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Spring Cleaning - While many folks were away from Hendricks County during spring break, on March 23 Kevin Harder, Fishers, reminded us that spring means cleaning as he spruces up glass at Leland's Barber Shop, 112 Center St., Plainfield. *Photo by Rick Myers*

face to face

Q: How do you spend spring break in Hendricks County?



I have five kids so we like to hit the parks. My kids and I like going to Washington Township Park and walking the trails. We also love playing basketball outside when the weather is nice.

**Seth Allen,
Danville**



We go to Arbuckle Acres and Williams Park; the kids love the water mill. We also like riding bikes on the trails. The kids say they like sleeping in and getting a break from homework. I am an elementary teacher so spring break great for us too.

**Melissa Clark,
Brownsburg**



The best thing about spring break is spending extra time with the grandkids. We usually go to Florida over spring break but decided to stay here this year. The kids say Hummel Park is their favorite. We visit several parks in area though; the kids love that each one is a little different.

**Susan Corrice,
Avon**



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TOWN OF BROWNSBURG

The Town Council awarded the Public Green Project (Arbuckle Acres) to Patterson Horth Inc., "the lowest responsive and responsible bidder" at an amount of \$1,675,000.00.

Crews from Corpro, a subcontractor for Marathon Pipe Line, will continue to inspect Brownsburg pipelines through April 30. A three-person crew will walk the length of the pipelines, conducting a survey to test the cathodic protection system in compliance with government regulations. The Town assured residents there will not be any damage or destruction of private property.

Brownsburg Fire Territory Asst. Chief Keith Rinehart said the department will receive two new fire trucks April 16, which go into operation the first week of May after inspections.

The next town council meeting will be 7 p.m. Thursday, April 27

TOWN OF AVON

Avon recently broke ground for Phase 3 of the White Lake Creek Trail project that will connect Town Hall Park to Washington Township Park. The project will cost 1.8 million dollars and include improvements to CR 625 E which will be elevated for driver and pedestrian safety. Construction is planned to begin April 1.

The Avon Town Council ratified the 'Future Land Use Map' at the March 23 meeting. The Map will act as a guide for the next 20 years of future development. A copy of the Map is available for viewing at Town Hall.

The next town council meeting will be 7 p.m. Thursday, April 13.

TOWN OF PLAINFIELD

Plainfield's Director of Transportation, Scott Singleton, said the town will be accepting bids for the Concord/Saratoga construction project April 10. The construction of a roundabout at Concord Road and Saratoga Pkwy is planned to begin when the school year ends in June.

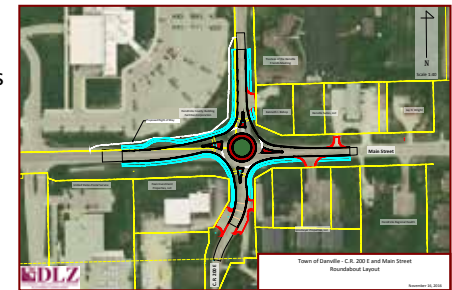
The next town council meeting is April 10.

TOWN OF DANVILLE

The town approved the transfer funds to match the \$1,000,000 Community Crossroads Grant from the State of Indiana at its March 20 meeting. The total will be used for a roundabout project, square project, and the paving of East Main Street. See figure at right.

The council will hear presentations from two communications companies in regards to the possibility of implementing a fiber optics network. The presentations are planned to begin 5 p.m. on Wednesday, April 3, in the council room.

The next meeting will be 7 p.m. on Monday, April 3, Danville Town Hall located, 49 N. Wayne Street, Danville.



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Clayton Town Hall, 4844 Iowa St. (SR 39).

Photo Submitted

By Ken Sebree

If you enjoy small-town living, you will definitely like Clayton, located along State Road 39 in Liberty Township just 2 miles north of U.S. Highway 40. With about 1000 residents, the town has changed little over the past decades. It was originally named Clayville in honor of Kentucky Statesman Henry Clay. By 1835, the town had ten houses and 43 residents, but it was soon discovered that Dubois County, already had a town named Clayville, so the name was changed to Clayton. By the early 1850s, the Vandalia Railroad was completed through Clayton from Indianapolis to Terre Haute which ushered in new prosperity and the construction of a hotel, flour mill, school, post office and many other businesses.

As a town, Clayton does not have a mayor, but is governed by a four-member elected town council and clerk treasurer. These dedicated citizens conduct the business of the town for very little compensation. There is also a town plan commission and board of zoning appeals who regulated development and construction. The chief of police is the only paid law enforcement officer and is assisted by a dedicated group of reserve officers who receive no pay for their time and effort.

In the 1980s and 1990s the population of Clayton actually declined by about 15 percent; however, during the first decade of this century, the population exploded by 40 percent and has continued to grow ever since. Some people who live in a big city may think there is nothing to do in a small town like Clayton, but the local residents would not agree. On Friday nights during June, July, and August, Lambert Park presents "Movies in the Park." Just bring the entire family along with your lawn chairs, blankets and snacks for outdoor movies which are appropriate for everyone.

The big event each year is the Clayton Fall Festival presented in mid-September at Lambert Park. This annual celebration features food vendors, kids' games, bingo, a pig chase, live music, a horse pull, tractor show, parade and much more. The Fall Festival is sponsored by the Clayton Community Association, a non-profit organization which provides financial assistance to the community. This festive event could not be possible without the many hours of volunteer service provided by so many Clayton residents.

Another local institution is the popular Clayton Café which features home-cooked food, and each week has customers lined up out the door waiting to enjoy the "Friday Night Fish Fry."



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Contestants for this year's Dancing with the Hendricks County Stars are:

- Nina Criscuolo, Journalist, WISH TV
- Yvonne Culpepper, COO Hendricks Regional Health
- Dennis Dawes, retired after serving 40 years as CEO, Hendricks Regional Health, and his wife
- Yao-Hsin Dawes, Bible Study Fellowship Children's Leader
- Bill Franklin, owner, Courthouse Grounds
- Rev. Michael C. Fritsch, pastor, Mary Queen of Peace
- Eric Hessel, Hendricks County Community Foundation
- Jill Lees, captain, Plainfield Police Department
- Ed Martin, retired CEO of Wabash Valley Power Association
- Faith Toole, writer, Hendricks County ICON
- Tracy Whetstone, Visit Hendricks County



"Faith (Toole) talked me into it and it sounds like so much fun. Also, my mother has always taught me the importance of history, so I'm glad to support the Hendricks County Historical Museum." ~ Nina Criscuolo

"Have always been intrigued by the Hendricks County Historical Museum, its architecture and its goal to preserve Hendricks County heritage. I truly enjoy history and believe you need to know the past to move to the future. Dancing with the Hendricks County Stars is a wonderful and fun event to give back to the community by benefitting the Hendricks County Historical Museum." ~ Yvonne Culpepper

Saturday, April 29
5:30 p.m.

Hendricks County 4-H
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Complex, Danville

Why did you agree to participate in DWTHCS?

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Students take part in wreath-laying at Arlington National Cemetery

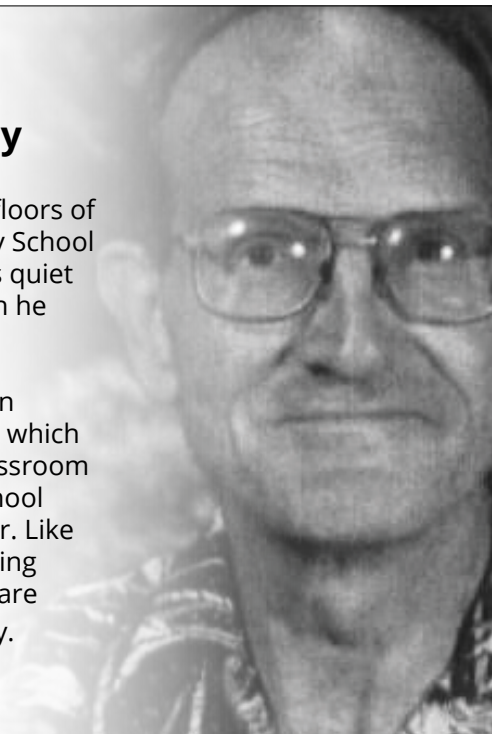


Students from Avon Middle School North and South visited the nation's capital March 19 and 20. They met with Senators Joe Donnelly and Todd Young on the steps of Capital Hill, and were given the honor of laying a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. The tomb holds the remains of unknown service members from World War I, World War II and the Korean War. *Photo submitted*

Jackie Eggers' Story

Jackie Eggers mopped the floors of Mill Creek West Elementary School for 14 years, showing in his quiet and humble way how much he loved children.

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~~Monday, February 27~~
~~Monday, March 27~~
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BEHINDthe**BADGE**

Krieger looks forward to retirement after 35 years



Plainfield Fire Chief, Darel Krieger. Photo submitted

Plainfield Police Chief Darel Krieger has spent his life dedicated to serving others in his family and his community. Having entered law enforcement in 1975, Chief Krieger began working as a detective for juvenile crimes with the Findlay, Ohio Police Department. He came to Indiana to be near family and tend to his mother before her passing. He has been with the Plainfield Police Department for 35 years and in 2018 will be retiring to spend time with his wife, children and grandchildren.

What does a normal day on the job consist of?

There are always lots of emails to respond to as well as phone calls to make. Meetings are always on the agenda to either attend or host. Having daily contact with my staff about their divisions and upcoming events is a must.

What was your inspiration for becoming a police officer?

I came from a small town in Ohio of less than 5000 people. There was a police officer that patrolled the downtown mostly on

foot. He knew everyone and was very kind to all. He piqued my interest. Then in high school an Ohio State Highway Patrolman gave a talk on career day that was so positive and energetic I knew that law enforcement was the career for me.

“Being able to shake their hand and congratulate them as they start their career in law enforcement, gives me great pleasure.”

Do you have a favorite moment on the job?

I had several as a street officer and then detective. But now my favorite moment is when I attend the ILEA (Indiana Law Enforcement Academy) graduation for one of our rookie patrol officers. Being able to shake their hand and congratulate them as they start their career in law enforcement, gives me great pleasure.

What are your future goals for both your police department and your retirement?

To continue to make Plainfield Police Department a modern and progressive department. This can be done with the continued support of the citizens of Plainfield, the Plainfield Board of Police Commissioners and the Plainfield Town Council.

Where do you see yourself in the next five years, personally and professionally?

Personally, I will hopefully be retiring in the summer of 2018 and want to spend more time with my wife, Betsy, our children and grandchildren. Do some traveling and may look to start another career of some sort. But law enforcement will always stay with me. I have a son, a daughter-in-law and a grandson that live in Colorado that we hope to be able to see more often. I also have a sister and her husband that live in Ohio who we want to see more of. We love to travel in Michigan (during warm weather of course) so there are a lot of places there we want to visit.

Of course I wouldn't rule out starting another job involving law enforcement or a closely related field. Time will tell.

Compiled by Tiffany Giles

Time capsule sealed until 2116

In celebration of Indiana's bicentennial, a time capsule was sealed in a marble bench at the Hendricks County Government Center, March 23. Created by Hunt & Sons Memorials of Danville, the bench was designated an Indiana Bicentennial Legacy Project. It was sealed with a wide variety of items from Hendricks County citizens and organizations before being

placed in the rotunda near the commissioner's office. The time capsule was sponsored by Hendricks Regional Health and slated to be opened during Indiana's Tricentennial in 2116. Members of the project committee included: Libbe Hughes, John Parsons, Phyllis Parsons, Judy Pingel, Cindy Rutledge and Jo Terrell.



Two gentlemen from Hunt and Sons Memorials seal the time capsule as John Parsons looks on.

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Volunteers transform school auditorium with 'portable church'

By Chris Cornwall

Before sunrise on a chilly Sunday morning, two white trailers carrying a portable church arrive at Plainfield Middle School. Members of 'Reunion,' a satellite campus of Plainfield Christian Church (PCC), begin to unload two dozen black cases destined for the school's auditorium. In an hour's time, volunteers will transform the space into a modern place of worship, complete with a stage, professional A/V system, and even a schoolhouse for the kids.

Reunion is the first church in Hendricks County to opt for a "portable church."

"It's a big deal for us," campus minister Tim Gephart said. "We're able to come in and convert the environment into a compelling venue for worship."

Reunion campus was established in 2010 after PCC went through a process of reorganization. The satellite church has since congregated at Plainfield Middle School auditorium, 709 Stafford Rd.

