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Students filled snack bags for police officers attending Deputy Jake Pickett's funeral on March 7 at White Lick Creek Elementary where Pickett's widow is a 1st-grade teacher. From left: Third-grader Will Moyars and fifth-grader Cade Copeland. (Photo by Faith Toole)



**Q:**  
**Do you have  
Spring Break plans?**



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Shores, Alabama.

*Carolyn Harris, Danville*



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## Franklin College announces dean's list

Franklin College (Indianapolis) recently released its dean's list and president's list for the fall 2017 semester. Students named to the dean's list earned a 3.5 grade point average or above, and students named to the president's list earned a perfect 4.0. Underneath are the students from Hendricks County.

### President's List

- Shelby Collier, a senior, is the daughter of Jeff and Laura Collier of Clayton

### Dean's List

- Alisha Burch, a freshman, is the daughter of Troy and Tonia Burch of Coatesville
- Morgan Burch, a senior, is the daughter of Troy and Tonia Burch of Coatesville
- Nathan Stonebraker, a senior, is the son of Matt and Andrea Stonebraker of Coatesville

- Cayla Crawford, a sophomore, is the daughter of Curtis and Erin Crawford of Brownsburg
- Abrahm Hurt, a sophomore, is the son of Daniel and Karen Hurt of Brownsburg
- Grace Esterline, a freshman, is the daughter of Mark and Julie Esterline of Brownsburg
- Olivia Fisher, a junior, is the daughter of Rena Fisher of Mooresville and Brian Fisher of Clayton
- Rachel Santos, a senior, is the daughter of Mark and Kimberly Santos of Plainfield
- Alexandra Short, a sophomore, is the daughter of Thomas and Kristi Short of Avon
- Cameron Mattern, a senior, is the son of Jeff and Nadine Mattern of Pittsboro
- Ashley Burns, a junior, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Burns of Jamestown

## Hendricks County Planner

### AVON

- **Redevelopment Commission | March 19, 6 p.m.**
- **Town Council | March 22, 7 p.m.**
- **Plan Commission | March 26, 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](http://avongov.org).

### PLAINFIELD

- **Board of Zoning Appeals | March 19, 7 p.m.**
- **Town Council | March 26, 7 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

### BROWNSBURG

- **Economic Development Commission | March 21, 5 p.m.**
- **Town Council | March 22, 7 p.m.**
- **Plan Commission | March 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](http://brownsburg.org).

### DANVILLE

- **Police Commission | March 19, 6 p.m.**
- **Town Council | March 19, 7 p.m.**
- **Board of Zoning Appeals | March 20, 7 p.m.**
- **Town Council | April 2, 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).

### GUILFORD TOWNSHIP

- **Board Meeting | April 4, 7 p.m.**
- All regular meetings are held at the Guilford Township Community Center, located at 1500 S. Center St., Plainfield. For more information, call (317) 838-0564.

- **Commissioners' Meeting | March 27, 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.

### SPECIAL MEETING NOTICE

- **'Answers, Hope and Healing' Pittsboro Police Department Town Hall Meeting**
- Pittsboro PD will host "Answers, Hope and Healing" featuring information on available services and programs for substance abuse, mental health and family support in Hendricks County on Wednesday, March 21, 6-8 p.m., Pittsboro Town Hall, 80 N. Meridian St. Representatives from recovery and treatment centers will be in attendance as well as mental health organizations and support groups. Light refreshments. For more information, call (317) 892-3329.

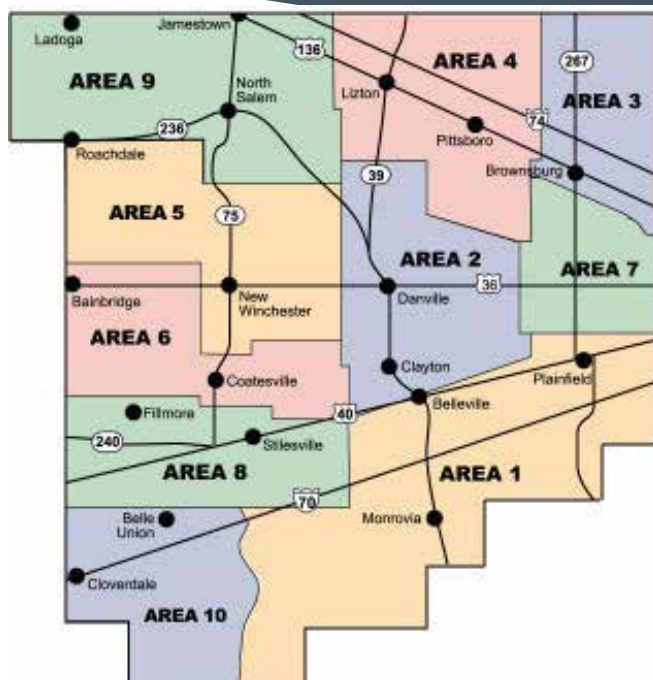


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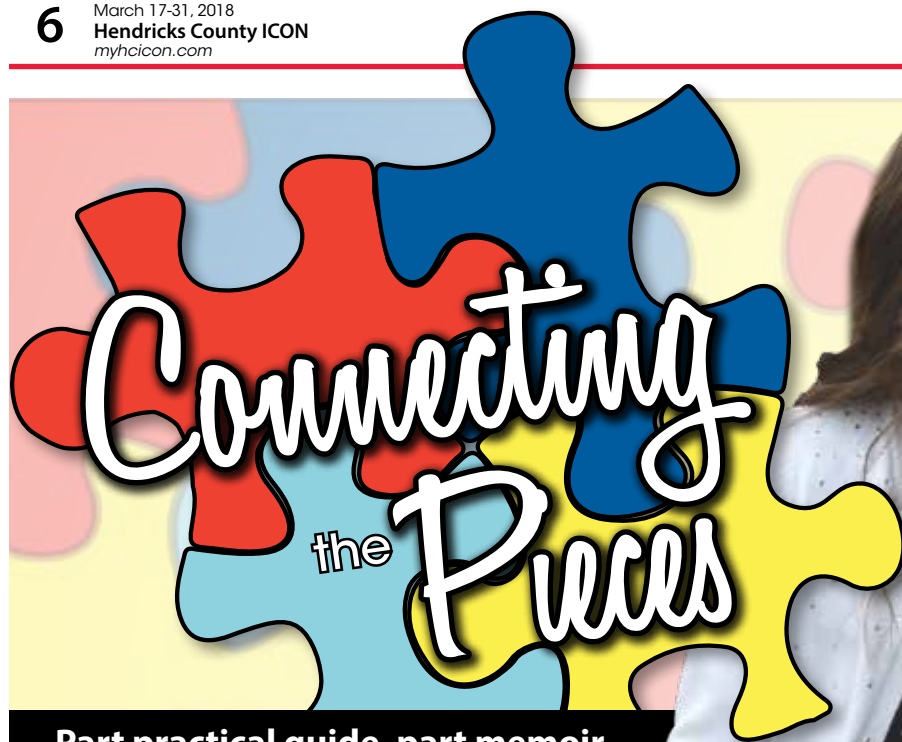
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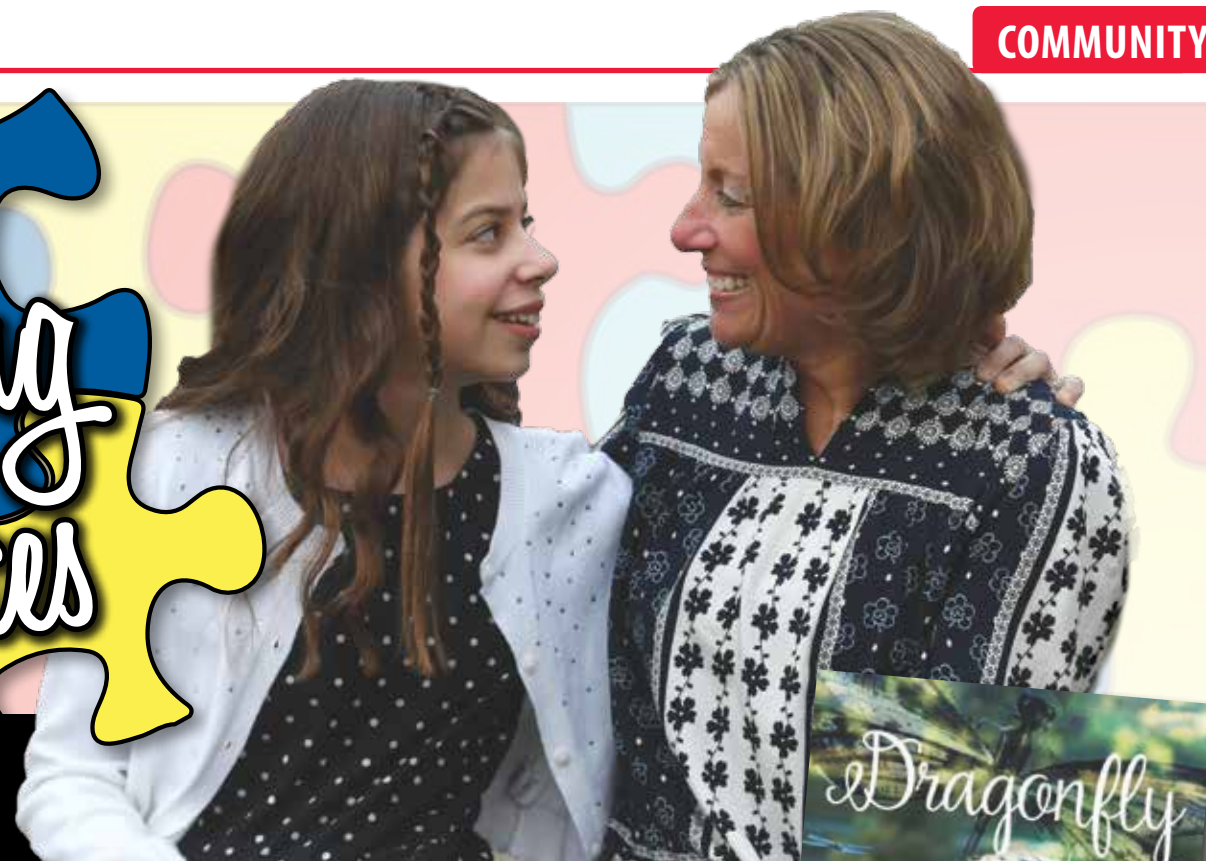
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**Part practical guide, part memoir,  
Avon mother and teacher pens  
new book for ASD parents**



(Cover photo by Rick Myers) | Cover of Lori Taylor's book, *Dragonfly: A Daughter's Emergence from Autism: A Practical Guide for Parents*

## COVER STORY

By Chris Cornwall

A book went missing in May 2006 when doctors told Lori Taylor that her 15-month-old daughter had autism spectrum disorder. As a capable, motivated parent committed to early intervention, she had books on physical therapy, occupational therapy, developmental therapy, speech therapy and many more. On the inside, she felt grief, alone and compelled to "fix" it. And for that, she couldn't seem to find the right book. So Lori Taylor wrote it.

