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Gemma Rehm gets whirled by father, George Rehm during the Hendricks County Health YMCA Daddy-Daughter Valentines Dance Feb. 10.  
Photo by Chris Cornwall



## Breastfeeding coalition call-out meeting Feb. 23

The Hendricks County Breastfeeding Coalition will have a call-out meeting, Thursday, Feb. 23, 5-7 p.m., at the Well Community Center, 330 N. Green St., Brownsburg. Learn what the HCBC does and how you can help; talk with other moms, healthcare professionals, and breastfeeding supporters. Free pizza will be provided. For more information, contact Andrea Reinhardt at byrdreinhardt@gmail.com.

## Free opiate overdose reversal training

The Hendricks County Health Department will offer free opiate overdose reversal training Thursday, Feb. 23, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Fairbanks' Plainfield Office, 6100 Clarks Creek Road, Suite 102. Participants will learn to what to do in the event of an overdose and may also receive a free dose of nasal naloxone (Narcan). Naloxone is a chemical capable of reversing the life-threatening effects of opioid intoxication (kits are limited). Individuals interested in attending must reserve a seat before Feb. 20. For more information or to reserve a seat, contact Jenna Meadows at (317) 745-9618.

## Band parents' Annual Garage Sale Feb. 25

Parents of the Brownsburg Band and Orchestra will hold their twelfth annual garage sale Saturday, Feb. 24, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m., at Brownsburg High School cafeteria, 1000 S Odell St.

## Learn to spot severe weather March 4

The Hendricks County Emergency Management Agency will offer free severe weather spotter training Saturday, March 4, 1-3 p.m. at 355 S. Washington St. Ste. 208, Danville. The Program is open to the public and will be presented by a meteorologist from the NWS Indianapolis. Guests are asked to enter through the northwest door and follow the signs. For more information, contact the HCEMA at (317) 745-9229.

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# SCHOLARSHIP HUNT

## COVER STORY

According to the College Board, the average cost of attending an in-state public university is currently around \$10,000 per year. The numbers jump to \$25,000 a year to attend an out-of-state public school, and two semesters at a private university could cost a student upwards of \$35,000 per year. Of course these are averages and the cost will vary depending on a number of factors such as major, housing, food plans etc. Bottom line, a college education isn't cheap.

With the availability of federal grants and student loans, the price tag is less of a barrier now more than ever. Most high school graduates with enough motivation and work ethic can earn a college degree. However, the resulting loan debt can burden them for decades. Students earning a degree in 2016 owed an average of \$37,000 in loan debt.

A great way to lessen the financial burden is through scholarships. Sadly, a lot of students fail to take advantage because they were unaware of what exists. Literally hundreds of thousands of dollars are awarded annually by organizations right here in Hendricks County.

So that these potential resources do not go unnoticed, the ICON has compiled a comprehensive list of local, state and national scholarships available to Hendricks County residents.

This list was compiled to the best of our knowledge. We encourage residents who are interested in pursuing one these scholarships to confirm deadlines, monetary amounts, and eligibility requirements with the awarding organization.

### ANY HENDRICKS COUNTY SCHOOL OR SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Priscilla Himsel Carrington Scholarship**  
*Hendricks County Community Foundation*  
**\$4,000.00**

Deadline: TBA  
College Major, Course or Career: N/A  
Type 1 diabetes diagnosis (Applicant must have letter from physician verifying Type 1 diagnosis)

**Commitment to Community Scholarship**  
*Hendricks Power Cooperative*  
**\$1,500.00**

Deadline: March 3, 2017  
College Major, Course or Career: N/A  
Must be son, daughter or legal ward of a Hendricks Power Cooperative member and reside with that member.

**Hendricks County Master Gardeners Scholarship**  
*Hendricks County Master Gardeners*  
**\$1,500.00**

Deadline: April 24, 2017  
College Major, Course or Career: Agriculture  
Must be a resident of Hendricks County; Essay and two letters of recommendation required.

**Edwards-Rigdon Scholarship**  
*Hendricks County Community Foundation*  
**\$1,000.00**

Deadline: TBA  
College Major, Course or Career: Construction management, construction design, civil engineer, mechanical engineer, electrical engineer  
Significant community service

**Hendricks County Milk Producers Scholarship**  
*Hendricks County Milk Producers*  
**\$1,000.00**

Deadline: March 15, 2017  
College Major, Course or Career: N/A  
Must be a resident of Hendricks County; Must have been involved in 4-H dairy program for at least four years; Accepted to or enrolled in a post-secondary education program; Evaluation .

