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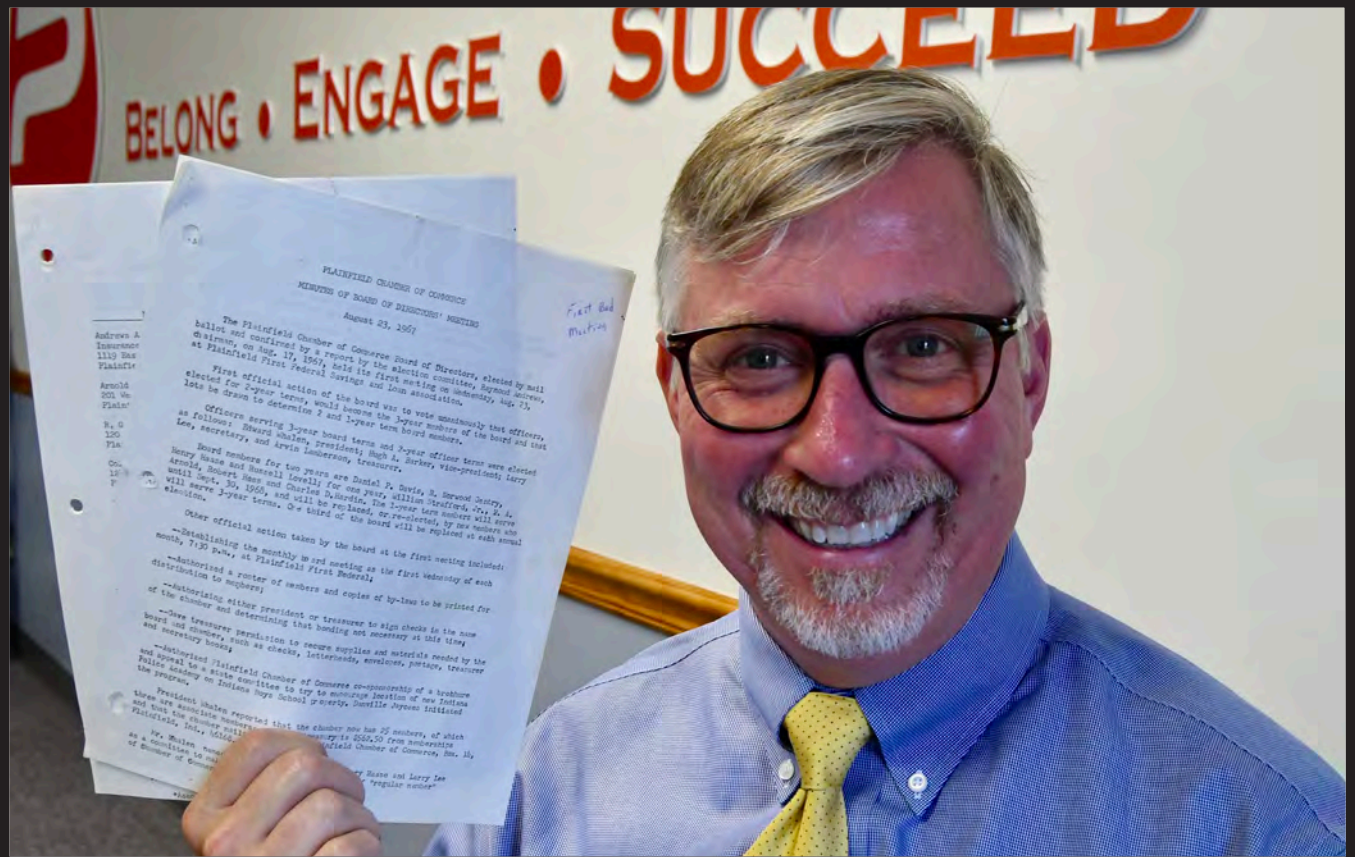
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A milestone find - Brad DuBois, executive director of the Plainfield Chamber of Commerce, holds up original minutes of the first chamber meeting dated Aug. 23, 1967. The meeting was held at First National Bank & Trust Company - now First Merchants Bank, 100 W. Main St. The minutes were found by Mitch Haase, owner of Mitch's Incredible Ace Hardware, Plainfield. His father, Henry, was an inaugural board member. Chamber officials are in the planning stages of celebrating the 50-year milestone and an announcement on festivities is impending.
Photo by Rick Myers

face to face

Q: Would you allow your employer to "microchip" you to unlock office doors, or for cash-free vending?



Peter Scott,
Avon

No, I don't believe in surgical augmentation of any kind for any purpose.



Patty Paddock,
Danville

No, I would not because I don't like the government to know everything I'm doing. I work for a public school system and they would know when I was at home and not sick.



Leslie Rhoden,
Plainfield

No, I think it's an invasion of my privacy and it'll go further than its original purpose.

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FROM THE BADGE TO THE COLLAR

St. Malachy associate pastor shares his policing past

By Lindsay Doty

Inside Father Doug Hunter's office at Saint Malachy Catholic Church in Brownsburg, you can find a shadow box hanging on the wall full of colorful badges. Ones with titles like Cadet, Sheriff's Deputy, and Indianapolis Police Officer.

The badges read: D. Hunter.

"It's just a reminder of where I came from. I look back and see all the lives I've touched," explains the 39-year new Associate Pastor who spent a decade in Indianapolis law enforcement.

It's a unique resume for a Catholic priest, and one he doesn't hesitate to share during his homilies.

"People want to know their priest, what kind of experience do you have, what do you bring to the table who are you and what you about," said Hunter.

As the only child of a devout Catholic family and an Alter boy, he always had the priesthood in the back of his mind, but a series of circumstances led him to wear the badge before the vestments. During his freshman year at Cardinal Ritter High School, he lost his dad to a heart attack and his grades started to suffer.



Hunter worked as a sheriff's deputy before joining the seminary. *Photo submitted*



Father Doug Hunter performs a baptism Sunday, Aug. 13 at St. Malachy Catholic Church, 9833 E County Rd. 750 N., Brownsburg.

Photos by Chris Cornwall

"When it came time to apply for a college nobody would really take me but the Arch Diocese was willing to work with me and told me to go get a two-year degree and come back," he remembers.

It was around the same time, he started to notice the impact local cops had on the community, whether they were saying hi or shooting hoops with the guys in his neighborhood.

"One of them said, 'why you don't become a police officer?'"

So he did. He applied with the Indianapolis Police Department and didn't make the cut but landed a job with Marion County as a sheriff's deputy. He spent eight years there and two more as a police officer with IMPD after the city merged law enforcement services with the county in 2007.

"During that time, it gave me insights into how people live their lives. The good, the bad, and the indifferent."

Hunter says he'll never forget the toughest parts of the job: seeing the children impacted by a life of crime or neglect, and the danger always lurking on the street. Hunter was working the perimeter on September 17, 2001, when fellow Deputy 24-year-old Jason Baker was shot and killed during a high speed chase.

"Shots were firing all around you and didn't

know where they were coming from," he remembers.

On patrol for several years, Hunter was itching to go back to school. He went on to earn a business degree at Marian University before giving in to the voice in his head and joining the Seminary.

"My mother was happy. When I told her I'm going in the Seminary, she said now I can sleep after 10 years," Hunter remembers. "When I found myself leaving my office, sitting in Eucharistic Adoration and in prayer and in church trying to figure this out, it hit me at one point. Okay, I know where I need to be."

Fast forward to August 2017, he's just completed his first month as Associate Pastor at St. Malachy Church. Chatting with parishioners on a warm Sunday morning between Mass and a welcome picnic in his honor, he's as easy going as they come.

"When they see that you've had a life of service they are more inclined to approach you and I want people to know who I am and that I am approachable," he said.

While his two paths are very different, he says they are also the same.

"It's still service to God's people. Either way."

"No matter what's going on in a person's life, they are still our brother or sister in Christ. They

are still a child of God and it is our service and duty to serve our brothers and sisters in Christ in a time of need."



Father Doug Hunter has a display of his law enforcement badges in his office.



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FOR THE RECORD HC OBITUARIES

AVON

Burdette M. Allen

Burdette M. Allen, 96, of Avon, passed away July 22, 2017. He was born November 27, 1921. He served his country in the U.S. Army during WWII.

Services were held on August 4 in Dundee, Illinois.

Adam Bennett Poppa

Adam Bennett Poppa, 40, of Avon, passed away August 3, 2017. Adam was born December 19, 1976. Services were held August 9 at David A. Hall Mortuary in Pittsboro.

