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Release the hounds: dogs cut loose at Puppy Pool Party



Dogs at the Puppy Pool Party enjoyed running around in small groups. Here we see a Yellow Labrador drying off as nearby friends catch most of the excess water.

Photos by Chris Cornwall

The Plainfield Aquatic and Recreation Center has been hosting an annual Puppy Pool Party for ten years now. If you have never experienced the event, it looks similar to when the bell rings on the last day of school - complete fun and anarchy. With leashes unhooked, our furry friends get the chance to splash it up with their fellow canines. The party involved at lot running and chasing, mixed in with the occasional growl. But one thing was certain, the dogs had a blast. In honor of the ICON Pet Lovers Issue, here are some photos from the Puppy Pool Party.



Anna, a 3 year old German Shepard, returns with her Frisbee at the Plainfield Aquatic and Recreation Center.



The heated water at Plainfield Aquatic Center gave dogs a perfect venue to let loose.

FOR THE RECORD - HC OBITUARIES

Susan D. Alexander

Susan D. Alexander, 74, of Plainfield, died Sept. 24. She was born Nov. 10, 1941. Services were Oct. 8 at Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home, Plainfield.

James D. Boles

James D. Boles, 71, of Plainfield, died Sept 24. He was born June 26, 1945. Services and burial were private.

Laura Jane Brack

Laura Jane Brack, 69, of Plainfield, died Oct. 3. She was born May 8, 1947. Services were held Oct. 5 at Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home, Plainfield.

Kathleen M. Hamilton

Kathleen M. Hamilton, 95, of Avon, died Sept. 30. She was born June 19, 1921. Services were held Oct. 5 at Conkle Funeral Home. Avon.

Christina L. Harlett

Christina L. Harlett, 67, of Pittsboro, died Sept. 25. She was born May 28, 1949. Funeral services were Sept. 30 at St. Malachy Church, Brownsburg.

Dorothy M. Hessel

Dorothy M. Hessel, 92, of Brownsburg, died Oct. 2. She was born Aug. 13, 1924. Graveside services were Oct. 8 at Holy Cross Cemetery, Grand Rapids, Mich.



Alexander



Brack Strong

Nolan E. Huckleberry

Nolan E. Huckleberry, 90, of Brownsburg, died Oct. 2. He was born July 12, 1926. Services were held Oct. 5 at Conkle Funeral Home, Avon.

Ronald L. Lauritsen

Ronald L. Lauritsen, 64, of Lizton, died Sept. 29. He was born Nov. 6, 1951. Services were held Oct. 3 at Matthews Mortuary, Brownsburg.

Jean D. Lind

Jean D. Lind, 89, of Plainfield, died Sept. 28, 2016. She was born June 13, 1927. A memorial service was held Oct.1 at Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home, Plainfield.

Rickey A. Strong

Rickey A. Strong, 39, of Plainfield, died Sept. 25. He was born June 24, 1977. Funeral Services were Sept. 29 at Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home, Plainfield.

Timothy T. Titus

Timothy T Titus, 66, of Danville died Oct. 5. He was born Oct. 7, 1949. Services were held Oct. 9 at Weaver Randolph Funeral Home, Danville.

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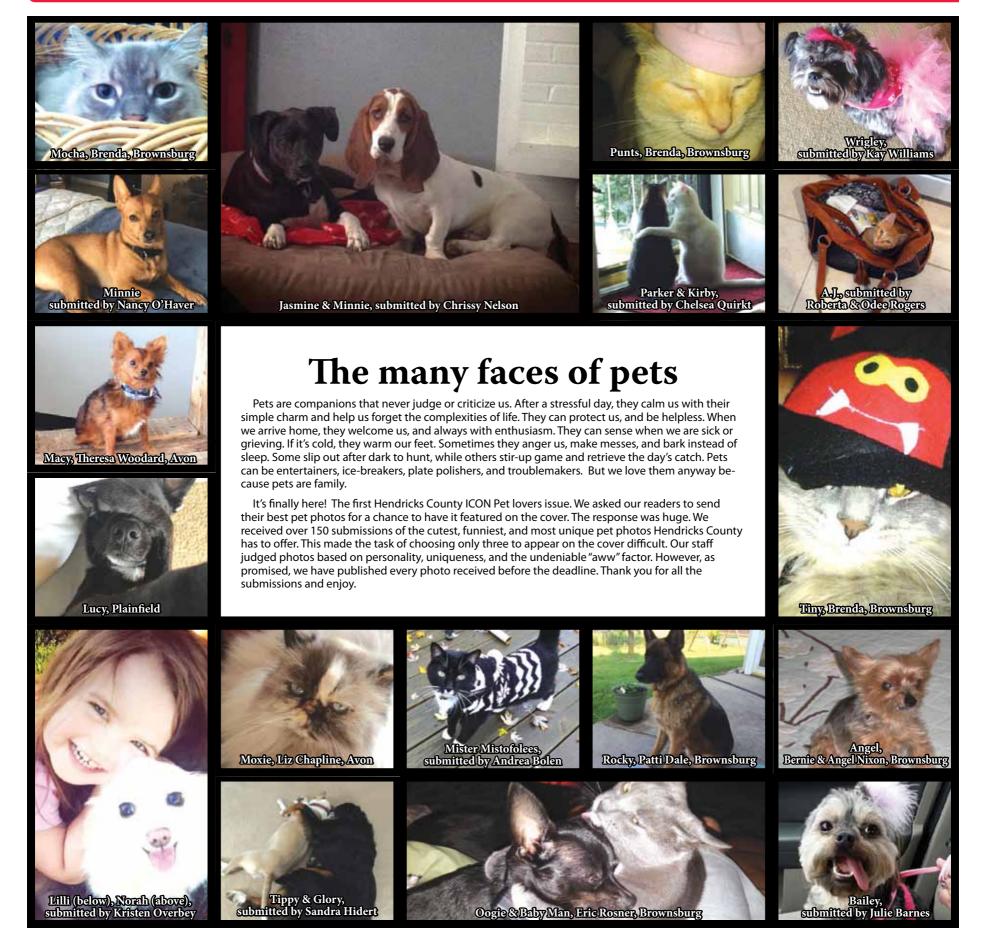
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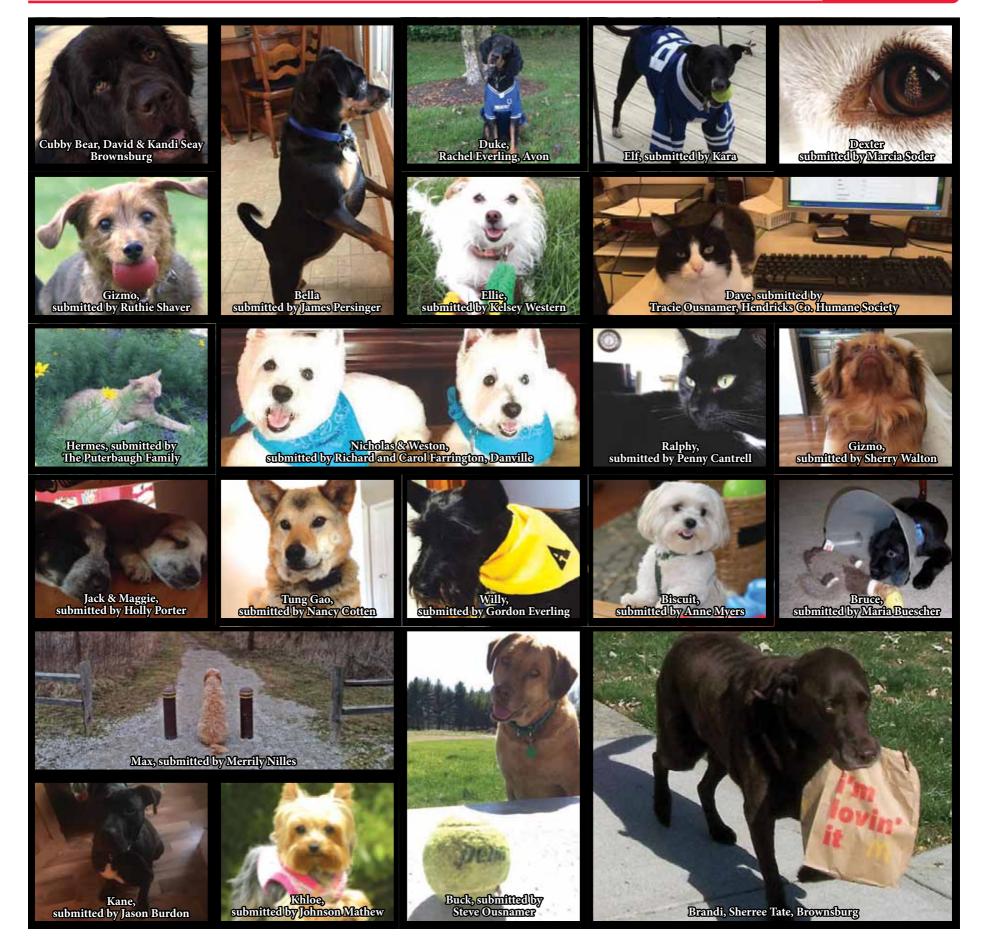
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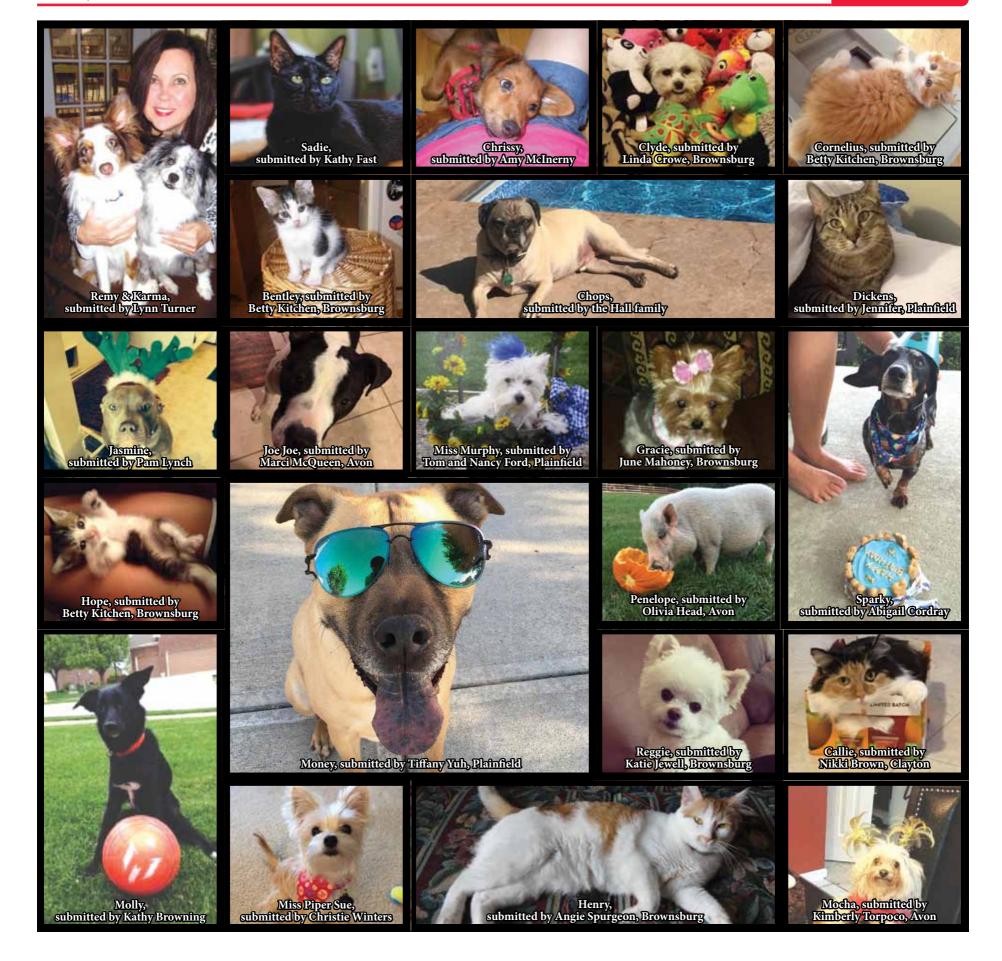






