"When I walked out the door of the Doctor's office, I was not the same woman that walked in," she said.

Taylor, a science teacher of 23 years, said academic intelligence and an outgoing personality are traits she's always valued in people, and couldn't help but feel a sense of loss upon hearing the diagnosis.

"I couldn't see that I was in denial at first, but I wasn't going to let someone tell me that I was going through the stages of grief," Taylor said. "I lost my hair. I went to my doctor and he said, 'Lori, you are chewing rocks in your sleep.' I would wake my husband up at three o'clock in the morning, knowing that she would never go to I.U., that I would never see her walk down the aisle for graduation."

Hannah's neurologist said she could benefit from early intervention services, she remembers.

With the prospect of daily therapy and visits to Riley Hospital, and Taylor a full-time teacher, the family left their home in Fishers and relocated to Avon.

"They say the best window is between ages 2 and 6, and I guess I held myself to that window. I was going to make all these interventions and they were going to make a huge difference for her," she said.

Taylor went to work getting Hannah support services. Therapy books and papers stacked up and she involved her daughter in everything from aquatic and equine therapy to early education programs like First Steps and developmental preschool.

While there's no guarantee that early intervention will help children become more neurotypical in terms of school performance, Hannah made strides. Taylor said the Avon teachers were phenomenal. Yet, for a special needs parent, there's more to the story than just academic performance.

"I was going to find the book about a mom with a daughter with autism who had told her story. I needed to know that someone else was grieving. But not only that, I needed to know how to take my daughter on vacation because she couldn't step on a line, or stop perseverating on elevator buttons at the hotel, or ride in a taxi because it wasn't her preferred seat. I needed to know how to do Christmases when my daughter wouldn't open a gift, and then the motor

planning for opening this gift. I searched for it in book stores but couldn't find a single one on the shelf"

In 2014, Taylor resolved to write a "literary archive" from her own experiences. To fund the endeavor, she applied for a Lilly Endowment Grant and became one of 100 educators awarded \$10k through Teacher Creativity Fellowships.

Taylor completed her memoir and wanted to see if she could

get the book self-published. She attended an event keynoted by Ann Kroeker, a well-connected writing coach from Carmel with 25 years of experience in the publishing industry. "I told her I'm a single mom I have no money, but what if I emailed you a copy and you just

perused it?"

Kroeker said she was taken by Taylor and agreed to read it.

"I could hear it in the tone of her voice," Kroeker said. "Lori wanted to get her book in the hands of the right people. She was willing to work and has the credentials of not only being a parent with an incredible drive, she's also an educator. That's why I could envision this working with her."

Hannah, 10-years-old at the time, took a special interest in her mother's book. She asked her mom every day if she had heard

*"Yes, when I started I was looking for a fix, but in the end, Hannah taught me total acceptance"*

— LORI TAYLOR



back Mrs. Kroeker yet.

"Finally, I heard back from Ann," Taylor said. "She said, forget self-publishing, you can get picked up by a real publishing company. Hannah said, 'mom I've been praying.' Right then I turned around to look at her, and cried. The pride wasn't in the book. The pride was in her."

A hallmark trait associated with autism called "mind-blindness" refers to a difficulty with empathy. But it wasn't just that Hannah was displaying empathy, at that moment she said she realized it was everything about Hannah that she admired.

"Yes, when I started I was looking for a fix, but in the end, Hannah taught me total acceptance," Taylor said. "The things that I admire about her the most are her drive, memory, love of animals, she's a perfectionist, an excellent piano player, witty... All of

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Connecting the pieces continued from page 6

those hallmark traits that define autism, she has all of them."

The book, however, was still missing something.

"With her personality and teaching background I felt she could bring something different to the conversation," Kroeker said. "The memoir elements offer encouragement and make readers feel less alone during an overwhelming time. But I felt she could be a resource, coach and mentor walking beside someone going through this. She grabbed onto that vision and said I can do this."

Taylor made the book part narrative and part practical guide. She added discussions on intervention strategies, therapies, medical tests, autism terminology, education law, and recommends educational accommodations and supports. Taylor also draws from round-table discussions with parents, and offers practical tips on everything from making friends to Sensory Processing Disorder.

"The book is not about a cure or fix for autism. It is about how I can enable parents to help their child be as independent as possible," Taylor said.

Skyhorse Publishing (New York) sent Lori a contract agreement. Her book, "Dragonfly: A Daughter's Emergence from Autism: A Practical Guide for Parents" launches April 10. Best-selling author Jennifer O'Toole has written the forward.

Hannah and O'Toole are now friends and exchange text messages. She is currently in the gifted program at her school.

It took Lori Taylor a decade to find her book. Now she hopes to get it into the hands of the parents that need it most.

Dragonfly is available for preorder on Amazon.com.



Lori Taylor with Skyhorse publisher Jeff Lyons. (Submitted photo)

## Why a Dragonfly?

The title of Lori's new book, "Dragonfly: A Daughter's Emergence from Autism: A Practical Guide for Parents" was inspired by a poem written by Hannah. It was two years before Lori would start writing her book. She had recently gone through a divorce and the garage of her new home was full of items waiting to be unpacked.

"I said, Hannah, mommy is going to be working on this for hours," Lori remembers. "You are such a good artist. You should write some lines to go with your drawings, a book or maybe a poem. I gave her a blank sheet of paper, and that's what she handed me."

I am a child with autism.  
I see the doctor staring at me as  
he tells my parents something.  
I am uncomfortable when someone  
or something touches my skin.  
Why do people make me eat?  
I flap my hands because the words  
simply aren't there.  
I cry.  
I am a dragonfly.  
Hope rises, and I begin to reveal  
my concealed wings.  
I propel my wings backward, and  
then forward.  
I see other dragonflies and understand  
what I am meant to do.  
I cry.  
I am a child with autism.  
I have a schedule, work with therapists,  
and I love, love, love cats.  
I now appreciate hugs and kisses  
from my family.  
I have begun to understand language  
and what I am meant to do.  
I become more independent every day.  
I cry with happiness.  
You know I do.  
I cry.

Hannah was 8-years-old.



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From left: Heather Millhorn and Candy Beswick on training day for Pink Ribbon Connection at Hendricks Regional Health, Danville. (Photo by Chris Cornwall)

## Best friends faced cancer together, now giving back together

### FEATURE

By Chris Cornwall

Best friends Candy Beswick and Heather Millhorn have been through a lot together. They were sorority sisters in college, and after both started families, they purposely built homes across the street from each other in Avon. In 2016, these best of friends were both diagnosed with breast cancer, and only four months apart.

Millhorn, who works in an OBGYN office, is no stranger to seeing women go through the difficult trials of breast cancer, but learning this time it would be her best friend left her speechless.

"It's totally different when it's your best friend. I was heartbroken and didn't even know what to say," Millhorn remembered.

She spoke with her actions, however, and helped Beswick with everything from the kids to just being there for emotional support. And with the health of her best friend in the forefront of her mind, Millhorn decided to get herself checked out and learned she also had cancer.

"I was angry at first," remembers Beswick upon hearing the news. "I just kept asking, 'Why did this have to happen to her?' Because I knew what she would have to go through."

The two went through chemo together, shaved their heads together and helped

with day-to-day tasks when the other wasn't feeling good.

Fortunately, Millhorn and Beswick's cancers went into remission.

With first-hand experience of what it means to have someone by your side, they were compelled to give back. On Feb. 28, Hendricks Regional Health hosted a training session for new counselors for Pink Ribbon Connection, a resource and emotional support service made up of breast cancer survivors. Heather and Candy trained together (of course) and are looking forward to helping other women through their journey.

"I don't know what I would have done if I didn't have her, so I can't imagine what other people feel like if they didn't have a Candy like I did," Millhorn said. "It's hard to explain, but it's like she understood everything I was getting ready to go through. Every step."

"We knew there was something that we had to do after this was over," Beswick added. "God put this plan together for a reason."

Millhorn and Beswick both have 15-year-old daughters who are best friends, and said their girls supported each other through everything too.

For information on Pink Ribbon Connection, visit [pinkribbonconnection.org](http://pinkribbonconnection.org).



## ICONICbriefs

### NWHEF awards grant to Pittsboro Resource Room

The North West Hendricks Education Foundation Fund (a fund with the Hendricks County Community Foundation) awarded a \$1000 grant to the Pittsboro Resource Room, which serves students with different needs

in grades K-2nd. The funds were used to purchase visual learning tools and STEM activities. The NWHEF has awarded almost \$50,000 in grants to support each of the North West Hendricks schools.

### Lions conduct 77 free eye screens

Plainfield Lions Club members conducted free vision screenings for preschool children March 7th at the Little Quakers Academy Preschool at Clarks Creek Elementary School. Over the two days, 77 children were screened and three children were identified as potential referrals to an eye doctor.

### Avon Rotary offers scholarships

The Avon Rotary Club is awarding three \$1000 scholarships to Avon-area high school seniors based on academic achievement and leadership with an emphasis on community service. Contact Pam Lyons for an application at 317-460-0739 or lyons.pam@gmail.com. An academic transcript must accompany each application. The deadline is April 16 at 3p.m.

## Avon to add 2 miles of creek-side trail

By Chris Cornwall

The Town of Avon is breaking ground this month on two new phases of The White Lick Creek Trail Project. Public Works Director Ryan Cannon said it will add approximately 2 miles at a total cost of \$3.7 million (\$1.99 million of which is federally funded).

Currently, the trail connects three major public sites in Avon. Farthest east is Avon Public Library. It then moves west to connect with Avon Town Hall Park, and finally crosses U.S. 36 to link with Washington-Township Park. This is where the trail earns its name as it starts to run alongside White Lick Creek.

Just as the creek runs north and south, the current plan is to extend the trail in both directions.

Cannon said the larger of the two phases (Phase 4) will add 1.4 miles starting at Historic Whipple Truss Bridge in Washington Twp. Park. It will extend the trail north under the U.S. 36 bridge and continue all the way to C.R. 100 N.

Concurrently, Phase 2B will extend the trail south to C.R. 100 S. Cannon said it will wrap around the lake near the park's Pavilion Cen-

ter, and before it reaches 100 S., a pedestrian bridge over White Lick Creek will connect it to the Avon Junior Athletic Association.

So how many more miles of trail can residents expect in the future?

"Eventually, the trail will connect to Williams Park in Brownsburg to the north, and the Carlucci Center in Plainfield to the south," Cannon said. "That bigger picture may take 10 or 15 years, but this is certainly a significant step in the process."

Fortunately, residents won't have to wait long to enjoy the next step. Cannon said the completion date for Phases 2B and 4 is fall 2018.