BROWNSBURG

Dorothy Dana Burns

Dorothy Dana Burns, 84, of Brownsburg, passed away July 28th, 2017. She was born on June 23, 1933 in Los Angeles. A mass of Christian burial was held August 7 at St. Malachy's Catholic Church in Brownsburg.

David Warren Hughes

David Warren Hughes, 80, of Brownsburg, passed away August 6. He was born December 2, 1936. Services were held Aug. 11 at Matthews Mortuary, Brownsburg.

Betty L. Meyer

Betty L. Meyer, 88, of Brownsburg, passed away July 23, 2017. She was born February 27, 1929. Services were held July 27 at Matthews Mortuary in Brownsburg.

Hollis L. Starr

Hollis L. Starr, 89, of Brownsburg, passed away July 26, 2017. He was born July 4, 1928. He was retired from the Naval Reserves. Services were held Aug. 1 at Matthews Mortuary, Brownsburg.

George Robert Tomczak

George Robert Tomczak, 80, of Brownsburg, passed away on Aug. 9, 2017. He was born July 8, 1937. He was in the US military for seven years serving three years in the Navy and four years in the Coast Guard. Services were held Aug. 14 at Matthews Mortuary in Brownsburg.

Lynn A. Zurcher

Lynn A. Zurcher, 68, of Brownsburg, passed away Aug. 5, 2017. She was born February 17, 1949. Graveside services were held Aug. 9 at Brownsburg Cemetery.

DANVILLE

Esther H. Brown

Esther H. Brown, 83, of Danville, passed away July 29, 2017. Esther was born February 11, 1934. Services were held August 5 at Weaver & Randolph Funeral Home in Danville.

PLAINFIELD

Robert (Bob) Walters

The Reverend Dr. Robert (Bob) Walters, 64, of Plainfield, passed away July 31, 2017.

He was a former Marine Corps helicopter pilot and retired United Methodist pastor. He was born September 17, 1952. Services were held August 5 at Plainfield United Methodist Church in Plainfield.

PITTSBORO

Donald Ralph Blanton

Donald Ralph Blanton, 85, passed away July 28, 2017. He was born March 29, 1932. Services were held Aug. 1 at David A Hall Mortuary Hall Mortuary, Pittsboro.

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The Children's Ballet growing by leaps and bounds

By Peg McRoy Glover

The Children's Ballet is in the final stages of expanding its studio, adding more classes and hiring three new teachers. The growth is in response to a rapidly increasing interest in classical ballet among many young dancers in Hendricks County.

The Children's Ballet, located in Danville, is one of the few classically and performance focused ballet schools in central Indiana.

The school houses the original studio that Denise Jacks opened in 1987. Miss Deni, as she was known to her students, is a former professional ballerina, instructor and choreographer. Jacks retired in 2015 and handed the reigns of the thriving school over to two of her former students: Anne Johansson, executive director, and Emily Miser, artistic director.

Since 2015, enrollment at the school has increased 25 percent.

The excitement over growing attendance was hampered a bit by the limited studio and rehearsal space. Johansson and the school's board of directors considered adding another

studio at a different location.

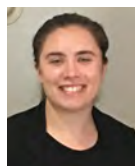
Just as the board was considering options for another location, timing came into play. Another organization had occupied adjacent office space for many years under the same roof. When it became vacant the answer to the much-needed ballet space became clear.

Shoulder to shoulder, and with a great deal of help from their families, Johansson and Miser got to work. A wall was knocked down, the studio expanded and a sprung dance floor covered with dance vinyl was installed.

The key elements that protect a dancer from injury are the sprung sub floor suspension system and the dance floor surface. The sprung sub floor installed at The Children's Ballet provides a 70% shock absorption rate. The vinyl dance surface that covers the suspension flooring provides just enough traction for a dancer to perform without fear of slipping.

The new instructors are:

Hadassah Burk is a professional who danced and taught in Chicago prior to moving to



Miser



Johansson

Coatesville. She is teaching the early learner classes for students who are three to six-years-old on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

Haley Cipot is a professional ballerina with the Ballet Theatre of Indiana. She is teaching advanced ballet and modern dance.

Sarah Weddle is a recent graduate of Danville High School, former student at The Children's Ballet and certified to teach dance through the National Dance Educator's Association. She will instruct three to five-year-old students on Friday mornings.

The additional studio space, a state-of-the-art dance floor, additional classes and the hiring of three instructors is an outstanding way for The Children's Ballet to begin its 30th season.

For more information visit thechildrensballet.com or call (317) 316-7373.



Peg McRoy Glover is vice-president of the Hendricks County Arts Council, as well as a freelance writer. She may be contacted at pegglover@yahoo.com or info@hendrickscountyarts.org

HC ICON News Quiz

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

1 Miss Indiana Haley Begay will compete in the 2017 Miss America Pageant next month in Atlantic City, N.J. It's a long way from her hometown of _____?

- A. Brownsburg
- B. Clayton
- C. Pittsboro
- D. North Salem



2 Which Native American Tribe inhabited the area along White Lick Creek where the Town of Plainfield now sits?

- A. Miami
- B. Delaware
- C. Wee
- D. Aztec



3 Which Hendricks County high school recently won the 2017 IHSAA Cheerleading State Finals?

- A. Avon Orioles
- B. Plainfield Quakers
- C. Brownsburg Bulldogs
- D. Danville Warriors

4 With the departure of Phil Parnin, who was recently named interim director of Brownsburg Parks?

- A. Travis Tranbarger
- B. Todd Barker
- C. Grant Kleinhenz
- D. Claudine Sutton



5 Local teen Emily Keith was recently named DYW of Avon. What do the letters "DYW" stand for?

- A. Distinguished Youth Winner
- B. Decorated Young Woman
- C. Distinguished Young Woman
- D. Drive Your Way



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Avon graduate debuts first movie

By Lindsay Doty

A lot of people say they're going to make a movie but only so many ever do. Dustin Kay is one of them.



The longtime Avon resident (and 1995 Avon high school graduate) recently debuted his film *Belly Timber* at the historic Royal Theatre in Danville.

The project has been four years in the making and is now finding its way through the indie film circuit in California.

"I'm still kind of on cloud nine," says Kay, who wrote and produced the movie that mixes some Indiana history with horror. The film is set in the 1820s and follows early Indianapolis settler John McCormick and his family as they set up life along the White River. But the plot takes a dark turn when a cannibal tribe hunts them down.

Kay says the Indiana history is something he wanted to incorporate because it's actually part of his history.

"My great-great uncle is John McCormick so I wanted to honor that," he explains.

He chose the evil undertones after being dazzled at a horror movie convention several years ago called *Day of The Dead*. The creative hot bed struck a chord with the

writer who found early inspiration in films like *Friday the 13th*.

"I've always been into horror and tricking people and being able to make something look real that's not those things."

Belly Timber recently premiered at the Royal Theatre, a spot Kay remembers visiting as a teenager for cheap movies.

Now he's proud to be on the other side of the screen.

The movie was filmed across Indiana on a low budget and took many donations and volunteers.

"We needed country cabins, we got horses, we got muskets from the National Rifle Association," said Kay.

"My mom sewed a lot of the dresses so that was pretty cool."

He says Director Bobby Easley helped bring out the best in an inexperienced cast.

"They're rookies but they're eager to work and with the right coaching you get the acting out of them."

Kay, who builds furniture says his goal is to one day have filmmaking be the steady paycheck.

He just finished making his second movie and has plans to debut it at the old theatre as well.

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FARMERS MARKET FINDS

By Chris Cornwall

Just Be Kind in Plainfield is your average business in most ways. The proprietors are members at the local chamber of commerce have a corporate structure, a company bank account and sell a product. However, the age of its employees is not so average as they range from kindergarteners to high school sophomores. Just Be Kind is a company run exclusively by children.

Although the kids make and sell t-shirts bearing the company's name, 'Just Be Kind,' spreading the message is the ultimate goal.

"We noticed a lot of meanness and fighting," said 11-year-old business manager, Emily Smith. "Not just at school, but everywhere."

To get the message out, the kids recently sold their shirts in exchange for acts of kindness from customers.

"Parents help with few things like transportation and getting the t-shirts printed," Andrea Flood said. "But they

design the shirts themselves. They even have their own bank account, but no one can touch the money unless they get an 'okay' from three financial managers (who are also children)."

"We noticed a lot of meanness and fighting. Not just at school, but everywhere."