Brownsburg School Board making construction projects reality

By Becky Schroer



Construction, budgeting and purchases/contracts dominated the Brownsburg Community School Board meeting agenda Oct. 3. Board approvals are mov-

ing Lincoln and Brown elementary schools, high school, and early childhood center improvements steps closer to reality.

In preparation for the Brownsburg High School renovation and expansion project, the board approved moving forward with bidding on an equipment pre-purchase package. This includes boilers, chillers, cooling towers, pumps, electrical switchgear and similar equipment, Chief Operating Officer John Voigt explained. Most of this equipment will be installed in phase 1B, which includes the construction of a new utility area at the southeast corner of the high school. Phase 1B construction is scheduled to be released for bidding at the Dec. 12 board meeting. Consideration and awarding of the bids during the board's Nov. 7 meeting will ensure the equipment to be onsite when the phase 1B building is ready for the installation, Voigt said.

Voigt also requested that the board approve professional services agreements for the design and construction/construction management of Lincoln Elementary School. The board approved contracts with CSO Architects, Inc., for \$635,000; Meyer Najem Construction, LLC, for \$4,110,703; and CSO Architects, Inc., for \$3,995,000. The agreements were approved.

The board also approved bidding Brown Elementary School parking expansion and storm/sewer repairs. An earlier Brown project, kindergarten and gymnasium renovations, is nearly complete. This more recent project is expected to cost \$217,000 with contracts expected to be awarded Nov. 7.

JBM Contractors Corporation was awarded the construction contract for the 2016 Brownsburg Early Childhood Center expansion project. In addition to the base bid of \$1,560,000, the board also approved one alternative bid in the amount of \$53,000 for the build-out of room N141. Three other alternative bids for additional classroom and entry construction may be considered at a later date. Project completion is estimated for spring 2017.

Relative to construction funding, particularly at Lincoln Elementary and the high school, Director of Finance Barry Gardner asked the board to authorize public notification of additional appropriations. This

is planned to be considered at the Nov. 7 meeting. The school system is using 2016 rainy day funds to pay for early construction-related fees and equipment (including the high school equipment pre-purchase package). As a result, a bond issue for the projects may be delayed and, thus, less interest will be paid by the school system. The amount to be re-allocated to the 2016 rainy day fund is \$4 million.

The board also:

 Adopted a preliminary bond resolution and declaration of intent to reimburse expenditures for 2016 renovation projects. This would allow the school corporation to use the 3.6-percent increase in the 2017 assessed valuation to issue a gener-

al obligation bond of up to \$845,000. The bond issue would help finance technology, paving and interior work at various buildings throughout the school district. The amount would be borrowed at a maximum rate of 3 percent and would be repaid in 2017.

• Approved submittal of the state form requesting a 2017 budget of \$96,279,314 and 2017 tax rate of \$1.9238 for the school system.

The next school board meeting is scheduled for Monday, Nov. 7, 6:30 p.m., at the Brownsburg school administration building (enter rear of building), 310 Stadium Dr.

Danville UMC to Consecrate new facilities



Danville United Methodist Church (DUMC) will be Consecrating their new sanctuary, nursery, and Shared Blessings Food Pantry on Oct. 30. The

event begins with Worship at 10:00 - 11:30, lunch at 12:00, and open house tours from

1:00 – 3:00. DMUC has been a part of the community since 1828 and invite you to come and celebrate the opening of their new doors. DUMC is located at 820 West Mill St. in Danville. For more information, call (317) 745-4330.