#### By the numbers:

##### Phase 4

Total cost: \$1.84 million

Construction cost: \$1.19 million

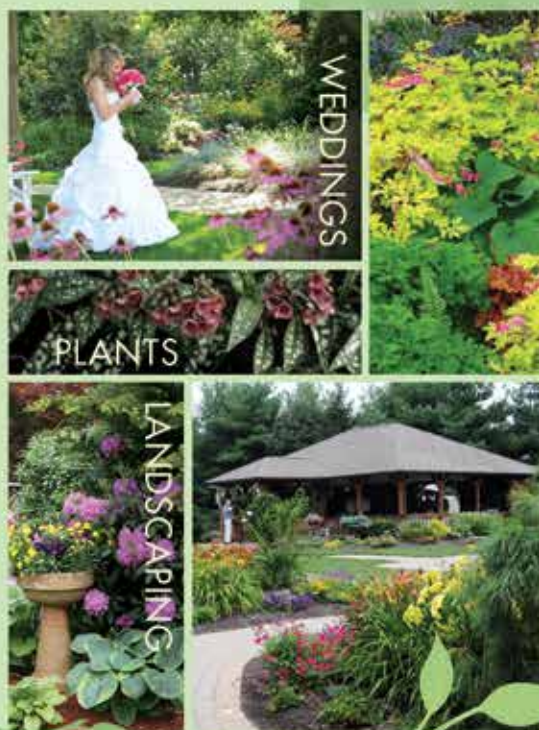
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##### Phase 2B

Total cost: \$1.85 million

Construction cost: \$1.37 million

Federal funding: 1.03 million



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OUR VIEW

## It's time for autism acceptance

As you will read in this edition's cover story, we focus on a mother who became a champion for her daughter after learning she was diagnosed with autism. April 2nd will mark the 11th annual World Autism Awareness Day. However, the month of April will also mark Autism Acceptance Month which is focused on sharing positive, respectful and accurate information about autism and autistic people.

We believe the world this amply aware of autism and what's needed now is autism acceptance.

To be clear, we are not against "lighting up blue" but feel we are now in a time when acceptance should take center stage. We encourage everyone to take part in April by listening to new voices, learning from accurate sources and sharing what you know. For more information, visit [autisticadvocacy.org](http://autisticadvocacy.org).

## Thanks are in order

On March 7, photos of trash resting in a ditch on the side of Hwy 36 were posted on Facebook. Fortunately, the person posting the photos is a resident environmentalist named Carol Veys Ford. She and a few like-minded individuals spent part of their Sunday afternoon ridding the area of garbage. In all, they removed 18 garbage bags full. We commend Ford, Marie Littler Core, and Judy and Steve Harrison for their efforts.

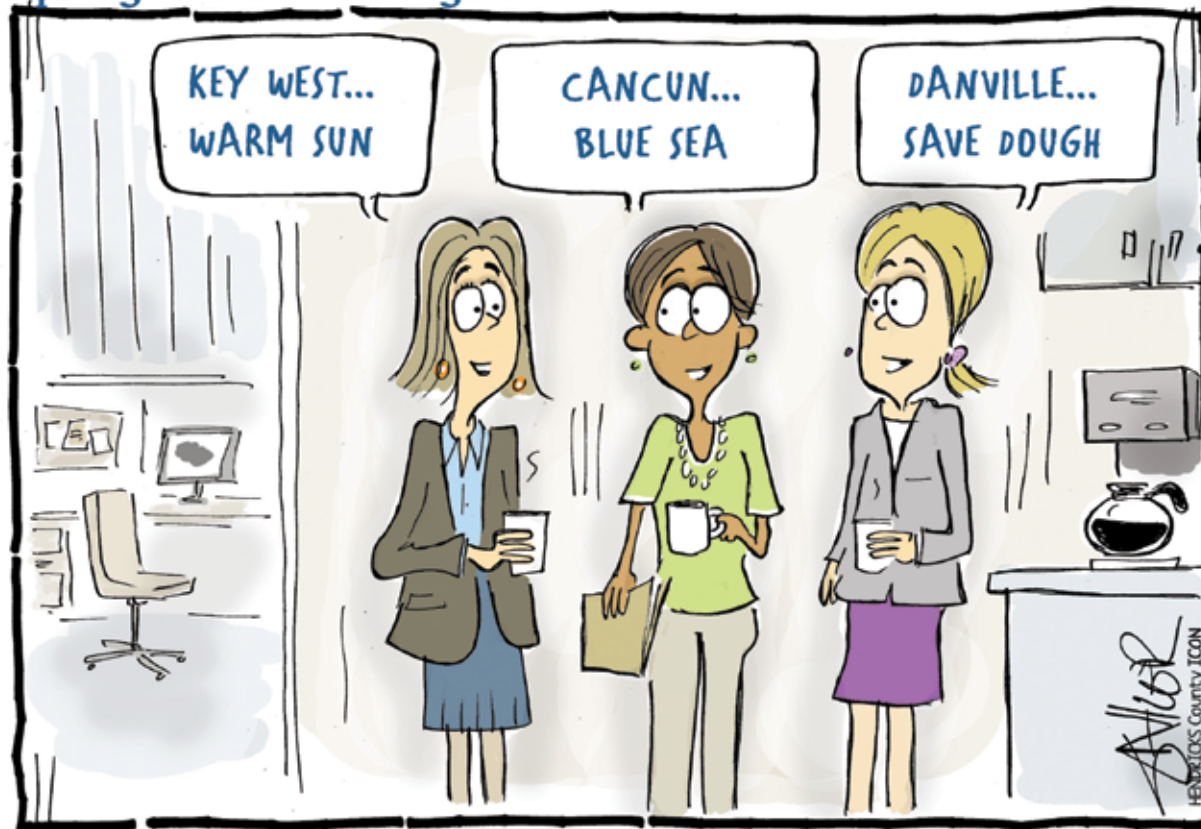


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## Spring Break Planning...



## My main squeeze

HUMOR

By Dick Wolfsie

I'm doing Kegels right now, as I type. I'm supposed to do 50 per day. When my doctor suggested I do them following a medical procedure, I was not familiar with these particular exercises. My wife knew what they were; my sister knew, too. Heidi, my proofreader, was surprised to learn that men can do them. And I'm surprised...that this newspaper published this column.

I hesitated to write about doing Kegels after Mary Ellen and I discussed that I might have to include some private parts of my life. (I think this is where I'm supposed say: no pun intended.)

Kegels are a type of pelvic-floor exercise. If you are a guy and are clueless about them, as I was, please look it up. I would explain exactly how to do them in this column, but I was even embarrassed when the doctor gave me the instructions in his office. (Now, I'll wait while you ask Siri. Otherwise, the rest of this column will make no sense). By the way, Siri will definitely know what Kegels are. All women do.

Mary Ellen reminds me to be diligent about following the doctor's orders. While we're watching a TV show, eating dinner or going somewhere in the car, she asks, "Are you doing your exercises?" I always say "yes." It's so easy to lie about this, compared to when I say things like "Yes, dear, I know it looks like I'm napping but I'm really on the treadmill."

This daily regimen is much simpler than the exercises I was required to do after I had my knee surgery. All the way through those physical therapy sessions, I would be grunting and groaning in pain, twisting my leg into places it didn't want to go. In comparison, you wouldn't know I was doing a Kegel exercise, although the other night at dinner Mary Ellen asked, "You're doing your exercises right now, in the middle of our conversation, aren't you?"

"Why do you think that? I'm not breathing heavily, am I?"

"No, but your voice went up two octaves."

The Kegel exercise was developed by Dr. Arnold Kegel in 1948. He came up with the idea when he was sitting around one day, which is a very accurate description of what

you look like when you are actually doing these exercises. The philosopher René Descartes was famous for sitting in a chair and saying, "I think, therefore I am." In theory, Descartes could have made one of the most catchy philosophical observations of all time while doing Kegel exercises. Historians who have studied Descartes claim he was a little uptight. I rest my case.

This morning, I told Mary Ellen I had already exceeded the number of repetitions I was required to do for the whole day. She gave me a big hug as I walked out the door and said, "Good for you. You are the King of Kegels."

"I am the King," I said, "and right now my pelvis is leaving the building."



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# Never feed a chattering troll

## OFF THE CHAIN

By Kristin Ferklic

If you've lived in Hendricks County for any length of time, and are even remotely connected on social media, then you've probably been subjected to any one of the various Town Chatter pages. Like them or not, these community cyber-sharing spaces are part of the fabric of most towns and cities these days. There are the "official" versions which purport to be positive and friendly platforms. And then there are the rogue, free-for-all, counterfeit pages that advertise a no-holds-barred approach to airing any and all topics. Oftentimes, it is difficult to distinguish between the two. While most local contributors are intelligent, sentient beings, there are those frequent commenters that fall at the outer perimeters of the bell curve. Actually, I think they willingly migrated there, set up tents and are refusing to leave. But I digress...

It's true, there is some redeeming content, and the occasional informative post. However, I've come to regard these pages as

a local Jerry Springer-esque cage fight. Really, it's demented entertainment, not unlike the proverbial trainwreck that you can't help but gawk at. Where else can you silently and safely witness drama, in real time, amongst persons that live within spitting distance?

On any remotely controversial post, you'll soon identify the trolls. They are adept at stirring the pot and often identify themselves as quasi-intellectuals and experts on every topic in existence. An official diagnosis will be available in the next supplement to the DSM-5 manual. Look for it under the heading of Borderline and/or Advanced Troglodytarum Disorder (ATD). Symptoms include: grandiose sense of self-importance, Machiavellian level manipulative capabilities, sadistically exploitative, arrogant/haughty behaviors towards others, and extremely retaliatory when exposed.

Unfortunately, the trend of complaints, negative business "reviews," personal dirty laundry, old fashioned gossip, and adult bullying have forced me to amend my partici-

pation. Four years running, my New Year's resolution has been "I will not argue with idiots (renewed annually for good measure)." However, I will admit that I have a delicious sense of satisfaction when a deserving patron is succinctly, eloquently and beautifully ushered back underneath their bridge.

Excepting the occasional slipup, I have removed myself to the role of intermittent silent observer. I recommend popping some popcorn, grabbing an adult beverage and enjoying the show. And, if you must contribute, do so thoughtfully, gracefully and intelligently. Or at the very least, offer us some comic relief.

Stay awesome Hendricks County!



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# 'A republic if we can keep it'

## PERSPECTIVE

By Rick Barr

Like most Americans, over the last days, weeks and years, I have seen our country change. We are more divided now than we have ever been. And like most, I am wondering what is happening to America? Why is this happening to America?

And I reflect, "Which way America?"

To me, the choice is between two diametrically opposed forces which have religious and political roots. These two forces have been at war with one another for a long time and the battle has been growing in intensity. I believe we truly are at a pivotal point. We are in a battle for the heart and soul of our country.