The shirts come in a variety of colors and sizes and can be purchased at the Plainfield Farmers Market, Wednesdays, 4-7 p.m. on the Plainfield Friends Meeting Lawn, 105 S. East Street.

To learn more about 'Just Be Kind,' Check them out on Facebook.



Park Jones and Kendall Messer selling 'Just Be Kind' t-shirts at the Plainfield Farmers Market. Photo by Chris Cornwall

Sara Bender new AEF executive director



Bender

The Avon Education Foundation Board has named Sara Bender as its new Executive Director. Prior to joining the Avon Education Foundation (AEF), Mrs. Bender was the Marketing Consultant

for Sonshine Family Dental in Avon. She has also served in other business development and marketing positions. "Her experience working with non-profits to create marketing and fundraising plans will be a tremendous asset as we look to grow the foundation both in community awareness and program funding," AEF Board President Angie Lee said.

Mrs. Bender is a graduate of Olivet Nazarene University (B.S. Business Management, B.S. Marketing) and Purdue University (M.S. Hospitality and Tourism Management). She has resided in Avon for nine years with her husband and daughters. For more information on AEF, visit avoneducationfoundation.org.

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- She married at 22 to Jack Price. They were married 58 years before he passed and had twin daughters. She has 4 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great grandchildren.
- She worked as the Deputy Clerk and then the Deputy Auditor of Boone County. After that she worked at Allison's in their accounting department. She loves math and likes to work figures.
- She enjoyed playing the clarinet and saxophone and also piecing quilts.
- Says the biggest changes she has seen since she was young is technology-from radio to TV to airplanes to computers.
- Her advice for the next generation- Listen more than you talk and mind your parents.
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Winner: KASEY KAHNE

Puzzle Time



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Chalos named AVSC Teacher of the Year

Avon Community School Corporation announced that River Birch Elementary teacher Kristle Chalos is the Andy Mohr Teacher of the Year. She was selected from 12 finalists by a committee comprised of local community members. Teacher of the Year Award program sponsor Andy Mohr (Andy Mohr Automotive Group) presented Mrs. Chalos with a check and crystal award. In addition, she received a cash award from the Sharon Pinnick Educational Fund, (Hendricks County Community Foundation), the Hendricks Regional Health YMCA and a floral arrangement from McNamara Florist. Avon Community School Corporation has submitted Mrs. Chalos' remarkable portfolio to the Indiana Department of Education for the state's selection process of the Indiana Teacher of the Year award. For more information, visit the ACSC website at www.avon-schools.org.

Local teen named Distinguished Young Woman of Avon

Nine young women competed for the title of Distinguished Young Woman of Avon Saturday, July 29 at Harmony Baptist Church in Avon. More than \$10,000.00 in college scholarship money was awarded to the Participants. Emily Keith earned the title of Distinguished Young Woman of Avon 2017-2018. Emily was sponsored by Avon Tri Kappa and will represent Avon at the Distinguished Young Women of Indiana Program to be held Feb. 2018 in Kokomo, IN. For a complete listing of winners, visit myhcicon.com.

BROWNSBURG

Brownsburg family starts Morgan's Visionaries

The Estes family of Brownsburg recently created Morgan's Visionaries in support of daughter, Morgan Estes, a sixth grader at Brownsburg West Middle School suffering from retinitis pigmentosa. The disease has no known cure and causes progressive vision loss. Morgan's Visionaries will participate in the 2017 Indianapolis Vision Walk, Saturday, Sept. 9 at White River State Park, to raise funds for the Foundation Fighting Blindness. For more information, visit fightblindness.org.



Tommy Loker gets dunked by Blayton Davies (3) with a little help from mom Lourie during National Night Out in Avon, Aug. 1 at the Lowe's Home Improvement parking lot. Photo by Chris Cornwall

Brownsburg schools get props for Riley Hospital donations

The Riley Children's Foundation is recognizing Brownsburg Community Schools as a Red Wagon Corporation for their philanthropic efforts supporting Riley Hospital for Children during the 2016-2017 school year. The schools participated in the statewide Kids Caring & Sharing (KCS) school philanthropy program raising at least \$1 per enrolled student. Only 15 of Indiana's more than 290 school corporations achieved this status last year. Indiana KCS schools support pediatric research initiatives at Riley through simple fundraising activities. Students engage in service learning, grow their leadership skills, and develop empathy for others. Since the program's 1985 start, Indiana's K-12 schools have raised more than \$16 million to benefit children and families receiving care at Riley Hospital.

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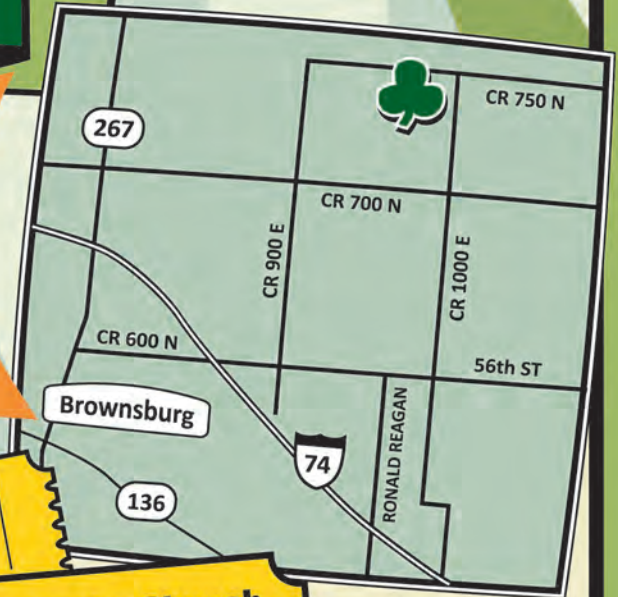


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Avon father and son start 'cruise-in' to benefit honor flights

By Chris Cornwall

Bob Hale and his son Bobby have always been into cars. Even as a young boy, Bobby remembers going with his dad to car shows, or helping him in the garage with an engine.

"I've grown up in the culture," Bobby said. "We've been going to cruise-ins and car shows since I was eight years-old."

Now the father/son team is bringing some of that culture to Avon with a new cruise-in event, which continues to grow since its inception earlier this year.

"We thought maybe the first year if we had 50 or 60 cars, it would be successful," Bob Hale said. "Last Saturday we had over 100 cars and many more spectators."

It has taken a joint effort to organize the weekly event but Bob says most of the credit should go to his son.

"He came up with the idea as a fun way to raise money for Indy Honor Flights," Bob said.

The Hales hold a 50/50 drawing at each event with half the proceeds going to the winner, and the other half going towards Indy Honor Flight. The organization has taken notice and sends two or three volunteers each week to talk with cruise in goers.

The Hales say the event is about hav-

ing fun and talking with other car enthusiasts. Participants can relax and not worry about being judged like they would at a car show.

"It's not a competition and open to everyone," Bob said. "We have all kinds of cars here, new and old...Whatever you want to bring."

There is no cost to attend Summer Cruise-In, which meets every Saturday (weather permitting), 6-9 p.m., in the Lowe's Home Improvement parking lot in Avon, 7893 E US Hwy 36. The weekly event runs now until Sept. 30. Concessions are available for purchase with all proceeds going to Indy Honor Flights.

For more information or to see videos of past Summer Cruise-In events, visit facebook.com/avon-summercruisein.



From left, Bob and Bobby Hale at the Avon Summer Cruise In, Saturday, Aug. 5, Lowes Home Improvement parking lot.

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Getting the results from your tests and imaging takes time, sometimes multiple hours. While that might seem like a long time to wait, the same process would take at least three days if the patient visited his or her primary care physician. But remember, many medical issues don't need results that day and can be taken care of by a family physician.

How is the emergency department at IU Health West Hospital organized?

Although it's currently in flux during our ongoing renovation project, our emergency department has multiple areas. Patients

with non-life-threatening issues can be taken to our "Fast Track" area and cared for by one of our highly skilled physician assistants or nurse practitioners. If you see a patient with a less severe issue taken to a room before you, it's likely because he or she qualifies for "Fast Track." Additionally, there's a pediatric area where we see a majority of our pediatric patients.

What do you mean "ongoing renovation project"?

We're excited our emergency department is expanding to include additional care space, a new discharge/results waiting area, and an improved triage space and waiting room. During the first phase of this project, both the triage and waiting room areas have temporarily moved to the hallway and treatment space is limited. We appreciate everyone's patience and look forward to continuing to provide the highest quality care to our ever-growing community.



Dr. Karen Crevier is the associate medical director of the emergency department at Indiana University Health West Hospital.