HC HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Shake it off

This John Deere Shaker Potato Digger is a new exhibit at the Hendricks County Historical Museum on the lawn. It weighed in at 150 lbs. and cost \$22.65 sometime before 1939. The digger was pulled by two horses so as to avoid them from walking on the potatoes in the middle row. Some models had a set of guide wheels near the front. Potatoes were planted as early as the 1800's in Indiana by the settlers. Photo submitted by the Hendricks County Historical Museum, 170 S Washington St. in Danville. For more information, or to learn about upcoming events, call (317) 718-6158.



HC ICON News Quiz

How well do you know your Hendricks County community? Test your current event knowledge with a little Q&A!

According to baldwinpost.com, what \(\begin{array}{c} \b famous movie star recently had a flat tire as he was passing through Plainfield and was helped by three motorists before **D.** Lizton they knew who he was? (He spoke about it later in a radio interview adding that it would never happen in L.A.)

☐ A. Harrison Ford

☐ B. Chris Pratt

☐ C. Kevin Hart

□ **D.** Robert Downey Jr.

When does mandatory 10-digit dialing start in the 317 area code?

□ A. Oct. 15

□ B. Sept. 30

☐ **C.** Nov. 1

□ D. Oct. 31

A contractor hired to replace the roof of a Presbyterian church accidentally removed the roof of a Baptist church one block away. In what Hendricks Co. town did this happen? (The contractor admitted his mistake and vowed to replace the roof of both churches.)

☐ B. Amo

☐ C. Pittsboro

What California-based company announced that Brownsburg would be home to its second distribution center with a \$6 million investment and 100 jobs by 2019.

☐ A. Avept

☐ **B.** Apple

☐ C. The Gap

☐ **D.** Skechers

A year ago, the Fields
Parks Department was given A year ago, the Hendricks County management rights to more than 2,000 acres of land from Indianapolis International Airport. What endangered animal has halted development there?

☐ **A.** Bats

☐ **B.** Bears

☐ C. Owls

☐ **D.** Party animal

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Five BHS students named National Scholarship semifinalists

Five Brownsburg High School (BHS) seniors are among the 16,000 students nationwide named National Merit Scholarship semifinalists. They include Julie Bahr, Andrew Fulwider, Rebecca Sims, Samantha Smock and John Vermeulen. Eight other BHS seniors are Commended Scholars. They include Jennifer Abel, Abigail Bohrer, Jacob Bosse, Matthew Copeland, Spencer Douglas, Jesse Lindenfeld, Mia Romine and Taylor Traut. The students were honored by the Brownsburg Community School Board on Oct. 3. Photo by Becky Schroer.





Moving forward in a roundabout way

By Tiffany Giles

Residents of Hendricks County are becoming more familiar with roundabouts but many have questions as to why towns like Avon and Brownsburg are opting for these alternative intersections over traditional traffic signals.

The roundabout has long been used in Europe but is just now gaining popularity in the United States. Avon's first roundabout was built in 2007. They currently have seven roundabouts in operation with three more in progress. Brownsburg has recently opened a roundabout at S. Green and County Road 300 North.

Constructed as a one way circular intersection, roundabouts create channelization which keeps cars moving at the same speed and in the same direction, two important factors to consider when trying to improve road safety.

The U.S Department of Transportation reports that approximately 2300 people are killed annually at traditional traffic signal intersections, 700 as a result of running red lights. Accidents at traffic lights are often severe because of the speed involved and the different angles of impact. The Federal Highway Administration reports on their website

that "By converting a signalized intersection to a roundabout, a location can experience a 78% reduction in fatal crashes and a 48% reduction in overall crashes."

While construction costs for roundabouts are nearly identical to traditional signalized intersections, the maintenance costs are much less. In fact, the FWHA reports that roundabouts save communities \$5000 annually in electricity and maintenance costs. Additionally, roundabouts reduce the costs associated with accidents up to \$10,000 per year. Roundabouts have also proven to be more durable requiring little to no repair annually and lasting up to 15 years longer than a traffic light intersection.

There are some important things to know when entering and exiting a roundabout. Drivers should be aware and drive the posted speed limit and only enter when there is a gap in flow. Once you become part of the traffic flow, be certain to follow posted lane signs regarding exiting the roundabout and always use your right turn signal to indicate your departure. Never travel clockwise within a roundabout. Should an emergency vehicle enter the roundabout, move as far right as is possible and wait to proceed until the emergency vehicle has passed.





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Pets important to our lives

As you can see, this edition of the Hendricks County ICON centers on pets as we debut our inaugural Pet Lovers issue.

This is not the first time that our group, Times-Leader Publications, has published such an issue. It has been a successful tradition in The Southside Times for several years now. So we thought that it would be equally as successful for the ICON. And we were we

As you will see throughout several pages, we have over 150 entries. I had a hunch that Hendricks County pet owners loved their pets, but wow. This amount surpasses any of our other publications to date.

But then again, I shouldn't be surprised. Pets are important to us. I didn't realize this until my family lost our beloved beagle,

"Pets have a way of picking us up when our spirits are down, and are a constant reminder of love."

Kansas, in August. I can't begin to explain to you how heartbreaking the loss was for my family. I grew up without having any pets so for the longest time I never made the connection.

These wonderful furry creatures are as important to our lives as one can imagine. Pets have a way of picking us up when our spirits are down, and are a constant reminder of love. For most owners, pets are considered a member of the family.

For our staff, choosing only three photos to appear on the cover was difficult. We congratulate the winners. Thank you to those who shared your love of your pets with us. We hope you enjoy this issue of the ICON.



Playing chicken

HUMOR

By Dick Wolfsie Two items in the news caught my

eye: poultry and pals.

First up is rotisserie chicken. I mean, what could be better? It's inexpensive, tasty and relatively healthful — a win-win all the way around...and around, and around. Mary Ellen and I enjoy this for dinner about once a week. But we don't rotisserize our own. We prefer the plump, herb-encrusted delights at Sam's Club or Costco. At \$4.95, it's worth

A few days later, I read in USA Today that the rotisserie chicken conglomerate (which sounds like a bad recipe for the leftovers) is coming under some heat. Consumer advocates are questioning whether a prepared bird from Costco or Sam's Club is really worth the price on a per-pound basis. Consumers Digest claims that the rotisserie chicken "looks cheap, but it's really not, which can easily mislead people." I remember my father saying something like this to my sister when she started wearing makeup in the ninth grade.

Also in the news, a well-respected journal reports people don't know who their friends are. They analyzed friendship among 84 subjects by asking them to rank one another on a five-point continuum of closeness,

from "I don't know this person" to "One of my best friends." Only about 50 percent of people found themselves on each other's list. Apparently, people you think are your friends often don't feel the same way.

This is just the kind of thing that fuels my insecurity. I called my friend, Garry to see how he'd respond to my question: "If you were asked to make a list of your top friends, would I be on it?"

"Well, I need a little more information. How long can the list be?"

Then I called John. "Hi, John, it's Dick Wolfsie..."

"Who?"

I was desperate. I knew I could depend on Bob. "Hi, Bob. I have an important question to ask you. If you made a list of people you consider close friends, would I be on it?"

"I'm not taking you to the airport. Have you tried that Uber App?"

Then, I thought about calling Mickey, but I didn't. Let's just say I chickened out.



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

QUOTE

"Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea."

~ Robert A. Heinlein

OUR VIEW

Town of Brownsburg takes public records act to heart

PUBLIC RECORDS

While the majority of the local governmental agencies are

accessible to us -- the media and the public, one in particular deserves applause for its efforts to supply the public information in a variety of ways. The Town of Brownsburg takes the blue ribbon - and serves as a model for other local entities.

The Indiana Access to Public Records Act ensures you - the public - have access to governmental information. That includes information from towns, cities, school systems, and county, state and national government. It also ensures that the media have access to this information so that we may inform you. Any person can request public records in Indiana, and no request may be refused due to a lack of statement of purpose.

Local board and council members regularly receive informational packets and explanations in advance of public meetings. When considering agenda items, they have already been informed and items are passed with little to no explanation for the public. And related documents and explanations are not provided or accessible to the public so it may gain better understanding. This can lead to frustration among taxpayers supporting these governmental bodies and create a lack of trust.