There is an often quoted story about Benjamin Franklin and a woman he met on the street immediately after the Constitutional Convention of 1787. She asked Franklin what the delegates have created.

"A republic if you can keep it," he replied.

The republic that Franklin and the other delegates created is in danger. Do we continue to embrace the freedoms embodied in the Constitution model or turn to a different path?

So what are those choices? One path is following our U.S. Constitutional. That path embraces the idea that there is a creator and it wants man to be free. And because there is a creator, man is a religious being; that the morality that flows from this religious foundation creates a spirit of liberty; that freedom rests with the individual not the government; and, that government exists only to make sure

people remain free and protect their unalienable, God-given rights.

Personal property rights are a key foundational principle of which economic freedom is a critical part. Property rights include wealth creation, an individual's talents and exchange of peoples' goods and services. The free market economic concept. Government must be bound and limited to ensure maximum individual freedom. As government grows, it decreases individual freedom and ultimately leads to enslavement.

John Adams stated it this way: "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

The second path is the socialism. By definition, socialism is governmental ownership and administration of the means of production and distribution of goods, a system of society or group living in which there is no private property.

In all actual examples in which it has been implemented, it has been a godless model where religious people are persecuted. People only have the rights government decides they will have. Individuals have no property rights and there is oppression, tyranny and poor economic conditions. Current examples are Venezuela and North Korea. Compare North and South Korea for a stark contrast between two countries that began at the same time, one choosing freedom and the other, socialism.

Socialists hate the U.S constitution because it does limit government and frees people. That is why socialists attack it and want to

eliminate it. These include our socialistic media, elected representatives and judges, including Supreme Court Justices.

Socialists consider the U. S. Constitution to be a bill of negative rights because it binds the limits of government and restricts what government can do, especially in the area of social justice.

A phrase frequently used now by socialists is we must "transform our government." That is code for eliminate the U.S Constitution. You can investigate this more on the internet by searching for "The Constitution in 2020." It lays out the path for eliminating our Constitution and is promoted by most prestigious law schools and elite legal minds.

The socialist model seems to have been winning out in the battle for our hearts and souls. You can see this being played out by the acceptance of socialism by those under age 30. Vast majorities of people polled ages 30 and younger believe socialism is the better path. Acceptance seems to be growing in other age categories as well.

We are at the pivotal point. In comparing the two paths, which do you choose?

Which Way America?



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THUMBS UP

THUMBS DOWN



**THOUGHTS & PRAYERS:** The overwhelming community support in Hendricks County for fallen officer Deputy Jacob Pickett was an emotional scene. Hundreds lined the streets with flags as the funeral procession came through our county on March 9th. From handmade children's posters to businesses putting out flags and signs, the support was felt.



**TEST FEE:** A group of high school students from the Ben Davis Pharmacy Technician Program have been preparing all semester long to sit for their certification exam, however their families couldn't afford the \$129 exam fee. The pharmacy team at IU Health West in Avon chipped in to cover the expense.



**PROM DREAMS ON A BUDGET:** The girls with the Avon High School Interact club held a prom dress sale on March 10 with hundreds of gently used and new formal dresses. Dresses sold for \$10 each. All proceeds were donated to Sheltering Wings to help women.



**GREEN ST. REVITALIZATION:** Construction of Brownsburg's downtown revitalization project is coming together. Crews have been working daily on both sides of Green Street and the developments (including apartments, retail space, and a parking garage are quickly taking shape).

## QUOTE

*"Don't part with your illusions. When they are gone, you may still exist, but you have ceased to live."*

– Mark Twain

## BELIEVE IT!

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

In Cedar Rapids, Iowa, "No person shall tell fortunes or practice phrenology, palmistry or clairvoyancy in the city (62.25)."

SOURCE: dumblaws.com

# NIGHT & day

LOCAL Entertainment  
ENTERTAINING



From left: Trey Hanna, Olivia Sprout, Molly Hanna and Tori Yoder. (Photo by Chris Cornwall)

## Second grade entrepreneur raises \$300 for uncle

By Chris Cornwall

On a bright Saturday afternoon in downtown Pittsboro 8-year-old Molly Hanna was camped out in front of Carol's Boutique with her hot cocoa stand. While it's not unusual to see kids peddling lemonade or cookies during the warmer months, Molly is on a mission to raise money for her best friend and cancer survivor Olivia Sprout. The previous week she raised \$300 for her uncle who has germ cell cancer, surprisingly at the end of her driveway in rural Pittsboro.

"I saw her pulling her little chair and table out and thought about telling her we live in the middle of nowhere. But you know what, I said she's staying out of trouble so I let her do it," said Troy Hanna, her dad who was at the cocoa stand with that day.

"It just started with two bags of hot cocoa

and a big pitcher," Hanna said. "My first customer was Officer Teri (Drouch) and she put it on Facebook. It took off from there."

A few days later Troy said he was surprised to find his 8-year-old in her bunkbed writing in a three-ringed binder. He said she was writing a business plan, calculating profit a margin and recruiting a sales team to be exact.

"It's great to keep them off the electronic devices which is so hard to do nowadays," Troy said. "Some people might see electronic devices as a way to keep the kids out of your hair, but this way she's out learning about being proactive and taking risks."

Molly said she's planning a tomato business and hopes to utilize the family garden. "Molly's Maters," she said.

"How do you say no to that?" said a very tired-looking Troy.

## EVENTS calendar

### March

#### 17 Saturday

##### **St. Patty's Day Extravaganza!**

Where: B Squared Bar & Grill, 1430 N Green St Brownsburg | GTR "Guys That Rock" to perform classic rock, blues, and country tunes.

#### 17 Saturday

##### **St. Patrick's Day Party with Flatland Harmony Experiment**

When: 9 p.m. Where: The Side Door Pub, 115 N Center St, Plainfield.

#### 17 Saturday

##### **Full Moon Dogs' St Pats**

When: 8:30 p.m. Where: Green Street Pub & Eatery, 911 N Green St, Brownsburg | Rock & roll band featuring five friends and veterans of the Indianapolis music scene. Music to include: The Stones, Beatles, Tom Petty, Doors, Bowie, T-Rex, Black Keys.

#### 18 Sunday

##### **No Luck Irish Run**

When: 8:30 a.m. Where: Claddagh Irish Pub,

2490 Futura Park Way, Plainfield | Dress up like a Leprechaun. Race offers a half marathon, 5k, and Kid's Dash-a distance for all abilities and ages. All athletes will receive a locally printed "No Luck Run" tee. A portion of every entry goes towards packing over 30,456 meals to fight world hunger. Price: \$25 or more. For more information, visit Claddagh Irish Pub website.

#### 20 Tuesday

##### **Hendricks County Candidate Meet and Greet**

When: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Where: Avon Town Hall, 6570 E US Hwy 36 | Series of Hendricks County Candidate Meet and Greets hosted by the Progressive Democrats of Hendricks County. Campaign materials and volunteer information will also be available. For more information, visit [progressivedemsofhc.org](http://progressivedemsofhc.org).

#### 22 Thursday

##### **Spring Break Day Camp: Wilderness Survival**

When: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Where: McCloud Nature Park, 8518 Hughes Rd., North Salem | Recommended age: 8-12. Participants learn basic wilderness safety guidelines such as primitive shelter building, edible and poisonous plant identification and water purification. Weather permitting, campers will join Naturalists to eat lunch around a campfire. Price: \$25. To reserve a spot, visit

[hendrickscountyparks.org](http://hendrickscountyparks.org). For more information, call (317) 718-6188.

#### 24 Saturday

##### **2018 CRA Cabin Fever**

When 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Where: Lucas Oil Raceway, 10267 E. U.S. Hwy 136, Brownsburg | Vores Welding CRA Late Model Sportsman Series and Lawrence Towing CRA Street Stock Series. First oval race of the season. Pit Passes: Saturday \$25, Sunday \$35, two-day \$50. For more information, call (317) 969-8600.

#### 24 Saturday

##### **Brownsburg Easter Egg Hunt**

When: 9:30 a.m. Where: Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Photos with the Bunny start at 9:30 and the egg hunt begins at 11 a.m. Arbuckle Acres Park, 200 N Green St Brownsburg Contact 317-858-4172

#### 24 Saturday

##### **Avon Easter Egg Hunt**

When: 10 a.m. Where: Washington Twp. Parks Dept., 435 Whipple Ln., Avon. | For more information, call (317) 745-0785.  
24 Saturday  
2018 Backyard Wildlife Habitat  
When: 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. Where: McCloud Nature Park, 8518 Hughes Rd., North Salem | Recommended age: 13 and up. Discover

the ins and outs of what these species need and how you can provide for their needs in your yard. Build a bluebird house to take home. Price: \$10 up to two people). For more information, call (317) 718-6188.

#### 31 Saturday

##### **Easter Egg Hunt at Ellis Park**

When: 10:30 a.m. Where: Ellis Park and Gill Family Aquatic, 600 E Main St, Danville | Separate hunting areas for children ages 2-3, 4-6 and 7-9. Will also include a separate hunting option for kids with special needs. Rubber Ducky Race immediately following the Easter Egg Hunt. For more information, contact Danville Parks & Recreation.

#### 31 Saturday

##### **Eggstravaganza**

When: 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Where: McCloud Nature Park, 8518 Hughes Rd., North Salem | Park Naturalists have hidden camouflaged eggs, filled with nature clues, along two of our family favorite trails. Each trail has a different level of difficulty, meant for different age groups. The clue tucked inside each egg will help you answer a question on your scavenger hunt sheet. Find all of the answers and turn in your worksheet to the Nature Center to claim your prize. Wear hiking shoes, dress for the weather and bring water. For more information, contact Hendricks County Parks and Recreation.



# FAITHONFOOD

by Faith Toole

## AN OPTION

### Temaki House

111 Monument Circle, Indianapolis

Recently, I tried Sushi for the first time. It took me a while to get past the warning on menu which read, "Consuming raw or undercooked meats, seafood or eggs may increase your risk of foodborne illness."

One of the lunch locations for Savor Downtown Indy media preview was the Temaki House, located in the Salesforce building. I ordered the Wethersfield with tuna, smoked tofu, red onions, Brazilian cream cheese and the Rio; shrimp, asparagus, Doritos, avocado, spicy mayo, plus the Guadalajara; salmon, guacamole, Doritos and spicy mayo. They were hand rolled with seaweed and rice. I was hesitant to take my first bite of the Westerfield because



of the raw tuna, but it was delicious. The others were flavorful, especially the Guadalajara with crushed Doritos. The menu offers "create your own" with dozens of fresh options to choose from.

I'm a little dumbfounded that I waited so long to try Sushi. Owner Alan Massaini was thrilled that my first time was at his establishment. Temaki House is open for lunch. Look for them to expand to another location for lunch and dinner as well. I'm pulling for Hendricks County.

## WHERE I DINE

**Suzanne Helms,**  
Danville

### Where do you like to dine?

I like to eat at Los Patios in Danville.