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Bob, Jamestown



Danville catches island breeze at fundraiser

Photos by Dave Gansert



Karie & Brett Clark

Hawaiian shirts were in full bloom at Sycamore Services' annual Tiki Time fundraiser Saturday, July 29 at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex, 1900 E. Main St., Danville.

The Tides took the stage and played Caribbean-style music as guests danced, enjoyed dinner and bid on items from the silent and live auctions.

Proceeds from the event went to aid Sycamore Services' mission to help children and adults with intellectual or developmental delays, autism, and physical disabilities lead a more independent, fulfilling life.



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Over 30 baseball a big hit

By Lindsay Doty

Every Sunday they grab their mitts out of the garage and suit up to play. A collection of dads, coaches, lawyers, construction workers, you name it. They all have two common passions: baseball and their hometown.



Nelson

"This isn't a sandlot church league. Guys don't just put their name in and say hey put me on a team. It's town ball," explains Pittsboro Sluggers Manager Matt Nelson.

He's part of the West Central Indiana Hoosier Townball Association Men's League.

It started back in 2014 with a group of like-minded guys, many with a baseball past, who wanted to get back in the game at a competitive level.

It took off in Hendricks County and now boasts 11 teams and more than 150 players.

Nelson and league president Ed Walker are constantly adding to the roster.

The catch? Players have to be at least 30 years old to play, 35 if you're pitching. No young bucks on the mound, but don't write off the sporty dad set. They've still got it.

"You run into these guys in the Little League circuits and you think in your mind, I could still do something like this," said Nelson.

"You kind of lose your mind and play like

you're 17 or 18."

Whether it's 90 degrees or freezing rain, they hit fast balls, slide if they need to, and do all the real stuff with major baseball rules.

"I'm surprised we haven't had Hendricks Regional Health sponsor us yet with the number of sprains...or Advil," laughs Nelson.

While they may not bounce back like their earlier baseball days, these guys are playing with plenty of pride for the Indiana town they live in.

The Sunday-only roster is played out at school baseball diamonds and county ball parks.

The league is complete with town uniforms and a growing fan base.

It started with wives and heckling Little Leaguers (some eager to give "dad a few pointers this time) and has grown beyond on the diamond with park goers asking when they can catch the next game.

"It's kind of interesting for a bunch of middle-aged guys," said Nelson.

They play for bragging rights. It's competitive but there is also a sense of camaraderie.

"We cross paths all the time. I just noticed a guy who was helping me load lumber at Lowes. I said, 'Aren't you a catcher for Cascade?' Hendricks County is a small place."

The town ball league is a nod to history



Jack Watson of the Martinsville Mayhem collides with Tony Church of the Coatesville Bluz at first base.

Photo by Chris Cornwall

and has a special place in the weekend calendar for many guys who haven't lost the craving to hit a fast ball, round the bases, feel their hand in the glove and just play baseball like nothing else matters (as much as their body will allow).

"You feel like you are part of something greater. You feel like you are part of

the game again. There's something special about baseball and there is something more special about playing baseball like this in Middle America where you are not being paid."

"You are just doing it for the love of the game."

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Historical funeral home a dream come true for local mortician

By Lindsay Doty

Outside the doors of David A. Hall Mortuary off North Maple in the heart of Pittsboro, it's not uncommon to find Eric Bell out mowing the lawn or chatting with neighbors.

"I'm out front in the rocking chair or power washing and people stop and talk. I just absolutely love that," says Bell.

A longtime mortician, the Indiana native is far from the gloomy figure lurking in the shadows as Hollywood would have it. In fact, he's quite chatty and jovial.

Bell is the new owner of the historic mortuary, taking over for David A. Hall himself after a career spanning decades. For Bell, owning his own funeral home is about being that neighborhood mortician that people know and trust.

"I'm just really achieving my dream by buying this place," he said.

It's a vision that started when he was just a kid. Bell grew up in Frankfort, Indiana. The son of a firefighter and the nephew of a priest, being part of a community was always second nature. And so were funerals. As a boy, he developed a strong bond with a mentor he describes as a second dad and a pillar of the community. He was also the undertaker.

"The funeral director in my hometown had a classic car collection and after my grandparents died I was hanging around it all the time. He said if I was going to hang around all the time then I had to start working,"

So he did. By the time Bell was 16, he was wearing suits and helping coordinate funerals and playing the trumpet for services.

"The funeral home would pick me up on the way to the cemetery and I would leave school and I would go play Taps and then they would drop me back off," he remembers.

Bell went on to study business at Marian University and earn another degree in funeral services. He's worked at several large funeral homes in Indiana, but says the industry has gone too commercial and he's happier to be more hands-on, providing those extras to grieving families like answering the phone himself and playing the trumpet at Veteran memorial services once again.

"It's powerful when someone turns over their most precious thing in the entire world to you. That's a really heavy gift and obligation," said Bell.

On a regular work day, this Hoosier does what many would never encounter or want to. From embalming bodies (no, he doesn't have a creepy room in the basement) to delivering flowers at a cemetery or picking up a body. Death calls can come at all hours of the day and night.

"It just becomes part of your life like anything else."

Bell's wife Erin, a Hendricks County native, and his 2-year-old daughter Evelyn won't be

living at the funeral home (an old-school concept) but locally. He does plan to set up a playroom at the mortuary for his daughter when she attends nearby Pittsboro Elementary. The obvious My Girl reference comes to mind.

"That movie is actually the most accurate portrayal of a mortician, he's a regular guy who happens to be an undertaker," Bell remarks.

While most modern-day funeral directors shudder at the term "undertaker," Bell embraces it. He teaches Mortuary Science at Vincennes University and embraces the history of the industry.

"I'm old fashioned. I like old things." Like the 1948 Packard Henney Hearse that's available upon request.

Bell also doesn't shy away from those awkward questions at dinner parties.

"If you don't want anyone to talk to you then say you sell insurance," he jokes.

People always have an inquiry about ghoulish encounters and bodies standing up on their own.

"I can assure that has never happened and if it does it will be my last day in the funeral home," he responds.

He says not all funerals are sad. He enjoys the tales of World War Two veterans and the fascinating stories on a long life. To him, the actual service is much like a play.

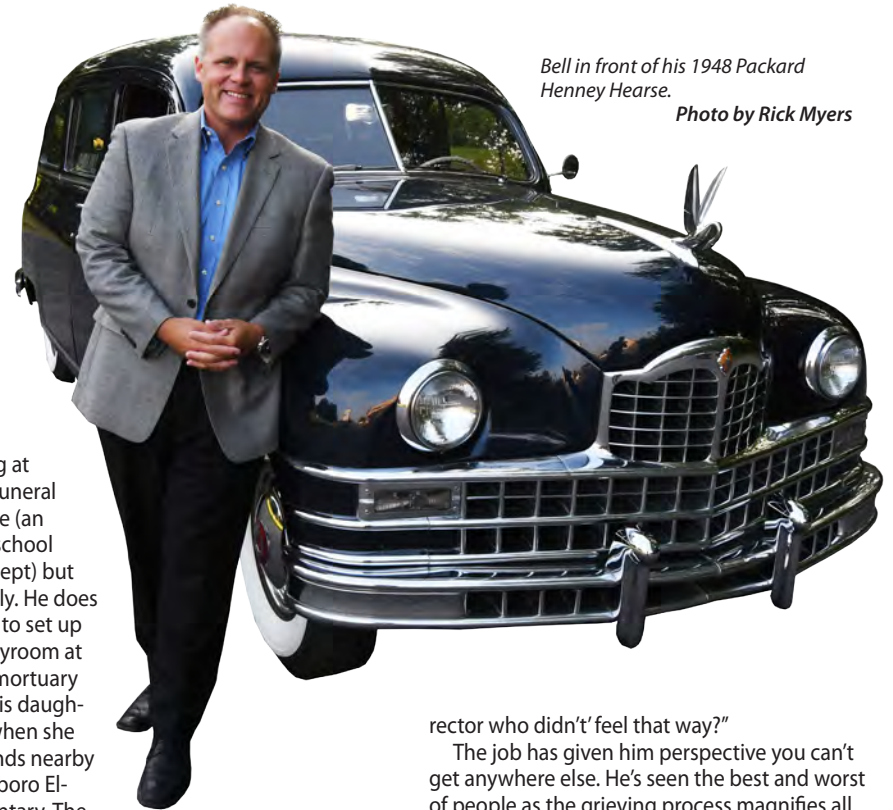
"The star is the deceased and your audience has to take away some kind of emotional feeling from that. Our job is to create a scene of healing for families."