The Town of Brownsburg, however, streams its meetings live and archives them for viewing later. It also posts online its agenda with hot links to the filed documentation for each agenda item. And you also may click on the agenda to stream each item separately (you do not have to watch the entire meeting to see your item of inter-

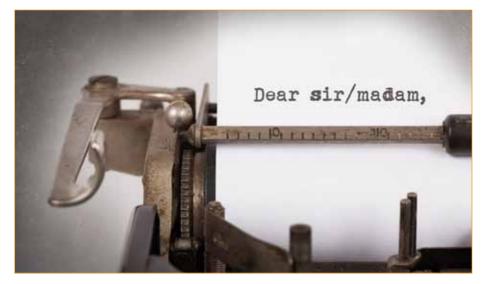
For members of the media, this is especially helpful so that we may replay the video to ensure we have quoted individuals accurately. The additional documental assists us in providing easier-to-understand explana-

In addition, the Brownsburg town officials use Twitter constantly to update the public – whether it is the opening of Green Street and its new roundabout or the increase in housing permits.

Brownsburg town's efforts to keep its constituency informed is an example for other local agencies.



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Promises of a bright future

READER'S WRITES

We have plenty to be proud of about our Hendricks County – we are ranked as

one of the top counties in Indiana for our schools, our health, our median and per capita income. But amid all this, we still have families with children who are dealing with homelessness. It's a hidden problem in our county as families move from house to house staying with friends, family, and in hotels and even cars. There are hundreds of homeless children in our county's schools who don't always know where they're going to sleep one night to the next. Family Promise of Hendricks County is an affiliate of the national Family Promise organization founded in 1988 and the fifth affiliate in Indiana. Family Promise of Hendricks County opened its doors Mar. 1, 2015, and since then has been able to help over 20 families consisting of 32 adults and 47 children get back on their feet and into their own housing.

Family Promise of Hendricks County (FPHC) is a unique model that utilizes existing resources instead of a shelter in order to keep expenses lower. This is done through a partnership of 22 local congregations as well as Hendricks Regional Hospital and involves hundreds of volunteers. At the FPHC Resource Center located in Avon, the families served receive individualized case management during their time in the program

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to assist them in getting connected with local resources, finding transportation, jobs, day care, and housing.

Currently FPHC owns a donated twelve passenger van to transport families. This limits the amount of people who can be served. Because the waiting list consistently stays at 18-26 families requiring shelter, FPHC is currently raising funds to purchase a fifteen passenger van to expand our services.

National Family Promise Week is Sunday, October 16, through Sunday, October 23. Watch for more information and ways to help during this week. Family Promise Week will help spread community awareness of the crisis of family homelessness here in Hendricks County.

To find out more about Family Promise of Hendricks County and how you can help homeless children and their families, go to familypromisehendrickscounty.org or follow FPHC on Facebook or Twitter. To help FPHC serve more families by contributing to the purchase of a larger van, go to FamilyPromiseHendricksCounty.org/van.

AnnaMarie Fallon 46123

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Making Strides Against Breast Cancer inspires courage

Story and photos by Chris Cornwall

During an overcast October afternoon, the color of bright pink infused Avon Town Hall Park as supporters gathered for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer. Moments before the walk was set to begin, fitness instructor Lynne Parent led the group in an uplifting warm-up. She stood atop a picnictable as "Get Down Tonight" by KC & the Sunshine Band played over loud speakers. With smiles abound, both young and old were, well, getting down.

Once the blood was pumping, the invigorated group finally set out together down the path. The 3-5 mile walk honors survivors while also raising awareness about risk factors associated with the disease. In addition, it brings in donations to aid in the fight against the second leading cause of death among women.

But the event does more than this. "It gives you courage knowing that others have survived," said Sue Gilbert, a two-time cancer survivor who recently learned that it has come back for the third time. "I've done it twice. If I can survive five more years, then I've got it licked."

Gilbert has overcome many challenges these past few years. Two of her children had their own battles with cancer. Her son Chris Gilbert, who is the pastor of Vertical Church in Plainfield, was previously diagnosed with lymphoma. Thankfully, he overcame the disease as is doing well.

Men and Women of all ages came to take part in the walk. "It's wonderful knowing that they care enough to come out," said Gilbert. The diversity of people who attended the event says something great about our community. But at the same time, it's hard not to think about how many of them have been indirectly affected by the disease. Perhaps a family member is battling for their life – or they have lost a loved one.

Although this may have served as a sobering reminder of the prevalence and farreaching effects of breast cancer, the show of unity invokes the courage to face these reminders head-on.



Sue Gilbert wearing her cancer survivor sash at the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer event at Avon Town Hall Park Saturday, Oct. 1.



Lynne Parent warms-up the group before they embark on their walk for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer at Avon Town Hall Park Saturday, Oct. 1.

Hendricks County's Bicentennial Time Capsule

A time capsule celebrating Hendricks County in Indiana's Bicentennial will be placed in the Hendricks **County Government** Center. The capsule will be dedicated in December 2016 and is slated to be opened during Indiana's Tricentennial in 2116. Hendricks County's Bicentennial Time Capsule is sponsored by Hendricks Regional Health. Items may be dropped off at Avon, Brownsburg, Danville, or Plainfield Public Libraries or the Northwest Hendricks Schools corporate office. A brochure is available with instructions



about the donations. Each donation must be accompanied by a donation information sheet. Both are available at the libraries and school office or at Danville Public Library's website—www.dplindiana.org. All donations must be received by November 10, 2016. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy at crutledge@dplindiana.org





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Plainfield principals roll out school improvement plans

By Becky Schroder

The three "R"s – reading, writing, and 'rithmatic – were the focus during the Plainfield Community School Board meeting Oct. 6 as the six school principals delivered highlights of their 2016-17 school improvement plans.

While there were some differences, efforts to improve math, English, and special education test scores were echoed throughout the presentations. Goals set for each school include:

Central Elementary presented by Julie Thacker

- Increase the number of students who achieve high growth in reading, English and math as measured by the 2017 ISTEP+ and year-end STAR 360 standardized tests.
- Challenge students to maximize their potential and achieve high growth through staff assistance.

Thacker added that Central has started a new program called "Rocket Math" which competitively challenges students to learn math in a fun way.

Brentwood Elementary presented by Nicole Walker

- In reading, students will pass the 2017 spring ISTEP with an overall school percentage of 90 percent; a minimum of 80 percent will make adequate yearly growth on the year-end STAR 360. A minimum of 90 percent of students will reach the 60 percentile ranking on STAR 360. In third grade, 95 percent of students will pass the IREAD3.
- In writing, 90 percent of students in grades four and five will earn a four out of six on applications and three out of four on conventions on the school-wide writing prompt using the ISTEP writing rubric.
- In math, 88 percent of students will pass the 2017 ISTEP with an overall school percentage of 88 percent. A minimum of 80 percent of students will make adequate yearly growth on the year-end STAR 360, with a minimum of 88 percent achieving the 70 percentile ranking on STAR 360.

Walker, who is a new administrator, said she is collaborating with staff and parents to learn what already exists and is functioning well, and what processes could be improved. A school improvement committee of staff and parents has been established to review results.

Clarks Creek Elementary presented by Marisa Donovan

- 90 percent or more students taking the 2017 ISTEP in any subject will receive a passing score or higher.
- 90 percent will reach 60-percentile ranking on the year-end STAR 360 or STAR Early Literacy assessments and/or show the anticipated growth from their original



Dignity and self-esteem are the values for September at Plainfield Community Schools. Six students were nominated by their teachers and honored by the school board on Oct. 6 for displaying these values at school. They are Shelby Baker, PHS; Dazilee Hendrix, PCMS; Caroline Pugh, Clarks Creek; Ariana Boyd, VanBuren; Hagan Smith, Central; and Avarie Caffery, Brentwood. **Photo by Becky Schroer**

benchmark score in the fall of 2016.

90 percent will achieve 70-percentile ranking on the math STAR 360 year-end assessment and/or show the anticipated growth from their original benchmark score in fall 2016.

