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# The Importance of having fun

By Chris Cornwall

I had the privilege to join those in attendance for this year's National Night Out in Downtown Danville. I had never been before, and admittedly, my knowledge of the event consisted of little more than what could be gleaned from a press release. It is often described as an event to promote a police-community partnership in an effort to combat crime. After experiencing it firsthand, however, it became clear the event was not only effective, but could also serve as an example to remind of the importance of "fun."

When I reached Court House Square that night, I was greeted with dance music. It resonated off the buildings as kids scurried to play the games that lined Washington Street. There was even a zip-line that offered one more adventure of their fleeting summer-break. The night also featured a doughnut eating contest between police and local firefighters, which generated cheers and chuckles from those of us who gathered to witness the lighthearted spec-



Members of the Danville Police Department compete against firefighters in a doughnut eating contest during National Night Out. Submitted Photo

tacle. Put simply, the goal of the night was to have fun.

Even though parties and gatherings such as this may involve "silliness", they certainly aren't senseless. The celebratory atmosphere allowed us to see our local heroes in a light not normally afforded to them. Perhaps when "having fun" we are better able to ignore the labels that too often take precedence.

Undoubtedly, the diversity of backgrounds, occupations, and talents are im-

portant components of any community. But equally important is not to forget that a common denominator always exists. In the case of National Night Out, it was the chance to see law enforcement as more than just a uniform; they are also moms, brothers, daughters, husbands, and friends. Despite the labels we all inevitably bare, common ground may always be found among that which is most fundamental to our sense of self. If it takes a little silliness to remember that, then I say "let's party!"

## Get to know candidates in Hendricks County

**GOVERNMENT** – Meet Your Candidates Night will be held Monday, Aug. 22, at the Hummel Park Community Center, 1500 S. Center St., Plainfield. It will begin at 6 p.m. The event is open to the public and free. All the candidates running for election in this fall's November election from Hendricks County, along with some state races, have been invited. Some of the candidates appearing include: U.S. Rep. Todd Rokita, U.S. Sen. Lucy Brenton, Indiana Senate District 24 candidates John Crane and Kevin Rogers, Mike Young (IN Senate District 35), Indiana Rep. Jeff Thompson (District 28), IN Rep. Greg Steurwald (District 40), Matt Whetstone (Commissioner), Nancy Marsh (Auditor), Shawn Shelley (Treasurer) and Dave Wyeth (County Council). To RSVP and for additional information go to [www.MeetYourCandidates.org](http://www.MeetYourCandidates.org)

## Parent Coalition offers free workshop

**FREE WORKSHOP** – The Parent Coalition of Hendricks County will offer free training classes on Youth Mental Health First Aid. The course is intended for adults who interact with adolescents, such as teachers, coaches, and parents. Participants will learn to identify risk factors for a variety of mental health challenges and come to understand the importance of early intervention. The next available workshop will take place on Aug 18 and 19 at the Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library in Plainfield. Capacity is limited and those interested in attending must register online at [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com).



## Brownsburg woman donates prize for best 'selfie'

**AWARD** – Meghan Stritar of Brownsburg won a national "selfie" contest through the National Recreation and Parks Association. Instead of keeping the \$500 prize, the mother of two donated it to Hendricks County Parks and Recreation. Stritar snapped this selfie with her daughter during the Summer Fun Run Series on July 6 at the Hendricks Regional Health YMCA.



Jacob Morris and Steve Bahr.

**SCHOLARSHIP** – Jacob Morris of Plainfield High School was awarded the 2016 Technical Trade Scholarship by Duke Energy Indiana. A check for \$2,500 was presented by Duke Energy Indiana Government and Community Relations Manager Steve Bahr on Aug. 10 at the Hendricks County Community Foundation.

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## The push to finish the final stretch of Ronald Reagan Parkway

### COVER STORY

By Gus Pearcy

Motorists tooling down St. Rd. 136 can see progress of the Ronald Reagan Parkway just east of County Road 900 E. Pylons are already set for the bridges that will span St. Rd. 136 and the nearby railroad tracks. The tie-in to the interchange at Interstate 74 is expected to be completed in fall of 2017.

Hendricks and Boone counties are preparing the last 9.8 miles of the restricted access highway for design and land acquisition. Recently, the counties entered into an agreement with American Structurepoint Inc. to oversee the design phase. The plan is to have this completed by 2017. Hendricks County officials would like to start construction immediately after that, which would tie this final stretch into Interstate 65 south of the St. Rd. 267 interchange.

But that takes money.

It will take \$80 to \$100 million to finish the parkway to I-65. That money is not yet designated, but officials want to get as much grant money as possible because county resources will be tapped for the foreseeable future.

Hendricks County Engineer John Ayers says the last stretch starts at 56th Street and runs north, curving west to St. Rd. 267, joining it in Whitestown. Exact placement of the road is to be determined. The "restricted access" parkway attempts to limit intersections to quarter-mile and half-mile increments according to Ayres. Quarter-mile access will be right-turn only.

