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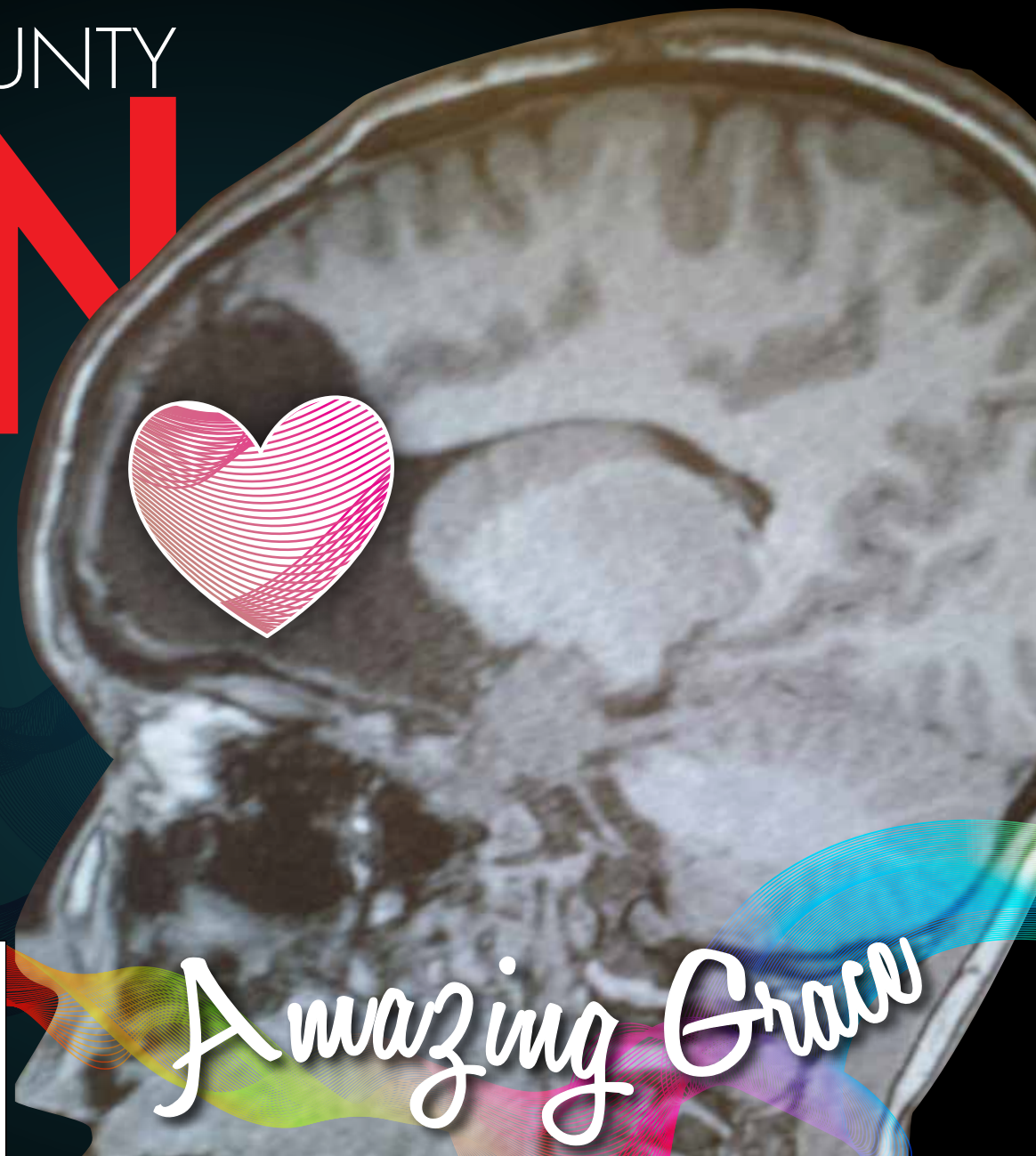
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DRESSED AS COOKIES, from left, Mackenzie Schlomer (12) moves a pylon for a make-shift drive-thru, as Rowan Sanders (12) looks on. They are the daughters of Kim Schlomer and Becky Sanders, respectively. They were selling Girl Scout cookies on Feb. 11 in front of Hendricks Regional Health's Immediate Care Center in Avon for Troop 843 of the Avon Service Unit. Girl Scouts throughout Hendricks County will be selling the cookies through the end of February.
(Photo by Rick Myers)



Q:
Do you think cursive writing should be taught in grade school?



"Yes, I think kids should learn how to write and read in cursive. If it's not in school now the kids will be the only age group who can't read or write cursive. If you can't read somebody else's writing in cursive how are you going to get by in the world?"

Cindy Whyde, Plainfield



"Yes, why because the children need to learn all forms of writing for the English language."

Diane Fletcher, Danville



"Yes, cursive writing could become a lost language like Modern Greek and Ancient Greek."

Scott Shearin, Danville

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AVON

- **Redevelopment Commission**
Feb. 19, 6-7 p.m.
- Town 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.

BROWNSBURG

- **Economic Development Commission**
Feb. 21, 5 p.m.
- **Town Council** | Feb. 22, 7 p.m.
- **Plan Commission** | Feb. 26, 6 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.

DANVILLE

- **Police Commission** | Feb. 20, 6-7 p.m.
- **Town Council** | Feb. 20, 7 p.m.
- **Board of Zoning Appeals** | Feb. 21, 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.

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PLAINFIELD

- **Board of Zoning Appeals** | Feb. 22, 5 p.m.
- **Town Council** | Feb. 22, 7 p.m.
- **Board of Police Commissioners**
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- **Sheriff's Merit Board Executive Session**
Feb. 20, 5-6 p.m.
- **Sheriff's Merit Board** | Feb. 20, 6 p.m.
- **Commissioners' Meeting** | Feb. 27, 9 a.m.
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Lori Borgmann to speak at Plainfield women's event

Syndicated newspaper columnist and author of six books, Lori Borgmann, will speak at the First Baptist Church of Plainfield's Annual Women's Event, "Let Your Light Shine: Glow in the Dark," on Saturday, March 3. Light breakfast will be served at 8:30 am with the program starting promptly at 9. Borgmann is known for her wit and insight on family and culture, and was once described as "Mark Twain without a cigar." The event concludes at 12:30 p.m. with a light lunch and dessert. Tickets are \$20 per person or purchase a table of six for \$100. To register, go to firstbaptistchurch.org. First Baptist Church of Plainfield is located at 1012 Stafford Rd. For questions, contact Betty Holland at (317)354-5860.



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Amazing Grace

Diagnosed with a brain tumor at 3-years-old, Danville's Grace Bennett displays a huge heart as a 2018 Riley Champion.



Grace Bennett and Maeci Young were presented with a red wagon that will stay and be used at Riley Hospital for Children. The wagon was in honor of their work on the joint-fundraising campaign, "Maeci and Gracie Give Back." (Submitted photo.)

By Chris Cornwall

Nicknames can say a lot about a person, but for Danville youngster Grace Bennett (11), earning a handle like "The Mayor" at the age of four barely scratches the surface.

She was recently named a 2018 Riley Champion during a Feb. 1 ceremony held at Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis. Grace is one of eight kids selected by the Riley Children's Foundation, the arm of fundraising for the hospital and its founding organization.

"Being a Riley champion means a lot to me because I've been nominated each year but they waited for me to get a little older. It gives me a platform to share my story with others," Grace said.

Since she was 4-years old, Grace has partnered with fellow Riley kid and Danville resident Maeci Young in their fundraising campaign "Gracie and Maeci Give Back."

In many ways, she's your average 11-year-old girl. She likes playing softball, hanging out with friends and watching funny videos on Youtube,

some even of herself.

However, she's overcome challenges most kids never have to face. At 3 years-old, Grace was diagnosed with a brain tumor. She underwent three surgeries and two years of chemotherapy.

"That's when I realized what a big heart she has," said Stephanie Bennett, Grace's mom. "She was going through her own treatment at the time and was shy at first, but as time went on, she really opened up. The nurses just brought something out in her. She would walk around and if another kid was crying, she would tell them that it was okay. She got the nickname 'The Mayor' because everyone knew her. She would grab her little pole and make rounds."

While Grace was going through treatment, she made it clear to her mother that she wanted to help other kids and their families.

"We were on her Wish Trip and she said she needed to give back. They started a softball tournament to fund Wish Trips for local families and set a goal of \$100,000. They did it in five years."

While the softball tournament proved to be a homerun, she was just leading off. Grace has also held dance marathons and an annual toy drive that collected over 5,000 toys last Christmas.

"I liked seeing the looks on their (Riley patients') faces when I passed out all of those toys," Grace said. "Whenever I would hand out gift cards to kids, they had a

straight face, but when they saw how many gift cards there were, their faces lit up with joy and I was very happy about that."

In 2013, the Bennetts faced a new challenge as Grace started having seizures caused by the tumor in her right frontal lobe. In addition, the family was dealing with the recent death of Stephanie's mother and Grace's grandmother.

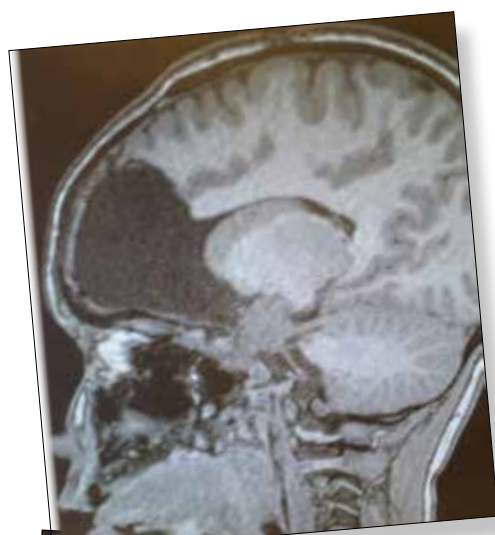
"She was really my strength through that," Stephanie remembers. "Grace said to me, 'Mom, I'm going to be okay. You don't need to cry.' And it's supposed to be the other way around. I'm the mom... She was always happy and full of joy and life even through her treatment. She is always thinking about everyone else. As a mom, it makes me very proud because you want your kid to grow up kindhearted."