Donovan added the school also is focusing on parental involvement, use of technology, school safety, and a higher level of thinking by students.

Van Buren Elementary presented by Ray Helmuth

- Students will learn writing strategies and skills in order to demonstrate mastery of English, writing and reading.
- Students will learn and grow in reading comprehension skills to increase their vocabulary and reading understanding resulting in scores of at least 90 percent at 60-percentile growth projection on STAR 360. The school will achieve an accountability letter grade of "A" in language arts.
- Students will demonstrate improved math problem solving resulting in scores of at least 90 percent at 70 percentile growth projection on STAR 360. The school will achieve an accountability letter grade of "A" in mathematics.

Helmuth added the staff is working on methods to better engage the students in learning and improve the youngsters' attitudes about learning. He said the staff is trying to emphasize the purpose of projects and schoolwork and "why it is important to the students."

Plainfield Community Middle School presented by Patrick Cooney

Increase the number of students by 60

who achieve high growth as measured by the ISTEP reading, English, writing and math assessments.

- Focus on problem-solving skills across the curriculum, with emphasis on the process used to gain an end result.
- Increase the number of special education students by 20 who achieve high growth in math, reading, writing and English as measured by ISTEP.

"It's great to walk the halls and see the students engaged," said Cooney. He added that each guidance counselor has been assigned a group of students that they will follow through the students' middle school years. Additionally, the school last year added a math lab, and this year has set time aside for literacy and more club/activity involvement, and is emphasizing methods toward critical thinking among students. Special education students have been assigned to individual special ed teachers who will follow and mentor them through their middle school tenures.

Plainfield High School presented by Melvin Siefert

In effort to improve students' preparedness for success in post-secondary coursework, the school will look at students' success on two portions of the PSAT using the 2015-16 test results to compare improvement. The percent of students meeting the math standard will increase from 61 percent in 10th grade to 75 percent in 11th grade, and the percent of students meeting the reading and writing standards will increase from 90 percent in the 10th grade to 95 percent in

the 11th grade.

• Students will take and pass an advance placement exam with a score of three or higher at a rate greater than 20 percent. Siefert added that on Oct. 15, the high school students will participate in a college and careers day. This will include students working with guidance counselors on their four-year and career plans, PSAT preparation, job shadowing, and listening to an Indiana Attorney General office speaker about internet safety as well as an inspirational speaker from the Indianapolis Colts.

In other business, the board:

- Approved submittal of the proposed 2017 budget and tax rate to the state, which is expected come back with reduced amounts. The proposed budget is \$58.7 million and tax rate \$1.23. "Our goal every year is to reduce operational costs and put those dollars in the classroom," said Assistant Superintendent Jud Wolfe.
- Approved allowance of student transfer requests in only kindergarten and grades six and nine for the 2017-18 school year. Superintendent Scott Olinger explained that the school system tries to retain a student to teacher ratio of 25 to 1. In order to do so, there may be a need to redistrict first grades across the schools to ensure this ratio is met. Therefore kindergarten students transferring to a particular elementary school may be impacted by redistricting the following year and attend a different school in first grade.

The next school board meeting will be Nov. 10, 7 p.m., at the administration building, 985 Longfellow Lane.

Crowder's wood hobby turns into thriving business; open house Oct. 22

By Becky Schroer

Mike Crowder has come a long way from his humble beginnings. Six years ago, he was working in his garage and earning \$60,000 a year. Today, his business -- MRC Wood Products -- operates in a 12,500-square-foot facility and his sales have escalated to \$1.3 million a year. And it is no longer just Crowder; he has 15 full- and part-time employees.

"This was a hobby that turned into a business," Crowder said. He started selling online on Etsy "and the rest from there was history," he said. Now, he also sells out of his showroom -- and wants to show his appreciation to customers at an open house Oct. 22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at MRC Wood Products, 1298 E. US Highway 136, Suite A, Pittsboro, IN 46167. Those who attend will also receive an engraved-while-you-wait-Christmas ornament, demonstrations and tours, and 25-percent off purchases. Families are welcome; food and refreshments will be served.

Crowder initially started selling wood engraved wedding signs with couples' names and years married. "We were one of the first to actually engrave the wood. That set us apart," he said, explaining that most of his competition was printing the information on top, not engraving it in the wood. Today, MRC Wood Products also offers wedding signs in glass, and in order to stay ahead of the competition, on Etsy as well.

Crowder is constantly innovating. He now sells engraved cutting boards, engraved glassware/barware, bridal party gifts (engraved pen sets and pocket knives), engraved glass and wood picture frames, Christmas decorations, home décor items, etc. His latest equipment addition allows him to also create items out of metal.

"We are only limited by people's imaginations," Crowder said. "We receive requests every day for something that is not in our standard (online) catalog. If we can, we will accommodate them," he added.

"We are always stretching," agreed Mike's wife Jenni Crowder, who also is MRC Wood Products' shipping manager. His mother, Luann Crowder of Brownsburg, knows all parts of the business and is a "floater" there. "We'd be lost without her," Crowder said of his mom.

The Crowders, who were married in 2006, grew up in Hendricks County -- Mike in Brownsburg where he was graduated from Bethesda Christian School in 2000 and Jenni in Pittsboro where she was graduated from Tri-West High School in 1995. They currently live in Pittsboro with their 6-year-old beagle Buddy, who also may frequently be seen at the business. "He's the shop dog," Jenni said

For more information about the open house, visit: http://www.mrcwoodproducts.com/fall-sale-openhouse/. For more information about products, visit: www.MRCwoodproducts.Etsy.com.



AHS Students Recognized by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation



L-R Seated: Alexandria Adkins, Megan Hammond, Nathan Heim, Geoffrey Henderson, Austin Mock and Zachary Monroe; L-R Standing: Andrew Benner, Leah Bode, Melanie Hamilton, Nhi Khuu, Madison King, Olivia Lazaro, Nathan Matthews, Rushi Patel and Evan Schafer; not pictured Daniel Zinyemba. **Submitted Photo.**

The National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) recently recognized 16 students from Avon High School, six of which are semifinalists in the 62nd annual National Merit Scholarship Program. The Semifinalists are: Alexandria Adkins, Megan Hammond, Nathan Heim, Geoffrey Henderson, Austin Mock and Zachary Monroe. For showing exceptional promise, 10 other students received a Letter of Commendation from NMSC.



Top: MRC Wood Products of Pittsboro now offers engraved signs in wood, glass and metal. With its expansion, MRC now has the room for new equipment including its most recent addition for cutting metal.

Below: Mike Crowder specialized in wedding signs when he started MRC Wood Products in 2010. Today his products include a variety of personalized engraved items from Mason jar mugs to cutting boards. **Photos by Becky Schroer**



 $\textit{Reece (6) (front) and Madison (10) (behind) meet Chocolate the miniature pony during the \textit{Heartland Apple Festival.}}$

Heartland Apple Festival 2016

For Hendricks County residents, the Fall season would not be complete without the Heartland Apple Festival. During the first two weekends in October, visitors flock to Beasley's Orchard and Gardens to take part in the fun. This year's attraction included

live entertainment, hayrides, a corn maze, and pony cart rides for the kids. In addition to Beasley's famous farm fresh goods, numerous venders added to the unique festival atmosphere. Here we share with you a few of our favorite shots. *Photos by Chris Cornwall*



Proving they could make it to the top, the haystack pyramid was an irresistible beacon for kids to climb during the Heartland Apple Festival.



Powered by Chocolate, the miniature pony, Isabella (10) (left) and Annabella (6) (right) take a ride through the apple orchard with driver Sky Holtsclaw (14). The pony cart was a popular attraction for youngsters during the Heartland Apple Festival at Beasley's Orchard and Gardens.



Rwlinne (5) has a blast on the giant jumping pillow at Beasley's Heartland Apple Festival. "The bounce pillow is her favorite part," said Suzie, Rwilinne's grandmother.