Without a space to call its own, Gephart contacted a company named 'Portable Church' based near Detroit, MI. The business has engineered portable churches for 20 years.

Reunion campus received the new com-

ponents for its own portable church March 8.

"It was exhausting but exciting," Gephart said. "We only had one day to train before setting up the church ourselves."

Two teams of around 15 volunteers showed up the morning of March 19 to unload and set up the pieces. It's quite a job but well worth the effort according to church members.

"Ascetically, its more welcoming," Oogy Brewer said.

Brewer, a school teacher and father of four, was one of the volunteers on hand. "You feel good about leaving your kids here because it's a safe, inviting environment," he added.

While one team sets up the temporary classroom and enclosed nursery, the other tackles the stage and A/V system.

"It's pretty impressive," church member Kevin Black said.

Black, who has an A/V background, was setting up the new speaker system. "Professionally, it's more refined and gives an improved overall experience."

"It's all very well thought out," he said. "It allows us to come into an all-but-void space



Jason Mortissey (foreground) and Minister Tim Gephart (background) prepare the stage before Sunday's service, March 19.
Photos by Chris Cornwall

that's not ours and enhance it in the time we have as best as possible."

Gephart appreciates the synchronicity of the entire process. "The church is all about transformation and new life," Gephart said. "That's why we're here"

The new church is just in time for Easter

when Reunion will hold its official 'Relaunch,' Sunday, April 16.

For more information about Plainfield Christian Church or the Reunion campus, visit www.plainfieldchristian.com. For more information about Portable Church Industries, go to www.portablechurch.com.



Jason Ulrich pieces together the colorful barrier of a nursery in one of the classrooms at Plainfield Middle School. A few of the black cases used to store and transport the portable church are actually entertainment centers complete with a TV and toy shelf.

HC ICON News Quiz

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

1 Hendricks County was named after former Governor William Hendricks in what year?
A. 1823
B. 1812
C. 1799
D. 1840

2 Before changing it in 1835, what was the Town of Clayton's original name?
A. New Clayton
B. Clayville
C. Clayburgh
D. Clayapolis

3 Which hotel chain will soon take over the existing Palms Banquet & Conference Center in Plainfield?
A. Hilton Garden
B. Holiday Inn Express
C. Embassy Suites
D. Bates Motel

4 Plainfield Police Chief Darel Krieger will be retiring after how many years on the PPD?
A. 40
B. 32
C. 42
D. 35



5 Which of the following items cannot be disposed of at Tox-Away Days?
A. medications
B. televisions
C. hypodermic needles
D. latex paint



Answers on 21
Compiled by Chris Cornwall

ICONography

Performing the art of business

The Porch, 2411 E. Main St., Danville, held its "Paint & Party" event on March 24 where artists - all levels of talent - got together to paint a "Daisy Cross" on 16 X 20 canvass. The instruction is put on by Paint and Party Indy. JoAnn Masterson, owner of The Porch, states: "We host these parties because they are fun for our current customers, and it is a way to introduce The Porch to new people. For more are scheduled for: April 28, July 28, Sept. 22, and Oct. 27. For more information, visit ThePorchInDanville.com.



Top left: Tools of the trade.

Bottom left: Katie Riggs, North Salem, fills in a cross.

Top right: Sara-Ruth Riggs, Cincinnati, share a laugh.

Bottom right: Sarah Weder, Jamestown, and owner of Paint and Party, shows off what the finished painting should look like.



Photos by Rick Myers

Former Air Force nurse nourishes self and vets with organic farming

By Cleveland Dietz

Sara Creech had just moved to a 43-acre property in North Salem when she packed her things into her car and drove 574 miles to Fayetteville, Arkansas.

She was going to attend a week-long educational event for military veterans interested in small-scale sustainable farming careers called, Armed to Farm. Most of the people in attendance were like Creech—people who'd been out of the military for a few years exploring what they might do with the next chapter of their lives.

"It was like this camaraderie that we immediately had," said Creech, who was a surgical nurse in the Air Force. "It was fun to hear everybody's dreams about farming, their dreams about raising animals or raising vegetables. There was just something really powerful about it."

They learned about business planning, budgeting, marketing and all the things it took to start and operate a successful enterprise. They also visited area farms to see what it took to do it.

The dream wasn't new to her.

She and her late husband, Charles, an Air Force pilot, cultivated it during his struggle with colon cancer. It started as a look into other therapies he could do when surgery and chemotherapy didn't work. That led them to pay attention to how nutrition affected their health. They started going to cooking classes and learning about organics. Soon, their life revolved around food.

After doctors in Florida told them there was nothing else they could do for him, Creech and her husband moved to Texas for further treatment.

They started visiting farms while they were in Texas. They read books and watched movies about farming. They talked about starting a farm together when he retired from the Air Force a few years down the road.

After nine months of treatment in Texas, Creech's husband passed away.

She moved back to Florida and tried to go back to working as a nurse, but couldn't concentrate and made mistakes. She quit and spent the next six months in mourning. She pulled up the grass in the small front yard at her house to plant a garden. She said it was the only time she's been able to grow blueberries.

Her sister called and asked her what she was going to do with her life. Creech said she wanted to move into the middle of nowhere and start a farm. Her sister said she and her family were thinking of moving onto a farm, too. They made plans to do it together.

Creech bought the property in North Salem. Her sister's family moved in and quickly moved out because they learned they didn't want to live in the middle of nowhere.

Creech kept the dream alive.

She spent six months working on the house and the land, which were in poor condition after being left vacant for a long time.

"I went to work one day and I came home and there were like four refrigerators that had been dumped at the back of the farm because everybody thinks it's totally abandoned," Creech said.



Sara Creech in the green house at Blue Yonder Organic Farm, North Salem.

Photo by Cleveland Dietz

She cleaned up the woods and removed invasive plants. She planted 50 fruit trees and a couple hundred raspberry bushes. She went to the Armed to Farm event.

When she got back from Arkansas, Creech knew she wanted to start a farm and she wanted to reach out to veterans. She contacted the local Natural Resources Conservation Service representative, Jared Chew, and he helped her work out a plan for Blue Yonder Organic Farm.

She regained control of a 16-acre piece of her land that had been leased to someone farming corn and soybeans. The soil in that area was damaged by conventional farming methods. She planted a combination of grasses, pollinator and grazing plants there. These were cover crops—plants that germinate quickly and cover the ground—to get nutrients and organic matter back into the soil. They also suppress weeds and keep them from establishing themselves. Creech's cover crop of choice is buckwheat.

She applied for and received a hoop house so she could keep chickens. She started with five. Now she has 600 egg-layers and during meat chicken season the total number of birds rises above 1,000. She has several hoop houses now, each covered with recycled billboards, including one advertising a Prince concert in Indiana.

There's an acre to 1.5 acres of vegetables, 20 sheep, 200 logs of shiitake mushrooms. Creech keeps a number of ducks and will soon begin raising cattle. Two dogs, Athena and Tank, guard the livestock.

Creech's ideal farm mimics nature, so she has worked to get as close to that goal as she can.

She began using the meat bird pens to help fertilize crops naturally. Butchered animals, along with the bedding used for baby chicks, go into compost and the compost goes back on the soil. It feeds the microflora in the soil, brings new microflora into the soil, and produces heartier plants.

"I really like to have things that complement each other and use things we have on the farm," Creech said.

Along with opening Blue Yonder Organic Farm, Creech started a nonprofit farm called Operation Groundwork, which receives the profits from the farm.

The nonprofit is a veteran training program that began in 2015. Once a year, the farm hosts a week-long training event similar to the one Creech went to in Arkansas—a combination of business and visiting different farms in and within two hours of Indianapolis.

On the first Sunday of every month during spring, summer and fall the farm hosts a picnic for military veterans and their families.

"We just want people to start connecting with nature and seeing that having animals or growing food—it just nourishes a part of you, especially in the military that can easily get hidden away," Creech said. "Responsibility for caring for animals, caring for vegetables, it's a reason to get up every day."



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Clean start

More than 10 years ago, a researcher noticed there was something different about the soil at M & J Starkey Farms in Brownsburg.

Bob Barr, a research scientist at the Center for Earth and Environmental Sciences at IUPUI, asked to take some soil samples. That led to an on-going water-monitoring project. It is one of two in which the farm is involved.

Three years after taking over his dad's farm in 1986, Mike Starkey and his nephew, Jeff, began to change things on the 2,550-acre farm. Starkey said the changes came out of economic stress. Farming equipment and fuel were getting more expensive, but the market value of corn, for example, was stagnant.

They started no-till soybeans in 1989 and from 1999 forward did no-till corn. They began planting cover crops between harvests. Starkey said those changes saved money and over time increased yields. The techniques also produced the soil that caught Barr's attention.

Researchers began monitoring the water coming off Starkey's farm for another long-term project two years ago. They also put sensors in the creek that passes through the farm. The creek feeds into the school branch, a tributary for Eagle Creek Reservoir. A machine attached to the sensors produces real-time water quality reports 24/7 that can be accessed on the internet.

The water coming off the farm, Starkey said, was cleaner than the creek because of the soil.

"You can't put a value on the soil health we have in our soil," he said.



Mike Starkey at M & J Starkey Farms, Brownsburg.

Photo by Cleveland Dietz



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TOX-AWAY DAYS: WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW



The Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District will again provide five Tox-Away Days in 2017. The events are an opportunity for Hendricks County households to properly recycle or dispose of household hazardous wastes, medical sharps, unwanted medicines, tires (fee may apply), appliances (\$5/\$10), computer components, TVs (\$20/\$25) and electronics.

So, what should you know if you are planning to utilize one of our upcoming Tox-Away Days?

1) They are very popular & well-attended.

As such, sometimes the lines for Tox-Away Days can be long. But, don't let that scare you away! The lines typically move quickly with most visitors getting through in under ten minutes. Also, note that any Hendricks County resident is welcome to use any of the Tox-Away Days, you don't have to only come to the one in your town.

2) We are there, rain or shine. Indiana weather is fickle. But, regardless of the forecast or what might be falling from the sky, we will be there on Tox-Away Day. There have been instances when severe weather has necessitated us pausing the line so our workers could seek shelter. If that happens, rest assured that we will resume the event when it is safe to do so and will get everyone taken care of.

3) Don't bring latex paint. We ask residents not to bring latex paint to Tox-Away Days. Why? Because latex paint is a water-based substance and it is non-hazardous. It can be dried out and disposed of with your normal household trash. Discouraging latex paint from Tox-Away Days helps the District minimize costs and speeds the Tox-Away Day lines up for everybody (see #1 above). Check out our step-by-step paint drying video demonstration at HendricksSolidWaste.com/latexpaintdrying.

4) Document shredding is not available. Protecting your private information is important. But, the mission of the Solid Waste Management District is about protecting the environment. So, that's our focus during these events. Document shredding is available every day from Staples and Office Depot in their print departments. Or, watch for information from your town about upcoming shredding events.

5) No heavy trash, please. Items such as mattresses, furniture, scrap metal, flooring and construction debris, etc. should not be brought to Tox-Away Day for disposal. We also are not set up to receive traditional recyclables like bottles, cans, newspaper and cardboard during the events.

6) Stay in your vehicle & let us do the work. We Hoosiers are helpful & hard working by our nature. But, when it comes to Tox-Away Day, it's better for everyone if you stay in your vehicle and let us do the unloading. The fact is, it helps keep the lines mov-

ing faster. Once one person gets out to help unload, then others begin to do the same thing—all that shifting, unbuckling, door opening, walking, chatting, walking, door closing, re-buckling and shifting takes time...

7) Be on time. Tox-Away Days operate from 8am until 1pm. The workers that help direct, unload, pack and transport the materials collected generally begin Tox-Away Day well before 7am to ensure a successful day. And, they work very hard during the event (snow, rain, wind and/or heat—see #2). So, when it is 1pm (on the dot...) the line is closed to any new vehicles. If you are in line prior to 1pm, you will be taken care of. If you are not in line in time, please understand.

If you have questions about what's accepted, fees that may apply or anything else related to an upcoming Tox-Away Day, please refer to HendricksSolidWaste.com, call us at 317-858-6070 or send us an email at info@HendricksSolidWaste.com.

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April 8

1000 S. Odell Street

Hendricks County
Fairgrounds

May 20

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Hickory
Elementary School

July 29

907 Avon Ave, Avon

Hendricks County
Fairgrounds

September 16

1900 E. Main St, Danville

Plainfield
Middle School

October 21

985 S. Longfellow Ln.

2017 Tox-Away Days

Tox-Away Days are opportunities for Hendricks County households to properly dispose of household hazardous waste (HHW), tires, electronics and appliances.