**Jenny Miller Memorial Scholarship**  
*Hendricks County Community Foundation*  
**\$1,000.00**

Deadline: TBA  
College Major, Course or Career: Education  
Applicant is "well-rounded;" Evaluation by academic achievement, service to school through athletics and/or extra curricular activities and goals for a future in education, significant community service.

**Purdue Club of Hendricks County Scholarship**  
*Purdue Club of Hendricks County*  
**\$1,000.00**

Deadline: February 28, 2017  
College Major, Course or Career: N/A  
Accepted to or enrolled in Purdue University.

**Shelby Rae Smith Memorial Scholarship**  
*Hendricks County Community Foundation*  
**\$750.00**

Deadline: TBA  
College Major, Course or Career: Elementary or special education  
Preference given to Avon HS students

**Claudia Sproull Memorial Scholarship**  
*Hendricks County Community Foundation*  
**\$500.00**

Deadline: TBA  
College Major, Course or Career: N/A  
Must have a diagnosed learning disability OR participate as a student/peer mentor

**Hendricks County Beef Cattle Association Scholarship**  
*Hendricks County Beef Cattle Association*  
**\$500.00**

Deadline: March 15, 2017  
College Major, Course or Career: N/A  
Must be a resident of Hendricks County who has participated in market beef or breeding beef industry for at least four of the last five years, including 4-H programs, junior exhibitions, employment at a beef breed farm or involvement in a family beef breed operation; Accepted to or enrolled in a post-secondary education program; Evaluation by activities in beef breed industry, involvement in junior beef activities, community involvement, academic achievement and future plans.

**Hendricks Cty Extension Homemakers Scholarship**  
*Hendricks County Extension Homemakers*  
**\$500.00**

Deadline: March 15, 2017  
College Major, Course or Career: Preference for health and human sciences, food science or education  
Must be a resident of Hendricks County.

**Hendricks Cty Law Enforcement Memorial Scholarship**  
*Hendricks County Community Foundation*  
**\$500.00**

Deadline: TBA  
College Major, Course or Career: Preference for public service and/or law enforcement  
Preference to relatives of an active or retired FOP member; must have taken SAT or ACT

## Find over \$100,000 in local scholarships to finance your education



**Lesley Hampton Willis Memorial Cascade High School 4-H Scholarship**  
*Hendricks County 4-H Club*  
**\$500.00**

Deadline: March 15, 2017  
College Major, Course or Career: N/A  
Must be a resident of Hendricks County; Must have been involved in 4-H programs for at least 10 years, including one of beef, sheep or swine clubs for at least four years; Accepted to or enrolled in a post-secondary education program.

**Westside Professional Women Scholarship**  
*Westside Professional Women*  
**\$500.00**

Deadline: April 15, 2017  
College Major, Course or Career: N/A  
Must be a resident of Hendricks County and a female high school senior or adult female returning to school after at least two years.

**Hendricks County Swine Club Scholarship**  
*Hendricks County Swine Club*  
**\$250.00**

Deadline: May 1, 2017  
College Major, Course or Career: N/A  
Must be a resident of Hendricks County; Must have been involved in 4-H swine club for at least nine years; Accepted to or enrolled in a post-secondary education program.

**Hendricks County Pork Producers Scholarship**  
*Hendricks County Pork Producers Association*  
**\$400.00**

Deadline: March 15, 2017  
College Major, Course or Career: N/A  
Must be a resident of Hendricks County; Must have been involved in the swine industry for at least four years (4-H swine project, junior exhibitions, employment or family swine facility); Accepted to or enrolled in post-secondary education program; Evaluated on activities in swine industry, involvement in junior swine activities, community involvement, academic achievement and future plans.

**Hendricks County 4-H Sheep Club Scholarship**  
*Hendricks County 4-H Sheep Club*  
**Varies**

Deadline: March 15, 2017  
College Major, Course or Career: N/A  
Must be a resident of Hendricks County; Must have been involved in 4-H sheep club for at least four years; Accepted to or enrolled in a post-secondary education program.

**Hendricks County Retired Teachers Association**  
**\$1000.00**

Must be local county high school senior majoring in education. Information and applications are available in January at each high school guidance office.