Each year, The Heartland Apple Festival at Beasley's Orchard attracts hundreds of visitors over the course of two weekends in October. Live entertainment, hayrides, and a giant jumping pillow were just a few of the attractions offered at the festival. Numerous venders and farm fresh products also added to the unique festival atmosphere.

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Oct. 29 • Ghosts & Goblins | When: 4 – 7 p.m. | Where: Avon Washington Township Park; 435 Whipple Lane, Avon | Contact: (317) 745-0785 | washington twppark. org\

Oct. 29 | Hendricks Regional Health Hallowellness 5K & Fair | When: 9:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Where: Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds & Conference Complex/Recreation/Family Fun; 1900 E. Main St., Danville | Contact: (317) 718-8177 | Event is free but 5K requires registration

Band to play at senior center

The Hendricks County Line Band will play at the Senior Center in Danville each week on Thursday nights from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. For over 25 years, the Hendricks County Line Band has volunteered their time for the enjoyment of local seniors. They play a variety of music including: old-time country, new country, old-time rock and roll, and gospel. Current members of the band are Montie Heath of Brownsburg, Jack Howard, Jessica



Smith and Dennis Hovey, all of Indianapolis. The Hendricks County Senior Center is located 1201Sycamore Lane in Danville. A \$2.00 donation per person is requested at the door to help support the Senior Center.

An artful event

By Tiffany Giles

Pablo Picasso once said "Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life." The Hendricks County Art Council and The Gallery on The Square are in complete agreement with Picasso, arguably one of the greatest painters, sculptors and designers of the 20th century. The Gallery on the Square, located at 51 S. Washington Street in Danville, features a variety of artistic works from several local artists and also offers classes and workshops for all levels of art students.

The newly redesigned Gallery on The Square is home to many paintings as well as sculptures but it also houses unique wearable, whimsical and functional art, all available for purchase. More than a shop, the Gallery is also a studio where art students can learn to use different mediums and develop their skills in one of their classes. This month's offerings include creating a "forever pumpkin" or wooden wall hanging. For specific class schedules,

please check their website.

On Saturday, October 22 beginning at 10 am the Gallery on the Square is hosting 'An Artful Event'. Open to the public, this all day experience includes art, artists, artisan foods and fun!

Special guest, Indianapolis Star Editorial Cartoonist and Danville native Gary Varvel will speak and give a demonstration at 7:30pm. Varvel has won numerous awards and was inducted into the Indiana Journalism Hall of Fame in 2015.

Beginning at 8:30pm, auctioneer Jack Lawson will lead the sale of several renowned works of art, including many local masterpieces. Please note bids may be left for the auction throughout the day and the Gallery will close briefly from 5-7pm. For more information, please contact Gallery on the Square, (317) 386-3111, or Joan Kisner at (317) 370-9329 or jkkisner@hotmail.com.



Gary Varvel, the nationally known editorial cartoonist for the Indianapolis Star, will present a talk and a give a demonstration at 7:30. Varvel's cartoons are syndicated across the country in several newspapers.

Concert of Baroque Music

Under the direction of Benjamin G. Del Vecchio, The Hendricks Symphony Orchestra and Chorus will present Bach to Handel – Concert of Baroque Music, Friday, Oct. 28,

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7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 30, at 3 p.m. at Avon Middle School North. In addition to celebrating Baroque composers like Handel, Purcell, and Scarlatti, the

concert will begin with Bach's Brandenburg Concerto No 2 in F Major, and end with Vivaldi's Concerto for Two Trumpets in C Major. Tickets for Bach to Handel are \$15 at the door for adults, \$12 for seniors, and \$7 for students with I.D. Advance tickets (\$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors, and \$5 for student) can be purchased at the Danville, Brownsburg, Clayton and Plainfield-Guilford Township public libraries, The Hendricks Flyer, branches of the State Bank of Lizton or online at www.hendrickssymphonic.org.

Inaugural Rick 'n Roll Concert to benefit Breast Cancer Awareness

By Tiffany Giles

According to the American Cancer Association, breast cancer is the second most common cause of cancer among women. Out of the 200,000 diagnosed each year, more than 40,000 will die from the disease. However, everyday strides are being made to combat breast cancer, and in this fight, every effort counts.

Rick Myers, who is the publisher and owner of Hendricks County ICON and Hendricks County Business Leader, has taken this to heart. He is one of 14 community leaders selected by the American Cancer Society to take part in the 'Real Men Wear Pink' campaign. In an effort to promote awareness and support breast cancer research, Myers has agreed to wear pink every day for the month of October and raise a minimum of \$2,500.

To achieve this, he has decided to utilize his passion for rock-and-roll. "I wanted to do something unique and make a lasting impact," Myers said.

He contacted Kevin Barnhart, who is an old friend and member of Mississippi Raglips & the Riverdogs. "When Rick told us about the event, we knew right away we wanted to be a part of it," said Barnhart. The band is well known throughout the community for their classic rock and blues that audiences remember and love. "We're a good party band" said Barnhart. "We are all about the music and interacting with the crowd."

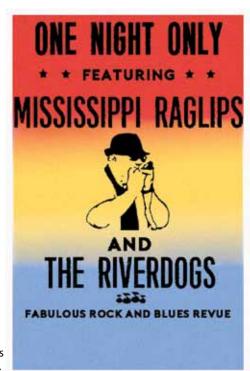
Band Members include: Kevin, Jim, Tim, Nick, and Jeff. However, it's not

unusual for Kevin's son and Cincinnati Reds' catcher, Tucker Barnhart, to join in.

The Inaugural Rick'n Roll Concert to benefit Breast Cancer Awareness will be held Saturday, Oct. 22 at 7 p.m. at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds & Conference Complex. The event features Mississippi Raglips & the Riverdogs, but will also include Myers and a

surprise guest performer. Aside from live entertainment, there will also be a silent auction with MLB gear and a variety of other gifts available for bid. All proceeds will go to the 'Real Men Wear Pink' campaign.

Rick'n Roll is a 21 and older event. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the door.



Healthy Halloween!

A "Not So Scary," Halloween party called Hallowellness will provide families with a fun and engaging way to learn about a leading a healthy lifestyle. Attractions include hay rides, a bounce castle, pumpkin decorating, face painting, and spooky games. The event will feature broom races for kids and a chip-timed 5K Walk/Run that is well-suited for seasoned runners as well as families and groups. All activities except the 5K walk/run are FREE to our community. In addition, there will be a special appearance by the

Switch Witch who will teach children about trading in their candy on Halloween night for a healthy and special treat. Limited giveaways available for engaged participants. Costumes are encouraged as there will be a chance to win prizes for the best costume in several categories. Hallowellness will be

held Saturday, Oct. 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds in the Hendricks Power Exposition Hall. To learn more, call (317) 745-3627 or visit www. hendricks.org.

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The scoop: Leaves were falling as I arrived at West Chase Golf Course, a signal that the golf season would soon end in Hendricks County. The course was busy however. Early October temperatures seem to be perfect for swing practice. I'm not a golfer, but I do drive a mean golf cart for charity events. Today's visit was for a business lunch. We sat on the deck for a stunning view of the course.

What do you order for a business lunch at a golf course? You'd be surprised to

know that there are more than hot dogs on the menu. We enjoyed the Chicken salad made daily using Dawson's Too recipe with grapes, on a fresh croissant, and one of the



best tasting end of season tomatoes.

I'm looking forward to next year's crop of flavorful tomatoes and the sound of perfect shots off the tee!

Where I Dine

Angie Boyer Brownsburg, IN

Where do you like to dine?

We love to visit Salty Cowboy in Zionsville.

What do you like there?

I love the fresh guacamole made at the table. My family and I also love to share the Mama Sugar Nachos! They are loaded with pulled pork, BBQ sauce and queso. The a la carte tacos and the tres leches dessert are great as well!

What do you like about this place?

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 one in three adults receive the recommended amount of physical activity each
 week.
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- More than 80% of adults do not meet the guidelines for both aerobic and musclestrengthening activities, and more than 80% of adolescents do not do enough aerobic physical activity to meet the guidelines for youth.