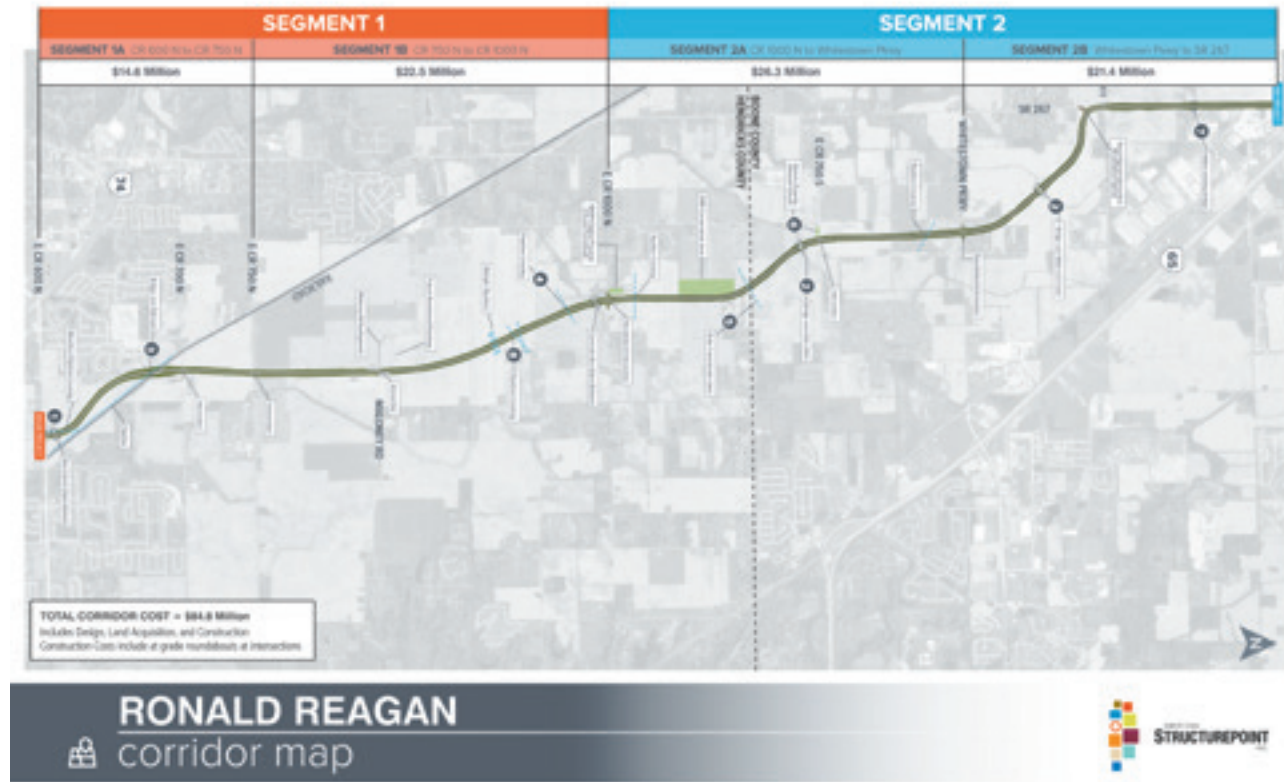
"That means the businesses developing along (the parkway) are going to have to do some master planning and cooperate to try to get joint access points," Ayers said. "The purpose of the parkway is two-fold: One is to move traffic through, but also to allow economic development. It's a tough balance to make, but that's what we're trying to do."

The section between Co. Rd. 300 N. and St. Rd. 136 will include two bridges. Road closures during construction will be limited. Co. Rd. 300 N. is closed currently, Co. Rd. 400 N. will be closed next, but no closure of SR 136 is planned.

Ayers said the plan is to complete the final stretch in four phases, but all that is contingent upon finding money to back it. An inter-local agreement between the counties is allowing Hendricks to take the lead on funding proposals. Officials are exploring several options for getting the money from state or federal coffers. The main idea now is to have the plans done so construction can begin once the funds have been procured. This is how much of the parkway was constructed, Ayres said.

"The difference now is we're making a push to get the money now," Ayers added. "We want to take a more aggressive approach in funding to get more of it done at once."

"We don't know what the final funding picture is going to be," he said.



This aerial view of the possible path of the Ronald Reagan Parkway shows the cost of each section. This is not the final alignment. That will be determined after the update of the environmental assessment. **Courtesy of American Structurepoint**

Officials are pushing hard now to enjoy the future economic benefits of a major roadway that connects Interstate 70 with I-65. In addition to four interstate roads, the parkway will connect to Indianapolis International Airport, the Big Four Rail Yard, the petroleum storage tank farms near Brownsburg, the warehouse development on Northfield Drive, and at Anson in Whitestown.

"The regional benefits of this are tremendous," Ayers said. "It definitely diverts a lot of traffic from 267, Raceway, and a lot of the other north/south roads." It also takes just enough traffic off of I-465 to make it appealing to state and federal officials."

Craig Parks, the Boone County Highway Supervisor and Engineer, says the last 9.8 miles is almost an even split on either side of the county line. He sees the extra connectivity as a great economic development tool. "For logistics to have a direct connection to the airport and to the rail yard in Avon, there will be huge development in that part of Boone County, which is actually one of the fastest-growing parts of the state" Parks said.

"Eventually it will connect up to 146th Street in Hamilton County." The proposed track of the parkway will zoom through two towns in Boone County: Whitestown and Zionsville.

The Indiana Department of Transportation has committed to upgrading the interchange at I-65 and St. Rd. 267 scheduled for completion in 2018. That's likely to precede the completion of the parkway.

Ayers added that the public will continue to be involved in the plans. There will be informational meetings scheduled to allow input, but everything is so tentative at this time.

The 20-year plus dream of adding a major north-south corridor is coming to fruition, slowly. By this time in 2022-23, we will be looking at a much different Ronald Reagan Parkway.

In July of 1987, President Reagan came to Danville for a short meeting with local officials at the Hendricks County Courthouse. **"Driving into Danville today felt like coming home, so much does Hendricks County feel—or remind me of growing up in Illinois"** Reagan said.

## FOR THE RECORD - HC OBITUARIES

**Andi Jolee Arnett**

Andi Jolee Arnett, 1, Plainfield, died Aug. 11. She was born Apr. 7, 2015. Services were Aug. 16, at Graceway Fellowship Church, Plainfield.

