little bit of fear of the unknown, which is probably where my desire to keep learning comes from.

## What has been the happiest time of your life?

That would be the present. I am very blessed with the family and friends I can rely on and to have a career that is both challenging and rewarding.

## Which talent would you most like to possess?

I've tried to hone my carpentry skills over the last several years with some do-it-yourself projects. I still have a lot to learn though.

## What do you most value in your friends?

I've known a few of my friends for a long time and when we get together it doesn't matter what challenges I have going on at the time. We don't have to be doing much but we do make it a point to just have fun and not worry so much about real life issues.

## Which historical figure do you most identify with?

I enjoy reading about what John Wooden did as a coach and leader for so many years. His sound principles and techniques not only apply to basketball but make so much sense to use for business and life in general. To me there is no better example of a well-rounded leader to strive to be like than someone who is successful through building their team up through positivity, maintaining composure in even the most difficult situations and their willingness to constantly adapt to changes and trends.

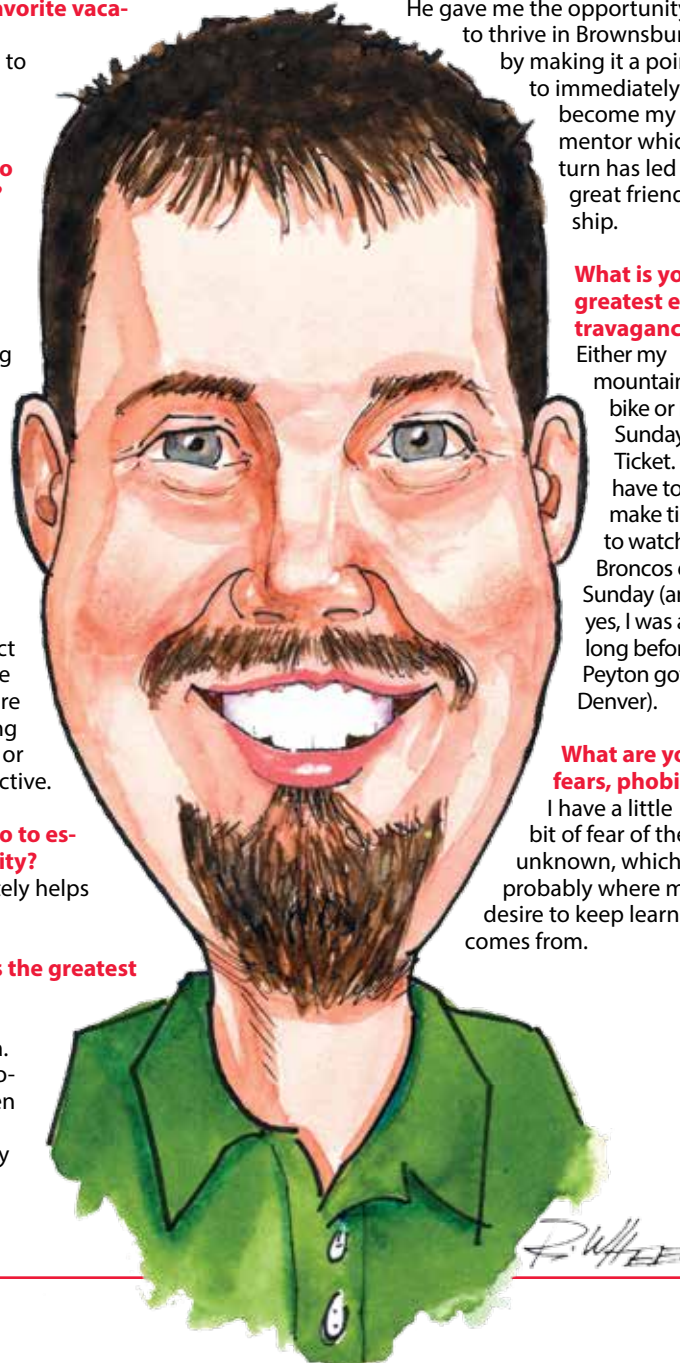
## What is your greatest regret?

I am definitely not perfect but I can say I don't have any major regrets.

## What tenet do you live by?

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven." – Luke 6:37

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## TsT Home Improvement Services Tip of the Month By Tom S. Truesdale

### Home Additions: All Shapes & Sizes

This month I am providing some dialog and thoughts regarding home additions. The possibilities for an addition to your home range from simple to complicated. Here are a few examples in no particular order. Bathroom wall expansion, Back porch enclosure, Garage buildout, Second story addition, Garage Expansion. Virtually any wall in your home can be moved or expanded, however depending on location and structural configuration will determine the complexity and in turn cost. Examples and points to consider:

#### • Bathroom wall expansion:

- If more space is needed, in your bath before you renovate, planning a small wall expansion can add a great deal of flexibility when designing your new bathroom.
- Windows, fixtures and vanity locations should all be considered during planning of a bathroom wall expansion project.

#### • Back porch enclosure:

- Enclosing a back porch or screened in porch can be a very economical way to add interior square footage to your home.
- Consider if this space will be conditioned year around.
- Consider electrical needs in the space.
- Think about finishes, floor, ceiling depending on how the space will be used.

#### • Garage Buildout:

- Finishing and enclosing the garage space can provide a great way to add attached square footing to your home.
- Space can easily become a new living room, new bedroom or a recreational space.
- As mentioned above, consider conditioning and finishes depending on how the space will be used.

#### • Second story expansion, garage expansion or traditional room addition:

- All three of these examples can be the most complicated addition to complete, but all are very possible.



- Each example should be well planned and bid by a qualified General Contractor.
- Common construction activities such as foundations, wood framing, insulation, drywall, electrical, roofing, masonry, plumbing, painting, finishes and concrete could all be part of the project depending on the scope.
- Planning and construction:
  - Permitting is generally required - make sure you check with you local jurisdiction.
  - Matching exterior materials - Brick can be challenging to get an exact match
  - Siding can offer a good alternative and an opportunity to accent the exterior ascetics.
- Planning and bidding:
  - Consult with a qualified local construction professional to assist in both planning and bidding.
  - Remember the lowest price is not always the best, take time in evaluating your Contractor, relationship and trust are key!

If you have any concerns or questions don't hesitate to contact a local Contractor and Construction Professional for help and guidance. Hope this months tips are helpful, enjoy the summer! TsT

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