### What do you like there?

I like the taco salad, tostada and fish tacos.



### What do you like about this place?

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## ICONography



### Tapping into nature

#### Residents get sweet on Maple Syrup Days

The maples were tapped and the pancakes were stacked for Maples Syrup Days at McCloud Park. The event takes place over two weekends in March in celebration of Indiana's Sugar Maples and the delectable mana they produce.

This year's event included Native American Lore from storyteller Daniel Bendy of Plainfield; tree-tapping practice from park naturalist Sara Wolf; and a fully functional sugar shack operated by Spence Gibbs. Members of the Parks Foundation of Hendricks County (event organizers) were on hand to greet guests before they sat down to pancakes with McCloud's very own maple syrup. Here we share some of our favorite photos from 2018 Maple Syrup Days.

From Top, Zoey Danz (5), Brownsburg, checks for sap from one of McCloud's many maple trees. | Alice Sperka (5), Brownsburg, practices her tree-tapping skills under the watch of park naturalist Sara Wolf. | Elise Crane (6), Brownsburg, learns how American Indian children pulled their own weight during a historic discussion led by Daniel Bendy. Bendy said the pales would have been full of maple syrup making them quite heavy. | Spence Gibbs explains how watery sap is evaporated to make maple syrup. (Photos by Chris Cornwall)



# ICONICarts

## Shrek the Musical: Backstage magic

By Peg McRoy Glover

Curtains open. Lights come on. Dialogue begins. Actors speak the well-crafted written words. Music plays. Gifted actors begin to beautifully sing. The audience is totally enthralled with the story, the song and the moment. It takes the audience someplace else for a brief time. It is the theatre!



Megan Sharton

That is exactly what happened with "Shrek the Musical," (the young audience version) that was produced

by the Hendricks County Civic Theatre and performed at Avon Middle School South earlier this month.

On stage magic happened. Backstage and behind the scenes magic happened too thanks to dedicated artists and parents.

After all, Shrek just wouldn't be Shrek without the green face and ogre ears. Megan Sharton, Avon resident and licensed cosmetologist, used her craft to bring Shrek to life as well as all of the characters in the play.

Sharton has been doing hair and make-up for the theatre since childhood, so at the ripe age of 18 she is a seasoned pro.

"Of all the characters, Shrek, portrayed by Yakob Engel, was the most intricate due to the prosthetics. An added problem was where to place his microphone. Putting it on the cowl just didn't work so one of our sound people came up with the idea of using liquid latex to attach it to his face underneath his mask. Problem solved!" revealed Sharton. "Jack Lindner who played the character Donkey, required more of dimension with his make-up to forge a perspective that made him look more like an animal and less like a human. I used shadows and highlights accomplish the look."

Following the Sharton's instructions, Fiona, played by Lindsey Schaecher, applied her own makeup. It was her stage hair that required some creativity. Sharton purchased a wig and then added extensions to the wig and then braided it to create the iconic "Fiona" braid.

The character of Pinocchio, played by Megan Janning, also required a little ingenuity.

"Instead of painting her arms and legs with black lines before each performance to give her that wooden body look, we painted black lines of a body suit that she could simply slip on and off," Sharton said.

Many in the audience would agree that the costume was most effective from the seats.

The 64-member cast, consisting mostly of children, posed a monumental costume requirement.

"Parents stepped up to make it happen," Megan Sankey said. Snakey's daughter, Alivia played Ugly Duckling. "There were basically six of us who worked with costume designer Liz Lindner. But many parents helped too."

Shrek director, Karla Janning, summed it up best.

"I love the relationships that are created in community theatre. I love seeing people from all walks of life and with so many different talents come together to make magic happen in just six to eight weeks."

To learn more about the Hendricks County Civic Theatre visit, [hendrickscivic.com](http://hendrickscivic.com).



Donkey, Jack Lindner, Shrek, Yakob Engel, and Fiona, Lindsey Schaecher. Thanks to liquid latex, makeup and hair extension these characters came to life.

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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** The future Gibbs Memorial Park will be located in which Hendricks County Township?

- ☐ A. Washington
- ☐ B. Guilford
- ☐ C. Center
- ☐ D. Brown

**2** The Town of Avon broke ground earlier this month to extend which local trail by two miles?

- ☐ A. Vandalia
- ☐ B. B&O
- ☐ C. White Lick Creek
- ☐ D. Aggressive Goose Gauntlet



**3** Ball State University biology student Rebecca Tripp of Pittsboro recently traveled to Sarasota Florida to study \_\_\_\_\_ for a new children's book series.

- ☐ A. Alligators
- ☐ B. Endangered sea life
- ☐ C. Invasive species
- ☐ D. Spring Break 2018!!!

**4** Senator Joe Donnelly will host a Vietnam veteran's resource fair March 29 at which local High school?

- ☐ A. Cascade
- ☐ B. Plainfield
- ☐ C. Danville Community
- ☐ D. Brownsburg

**5** The title of Avon school teacher Lori Taylor's new practical guide for parents of children with ASD was inspired by a poem named after which flying insect?

- ☐ A. Butterfly
- ☐ B. Honeybee
- ☐ C. Dragonfly
- ☐ D. Ladybug



ANSWERS ON PAGE 29  
Compiled by Chris Cornwall

## Start race day training and avoid injuries

### ASK THE EXPERT

Whether you're a walker or a runner, start your training plan and avoid injuries with these tips from Dr. Stephen

Hartssock, sports medicine specialist at IU Health West Hospital.

**Q. How should I get started if I want to train for a race?**

A. There are lots of resources available for training, and many will cater to your individual needs. If you're looking for a running group, check your local gym or running apparel store. This is a good option if you like having accountability and a set training schedule.

The internet can also be a helpful tool, and it is full of customizable plans. The key with any training plan is to start where you feel comfortable. Consider the running pace, mileage and intensity of the training plan. Be realistic about your goals.

If you haven't exercised recently, check in with your primary care physician beforehand to make sure it's safe.

**Q. What are common injuries for runners, and how can those injuries be prevented?**

A. Most injuries, such as shin splints, strains, muscle spasm or plantar fasciitis, are repetitive strain injuries. These injuries happen when your muscles and tendons are overworked. Prevent this by sticking to your training program – don't skip a week or move too fast. Regular exercise keeps your muscles moving and your joints loose, which reduces the chance of a repetitive strain injury. Don't forget to do a thorough warm up and cool down before and after exercise.

**Q. It's common to be sore during training, but what are signs I might be injured?**

A. Typical soreness comes with any workout, especially if you are trying to push your time or intensity. Most soreness will settle after resting and stretching. If you feel a sharp pain, or if your symptoms are persistent, those are warning signs of injury.

Injuries can happen to any runner, and treatment often involves rest and rehabilitation. If you do suffer an injury, that doesn't always mean you can't participate in your race. Talk with your doctor about your options for crossing the finish line.



Dr. Stephen Hartssock is a sports medicine specialist at Indiana University Health West.



## The fat freeze Getting beach-ready without surgery

### HEALTH

By Lindsay Doty

Whether you are packing your bags for a sun-filled spring break or just anticipating summer swimming season, it's a time when many of us ask ourselves, "How can I look better?"



Dr. Stanley Harper

Dr. Stanley Harper with Sharper Plastic Surgery and Reconstruction in Avon shares some of the most effective treatments for fine tuning that beach body without going under the knife.

At the top of his list is CoolSculpting. The fat-freezing procedure is nothing new (FDA-approved in 2010) but the equipment is constantly evolving. The treatment is done with a wand and works to eviscerate bra fat and love handles.

"It freezes the fat and lowers the temperature of the fat cells to somewhere around 4 degrees, which causes those fat cells in turn to start to die off in the next 90 days," explains Dr. Harper.

He says the procedure (which runs about \$750 per cycle) is best for candidates who are already in good shape, but want to target those trouble spots.

"It really works to sculpt the body and contour it to get that effect we wish we all had naturally, but not necessarily blessed with genetically."

CoolSculpting takes about 35 to 45 minutes

per treatment. Patients can feel intense cold sensations and pressure but have little to no downtime. Harper says it takes about 90 days to see results (the fat has to die off and metabolize). He recommends two rounds for max results.

"If you do two treatments then you are close to 50 percent fat reduction and that's where you really start getting that wow factor in terms of results."

Another non-surgical treatment that is taking off is Kybella. It's the latest FDA-approved procedure that reduces the double chin (a.k.a the turkey gobbler) with a series of injections. Kybella is a synthetic formulation of deoxycholic acid, a substance your body naturally produces to absorb fat.

Patients may experience some swelling and need around 90 days (and likely two rounds of treatments) to get maximum results. It runs around \$1800 for two treatments.

While Dr. Harper, who recently moved his private practice from Carmel to Avon (10090 E US Hwy 36 D), specializes in surgical procedures like breast implants and mommy makeovers, his office offers a wide range of non-surgical skin treatments. He says things like Botox are now more mainstream than ever and can have a huge impact on your appearance.

"Everyday people living in Avon don't feel like it (Botox) is something only for rich people to do. It's fairly inexpensive, my practice charges \$10 a unit, and you can't argue with the results."



## Pittsboro student studies sea life for children's series

### FEATURE

By Lindsay Doty

When 20-year-old Rebecca Tripp was invited to Florida to study endangered animals, she jumped at the opportunity. The senior elementary education major at Ball State University traveled to the sunshine state in early March with a team of 12 students to research manatees, seahorses and sea turtles for a children's book series called "Conservation Tales."

"I have always loved animals, especially sea animals, and when I heard about this trip where I would get to combine my love of animals and children I knew it was a gift from God!" Tripp said.

The Pittsboro native, who grew up appreciating the importance of early education (her mom is an elementary music teacher) will help to ensure the books are at the appropriate reading levels for students in grades 3-5. The team traveled to Crystal

River and Mote Marine in Sarasota to get up close with the animals.

"It was so cool to get to see just how big but lovable these creatures (manatees) are. I also really enjoyed talking with all the staff at Mote. I am involved with the Sea Turtles book and we were able to watch a training session with the turtles and talk to some of the staff that is involved with turtle rescue and rehabilitation," explained Tripp.

She particularly enjoyed meeting a friendly sea turtle named Harry.

The book series was created by Ball State biologist and author Tom McConnell and art professor Barbara Giorgio-Booher. It is designed to help students understand endangered animals and the importance of protecting these species.

"It is an awesome opportunity to see so many people with such amazing talents."

To learn more about the Conservation Tales project, visit [www.conservationtales.com](http://www.conservationtales.com).