**Heather J. Brown**

Heather J. Brown, 17, Brownsburg, died Aug. 9. She was born Oct. 28, 1998. Funeral services were Aug. 16, at Church at Main, Brownsburg.

**Ruth Maxine Burns**

Ruth Maxine Burns, 93, Avon, died Aug. 9. She was born Apr. 16, 1923. Services were Aug. 13, at Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

**Richard Chupp Sr.**

Richard Chupp Sr., 95, Avon, died Aug. 10. He was born May 15, 1921. Services were Aug. 15, at Matthews Mortuary, Brownsburg.

**Marcella J. Eaton**

Marcella J. Eaton, 87, Brownsburg, died Aug. 7. She was born Dec. 14, 1928. Services were held Aug. 11, at Matthews Mortuary, Brownsburg.

**Robert "Bob"****Maynard Garner**

Robert "Bob" Maynard Garner, 66, Brownsburg, Indiana, died July 28. He was born Dec. 19, 1949. Services were held Aug. 1, at Matthews Mortuary, Brownsburg.

**Davis L. Green**

Davis L. Green, 69, of Coatesville, died July 25. He was born Apr. 26, 1947. Funeral services were July 28, at Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home, Plainfield.

**Charlene Harris**

Charlene Harris, 86, of Brownsburg, died Aug. 6. She was born May 27, 1930. Funeral services were held Aug. 10, at Messiah Lutheran Church, Brownsburg.

**Roy L. Marlow**

Roy L. Marlow, 73, Plainfield, died Aug. 9. He was born Jan. 3, 1943. There were no services.

**Jean Ann McLean**

Jean Ann McLean, 84, Brownsburg, died Aug. 10. She was born Nov. 7, 1931. Funeral services were Aug. 15, at St. Malachy Church, Brownsburg.

**Errel "Jerry" E. Meadors**

Errel "Jerry" E. Meadors, 82, Danville, died on Aug. 7. He was born June 11, 1934. Services were held Aug. 13, at Conkle Funeral Home, Avon.

**Larry A. Peters**

Larry A. Peters, 65, died Aug. 2. He was born Oct. 11, 1950. Services were Aug. 14, at Conkle Funeral Home, Avon.

**Ralph H. Ruemmele**

Ralph H. Ruemmele, 87, Avon, died July 28. He was born Sept. 7, 1929. Services were held Aug. 1, at Louisville Memorial Gardens, Louisville, Ken.

**Peter (Pete) L. Scalzi**

Peter (Pete) L. Scalzi, 57, Brownsburg, died July 25. He was born Feb. 15, 1959. A memorial service was held July 30, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Indianapolis.



Hendricks County obituaries are printed free of charge and published twice a month. Funeral directors are encouraged to send obituaries and photos to [info@myicon.info](mailto:info@myicon.info).

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## Danville friends church celebrating 140 years

**GATHERING** – Danville Friends Church 45 N. CR. Rd. 200 E, Danville, is celebrating its 140th anniversary on Sunday, Aug. 28 at 10:30 a.m.

A gathering will take place at the shelter house for worship, a time of music and sharing of memories, as well as sharing of dreams for the future. Lunch will be at noon and include a pork roast, fried chicken,

sides, desserts and drinks. After lunch, a program of special music will be provided by Bill Larrison and Kathy Caton which will include a sing-along and karaoke.

The day of celebration will conclude with games of corn hole, basketball and volleyball. There will a bounce-house for the children as well. For more information, contact Alicia Mardis at (317) 696.0962.

## Avon Interact Club's Soles 4 Souls kicks off Aug. 22

**SERVICE** – Supported by the Avon Rotary, the Avon High School Interact Club is kicking off its seventh year of collecting shoes for the Soles 4 Souls (S4S) organization headquartered in Nashville, TN.

This year's Interact student Director of International Projects Rebecca Brown has set a goal of collecting over 1000 pairs of shoes between Aug. 22 – Sept. 30. The shoes will be distributed by S4S to people in need in the US and abroad.

Gently used or new shoes may be dropped off in any size and style to one of these Avon locations: Avon High School Door #1; Cass & Co. Salon, 7374 Business Center Dr.; ReMax Centerstone, 7341 E US 36; and the Avon Town Hall, 6570 E. US 36 or Orange Leaf Frozen Yogurt, 7565 E. US



Director of International Projects Rebecca Brown is the Interact officer organizing this year's shoe drive.

Submitted Photo

Highway 36. In fact, on Thursday, Aug. 25, Orange Leaf is offering \$1.00 off of anyone's order if they bring in a shoe donation. For more information, contact Pam Lyons at (317) 460-0739.



Rendering of IU Health's new integrated service center.  
Photo courtesy of Indiana University Health

## IU Health to open high-tech ISC in Plainfield

**HEALTH** – Indiana University Health recently began construction on its new highly-sophisticated integrated service center in Plainfield. The 300,000 square foot building will utilize robotic technology to improve the distribution of critical patient supplies and will save the hospital 3 million annually in supply-chain expenses. The facility is planned to open in the second quarter of 2017, and employ over 100 people. For more information, visit [www.iuhealth.org](http://www.iuhealth.org).