### ANY HIGH SCHOOL

**Trine University Avon Scholarship**  
*Trine University / Town of Avon*

**Varies**  
Deadline: Rolling  
College Major, Course or Career: N/A  
Must live within the town limits of Avon, Indiana.

### ANY INDIANA HIGH SCHOOL

**Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship**  
*Hendricks County Community Foundation*  
**Full tuition plus an annual stipend**

Deadline: TBA  
College Major, Course or Career: N/A  
Student must be involved in significant community activities throughout his/her high school career and be involved in extracurricular activities. Priority is given to community service, leadership and academics.

**Gladys V. (Nickell) Pritchett Scholarship**  
*Hendricks County Community Foundation*  
**\$4,000.00**

Deadline: TBA  
College Major, Course or Career: Education or Math Education  
GED Grad okay

**Duke Energy Indiana Technical Trade Scholarship**  
*Hendricks County Community Foundation*  
**\$2,500.00**

Deadline: TBA  
College Major, Course or Career: N/A

**Amo High School Alumni Education Scholarship**  
*Hendricks County Community Foundation*  
**\$2,000.00**

Deadline: TBA  
College Major, Course or Career: N/A  
Must be a resident of Clay Township

## AVON

**Charles H. Schoen Optimist Memorial Scholarship**  
*Avon Optimist Club*  
**\$2,000.00**

Deadline: April 1, 2017

College Major, Course or Career: N/A

Accepted to a post-secondary vocational-technical program.

**Eli Welch Memorial Scholarship***Hendricks County Community Foundation***\$500.00**

Deadline: TBA

College Major, Course or Career: N/A

**Richard H. Cresser Memorial Scholarship (Avon HS)**  
*Hendricks County Community Foundation*  
**\$500.00**

Deadline: TBA

College Major, Course or Career: Building trades, engineering, business, accounting, finance, real estate and management

Display strong work ethic and a strong commitment to their school and community; Special preference given to students who live in a Crossman Community

**Eta Kappa Scholarship***The Eta Kappa Chapter of Avon Tri Kappa***\$2,000.00**

Deadline: March 4, 2017

College Major, Course or Career: N/A

May not be an immediate relative of a Tri Kappa member

Must graduate by June 30, 2017.

Intend to pursue full-time vocational or baccalaureate course study.

**V. Lloyd Acton Leadership in Education Scholarship***Hendricks County Community Foundation***\$500.00**

Deadline: TBA

College Major, Course or Career: Education

Outstanding history of leadership involvement

## BROWNSBURG

**Russell M. Webb Memorial Scholarship***Hendricks County Community Foundation***\$1,000.00**

Deadline: TBA

College Major, Course or Career: N/A

Must be in the top 15% of class

**Richard H. Cresser Memorial Scholarship (Brownsburg HS)***Hendricks County Community Foundation***\$500.00**

Deadline: TBA

College Major, Course or Career: Building trades, engineering, business, accounting, finance, real estate and management

Display strong work ethic and a strong commitment to their school and community; Special preference given to students who live in a Crossman Community

**Brownsburg Lions Club Scholarship***Brownsburg Lions Club***Varies**

Deadline: TBA

College Major, Course or Career: N/A

Considers scholastic achievement as well as community involvement and service during candidates' school years.

**Brownsburg Education Foundation****\$1000.00**

Deadline: April 11.

Graduating seniors based on criteria that may include community service, financial need, leadership, participation in extra-curricular activities, academic achievement, and outstanding character.

**Brownsburg Rotary Service***The Brownsburg Chapter of Rotary International***\$500.00**

Must be a member of the Interact Club

## CASCADE

**Frank W. & Edna Mae Barnes Scholarship***Hendricks County Community Foundation***\$3,000.00**

Deadline: TBA

College Major, Course or Career: Agriculture or Education

**Smitherman Family Scholarship***Hendricks County Community Foundation***\$1,000.00**

Deadline: TBA

College Major, Course or Career: N/A

Clay Township only

**Stilesville High School Alumni Association Scholarship***Hendricks County Community Foundation***\$500.00**

Deadline: TBA

College Major, Course or Career: N/A

Franklin Township resident; student of high character

**Teresa McCoy Memorial Scholarship***Hendricks County Community Foundation***\$500.00**

Deadline: TBA

College Major, Course or Career: N/A

All 4 years at Cascade High School; preference to cheerleaders and preference to Latchke Program kids

**Lesley Hampton Willis Memorial Cascade High School 4-H Scholarship***Hendricks County 4-H Club***\$500.00**

Deadline: March 15, 2017

College Major, Course or Career: N/A

Must have been a member of 4-H programs for at least four years; Accepted to a post-secondary education program.