Riley Pediatric Neurosurgeon Jodi Smith, M.D. was able to remove most of the tumor.

In 2014, Grace was given an American Red Cross Humanitarian Award.

"She used to say, 'I don't know what the big deal is, I'm just a regular kid,' Stephanie remembers.

"Now that she's older, she is starting to understand what her story means to people. When they were getting ready to announce her name at the Humanitarian



Grace Bennett recovers from one of her surgeries at Riley Hospital for Children.

Red Cross Awards, she looked over at me with tears in her eyes and said, 'this is really a big deal isn't it.'

Grace says she's looking forward to continuing her work as a 2018 Riley Champion.

"Riley has done so much for me and I just wanted to give back to them. Show them how much I care about them."

Her mom said she's even got a new nickname around the hospital.

"Amazing Grace."

Q&A with Grace

What's your favorite subject in school?

Math

What do you love about softball?

Being part of a team

What do you want to be when you grow up?

A tattoo artist

ICONICbriefs

'Rally for Our Kids' March 9th

The Brownsburg Education Foundation (BEF) will hold its 7th annual gala, Rally for Our Kids, on March 9. The fundraiser includes dinner, drinks, a silent and live auction, dessert dash, and raffle. Items include tickets to a Maroon 5 concert and a Pacers suite package. All proceeds go back to the schools. Last year's gala raised over \$85,000. The event is presented by Falcone Automotive. The Hendricks

County ICON is the gala media sponsor.

What: Rally for Our Kids Gala

Where: Top Eliminator Club at Lucas Oil Raceway

When: March 9th. 6 p.m.

Tickets: \$75 per person. To purchase, go to www.brownsburgeducation-foundation.org or through the BEF office by contacting Rene Behrend at (317) 852- 1056.

ACSC accepting applications for open enrollment

Avon Community School Corporation is offering open enrollment of students for the 2018-2019 school year from now through May 1. Students in grades K-4 and 9-11 are eligible through this application process. Students will not be placed until late May to strategically balance class sizes in K-4. ACSC is considering a total of 90 students per this breakdown: Kindergarten – 20; 1st – 10; 2nd – 10; 3rd – 10; 4th – 10; 9th – 10; 10th – 10; and 11th – 10.

236 Hendricks County students named to Ivy Tech Fall 2017 Dean's List

Ivy Tech Community College has named students to the Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester. Of these students, 236 are from Hendricks County. The Dean's List recognizes any degree-seeking student who has earned 12 or more credit hours during his/her studies at Ivy Tech, is

enrolled in a minimum of six credit hours during the term, and earns a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. The Dean's List is published every term. The complete statewide list of fall 2017 students who made the Dean's List can be found online at www.ivytech.edu/deans-list.

Rotary speech contest March 14th

Avon Rotary is hosting its annual high school speech contest on March 14 at Avon Town Hall. It's open to any student living within the district. They must prepare a 5-7 minute speech about rotary making a difference. Top 3 winners get cash prizes (\$150 for 1st place) and go on to the district competition. To register, contact Pam Lyons at lyons.pam@gmail.com or (317) 460- 0739. Deadline is March 2.

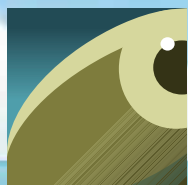
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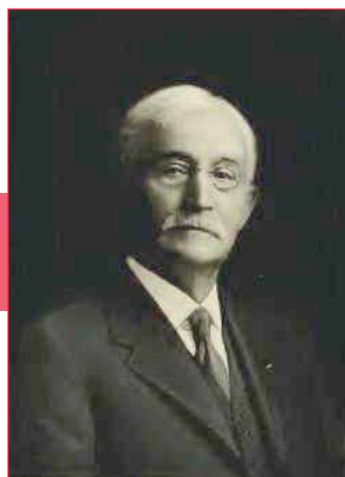
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James B. Homan is an example of how Monai creates a painting based on a photograph.

ELIZAH MONAI: PHOTO REALISM

Science lover finds photo realism a picture perfect fit

By Peg McRoy Glover



"Through art I've learned something about the power of personification. I always learned that personification was attributing life-like qualities to inanimate objects, as if they didn't really have such qualities. In my art I have explored, almost as a scientific inquiry, the value of considering all things as energy-holding beings with personalities of their own," said artist Elizah Monai.

Does this sound more like an artist or scientist? In Monai's case it is both, seasoned with a good dose of mathematics. Monai graduated from Plainfield High School with a 4.25 GPA and carries a 4.0 as a junior at the Herron School of Art and Design, IUPUI.

Becoming an artist was definitely not in her original career plan.

"I excelled in science and math in high school and thought I would become a math professor. When I graduated from Plainfield High School, I won the senior math award and the senior science award."

"My worst grade in high school was in art. I was encouraged to try different mediums and techniques but I just wasn't curious about art at that time."

In spite of her first indifferent encounter with high school art, Monai took some painting and drawing classes before she graduated and did well. It was then she

recognized that she could do realistic work based on a photograph. She had already done a portrait of Marilyn Monroe when she was in the eighth grade that had been very well received so she decided to pursue the art form of photo realism.

Monai then created a drawing of three dogs for a friend to give as a gift. As that work was shown to other people, she received more and more requests. That snowballed into doing repeated work for a couple who bred Mastiffs. New Mastiff owners wanted a drawing of their pets and Monai would oblige.

Last summer she completed a portrait of Joseph B. Homan. Homan was a major in the Civil War and a prominent Danville citizen until his death in 1916. Her portrait is based on a photograph found in the Indiana Room at the Danville Public Library. Some say that it is so realistic, it is as if Homan is looking directly at you through time.

"Photo realism is something I connect with my love for math and science. It is either right or wrong," Monai said. "I get very focused. Being an artist can be lonely. It is not uncommon for me to be so focused that I work all night. To add some pleasantness to it, I sometimes listen and sing to music, especially the Judds and Bob Dylan."

Her next horizon in the artworld is sculpting using natural materials. It will be interesting to see what this gifted young artist does with that medium.



From left: (front)Quinci Gumbel, Benjamin Wilson, Lanie Nish, Peyton Hart, Noah Coyle, Chloe McLaughlin, Jason Coyle, (back) Brad McLaughlin, Jacob Cash, Sean Hart, Kenny Puckett, Macy Dunn, Lindsey Wilson, Logan Dottenwhy, Jay Morris, Ernie McCormick and Sterlin McCormick. (Photo by Chris Cornwall)

Archery club president and 4-H instructor hit the mark with youth team

FEATURE

By Chris Cornwall

A new archery program gaining steam nationally was adopted into Hendricks County last year, spurring the creation of a youth archery team, The Pine Hill Prodigies, based out of Pine Hill Archery Club, 167 Cartersburg Rd., Danville. Since its inception, local organizers Jay Morris, Pine Hill Archery Club President, and Jacob Cash, 4-H Sports Instructor, have seen its roster balloon from 12 to 37 kids, proving to be a welcomed local addition for youth sports.

The national program, Scholastic 3D Archery (S3DA), through which the Pine Hill Prodigies was formed, is active in 32 states and designed to allow kids to progress from grade school to high school, positioning them for a possible transition into collegiate competition and potential scholarships.

Morris and Cash organized the team after Morris was approached by S3DA. Seeing it as an opportunity for local youth, Morris got the ball rolling.

"I went to the president of Pine Hill Archery at the time and asked if we could do it. He said, 'You can but it's your baby,'" said Morris, who recently became club president. "We started the team last year and pulled kids from our club first. Jacob (Cash) came on and brought a lot of 4-H kids, so now we've opened the club to those kids so they have a place to shoot."

For Cash, partnering with Morris and the S3DA team was an easy decision. He noticed that a lot of kids wanted more than 4-H could provide.



"4-H does a great job providing a baseline—the fundamentals of archery," Cash said. "But to go beyond that, 4-H and other programs really don't have the personnel or structure to do that—even though we really want to. We found out about S3DA and I partnered with Jay Morris. He was thinking about starting a club anyway so we came together and provided this opportunity for 37 kids."

The Pine Hill Prodigies recently competed with another S3DA team from Evansville, Indiana, at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex, Danville. Parents were on hand to support their young archers.

"What's neat about archery is that it's both a team sport and an individual sport," said Amy Coyle, local resident and archery parent. "They score themselves and work together to find the average, so they see they're part of a team, but at the same time, archery allows them to strive individually."

Several Prodigies medaled at the recent competition including Coyle's son, Noah (11), who earned Gold Elementary Male Pins. Other local archers to earn medals were: Will Cope, Gold Middle School Male Pins; Logan Dottenwhy, Gold Middle School Male Traditional; Natalie Cash, Gold High School Female Olympic Recurve; and MacKenzie Hessong, Bronze High School Female Open.

For more information about Scholastic 3D Archery, visit s3da.org. For more information about Pine Hill Archery Club in Danville, call (812) 583-9811, or check out [Facebook.com/pinehillarchery](https://www.facebook.com/pinehillarchery).