All HHW (chemicals, auto fluids, fluorescent bulbs, batteries, pesticides, herbicides, medicines, sharps, propane tanks, etc.) is accepted from households free of charge.

Fees are charged for the recycling of TV's (\$20/\$25), appliances (\$5/\$10) and tires (over a certain number).

Regulations prohibit wastes from businesses or other organizations from being accepted at Tox-Away Days. Latex paint should not be brought to Tox-Away Day for disposal—instead, dry it out and throw it away.



Events are open from 8am to 1pm | Visit HendricksSolidWaste.com or call 317-858-6070 for more info.

Get to know your Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District



Dedicated to promoting recycling, waste reduction and responsible waste management within Hendricks County.

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **Tox-Away Days:** opportunities for residents to properly recycle or dispose of household hazardous waste, electronics, computers, televisions, appliances and tires.
 - **Yard Waste Recycling Centers:** locations in Brownsburg and Plainfield where residents can bring brush, limbs, grass clippings, leaves, etc. to be recycled.
 - **Recycling Drop-off Centers:** collecting bottles, cans, jugs, jars, newspaper, office paper junk mail, cardboard, etc. Located in Coatesville, Lizton, North Salem and Stilesville to provide recycling options for those residents living where curbside recycling is not available.
- CONNECT WITH THE DISTRICT**
- Local reuse and recycling options are accessible 24/7 in the District's Online Recycling Directory available at HendricksSolidWaste.com.
 - The District's email newsletter provides recycling tips, Tox-Away Day reminders, program announcements and more. Residents can sign up on the homepage at HendricksSolidWaste.com.
 - Residents can also connect with the District at [Facebook.com/HCSWMD](https://www.facebook.com/HCSWMD) and should watch for agency posts on Nextdoor.com.

LET US HELP!

Isn't this time of year great? Spring is certainly a time of renewal and excitement. Whether you are planting your garden, dusting off the baseball mitts or planning your summer vacation, it's a wonderful time to live in Indiana.

Spring naturally makes many of us think of ways we can do our part to conserve our natural resources and protect our air, land and water. Please let us,

the Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District, help you and your family members do just that. Our mission is to promote recycling, waste reduction and responsible waste management in this community. In a nutshell, we work to keep waste from going to final disposal facilities like landfills and incinerators. We strive to do this through educational outreach to youth and adults and by providing select recycling and disposal services like our two Yard Waste Recycling Centers in Brownsburg and Plainfield and our Tox-Away Day events.

We are the clearinghouse for waste management information and resources in Hendricks County. If you have questions about how to recycle electronics you no longer want or need or you have cleaned out your medicine cabinets and don't know what to do with all those expired drugs, contact us. Or, how about getting rid of appliances, tires, pesticides,



Lenn Detwiler
 Executive Director
 HC Solid Waste Management District

fluorescent light bulbs, motor oil and paint? We have resources and programs we can point you to for the recycling or disposal of all of those and many more.

Much of that recycling and disposal information is available 24/7 at HendricksSolidWaste.com/online-directory in our Online Recycling Directory. Simply type in or select the item you have and a list of local organiza-

tions and programs will populate to show you your options. The entries even include phone numbers, hours of operation and maps to make the process easier.

Another way we work to connect Hendricks County with helpful waste management information is through our email newsletter. We publish it twice each month and provide information about current and upcoming programs (Tox-Away Day reminders!), recycling tips and trends and many other environmental tidbits. Signing up is easy to do: just scroll to the bottom of our homepage at HendricksSolidWaste.com and fill in the form.

So, as Earth Day 2017 approaches on April 22nd, consider making some simple changes that will reduce the waste you and your family produce. Maybe this is the year you begin recycling or composting. Please understand that small changes can make a big difference and we are here to help you do just that!



FUNDING

In 2016, nearly 94% of the District's funding was realized through a final disposal fee assessed at the Twin Bridges RDF (landfill) in Danville. For every ton of solid waste disposed of in the landfill, the District receives one dollar. No tax dollars are used to fund the District's operations.



Education & Environmental Stewardship



Each school year, the Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District (HC-SWMD) educates roughly 10,000 students on the importance of Recycling and its cousins Reduce and Reuse. There's also education on composting, proper disposal of hazardous waste and pollution control; all encompassed under environmental stewardship.

Although education is available for all grades, most of the education is done at the elementary level, Amy Sieferman, outreach coordinator for the district said.

"Environmental science is really easy to overarch with other subjects," Sieferman said. Reading, social studies, government, it's all tied together."

For instance, at the kindergarten level, Sieferman teaches the students how to identify the makeup of objects using their five senses, in order to determine if it can be

recycled.

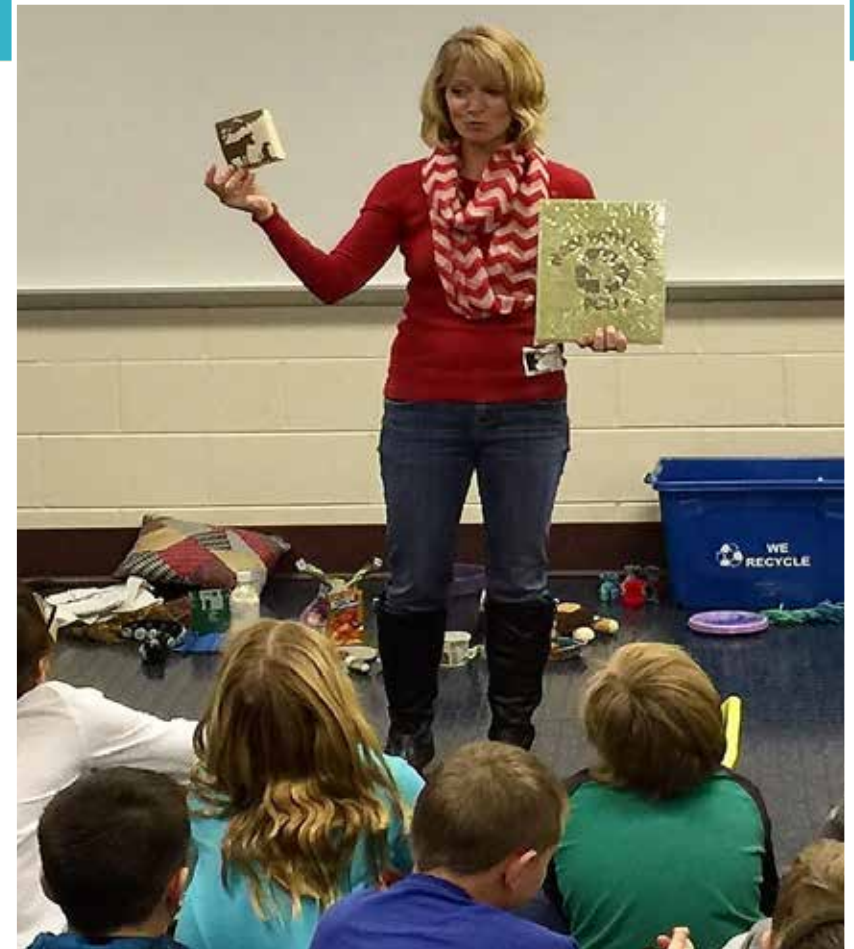
"We talk about what could go in their curbside bin, what could go in a drop-off bin, what kind of drop-off bins there are in Hendricks County," Sieferman said. "A lot of the times, the kids are ahead of the curve. They know what goes where and what can be recycled."

Sieferman, who takes the district education program to all the public and private schools in the county, added that she tries to engage the students with activities.

"A lot of times, it's hands-on kind of stuff," Sieferman said. "I like to get them in and actually touching, feeling and seeing things that have been made from recycled products."

Some students are lucky enough to learn about worms (used for composting). The students are taught worm anatomy while they get their hands dirty trying to catch a worm.

Sieferman said in the 23 years she has



Hendricks County Solid Waste Management Outreach Coordinator Amy Sieferman showing students at Clarks Creek Elementary School in Plainfield examples of new products made from reused and recycled materials as part of her How Do They Do That? program. **Photo submitted**



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been working in environmental education she has seen significant growth in the number of students that are aware of recycling because their parents are doing it at home.

"One of the first things I ask when I go into the classroom is how many of you recycle at home," Sieferman said. "It used to be, you'd get three or four kids out of a class of 30 that would raise their hands. Now it's way more than half the class."

"And I tell them, 'You guys are making a huge difference,'" Sieferman added. "We have a program started by one of our previous educators called Track Your Impact where we pretend that we've gone to the store and we talk about 'pre-cycling' which is thinking about recycling before you ever have to get rid of something."

Getting students to think about using resources and then how to dispose of the end product is a big part of the education. But Sieferman says the main goal is to get the

kids to think about their responsibility to the environment.

"The most important thing for them to know as adults is that we all have a responsibility, we all have the privilege of being able to affect our natural resources in good and bad ways," Sieferman said. "It's about making good choices."

Sieferman stresses that education does not end in the classroom. As a result of the commitment to environmental education on the part of classroom teachers, local parks, outdoor learning centers and other environmental educators in this community, students are leading by example. They have launched recycling, reuse and sustainable projects of their own. These ventures have included starting school-wide recycling programs, building school gardens, spearheading prom dress reuse programs, roadside cleanups and park programs.

FOR THE RECORD - HC OBITUARIES

AVON

Daniel B. Miller

Daniel B. Miller (Danny), 59, Avon, passed away March 14, 2017. He was born May 3, 1957. Services were held March 18 at Conkle Funeral Home in Avon

Dorothy E. Ward

Dorothy E. Ward, 78, Avon, passed away March 16, 2017. She was born Jan. 25, 1939. A Funeral Mass will be held 10 a.m. Monday, April 3 at St. Malachy Catholic Church, 9833 E. County Road 750 N, Brownsburg.

Debra Lynn Mulcahy

Debra Lynn Mulcahy, 62, Avon, passed away March 19, 2017. She was born Jan. 25, 1955. Services were held March 26th at Conkle Funeral Home, Avon.

BROWNSBURG

Robert E. Burcham

Robert E. Burcham, 88, Brownsburg, passed away on March 14, 2017. He was born May 24, 1928. Funeral services were held March 17 at Mathews Mortuary.

Marty Lee Brown

Martie Lee (Schuer) Brown, 50, Brownsburg, passed away March 13, 2017. She was born July 30, 1966. Services were held March 18 at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints in Indianapolis.

Gail Severe

Gail Severe, 67, Brownsburg, passed away March 16, 2017. She was born March 6, 1950. Services were held March 21 at Matthews Mortuary.

Harlan H. Hinkle

Harlan H. Hinkle, 84, Brownsburg, passed away March 16, 2017. He was born May 24, 1932. Services were held March 22 at the Calvary United Methodist Church.

Charles Ross Jr.

Charles Ross Jr., 84, Brownsburg, passed away March 17, 2017. He was born Nov. 25, 1932. The family will plan a memorial gathering at a later date.

Eleanor Bajt Meunier

Eleanor Bajt Meunier, 86, Brownsburg, passed away March 18, 2017. She was born Sept. 7, 1930. Services were held March 24 at St. Malachy Church, Brownsburg.

Miles G Irvine

Miles G Irvine, infant son of Robert and Bethany Irvine, passed away March 18, 2017. He was born March 17, 2017. Services were held March 24 at Saint Malachy Catholic Church, Brownsburg.

Paul E. Lucas

Paul E. Lucas, 85, Brownsburg, passed away Mar. 21, 2017. He was born Feb. 24, 1932. Services were private.

Barbara Jane Woods

Barbara Jane Woods, 80, Brownsburg, passed away on Mar. 22, 2017. She was born July 20, 1936. Services were held at March 27 at Hope Community Church, Brownsburg.

DANVILLE

Eileen Mansfield

Eileen Mansfield, 94, Danville passed away March 17, 2017. She was born Sept. 29, 1922. Services were held March 21 at Conkle Funeral Home Avon Chapel.

PLAINFIELD

Esta P. Ridenour

Esta P. Ridenour, 99, Plainfield, passed away March 17, 2017. She was born October 13, 1917. Services were held March 20 at Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home, Plainfield.

Dianna M. Spivey

Dianna M. Spivey, 65, Plainfield, passed away March 18, 2017. She was born Sept. 27, 1951. Services were held March 24 at Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home, Plainfield.