## DANVILLE

**Dollens Scholarship***Hendricks County Community Foundation***\$10,000.00**

Deadline: TBA

College Major, Course or Career: Education, science (nursing, pharmacy, pre-Med) or engineering

Strong character and significant community service

**Kimberly Michelle Pugh Scholarship***Hendricks County Community Foundation***\$4,000.00**

Deadline: TBA

College Major, Course or Career: N/A

Graduating senior GIRL must have attended DHS for at least one full year; scholastic achievement, attitude and service to school and community

**Shelton Family Scholarship***Hendricks County Community Foundation***\$2,000.00**

Deadline: TBA

College Major, Course or Career: Education

**Debra Sue Davis Memorial Nursing Scholarship***Hendricks County Community Foundation***\$1,000.00**

Deadline: TBA

College Major, Course or Career: Nursing

**Max Gibbs Memorial Scholarship***Hendricks County Community Foundation***\$1,000.00**

Deadline: TBA

College Major, Course or Career: Education

None

## New FAFSA rules adopted for 2017

## By Cleveland Dietz

The office of Federal Student Aid—part of the U.S. Department of Education—is a potential funding source for students seeking post-secondary education. It distributes over \$150 billion in financial aid to about 22 million students every year.

Access to its programs, however, requires students, or their parents, to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid each year. Significant changes to the FAFSA were implemented for the 2017 academic year.

The FAFSA opened Oct. 1 for the current cycle—two months earlier than past years. It will open on that date every year from this point forward. The application deadline will remain June 30.

The income tax year that applies to the application has changed. Applicants will use their 2015 income tax information again for the 2017 academic year. For the 2018 academic year, they will use 2016 and so on.

However, the office of Federal Student Aid notes in a white paper, “The FAFSA asks for marital status as of the day you fill it out. So if you’re married now but weren’t in 2015 (and therefore didn’t file taxes as married), you’ll need to add your spouse’s income to your FAFSA.”

The reverse is true, as well. If the applicant was married during the 2015 tax year, but isn’t now, they will need to subtract their spouse’s income.

For FAFSA purposes, the academic year is defined as July 1 – June 30. If significant changes in income have occurred for the applicant between the 2015 tax year and the 2016 tax year, Federal Student Aid directs the applicant to their university’s financial aid office to explore their options.

**Kiwanis Club of Danville Scholarship***Kiwanis Club of Danville***\$1,000.00**

Deadline: TBA

College Major, Course or Career: N/A

Must be accepted to a post-secondary education program.

**Marine Corporal Terry A. Hoffman Memorial Scholarship***Hendricks County Community Foundation***\$500.00**

Deadline: TBA

College Major, Course or Career: N/A

Award given to student who exemplifies personal characteristics of Marine Corporal Hoffman—love of God, honesty, love of country, kindness, sportsmanship &amp; good grades

**Kiwanis Club of Danville Key Club Scholarship***Kiwanis Club of Danville***\$500.00**

Deadline: TBA

College Major, Course or Career: N/A

Must be accepted to a post-secondary education program; Participant in Danville Community High School Key Club.

**Delta Kappa Chapter of Tri Kappa Scholarship***Danville Tri Kappa***Varies**

Deadline: March 17, 2017

College Major, Course or Career: N/A

Recognizes students who demonstrate commitment to community service and educational pursuits.