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OUR VIEW

Whicker worthy of LHC Award

Hendricks County is blessed to have a wealth of talented leaders within our borders. Nowhere else was that more evident than at the 2018 Leadership Hendricks County (LHC) Celebration of Leaders event on Thursday, Feb. 15. Each year, LHC alumni and other leaders from around the county come together to applaud those who have truly made a difference in our community.

The prestigious LHC Leader of the Year award is given to "an individual whose leadership has had consistent, profound and positive impacts on the quality of life in Hendricks County. The award does not recognize leadership activities of a single year, but across the recipient's career as a community leader."

The 2018 Leader of the Year is Tim Whicker, President and owner of Electric Plus, Inc. located in Danville. Mr. Whicker has served on the Hendricks County 4-H Fair Board since 1998 including serving as its President for some of that tenure. He has also served as the Fair Board Operations Committee Chairman for the past six years. With his leadership, that committee has developed an outstanding facility that many in the community utilize daily. Mr. Whicker also serves on the Mill Creek School Board and the Hendricks County Plan Commission.

Mr. Whicker's nomination stated that, "[His] leadership style is one that many should model in the County..."

Congratulations to the 2018 LHC Leader of the Year Tim Whicker!

QUOTE

"If you have only one smile in you, give it to the people you love"

**– Maya Angelou,
American poet**

BELIEVE IT!

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

In Massachusetts, at a wake, mourners may eat no more than three sandwiches.

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Hunk driving

HUMOR

By Dick Wolfisie

They just reported on the local evening news that Indiana is the 10th fattest state in the Union. I wonder where they did their research. The State Fair? The Mini-Marathon? That could make a big difference.

I'm never sure how they come up with these stats, but over the years I have made fun of scientific researchers for their fascination with bizarre and meaningless numbers. These are individuals who, statistically speaking, are among the unhappiest people in the world. About 75 percent of the studies show that 57 percent of statisticians are 49 percent unhappier than 75 percent of all other scientists. You probably knew that.

Here are some odd facts the number-crunchers have come up with: redheads need 25 percent more Novocain in the dental chair than people with other hair colors; 67 percent of men prefer gas grills to charcoal grills; pet owners wake up 45 percent more often in the middle of the night. I have written humor columns on all of those things.

But back to chubby Hoosiers, and the weirdest statistic of all: According to the University of Illinois, people who are overweight use more gas per mile than people who are thin. If no one were overweight, we could save a billion gallons of gas a year. What an astonishing figure! (I'm not referring to the out-of-shape figure that contributes to this excessive waste of precious natural resources.)

This information helps Americans understand the crisis we face with our dependence on foreign oil. Seems to me that the real crisis is more in domestic oil—Canola, peanut and corn—all of which can take a simple potato and turn it into a cholesterol catastrophe called a French fry.

Haven't we made overweight people feel guilty enough already? How does a chubby guy in his Toyota Corolla react when some skinny PhD in a two-ton SUV pulls up next to him at the service station and tells him that being a little paunchy is threatening our national economy?

Imagine telling someone who orders a Big Mac, large fries and a Coke for lunch that if he would just switch to a salad with no dressing every day, he could get

an extra mile per gallon. Oprah didn't really care how she looked on the cover of O, but she lost weight to save 34 bucks a year on gas.

There is no motivation for the people selling gasoline to cooperate in addressing this issue. I went into a station the other day and my Speedy Rewards Card indicated I was now eligible for a free chocolate doughnut, large latte and egg-and-cheese sandwich. They didn't mention that by consuming these items, I was going to end up spending more for fuel. What a scam.

We should not be proud of being the 10th heaviest state, but I try to look at the positive side of things. Last year I had the occasion to drive from one end of Kansas to the other. I don't care what the scientists say about overweight Indiana, Kansas is wider across the middle.



Dick Wolfisie 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: wolfisie@aol.com.

Cupid is stupid

OFF THE CHAIN

By Kristin Ferklic

Right on schedule, fleshy little Cupid flew through wintry Hendricks County spreading amorous intrigue! Flinging his tiny arrows, some doe-eyed targets were easily convinced! Others were so engrossed in their phones that, despite direct hits, they showed no effect at all. The most notable marks, however, are currently at the courthouse in Danville seeking protective orders against the God of Love.

Thankfully, for mere mortals, local retailers offered up a selection of choice merchandise to help us express our affections. Dramatic cards for \$8.95, five foot teddy bears, fabulous gift-boxed jewelry, divine chocolates in heart-shaped boxes, and for the supreme expression of love, the twerking llama.

Sadly, while still shaking off the visual assault of the llama, I found out that there is an entire Valentine's Week leading up to the holiday, each day with a theme to be celebrated. Seven days. Seven different themes. What!? I barely remembered to pick up the cupcakes for the class party. When did Valentine's Day get so crushingly complicated? Elf on the Shelf, and now this? Another Super Mom failure. Sigh.

If you missed that holiday spree, never fear! Waiting on the other side of Feb. 14 are the disgruntled, the humiliated, the rejected

and the bitter. And so, we have the retaliatory "Anti-Valentine's Week." The self-affirming schedule includes Slap Day, Kick Day and Confession Day. You might want to consult an attorney prior to participating. Jus' saying.

I miss second grade when the homemade Valentine Box and conversation hearts were the greatest things ever. I was a tomboy, and my only concern with those "boy" creatures was arm wrestling, or beating them in the 50 yard dash. Even second grade isn't what it used to be, I imagine arm wrestling is frowned upon. Sad, I know.

You've probably guessed it, I'm a fairly low-maintenance girl. Regarding traditional red roses, the hubs knows if he spends that much cash on plant material, it darn well better be something I can plant in the yard. And, after almost 18 years of marriage, Reis-Nichols Jewelers has finally given up sending us those glossy, multi-page holiday catalogs. No heart shaped bling for me! I suppose that llama is starting to grow on me.

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.



THUMBS UP

THUMBS DOWN



NEW DIAMOND FOR B-BURG:

Brownsburg is getting a new baseball complex and one of the fields will be named after Cincinnati Reds player and Brownsburg native Tucker Barnhart. No word yet when construction on "Tucker Barnhart Field" will begin. There is already lots of dirt moving in the B for the downtown revitalization project.



PANCAKES & JAZZ: Family Promise of Hendricks County hosted a Fat Tuesday Pancakes & Jazz benefit. Donations will go to help homeless families in the area. Great work!



FLU WORRIES: Since the passing of a 37-year-old mother from Plainfield who died three days after contracting the flu, there is still much concern from doctors and residents about this year's virus. Shots and sanitizer are still highly recommended.



ICE CAPEADES: Drivers and folks were skating around this past weekend after icy conditions made roads and driveways very slick in H.C. After some reported falls, some residents posted that they decided to slow things down and stay in for the weekend. Let spring get here ASAP!

The Willow Center: Helping people overcome and prevail

PERSPECTIVE

By Rick Barr

Last month, I looked at the issue of opioid usage and addiction and highlighted a few Hendricks County-based organizations where those in crisis could find help: Parents with Addicted loved Ones (PAL) and The Willow Center, 515 N. Green St., Ste. 402, Brownsburg.

I wanted to learn more about The Willow Center so I scheduled an appointment with its director, Ashley English. I arrived a little early but I am glad I did because it gave me an opportunity to observe some "clients" (the term the center uses for those undergoing treatment and recovery). I was struck by the number of people arriving and the excitement and interest they had about being there. I was also impressed with the relationships that had formed through the treatments process.

Ashley English greeted me soon thereafter and we began the tour in the waiting area where she proudly pointed out the decorations handcrafted by current and former clients. All had significant meaning and represented a person's path toward treatment and recovery. It was immediately obvious the pride and pas-

sion she has for The Willow Center's clients and the compassion for the people it exists to serve.

I was able to meet staff members from the receptionists to those that helped with treatment. I observed people that enjoyed what they were doing. The Willow Center's success in helping in treatment and recovery can be seen in the growth and expansion of its facility. An entire floor was recently added. Service has also expanded to include a relationship with the jail, which is instituting a dorm for those in recovery, and also the courts through a work release program.

Upon finishing the tour, Ashley and I sat down to discuss the center's programs and services. We began by talking about addiction in general and the various types of addiction. I told her how I had taken an interest in the heroin/opioid issue. Yet, although it is fueling the latest drug epidemic and is particularly lethal, opiate addiction is just one of many treated at The Willow Center. She told me that methamphetamine seems to be a growing threat again after some years of decline. We also talked about marijuana, cocaine, alcohol and other pharmaceuticals. A person can receive treatment at The Willow Center for all

these drug addictions and more.

The center offers treatment based on an eight dimensional model of wellness: emotional, environmental, economic, spiritual, intellectual, financial, occupational and social. Part of the treatment may even involve yoga and acupuncture. The program focuses on a person's strengths, not their weakness.

Finally, Ashley wanted me to relay some points about The Willow Center. It is a community resource and a place where you can go for advice, even if you don't seek treatment. Don't let the feeling of shame or a lack of money stop you from seeking help. Recovery is possible and treatment works, a person just has to find the treatment that will work for them.

For more information about The Willow Center, call (317) 852-3690 or visit its website at thewillowcenter.com.



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ICONIC IQ

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

1 Each spring, the Hendricks County Historical Society holds a fundraiser modeled after what televised contest on ABC?

- ☐ A. American Idol
- ☐ B. The Bachelor
- ☐ C. Dancing with the Stars
- ☐ D. The Gong Show



2 Which moving body of water flows straight through McCloud Nature Park in North Salem?

- ☐ A. Ramp Run
- ☐ B. Big Walnut Creek
- ☐ C. White Lick Creek
- ☐ D. Eel River

3 The Hendricks County College and Career Fair is organized annually by HCN, and will take place this year on Thursday, Feb. 22, at the 4-H Fairgrounds in Danville. What does "HCN" stand for?