## HC ICON News Quiz

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

- What metal of medal did Brownsburg's Chloe Dygert and the rest of the women's cycling team win at the Rio Olympics?
  - A. Gold
  - B. Silver
  - C. Bronze
  - D. No medal
- How old is the former jail/sheriff's residence that now houses the Hendricks County Museum? (Hint: They are holding a celebration from 2-4 p.m. Aug. 28.)
  - A. 100 years
  - B. 200 years
  - C. 400 years
  - D. 150 years
- Due to recent tornado and storm damage, it seems fitting to ask a simple question about traffic laws in Indiana that any driver should be able to answer. To wit: What is the proper procedure for an intersection where the traffic light has stopped working?
  - A. It's every driver for himself.
  - B. Cars older than 1975 have the right of way. Everybody else must pull over and wait.
  - C. It becomes a four-way stop, meaning every vehicle comes to a complete stop before entering the intersection. If two cars pull to a stop at the same time, the car to the right has the right of way.
  - D. The size of the vehicle is in direct proportion to the right to enter an intersection and crush any Mini in its path.
- Researchers pondering ancient skulls with holes, recently postulated that the reason is...
  - A. A cure for headaches.
  - B. A conduit for release of the soul after death.
  - C. A solution to mental illnesses.
  - D. To turn them into fancy drinking vessels.
- The Avon Library is accepting items to be stowed away in a time capsule to commemorate the bicentennial of Indiana. The capsule, to be buried at the end of the year, is slated to be opened when?
  - A. 2066
  - B. 2166
  - C. 2116
  - D. After the zombie apocalypse.

Answers on Page 14

# Get Involved

Looking for ways to make a difference in your community?

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**Above:** Aurelia Vanderkock of Avon (left) looks over the selections of jams and jellies at Jay Farms' booth at the Avon Farmers' Market. Sandy Jay, owner, and Becky Schroeder (middle and right) enjoy the social aspect of the farmers market.

**Below, left:** Sandy spends the rest of her week making jams and jellies for sale. She says there

is no pressure to sell it because the family enjoys whatever is left. (Peach was the freshest this week.)

**Below, right:** Cukes, tomatoes and cherry tomatoes were all that was left near the end of the market on this day.



## The Jay family farm

### FARMERS MARKET FINDS

**Story and photos by Gus Pearcy**

During Farmers' Market Week, the ICON decided

to focus on a family farm that brings local produce every week to the Avon Farmers Market. Jay Farms is a 29-year-old family farm that is just getting ready to pass down the family business to the second generation. Proprietors Lew and Sandy Jay decided three years ago to bring some of their extra produce to the market for fun.

"We're not in it for the money," Sandy said. "We do it just to get out of the house."

Offerings change weekly, but usually you can find homemade jams and jellies, fresh eggs and some vegetables. By the next market, Sandy said the muskmelon and watermelons should be ready.

Daughter Becky Schroeder recently moved here to learn the business so her family can eventually take over.

*Farmers Market Finds will be published throughout the Farmers Market season.*

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# Brownsburg's silver star



## ICONOGRAPHY

By Chris Cornwall

Chloe Dygert captured Silver this weekend at the 2016 Rio Games as friends and family watched anxiously from her hometown of Brownsburg. Unable to make it to Rio, they gathered for a special viewing of the Women's Team Pursuit finals against Great Britain. The two teams ignited somewhat of a rivalry during qualifiers with USA setting a new world record only to be broken by the Brits a race later. "It was one of her first track experiences with some of the best in the world" said David Dygert, father of the 19 year old Olympian. "I couldn't be prouder"

As relatives watched the Bronze medal round, excitement leading up to the race quickly turned to consternation. Heavy rains caused the live satellite feed to fail just minutes before Chloe was set to ride. Determined not to miss a second, they turned their attention from the big screen to handheld smartphones. A few had managed to pick up the event on their mobile devices, and everyone gathered around a tiny image of Chloe as she gave her medal-winning performance.

In the end, USA was edged out by Great Britain who shaved another 2 seconds of the world record. But that did little to deter the admiration felt by her closest supporters. "They're still winners, it was just a second, just a second off, but that's okay. We're bringing home Silver and it's great," said Gretchen Shortall, Chloe's mother.

Even though images of 19 year old from Brownsburg were small enough to fit in your hand, her talent and determination certainly were not. She has battled through injuries, and in a relatively short time, risen to the top of her sport. It seems safe to assume that we can expect more greatness from Chloe Dygert.

**Above:** Friends and relatives of Chloe Dygert anxiously watch her in the Women's Team Pursuit finals from a smartphone.

**Right:** Gretchen Shortall, Chloe's mother, gives an update to concerned friends and relatives moments after the live satellite feed failed.



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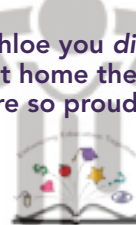
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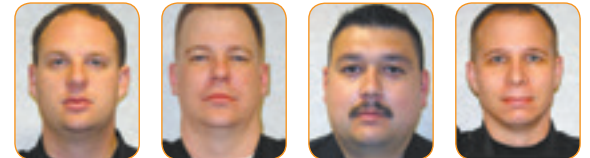




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In an ICON special section "We're Behind the Badge" published Aug. 1-19 honoring Hendricks County police agencies, the photographs of Officers Bugler, Calloway, Casas, Duffer, Harris, Gruca, and Poston were omitted. In addition, Officer Hemmelgarn's name was misspelled. The ICON regrets the omissions and error.

"We're Behind the Badge"



BUGLER      CALLOWAY      CASAS      DUFFER



GRUCA      HARRIS      POSTON

In a story published in the Aug. 1-19 issue of the ICON "Helping Haiti from Brownsburg" the date of the Help for Haiti Bicycle Tour was incorrectly reported. The Help for Haiti Bicycle Tour will be Sept. 17 with registration beginning at 7 a.m. and the ride starting at 8:30 a.m. For more information, visit [stmalachy.org](http://stmalachy.org) or via Facebook. The ICON regrets the error.

QUOTE

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."

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**Above, top:** Chloe's cousin, Hudson Nichols, holds up his phone, while her mother Gretchen reacts to the race.

**Above, bottom:** Chloe's parents, David Dygert and Gretchen Shortall during an interview with Channel 13 News.



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## FROM THE PUBLISHER

### Cornwall new HC ICON editor

It's with great enthusiasm that I introduce to you the new editor of the Hendricks County ICON, Chris Cornwall.