**Suzi Biggerstaff Memorial Scholarship***Hendricks County Community Foundation***\$4,000.00**

Deadline: TBA

College Major, Course or Career: N/A

Preference given to applicants enrolled in the 21st Century Program, but not limited to that program

**Plainfield High School Alumni Education Scholarship***Hendricks County Community Foundation***\$2,000.00**

Deadline: TBA

College Major, Course or Career: N/A

Must have attended PHS for all 4 years; exemplary student, participates in extra-curricular activities

## PLAINFIELD

**Pliny and Mildred Randall Scholarship***Hendricks County Community Foundation***\$2,000.00**

Deadline: TBA

College Major, Course or Career: N/A

Valedictorian

**Pliny and Mildred Randall Scholarship***Hendricks County Community Foundation***\$2,000.00**

Deadline: TBA

College Major, Course or Career: N/A

Salutatorian

**Jordan House Memorial Scholarship**  
*Hendricks County Community Foundation*  
**\$1,000.00**Deadline: TBA  
College Major, Course or Career: N/A  
Essay: 500-700 words describing a life changing event that has affected your outlook on life and future plans**Kellum-Bly Scholarship**  
*Hendricks County Community Foundation*  
**\$1,000.00**Deadline: TBA  
College Major, Course or Career: Education  
Exhibits strong character, involved in community service and extracurricular activities**Rotary Club of Plainfield Scholarship**  
*Rotary Club of Plainfield*  
**\$1,000.00**Deadline: TBA  
College Major, Course or Career: N/A  
Accepted to a post-secondary education program.**Ben Kempf Memorial Scholarship**  
*Hendricks County Community Foundation*  
**\$500.00**Deadline: TBA  
College Major, Course or Career: N/A  
Recipient should be a hard worker and understand and appreciate the success they earn themselves. A choice of two essay questions: 1) Describe a time you made a mistake and took responsibility for it. What did you learn from this experience? 2) Describe a time you had to use your problem solving skills to resolve an issue. What did you learn from this experience?**Betty Masselink Memorial Scholarship**  
*Hendricks County Community Foundation*  
**\$500.00**Deadline: TBA  
College Major, Course or Career: N/A  
PHS Valedictorian ONLY**Damon Leach Memorial Scholarship**  
*Hendricks County Community Foundation*  
**\$500.00**Deadline: TBA  
College Major, Course or Career: N/A  
Qualities that exemplified Damon's life: strong character, academic achievement, athletic achievement, leadership; participate in football, basketball or track**Jim Lovell Memorial Scholarship**  
*Hendricks County Community Foundation*  
**\$500.00**Deadline: TBA  
College Major, Course or Career: N/A  
Must have a letter in Baseball; sportsmanship, decency, citizenship**Robert Burks Koho Memorial Scholarship**  
*Hendricks County Community Foundation*  
**\$500.00**Deadline: TBA  
College Major, Course or Career: N/A  
Preference given to basketball players; exemplary character and leader**Plainfield Tri Kappa**  
*Tri Kappa*  
**\$500.00-\$1000.00**

Graduating Plainfield high school seniors- pursuing an education in charity, culture, education, and other.

**Plainfield Optimist**  
**\$1,000.00**Deadline: April 1  
Graduating seniors from Plainfield High School. Recipients chosen based upon their academic achievements, community service, extra-curricular activities, references, a short essay and need.**TRI-WEST****Louise W. Broyles Memorial Scholarship**  
*Hendricks County Community Foundation*  
**\$4,000.00**Deadline: TBA  
College Major, Course or Career: N/A  
Preference given to those involved in Hendricks County 4-H program**Gregory Allen Brown Memorial Scholarship**  
*Hendricks County Community Foundation*  
**\$1,000.00**Deadline: TBA  
College Major, Course or Career: N/A  
Must have attended at least 2 of their 4 years of high school at Tri-West HS**Jennifer N. Atkinson & Melissa S. Ellis Memorial Scholarship**  
*Hendricks County Community Foundation*  
**\$500.00**Deadline: TBA  
College Major, Course or Career: N/A  
Good students, hardworking, respectful, kind, and generous**Milburn and Mildred (Bowman) Smith Memorial Scholarship**  
*Hendricks County Community Foundation*  
**\$500.00**Deadline: TBA  
College Major, Course or Career: N/A  
At least 2 of 4 years at Tri-West HS**Richard H. Crosser Memorial Scholarship (Tri-West HS)**  
*Hendricks County Community Foundation*  
**\$500.00**Deadline: TBA  
College Major, Course or Career: Building trades, engineering, business, accounting, finance, real estate and management

Display strong work ethic and a strong commitment to their school and community; Special preference given to students who live in a Crossman Community

**Jackie and Larry Sparks Memorial TWHs Alumni Scholarship***Tri-West Dollars for Scholars*  
Deadline: May 31  
College Major, Course or Career: N/A  
TWHs Alumni and completed at least (1) year of post-secondary schooling by June 1, 2017.**Avon**  
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## Hendricks County College & Career Fair Set for Feb. 23

The Hendricks County College and Career Fair will be held Thursday, Feb. 23 at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex, Danville. Workshops begin at 5 p.m. and the fair runs from 6:30-8 p.m. Admission is free.