- ☐ A. Hendricks Connection Network
- ☐ B. Hendricks College Network
- ☐ C. Hendricks Career Network
- ☐ D. All of the above

4 Diana and Virgil Hall, Brownsburg, were recently honored by the Indiana Department of Parks and Recreation for their work transforming an abandoned railway into what trail system?

- ☐ A. B&O Trail
- ☐ B. Maple Ridge Trail
- ☐ C. Arbuckle Acres Trail
- ☐ D. Bunion Bend Trail



5 The names of Maeci Young and Grace Bennett were pressed onto a license plate and affixed to what kind of wheeled transportation device?

- ☐ A. Kroger shopping cart
- ☐ B. Kid-sized Riley race car
- ☐ C. Red wagon
- ☐ D. Old wheelbarrow

ANSWERS ON PAGE 31
Compiled by Chris Cornwall

NIGHT & day LOCAL Entertainment ENTERTAINING

'Cross and Light' musical coming to St. Malachy

By Lindsay Doty

St. Malachy Catholic Church in Brownsburg is hosting the critically-acclaimed musical "Cross and Light" with five shows running the weekend of Feb. 23-25. The multi-sensory experience of Christ's Passion, Resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit is aimed to emotionally engage people in the story of Jesus.

"St. Malachy is humbled to bring this Broadway-caliber production to enrich our churches in the greater Hendricks County community. We feel those who attend will leave connected and energized in their faith," said Jenny Zeunik, St. Malachy Community Outreach Coordinator.

The production is in its 7th season and first opened at Detroit's Cath-

edral of the Blessed Sacrament in 2011. The creator is Kelly Garver Nieto, a musician and artist (and former Miss America runner-up) who has opened for acts like Garth Brooks and Willie Nelson. She says "Cross and Light" transcends to all faiths and non-believers alike.

The musical is appropriate for children ages 10 and up with adult supervision.

The five shows run Feb. 23-25 with afternoon and evening times on Saturday and Sunday at St. Malachy Catholic Church, 9833 E. County Rd. 750 N., Brownsburg.

Tickets for general seating are \$20. Preferred seating is \$40. \$80 for VIP. Group discounts are available.

To purchase tickets, visit www.crossandlight.org/stmalachy.html.



Scenes from the musical "Cross and Light."

(Submitted photos)

EVENTScalendar

February

20 Tuesday

Hop for Hope

When: 4-8 p.m. Where: Sky Zone Indoor Trampoline Park, 851 S. Columbia Rd., Plainfield | Sheltering Wings Youth Council, Teens That Talk, has partnered with Sky Zone to raise awareness about and the prevention of Teen Dating Violence. The evening will include free food, drinks, dessert, open jump times, dodgeball tournament, a slam dunk contest, karaoke and more. Fill out your waiver form at: plainfieldstore.skyzone.com/waiver. For more information, contact Melissa Echerd at (317) 386-5061.

20 Tuesday

Shrek the Musical Meet & Greet

When: 6-7 p.m. Where: Plainfield Public Library, 1120 Stafford Rd. | Characters from "Shrek the Musical" will be at the Plainfield Public Library for a meet and

greet. Everyone is welcome to take fun photos, watch a mini-performance, sing along with the chorus and learn a little Shrek choreography. Children of all ages are welcome. No registration required. For more information about the Shrek Meet & Greet or ways to participate in Library events and programs, please visit www.plainfieldlibrary.net.

23 Friday & 25 Sunday

"Heroic Music"

When: 7:30-9:30 p.m. Where: Avon Middle School North, 1251 N. Dan Jones Rd. | The Hendricks Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Benjamin G. Del Vecchio, presents "Heroic Music." The concert will feature Beethoven's "Eroica" Symphony. Pianist Amy Eggleston will be featured on Beethoven's Choral Fantasy. The concert includes a side-by-side performance with the Brownsburg Middle School Strings playing "The European Anthem" from Beethoven's 9th Symphony. Tickets may be purchased online at www.hendrickssymphony.org or at the box office before the event. For more information, contact Marsha Shilts at (517) 403-8379.

24 Saturday

Project A.N.G.E.L. Father Daughter Dance

When: 5-9 p.m. Where: Washington Township Park Pavilion, 435 Whipple Lane, Avon | Project ANGEL presents 7th Annual Father Daughter Date Night. \$40 per father/daughter additional child \$7. Served Dinner, DJ, silent auction, door prizes. For more information, call (317) 413-2101.

March

3 Saturday

Parks Foundation Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

When: 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. Where: McCloud Nature Park, 8518 Hughes Rd., North Salem | Bring the entire family for a pancake breakfast that includes 100 percent, all-natural McCloud Maple Syrup. Breakfast includes pancakes,

sausage, fresh fruit, coffee and juice. Freewill donations accepted and all proceeds benefit Hendricks County parks. Reservations are recommended but not required. First seating at 8 a.m. and continues throughout the day in 45 minute increments. For more information, contact Meghan Stritar at (317) 718-6188.

8 Thursday

Live Comedy: Dave Dugan with Kristi Lee and Jay Baker

When: 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. Where: Royal Theater, 59 S. Washington St., Danville | A comedy event combining the talents of three Bob & Tom Show personalities: Dave Dugan, Jay Baker and Kristi Lee. As Dave celebrates 35 years of comedies, he calls on his pals to add to the fun. Beer and wine will be available. Tickets are \$15 in advance, and \$18 the day of the show. For more information, call (317) 745-1499.

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FAITH ON FOOD

by Faith Toole

Smash Social

600 E. Ohio, Indianapolis

Looking for a different dining experience? Smash Social, located in the heart of Downtown Indy, is the spot for fresh-brewed coffee, craft beer, ping pong and good friends.

"We are building a culture around having fun, not taking life too seriously, making connections and embracing friendly competition," Mike Cunningham said.

Mike Cunningham, 2017 Hendricks County Business Leader of the Year and a co-owner of the building, has been a sounding board for Smash Social owner Chris Palmer.

Walk in, grab a paddle and start up a match of ping pong with a few back spins, lobs and a couple of flicks. Enjoy the game with a beverage of locally crafted brew, specialty coffee



or a glass of wine. Smash opens at 8 a.m. for coffee and light breakfast. Follow Smash Social page for open tournaments to participate or watch on six tables.

The menu is seasonal to take advantage of available fresh ingredients, many locally sourced. I ordered the Coffee Cherry Fizz and the Avocado Toast; semolina bread topped with avocado and crumbled bacon. I added a snack for crunch with Cheddar & Bacon Popcorn, and finished off with a fresh chocolate croissant. All were delicious and full of flavor...a Smash!



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WHERE I DINE

Sheila Cunningham,
Avon

Where do you like to dine?

My favorite place to eat is Bangkok Kitchen in Avon.

What do you like there?

Some of my favorite foods there are spicy basil fried rice, pad Kee Mao (drunken noodles), Cashew nuts with chicken Thai spicy basil with chicken and sweet-and-sour sauté with chicken...



What do you like about this place?

I like the small quaint environment. They have a good variety of wine, a full-service bar and the service is always great. They are friendly and very accommodating if you have questions or want to make changes to a dish. There is something for everyone.

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9269 E. US Hwy. 36, Avon

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Faith Toole is our Hendricks County Foodie. She can be reached at HCICONfoodie@icontimes.com. Follow on Instagram and Twitter @HCICON_foodie #HCICONfoodie

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Spring scholarship hunt yields opportunity for HC students

FEATURE

With spring graduation approaching, the ICON searched for scholarships available to Hendricks County students to aid them in their future endeavors.

According to the College Board, the average cost of attending an in-state public university is currently around \$10,000 per year. The numbers jumps to \$25,000 a year to attend an out-of-state public school, and two semesters at a private university could cost you upwards of \$35,000.

With the availability of federal grants and student loans, the price tag is less of a barrier now than ever. Most high school graduates with enough motivation and work ethic can earn a college degree. However, the resulting loan debt can burden them for decades. Students earning a degree in 2016 owed an average of \$37,000 in loan debt.

A great way to lessen the financial burden is through scholarships. Sadly, a lot of students fail to take advantage because they were unaware of what exists. So that these potential resources do not go unnoticed, the ICON has included some local scholarships available to Hendricks County residents.

This list was compiled to the best of our knowledge. We encourage residents who are interested in pursuing one these scholarships to confirm deadlines, monetary amounts, and eligibility requirements with the awarding organization.

Charles H. Schoen Optimist Memorial Scholarship

Avon Optimist Club
\$2,000.00 (amount split between two semesters)
Key criteria: Graduating seniors who

live in Washington Township qualify regardless of school attending, including home-schooled; Must have a GPA of 2.0 or above and be accepted into an accredited college/university (2 year degree) or vocational-technical training program.

To apply: Download application from avonoptimist.org/schol.htm, and mail all materials to 8103 East US 36 #140, Avon.

Commitment to Community Scholarship (six awards each year)

Hendricks Power Cooperative
\$1,500.00

Key Criteria: Must be son, daughter or legal ward of a Hendricks Power Cooperative member and reside with that member, have a GPA of 3.0 or above, and plan to attend an accredited college/university (2 or 4 year degree).

Purdue Club of Hendricks County

Award: \$1000 (one or more)

Deadline: March 1

Key Criteria: Must be a resident of Hendricks County, plan to enroll and attend a Purdue University campus in the fall of 2018, and at least a 3.0/4.0 GPA. Available to incoming freshmen or current students. For details, visit the Purdue Alumni Club website. For questions, email purduehendricksco@gmail.com.