Source: www.fitness.gov/resource-center/facts-and-statistics/

Holiday Emporium in Plainfield

The Ladies in Fellowship Together of United Community Church of the Nazarene, 149 Vestal Road in Plainfield welcome everyone to a Holiday Emporium on Saturday, October 29, from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The event will be held in the Family Life Center and features approximately 25 vendors including Creative Memories, Decorating Designs from the Heart (floral décor), Premier Jewelry, Thirty-One Gifts, Pampered Chef, Norwex, Mary



Kay, Tupperware, Tastefully Simple, Trades of Hope, Young Living Essential Oils, Aetna Insurance, Shaklee, Scentsy, Damsel in Defense, Pneuma Coffee, as well as local arts and crafts specialties, handmade crafts, hand-painted chairs, handmade all-occasion cards, handmade scarves, boutique items, string art and hand-painted signs. Light refreshments will also be available for purchase. There is no admission charge.



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Bourbon Chicken

RECIPE

By Jerry Rezny

This recipe is a favorite at Chinese Food Court restaurants in the United States. It's purportedly a dish created by a Chinese chef at

a restaurant on Bourbon Street in New Orleans. I like to serve it over rice with steamed broccoli and carrots. Serves 4. Ingredients:

- 2 lbs. chicken thighs, (or breasts if you prefer white meat)
- Salt and pepper
- 1 to 2 Tbsp. cooking oil
- 2 garlic cloves
- 1/2 tsp. granulated ginger
- ½ tsp. red pepper flakes
- 4 oz. apple juice

- 1/3 C. brown sugar
- 2 Tbsp. ketchup
- 2 oz. bourbon (optional)
- 1 Tbsp. cider vinegar
- 3 oz. water
- 3 oz. soy sauce
- 2 Tbsp. corn starch added to 2 oz. cold water

Cut the chicken into bite-sized pieces, season with salt and pepper. Heat the oil in a fry pan. Add one garlic clove, crushed and ¼ tsp. ginger. Brown the meat and remove from pan. Add one more crushed garlic cove ¼ tsp. ginger to the oil. Add red pepper flakes, apple juice, brown sugar, ketchup, bourbon, cider vinegar, water and soy sauce. Simmer and add the chicken. Simmer for 2 minutes and add corn starch mixture. Simmer until sauce thickens. Serve over rice.







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HC ICON Quiz

Answers from page 8

1. A 2. A

3. A 4. A

5. A



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Time to think about your chimney?

By Kourtney Kahn

Fire burning season is so close! There are a few things we need to make sure you have debunked before you just fling open the flue and start burning, be it gas or wood:

Myth: If you have a gas-burning fireplace, you don't need a chimney sweep or inspection.

Used or not, your chimney is attractive to critters and creatures of all sorts that you will want to ensure no longer reside in there when you want start burning. In addition to getting them out, you will want to remove any remnants of those critters or any creosote from prior seasons of burning. Creosote sticks to the walls of the flue and is extremely flammable.

Those sorts of blockages can cause smoke issues, chimney fires, or even carbon monoxide poisoning.

Myth: It is better to burn dry wood than wet wood.

The wood you choose plays a vital role in the temperature, longevity of burn, and the potentially dangerous byproducts which come out of the fireplace and chimney flue. Choosing wood is like choosing the right tires Choosing firewood has a similar principle.

• Fresh cut wood can be made up 80 percent moisture or water-weight and should absolutely be seasoned prior to being burned

• Wood that has 25 percent water content, or more, is considered green and should not ever be burned in a fireplace or stove

• Seasoned wood is wood that has been cut and dried in a sheltered area for up to six months, allowing the moisture of the wood to naturally evaporate. Much of the moisture that still remains in wood that has been seasoned should be roughly 15 - 20 percent of the wood's water weight

• Too much moisture and you have an extremely slow heating process, perhaps some sizzling, and an extremely inefficient use of wood

If your wood is too dry, you will get a bit more smoke than you'd like or intend because the wood is breaking down more quickly.



Kourtney Kahn is the owner of Chimney & Mansory Outfitters in Indianapolis, Indiana.

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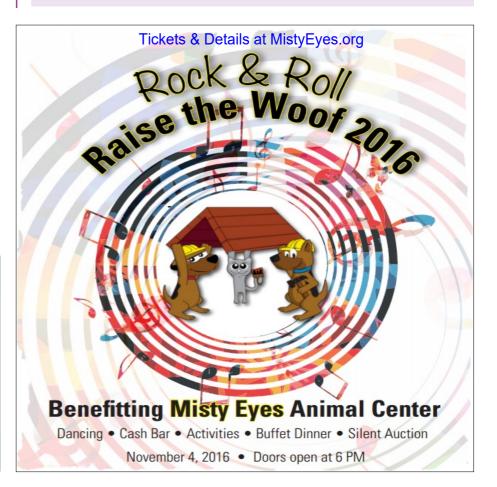
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As summer gives way to a busy fall and schedules get a bit more hectic, things have a way of getting disheveled. You can get your home reorganized and looking great with just a little bit of TLC and some helpful storage solutions. From those stray groceries that haven't found a home in the pantry to shampoo bottles that linger on the bathtub ledge, these options can help you get reorganized and maximize your storage space.



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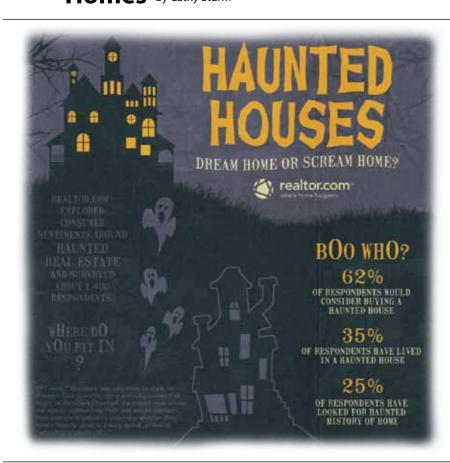


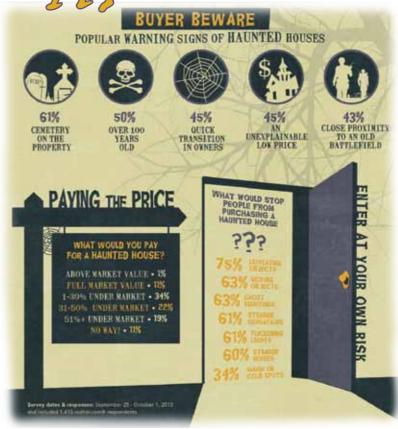
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Number of Active Listings	100	202	175	98	43	14	11	10
Number Closed	119	994	427	161	34	5	6	2
Number Pending	42	214	85	26	17	4	1	0
Number Expired	29	105	65	29	16	11	4	6
Average Days on the Market	65	48	69	93	115	180	149	63
Average List Price	77,144	154,323	246,204	347,286	453,201	558,360	673,633	733,500
Average Sale Price	74,891	152,014	240,685	338,116	439,584	533,780	627,417	704,500



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All Rhoades lead to a new adventure

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By Gus Pearcy

After prohibition ended in 1933, Indiana established a three-tier

system of alcohol distribution likely to gain tax revenue off of the popularity of the previously-banned spirits. Producers were only allowed to sell to wholesalers, and retailers were only allowed to buy from wholesalers. These wholesalers or distributors were split into hard liquor and beer.

Lance Rhoades, 61, is third-generation owner of Rhoades Beverage Company in Plainfield, which was started by his grandfather Frank around 1 941.

"Do you remember how the license branch used to be?" Rhoades begins. "Whoever was in power - Republicans or Democrats - had the license branch. So each county chairman had one. Well, back in the late 30s, or probably right after prohibition (was repealed), the county chairman got the license branch and the treasurer got the beer business."

This was a patronage system based on which party controlled the governor's seat. Eventually, the equipment needed to successfully distribute beer and wine became too hard to keep switching, and the practice of patronage was disbanded. Owners of the equipment and warehouses were granted licenses, and thus Rhoades Beverage was born in 1941.