Perrill

In addition to the 100-plus colleges, universities, trade schools, military programs, and career organizations that will be represented in the fair, workshops on scholarships, financial aid and essay writing are scheduled at 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. Popular workshops returning include: "Financial Aid 101, Essay Writing for College Admissions, and Seeking Scholarships. There will also be a panel of college representatives discussing secrets to admissions as well.

There will also be 20-plus Adult Programs

offering information to assist local residents in their quest to further their education, improve their employment opportunities, and achieve personal fulfillment.

"There will be something for everyone," said HCN Executive Director Brandy Perrill. "If last year is any indicator, it's going to be

"There will be something for everyone"  
~ Brandy Perrill

very busy place."

According to Hendricks College Network officials over 600 people attended the 2016 fair. For more information, contact HCN at (317) 762-4338 or visit [www.HendricksCollegeNetwork.org](http://www.HendricksCollegeNetwork.org).



2016 Hendricks County College & Career Fair.

Photo submitted.

**HENDRICKS COUNTY**  
**COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR**

Thursday  
February 23, 2017  
Workshops 5 pm - 7 pm  
Fair 6:30 pm - 8 pm

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**Hendricks County Fairgrounds and Conference Complex, Danville**

## Here's how to do a college fair

For anyone seeking a higher education, a college fair presents a tremendous opportunity. It gives prospective students the chance to meet with recruiters and admissions reps from around the county. It's paramount that students make the most of the day, and coming prepared will help facilitate those first few steps towards a rewarding career. Here you will find a college fair checklist from the Hendricks College Network.

Editor's Note: This checklist was designed specifically for traditional/four-year college students. To find out how to obtain a checklist for non-traditional, graduate, or technical school students, contact the Hendricks College Network at (317) 762-4EDU (4338).

### Admissions

- What are the admission requirements?
- What qualities should prospective students possess?
- What are the test score requirements?
- What majors are offered?
- What are the application deadlines for admission?
- Are interviews required?
- How can I arrange a campus visit?
- How long should I expect to wait for an answer once I submit my application?

### Financial Aid

- What is the yearly tuition?
- What financial aid options are offered?
- When is your financial aid deadline?
- What scholarships are available?
- Are there any scholarship secrets?

### Classroom

- What is the average class size?
- How accessible are professors outside of class?
- Will professors or grad students teach my courses?

- Do I need a computer?
- When must I choose a major?
- What student services are offered?
- Is tutoring free?

### Student Life

- What activities, groups, Greek life, sports, etc. are available?
- What's it like on campus on the weekends? What do students do for fun?
- Is a meal plan available?
- What is the political/social climate?
- Do I have to pay for parking?

### Housing

- What type of housing is available?
- Is student housing guaranteed for four years?
- Would I have a roommate or live alone?
- How are roommates selected?

### Just the facts

- What is the school known for?
- What is the placement rate?
- What is the retention rate?
- How safe is the campus and its surrounding neighborhoods?



## FOR THE RECORD - HC OBITUARIES

## Avon

**Joanne M. Spurgeon**

Joanne M. Spurgeon, 82, of Avon, passed away Jan. 21, 2017. She was born Dec. 13, 1934. Services were held Jan. 28 at Conkle Funeral Home in Avon.

**Glenda Mae Sheets**

Glenda Mae Sheets, 77, of Avon, passed away Jan. 29, 2017. She was born April 29, 1939. Services were held Feb. 3 at Conkle Funeral Home in Avon.

**William P. Padgett**

William P. Padgett, 92, of Avon, passed away Jan. 30, 2017. He was born Jan. 13, 1925. Services were held Feb. 4 at Conkle Funeral Home in Avon.

**Anna Mae Harden**

Anna Mae Harden, 90, of Avon, passed away Jan. 31, 2017. She was born Sept. 14, 1926. Services were held Feb. 3 at Conkle Funeral Home Speedway Chapel.

**William "Bill" C. Wooden**

William "Bill" Wooden, 78, of Avon, passed away Feb. 3, 2017. He was born April 7, 1938. Services were held Feb. 11 at Kingsway Christian Church in Avon.