Eta Kappa Scholarship

The Eta Kappa Chapter of Avon Tri Kappa
\$2,000.00

Deadline: March 8

Key Criteria: Must be an Avon-Washington Twp. Resident, significantly involved in community service throughout his/her high school career, involved in extracurricular activities, a positive academic record, and

graduate by June 30 with diploma from regionally accredited Indiana high school. May not be an immediate relative of a Tri Kappa member. For more information, visit avontrikappa.org. Questions, contact Wendy Crandall at avontrikappascholarship@gmail.com.

Hendricks County 4-H Beef Club Scholarship

Award: (one or more)

Deadline: March 16

Key Criteria: Hendricks County student to help further his/her educational goals and recognize his/her involvement in the beef industry.

Hendricks County 4-H Sheep Club Scholarship

Deadline: March 16

The Hendricks County 4-H Sheep club congratulates you on completing the 4-H Sheep Project for many years. They are excited to award scholarships for advanced education. See application below for details. Applications are due March 16, 2018 in the Extension Office.

Hendricks County Beef Cattle Association Scholarship

Award: \$500 (one or more)

Deadline: March 16

The Hendricks County Beef Cattle Association will award one or more \$500 scholarships to a qualified Hendricks County student to help further his/her educational goals and to recognize his/her involvement in the beef industry. Applications are due to the Extension Office by March 16, 2018. See application below for more details.

Hendricks County Milk Producers Scholarship

Deadline: March 16

The Hendricks County Milk Producers congratulate you on completing the

4-H Dairy project for many years. The HCMP continues to award scholarships for advanced education. See application below for details. Applications are due March 16, 2018 in the Extension Office.

Hendricks County Swine Club Scholarship

Award: (2) \$250.00

Deadline: March 16

The Hendricks County Swine Club will be offering two (2) \$250.00 scholarships to qualified Hendricks County students to help further his/her educational goals and to recognize his/her involvement in the swine industry. The applications are due March 16, 2018 to the Extension Office. See application below for details.

Hampton Memorial 4-H Livestock Scholarship

Award: \$500

Deadline: March 16

In memory of Rod Hampton and Lesley Hampton Willis a \$500 scholarship will be given to a qualified Hendricks County 10 year 4-H member to help further his/her educational goals and to recognize his/her involvement in the 4-H livestock program. Applications are due March 16, 2018 in the Extension Office. See application below for details.

Hampton Memorial Cascade High School 4-H Scholarship

Award: \$500

Deadline: March 16

In memory of Rod Hampton and Lesley Hampton Willis a \$500 scholarship will

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Scholarships continued from page 14

be given to a qualified Cascade student to help further his/her educational goals and to recognize his/her involvement in the Hendricks County 4-H program. Applications are due March 16, 2018 in the Extension Office. See application below for details.

Hendricks County Pork Producers Scholarship

Award: \$400 (renewable for up to four years)

Deadline: March 16

The Hendricks County Pork Producers will offer one \$400 scholarship to a qualified Hendricks County student to further his/her educational goals and to recognize his/her involvement in the swine industry. This scholarship is renewable for up to four years, provided the recipient remains enrolled in the institution of higher learning, and meets the requirements outlined in the scholarship application. Applications are due March 16, 2018 in the Extension Office. See application below for details.

Hendricks County Extension Homemakers Scholarship

Deadline: March 14

The Hendricks County Extension

Homemakers offer two \$1000.00 educational scholarships to qualified Hendricks County students to help further their education goals and to encourage their continued development in the areas of Health and Human Sciences, Food Science, Education, or a related field. Applications are due in the Extension Office by March 14. See application below for details.

Brownsburg Lions Club Scholarship

The Brownsburg Lions Club awards scholarships to graduating seniors at Brownsburg High School. Scholarships are announced on the High School website, and the guidelines are available to students with appropriate access. In recent years there have been two awards of \$1000 each, and the winners along with family members are invited to have dinner with the Brownsburg Lions. The criteria include academic excellence, evidence of community service, and a clear description of how the award will lead to the betterment of mankind. Questions concerning the criteria for submission should be addressed to Brownsburg High School.

Plainfield Lions Club Scholarship

Plainfield Lions Club will be giving out two \$500 scholarships (one male & one female student) to Plainfield High School seniors this year. For more information, contact Tom Illes at t.illes@sbcglobal.net.

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Finding your future

H.C. College and Career Fair

FEATURE

By Lindsay Doty

The annual Hendricks County College and Career Fair will be held on Thursday, Feb. 22 at the H.C. 4-H Fairgrounds in Danville from 6:30-8 p.m.

There will be more than 100 booths with representatives from traditional colleges, trade schools, military programs, and career groups.

Organizers say this is an opportunity for students and anyone looking for a life or career change to come out and get information.

"We just want people to realize there is something for everybody. Every age, every level," explains Hendricks College Network Executive Director Brandy Wethington Perrill.

The H.C. College Network, a non-profit that serves as a resource for area residents, businesses and community organizations, plans the event every year. They recommended high school students start coming as early as their sophomore year to start fact finding.

"This is a safe place to ask all the questions that you are afraid to ask that person that might be making decisions about your future," Perrill said.

The fair also includes workshops on scholarships, financial aid, apprenticeship opportunities, along with a panel of college representatives offering tips on admissions secrets.

While this is not a recruiting event, there will be information for people who are looking for a job or career change.

"We have employers that serve as our industry experts. So, if you are interested in going into the medical field or manufacturing, we have people that actually work in that field to answer questions about what they look for in employees and what education they might think about."

What: Hendricks County College & Career Fair

When: Feb. 22 6:30-8 p.m. Workshops will be at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Where: Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex
1900 E Main St, Danville,

For more information, contact Hendricks College Network at 317-762- 4338 or visit www.HendricksCollegeNetwork.org.

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Chris, Brownsburg

As a defenseman for the Junior Fuel, Chris knows what it takes to crush his goals—and his competition. The 17-year-old Brownsburg High School student trains hard in the gym and at the rink to reach peak athletic performance. When lower back pain sidelined his hockey practice time, Chris met with Dr. Robyn Fean of Hendricks Orthopedics and Sports Medicine, and together they worked with the physical therapy team at Hendricks Regional Health to develop a treatment plan. Now Chris is back on the ice pain-free and stronger than ever before. Request an appointment at **[HENDRICKS.ORG/SPORTSMEDICINE](https://www.hendricks.org/sportsmedicine)**.



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Medical tattoo artist Mary Hauser.

(Photo courtesy of Hendricks Regional Health)

Medical tattoo artist brings talent to Hendricks County

By Chris Cornwall

Medical tattoo artist Mary Hauser has partnered with Hendricks Regional Health to offer patients local access to a modern form of cosmetic reconstruction. She creates 3D areola tattoos for patients who may have experienced the loss of one or both nipples due to trauma or surgery.

Hauser is the sister of a breast cancer survivor and has also undergone her own mastectomy.

"That's the reason I decided to learn medical tattooing. Also, my children are grown and I've always been artistic. So I chose to go to Florida for an apprenticeship and trained there for the better part of a year," Hauser said.

Upon her return, Hauser opened Regal Touch: Permanent Cosmetics in Brazil, In-

diana. She is able to tattoo anything from eyebrows to lips to areolas for patients. On Feb. 9, she performed her first procedure at Hendricks Regional Health.

It is an amazing opportunity and we are fortunate that Mary landed with us," said HRH Plastic Surgeon Dr. Rachael Scott. "In the past, patients have had limited access to some of the modern techniques that an artist like Mary can provide. Now we are able to provide that locally and have it covered by insurance..."

Hauser said a procedure will last 3-4 hours on average.

"I even remember having my own done," she said. "You look at those scares so long in the mirror, but when you finally get it done, you kind of feel back to normal. So it's great to see people excited when they feel whole again. It is very rewarding."

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Preparing for hunting season

OUTDOORS

By Greg Mayo

It is the last day of January as I write this. Given the title of this particular column, many will wonder why in the world I am talking about the 2018 deer season when last season just ended. Well, there are several reasons. The main of which has to do with preparation.

First of all, deer shed their antlers between January and March. Walking the woods to look for antlers (racks) is not only good exercise, it is a good way to find where the deer are in general. I hunt for meat. I do not trophy hunt. My three sons know that the rule of the house is if you shoot it, you eat it.

Another reason to start scouting now is that most of the foliage is dormant or dead. This makes finding bedding areas much easier. It also provides cleaner sight-lines for trails. I'm not talking about the obvious game trails that are woodland highways; rather, I am talking about the trails between the trails. Understanding where deer go and when they go is important if you want to have a successful season come fall.

I would suggest leaving up or setting up a tree stand at this point too. Spend a morning or an evening just sitting and watching. Obviously, no hunting equipment comes with on this journey. This corner would never suggest or condone hunting illegally. It can be a wonderful time to watch wildlife and deer in particular. A camera would be a good "weapon" on these late winter days.

My dad has always said that to hunt deer you have to think like a deer. I have found this to be true. It only stands to reason that, if you spend time in the woods and watch what deer do when there is no hunting pressure, you will learn how they think, act and behave.

I say that to illustrate that hunting for sheds is not about finding the big bucks; rather it is part of a much bigger picture. Nonetheless, this is a good time of year to start looking...as the picture shows. I found this shed at an undisclosed location west of Danville last January.

Henry David Thoreau said, "Many men fish their entire lives without realizing it's not the fish they're after."

My dad said, "Hunting is about time in the woods, time with friends and time alone to reflect. Harvesting a deer comes as a result of all that; not the other way around."

So if you set out to walk your hunting grounds, then look for antler sheds, trails and bedding areas. The idea is that the coming hunting season will be more pro-



ductive and successful having spent the time in the woods.