Tripp at Mote Marine, Sarasota, Florida, with Harry the sea turtle. (Submitted photo)

## HC Medical Reserve Corps is seeking volunteers

The Hendricks County Health Department is currently seeking additional volunteers for the Hendricks County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) unit which serves the community's public health needs during and after a disaster. It was formed after the 9/11 attacks MRC to provide structured opportunities for residents to serve their communities. MRC volunteers include medical and public health professionals, as well as other community members without healthcare backgrounds. MRC volunteers come from medical, law enforcement, fire, emergency medicine, teaching, legal, military, religious, administrative, and other backgrounds. A desire to serve combined with skills that can be used to benefit the community are the main criteria shared by MRC volunteers. Volunteers are trained to participate in and support a variety of activities based on their background, including emergency preparedness and response trainings, emergency sheltering, disaster risk reduction, vaccination clinics, community outreach, as well as non-emergency standby at fairs and festivals. For more information about joining the Hendricks County MRC, contact Jeff Corder, Public Health Preparedness Coordinator at the Hendricks County Health Department at (317) 745-9214 or [mrc@co.hendricks.in.us](mailto:mrc@co.hendricks.in.us).

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## 6 reasons your next escape should be at an all-inclusive resort

### TRAVEL

By Will Gott

What is typically located in the world's most stunning destinations, frequently occupy the area's prime spot, and takes much of the stress, guesswork and planning out of a getaway? An All-Inclusive Resort! Imagine yourself at the beach, ordering a sunset cocktail before feasting on lobster or a steak before catching a musical, movie or just some rest and relaxation. And, every bit of it already paid for.

All-inclusive resorts attract all manner of vacationers from honeymooners to families to adventures.

"All-Inclusive" refers to the meal plan at a resort vs. no meals, or a European plan which just covers breakfast. However, many all-inclusive resorts now include more than all meals, like wifi, activities, room service, shows, children's activities, upscale restaurants and much more. Most are located in Mexico, Jamaica and the Dominican Republic and a few other Caribbean islands.

If you have never experienced an all-inclusive resort before, here are some reasons why your next escape should be an all-inclusive resort:

1. Location, Location, Location. Soft, powdery white beaches, bathtub-warm waters with gentle waves, tropical drinks and hot sunshine perfect for tanning, many all-inclusive resorts sit on spectacular beaches.
2. Packages. Many all-inclusive resorts can be purchased as a package that includes round-trip air, round-trip shuttle and the resort stay for one price. And depending where you purchase, recommended travel protection can be added on as part of the package. Some packages include resort credits or even credits tours outside of the resort.

3. Deposit programs. If purchased early and as a package, many all-inclusive vacations can be purchased with just a single deposit. Since airfare is needed to get to an all-inclusive, a deposit program is a great way to avoid paying for all your vacation upfront.
4. Payment plans. If purchased as a package on a deposit program, you can also pay for your all-inclusive vacation in payments or installments. This is a great option if you want to make sure you don't go in debt for your vacation. With a deposit program and payment plans, you can enjoy your vacation and not have to worry about paying your credit card company many months or years after the vacation. Make sure you seek out a travel agent that sells packages with deposit programs and payment plans. Many sites online do not have this available.
5. It's already paid for. All-inclusives provide no-fuss pricing per person per night and may even include tips and drinks. This helps alleviate the stress of getting a bill at the end of your vacation.
6. Time Saving. Most all-inclusive resorts have a concierge desk that can help you with directions, excursions or any special requests. This allows you more time to enjoy your vacation.



Will and Nikki Gott are owners of Magnified Vacations CruiseOne, a locally owned and operated Travel Agency, located in Avon.





## Old Man Winter vs. those nasty bagworms

### GARDENING

By John Chapin

Winter came late in December, but when it did, it was bitterly cold with temperatures dipping well below 0° F. Although most insects can survive these temperatures, one serious pest, the bagworm, should have been dealt a serious blow to its populations in this area. With warming temperatures over the past few decades, bagworms have expanded in Central Indiana to become a real nuisance to homeowners.

Evergreen shrubs and trees, including arborvitae, junipers, spruces, fir and pine are vulnerable, especially when weakened by the yearly dry spells we've experienced since the severe drought of 2012. These evergreens can be killed when they lose more than half of their leaves, especially after more than one year of attack. Bagworms will also feed on deciduous trees such as maples, birches, crabapples and willows. Affected trees usually survive bagworm infestations, but are unsightly and can be disfigured or killed by repeated defoliation.

Bagworms get their name from their habit of creating a silk-lined "bag" that they camouflage with bits of leaves and needles as they feed. They hatch from bags constructed by flightless females the previous year, where she produces hundreds of eggs inside her body cavity before dying. Although bagworm larvae hatch in late spring, they are rarely noticeable until summer when the bags get large and damage to their host plant becomes obvious.

Now the good news: Although many insects are protected from the cold by burying under leaves or the soil surface, bagworm eggs are in the dangling bags, well above the soil surface. The eggs also don't have the protective "antifreeze" other insects make to keep their tissues from freeze

damage. Purdue University research has shown that most bagworm eggs are killed when they are kept below -0.6° F for 24 hours. With the extended periods of below zero temperatures most areas of Central Indiana suffered through this past winter, bagworm populations might have been much reduced or even (temporarily) eliminated in some areas.

To be safe, check any plants you know were infested last year, evidenced by bags still hanging from the branches, starting in late May this year. (You can be pro-active by pulling off as many bags as possible before then, especially the larger ones which will be the egg-filled female bags.) Plants are best protected by applying insecticides when the caterpillars are small and most vulnerable. Homeowners can use the very effective and safe organic pesticide spinosad (Fertilome Borer and Bagworm Killer, or Captain Jack's Deadbug), which is sprayed onto foliage. Or, use a systemic insecticide such as Bayer 12-month Tree & Shrub Protect & Feed, which is inexpensive and easy to apply as a drench in late March into April, at least a month before the expected hatching.

So, hopefully our memories of this past winter are fading as warmer days and increasing daylight fill us with the anticipation of the joys of spring. And, with the bonus of fewer bagworms to deal with, we can even feel good about having to suffer through those bitter cold days.



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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## St. Susanna School's 'Mad Hatter' fundraiser

Madness or not, all seemed to have a great time at St. Susanna School's annual fundraiser on March 4 at Zore Hall. This year's theme, "Mad Hatter," featured a gourmet dinner, drinks, raffle, live and silent auction items, games, and more. (Photos by Rick Myers)



Top: Rita and Patrick Mitchell  
Right: Aly and Dustin Craig



Mark Bowen



E.J. and Karen Eibert



Bridget Schlebecker

## 'Raise the Woof' raises funds and awareness for Misty Eyes

The 6th Annual Raise the Woof was held on March 9 at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex. The event, hosted by Pat Carlini, former WTHR weather personality and Bob and Tom Show colleague, raised funds to support Misty Eyes Animal Center. Formed in 2011, Misty Eyes Animal Center offers pet adoption, a foster program and humane education. To learn more about these and other programs, visit [mistyeyes.org](http://mistyeyes.org). (Photos by Rick Myers)



Ginny and Nelda Mills



Jennifer Baker and Pat Carlini



Ellie Freant and Noe Plata



Julie and Rene Van Walsem

## Brownsburg Education Foundation's 'Rally for our Kids Gala'

The Brownsburg Education Foundation held its annual "Rally for our Kids Gala" March 9th at the Top Eliminator Club, Lucas Oil Raceway, 10470 E. County Rd. 300 N. The fun-filled evening included dinner, silent and live auctions, games, a dessert dash, music by Big Daddy Caddy and emcee, Mike Sipe. (Photos by Dave Gansert)



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## Avon schools take all at AEF's 'Monte Carlo Night'

The Avon Education Foundation held its annual Monte Carlo Night, March 4 at the Pavilion Center at Washington Township Park. According to Sara Bender, AEF executive director, proceeds from the event – a total was not available at press time – will go to support Avon classrooms. Bender stated: "This is the first time in AEF history that we have not relied a single penny of our Annual Sponsor revenue to offset costs of this event, which means we will be able to put a lot more of this money right back in our schools, where it's needed most!"



LuAnn and Jason Brames (Photos by Rick Myers)



Amy and Matthew Shockley



Chris and Rachelle Shuler



Molly and Matt Schumaker



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Attendees of AEF's Monte Carlo Night have fun. From left, Laura Kaiser and Tim Sherewbury watch as Donnell Shrewsbury roll dice.



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*From left: Heather Painter, Jackson Fowler and Mr. Gunn. Photo by Cathy Myers*

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## Selling with integrity

### Old-school values is what Brownsburg's Tony Reffeitt has been packing since 1994

By Lindsay Doty

A late closing. An early showing. On the phone. Online. On the go. It's the hectic life of a real estate broker. Not the glamorous one you may see on HGTV reality shows but a real job. For Tony Reffeitt, owner/broker of Integrity Real Estate of Indiana, it is a career that continues to grow. The 51-year-old from Brownsburg has been able to navigate the always-changing market and build his own brand in Hendricks County and beyond. As touted in the company name, he credits part of his success to demonstrating integrity when buying and selling property.

"We try to keep the old-school values. Always looking out for other people's best interests and I'm big on educating my clients so they understand the decisions they are making and not just signing a bunch of papers," explains Tony Reffeitt.

While his style may be old-fashioned, Reffeitt takes a modern approach when it comes to the web.

"I was one of the first in the town to use the 3D model of a home online. I also have been using aerial drone photography and high-end still photography."

Those investments combined with a focus on social media and online tools for clients are a top priority. Reffeitt currently has three websites, including a networking hub for area businesses called [bestofthewest-indy.com](http://bestofthewest-indy.com).

"I call it marketing and a referral network. We do traditional referral business, but we also have social media and video conferences, luncheons, and trainings," he explains.

Almost always in a suit, the owner/broker works out of his Brownsburg home, but like most in the industry, he has plenty of car time. In the same week, he can be found showing a small ranch and a half-million-dollar property. Some clients are referrals, others are already in his virtual rolodex—he's currently finding a house for a returning client who's now divorced and looking for his bachelor home. So many times, Reffeitt says, the client's personal lives are a huge part of the job.

"You get a perspective when you see them buy their first home and then downsizing to a retirement community or whatever. It's humbling to be let into people's lives," he said.

Last week, he got the paperwork signed for a closing just in time for his client to deliver her baby.

"They were selling the house, buying the next one. It was four hours later (after signing) she went into labor, so it was pretty neat," he says.

The father of three has a strong faith (he actually toured the country in a gospel singing group before becoming a real estate guy). As a kid, he helped build homes and got some construction knowhow with framing and painting. In 1994, Reffeitt got his real estate license. He worked for several larger companies (F.C. Tucker & Carpenter) before going out on his own. He says the first year was slow, but he was able to thrive. The toughest obstacles came with the recession in 2008.

"That one was tough. The biggest challenge was weathering that and staying focused and being real about it," he recalls.

He bounced back and kept going, unlike so many others in the business. No stranger to marketing, Reffeitt is known for slogans like: "Yesterday's Integrity, Tomorrow's Technology." or "Who's Number One in Real Estate? At Integrity Real Estate, we know YOU are!"