But he's never gotten over the ones who require the tiniest of caskets.

"I've broken down and had to walk away."
"But why would you ever want a funeral di-

Bell in front of his 1948 Packard Henney Hearse.

Photo by Rick Myers



rector who didn't feel that way?"

The job has given him perspective you can't get anywhere else. He's seen the best and worst of people as the grieving process magnifies all emotions. His job is to navigate them the best he can.

And like most morticians, he views life's petty problems for what they are.

"You get this mentality. Okay, you wrecked your car, but you could be dead. You got a divorce but you could be dead, and it's hard not to see that because I've stood next to someone who has lost their two-year-old child."

He says don't sweat the small stuff and embrace life and the people you love.

"Life is precious and fleeting and brief and not guaranteed, to overlook that is the greatest of all sins in my opinion."

IU Health West ranked #3 best hospital in Indiana

IU Health West Hospital was again ranked in the top 10 for best hospitals in the state of Indiana by U.S. News & World Report. The hospital was ranked #3 overall in the state and #3 overall in the Indianapolis metro area. The report also gave IU Health West top marks in the areas of Gastroenterology and GI Surgery, Geriatrics, Nephrology and Pulmonology. U.S. News & World Report began ranking America's hospitals in 2011. To find out how hospitals were ranked, visit health.usnews.com/best-hospitals.

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Drug treatment vs accountability

The number of drug arrests in Hendricks County continues to rise. In fact, some parts have seen that number double every year for the past five. It would seem that all these arrests would eventually snuff out the problem as more offenders would be incarcerated.

However, the 2014 criminal reform has led to shorter sentences.

Advocates of the reform focus on the idea that these individuals have a "substance abuse disorder," likening them to folks suffering from other medical conditions like diabetes. Effectively, rather than serving longer prison terms, non-violent offenders are being sent to local jails where addiction treatment is more available.

Currently, the Indiana Drug Prevention Task Force is proposing new legislation to increase prevention and treatment efforts.

Hendricks County Prosecutor and president of The Association of Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Patricia Baldwin responded to the proposal, saying it cannot work because it lacks "meaningful enforcement," something much needed after the 2014 criminal reform that, while well-intentioned, is hindering their ability to protect communities.

"They now revolve in and out of local jails on short-term sentences. Consequently, offenders are increasingly on the streets creating problems for our communities... We want the plan to succeed. It cannot succeed, however, without a comparable and equivalent improvement on the enforcement side. Penalties for drug possession and dealing are too low," Baldwin said.

While we believe that treatment for non-violent offenders is a step in the right direction, Baldwin makes an irrefutable point. Offenders are held less accountable and an imbalance has been created that strips away the tools needed by prosecutors to facilitate appropriate sentences. New legislation that fails to address this should probably include a grant for the purchase of revolving doors.

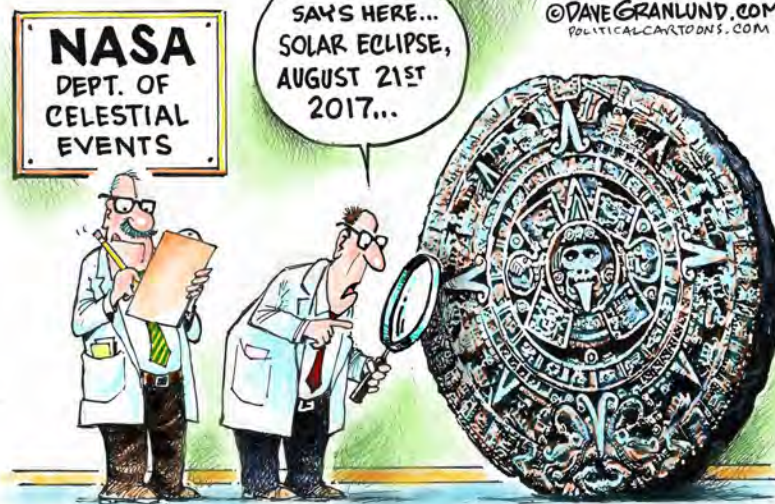
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Sitting pretty

HUMOR

By Dick Wolfsie
What has happened to the art of sitting? People

nowadays don't just sit; they have to be involved in some activity like emailing, blogging, tweeting, reading, or watching TV.

When I was a kid, people in my neighborhood sat on their front porch. Since this was New York, they were mostly protecting their valuables or waiting for the police to arrive. They were sitting, nonetheless. You see people sitting in a doctor's office—but these people are waiting. Big difference.

In some of those old English manors, there were sitting rooms. But if you ever saw a movie or read a book about life in those days, you'd know that people also did a lot of yakking to each other while they were sitting. They would converse about the murder that just occurred in the sewing room or speculate about why the downstairs maid was spending so much time upstairs. In reality, these were talking rooms, not sitting rooms.

When you are sitting, you are not wasting time. That is why we need to applaud the historical significance of this leisurely activity. For it is in this repose that the truly lazy people of the world have made their impact. Do you think it was hard-working folks who came up with the idea for the backhoe, the chainsaw and the snow blower? Heavens no. It was the sluggish and the indolent solving the world's problems while completely at rest.

Cracker Barrel Restaurant has tried to bring back sitting as an art form. They have this nifty front porch lined with sturdy rocking chairs. But rarely is someone sitting in one of them. Instead, people are looking at

the price tags on the arm or complaining about the 30-minute wait for the meatloaf special. Cracker Barrel customers are the perfect people for sitting. Many of them sport suspenders and dangle toothpicks from their mouths. This is sit waiting to happen.

Fewer and fewer people have front porches, the traditional place for this non-activity. Sitting alone inside your house is actually a little weird. You see, part of the charm of sitting is that you are publicly displaying that you have the time and the inclination to just park your rear end in a chair. Not a bill to pay, a chore to do, or a place to go. You can't flaunt this in private. If word got out you were in your spare bedroom staring at the walls, the neighbors would call for some form of crisis intervention. But sit on your front step and gaze into space with a slight smirk, and there is immediate neighborhood speculation about an unexpected inheritance, or about you and the new UPS driver.

Sometimes to relax I just sit in my driveway in an old beach chair and wait for my wife to get home from work. When my neighbor Charlie sees me he always grabs a stool from his garage and plants himself next to me. Then he wants to chat endlessly about politics or religion, but lately I've mustered up the nerve to tell Charlie I'd rather be alone.

Some people just don't sit well with me.



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

Thumbs Up: To the Danville Metropolitan Police Department for utilizing social media to identify suspects. With so many folks now plugged into platforms like Twitter and Instagram, it's a great way for the residents to be proactive in protecting their communities.

Thumbs Up: To the Brownsburg High School cheerleading squad for becoming state champions. The title says it all, so we will simply say congratulations!

Thumbs Down: Last week there was trash lining U.S. Highway 36 over White Lick Creek. Plastic bottles and other items were falling right into the water. We understand that accidental dumps are bound to happen, but there's no excuse for leaving it there, especially when it is falling into our waterways.

Thumbs Down: The intersection at CR 200 East and East Main Street will be closed for two months. With all the road construction and CSX projects taking place around Hendricks County, the best alternative route may be an airplane.

QUOTE

"You can be childlike without being childish. A child always wants to have fun. Ask yourself, 'Am I having fun?'"
~ Christopher Meloni

Two unwelcome summer garden pests

GARDENING

By John Chapin

Every summer, two nasty

garden pests show up to plague homeowners in Central Indiana. Bagworms and Japanese Beetles appear like clockwork in midsummer to do their best to damage and disfigure flowers and shrubs. However, there are preventative steps that can be taken to mitigate the damage, as well as effective ways to deal with each pest when they do show up.

The caterpillar stage of a moth with the tongue-twister name of *Thyridopteryx ephemeraeformis* is commonly known as eastern bagworm or evergreen bagworm. Adult males resemble bees, with transparent wings and black furry bodies. Adult females are eyeless, wingless and maggot-like, with yellowish-white soft bodies. Newly hatched larvae are blackish, turning brown to tan as they grow, mottled with black and yellow-tinted heads.

Larvae build a "bag" of silk decorated with bits of plant material from the shrubs or trees on which they feed. This effectively camouflages them until they get some size (up to almost 2") by midsummer and the plant bits turn brown and gray. Adult males transform into moths in mid-August

after fastening their "bag" to a branch and pupating head down. Females never leave their cocoon, requiring a male which she attracts with a strong pheromone to mate with her through an open end at the back of the case. She dies with hundreds to several thousand eggs to overwinter safely inside her protective bag.