After several months of publishing twice a month, I began to realize that we have become a different publication and the way we present our content needs to be conducted differently. Again, enter Chris Cornwall.

Chris, who lives in Avon, is a 2012 graduate of the University of Southern Indiana with a B.A. in English (emphasis in Writing Composition). He has no background or experience in journalism whatsoever – but I think that is a good thing. What he does have – and what I could tell in my initial interview with him – is a strong desire to succeed and a work ethic that will surely get him to that goal.

This is not an easy business – fun, yes, but easy? I often say the dirtiest four letter word in the vocabulary is the word EASY. When something seems easy you probably haven't put your heart into it. For the last eight years those who have contributed in any way to the ICON have put their hearts into the publication. The brand we have created is proof of that.

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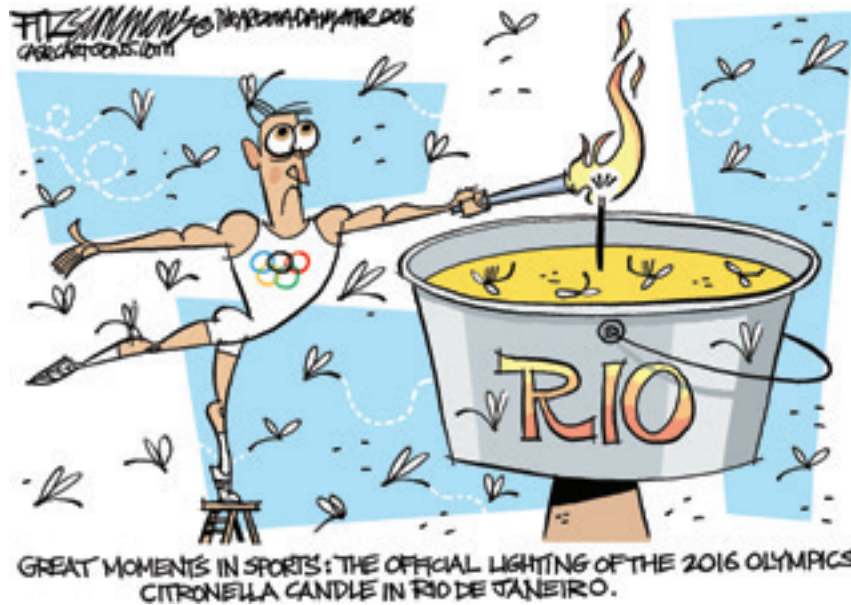
long-time copy editor Katie Mosley, Chris will be there to aid her in the practice, but his biggest job will be providing our readers with the best content that can be created in Hendricks County.

We're growing and I couldn't be more proud of what we have accomplished in the last eight years. The best, I can assure you, is yet to come. If you have a story idea or a press release to send us, please make contact with Chris at [Chris@icontimes.com](mailto:Chris@icontimes.com).

Thank you for reading the Hendricks County ICON.



Rick Myers is co-owner of Times-Leader Publications, LLC., publisher of Hendricks County ICON and Hendricks County Business Leader. Write him at [rick@icontimes.com](mailto:rick@icontimes.com).



## Asleep at the wheel

### HUMOR

By Dick Wolfsie

Sleeping has always been an issue for me. Not napping: I'm a wiz at napping. The problem is falling asleep in a bed ... and staying that way for six to eight hours. I'm just not good at it. Never have been.

I have tried many things over the years. I took Ambien once. It worked well, but there was an odd side effect. Not only did I think I got a good night's sleep, but when I woke up in the morning, I also discovered I had mown the entire front lawn in the dark.

The one place I sleep great is on a bus. But why? There is nothing on a bus that lends itself to sleeping. The seats are hard, the space is cramped and it's usually hot.

Nevertheless, I recently decided to simulate the very conditions on a bus that always send me to never-never land. I asked my wife to talk to me like a tour guide. You know, drone on about how the Greeks built the Acropolis and how the Romans constructed the Appian Way. Mary Ellen felt kind of dumb talking to me from the foot of the bed, but she did it. Then I asked her to rock the bed back and forth so I'd feel like I was really on the bus. That's when she got off the bus and slept on the couch.

I realized it wasn't the tour guide droning on that made me sleepy. So instead of lying in bed, I took a hard-back metal folding chair and sat on it. Then I bounced up and down like I was on a bus and looked sideways out my bedroom window. But I was still wide awake after 30 minutes.

I wasn't sure what else I could do to recreate riding a bus. Mary Ellen wouldn't let me invite 30 strangers over to sit around the bed. Then it hit me. The bus trips are during the day, but I'm trying to sleep at night.

So I got back into my chair at high noon, sat straight up, looking out my bedroom window. The scenery wasn't changing so I started moving the chair from one window to the next. The sun was pouring in on my face. Suddenly I felt myself getting sleepy, very sleepy. Zzzz...

It worked. I slept from noon until 8 p.m., sitting straight up in the chair, leaning against my bedroom window. My insomnia was cured.

Two hours later, it was time for bed. I got under the covers and just couldn't fall asleep.

Go figure.



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](mailto:wolfsie@aol.com).

### Yes, we want your letters:

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## A little encouragement goes a long way

### OUR VIEW

Chloe Dygert, the 19 year old Olympic cyclist will bring a silver medal back home to Hendricks County. We applaud her performance at the 2016 Rio games. Her work ethic and athletic prowess are nothing short of astounding. However, we must not forget to recognize the support team that made it all possible – her family. Of course she had trainers, coaches, and teammates that contributed to her excellence on the world stage. But if not for the encouragement from her family, she may have given the sport up altogether.