Aileen Wildman

Aileen Wildman, 93, Plainfield, passed away March 20, 2017. She was born January 21, 1924. Services were held March 21 at Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home, Plainfield.

Georgia Lee Hatfield Chappell

Georgia Lee Hatfield Chappell, 70, Plainfield, passed away March 15, 2017. She was born May 19, 1946. Services were held March 25 at Conkle Funeral Home, Avon.

Alice J. Buchanan

Alice J. Buchanan, 85, Plainfield, passed away March 19, 2017. She was born Nov. 28, 1931. Services were held March 25 at Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home, Plainfield.

Mary Lou Patricia Higgins

Mary Lou Patricia Higgins, 74, Plainfield, passed away March 22, 2017. She was born Dec. 27, 1942. A Memorial service will be at a later date in Florida.



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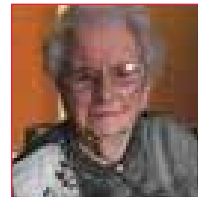
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Trey Lyles won a state championship, played in the NCAA Final Four, and was the No. 12 lottery pick in the 2015 NBA Draft, all before his 20th birthday. He relies on his team at Hendricks Regional Health for building strength, increasing agility and preventing injury on his road to becoming the most versatile player in the NBA. Believe in your possibilities. We can help. Request an evaluation at [HENDRICKS.ORG/PHYSICALTHERAPY](https://www.hendricks.org/physicaltherapy).

*Trey Lyles
Utah Jazz*



OUR VIEW

50 shades of green

Our annual 'Green Issue' cover story recognizes the efforts of some very dedicated individuals. We are grateful for the example they set in terms of environmental preservation. Yet, we believe, big or small, every effort counts whether that means starting an organic garden, running an energy efficient business, or simply tossing a soda can in the recycle bin. It is all appreciated.

April may be the most environmentally-conscious time of the year. We celebrate Earth Day April 22 and Arbor Day April 28 (last Friday of the month). In addition, many residents will be out reviving their gardens with rich soil and bee-loving flowers.

But tilling the soil barely scratches the surface when it comes to protecting our environment. There are many ways to "go green," and Hendricks County offers ample opportunity to do so.

Instead of throwing away harmful waste that might contaminate our air, water and soil, take it to 'Tox-Away Days' Saturday, April 8, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Brownsburg High School. Officials from Hendricks County Solid Waste Management will dispose of almost anything you have that's toxic, and most of it at no cost - old medications, electronics, and tires to name a few. For a complete list of acceptable items, go to: www.hendrickssolidwaste.com.

If you do prefer digging in the soil, don't miss the Native Plant and Tree Sale Wednesday, April 22 at Sodalis Nature Park, 7700 S County Rd 975 E, Plainfield. Hendricks County Parks and Recreation will be there to ensure your landscaping project preserves Indiana's unique biodiversity.

Our local agencies protect the environment every single day. For that we are grateful. But despite their invaluable knowledge and expertise, they also rely on us to be environmentally responsible - just like our neighbors, our children, and generations to come. We encourage residents to "go green" today so Hendricks County looks just as beautiful tomorrow.

BELIEVE IT!

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

In Alaska, It is considered an offense to push a live moose out of a moving airplane.

SOURCE: dumblaws.com

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Grand Vacation Redux

HUMOR

By Dick Wolfsie

Mary Ellen is planning our 2017

summer vacation. She wants to go to the Canadian Rockies. I get nervous about trips like this. Sometimes we get on each other's nerves when we travel together and it looks like this time we're going to have a particularly rocky start...and finish.

Back in 2007, we took a trip to the Grand Canyon, the only place in America where you're allowed to drag your kid to the precipice of one of the world's deepest chasms, but they put you in the slammer if you feed a squirrel.

In the gift shop on the South Rim, the clerk recommended a book called—hold on to your hat (actually, hold on to anything you can): *Over the Edge: Death in the Grand Canyon*. What a charming choice for fans of light summer reading.

The authors do not restrict their colorful travelogue to unscheduled plunges to the bottom. They want you to know that with a little bit of poor planning, you can also die of dehydration or starvation. Rattlesnake bites, driving slide-offs, and eating poisonous plants are some of the more fun options to choose from.

Authors Myers and Ghiglieri want you to know how safe the Canyon is if you are careful, but the book seems oddly misplaced in the gift shop so close to, well, the edge. You won't find pamphlets relating the history of scaldings on the counter of McDonald's or brochures about whimsical power-tool mishaps attached to your chainsaw purchases.

There are many other entertaining stories in the book, including bear attacks, drownings, and rock slides, to name a few. So

many ways to buy the farm and still enjoy the grandeur of nature. Maybe I'm an optimist but I look at it this way: just a few hundred deaths in six million years. That's not a bad record.

You want to hear more, don't you? In one touching chapter a man makes tea for his wife out of a deadly canyon flower and they both die within minutes. In another section, a woman tries to pet a mountain lion. There's clearly a fine line between bad luck and stupidity. An elderly couple got lost in their 1996 Taurus on a back road. They were found dehydrated, but still alive. They had no water but a week's supply of Depends. I'd call that ironic.

The chapter on suicide makes it clear this really is the place to go if you have a flair for the dramatic. It is rumored that one guy who met his maker by diving off a cliff had complained at the gate that the entry fee was exorbitant and he would never come back again. No idle threat there.


Travelers from abroad love the Grand Canyon. Europeans winter in Arizona. Asians summer in the Canyon. Americans usually fall there. About 600 feet. That's just an average, though; your actual plummet may vary.


While we're in the Rockies this summer, we probably can't avoid dangerous cliffs, windy roads and harsh weather. But we will stay away from bookstores.




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

THUMBS UP, THUMBS DOWN

 To the Youth Leadership Hendricks County class of 2016-17 for recently completing their closing retreat. Every community needs strong local leadership to be successful. The skills imbued in these youngsters are a significant step as they transition into these very leaders. Applications for the YLHC 2017-18 are due April 10, 2017. For more information about YLHC, visit www.hendricks-countymuseum.org.

 To Visit Hendricks County on recently being named a Best Cooperative Partnership at the Indiana Tourism Awards. Recent studies have revealed the extent to which tourism benefits our community. For those who do not yet know, the work done by VHC is tremendously important to our economy and quality of life. We commend VHC for its efforts to better Hendricks County through active collaboration.

 To the faceless individuals trying to con local residents in a series of new credit card scams. Danville Metro Police have received several reports of credit card information being stolen and used. These individuals are using every medium to contact residents, from phone calls to email to snail mail. We urge everyone to do their research and know who you're dealing with before disclosing financial information. For some quick tips on how to guard against scams, visit www.scamwatch.gov.au/get-help/protect-yourself-from-scams

QUOTE

"If a cluttered desk is the sign of a cluttered mind, what is the significance of a clean desk?"

~ Laurence J. Peter

Doughboy Remembering one of Hendricks County's WW1 veterans

By Chris Cornwall

The Great War (1914-18) was characterized by the advent of mechanized infantry, chemical nerve agents, and trench battles with no clear beginning or end. On April 6, 1917, President Woodrow Wilson ended a policy of non-intervention after Germany defied its original promise to cease unrestricted submarine warfare against civilian ships. Two-million Americans would fight on the battlefields of France, and more than 50,000 lost their lives in battle according to the Congressional Research Service.

A list assembled by the Indiana Historic Commission contains the names of fallen Hoosier soldiers. Many of these young men were from Hendricks County (for complete list, visit www.hendcogen.org/military/goldstarindex.html).

'The Gold Star Honor Roll' includes the soldier's division, regiment, and training camp location. For those who survived the widespread influenza outbreaks in U.S. camps, you will see an embarkment date, and when and where the soldier died overseas.

One entry, the listing for Oscar Barker Holtzclaw, is unique for a few reasons. It says Holtzclaw was killed in action but the battle and burial sites are "unknown." Also, the boy from Middle Township was only 16 years-old when he enlisted and 17 when he died in battle.

At the time of his enlistment in July 1917,



Headstone of Oscar Barker Holtzclaw, Danville South Cemetery. Photo by Chris Cornwall

age requirements were ambiguous and open to interpretation. The only clear rule was that the recruit could not be under 16. In many cases, a parental consent form was all that was needed to send a minor into war.

Holtzclaw apparently enlisted in the Indiana National Guard, which was assigned to the 38th Division. The division was activated in Aug. 1917 and composed of units drawn from Indiana, Kentucky, and West Virginia. The War Department mandated that Guard regiments were given three digit numbers and the Indiana Infantry became the 151st Infantry.

Soldiers of the 38th Division reported to Camp Shelby, Miss. where they were hastily trained with wooden rifles. America had not yet produced enough supplies and equipment for its swelling ranks. It is said the division was given the name "Cyclone" after a tornado touched down in camp.

Holtzclaw embarked for France in April of 1918 according to the honor roll. He likely spent 7 - 10 days crossing the Atlantic in a convoy flanked with destroyers to ward off German submarines.

According to Harper's Pictorial Library of the World War, Volume 5, "the 38th division was ordered to the Le Mans area" where it was broken up to provide replacements for other units. Le Mans is a city in France, on the Sarthe River.

Without knowing what unit he was assigned to, it becomes increasingly difficult to track Holtzclaw from this point. However, a search of local cemeteries revealed that a headstone was erected for the young Corporal.

In Danville South Cemetery, next to the graves of his parents, Eva and Edward Grant Holtzclaw, is a headstone that reads "Erected by mother & sisters in memory of Oscar B. Holtzclaw, Sept. 4, 1901 - Oct. 6, 1918." Under this, an Army Infantry Emblem tells us he was serving in the 32nd Division, 128th Infantry Regiment, Company F.

According to information from the '32D Red Arrow Veteran Association,' on the morning of Oct. 5, 1918, troops from the 32nd Division attacked German machine gun nests from the southeastern edge of the Bois de la Morine, a once wooded area in the west of France.

The 127th Infantry having 3 battalions in the line closely supported by the 128th Infantry, which followed the attack with one battalion behind the other... Gas and flame troops and tanks were assigned to the attacking units, and were used to assist the doughboys... determined resistance was met with in these woods, and hand-to-hand fighting developed when our men followed the barrage into the thick undergrowth and found



OSCAR BARKER HOLTZCLAW Corporal

Son of Edward Grant and Eva Holtzclaw; born September 4, 1901, Pittsboro, Hendricks County, Ind. Farmer. Enlisted in July, 1917, Indianapolis, Ind. Sent to Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Ind. Transferred to Camp Shelby, Miss. Embarked April 19, 1918; assigned to Company D, 151st Infantry. Killed in action October 12, 1918. (Battle in which he was killed and burial place not known).

Source: Listing from the Indiana Historic Commission Gold Star Honor Roll

that the enemy had not yet had enough.. During the attack on 5 October, the 127th Infantry was relieved in the front line by the 128th, and on the night of 5-6 October, the 126th Infantry was relieved by the 125th. Both of the retiring regiments had suffered heavily in their struggle to advance.

Eventually, the position was captured by 32nd Division. The war came to an end a month later, Nov. 11, 1918.

Without additional information, it is hard to say for sure if Corporal Holtzclaw perished during the battle near Bois de la Morine. What is certain is that these soldiers displayed courage and honor when America called upon them to serve. The ICON would like to express its sincerest gratitude to all the men and women who served in The Great War.

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GARDENING

With the continuing popularity of the many types of hydrangeas available to gardeners, there remains quite a bit of confusion as to how to properly prune these shrubs. The problem is that there are four very different types of shrub hydrangeas, each with multiple cultivars, and each type requires a different pruning procedure.

The most intimidating to prune are the extremely popular mophead or bigleaf hydrangeas, *Hydrangea macrophylla*, which include all of the 'Endless Summer' cultivars, sold in distinctive blue pots. These have been revolutionary for area gardeners since the older, less-hardy cultivars bloom only on year-old stems, and in our climate zone they

“There are four very different types of shrub hydrangeas, each with multiple cultivars, and each type requires a different pruning procedure.”

often died to the ground, with the resultant loss of old stems and flower buds. The new growth develops into lots of foliage, but no flowers. The 'Endless Summer' series are "re-montant", which means they bloom on both year-old and new (current year) stems. It is important to just lightly prune the stems back to any swelling buds in the spring. These buds will provide flowers in early summer. Never cut stems to the ground unless a severe winter has killed the plant back to the roots. If the later has unfortunately happened, the new stems that come from the roots will bloom in late summer into the fall. Regardless, to have a healthy mophead hydrangea, be sure to provide it with soil enriched with lots of compost, and water regularly.