They have few natural predators in urban

"For adult beetle control, there are insecticidal sprays, both chemical and organic, available at garden centers."

areas and a voracious appetite, so they can be serious pests in home gardens and landscapes. If left unchecked, host shrubs and trees can be killed by bagworm infestations.

Preventative care includes picking off any bags in the fall when they are easiest to detect. If late spring inspection reveals young bagworms, spraying with insecticides will kill them. As they get older (and larger) they are more resistant to chemical sprays.

However, various bacterial sprays such as Bt/Spinosad are very effective at any stage. Systemic insecticides can be used to "inoculate" favorite plants in late fall or very early spring for 12-month control.

Late June into early July is when Japanese Beetles, *Popillia japonica*, make an appearance in this area. This non-native pest was discovered in New Jersey in 1916 and is now a serious pest in 30 states east of the Rockies. The beetles zero in to feed on flowers, fruits, vegetables, and certain favorite ornamental shrubs and trees. They will be around for a month or so before mating, laying eggs and dying by late summer.

Preventative control can be done by killing the grubs. There are several turf chemical insecticides on the market to do this, but proper timing of application is crucial. An organic solution is to establish a bacterial culture of Milky Spore disease in the lawn. Once established, which can take a year or more, grubs are killed by the bacteria thus eliminating the immediate beetle population.



Photos by John Chapin

For adult beetle control, there are insecticidal sprays, both chemical and organic, available at garden centers. There is disagreement as to whether or not popular beetle "traps" help or not. Some claim that they attract more beetles to landscapes than would normally be found. Many who use traps locate them away from gardens to minimize damage.

Several insect predators and parasitoids have been introduced to the United States for biocontrol. A few have become well-established and are beginning to have a positive effect on reducing Japanese Beetle populations. We can only hope!



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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Five road-tested travel apps

TRAVELING

By Will and Nikki Gott

If you have traveled lately and simply looked around, you will notice everyone is using a smart phone. They have changed the way we communicate and how we enjoy traveling.

Over the past few years, several smart phone apps have been introduced to the world and several have fallen by the wayside. However, today there are some tried and true apps that you can count on to make your travels more productive and efficient.

Here are 6 road-tested travel apps for your next business or leisure travel:



• TripCase: TripCase is a leading mobile and web service platform for travelers, travel managers, and other administrators. TripCase gives you the capability to

quickly view documents and receive trip reminders, flight status notifications, and keep all of your travel details in one place and even get a ride through Uber with just a few clicks and conveniently stay on top of your trip notifications from your smartwatch.

• GateGuru: Hungry, but don't have a lot of time between flights? Finished your book and need a new one for the next leg of your trip? Before you deplane from your first flight, get the lay of the airport land with GateGuru. The app offers gate-by-gate lists of restaurants, shops and services in most US and Canadian airports.



• Skype: If you're traveling outside the US but don't want to return home to a crazy big cell-phone bill, rely on Skype's mobile phone app, which allows you to make

low-cost calls over the internet instead of using your cell-phone provider's costly per-minute international plan.

• Yelp: Use Yelp to search for restaurants and shops by category or by search term. Yelp can use your

phone's GPS to serve up nearby shops or you can search by ZIP code or city. You'll have to take some of the reviews with a grain of salt, but it's a good place to start looking for quality spots in a new-to-you city.



• The Weather Channel: This popular app puts television's favorite weather broadcast into your pocket or purse. Easy to navigate, TWC app sup-

plies travelers not only with current conditions at their location, but hourly and 10-day forecasts, local airport, beach, and boating conditions, radar, UV indexes, and weather news.

So, the next time you travel considering using one or all of these apps to make your travel less stressful.



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22 Tuesday

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6 - 9 p.m. | Brownsburg Town Hall, 61 N. Green Street | NHRA fans celebrate Chevrolet Performance U.S. Nationals race held at Lucas Oil Raceway over Labor Day Weekend. Meet your favorite racers and get autographs, enjoy a free concert, a cruise-in hot rod show, and a kids zone inflatables playground and celebrity dunk tank. The family event will have Top Fuel dragsters, Funny Cars, Pro Stock cars and Pro Stock Motorcycles on display. Admission is free. For more information, contact Therese Waechter at (317) 858-6069.

25 Friday

Concert by the Creek: The Bishops

7 p.m. | Washington Township Community Park, 115 S County Rd 575 E, Avon | The Bishops play every music genre to and can be enjoyed by listeners of all ages. The event will also feature lawn games, a bounce house, splash pad, and concessions. Beer and wine are available. For more information, call (317) 272-0948.

27 Sunday

Bow Wow Bash

1 - 5 p.m. | 940 S. Locust Lane, Brownsburg | The event includes a one-mile dog walk, doggy contests, games, dog adoption, a silent auction, vendors booths, food trucks, music and concludes with the Misty Eyes Ball Drop Contest. Price: \$5 donation. For more information, contact Betsy Gross at (317) 442-1227.

27 Sunday

Summer Concert Series: Jai Baker

5-7 p.m. | Arbuckle Acres Park, 200 N Green St. | Admission is free. For more information, call (317) 858-4172.
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Daily | Pearl Street and State Road 75, North Salem | Three-day festival with live music, vendors, food, tractor pulls, horse pulls and the largest parade in Hendricks County. Breakfast kicks off the festival at 7 a.m. on Saturday, at the United Methodist Church on Main Street. The parade will follow at 11 a.m. Admission is free. For more information, contact Diane Green at (317)-224-8374.

Honeybees abuzz at McCloud Nature Park Festival

By Tiffany Giles

Hendricks County families will have a sticky good time at the second annual Honeybee Fest, Saturday, Aug. 26, 1-4 p.m. at McCloud Nature Park, 8518 Hughes Road, North Salem. This year's event includes important educational material, safety tips, equipment demonstrations and family fun activities.

After a successful inaugural event, McCloud Park Naturalists are once again working with master beekeepers to promote the insect's preservation.

"Our goal is to educate people about the need for pollinators so we can preserve these creatures and have a fun time together," said McCloud Nature Park Communications and Marketing Director Eric Ivie. "Last year we had around 300 people attend. It was fun! We were able to share valuable tips and information and enjoy great products."

The observation hive will take center stage in the Arboretum where visitors can watch honeybees hard at work and learn how they create colonies, produce, and pollinate. When initially established, the hive was home to around 60,000 honeybees. The bees were donated by local Master Bee Keeper, Terry Planks of Terry's Apiary. Today, it is estimated to house over 80,000 insects.

Six master beekeepers will be there to share knowledge on how to safely keep colonies, maintain bee health and produce quality bee products and services.

Also hosting educational booths are The Hendricks County 4-H Beekeepers, Indiana Native Plant and Wildlife Society, (INPAWS) and Carno.

McCloud Park Naturalists have coordinated with the Brownsburg Parks and Recreation members to host a series of family activities. Some of these include: inspect-

ing a live hive, bee themed lawn games and crafts for kids. Face painting is free and will be provided by local artist Rachel Davis of the Purple Palette.

Kids won't want to miss the chance to make their own ice cream. If it doesn't turn out—not to worry mom—Orange Leaf will be onsite selling frozen yogurt.


Honey tastings have become a popular event nationwide. There are literally thousands of varieties of honey and each region has its own terroir. Be sure to sample from each of the honey makers who will compete for the title of Hendricks County's Best Honey.

There are an amazing number of things related to honey bees and their products," Ivie said. "We want to attract, preserve and help the honey bee."

The event is scheduled rain or shine and admission is free for all ages. For more information, call (765) 676-5437.




Kids will get the chance to try on bee suits at the second annual Honey Bee Fest, McCloud Park, North Salem.
Photos by Chris Cornwall (Sept. 2016)



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by Faith Toole

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Harold Cottingim started smoking meat in 1961 on Arlington Avenue in Indianapolis. He still likes BBQ and reliving the heyday of catering events like the Indy 500 and NHRA Nationals. After selling the location on Country Club Road, Harold and his son Eric opened the Pit Stop BBQ in Brownsburg and filled it with racing memorabilia. It even has a midget car inside for customers to sit in for a fun picture. Growing up in Pittsboro, Cottingim remembers walking to school with Larry Herring. When Frank and Mary's closed, he asked Larry about the family's recipe for catfish. Larry didn't sell or give them the recipe but came and taught the staff how to cook the infamous catfish. It was the first Monday dinner special and the line of hungry customers was out the door weekly. But with expansion of the cook line, Frank

and Mary's catfish is available everyday with specials on Monday and Tuesday.