*"This is not to downplay the role of coaches and trainers, but to highlight the importance and far-reaching consequences that an encouraging parent may have."*

After suffering back-to-back injuries, she felt ready to throw in the towel. One of these was an ACL tear, which can cause pain and limited mobility for weeks or even months after the injury. The other happened to her shoulder and would ultimately require surgery. These setbacks would keep Chloe off the bike for a year as she suffered through the long rehabilitation process. During this time, doubts arose, and she considered letting go of the sport that would eventually launch her into Olympic stardom. It was her father whose encouragement helped her get back up on that bike.

This is not to downplay the role of coaches and trainers, but to highlight the importance and far-reaching consequences that an encouraging parent may have. In this case, a little push could have made the difference between an Olympic medal and "what if." Such an achievement deserves recognition as well. Congratulates to her parents David and Gretchen, and everyone else who supported her on the road to become a world-class athlete. She is a source of pride for all Hendricks County.

## BELIEVE IT!

**Our nation has all sorts of arcane, nonsensical laws on the books. Each issue, we'll share one with you...** In Arizona, it is unlawful to refuse a person a glass of water.

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**READERS' WRITES**

**Habit of helping Hendricks County**

What started out as an invitation to be a guest at the annual Habit of the Heart hand-bag auction and luncheon four years ago has turned into a rewarding passion of giving back to our community. During that initial luncheon, I heard the passionate stories of how a group of approximately 50 women help mothers and children who are in need throughout Hendricks County. Having always been involved with my own children's schools, their purpose touched a chord with me personally. I knew I wanted to be involved with this great group of women and volunteered right then and there asking what I could do to help.

There are not many charities that can claim to provide 100 percent of funds raised directly to those in need. HOTH is proud to be among those that do! Most of our referrals come directly from the school counselors or nurses who let us know of needs within their schools of Hendricks County; needs such as eye exams, glasses, dental work, hearing aids, clothing, supplies and so much more. In addition to fundraising, HOTH derives resources and services from

partnerships within the community from doctors, dentists, and local businesses that have stepped up and are willing to help their fellow community members. Together we make sure that all needs and requests are met.

It is amazing to see what can be done and how many people are willing to donate or help within the community once the needs are known. The saying "It takes a village" truly applies as we could not do this without community support.

We at HOTH are excited to be holding our 12th annual fundraising Red Tie Gala, September 10 at the Palms in Plainfield. Our emcee makes sure our evening event is always entertaining and our auctions, both live and silent, are full of surprises. Our annual event provides the primary contribution source with all proceeds benefiting the Habit of the Heart Fund. These events traditionally sell out so call or go online and get your tickets quickly! (317) 835-1245 or www.hendrickscountycf.org.

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Answers from page 6

- 1) B    2) D  
3) C    4) C  
5) A



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## Bicycle tour kicks off Sept. 17

**EVENT** – In 1996, St. Malachy Catholic Church set up a partnership with Ste. Marguerite Parish in Haiti. Several times a year, medical, dental, optical, engineers and water purification specialists from Brownsburg and Indianapolis travel to Port Margot to assist the community in northern Haiti. To raise funds for the supplies St. Malachy sponsors a Help Haiti Bicycle Tour coming this year on Sept. 17.

Organizer Tom Farris says this is the 7th year for the tour which includes a 3-mile, 8-mile, 25-mile, 45-mile and 62.5-mile ride.

Registration for the event starts at 7 a.m. Riding begins at 8:30 a.m. Farris assures participants of stops along the longer routes for restroom breaks, hydration and snacks.

For more information, visit the Help for Haiti Bicycle Tour website at [www.stmalachy.org](http://www.stmalachy.org) under church events or lookup the Facebook page. Pre-registration is available.



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**Aug. 20** • Summer Sounds on the Square: Levi Riggs | When: Gates open at 6:30 p.m. and show at 7:30 | Cost: \$7; Must be 21 or older | Where: Danville Courthouse Square | Contact: Christa Salyers at (317) 319-1492.

**Aug. 21** • WWII Memorial Car Show | When: 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. | Where: Avon Town Hall, 6570 E. US 36, Avon | Contact (317) 979-6181.

**Aug. 23** • Big Go Block Party | When: 6 – 9 p.m. | Where: Brownsburg Town Hall; N. Green St. | Contact: (317) 852-1120 | [business.facebook.com/BigGoBlockParty/](https://business.facebook.com/BigGoBlockParty/)

**Aug. 26** • Concert by the Creek, featuring The Doo | When: 7 – 9 p.m. | Where: Washington Township Park; 435 Whipple Ln., Avon | Contact: Terri Fisher (317) 272-0948 | [facebook.com/washingtontwparks/](https://facebook.com/washingtontwparks/)

**Aug. 27** • Car Show Community Day | When: 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. | Where: Living Christ Lutheran Church; 4800 S. 600 E., Plainfield | Cost: Car Show Registration \$15; public admission free | Contact: Emmett Fuehrer (317) 260-0821 | Website: [livingchristplainfield.com](http://livingchristplainfield.com).

**Aug. 27** • McCloud HoneyBee Fest | When: 1 – 4 p.m. | Where: McCloud Nature Park; 8518 Hughes Rd., North Salem | Contact: Sarah Wolf (765) 676-5437.

**Aug. 27** • Fundraising event for Plainfield K9's bulletproof vest | When: 5- 8 p.m. | Where: Paw Street Bakery; 2028 Stafford Rd., Ste. F, Plainfield.

### Museum to celebrate 150 years

**MUSEUM CELEBRATION** – The Hendricks County Historical Museum will be hosting an ice cream social Sunday, Aug. 28 to celebrate the building's 150 year existence. The event runs from 2 – 4 p.m. and will feature live music, clogging, and a K9 Officer demonstration. The HCHM is located at 170 S. Washington St., Danville. For more information, call (317) 718-6158.