The second group of hydrangeas is *Hydrangea arborescens*, the most famous of which is the undemanding and extremely reliable 'Annabelle', around for over 100 years. In recent years, new cultivars have been introduced, including 'Incrediball' and 'Invincibelle'. This is the most easy and fool-proof group of hydrangeas to prune. Simply cut the whole plant to the ground in late



Photo by John Chapin

fall or early spring. Robust new growth will erupt with warm weather and a bountiful display of blooms is assured.

The third group is *Hydrangea paniculata*, or Panicle Hydrangea, an increasingly popular group of spectacular blooming plants that include 'Pinky Winky', 'Bobo', 'Little Quick Fire', 'Firelight', and 'Strawberry Sundae'. There is a cultivar for every garden, big or small, as they mature in size from 3' to over 9'. All varieties bloom on new wood, so pruning involves just cutting back the old, faded flowers and long stems to get a rounded form (not to the ground as with the last group), ready to sprout in late spring, flowering in summer.

The last group is *Hydrangea quercifolia*, the Oakleaf Hydrangea. Cultivars range from the dwarf 'Ruby Slippers' to the huge 'Snow Queen', and it's worth seeking out named cultivars which have better bloom performance compared to the species. Oakleaf hydrangeas bloom on old wood, which means they should be pruned only to shape as needed. If the proper cultivar is used, even pruning to maintain size will not be required.

There is a hydrangea for every landscape. They are undemanding and long-lived. Enjoy them without worrying about how to prune them!



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.

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RECIPE

By Jerry Renzy

I think we can all agree that the best food is the freshest food. You can make a pizza that's not only the fresh, clean (no bad additives or preservatives) and inexpensive! Read the label on a frozen pizza sometime and you might decide not to buy it. The only real work is making the dough. Any amateur can prepare the dough in 15 minutes (not including the time the yeast is doing its work) The recipe makes 2 crusts. You can use one and save one dough ball in the refrigerator for up to a week. You could also roll the 2nd one and freeze it for a few weeks.

Pizza dough ingredients

(makes 2 medium to large sized pizzas)

- 3 ½ cups flour
- 2 tbsps. sugar
- ½ tsp. salt
- 1 cup hot water (120 to 125 degrees F)
- 3 tbsps. Olive oil
- plus 1 tbsps. for the dough rise bowl

Toppings: (for each pizza)

- 2 cups tomato sauce
- 12 oz. Mozzarella cheese
- ½ lb. pizza sausage or pepperoni

1) In a large bowl combine 1 cup of flour, sugar, undissolved yeast and salt. Blend well with whip.

2) Slowly add water and olive oil to mixture. Mix until blended with a wooden spoon, then add the rest of the flour gradually while kneading it with your hands. It should be slightly sticky. If it's too wet, add a little more flour.

3) Oil a clean bowl with the olive oil and put the doughball in to rise in a warm area. Cover it with a loose piece of Saran Wrap and let it rise until doubled in size.

4) Preheat the oven to 500 degrees. Cut doughball in half, roll into balls and put 1 ball in an airtight container in the refrigerator to use later.

5) Put dough on a floured surface and top with a little flour to keep the rolling pin (or empty wine bottle) from sticking.

6) Put it on a sheet pan. Add the sauce, mozzarella cheese and small bits of sausage or pepperoni. Bake for 5-7 minutes or until cheese is melted and golden.

* optional: add fresh basil on top of the sauce, add anything else that you like on your pizzas!



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Easter dinner wines

WINE & DINE

By Mark Vickery
It's that time of year again! Spring

has arrived and Easter is right around the corner. If you enjoy wine with your Easter feast, but can't decide what to serve, may I offer some suggestions?

First of all, let me say that you are never wrong serving a wine that you like. Having ham and want to drink Oliver Soft Red? Go for it! Serving up lamb and want to drink a white zin with it? I won't stop you. But if you want to branch out and away from your wine comfort zone, here are some ideas.

Having ham and want to drink a white wine with it? Try Riesling. Chateau St Michelle, from Washington, has a medium sweetness that complements the ham while not overshadowing it. Or try Dr. L Riesling from Germany which also has a medium sweetness, but displays a crisp mineral backbone.

If sweet wines are not your thing, but you want to stay with a white wine, then go for a Sauvignon Blanc or French white Bordeaux. Either will give you that crisp acidity that cleanses your palate for the next bite.

Want a red instead? Try a Cote du Rhone. These are moderately priced Grenache



blends. Anne Delaroché is a good example. It has a round and supple mouthfeel with a smooth finish, and goes great with cheesy side dishes.

If you can't make up your mind, then opt for a dry rose wine. Roses are making a major comeback because they are so versatile and so good.

What if you're having some form of Lamb? French Syrah is a good match. A beautiful, deep red, almost black color, its richness matches that of the lamb. On the other hand, if you are doing lamb chops, then you might consider an Australian Shiraz. It has some spiciness and a bit more

tannic structure that makes it a good companion to chops.

Lamb is a meat that goes well with a lot of different red wines. French Bordeaux, Spanish Riojas or Italian Chiantis all match well with lamb.

On another note, several issues back, I did a column about wine and chili and mentioned that my son-in-law, Zach, made a very tasty chili. In all modesty, he wanted me to point out that his chili won the 9th Annual Super Bowl Chili Cook-off at my house.

And last issue, I wrote about a delicious meal we had at Merrily and Larry Nilles' home, which included a homemade bread made with salsa. Larry pointed out that, while Merrily made the rest of the meal, it was he that made the bread. Duly noted! Finally, I wish all of you good eating during this Easter and Passover season.



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Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:

Hats: COWBOY, FEDORA, PANAMA
PILLBOX, SOMBRERO, STRAW

Easter: BASKET, BUNNY, EGG, LILY,
SUNDAY

Things: BERET, CREPES, LOUVRE, SEINE

Cities: LAFAYETTE, LA PORTE
LEBANON

Highways: SEVENTY,
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Answers

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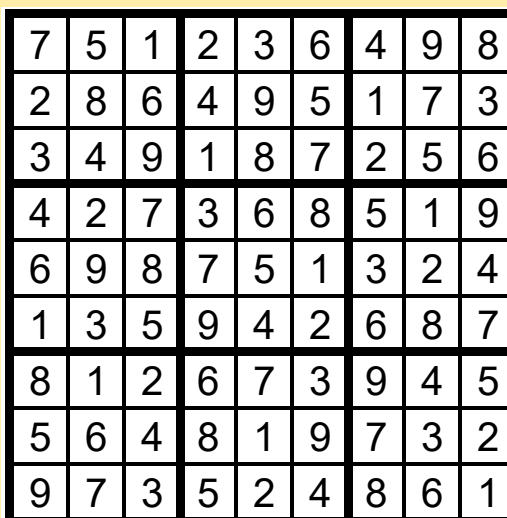
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Puzzle Time



How to make silk-dyed eggs

What you need

- Eggs
- Old silk scarves or ties
- White vinegar
- Rubber bands
- Socks

How to make them

- If you want to keep them for more than a year you can blow out your eggs if you want to make them last for years to come. To do this just poke a hole in the top and bottom, then use a small straw to blow out the yolk and whites. Rinse it out, let dry, and you're ready to go!
- Tightly wrap egg in scarf. Then secure with rubber band.
- Place the egg in a sock and secure with a rubberband.
- Add 1 cup vinegar to pot of gently boiling water. You want about 1 teaspoon of vinegar for every half cup of water. Be sure to use enamel or glass pot (something non-reactive).
- Drop eggs into water and let sit for 20 minutes. If they're blown eggs, fill them with water beforehand so they sink.
- We removed the eggs from the boiling water and allowed them to cool.
- Unwrap them and check out your creation. NOTE: These are not to be eaten – they are for display only.

Source: ABC News



Seeing art in childhood

Analysis of the National Endowment for the Arts' 2012 Survey of Public Participation in the Arts (SPPA) data shows a strong association between childhood arts experiences and adult attendance at arts events. Adults who visited an art museum as a child were 4.8 times more likely to visit an art museum or gallery as an adult. This finding controlled for educational entertainment, gender, age, and other factors correlated with arts participation.

Source: NEA

NIGHT & day LOCAL Entertainment ENTERTAINING

EVENTS calendar

1 Saturday

Dogtona

10 a.m. – 3 p.m. | Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds & Conference Complex, 1900 E. Main St., Danville | Games for dogs to play, informational exhibitors on animal care, and causes and animal related hard goods. Rescues with adoptable dogs | \$5 per dog | For more information, call (317) 745-3338.

2 Sunday

Dr. Albert Lilly Trumpet

3 p.m. | Calvary United Methodist Church, 4396 E. Main Street, Avon | Hendricks Symphony Presents Dr. Albert Lilly Trumpet. Dr. Albert Lilly will present a free concert at Bartlett Chapel United Methodist Church under the direction of Benjamin G. Del Vecchio. Dr. Lilly will perform several classical selections | For more information, call (517) 403-8379.

8 Saturday

Fairy Gardens

2 – 4 p.m. | McCloud Nature Park/Recreation/Parks and Trails, 8518 Hughes Rd., North Salem | Turn your garden in a fairy hotspot by providing these elfin creatures with what they truly desire: a landscape as small as themselves. Recommended for ages 6+. Register in advance by April 6 | Price: \$3/project (up to 2 people per project) | For more information, call Jeremy Weber at (317) 718-6118.

15 Saturday

Jambox @ Doghouse Sports Bar

10 p.m. | The DogHouse, 18 Whittington Dr. Brownsburg

21 – 23 Friday-Sunday

2017 Arts Gala: Perspective

Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library Art Gallery, 1120 Stafford Rd., Plainfield | The Friends of the Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library invite you to 2016 Arts Gala: Perspective. This annual art sale/fundraiser is one of the largest indoor fine art events in Hendricks County, offering art items in a variety of styles and media for sale to the public | For more information, call at Joanna Carter at (317)839-6602.

Christian Ministry Music Star to Perform at SDA

By Tiffany Giles

Naomi Striemer will be performing on Saturday April 8 at the Seventh Day Advent church located at 4172 N County Road 900 in Brownsburg, admission is free. Striemer is an award winning musician, inspirational speaker and bestselling author. She has been nominated for multiple music awards, topped music charts in both the United States and Canada and most recently she has written a bestselling book detailing her transition from pop music to Christian music ministry.

Striemer has an incredible life story. She was raised by missionaries and home schooled on a Canadian animal farm where she was not exposed to media in any form.

She began singing at a young age and by age 18, she landed a contract with a major record label but within hours of her deal she received an even greater calling from God.

Striemer's autobiography 'Backstage Pass' documents her story from the boardroom of Sony Records to her life today in following Christ. A journey she very much enjoys and which includes stops like the upcoming concert in Brownsburg. "Being a Christian artist, I love to do programs and events in Churches. People come ready to worship and draw closer to God in a house of the Lord so the environment in many ways is already created. It's one of the best experiences getting to worship and praise in various churches around the world and so many different congregations. It's very special." Striemer said.

Striemer's hope is that the songs and messages she shares are an "inspiration and enjoyment for people." This is evident in all her works, her album the Hope That Breaks the Dark album is filled with 11 songs and 41 minutes of encouragement. Songs that reflect the beauty, hope and love of God combined with uplifting music and a great beat. All of her music is available for download in the iTunes store and hard copies can be purchased through her website.

"Hope That Breaks the Dark" is also the name of Striemer's current nationwide tour but these days tour life has changed. She explained, "I have a family now, so being on the road is more so on weekends or once or twice a year a big, several-weeks tour with my family. I enjoy the big month long tours



Naomi Striemer

Photo submitted

where my husband and son get to come with me. The overall best part of going to different areas for concerts and Church services is meeting people and hearing stories. The worst part is often the travel itself. Unless you are in New Zealand, where driving for hours is really beautiful."

On March 8 her new music video for 'Go On' was released and it was filmed exclusively in New Zealand and can be viewed at naomistriemermusic.com

For additional information on her upcoming tour, music videos, merchandise and inspiration follow Naomi on Facebook @ Naominstriemer.

Bully prevention event

Basically Buttercream will host its second annual Anti-Bullying event April 15 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. at its store, 729, N. Green Street, Brownsburg. Kids of any age can attend and pledge not to bully to receive a free cupcake. Guest speakers will be on hand to talk to kids about the different types of bullying. For more information, call (317) 286-7617.