"He does a good job promoting that catch phrase, he really treats the client like they are number one," says Gary Tedrow of Verity Mortgage, who has worked with Reffeitt on a personal level and with his clients for years.

"He truly does do a good job with following through and actually doing what his marketing says he does. It's not just lip service," said Tedrow.

As spring nears, Tony Reffeitt is busy with a round of closings. He expects the warm weather to bring more listings his way as the existing seller's market encourages owners to reach for that "For Sale" sign.

His advice for those wanting to enter the real estate business? There are no shortcuts. He says have a year's income saved. Know your craft, know how to market and give people respect.

"Be in it for the long term, not try to sell or shove a house down somebody's throat, but be thinking about where that family is going to be 5 to 7 years from now by taking your advice. Are you going to put them



Tony Reffeitt, owner of Integrity Real Estate of Indiana. (Photo by Rick Myers)

in a better position? It's not trying to take a quick commission and move on but building relationships with people."

#### Five reading sources that have had an impact on you:

The Bible  
How to Win Friends & Influence People  
Dress for Success  
Raving Fans  
Charting the End Times

#### Best advice you have ever received?

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." – Proverbs 4:23

#### Worst advice you have ever received?

"Take a course on day-trading."

#### In five years I want to.....

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## Learn to be gun-safe

### OUTDOORS

By Greg Mayo

As a culture we have lost many things that used to be passed down from elder family members to the young. When I was a child, my father taught me and my brother how to safely handle firearms, and knives for that matter. However, that doesn't happen quite like it used to. In fact, one of the only compliments I have received from my father-in-law is about how well my sons understand guns and how to handle them safely.

Nothing makes me quite as uncomfortable as being around someone that has a gun and no understanding to go with it. They don't know how handle, transport or operate them safely. That's a very dangerous thing.

With that in mind there are a few simple safety rules one should understand. And let's be clear here...this rudimentary understanding is for everyone and is not limited to those who own or intend to own weapons. My youngest son is very safe around guns, has fired various kinds but has no interest in owning one.

He still knows how to be safe around them and you should too.

The first rule of gun safety is to always handle a gun as if it is loaded. There is no exception to this rule. Many accidental shootings happen because the shooter was sure the gun was empty.

The second thing is to never point the barrel (or muzzle) at anything you don't intend to destroy. When my sons were much younger I'd set up various fruits, water jugs with colored water and other targets. We shot them with handguns, shotguns and rifles. Why? I wanted them to understand what the end result looked like when something was shot.

Then there's the idea of trigger discipline. One's finger should not be on the trigger until the target is sighted and you're ready to fire. This applies to target shooting and hunting alike. This will help ensure that the gun isn't accidentally fired before you are lined up on the target.

And that leads us to the next thing...

Always know what is beyond your target. I was hunting public land a few years back and had a deer in my sights. My finger was

not yet on the trigger but I had released the safety. As I watched the deer eating I saw another hunter pop out from around a tree about 40 yards beyond my deer.

I lowered my gun.

It didn't matter that I was supposed to be the only hunter in my grid area. It didn't matter that, when the other hunter approached my tree, he proved that he had no business being in the woods much less owning a gun. The only thing that mattered was my understanding of safety. It might have saved Elmer Fudd's life that day.

Most state DNRs provide Hunter Education courses that teach gun safety; among other things. In most cases young hunters are required to pass Hunter Ed in order to get a license to hunt. That's a great thing but it doesn't cover all gun owners.

The NRA also offers gun safety classes and materials for adults and children. Local gun ranges do as well. So the opportunities to learn gun safety are numerous...though not required unless you intend to hunt.

The problem is a would-be gun owner is not required or compelled to take and/or pass such a class. The friends I associate with are mostly gun owners. I trust them and know

that they are well versed in gun safety. I trust my kids with my guns in my presence (the youngest is 16). Others I see with guns I'm not so sure about.

I am not for limiting the Second Amendment in any way, shape or form. But I do think a gun safety class and test should be required for the purchase and carry of a firearm. Not everyone learned from their parent or grandparent. So it only makes sense. Just as I wouldn't want anyone on the road that doesn't understand how to safely operate a motor vehicle, I don't relish the idea of being in close proximity to someone armed with no functional understanding of how to safely handle their weapon.

*"Nothing makes me quite as uncomfortable as being around someone that has a gun and no understanding to go with it."*

— GREG MAYO



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## Puzzle Time



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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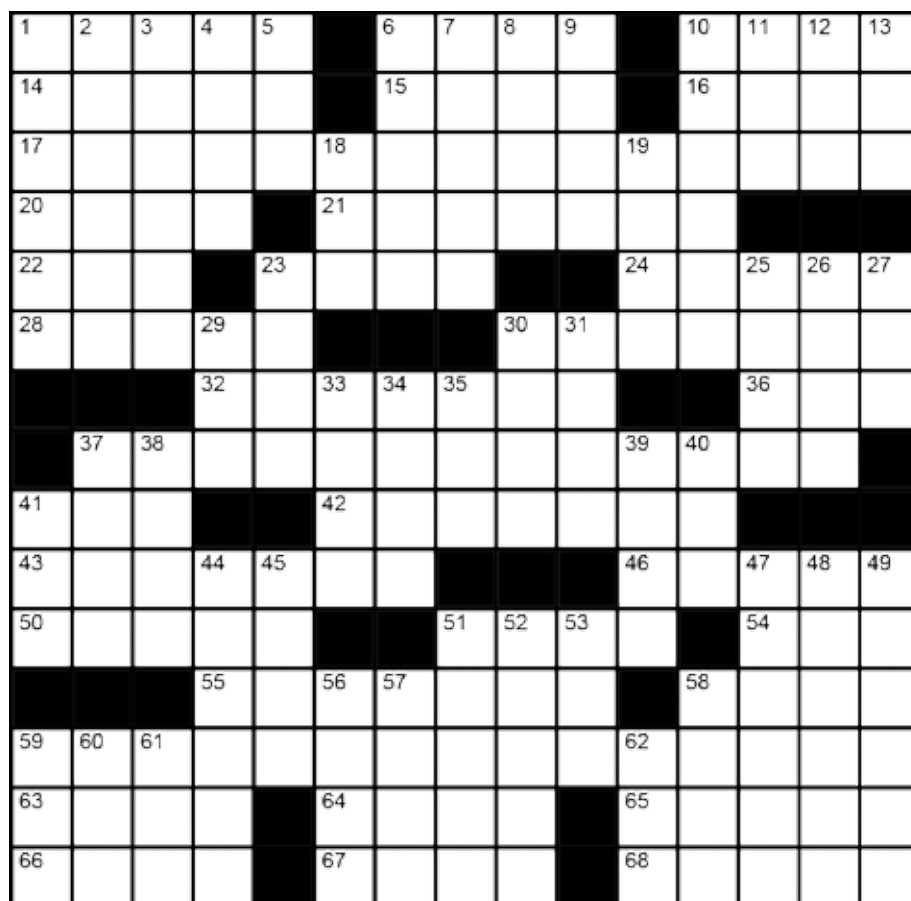
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## ACROSS

1. High points
6. Flap Jack's meas.
10. Cole Porter song: "It \_\_\_\_ Done"
14. Indiana Ceramic Supply materials
15. Size up on Angie's List
16. Indy org. with a Hall of Champions
17. Start of a Colonel Eli Lilly quote
20. Indiana Department of Natural Resources mine finds
21. WTHR transmitter
22. St. Vincent Sleep Center acronym
23. Crafty website
24. Following behind
28. Guitar or drum material
30. In the Victory Field batting cage
32. "I got this covered" speaker
36. Reunion group
37. Quote, Part 2
41. WFYI program
42. Woodworker, at times
43. Unnamed person
46. Bulldog's restraint
50. Sleep disorder
51. At the peak of
54. Neckline shape
55. Snooze
58. WFMS singer Evans
59. End of quote
63. Wicked
64. Winter transport
65. Children's Museum haunted house sounds
66. Indy's Glick or Sease
67. Well ventilated
68. Target shopping binge

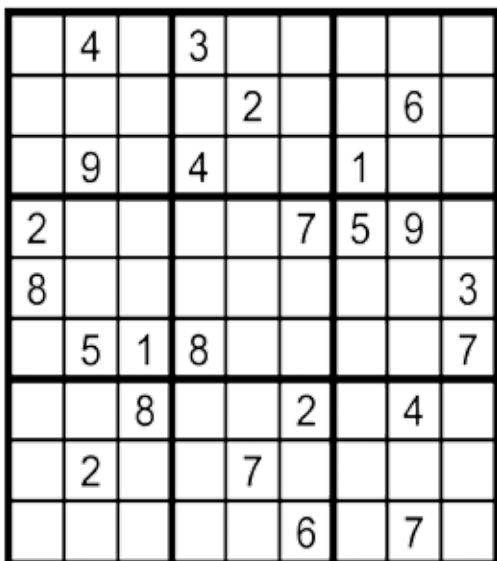
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1. Hendricks Civic Theatre members
2. Kahn's Fine Wines product from Bordeaux
3. Bully's dare
4. Storm centers
5. Plainfield-to-Evansville dir.
6. Part of LGBTQ
7. Off-the-wall
8. Ossip Optometry concern
9. Working stiff
10. IU Health newborn
11. Danville HS subj.
12. A Bobbsey twin
13. Little bit
18. Lids buy
19. Indiana National Guard group



23. Ultimatum ender
25. Polynesian carving
26. Tom Carnegie Indy 500 phrase: "He's \_\_\_\_!"
27. Chicago-based superstition
29. Avon Farmers Market corn unit
30. Powerful auto engine
31. Persia, today
33. Back talk
34. "Do \_\_\_\_ others..."
35. Nutritional fig.
37. Sight in a Brownsburg driveway, often
38. Ex-Governor Bayh
39. Type of seaweed
40. Indiana Poet Laureate's "before"
41. Unpaid WRTV ad
44. Chocolate company with a plant on I-69
45. Brickyard 400 winner Earnhardt
47. Online persona
48. Tranquil
49. Conkle Funeral Home car
51. Li'l one
52. Victoria's Secret lingerie item
53. Holcomb Observatory sphere
56. Holcomb Observatory bear
57. Timbuktu's country
58. Dot on an IndyGo map
59. Panhandle
60. Adam's madam
61. Atomic #50 in a Tri-West HS chem class
62. Ambulance letters

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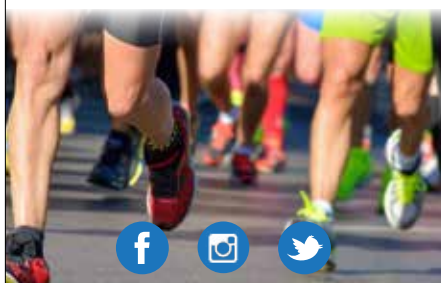
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### AVON

#### Virginia "Rose" Aaron

Virginia "Rose" Aaron, 78, passed away March 7, 2018. She was born Feb. 5, 1940. Services were held March 12 at Conkle Funeral Home, Avon.