### Fundraiser for K9 officer

**FUNDRAISER** – Paw Street Bakery will hold a fundraiser on Saturday, Aug. 27th for Robbie, a K9 Officer in need of a protective ballistic vest. From 5-8 p.m. the bakery will raffle off prizes and donate 20% of all sales to the Plainfield Police Department for Robbie's new vest. The event will include refreshments provided by Ralph and Ava's Catering, along with pet-friendly treats for any furry guests. Paw Street Bakery is located at 2028 Stafford Road, Suite F, in Plainfield.



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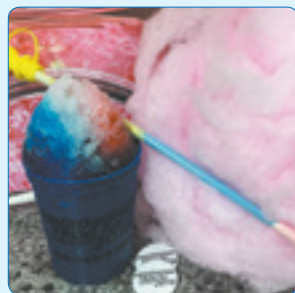
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### RECIPE

By Jerry Rezny

What is the perfect barbecued rib? There are two general opinions on this. There are people that want to chew the meat off the bone and there are people that want the meat to fall off the bone. I prefer the later! If you want great barbecued ribs, you have to start with a full rack of ribs that weighs less than 1 ¾ pounds. Bigger racks will work and can be very good, but true baby back ribs must be this size or less. The meat is tenderer.

Yield: 4 servings

#### Ingredients:

- 2 full racks of baby back pork ribs
- Seasoning salt (Use your favorite, or use Lawry's.)
- 1 bottle barbecue sauce (there is a lot of variety there, so pick your favorite)



**COOKING**  
with Jerry

Preheat the oven to 300°. Season rib racks and place them on a roasting pan. Seal with heavy duty foil to keep the juices in. Start the charcoal or gas grill so that it's ready when the ribs are tender. Bake for one hour and check for tenderness. It may take up to a half hour longer for the meat to pull from the bone. When tender, remove from pan. Brush with barbecue sauce and put the rib racks on the grill. The sauce will get thick and caramelize. Be careful to keep it from flaring up as the sauce can burn easily. Flip to the other side and repeat. Ribs are great with cole slaw and mashed or baked potatoes. So easy, so delicious.



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## Data: Singular or plural?

### GRAMMAR GUY

By Jordan Fischer

**Q: I see the word 'data' used all the time as both a singular and plural noun. Can it be both, or is there a consistent rule for it?**

A: To begin with, "data" comes to us directly from Latin, where it is the plural form of "datum." In English, we understand data as "facts or information used usually to calculate, analyze, or plan something." Data is information.

Some professional organizations have endeavored to standardize the use of "data." The American Psychological Association, which regulates APA Style, has, for example, decided that "data" is always to be used as a plural noun.

For most uses that don't follow APA Style, however, you'll need to decide whether "data" is acting as a count noun or a mass noun.

The best way to do this is to decide whether you are referring to individual units of data or an abstract group of data as a whole. A trick to help you figure this out at first is to mentally add the word "points" after "data" in the sentence and see whether

it makes sense.

For example: "These data (points) are out of order" vs. "This data (points) comes to us from the CDC." In the first sentence, the addition of "points" makes sense because we are talking about individual data. "Data" is therefore a count noun and should be treated as a plural. In the second sentence, adding "points" doesn't make sense – "data" is acting as a mass noun and should get a singular verb.

Sometimes, though, treating "data" as a singular or plural noun comes down to personal preference. Consider this sentence: "Self-reported data (is/are) historically unreliable." "Data" could be used as either a singular or plural noun in the sentence, and both choices would make sense and be grammatically acceptable. Like the data itself, how you use it is up to you.



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# Because art matters

Danville's Sloan Shockley promotes the arts with passion

## HCBL Extra

By Gus Percy  
We've all heard that

passion is the fuel for a happy life, but compassion is just as necessary for a full life. Danville's Sloan Shockley has a passion for art. For three years, she helped grow and develop the Hendricks County Arts Council into one of the leading organizations of our community. But her fuel comes directly from compassion. Together, these two fuels have sparked a fire that has greatly helped our community.

The Hendricks County Arts Council promotes art, visual and performing, through programs and supporting the local arts community. The flagship project is the Gallery on the Square in Danville, but other projects include Art in the Street Mural Project, Art in the Park (formerly ArtsGo!) and, most recently, a poster contest for the Indiana Bicentennial torch run.

"We're just trying to promote local artists and artisans and what's here in Hendricks County," Shockley said. "Hendricks County has so much talent."

After three years as president of the Arts Council, Shockley stepped down this past January but is still an active board member. Because of her passion for art, she is a member of an Avon committee working on the five-year comprehensive plan for the community.

Shockley's mother was an artist in own right, but she had a day job with the state of Indiana. Her father was a banker. Her grandparents were farmers in Danville. She's named for a character in the movie "Diamondhead," that her parents saw at the Royal Movie Theater.

While passionate about the arts, her day job exudes compassion. Shockley is a senior and mobile pantry programs manager for Gleaners Food Bank.

She coordinates programs aimed at senior citizens and supervises the mobile pantry program across Central Indiana. Gleaners Food Bank serves 21 central and southeastern Indiana counties. This includes Richmond and Madison, Ind.

"There may not be enough food pantries or we are there to support the ones that are there," she said. "We help get additional pounds (of food) into the community so everyone is able to have access to emergency food assistance."



Sloan Shockley holding silk scarves printed with original artwork. Photos by Gus Percy



Art on display.

Shockley has been dedicated to Gleaners longer than her 18 years. She started there in 1997 as an AmeriCorp member. Born and reared in Danville, Shockley loved the visual arts. Her passions were painting, graphic arts, pottery, fiber, photography, just about anything in the field.

After working for about six years, Shockley decided it was time for something different. She moved to Arizona and worked as a mentor and art teacher with the American Indian Christian Mission. She had a passion for working with the Native American community and found AmeriCorp. She built

webpages and did grant-writing for Navajo communities.