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Hendricks County Easter Egg Hunts

Avon

Sensory Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8 | 9 – 12 p.m. | Washington Township Parks and Recreation Department, 435 Whipple Ln, Avon | Sensory Easter Egg Hunt is designed to give children a chance to hunt for Easter Eggs in a controlled, quiet and not so chaotic playful setting. Predetermined age groups will have a scheduled start time in groups of 5. Each child will have their own exclusive spot. Each child will hunt for 20 Easter eggs. A gluten free Brunch will be provided and served by GracePointe Church. Registration required at www.washingtontwparks.org | For more information, call (317) 745-0785.

Family Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15 | 1 - 3 p.m. | Hendricks Regional Health YMCA, 301 Satori Parkway, Avon | Egg hunts, pony rides, a petting zoo, food trucks (available for purchase) and fun giveaways! Pre-register at EchoChurch.cc/Easter to be entered in drawings for free sports tickets to pro teams in Indy.

Brownsburg

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8 | 11 a.m. | Arbuckle Acres Park, 200 N Green St Brownsburg | Photos with the Bunny start at 9:30 and the egg hunt begins at 11 a.m. Arbuckle Arces Park, 200 N Green St Brownsburg | For more information, call (317) 858-4172.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15 | 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. | Hope Community Church, 3350 N. State Road 267, Brownsburg | There will be three age grouped fields full of candy/prize filled eggs. Drawings for candy/prize filled Easter baskets will also be held. Toddler children and up to 5th Grade are welcome. For more information, call (317) 852-2616.

Danville

Easter Egg Hunt at Ellis Park

Saturday, April 15 | 1:30 - 3 p.m. | Ellis Park and Gill Family Aquatic, 600 E Main St, Danville | Pictures with the Easter Bunny begin at 1:30pm. Photos are free and will be posted online. The Easter Egg Hunt begins at 2pm. We will have separate hunting areas for children ages 2-3, 4-6 and 7-9. There is also a separate hunting option for kids with special needs. Immediately after the Easter Egg Hunt, join Danville Parks & Recreation for the Rubber Ducky Race.

North Salem

Eggstravaganza

Saturday, April 15 | 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. | 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. Wear hiking shoes, dress for the weather, and bring water. For more information, contact Jeremy Weber at (317) 718-6188.

Plainfield

Plainfield Easter Eggstravaganza

Saturday, April 15 | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Saturday, April 15 | Plainfield Aquatic Center, 651 Vestal Rd, Plainfield.



FAITHONFOOD

by Faith Toole

AN OPTION

LA Café

4 South Main
Whitestown

The LA Café on Main Street in Whitestown, just north of Zionsville, was our chosen destination. It was a warm early spring afternoon and, of course, the top was down on the VW Beetle. The LA Café's patio is dog friendly allowing our Boxer, Willie, to join us for dinner [including a little bit of prime rib].

Our shrimp cocktail appetizer was outstanding, and the horseradish sauce [similar to a decades old eatery in downtown Indy] was killer. We narrowed down our entrees to prime rib, served with freshly made horseradish sauce, and Parmesan encrusted pork loin with lemon beurre blanc sauce. Their pork is hand pounded and breaded with Parmesan cheese and flat top grilled. It was a



healthy and delicious choice. Both the prime rib and the pork were cooked to perfection and enhanced by the flavors of the house made sauces.

I consider myself a "crème connoisseur" and LA Café's crème brûlée just might be the best in the area. The presentation is over the top – it's served with 4 chocolate covered strawberries! I highly recommend that you leave room to enjoy it. Also, if you like vintage motorcycles, you'll love the LA Café's decorations and atmosphere.

WHERE I DINE

Mary Turkal

Plainfield

Where do you like to dine?

Iguana's.

What do you like there?

Iguana's food is good and they make great margaritas. They have a long list of frozen and on the rocks margaritas to choose from. I also like that they have Dos XX on draft.



What do you like about this place?

I work out at Studio Z, we will go after our Thursday work outs and celebrate birthdays. Our family loves going on Tuesday's because kids eat free. Great place!

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The Drunk Duck

Bartender: Dylan Brown, Avon

- Large Bowl Glass
- 1/2 ounce 3 Olives orange vodka
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- 1/2 ounce melon liqueur
- 1/2 ounce Blue Curaco
- 3 ounces pineapple juice
- Top off with Sprite

Stir and garnish with Rubber Ducky



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Grieving and gratitude

LIFE'S CHOICES

By Karl Zimmer

In the coming months, I will reach the anniversaries of my parents' passing, the third of my father's and seventh of my mother's. We recently also lost other family members and our dear West Highland White Terrier. Grieving is a common thread that we all endure, each in our own way, unique to ourselves, our circumstances, and the relationships we had with those we've lost. Some of us may question whether we are grieving correctly, whether we are grieving enough or not enough. The truth is, whatever way you grieve is the right way for you.

Though there are different events that cause us to grieve, the process tends to have a common form. What makes the process most difficult and painful is the feeling of loss, the feeling of what we are missing because the object of our grief is no longer with us. There are reminders at every turn, and it seems impossible to ignore the loss. As I observed my own grieving, I became aware that in my darkest moments, when the pain was at its worst, my mind was clearly focused on the loss. In a way, it seemed to be more about me and my loss than about the one I had lost.

It is understandable for us to spend some time following our loss in the pain of our grief. It is common for us to feel anger, disbelief, and sorrow. The length of time we spend in each phase of the grieving process varies from one person to the next, and the order with which we experience each phase may also be different. We will, however, reach a time when we move to acceptance,



when life begins to return to a semblance of normalcy, albeit a new normal. What holds many people back, what causes some people to stay stuck in the most painful part of the process, is a belief that they are somehow honoring the memory of the one they've lost by showing their pain and sorrow. It is as if to say, "See how much pain I'm in; I really did love you."

I believe the best way for us to honor those we've lost is to celebrate the life we shared with them, what we learned from them and the qualities we cherished about them, and to allow those memories to be our focus. By allowing our grieving to turn into gratitude, we honor those we've lost and can feel joyful for a life well lived. That, more than in any other way, shows how much we loved them. How cool is that?



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Is your child suffering from a sore throat?

DIETARY

By Melissa Essig, MD

It's that time of year when our kids come home with sore throats. If you've ever wondered exactly what doctors are looking for when performing a throat culture, they are trying to determine the cause of the sore throat. Bacterial, fungal or viral infections in the throat can all cause pain, swelling and/or discoloration. Treatment for each of these problems will vary so it is important to figure out the source of the infection.

A sample swabbed from the back of the throat is put in a special culture cup that allows infections to grow over a 24-to-48-hour period. If an infection grows, the culture is positive. The type of infection is determined by using a microscope, chemical tests or both. If no infection grows then the culture is negative.

Some infections that physicians are looking for when doing a throat culture include:

- Group A streptococcus. These bacteria can cause strep throat, scarlet fever and rheumatic fever. If strep throat is the likely culprit for throat pain, a test called a rapid strep test can be done before a throat culture. With a rapid strep test, results are ready in about 10 minutes. The rapid strep test has a fairly high rate of false-negatives so when the results of a rapid strep test are negative but symptoms of strep exist many physicians recommend doing a throat culture to make sure that the strep bacteria is indeed not present. Strep throat can lead to more

serious illnesses, such as rheumatic fever (a disease that may harm the heart valves) so it's important to get proper medical treatment for strep throat.

- Neisseria meningitidis. These bacteria can cause meningitis.
- Candida albicans. This fungus causes thrush, an infection of the mouth and tongue and sometimes of the throat. This can sometimes develop in children that use inhaled steroids.
- Throat cultures can also be used to check to see if a person who is asymptomatic is a carrier of infection. Carriers may not themselves show signs of illness but can infect others around them.

The vast majority of sore throats are caused by viruses that go away on their own after a few days. Mild sore throat is often one of the first symptoms of the common cold and can be treated with home remedies such as rest, fluids and over-the-counter cold medications. Antibiotics will not heal a viral infection. If the onset of a sore throat is sudden, accompanied by fever, painful swallowing, loss of appetite or headache, you should see your primary care physician.



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The question tool

RELATIONSHIPS

By Sherry Stafford Rediger, PhD

In November, each day we are reminded Communication is cited as one of the top relationship concerns among couples, but few understand what is creating all the madness.

It is frustrating and painful to live intimately with a partner and feel chronically misunderstood, ignored, unheard, or devalued. Much of what passes for communication is a volley of words back and forth, most of which are never really caught, held, and considered.

Two of the worst communication offenders are Assumptions and Accusations. Assumptions kill the need to find out more. If you already think you know, then it is unlikely that you will ask.

Accusations create defensiveness - layers

of barriers - and harden the ability of either party to listen deeply.

I encourage couples to use, what I call, "The Question Tool." When a statement is made, especially one that creates unsettling emotion, a restatement is made of what was heard. And then, a request to know if that was the meaning intended.

The Question Tool is exactly this: "I heard you say... Is that what you meant?"

Christopher and Blaire are in their late twenties and have been married three years. Their first few attempts at using the tool were clumsy. Chris turned to Blaire, "I heard you say you are going on the trip with your friends even if it means expenses we can't afford... Uh... What are you thinking?"

Chris got the first part of the tool right - he restated what he thought Blaire was trying to communicate to him. The question he offered as follow-up was more of an

accusation and would have shut down further dialogue with Blaire.

The follow-up question, after restating what you believe your partner is communicating, is always: "Is that what you meant?"

When Blaire was asked this question, it was an opportunity for her to clarify: "Actually, what I meant is that I want to go on this trip and I'm willing to give up other things so we don't go off budget."

Sometimes your partner will restate something and you will realize you said it, but it's not what you intend. If your partner accurately repeats back to you something you communicated that sounds stunningly offensive in your own ear, don't hesitate to invoke the famously helpful, "Do Over."

"Wow. That is what I said and I don't like that I said it. I'd really like a 'do over.' I'm sorry. Let me say that differently."

Couples might be hesitant to use "The Question Tool" because it's human nature to be convinced we already know or already heard correctly. Once the tool is used effectively, most couples realize how often they misinterpret their partner.

After several sessions, Blaire noted, "I'm using this tool in a lot of different relationships and it's dramatically decreasing some of the frustrations I've had. When I hear something that bugs me, I just take a breath, and use the tool."



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April 2017

Mrs. Wynn
by Bristol Tennerly
1st grade
Danville North Elementary

Teacher of the Month



From left: Bristol Tennerly, Mrs. Wynn
and Chick-Fil-A baby cow

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Mrs. Wynn is the best teacher ever! She is so nice to me. She is very funny too! She dressed up like an old lady for the 100th day of school and made me laugh! I love science because of all the fun science experiments we do. She makes sure that I get special help when I need it. She also gives us candy at the end of the day for getting on good colors! Mrs. Wynn works very hard to make sure we have fun and do good in school. She should be Teacher of the Month!!

At right, photos of
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OEMs fail to sink Ink and Toner owner

By Chris Cornwall

When it comes to the printer business, original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) make most of their profits from ink and toner sales. Anyone who's paid 40 dollars for a cartridge that holds half an ounce of ink knows it all too well.

"It's ridiculous what companies like HP and Cannon charge for this stuff," said Greg Platts, owner of Indy Ink and Toner. "Brand name printer ink is more expensive by the ounce than the finest champagne and perfume."

Platts sells remanufactured cartridges from his Avon store for around half the price you might find in a big box store. What are remanufactured cartridges? They were once OEM cartridges that have been recycled by independent companies to provide similar quality for less money.

Platts said he also saves customers money by refilling their spent cartridges in his store. But because of design changes made by OEMs, refilling used cartridges is a dwindling part of his business.

Shortly after acquiring Indy Ink and Toner in 2009, the majority of OEMs began adding microchips to their cartridges. The problem Platts and many other discount ink and toner dealers faced was that the microchips could not be recycled. The chips are designed to keep track of how much ink remains and must be replaced before the printer recognizes a full cartridge.

"We had to start buying the chips from an independent company so the cartridges would function," Platts said. "So that's what we did for a year or two, started installing the microchips ourselves."

Around the same time OEMs were adding microchips, they also redesigned the ink reservoir.

"It is no longer a sponge that holds ink," Platts said. "Now there is an intricate series of tubes and valleys. If you drill a whole to fill it with ink, you are going to mess it up. So it changed our entire business."

When Platts started out, refilling cartridges made up a large portion of his business. It has since dwindled in tandem with the number of pre 2010 style cartridges. He says while it's possible to refill the newer cartridges himself, the time spent learning to do so for each individual cartridge isn't worth the effort – especially now that independent ink cartridge recycling companies have

adapted.