**Ruth E. Blair Scott**

Ruth E. Blair Scott, 95, of Brookston, IN (formerly of Avon), passed away Feb. 2, 2017. She was born Dec. 22, 1921. Services were held Feb. 11 at Avon Christian Church.

**Dinita M. LaBan**

Dinita M. LaBan, 72, of Avon, passed away Feb. 7, 2017. She was born May 10, 1944. Services will be held Saturday, Feb. 18 at 12 noon at the Fairfield Friends Meeting, 10441 E. County Road 700 S in Camby, IN.

## Brownsburg

**Troy A. Stanley**

Troy Allen Stanley, 57, of Brownsburg, passed away Jan. 22, 2017. He was born Sept. 13, 1959. Services were held Jan. 26 at Matthews Mortuary.

**Melvin J. Hobson**

Melvin J. Hobson, 70, of Brownsburg, passed away Jan. 23, 2017. He was born April 29, 1946. Services were held Jan. 28 at Coloma Friends Church in Rockville, IN.

**Frances L. Layton**

Frances L. Layton, 87, of Brownsburg, passed away Jan. 27, 2017. She was born Dec. 9, 1929. Services were held Jan. 31 at Matthews Mortuary.

**James D. Crum**

James D. Crum, 90, of Brownsburg, passed away Jan. 27, 2017. He was born May 31, 1926. Services were held Jan. 31 at Connection Pointe Christian Church.

**Melvin L. Scott**

Melvin L. Scott, 76, of Brownsburg, passed away Jan. 31, 2017. He was born Jan. 11, 1941. Services were held Feb. 4 at the Church @ Main in Brownsburg.



Chipman

Elliot

Harden

Howard

Hunter



LaBan

Padgett

Scott

Sheets

Stanley



Taylor

Weber

Wooden

**Betty L. Hession**

Betty L. Hession, 92, of Brownsburg, passed away Jan. 30, 2017. She was born Sept. 6, 1924. Services were held Feb. 3 at St. Malachy Church in Brownsburg.

**Gloria M. Leonard**

Gloria Leonard, 87, of Brownsburg, passed away Feb. 6, 2017. She was born Sept. 28, 1929. Services were held Feb. 9 at Matthews Mortuary.

**Lera L. Schrock**

Lera L. Schrock, 82, of Brownsburg, passed away on Feb. 8, 2017. She was born Jan. 7, 1935. Services were held Feb. 13 at Matthews Mortuary.

## Danville

**Joella D. O'Neill**

Joella D. O'Neill, 89, of Danville, passed away Jan. 21, 2017. She was born Dec. 2, 1927. Services were held Jan. 26 at Weaver Randolph Funeral Home in Danville.

**George S. Elliott**

George S. Elliott, 79, of Danville, passed away Jan. 25, 2017. He was born on April 11, 1937. Services were held Jan. 28 at Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home in Plainfield.

**Lynda Kay Miller**

Lynda Kay Miller, 74, of Danville, passed away Jan. 24, 2017. She was born Jan. 28, 1942. There will be no local services.

**Virginia R. Randolph**

Virginia R. Randolph, 86, of Carmel (formerly of Danville), passed away Jan. 26, 2017. She was born Aug. 2, 1930. Services were held Jan. 31 at Danville South Cemetery.

**Lynn L. Chipman**

Lynn L. Chipman, 80, of Danville, passed away Jan. 29, 2017. She was born Oct. 26, 1936. There will be no calling or services.

## Plainfield

**Sarah Lee Taylor**

Sarah Lee Taylor, 80, of Plainfield, passed away Jan. 20, 2017. She was born March 22, 1936. Services were held Jan. 26 at Center Community Church in Plainfield.

**Margaret "Peg" Howard**

Margaret (Peg) Helen (Stewart) Howard, 73, of Plainfield, passed away Jan. 22, 2017. She was born Aug. 31, 1943. Services were held Jan. 28 at The Church by the Side of the Road in Avon.

**Ocie Weber**

Ocie Weber, 92, of Plainfield, passed away Feb. 4, 2017. She was born Oct. 9, 1924. Services were held Feb. 10 at Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home in Plainfield.

**Henry "Sonny" Hunter**

Henry "Sonny" Hunter, 71, of Plainfield, passed away on Feb. 7, 2017. He was born Sept. 7, 1945. A celebration of life will be held Sunday, Feb. 26, at 1:30 p.m. in Hendricks County Senior Services, 1201 Sycamore Lane in Danville.