"It was a great opportunity to learn a different culture, a different way of life, and realizing that our Native American reservations are third-world countries right in the middle of our own," she said.

Fittingly, Shockley used her graphic arts and visual communications degree from Herron School of Art and Design to create marketing collateral for Gleaners. Now, as an administrator, Shockley helps directly get food and services to clients and member agencies.

Five years ago, Gleaners moved from downtown Indianapolis to the former Monarch Beverage distribution site by the Indianapolis International Airport. Besides the extra space, Gleaners has opened a food pantry on site that serves 5,000 families each month.

Gleaners and Shockley work with the Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition and Gleaners brings out the mobile food pantry twice a month. Shockley said the need in Hendricks County is great.

"Hunger doesn't discriminate," she said. "It can go into anybody's home and oftentimes

it is the elderly and the children that are the most vulnerable or the working poor."

Shockley's need to bring art to Hendricks County is similar to her need to help others. At Gleaners, she helps people with sustenance.

"I wake up every day knowing that I'm helping someone," Shockley said. "I'm meeting someone's basic need, which is food."

"When you're out there face-to-face and you hear the stories and struggles of the folks in line, it's not easy to stand in line with your neighbor sometimes," she added. "It's a very humbling experience."

"Sloan Shockley has been tireless in her efforts to support the arts in Hendricks County," Peg Glover, current vice president of the Hendricks County Arts Council said. "Being an artist herself, she has been a champion of the arts for many, many years. As president of the Hendricks County Arts Council the past three years, she utilized her platform to strongly promote, as well as support, the art and artists in our community. I applaud her accomplishments and appreciate her experience as she continues to serve the Arts Council in an advisory position."

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# Questions for...

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## Brandy Wethington Perrill

Brandy Wethington Perrill is the Executive Director at Hendricks College Network, a nonprofit organization that serves as a secondary/career education resource for area residents, businesses, and community organizations. Here we ask Brandy Wethington Perrill 10 questions...



**1 Strategically there have been a lot of changes at the Hendricks College Network. Could you elaborate?** I think we have been successful in our original goals of bringing college in our community. And now, as we refocus and look at the needs of employers in our community, we want to help align the training opportunities with what our employers need so that people have an opportunity for a career right here at home. We want to spend some time focusing on skilled trades and promoting that in our community ...

**2 So the Hendricks College Network isn't necessarily all about college anymore?** I don't think so. Actually we're going to start going by HCN as often as we can because that C can mean a lot of things. We've always been known as the Hendricks College Network, but we do a lot to help people in their career goals and sometimes that involves college, and sometimes that involves a connection. So I see that C as having a lot of different meanings and it isn't always going to mean post-secondary formal training.

**3 What services can HCN offer the to businesses here in Hendricks County?** We work closely with many businesses here in the community, but I feel we have the potential to do so much more. We like to hear about the needs they have to educate and train their workforce for places that may be struggling - and a lot of times, training can be the answer. We have so many connections through our relationships that we can make that easy for them. They don't have to spend the time hunting it down or researching - we can just bring that right to their door.

**4 But still very much, you provide services for those who are looking to go back to school who may be the nontraditional student?** Absolutely. We always call Hendricks College Network very lovingly "the guidance office for grown-ups." I think it's very easy "for us to" help others figure out what they need to do when taking steps to a successful career. Sometimes we are just breaking those goals down into manageable steps. We have become very good at helping others figure out a path that works in their life.

**5 As far as the existing colleges in Hendricks County, and there are several, what is HCN's relationship to those?** We spend a lot of time with our college partners. Many of them we recruited to come here to our community because we saw a need. And a few of them came on their own, which we were happy about. I spend time talking to them about their student numbers and recruiting. I talk to them about the classes that we would like to see... we meet pretty regularly at college fairs for employers and for the community as well.

**6 What is the biggest misconception about the HCN?** I think maybe the fact that people think we are a college. I get a call about once a week asking what different majors we offer. I just redirect them letting them know the things that are available in our community and try to get to know what their needs might be. That's why we are moving toward the HCN name as opposed to "Hendricks College Network," letting people know we are here for a variety of reasons and offer them a variety of ways to accomplish their goals.

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~ Brandy Wethington Perrill

**7 Brandy, you have now been on the job as the Executive Director for 3 years. What have been some challenges for you as a leader?** I feel like one of the challenges we face each year is funding an organization like Hendricks College Network. We are providing, what I think, is a wonderful service to our community that a lot of don't have and would like to. But it's hard to get across that we need the dollars to operate the services and pay our staff. A lot of times we have community partnerships that are very valuable to us. But we do need to find better strategies to help us run the day-to-day business.

**8 Where would you like to see the HCN in 5 years?** In 5 years, I would like to see unlimited opportunities for people when they are deciding what steps to take in their career. That they would know how to access all the resources needed in one place, and start setting the steps in motion towards their career goal. I think we have an opportunity to bring a lot of good resources that can help people of all levels - from the entry level jobs to the professional, and we need to keep working to align those with our workforce and our employers' needs.

**9 So really, HCN can be a huge economic development tool for Hendricks County?** It really is. I think that we have known that from the beginning, but it is a story that we like to tell and share with others - that we are a Hendricks County economic development toolbox. We are able to provide a service... that is very valuable to an employer - to know that they are going to have access to the trained employees they need to get their business to thrive here in Hendricks County.

**10 What is your parting shot?** I just hope that everyone in our community realizes they have the power to make a positive difference. When you see something that you would like to see improved or changed, each one of us can gather our resources and work on our relationships to make these things happen for the benefit of our community - each one of us can do that.

Interviewed by Rick Myers

Editor's note: Rick Myers serves on the board of directors of the Hendricks College Network.

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