#### David C. Bohall

David C. Bohall, 59, passed away March 8, 2018. He was born Sept. 5, 1958. Services were held March 14 at Matthews Mortuary, Brownsburg.

#### Roy Keith Dillman

Roy Keith Dillman, 87, passed away March 2, 2018. He was born Feb. 9, 1931. He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. Services were held March 6 at Conkle Funeral Home, Avon.

#### Joseph C. Mehringer

Joseph C. Mehringer, 59, passed away March 1, 2018. He was born Aug. 12, 1958. Services were held March 7 at Conkle Funeral Home, Avon.

#### Ann. F. Peters

Ann. F. Peters, 85, passed away Feb. 28, 2018. She was born Dec. 14, 1932. Services were private.

#### Marvin M. Taylor

Marvin M. Taylor, 82, passed away Feb. 25, 2018. He was born on April 12, 1935. He was a US Army veteran. Services were held March 3 in Bartlett Chapel United Methodist Church, Avon.

#### Dr. David William Zauel

Dr. David William Zauel, 71, passed away March 3, 2018. He was born May 24, 1946. He served as a commander in the U.S. Army Reserve. Services were held March 9 at Conkle Funeral Home, Avon.

### BROWNSBURG

#### L. B. Beliles

L. B. Beliles, 79, passed away March 10, 2018. He was born May 14, 1938. He was a US Navy veteran. Services were held March 15 at Matthews Mortuary, Brownsburg.

#### Marjorie Jean Blackford

Marjorie Jean Blackford, 76, passed away March 4, 2018. She was born June 16, 1941. Services were held March 9 at Matthews Mortuary, Brownsburg.

#### Cindy Lou Corn

Cindy Lou Corn, 61, passed away March 1, 2018. She was born May 23, 1956. Services were held March 9 at Matthews Mortuary, Brownsburg.

#### Kay J. Nelson

Kay J. Nelson, 81, passed away Feb. 25, 2018. She was born June 27, 1936. Services were held March 9 at Matthews Mortuary, Brownsburg.

#### Wendell Lee Ridner

Wendell Lee Ridner, 77, passed away Feb. 28, 2018. He was born Sept. 9, 1940. Services were held March 6 at Matthews Mortuary, Brownsburg.

#### Steven Michael Weathers

Steven Michael Weathers, 68, passed away March 7, 2018. He was born May 15, 1949. Services were held March 12, at Connection Pointe Christian Church, Brownsburg.

### CLAYTON

#### Kay Ellen Fisher

Kay Ellen Fisher, 70, passed away Feb. 27, 2018. She was born Feb. 27, 1948. Services were held March 4 at the Hazelwood Baptist Church, Clayton.

#### Cheryl Ann Scaggs

Cheryl Ann Scaggs, 71, passed away March 9, 2018. She was born Jan. 23, 1947. Services were held March 13 at Weaver & Randolph Funeral Home, Clayton.

### DANVILLE

#### Jacqueline (Jackie) Sue Handlon

Jacqueline (Jackie) Sue Handlon, 61, passed away March 3, 2018. She was born July 28, 1956. Services were held March 7 at Conkle Funeral Home, Avon.

#### Annabelle "Pauline" Jarrett

Annabelle "Pauline" Jarrett, 92, passed away March 8, 2018. She was born March 24, 1925. Services were held March 12 at West Bridge Church Danville.

#### Danye (Harper) Kirk

Danye (Harper) Kirk, 70, passed away March 2, 2018. He was born Jan. 22, 1948. Services will be held at a later date.

#### Audrey M. Wells Newman

Audrey M. Wells Newman, 82, passed away Feb. 27, 2018. She was born May 7, 1935. Services were held March 3 in the Jamestown Church of God of Prophecy.

#### Jorge Rodriguez, Jr.

Jorge Rodriguez, Jr., 79, passed away March 3, 2018. He was born May 5, 1938. There were no services.

#### Nicolette Ann (Markos) Visker

Nicolette Ann (Markos) Visker, 80, passed away Feb. 27, 2018. She was born July 3, 1937. Services were held March 6 in the Whitestone Christian Church, Coatesville.

#### Judy Emma Yates

Judy Emma Yates, 74, passed away Feb. 28, 2018. She was born May 1, 1943. Services were held March 3 at Conkle Funeral Home, Avon.

### PITTSBORO

#### Brenda E. Griffith

Brenda E. Griffith, 62, passed away March 4, 2018. She was born May 11, 1955. Services were held March 8 in the David A. Hall Mortuary, Pittsboro.

#### Kathryn T. "Kathy" Phillippe

Kathryn T. "Kathy" Phillippe, 58 passed away March 7, 2018. She was born, Nov. 9, 1959. Services were private.

### PLAINFIELD

#### Hazel D. Bailey

Hazel D. Bailey, 87, passed away March 2, 2018. She was born Aug. 26, 1930. Services were held March 5 in the Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home, Plainfield.

#### James Glen Broyles

James Glen Broyles, 75, passed away March 5, 2018. He was born Aug. 5, 1942. Services were March 13 at Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home, Plainfield.

#### Fred E. Green

Fred E. Green, 92, passed away March 8, 2018. He was born March 20, 1925. Services were held March 13 at Hall-Baker Funeral Home, Plainfield.

#### William L. Hammer

William L. Hammer, 88, passed March 7, 2018. He was born Aug. 18, 1929. He was a US Army veteran. Services were held March 9 in Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home, Plainfield.

#### Bruce S. Jewell

Bruce S. Jewell, 80, passed away March 7, 2018. He was born Dec. 22, 1937. He was a US Army veteran. Services are being planned.

#### Bobby G. Pitcock

Bobby G. Pitcock, 61, passed away March 5, 2018. He was born Oct. 10, 1956. Services were held March 10 in Hall-Baker Funeral Home, Plainfield.

#### Keith V. Robbins

Keith V. Robbins, 94, passed away Feb. 26, 2018. He was born Feb. 25, 1924. He was a US Army veteran of WWII. Services were held March 2 at Plainfield Christian Church.

#### Telly F. Rogers

Telly F. Rogers, 40, passed away Feb. 24, 2018. He was born Aug. 30, 1977. Monday, March 5 at Plainfield United Methodist Church.

#### Linda Beth Walker

Linda Beth Walker, 68, passed away March 5, 2018. She was born June. 21, 1949. Services were held March 17 at Hall-Baker Funeral Home, Plainfield.

#### Edith Ida (Falstead) Welsh

Edith Ida (Falstead) Welsh, 94, passed away Feb. 28, 2018. She was born May 29, 1923. Services were held March 7, 2018 in the Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home, Plainfield.

#### Ann M. Williams

Ann M. Williams, 62, passed away Feb. 25, 2018. She was born Feb. 16, 1956. Services were held March 2 in Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home, Plainfield.

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# 10

## Questions for... Jeff Schroeder *New Prestwick GM looks to restore course and club to former glory*

Complied by Chris Cornwall

Prestwick Country Club, 5197 Fairway Dr., Avon, known for its championship course layout, flourished for decades. However, the club recently went through a receivership process which hands the property back to the lending bank prior to, or concurrently with foreclosure. Prestwick CC is now operated by Golf Vision Management Inc., based out of Chicago. The privately-owned company manages 14 18-hole and three 9-hole golf courses in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Florida.

Current and former club members received an email recently to inform them of a meeting with GVM which was held at the club on March 7 to inform them of changes to the club.

To lead the campaign, the company appointed golf pro Jeff Schroeder to the position of General Manager in February. As a life-long area resident who has been connected to the game both personally and professionally since he was 7-years-old, Schroeder understands the tradition of golf in Hendricks County better than most. His has a vision for the future of Prestwick based on the standards set by its past. Now with the 2018 season ready to off, we ask Jeff Schroeder 10 questions...

### 1. How did you get started in golf?

I started golfing with my dad when I was 7-years-old. So I've been hanging around golf courses almost my entire life. I grew up in Speedway and my dad was the golf professional at the 500 Speedway course. Then, when it became the Brickyard, I left the club I was at and worked with him un-

til he retired in 2006, and stayed on there until 2010. My brother is a golf superintendent, my mother worked in the golf shop, I worked there. To me, golf was a way of life...

### 2. What can you say about the history and tradition of golf in Hendricks County?

My first solo golf job was at the Plainfield Elks which is now Oaktree. Prestwick was built 10 or 12 years after that. Then, came Twin Bridges, Quail Creek, West Chase and Deer Creek. All of a sudden, you went from two 9-hole golf courses in the county to seven. So you needed to have your niche.

### 3. What's Prestwick's niche?

Prestwick has a good history as far as the layout of the golf course. It hosted the high school championships for years. So the golf course, layout-wise, has stood the test of time. It's been here since 1974 and there are still members here from the day it opened. This was the place to be for a long time.

### 4. When did you see things change?

Golf peaked and then bottomed out around 2006. It took a big hit from the recession. It hasn't been able to progress because of other courses being built and the economy. Now, golf is back on an upswing, so hopefully the economy stays healthy, then golf stays healthy...

### 5. What is your top priority for making this happen?

The concentration will be on getting the golf course back to how people remember it. But at the same time, it's a whole business; in addition to the golf, there's also the food and beverage part of it, and the events. First, we need golf to succeed so these other areas can succeed as well.

### 6. Are there plans to make Prestwick more family oriented?

Absolutely, because if we can get more kids involved then that means more junior golfers. We want the family to join. Right now, the golf course is the only part of it

that we are offering. We run a junior camp every summer and we've had PGA junior leagues here which had great success.

### 7. What do you want Prestwick to look like in five years?

I would like to see a full membership, 250 or more, and see the golf course back up to country club standards as far as conditioning. The big dream would be a new club house. But my main responsibility is bringing members back. Going to work in the morning, people say you have the greatest job in the world. Well, it's business. Golf is a business and you need to run it like a business.

### 8. How do you make a separation between the personal and professional side of golf?

Being in this business, it's a hard thing to do. You've got to find personal time or the job will consume you. When I was growing up—this was when my dad was an assistant superintendent—he would take me to work with him. We would get there at about five in the morning. He'd pull out the golf carts and we'd play two or three holes before work...

### 9. As a golf pro, what's the most common question you get asked?

Number one is, 'How do I fix my slice? Which there is no single answer to since every golfer is different. The second most common question is, 'How do I put a spin on the ball?' The third most common is—especially when it's cloudy—'What's the weather forecast for today?'

### 10. What's your parting shot?

The idea is to let people know that we need their help to succeed. The plan is to start making improvements that people will see and know that it is going to be different. We need to get the golf course going and we need to get members back to have the revenue to do that. For more information about Prestwick Country Club visit [prestwickcountryclub.net](http://prestwickcountryclub.net) or call (317) 745-6448.



Jeff Schroeder (Photo by Chris Cornwall)



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