But as you spend time walking the woods another thought starts hunting for time in your mind. You start to notice that the woods have a unique kind of calm. You notice this because all of the hype and energy and intensity of hunting season is absent. You begin to see and hear and smell things you've never noticed before.

Then, while watching the woods and the wildlife you start to think like a deer. At that moment you will be at once a hunter and a lover of nature.

And at this time of the year in Central Indiana there will be no one to interrupt your moment of serenity.



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

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Captain Hook feels badly

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

We hear this one all the time: I feel badly because Randolph lost his job at the pro shop. In an effort to have better grammar we can often make it worse. So let's figure out why the correct phrase in the above instance should be I feel bad.

The key here is knowing the difference between action verbs and linking verbs. It seems rather obvious how to identify an action verb: it does something active. Active verbs like gobble, decide, shimmy, impeach and frolic tell us the action being performed in a sentence. Linking verbs, on the other hand, connect the subject of a sentence to information about that subject. Linking verbs do not describe an action. Therefore, use adverbs to describe action verbs and adjectives to describe linking verbs.

Sensory-related verbs like feel, look, smell, taste, and sound can either be used as linking verbs or active verbs, depending on the context of the sentence. Kind of confusing, if you ask me.

In our example where poor Randy got the heave-ho from the pro shop, feel is used as a linking verb. I feel bad describes the state of my emotions because Randolph was

let go. The only way I feel badly is correct is if, after being fired, Randolph got in his souped-up golf cart, put the pedal to the metal and—in an act of blind rage—he ran over all ten of my fingers as I carefully attempted to replace one of my several divots, rendering my sense of touch useless. In this case, I feel badly because Randolph lost his job at the pro shop would be correct.

With sensory verbs, it's important to identify whether the verb is an active verb or a linking verb. The way I always remember this takes me back to my tremendous AP English teacher, Dr. Ballard, who used this example: Only Captain Hook feels badly. Get it? Because he has a hook for a hand.

Would Captain Hook make a good masseuse? No, because Captain Hook feels badly. And he probably feels pretty bad about that.



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



The lure of Ireland

TRAVEL

By Will Gott

There's something for everyone in Ireland. The Emerald Isle's scenery is green and activities include golf, hiking and biking tours, taking in the countryside or one of the many festivals held annually in the small villages and towns. Economic success over the past few years has not dimmed the traditional way of life, and the Irish hold on to their cultural heritage with an ease that permeates everything from the road signs to the ever-present music and pub culture. And let's not forget the Island is populated by some of the friendliest people in the world.

The Irish weather is not the most predictable in the world, but then much of the beauty of the "Emerald Island" is due to its mild Atlantic climate. However, what some might consider "poor weather," has had positive influences on the Irish way of life.

Music and song plays an integral part in day-to-day routine and visitors can experience this in the many pubs so characteristic of the social landscape. Irish music is captivating—arguably some of the best in the world—and the pubs can highlight a journey through the country.

The lure of Ireland lies in its landscapes and its people, and it is through involvement with both that visitors get to experience the soul of this ancient land of saints and scholars. Here are some fascinating facts about Ireland:

- The capital of the Republic of Ireland is Dublin. The capital of Northern Ireland is Belfast.

- 20 percent of North Americans can trace their ancestry to Ireland. Want to check out your genealogy? Visit <http://www.nli.ie>.
- Visit on the cheap – competitive airfares, bed and breakfasts, trains, ferries and self-drives.
- From North America, fly into either Dublin or Shannon for Ireland or Belfast for Northern Ireland.
- St. Patrick's "Day" lasts a week in Ireland and there is no shortage of festivals at other times like the Puck Festival or the Rose of Tralee Festivals. To check out festivals in Ireland visit <http://www.irish-tourism.com/>.
- Fishing in Ireland is hard to beat and a favorite outdoor sport of many travelers.
- About 25 percent of the world's golf courses are in Ireland.
- Self-drive vacations are easy. Just remember to drive on the left and watch out for roundabouts and in rural areas, the sheep!
- If either hiking or biking is your favorite pastime, Ireland boasts hundreds of miles of great countryside and spectacular coastline.



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The queen of winter flowering plants

GARDENING

By John Chapin

During the drab days of winter, there is a plant that is sure to please flower-lovers everywhere, even those without a green thumb! Blooming in colors of the most delicate pink, to bold reds, salmons, and pure white, some with exotic stripes or multi-colored, single or double, dainty to dinner plate-sized blooms, the never-fail amaryllis is sure to impress. Each bulb produces one or more stems topped with bouquet-sized clusters of flowers. Of all the flowering bulbs, amaryllis are the easiest to bring to bloom.

Amaryllis originated in South America's tropical regions, so can be planted outside only in subtropical and warmer areas. However, they are popular indoor blooming plants world-wide today, especially for the holidays of Christmas and Valentine's Day. They are readily available at big-box stores, garden centers, and on-line, already potted or as bare bulbs. With just a little care after blooming, they can be enjoyed every winter for many years to come, even growing in size and number.

If you receive or buy a bare bulb, which looks like an oversized daffodil bulb, it may already be showing a bud emerging from the top. Planted in regular potting mix, watered, and placed in a warm, sunny window, it will bloom with no care at all other than watering. When the first buds open, the whole stem can be cut and placed in a vase for days of colorful display. Meanwhile, leaves will start to grow out of the bulb. They will develop into long strapping leaves, usually two feet in length. It's not the most attractive houseplant, but this is the time to begin care if you would like to keep the bulb for future winter bloom.

Until all danger of frost is past, keep your leafed-out bulb in the sunniest window available. Water when dry, and start fertilizing the bulb immediately with any houseplant fertilizer, especially one formulated for blooming houseplants. It's usually safe to place your amaryllis outdoors at the end of April in our area, where it should stay until late fall. Place the pot where it will receive at least a half-day of sun, more if possible, and don't be surprised if some of the leaves turn reddish adjusting to the summer sun. More leaves will grow. The leaves and fertilizer will enable the bulb to form next winter's flower buds. You can even remove the bulb from the pot and plant it directly in your flower or vegetable garden, at the same depth, with about the top third of the bulb exposed.



Photo by John Chapin

Continue to water and fertilize as normal all summer into fall. (Hint: Using a time-release fertilizer such as Osmocote will make this care easier.) In early fall, the leaves will begin to yellow. Cut them back to about 2 inches from the top of the bulb and remove the bulb from the soil. Clean any soil off the bulb's roots and place it in a cool, dark place such as the crisper of your refrigerator for a minimum of 6 weeks. (Caution: Don't store amaryllis bulbs near apples as this will adversely affect the bulb.)

Anytime after six weeks, 7 to 8 weeks before you would like them to bloom, repot the bulb in any pot that is just a little larger than the bulb. Soak with very warm water just once. If the bulb has received enough sunlight and fertilizer to form a new flower bud, it will soon appear at the top of the bulb, and that's your cue to begin watering when dry. If only leaves appear, perhaps a bud will soon follow. If not, you can care for the plant as before and try again next summer, with more sunlight and fertilizer. It's worth a try to enjoy these beautiful flowers again and again, for years to come.



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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AVON

James H. "Jim" Austin

James H. "Jim" Austin, 73, passed away Jan. 20, 2018. He was born Oct. 29, 1944. He was a US Army Veteran. Services were held Jan. 26 at Avon United Methodist Church.

Wilma L. Francis

Wilma L. Francis, 81, passed away Jan. 29, 2018. She was born Sept. 26, 1936. Services were held Feb. 2 at Matthews Mortuary, Brownsburg.

Patrick H. Hoepfner

Patrick H. Hoepfner, 74, passed away Feb. 7, 2018. He was born Dec. 27, 1943. He was a veteran. There were no services listed.

Sharon Beth Kelly Terhune

Sharon Beth Kelly Terhune, 78, passed away Feb. 5, 2018. She was born March 25, 1939. Services were not listed.

BROWNSBURG

Carl William Bicknell Sr.

Carl William Bicknell Sr., 88, passed away Jan. 18, 2018. He was born Jan. 3, 1930. Services were held Feb. 10 at Calvary United Methodist Church, Brownsburg.

Ralph A. Brown

Ralph A. Brown, 85, passed away Jan. 22, 2018. He was born June 23, 1923. Private services were held Jan. 24.

Lucy Esta Haycox

Lucy Esta Haycox, 97, passed away Jan. 19, 2018. She was born Nov. 9, 1920. Services were held Jan. 25 at Connection Pointe Christian Church, Brownsburg.

Bradley Lee Shryock

Bradley Lee Shryock, 63, passed away Jan. 22, 2018. He was born Feb. 17, 1954. Services were held Jan. 25 at David A. Hall Mortuary, Pittsboro.

Harper Keyton Wittig

Harper Keyton Wittig, 20, passed away Jan. 19, 2018. He was born Oct. 2, 1997. Services were held Jan. 24 at Connection Pointe Christian Church, Brownsburg.

CLAYTON

Daniel G. Ballard

Daniel G. Ballard, 88, passed away Feb. 9, 2018. He was born Jan. 2, 1930. He was a US Army veteran during the Korean War. Private services were held Feb. 12.

Margaret A. Ballard

Margaret A. Ballard, 87, passed away Feb. 2, 2018. She was born Dec. 25, 1930. Private services were held Feb. 5.

Frederick M. Brennan

Frederick M. Brennan, 73, passed away Feb. 10, 2018. He was born May 4, 1944. There were no services planned.

DANVILLE

David Eugene Cox

David Eugene Cox, 61, passed away Jan. 24, 2018. He was born Sept. 29, 1956. Private services were held.

Frederick R. "Fred" Morgan II

Frederick R. "Fred" Morgan II, 59, passed away Feb. 6, 2018. He was born Nov. 11, 1958. Services were held Feb. 16 at Danville Christian Church.