The Pit Stop serves Sunday Brunch with an all-you-can-eat buffet with carved meats, hot/cold tables plus made-to-order racecar waffles by Dave Rose, Pete Rose's brother. Its specialty is smoked meat including ribs, chicken and brisket but the extensive menu includes steaks, prime rib and pork chops. The beef brisket melts in your mouth.

Add the Pit Stop to your list of dining choices, with daily specials for lunch and dinner. Who knows, you may see one of your favorite drivers or enjoy a joke or story from Harold.



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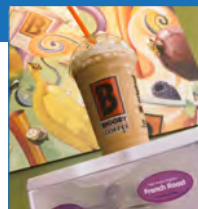
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Faith Toole is our Hendricks County Foodie. She can be reached at HCICONfoodie@icontimes.com. Follow on Instagram and Twitter @HCICON_foodie #HCICONfoodie

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10 Questions for... Haley Begay

By Lindsay Doty

A send-off party was held at Calvary United Methodist Church in Brownsburg for Miss Indiana Haley Begay as she gets ready to pack

her gowns for the 2017 Miss America pageant.

The 2016 Tri West High School graduate will be a long way from her hometown of Pittsboro but she's taking her Hoosier Hospitality and support system with her.

"There's a big group going. My mom is in charge of signs and she could not be more excited," Begay laughs.

For her, pageants have been a staple since the 6th grade.

"When I was younger I was actually overweight and felt a lot of anxiety. My mom wanted me to gain confidence," remembers Begay.

After getting a flyer in the mail advertising a pageant, they decided to give it a try. Begay says she was hooked after that.

She loves being on stage and says it has helped her overcome her anxiety.

Now the stunning brunette is at the top of her game, ready to represent her Hoosier state and try and win the crown (along with big some scholarship money).

1 What do you think the biggest public misconception about pageants?

A lot of people think pageant girls are snooty, that we have a lot of money and are only in it for the pretty dresses, make-up and crowns. But that's a common misconception. I'm not rich and I've had to work extremely hard to pay for all my stuff for pageants and so have my parents.

2 What are you most excited about for Miss America?

Meeting all the other states. I was always a fan of the pageant when I was younger and remember saying, 'There's Miss Georgia, there's Miss Wisconsin,' I mean somebody is going to be saying that about me now, which is so cool. So I'm excited to meet everyone from across the country.

3 What do you do for fun?

I'm not an average teenager. My kind of fun is sitting at home with a group of my girls and watching a movie and chatting the night away.



Lydia Truman and Haley Begay sing during her the send-off party at Calvary United Methodist Church in Brownsburg.

Photo by Chris Cornwall

4 What's your most embarrassing pageant moment?

One time I tripped going into the interview room but I think it is kind of cool. They just see I'm a real person and not poised all the time.

When she's not competing, Begay says she's just as happy in a baseball cap and ponytail but we still had to pick her brain to get some beauty tips.



Since winning the Miss Indiana Pageant, Begay has received many showings of support from the community.

Photo by Faith Toole

More about Haley..

Platform: Don't Silence the Violence: A Voice For Children of Domestic Violence. Begay was inspired after touring Sheltering Wings back in high school and seeing the heart-breaking pictures drawn by young victims.

Talent: Singing. Known for emotional ballads

Career Goals: Wants to become a TV reporter. Currently majoring in Journalism and Spanish with a full ride at Indiana University (Bloomington).

5 What are two must-have beauty products for competition?

My Aveda lipstick in bright red and Pravana hairspray.

6 Two-piece or one?

Two

7 Glue or Tape? (To avoid wardrobe malfunctions)

Glue. We special order this glue called 'It Stays,' and it definitely stays.

8 Do you work out before?

Before Miss Indiana, I probably ran 3-5 miles every day. I also do crunches. My favorite TV Show is Friends so I will just sit in front of TV and do as many crunches as I can. For Miss America, I plan to incorporate more weight training.

9 How about dieting?

I eat a lot of salads but I make sure that I have some cheat days in there. Mostly my diet consists of Greek yogurt and salads. I eat a lot of nuts, almonds and cashews. My favorite beverage is a low-calorie apple juice.

10 What do you hope to teach people about Hendricks County?

That it is such a lovely community. A lot of times I volunteer with kids who don't have a loving home and I wish I could just put them right into Hendricks County.

Miss America will air live on September 10, 2017 on ABC.

Compiled by Faith Toole

QUITE A YARN

By Mark Ambrogi

A funny thing happened to Erica Kempf Broughton on the way to her archaeology doctorate at the University of York in England.

She decided a career in academics wasn't her thing.

"I decided that was not what I wanted

"The thing most surprising to my parents is that I moved back to a place three miles from where I grew up."

~Erica Kempf Broughton

to be when I grew up," Erica said. "Seeing other people in the field and knowing what their lives were like, I knew it wasn't what I wanted to do. You have to apply for grants all the time. It wasn't what I wanted to be."



Dave and Erica Broughton, owners of Nomad Yarns.

Photo by Rick Myers

Couple foregoes academic careers to run Plainfield's Nomad Yarns.

So the 2003 Avon High School graduate returned home to open Nomad Yarns at 218 E. Main St. in Plainfield in July 2010.

Erica decided on the Nomad name because of her many travels after graduating with a bachelor's degree in anthropology from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

"Then I was in Florida and California and lived in England and did traveling around Europe when I was there," Erica said. "The thing most surprising to my parents is that I moved back to a place three miles from where I grew up. I bought the house without seeing it (in person) when I was in England and got possession two days after I moved back."

A year-and-a-half after opening the store, Dave Broughton decided to leave England to join her. The two married in 2012. Erica and Dave met in the archeology department at the University of York.

Erica said her parents were supportive of her opening the store and didn't really listen if anyone else was skeptical of it.

"I didn't ask anybody for permission, I thought I'll give this a try and see," Erica said. "I did my research. I saw other yarn stores exist so they can't be that bad of an idea. I

went to a store in the UK and saw the ins and outs."

One key decision was buying the store's building instead of renting. They lived in the building, too, for three years.

"So that helped there wasn't an extra mortgage and utility payment," Erica said. "I listened to a lot of podcasts about knitting and always have so I knew a lot about it. I knew if it didn't work I could sell the building or rent it to someone else."

The building that houses the yard shop was built in 1890. Their home was built in 1870. Erica guided the renovation of both places.

Erica said it probably has surprised a few people that her business succeeded.

"We have a supportive knitting community and a lot of super loyal customers," she said.

The couple, who are able

to walk to work from their nearby house, as they needed more space since they planned to start a family. The couple has an 18-month-old daughter, Poppy, and a second child is due in October.

"The business expanded into our space, one of the rooms upstairs became an office," Dave said.

The couple runs the store by themselves, with the exception of Tuesdays when Erica's mother, Lynn Kempf, comes in so they can have two days off in a row. The shop is closed Mondays.

Dave, who also has a business (Perpetual Painting) painting miniatures, such as toys or models, primarily focuses on the dyed yarns. He has his master's in materials archaeology (ancient crafts) from the University of Sheffield. Erica earned her master's in anthropology at the University of Sheffield but they didn't meet until both were at York.

"Dave helps mostly with the technology stuff," Erica said. "For the first year-and-a-half, it was just me doing everything; I was the only one who worked here."

The store has year-round classes but the numbers are bigger when the weather turns cooler.

"We are the only specialty yarn store on the west side of the Indianapolis area," Dave said. "There is one up in Zionsville, which is the closest. There was one in Martinsville but it closed."

The store has numerous varieties in color and thickness of yarns. Erica said Nomad Yarns typically holds two classes a week and also has a podcast on their website (nomadyarnshop.com).

"My grandmother taught me to crochet when I was eight," Erica said. "I'm not sure she knew how to crochet. I think she owned a crochet hook and wanted me to be quiet. I crocheted badly for 10 years. I was working a random job in Florida and had bad hours and didn't know anyone near me. So I took a knitting class. I always heard crocheting was easier, but knitting clicked a lot better for me."

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Erica's list...

Five reading sources that have had an impact on Erica Kempf Broughton:

■ *The Clan of the Cave Bear*
by Jean M. Auel

■ *Harvest for Hope*
by Jane Goodall

■ *My Side of the Mountain*
by Jean Craighead George

■ *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*
by Michelle Alexander

■ *Ina May's Guide to Childbirth*
by Ina May Gaskin

How Erica did it:

What's the best advice you ever received?