"Now I can get them prefilled, with the microchip installed, for the same or less amount of money that it would cost me to do myself"

Fortunately for Platts, and persons looking to save money on printer ink, his business survived the changes that occurred in 2010. He has since turned his attention towards educating his customers. Although the ink quality in remanufactured cartridges is similar, he says there a few things new customers should know.

"You can't tell how much ink you have left, so you have to deal with that. That's why I tell customers to keep a spare on hand when using remanufactured cartridges."

In addition, after placing a remanufactured cartridge in your printer, a message pops up asking if the cartridge was sold under a brand name. This is a way for OEMs to guard against counterfeit products, which Platts does not sell. So simply clicking "no" is all that's needed and you're ready to print.

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"I think a lot of people get scared when they hear 'generic ink,' but there's nothing wrong with using our ink. It can hold its own against OEM brand names."

For more information about Indy Ink and Toner, check out Facebook or visit www.indyinkandtoner.com.



Indy Ink and Toner owner, Greg Platts, points out the tiny microchip installed on most new printer ink cartridges. Photos by Chris Cornwall



Platts' store is stocked with remanufactured ink cartridges he says hold their own against OEM brands costing twice as much.

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Hope for small business

Avon clinic offering direct-pay health care

By Lindsay Doty

It's no secret, the skyrocketing price tag on health care is tanking small businesses.

Owners are struggling to pay their own high premiums, let alone, provide coverage to the few workers they employ.

Hope Healthcare Services, a Christian-based non-profit located in Avon, wants to reach out to that demographic in Hendricks County by offering a direct-pay medical service.

The growing health care trend, known as Direct Primary Care, allows patients to pay a monthly flat fee in exchange for routine checkups, sick visits, labs, and preventative care.



Mollaun

"Think of it like a monthly Netflix subscription or gym membership to see a doctor," explains Hope Healthcare Services Executive Director John Mollaun, who started researching the model several years ago as a way to better utilize space at HOPE's existing community clinic, located at 107 Park Place Blvd.

"We started talking to area business people and saw a need for a health benefit option.

It's a way for us to continue to serve the community by just reaching out to different people," he said.

The program will have its own doctor and exam rooms at the Avon clinic. Monthly rates range from \$20 for a child to \$65 for seniors, along with a \$20 visit fee.

The idea behind the DPC model is to cut out the insurance "middle man" and put the focus on patients and treatment, not sorting through piles of paperwork or deductible hassles.

"It's quicker scheduling, it's reduced labs, it's a better relationship with doctors, longer unhurried visits," says Mollaun.

Direct Primary Care is not insurance and isn't designed to deal with catastrophic events or major illnesses. Staffers say it works best when paired with patients who have high-deductible plans, reducing their out-of-pocket costs for basic care.

"Health insurance is out of reach for the small employer. This is an opportunity to take advantage of a near site clinic, get affordable primary care and let their employees know it is an option" says Mollaun.

The ministry aims to sign up around 300 memberships in the next few months. You don't have to have insurance or be a business owner to sign up. The program is not currently available to Medicaid or Medicare patients. For more information, go to myhopehealth.org.

Independent study reports 2.3 percent increase in tourism

WHAT HAPPENED?

The most recent (complete) data from Rockport Analytics reported \$244.7 million was spent on Hendricks County tourism in 2015.

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT

The total economic impact of \$198 million is the most ever recorded. Hendricks County ranked 10th statewide out of the 92 counties, and tourism is the seventh largest industry in the county, excluding government.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Visit Hendricks County reports a new project "will take Hendricks County tourism to the next level." An Embassy Suites Hotel & Conference Center will take over and improve the existing Palms Banquet & Conference Center in Plainfield, adding a climate-controlled walkway to connect the new 175-room full-service hotel to that existing facility and add 20,000 square feet of conference space.

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT?

This will be the first facility of its kind for Hendricks County says, Jamie Bohler Smith, Executive Director for Visit Hendricks County. "We've seen notable tourism growth correlating to our efforts in increasing the awareness of Hendricks County as a travel destination for the past 15 years, but now we have a game changer."

Biz History from the Hendricks County Historical Museum

Mason Jewelers



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Mason Jewelers, 1660 E. Main St., Plainfield Grand Opening of new location in 1982.

Founder started with a single piece of jewelry in 1957

By Deanna Hindsley

Mason Jewelers has been in the brick building at 1660 East Main Street in Plainfield since 1982. The building was originally owned and occupied by Raymond Andrews, who had a real estate business there. But the persuasive Harold "sold" Mr. Andrews on letting him rent the front of the building.

"A jewelry store needs the visibility of Main Street, whereas your office will be known by its signs," urged Harold Mason, and convinced Mr. Andrews to give up his own office and move around the corner.

Owner Scott Mason chuckled as he said, "Dad was good at that kind of thing."

Harold Mason had started his jewelry repair business in 1957 in Greencastle where he cleaned and repaired watches. He began selling jewelry with just one piece, adding a few until the store was filled.

Often his sons would spend the day in the store, seeing only a few customers a day. "Hard to believe you could make a living doing that," says Scott.

When both Scott and his brother Steve showed interest in the business by working in the store while in high school, Harold decided to open another store in Plainfield to give both sons opportunity.

Scott's brother, Steve, now runs the Greencastle location, while Scott has runs the Plainfield store. Both went to the Gemological Institute of America but the real education came from working with their father, learning "on the job".

Scott says, "We appreciate our loyal

customers. People bring in a treasured jewelry piece to be repaired, a service which is usually only offered in small stores like this."

Loyalty also extends to staff, like Carol Middleton, who worked for Mason Jewelry for over 20 years and now works one day a week. Judy Ring (Yes that is really her last name!) finally was hired three years ago, after waiting for an opening.

"Our customers won't go anywhere else," Ring said. "One, who wintered in Florida, had a piece that needed repair, but she waited until spring to bring it here. Sometimes someone who has moved away will mail a piece to Mason Jewelers."

Each year Mason Jewelers celebrates its anniversary with a special evening where customers come in by invitation and are treated to a half-price sale.

Also unique, is his practice of buying gold. He offers a cash price for gold but will then double his offer in trade value towards merchandise. All jewelry has a lifetime warranty – with no additional cost.

Scott welcomes new customers and appreciates long-time ones.

"Trust is essential in any small business, but especially so in jewelry."



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West Bridge gets everyone involved

WHERE WE WORSHIP

The Ellis family - Brian, Amy, Claudia and Caroline - moved to Danville in Aug. 2012 and say they immediately felt welcomed. Amy and Brian have been married over 22 years and have two daughters, Claudia and Caroline. Claudia is a junior and Caroline is a freshman where they attend Danville High School and play volleyball. Claudia has been a part of back-to-back conference championship volleyball teams and also plays travel volleyball for Circle City in Plainfield. Caroline focuses her attention on school volleyball. Amy keeps the house running smoothly while Brian works as Director of Sales for a local IT distributor. The Ellis family are all involved in West Bridge Small Groups.

What is it about your place of worship that helps you grow spiritually? West Bridge gives every person a way to get involved, whether by attending a church service and singing with the fantastic praise and worship band, attending youth group activities on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings, traveling to youth conferences, participating in small groups, or volunteering to serve the community in various ways. We have grown most through our participation in small groups and knowing that we have a foundation of people that love us, our children, and support us through prayer and friendship.

What is it about your place of worship that helps you to feel connected to your spouse, children, parents or other family? Jon McDugle and Tyson Herald both do a great job of delivering meaningful and memorable messages for both the main service and youth services. Having an opportunity to discuss the messages with each other after church allows our family to connect both personally and spiritually. In addition, our small group has become more of a family than just a group. We all sit together every week in the service and spend a great deal of time with each other outside of church.



From left: Brian, Claudia, Amy and Caroline Ellis

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Celebrate Resurrection!

By Michael LeFebvre

DEVOTIONAL

"We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer

has dominion over him... So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus." (Romans 6:9-11, ESV)

When your favorite sports team wins a big game, it is cause for celebration. When our military frees an oppressed city, it is also

"Sometimes, Christians mistakenly celebrate Jesus' resurrection at Easter with attitudes akin to a sports celebration."

a time for celebration. But the latter is profoundly different from the former. A sports victory celebrates the team's achievement. A military victory celebrates what was won for us and for others.

Sometimes, Christians mistakenly celebrate Jesus' resurrection at Easter with attitudes akin to a sports celebration. We rejoice for Jesus like "a home team hero," without really expecting our own lives to change. But Christ's victory was for others.

We are the ones who live under the cloud

of temptation and sin, and of illness and death. We do not yet enjoy resurrection life—that is, life completely free from the reach of temptation, disease, and death. But on Resurrection Day (Easter), we rejoice that Jesus already died to this world of temptation, and he already secured resurrection life free from those afflictions. And he won that victory for us who trust and serve him. In Christ's resurrection, Christians are assured of our own resurrection one day.

Resurrection Day, then, is a day to renew our commitment to holiness. The Bible urges us to live today in the grace of what Jesus has won for us. Like a lottery winner who has not yet received the check, but is already spending in its expectation: you have not yet received your resurrection body, but Scripture urges you to begin viewing yourself in that hope, resisting sin today. (Maybe it is imprudent for a lottery winner to spend winnings before they are in hand; but it is extremely prudent for the "resurrection winner" to live today in the grace of that future hope.)

As we remember the resurrection of Jesus, "Consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus."



Michael LeFebvre is the pastor of Christ Church Reformed Presbyterian (online: ccrp.church), holds a Ph.D. in biblical studies, and has authored several books.

What is one meaningful event that has taken place at your place of worship? Last fall Brian had the opportunity to baptize Amy during one of our small group sessions. Not only did the adults participate in the moment, but all of the kids watched as well. Amy was baptized as an infant, but felt led to make an adult declaration of her faith. This was a very meaningful event for our entire family.

Why would you recommend your place of worship to someone? West Bridge is a vibrant, growing, welcoming church. Not only does the church have fantastic youth ministry for people with children, it also has various ways to get involved, through volunteer opportunities, small groups, and other classes. The main reason we began attending West Bridge was because we wanted our children to attend church with other kids from their community. We cannot begin to express our thankfulness to Tyson Herald and the rest of the people involved in youth ministry. Our girls have grown spiritually and have developed deep friendships by participating in this program. Tyson and the team do a great job of making each person feel connected and included. Every Sunday the worship team leads the congregation in a powerful and moving way. Jon McDugle also preaches in a very practical way, encouraging each person attending to apply the truth of scripture to their life. He wants each person to grow in a way that allows a person to walk closer to Christ every day, not just on Sunday mornings. The entire staff and people that attend welcome each person and have genuine interest in knowing you personally.

Come and experience the presence of God with Pastors, Geoffrey and Delores Franklin at
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Salvation is what we have. **Praise** is what we do, and **Worshippers** are who we are.

Lenn Detwiler's career has been dedicated to protecting the environment

Originally from Elkhart County, Lenn Detwiler graduated from Purdue University in 1999 with a Bachelor of Science Degree from the Krannert School of Management.

He began as the executive director of the Hendricks County Solid Waste Management District in June of 2005. Since that time, he, with much help from an enthusiastic staff and dedicated board of directors, has led the district in its mission to promote recycling, waste reduction and proper waste management practices throughout Hendricks County. The district emphasizes environmental education to youth and adults—working to connect Hendricks County residents with ways to reduce, reuse, recycle and properly handle the waste we all produce. In addition to those outreach activities, the district provides five Tox-Away Day events each year, operates two yard waste recycling centers and provides recycling drop-off centers for the community.

Lenn is a graduate of Leadership Hendricks County. He currently serves on the boards of the Indiana Household Hazard Waste Task Force, Association of Indiana Solid Waste Management Districts and Purdue Extension Hendricks County. He previously served on the board of directors of the Indiana Recycling Coalition.

Prior to coming to the Solid Waste Management District, Lenn spent nearly five years working as an Environment Health Specialist with Health and Hospital Corporation of Marion County; working in both the Housing and Neighborhood Health and Mosquito Control divisions.

Lenn and his wife, Valerie, live in Avon along with their five children and one ornery dog. They are active members of Connection Pointe Christian Church in Brownsburg.

What do you consider your greatest virtue?

- Integrity

What do you most deplore in others?

- A sense of entitlement

What do you like most about living in Hendricks County?

- It's a community full of great people, many opportunities and an excellent place to raise a family.