Beverly A. (Larison) Morpew

Beverly A. (Larison) Morpew, 84, passed away Jan. 30, 2018. She was born Jan. 9, 1934. Services were held Feb. 3 at Weaver & Randolph Funeral Home, Danville.

Howard Wesley Walls

Howard Wesley Walls, 72, passed away Feb. 7, 2018. He was born Oct. 2, 1945. There will be no services.

NORTH SALEM

Jane Doub

Jane Doub, 96, passed away Jan. 29, 2018. She was born Jan. 26, 1922. Services were held Feb. 2 at Porter Funeral Home, North Salem.

Ernest "Ernie" Melvin Sims

Ernest "Ernie" Melvin Sims, 83, passed away Feb. 4, 2018. He was born March 3, 1934. He was a US veteran. Services were held Feb. 9 at New Hope Baptist Church, Jamestown.

PITTSBORO

Rosa Della Parker

Rosa Della Parker, 79, passed away Jan. 21, 2018. She was born July 27, 1938. Services were held Jan. 26 at Matthews Mortuary, Brownsburg.

PLAINFIELD

Theodore Quincy Allman

Theodore Quincy Allman, infant, passed away Jan. 31, 2018. He was born Jan. 31, 2018. Services were private.

Beverly A. Allen

Beverly A. Allen, 79, passed away Jan. 29, 2018. She was born March 9, 1938. Services were held Feb. 3 at Plainfield Christian Church.

Hugh "Al" Barker

Hugh "Al" Barker, 92, passed away Jan. 29, 2018. He was born Nov. 26, 1925. He was a U.S. Army veteran of WWII and a POW. Services were held Feb. 10 at Plainfield United Methodist Church.

Debra Jean (Russell) Himsel

Debra Jean (Russell) Himsel, 61, passed away Jan. 27, 2018. She was born March 23, 1956. Services were held Feb. 1 at Danville Christian Church.

John "Jack" Kost

John "Jack" Kost, 83, passed away Jan. 23, 2018. He was born April 1, 1934. Services were held Jan. 29 at Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home, Plainfield.

James William "Bill" Martin

James William "Bill" Martin, 77, passed away Jan. 31, 2018. He was born Nov. 17, 1940. Services were held Feb. 4 at Hall-Baker Funeral Home, Plainfield.

Dorothy L. Robinson

Dorothy L. Robinson, 82, passed away Jan. 29, 2018. She was born June 1, 1935. Services were held Feb. 1 at Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home, Plainfield.

Mary Jo Rush

Mary Jo Rush, 70, passed away Jan. 31, 2018. She was born Nov. 13, 1947. Services were held Feb. 6 at Plainfield Christian Church.

Karlie Jean (Illg) Slaven

Karlie Jean (Illg) Slaven, 37, passed away Jan. 22, 2018. She was born April 3, 1980. Services were held Jan. 26 at Hall-Baker Funeral Home, Plainfield.

Norman L. Underwood

Norman L. Underwood, 84, passed away Feb. 5, 2018. He was born on May 24, 1933. He served in the US Army during the Korean War. Services were held Feb. 8 at Hall-Baker Funeral Home, Plainfield.

Mary Irene Vatter

Mary Irene Vatter, 72, passed away Jan. 29, 2018. She was born Jan. 9, 1946. Services were held Feb. 3 at Hall-Baker Funeral Home, Plainfield.

Charleen L Watson

Charleen L Watson, 68, passed away Feb. 2, 2018. She was born Feb. 12, 1949. Services were held Feb. 11 at First Baptist Church of Plainfield.

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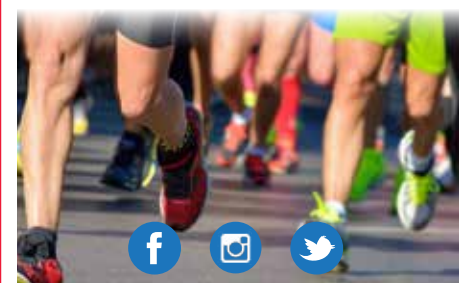
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Employee Umer Awan, 29, has been a car salesman for six years at the Avon location. He is a U.S. citizen who was born in Pakistan.

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Driving diversity

American melting-pot culture alive and well at Hare Honda

FEATURE

By Lindsay Doty

On a bitter cold Saturday afternoon in February, The Hare Honda dealership in Avon (formerly Terry Lee Honda) is bustling with activity. Customers looking for their next ride or repair rotate in and out of the glass doors while the sales reps work the floor and the phones.

While the 100-person team is in the heart of Indiana, the dealership has a staff with a vast range of hometown credentials, from the corners of Poland to Peru.

Like Umer Awan: A 29-year-old car salesman from Pakistan who moved to America with his family when he was a

young child. At 21, he bought a car at the dealership in Avon and never forgot the easy-going staff. Two years later, he decided to put off medical school for a steady job. He wanted to give sales a try.

"My wife was expecting at the time and I really didn't feel like going to medical school was the best for the family's interests, so I said let me just check out Terry Lee Honda," explained Awan.

"And now I've been here six years."

During that time, he has carved out a niche among buyers.

"I had two guys here this morning from the Pakistani community that asked to see

me word of mouth," he explains.

On the other side of the showroom is Milton Echegaray. He's originally from South America and keeps a tiny Peruvian flag above his desk as a little memento. He works internet sales and has an advantage when it comes to Spanish-speaking customers.

"The American dream, I'm living it," Echegaray said.

The "melting pot" culture is something that Hare Honda General Manager Marcus Schuh learned while working at Terry Lee Honda and has tried to cultivate.

"I realized how well diversity works

in the car business because everybody needs a car. Male, female, black, white immigrant or not. Yah," said Schuh in his distinct German accent.

He's a German-born immigrant who came to the states from the picturesque town of Baden-Baden.

A proud American citizen for years (his birthday is July 4th), he also keeps some reminders of home in his office, like a German calendar sent yearly from his mother and a small Mercedes 500 statue that was

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a gift from his brother (of course, Schuh currently drives a Honda).

His journey started after meeting his wife (a Hoosier) on a beach vacation in Florida in the 90s. While he failed at the restaurant business, Schuh found he had a knack for selling cars in Indiana. He started out at Tom Wood Volkswagen in Indianapolis and worked his way up.

"It doesn't get much better than having (a) German sell German cars," he laughed.

He was known in the early days as the guy with the accent. So much so, that his business card even read: "the German guy."

"People forget names, but they don't forget where you are from. I told the receptionist if someone called and asked for the German, you know, that's me, so give me that lead," he said.

Schuh made his way into management and became general manager of Tom Wood Toyota and later joined Terry Lee Honda in 2008. Now he's at the helm of the dealership off E. US 36 that was recently sold to Hare Honda (January 2018). Hare

is a newly acquired subsidiary of Asbury Automotive Group, a Fortune 500 auto retailer based out of Duluth, GA.

The staff in Avon has been busy reminding customers that they are still here.

"We are still in the middle of rebranding the name. The name of the dealership might have changed but the great people are still here selling and servicing your Hondas," Schuh said.

His team is always evolving. He estimates 20 to 30 percent of his staff comes from a diverse background, including employees who have roots in Poland, the Philippines and Mexico, but there are also plenty of homegrown Hoosiers.

"My best advice is to include everyone on your team, it doesn't matter if you like NAS-CAR or Cricket.

Schuh says they're looking for good employees. He believes good hires, no matter what the background, are just that. And like most business owners, they are always looking for more of them.

"We have positions open in all departments and need some more Hoosiers to apply. It is very hard to find people at the moment."



Hare Honda General Manager Marcus Schuh.

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Questions for... Rian Wathen

*Coalition founder educates residents on zoning standard 'circumvention'***Compiled by Chris Cornwall**

Avon has experienced rapid growth in recent years alongside the development of higher density residential zones. The most recent subdivisions have been built on Planned Unit Developments or PUD, a type of rezoning that provides flexibility in planning, design, development and innovative approaches to the design of community environments. However, Rian Wathen, founder of the Coalition for Responsible Growth in Avon, points out that developers routinely use the PUD process to circumvent current residential zoning standards in order to fit more homes in a specified area. A growing group of concerned citizens have taken notice since the coalition was founded in January. Here we ask Rian Wathen 10 Questions...

1. Did you start the coalition as a watchdog group or do you believe irresponsible growth is currently happening?

I started it to raise awareness in hopes that both citizens and elected officials would slow down and take a closer look at what's happening. In the last couple of years, there have been some zoning decisions that could certainly be described as irresponsible. Avon seems to be at a tipping point right now. We can continue to go down a path of high-density subdivisions, overcrowd our schools and subdivisions, or we can stop and take a breather and evaluate where we want to go and what we want our community to look like in the future. We have standards which apply to neighborhoods and proposed developments right now, and I think at the very least, we should be adhering to those.

2. Are you referring to the PUD trend?

Yes, that is exactly what I'm referring to. Approving subdivisions which violate our zoning ordinances in areas which are already overcrowded is irresponsible and benefits no one but the developers who'll make a bigger profit. The PUD was originally designed to be an innovative, unique zone for special projects that cities could use where traditional zoning codes separated commercial from residential. It would allow the two to combine to create something interesting within the city.

3. And how are PUDs being utilized now?

Now what we are seeing, is that developers are coming in, and instead of adhering to the original zoning standards of where they want to put a house up, they submit a PUD request which essentially is asking the Plan Commission and Town Council to ignore the current zoning for that property to allow them to circumvent it, or create a product that is inferior to the current zoning in place for that property.