"Is to order 10 percent of the stock in something you don't necessarily care for. Not everyone has the same taste as you, so always invest in some items for sale you just don't care for. It makes things more fun to have a wider variety."

Best business decision I ever made:

"Purchasing our building instead of paying rent, this has led to lower costs and more feasibility for our business. It wouldn't have worked to rent the shop, especially in the first couple of years."

Worst advice you ever received?

"I don't think I got a lot of advice. But a lot of people will try to sell you stuff that you don't need, like software equipment or services. The only way to know what will be the right fit for your business is to look in to it yourself and compare options."

In five years I want to...

"To have expanded our hand-dyed yarn selection and pattern lines, to have even more unique items with our own personality. It's something you don't get anywhere else or at the big-box stores."

My secret to success is...

"Rolling with the punches. Being in retail, especially as a specialist store, means sometimes you have a slow week, bad show or an unpopular product. So it means not making too many changes because of it. Just keep working and adapting without it getting you down."

Biz History from the Hendricks County Historical Museum



Lee Frazier pictured on the right was described by Damon as his "professor."

Photos submitted

The goods on ABC Distributors

By Deanna Hindsley

Damon Jones is proud of his years in business providing merchandise for stores of various kinds as the sign explains: "Specializing in Jobbers and Flea Market Sales"

He is even more proud of the fact that he and his wife Pat inspired daughter Debbie Green, son Kevin and a grandson, Derek to stay in the business. It's a family business in the true sense. I see several other employees stocking shelves, loading stock into trucks and manning the cash register.

In 1954, just after his discharge from the army, Damon went to work for Farm and Home Supply, whose motto "Everything Under the Sun" said it all. Although Damon didn't go to a college in the regular sense, he insists that his boss, Lee Frazier, was his "Professor", teaching him – well, everything under the sun! That business closed in 1960 and Damon decided he could begin doing the same thing, which was what he knew and loved.

He didn't have a semi-truck like his "professor" had, but he had a 1957 Ford station wagon and \$130 in his pocket to buy merchandise. So, he loaded up that station wagon and started calling on the stores he knew to sell his merchandise.

He laughed, and said, "I always joked that when I made that \$130 back, I'd retire."

Well, I'll bet he made back that \$130 a more than a few years ago but at age 84 he's still there. Pat worked with him for over 30 years before retiring, but he's still there, working with his daughter, son, and grandson. Pat comes in to visit.

After a year of working from home and selling from his station wagon, he "moved on up" to a rented 1200 square foot

building on Oliver Avenue of Indianapolis' west side. He named the business Avenue Bargain Center and ran it as a retail business. Retail didn't really suite him as well as the wholesale business, and so after a few years, he moved the business to West Morris Street and returned to the wholesale business. He re-named the business ABC Distributing, using the initials of Avenue Bargain Center. Gee, I had assumed the ABC part was, well, the ABC's we all know!

Customers followed him, and the business grew, so in 1979 he bought the current property in Plainfield on south SR 267 and built the current building. With continued growth, he built three more buildings, some used as warehouses.

Now, the south side of Plainfield is filled with warehouses, but "We were really the first warehouse built in this area." Damon says with a grin. "Back then, the only other businesses on this road between I-70 and US 40 were two gas stations."

Damon's daughter, Debbie, joined us, and I asked if she had grown up in Plainfield, and she proudly said yes. The family moved to Plainfield in 1970 and both she and her brother, Kevin, still live in this area.

Community involvement is also important to this family business, and when I asked how they reach out to the community, Damon said that besides selling to businesses, individuals can come in and buy, getting their wholesale prices.

Damon explained, "Many groups come in buses for a field trip. Damar Services brings in a group of their clients, and they enjoy going up and down the aisles and picking out items to buy." Also, other groups, such as assisted living communities take field trips to ABC, and the residents love to shop.

It's obvious that ABC Distributors loves helping others, and Damon goes on to explain a ministry that his son, Kevin is involved, Amazing Grace. It is a west side Indianapolis ministry and ABC donates toys for the underprivileged children at Christmas time.

As I walk the aisles, I see everything, as Damon's daughter, Debbie describes, "From toys to tools". Also, I see home and garden decorative pieces, and knick-knack items like you might find in a convenience store, and even a pair of false eyelashes! Of course this is where many convenience stores buy their merchandise. Wow, so many surprises! From local, to state-wide, to out of state, store owners rely on ABC Distributors to fill their shelves.

It's a fun visit, and I like knowing ABC was one of the first of its kind, right here on Hendricks County's south SR267 in Plainfield!

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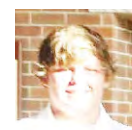
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Recent scholarship winners

Four graduating students were awarded scholarships at the Knights of Columbus, July 10, meeting to aid in them in the next step of their educations. Aaron Roberts, Audrey Odier and Jenna Gruber are St. Malachy graduates and will attend Cardinal Ritter High School this Fall. Matt Voglewede is a graduate of Brownsburg High School and will be attending Purdue University.



Aaron Roberts

St. Malachy graduate Aaron Roberts was awarded the St. Malachy Academic Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. He will attend Cardinal Ritter High School

this Fall.



Audrey Odier

St. Malachy graduate Audrey Odier was awarded the Paul Whalen Spirit of Service Scholarship in the amount of \$1,500. She will attend Cardinal Ritter High School this Fall.

School this Fall.



Jenna Gruber

St. Malachy graduate Jenna Gruber was awarded the St. Malachy Academic Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. She will attend Cardinal Ritter High School

this Fall.



Matt Voglewede

Brownsburg High School graduate Mat Voglewede was awarded the Knights of Columbus College Scholarship in the amount \$2,500. He will attend Purdue Uni-

versity this Fall.

VHC awarding 10k to boost tourism

Visit Hendricks County is awarding \$10,000 this year to support local events through the Tourism Enhancement and Development (TED) Fund. The idea is to give the events a boost to bring more visitors and dollars to the area. So far, thirteen events have received \$500 non-matching grants. Program leaders are looking for the next group. Events must attract visitors from at least 50 miles away, take place in Hendricks County and the event host must also be a Hendricks County organization or resident. The cycle ends Oct. 11 with funds awarded within 30 days. For more information, visit VisitHendricksCounty.com/EventsGrant.

Puzzle Time



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Across

- Old LP player
- Cher song: "It's In ___ Kiss"
- Plainfield HS choir voice
- Sign of the future
- iPhone download, briefly
- Modify a dress at Sew What!
- Midwest region
- I-465 Exit 31 sign
- WTHR reporter Chapman
- Thunder sound
- Least refined
- ___ Mahal
- Spy org.
- Upright
- I-465 Exit 48 sign
- Brownsburg Farmers Market veggie
- Hodgepodge
- Indiana's Lincoln
- India Bistro wrap
- Dog collar attachment
- Litmus reddener
- Old Oaken Bucket Game mo.
- Daredevil Knievel
- Middle number of Indy's area code
- I-465 Exit 13 sign
- WWII conference site
- IU Health physicians' org.
- Brouhaha
- Somewhat
- Butler session
- Off the mark
- I-465 Exit 2 sign
- Kind of tea
- Insurance giant
- Jiffy Lube item
- "No problem!"
- Catch forty winks at Days Inn
- Take off from IND
- Avon HS student

Down

- Indiana State Fair critter
- Local place to see a Monet
- Shriner's cap
- "Right away!"
- Is without
- Apple product
- Pacer foe
- "___, humbug!"
- St. Malachy Catholic Church priestly garb
- Dance Unlimited lesson
- Eiteljorg Museum tribe
- Establish by decree
- "Bye-bye!"

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- Concerning
- Schoolboy
- Todd Rokita and Andre Carson, briefly
- Tri-West HS geometry class calculation
- Have on
- Words of wisdom
- A Bush
- Former Indy 500 announcer Collins
- The Hilton, for one
- Grazing ground
- Hopping mad
- ICON printer's supply
- Ridge or College follower: Abbr.
- Luck, e.g.
- Get ___ shape
- Unable to hear
- Midwest Fertility stock
- City on the Rhone
- Action Pest Control target
- Some frat members
- IUPUI library study space
- MGM co-founder
- Herron painter
- With regrets
- Parcel
- Retractable part of Lucas Oil Stadium
- Agitate
- Danville-to-New Castle dir.
- Catch a few Zs
- Brickyard Billiards stick
- James Whitcomb Riley's "before"
- Cub Scout Pack 621 group

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