It grew quickly. Territories were abandoned by the brewers in favor of a single distributor for each state.

Back then, Rhoades distributed Budweiser, Miller, Falls City Sterling, and many of the smaller breweries like Champagne Velvet out of Terre Haute.

Rapid growth had Rhoades selling 5 million cases a year for Anheuser-Busch (Budweiser). Lance got into the business



Lance Rhoades, owner of Rhoades Beverage.

in 1979 buying his father out in 1992. At that time, Rhoades Beverage employed 110 and ran 20 trucks continuously. The stress was getting unbearable. So, shortly after he purchased it, Lance sold the Budweiser and Miller contracts off to Monarch Beverage, then sold off the Pabst contracts. Now, Rhoades focuses on craft-style beers.

"It's getting back to where the business started a long time ago," Rhoades said. "Getting away from the corporate world. It's more fun."

Rhoades, decorated with numerous tattoos, is steering his business toward smaller craft breweries. Particularly, foreign craft beers, from Iceland, Canada, and Greece, which he sees as the coming trend for drinkers. The tradeoff is smaller breweries but larger territory. It's not as much profit, but the markup is higher. Rhoades is usually the exclusive Indiana

distributor for the brands.

Rhoades is also branching out into producing beer for other states.

He owns the trademark for Cook's Beer and has it produced in Evansville. Brew Link, a Plainfield craft brewer, is renting space from Rhoades to brew. In turn, Rhoades is taking some of the company's specialties, like the Ivory Stout, and selling it across the country.

Every retailer of beer in Indiana must buy its beer from a distributor. If they want craft-brewed beer from Iceland, they have to buy it from Lance. This includes grocers like Trader Joe's. Rhoades is also allowed to sell - they also distribute some soda pop like XXX Root Beer.

"Our No. 1 allegiance is really to our (retailers) because they have to sell it," Rhoades said. "And if I bring something in that they're not going to sell, it does nobody any good. They're not going to sell it and I'm just going to have an upset supplier. That's why it is really important to find which ones are going to sell and which ones aren't."

An active person, Rhoades raised five children, raced motocross and used to flip houses he refurbished. Soon, he became a broker and now owns ReMax Centerstone franchise, the second highest producing ReMax franchise in the state, and one of the top 50 in the nation.

He just doesn't quit.

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Indiana small business profile

Overall Indiana Economy

- In the third quarter of 2015, Indiana grew at an annual rate of 3.7% which was faster than the overall US growth rate of 1.9%. By comparison, Indiana's 2014 growth of 3.4% was up from the 2013 level of 3.0%.
- The employment situation in Indiana improved. At the close of 2015, unemployment was 4.6%, down from 5.5% at the close of 2014. This was below the national unemployment rate of 5.0%.

Employment

- Indiana small businesses employed 1.2 million people, or 45.7% of the private workforce, in 2013.
- Firms with fewer than 100 employees have the largest share of small business employment.
- Private-sector employment increased 2.0% in 2015. This was above the previous year's increase of 1.7%.
- The number of proprietors increased in 2014 by 1.3% relative to the previous year.
- Small businesses created 10,168 net jobs in 2013. Among the seven BDS sizeclasses, firms employing 250 to 499 employees experienced the largest gains, adding 5,338 net jobs. The largest losses were in firms employing 1 to 4 employees which lost 1,655 net jobs.

Source: The U.S. Small Business Administration Office of Advocacy www.sba.gov/sites/default/files/advocacy/Indiana.pdf















Masquerade Mayhem 2016

Masquerade Mayhem was held Oct. 1. at the Country Club of Indianapolis to benefit Susie's Place Child Advocacy Center.

- 1. From left, Kari Fletcher, Erin Blake, Kelly Stinnet and Rachelle Naaman enjoyed the event.
- 2. Mia Campbell and Christina Kous ham it up for the camera.
- 3. Jerry Rezny and Nancy Edwards are having a good time at the event.
- 4. From left, Jen Nanny, Andy Homan, Henry Nichols, Melanie Nichols and Jeff Conyer.
- 5. Audra Vanderbush, Jaclyn Conyer and Melanie Nichols buddy up for a picture.
- 6. Jamie Nichols, Alexandria and Ed Gunnell are waiting for refreshments.
- 7. Lynn Clinton, Nila Crowe, Trisha Guinn and Heather Stark explore the auction items.





Questions for.

Beverley Austin

Beverley Austin is Senior Marketing Manager for the American Cancer Society and also serves on the Avon Town Council. She is also an active fundraiser for Relay for Life and Breast Cancer Awareness. Here we ask Beverley Austin 10 question...



Where did your desire to serve come from?

I was taught to serve by both my parents. My dad was a Mason and my mom always volunteered. I was raised to help others and give back. When my kids started elementary school, more volunteer opportunities came. My first big job was in the ministry through church childcare and preschool. It was very rewarding and super fun!

You are now serving on Avon's Town Council, what is most rewarding about this position?

There is a lot going on in our town. Development isn't happenstance. We need to be intentional, welcoming, and defining. Avon is unique in Hendricks County because we have only been a Town for 21 years compared to 130-180 years in the towns around us – it is rewarding to be a part of shaping the vision for moving forward!

What is the best part of working on a visionary project?

The best part is working with our awesome staff – they are energetic and hard working – they have great ideas! Right now I am excited about our new branding - watch for new signs soon and our staff have already started wearing the new logo. I am also excited to be talking about economic development and working with the other partners in the county to be smart about how we move forward and be proactive - our Comprehensive Plan should be done soon and that will help us to be ready for future projects. I think we can assemble a team of individuals who know this community, bring a lot of energy and expertise to the table, and make things happen.

You also make things happen with the American Cancer Association, how did you become involved with them?

I attended the Relay For Life of Avon in 2007 – I was asked to read a proclamation - I saw that the event was a really cool concept and decided I wanted to become a part of it because it was something I could do . . . I was feeling helpless when it came to cancer since my best friend had been diagnosed with a reoccurrence of breast cancer. I wanted to honor her, and I wanted the Relay For Life in my town to be one of the best Nationwide. Since then, I have had several family members and friends impacted by the disease. I have met countless heroes who inspired me to work hard to fulfill the mission of the American Cancer Society.

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~ Beverley Austin

You now work for the American Cancer Association, what do you

My position with the American Cancer Society is Senior Market Manager –

internally, I work with my colleagues to make sure we are delivering excellent customer service to our valued partners and making our biggest impact in the efforts to reduce the pain and suffering from cancer in Central Indiana. Externally, I work with several corporate partners in employee engagement and work to recruit volunteers because without them we can't reach our vision.

How do you like working with the Indianapolis Colts?

The NFL is a valued partner with their Crucial Catch program, which raises money to fund screenings for those who are underserved. The Indianapolis Colts have partnered with us to provide a really awesome experience for breast cancer survivors. They are a great group, their organizational leadership is terrific and it's obvious they care about our community and the women impacted. The players and coaches do a lot to honor survivors like when the Colts "Pink" the Canal for Breast Cancer Awareness Month and during the Crucial Catch game in their Touch Down Town.

Are you still involved in fundraising events?

My current position does not manage events. But I participate in individual fundraising for Relay for Life and Breast Cancer Awareness. It's a great way for me to pay it forward. I have personal goals to raise \$1000 for Relay and \$2500 for BCA.

How do you raise funds?

How do you raise runus:

In the past I have hosted events like Trivia Night parties, but now I make and sell tutus for the different Cancer walks.

Why tutus?

A few years back, I made myself one for an American Cancer Society conference to celebrate volunteers. People really liked the one I wore and asked if I would make more. The tutus are something I enjoy making, they are fun and bright and make people happy. Now I sell them with all proceeds going to either Relay for Life or BCA depending on the season.

Can readers purchase a tutu from you?

OAbsolutely! Readers can contact me through my Facebook page. Tutus cost \$20-\$30 depending on size and delivery varies based on need-I can usually accommodate!



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