4. Can you give a current example?

An example is the brownstone PUD on 100 N. Avon made several zoning exceptions to zoning standards for this development, and now we are going to have 165 homes from which residents will be exiting on 100 N. where traffic is already a problem. There are two new PUD proposals coming in front of the Town Council soon, Settlement West, and Parmela. In both, the developers are asking for waivers on minimum lot size and distance between homes to put in as many houses as possible. We have zoning standards and ordinances that should apply but the developer is asking us to ignore them by calling it progress.

5. Would you elaborate on what these waivers would do to change the zone standards?

The current lot size is zoned R1 which is a minimum lot size of 15,000 sq. ft. and a

width of 100 ft. Settlement West is asking for a minimum lot size of 7,000 sq. ft. and a minimum lot width of 60 ft. There are no residential zoning standards for single-family homes to be placed on less than 12,500 sq. ft. In the Parmela development, they are asking us to ignore those standards and build homes on lots that are 6,000 sq. ft....

6. What kind of issues do you think can arise from these higher-density PUDs?

It can cause issues with traffic, infrastructure, schools—and we are certainly seeing the effects of it now. There is no reason to exacerbate it and make the problem worse. Residential does not pay for itself when it comes to property tax.

7. What kind of action is the coalition taking?

We just started in January so we are having some initial meetings to set up work commitments to research proposals that come before the plan commission. A lot of what we are doing is educating residents about the zoning approval process and how they can get involved to influence what their town looks like in the future.

8. Who makes up coalition? Is it a diverse group or people only from certain neighborhoods?

The coalition is a diverse group of citizens from all over Avon. They have a variety of interests but all share a common concern for the future of their community.

9. How has the coalition been received by the community?

Frankly, I'm stunned by the amount of attention it has received in such a short amount of time. I've received emails from people asking how they can get involved and make their voices heard. Many residents have signed up for the emailing list so they're alerted about proposed developments. Obviously, there are a lot of people who are concerned like I am.

10. What would you say to accusations that the coalition is against progress?

Here is what I tell people: We are not against progress but we do want to define it. We want to become a positive force and work with town officials to proactively attract development opportunities which blend and add value to the community, not detract from it.



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the popular multi-use trail. Diana is currently president of the trail association and Hall is a member-at-large. This year, there are plans to continue to expand the trail, add an adjacent equestrian trail, and a dog park in Brownsburg.



Scott Grammer, Avon, dances with his 5-year-old daughter Samantha at the Hendricks Regional Health YMCA Daddy-Daughter Dance, Friday, Feb. 9, 2018.
(Photo by Chris Cornwall)

IU Health West donates CPR equipment to Avon Fire

The Washington Township Avon Fire Department recently received CPR training equipment from Indiana University Health West Hospital. The donation included CPR monitors for infants and adults, AED trainers, and lung bags. The department says the equipment is interactive and user-friendly and will help with training and recertification.

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Entrées : \$5.50 (Make any entrée a sandwich)

Baked Fish (Cod)	Hand Breaded Fried Fish (Cod)
Fried Shrimp (7 pc)	Hand Breaded Fried Catfish

Sides: \$1.75 Each

Baked Potato	Soup - Small	Mac & Cheese
Baked Sweet Potato	French Fries	Cole Slaw
Scalloped Potatoes	Green Beans	Salad - Small
	Applesauce	

Soup & Salad Bar: \$5.50
(All you can eat Soup, Salad & Rolls)

Other Dishes

Soup or Salad – Bowl.....	\$2.50
Fried Shrimp – 3 pc	\$2.75
Cheese Pizza	\$2.00
Cheese Sticks.....	\$2.00

Desserts: \$1.00 Each

Drinks: \$1.00 Each

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Find the items in the puzzle going up, down, sideways or diagonally and list them. Each letter is used no more than once.

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S E L P A T S
S E P O L E V N E
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E K O R T S T S A E R B O
N T U E B S T S Z B E N O L
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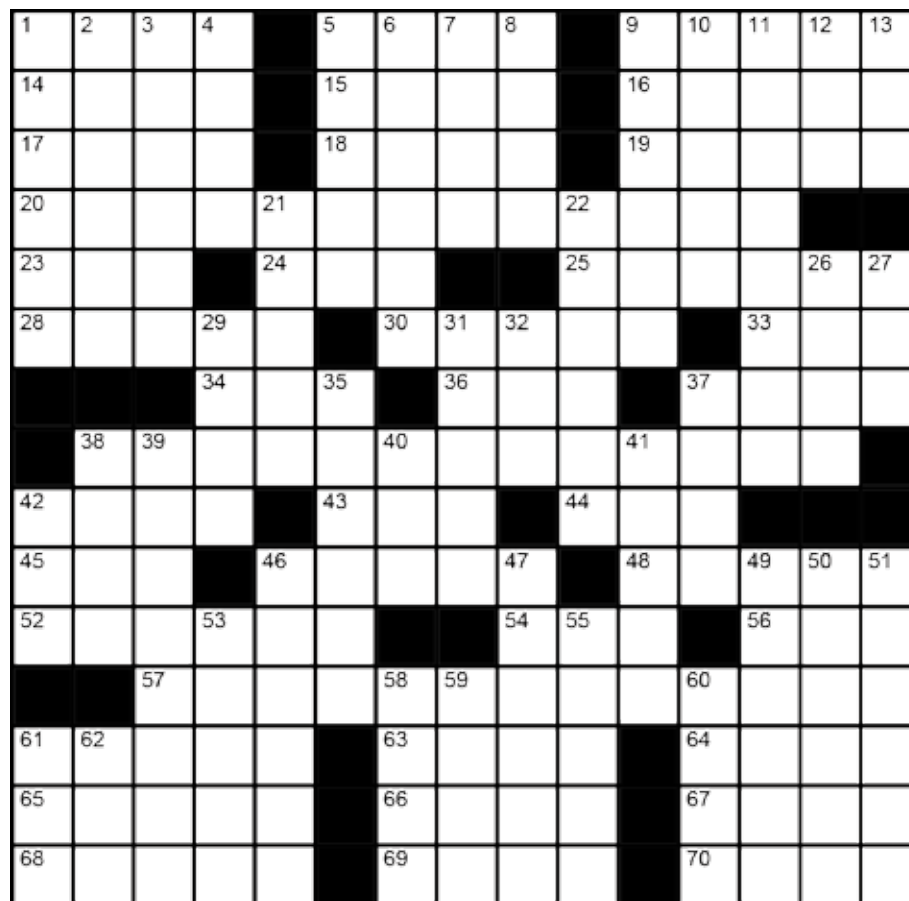
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ACROSS

1. Job safety org.
5. Charbonos kitchen meas.
9. Kind of legend
14. Blackball
15. Indianapolis Opera solo
16. Olive Garden pasta topper
17. Duke Energy unit
18. Hang loose
19. Not fulfilled, as needs
20. Bypass a chilly journey?
23. Purdue Hall of Fame QB Dawson
24. Keyboard key
25. Positive aspect
28. Fantasy
30. ISO strings
33. Eric Holcomb bobblehead movement
34. Some Butler fraternity men
36. Commit perjury in Hendricks County Court
37. Former Indiana governor Bowen
38. Fishy pasta cookware?
42. ___-Dick
43. Prestwick Country Club cotillion girl
44. Stop ___ dime
45. Ravens on a Lucas Oil Stadium scoreboard
46. "Old MacDonald" refrain
48. Salesforce Tower elevator stop
52. Straightens
54. B Squared or CJ's
56. West Chase Golf Club instructor
57. Pacers' leading scorer and an anagram of 20- and 38-Across
61. Egypt's capital
63. Stir up
64. Contented sighs
65. "Get ___ of yourself!"
66. Four six-packs at Big Red Liquors
67. Victory Field computation
68. Fiesta Salons job
69. Like many of the movies at Heartland Film Festival
70. Hendricks County Fair fowls

DOWN

1. US president's assassin
2. Barber, at times
3. Andrew Luck call before a snap
4. Opposed
5. Avon Barber Shop powders
6. Pretty pin
7. Hoosier farm cylinder



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|---|--|---------------------------------|
| 8. Low Bob's cigarette: ____ Mall | 29. Local auto dealer Mohr | 47. Orchestra member |
| 9. Takes over | 31. Cover story in court | 49. Addictive narcotic |
| 10. Hindu royals | 32. Brazilian city, familiarly | 50. Parentless child |
| 11. Meet by accident | 35. Cruel person | 51. Sleeping spots |
| 12. Brownsburg hardware store | 37. John Mellencamp's October birthstone | 53. Ball State sorority members |
| 13. Plainfield HS tennis court divider | 38. IPL fuel | 55. Western Bowl pin site |
| 21. Take exception | 39. Nowhereness | 58. Ocean predator |
| 22. Mississippi city where Elvis was born | 40. Flying geese formation | 59. Brickyard 400 engine sound |
| 26. "Go ahead!" | 41. Prefix with red or structure | 60. Short run |
| 27. ICON staffers, briefly | 42. IU degree for a future CEO | 61. Terry Lee product |
| | 46. Make secret | 62. Tuna type |

Answers See Page 31



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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 your 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 aesthetics.
- **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 month's tips are helpful, enjoy the summer! TsT

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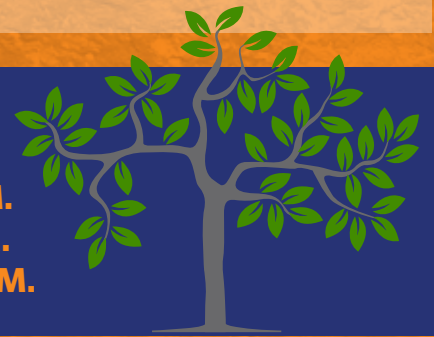
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