If you had to live elsewhere than in Hendricks County, where would it be?

- Most likely, Elkhart County where I was born and raised—still have lots of family and friends there.

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

- Nothing too significant, though I would have applied myself more in high school and college.

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

- We would buy an RV and spend a year as a family travelling the U.S. I would also give more to organizations focused on helping families succeed.

What makes you happiest?

- Seeing my children thriving and enjoying each other.

What is your favorite vacation spot?

- The most fun we've ever had on vacation was our trip to St. Louis last summer—can't wait to go back sometime. It's an awesome city for families to visit and the people that live there were great!

What do you do with idle time?

- We have five children, so I don't have idle time.

What is it that makes you angry?

- People that take advantage of others; especially children.

What do you do to escape from reality?

- My reality is pretty good, I don't feel the need to escape it.

What or who is the greatest love of your life?

- My wife, Valerie. We've been married 16 years and have been blessed with five healthy kids. She's an amazing wife and mother. I out-kicked my coverage when she said "yes!"

Which living person in Hendricks County do you most admire?

- I'm not going to name just one. What I find amazing is the amount of forethought and cooperation from so many local leaders over the years. Their commitment and service is what has made Hendricks County the great community we have today.

What is the quality you most like in a man?

- Authenticity

What is the quality you most like in a woman?

- Kindness

What is your greatest extravagance?

- Golf

What are your fears, phobias?

- Heights

What has been the happiest time of your life?

- Times enjoying family

Which talent would you most like to possess?

- I wish I could play piano well or hit a golf ball straight.

What do you most value in your friends?

- Loyalty and a sense of humor

Which historical figure do you most identify with?

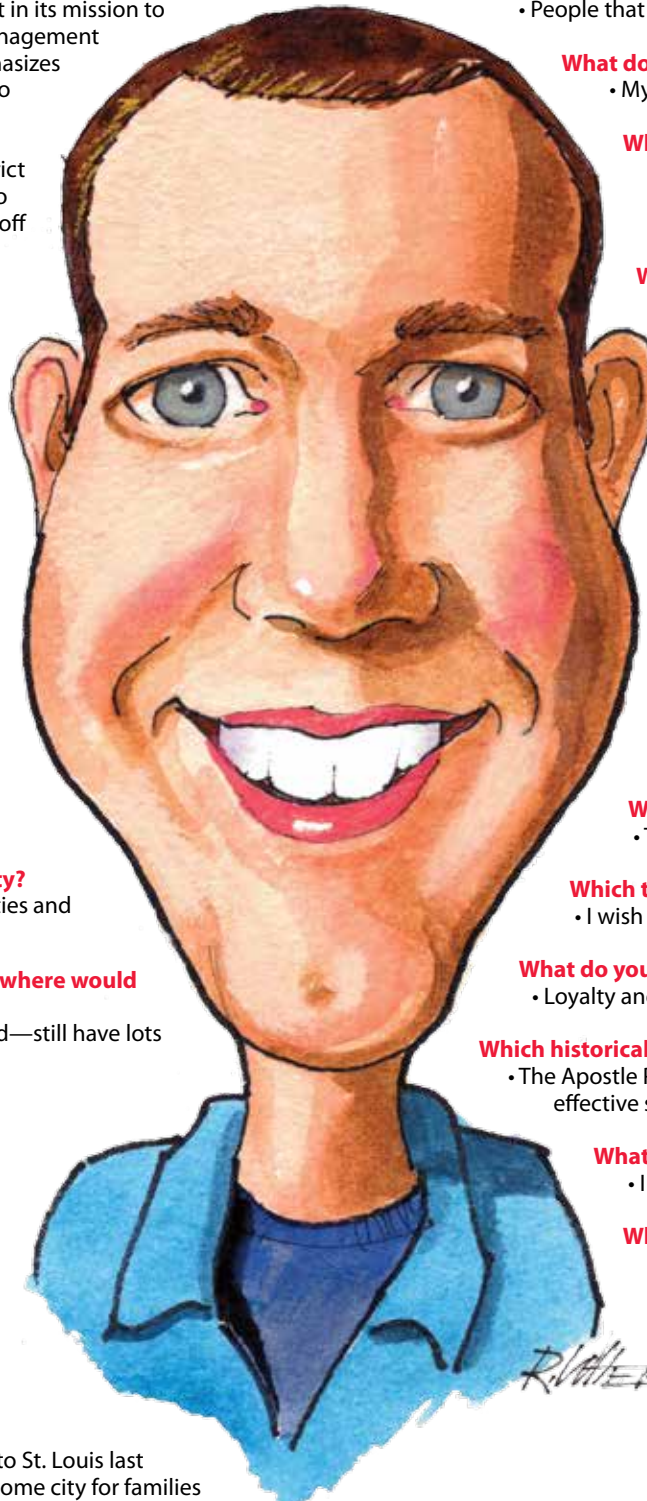
- The Apostle Peter. He didn't always get it right, but was ultimately a loyal and effective servant of Christ.

What is your greatest regret?

- I would have played a sport in school—basketball or golf.

What tenet do you live by?

- The Golden Rule—treat others as you would want to be treated.



Compiled by
Cathy Myers

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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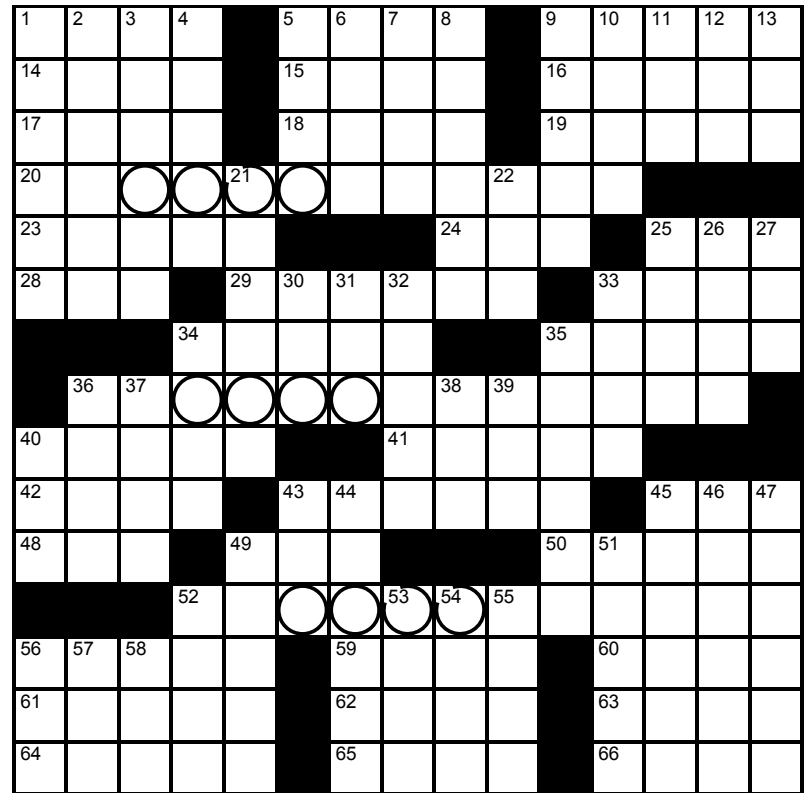
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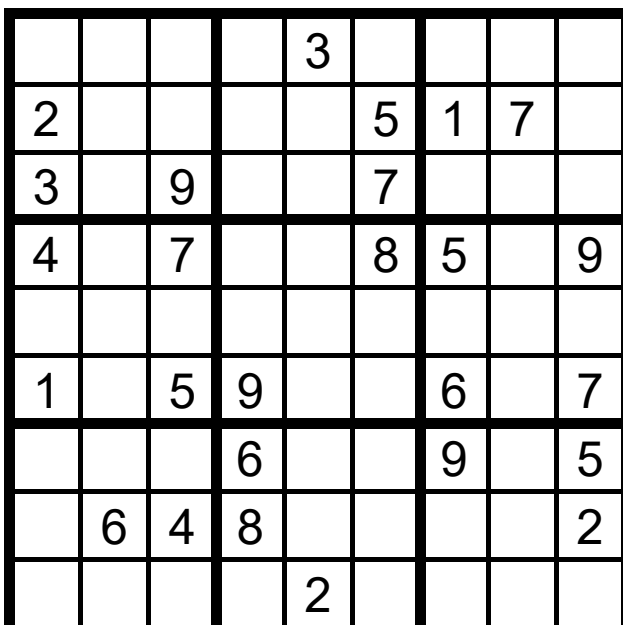
- Talk like Daffy Duck
- Money owed to Chase Bank
- Perspire at Planet Fitness
- Be sore after working out at Anytime Fitness
- Floors For You calculation
- Brownsburg HS Spanish class squiggle
- Stallion's mate at Natural Valley Ranch
- Annual May event: ____ Marathon
- Licoricelike flavor
- Hendricks County city found in a cable channel?
- Sandy hills on the shores of Lake Michigan
- Indiana Jones flick: Raiders of the Lost ____
- Plainfield hardware store
- Query
- Picking up the tab at KT's Pub
- Part in a Hendricks Civic Theatre play
- Holcomb Observatory hunter
- Important exam at Danville HS
- Miami County city found in premium gas?
- One over par at Twin Bridges
- Zionsville HS athlete
- "____ Lang Syne"
- Drew a blank
- Do addition at North Salem Elementary School
- Thrilla in Manila boxer
- Common Indiana National Guard address
- Run off to wed
- Lake County city found in Cokes and sweet teas?
- Fairy tale ender
- Unwakable state at IU Health
- Butler's opponents
- Applebee's fork feature
- WTHR's MeTV show: I Love ____
- Hoosier National Forest unit
- Long's Bakery German dessert
- IND flight info
- Drains of energy

Down

- Ball State fraternity letter
- He flew too close to the sun, in myth
- Got smaller
- "Pet" annoyance
- Broadway's "____ Yankees"
- Eiteljorg Museum tribe
- Twisted
- Where Taipei is the capital
- ____ raving mad
- Blink of an eye
- Colonel Lilly
- ICON revenue source
- West Chase Golf Club prop
- Indiana fish hawk
- Town of Brownsburg web address ending
- First-rate
- Attired
- Hirosaki Sushi Bar fish
- Put on WRTV
- IUPUI map phrase: "____ are here"
- Word with ear or peace
- Indiana State Fair attraction
- Indianapolis Star commentary page
- Show hesitation
- Karma Records section
- Wrinkly fruit at Marsh
- Fall behind
- Ulndy psych class topic
- Hendricks County Fair barn sound
- Newton fruit
- Delphi prophet
- Mexican state bordering Arizona
- Maintenance costs
- Slob's creations
- Hendricks Power electrical rush
- Picks up a barbell at LA Fitness
- Transmitted
- Pacers drubbing
- Indy gym site, initially
- Channel 13 soap: ____ of Our Lives
- Stafford Pointe address abbr.
- To and ____
- The Raptors on a Bankers Life Fieldhouse scoreboard



Solutions on page 21



Puzzle Time



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HENDRICKS COUNTY

County-to-county cooperation

Visit Hendricks County (VHC) was recently honored as a Best Cooperative Partnership during the first ever Indiana Tourism Awards presented by Midwest Living in West Lafayette. The group was noted for its cooperative effort in the 'Rural Routes to Main Street Cultural Trail' which runs through Hendricks and Morgan Counties. VHC partners with surrounding counties like Morgan with the common goal of promoting tourism to improve 'quality of life' and support local economies. For more information, go to VisitHendricksCounty.com/blog. For more information, visit our website at VisitHendricksCounty.com or call (317) 718-8750.

BROWNSBURG

No prison time for former deputy

Former Hendricks County Sheriff's Deputy, Jason Woods, 44, Brownsburg, was sentenced to one year probation after taking a plea deal in connection with a synthetic drug ring. He pleaded guilty Tuesday, March 14 to official misconduct, a class D felony, in exchange for getting five other felonies dropped. According to the court, Woods was witnessed several times in a marked police car at the site of synthetic drug operation. He was arrested in January 2015 by Indiana State Police two years after the site was raided. The former deputy was tried in Hancock County Circuit Court by Judge Richard Culver.



Take a hike - With hiking season on the horizon, Justin Wills, 7, Pittsboro, takes a knife to what will be a walking stick, March 25 At McCloud Nature Park, North Salem. His mother, Jennifer helps out. Justin and others were given a height-appropriate wooden staff and tools to personalize their hiking stick.
Photo by Rick Myers

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