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## Former energy CEO gets 33 months in defrauding scheme

United States Attorney Josh Minkler announced Feb. 10 in a press release that Donnis Mizell, 56, of Avon, the former Chief Executive Officer of the Hendricks Power Cooperative (HPC) was sentenced to 33



Mizelle

months in federal prison by U.S. District Judge Sarah Evans Barker following his plea of guilty to having defrauding HPC out of over half a million dollars.

Mizelle had been the cooperative's CEO since 2003. FBI agents and forensic accountants investigated Mizelle's expense report entries dating back to 2009 and found over 1,800 personal purchases that Mizelle fraudulently disguised as legitimate business expenses. In all, Mizelle falsified nearly every one of his expense reports for over six years and caused HPC to pay for over \$580,000 in personal expenses ranging from luxury items to every day expenses.

Hendricks Power Cooperative officials released this in a prepared statement: "As we conclude this long and painful journey, we can now report that full restitution was made for this crime. Hendricks Power Co-

operative member-owners can rest assured that all appropriate actions have been taken to avoid similar incidents in the future and

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~Hendricks Power Cooperative

that at no time was their personal or payment information at risk. Like other cooperatives, we operate as a not-for-profit service organization, and our primary mission is, and always will be, to serve our members. We are grateful for the hard work from the FBI and the US Attorney's office for their strong community service and commitment to our case."

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## FROM THE EDITOR

### 'Fairing' well after high school

With spring fast approaching, high school seniors are likely contemplating life after graduation. The decisions made during this transitional period are all about setting oneself up for success. Whether they are concerned with finding a job, joining the service, perusing a degree, or any combination of the three, knowing what's available is a great first step.

Making big decisions is a necessary and sometimes agonizing part of life. The bigger the decision, the more we want to be sure of the outcome. Deciding whether to get married or buy a home, for example, is

"A great accomplishment shouldn't be the end of the road, just the starting point for the next leap forward."

~ Harvey Mackey

a commitment because it has far reaching consequences; but so is taking a job, enlisting in the military, and enrolling in college.

Choosing a career path can be difficult enough, but then you need to know how get there.

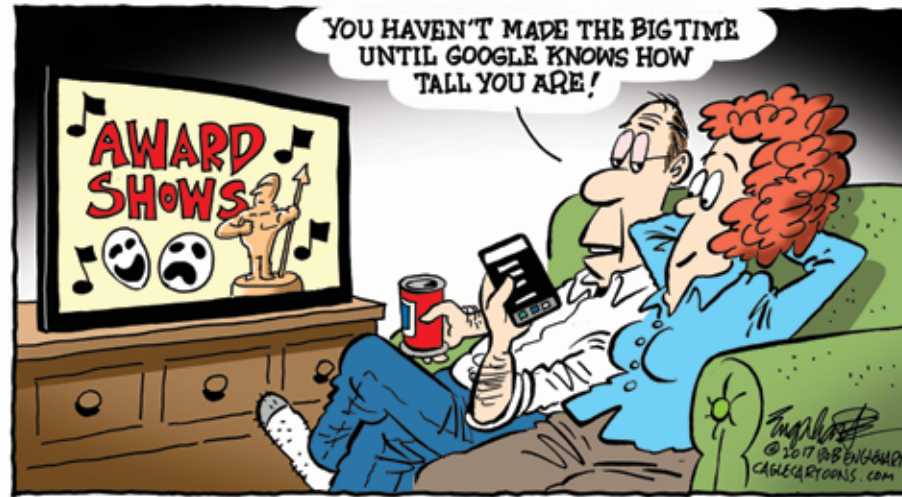
Fortunately, there's a great opportunity to help you weigh your options just around the corner. The 2017 Hendricks County College and Career Fair will have representatives from over 100 colleges, job recruiters, and four branches of the military to answer your questions. To put it simply, it's designed to make that next big decision easier. Harvey Mackey said, "A great accomplishment shouldn't be the end of the road, just the starting point for the next leap forward."

The fair is Thursday, Feb. 23, 5-8:30 p.m. at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds and Conference Complex, 1900 E Main St, Danville. Not only do I encourage high school students to attend, but also parents and anyone looking to take that next step forward.



Chris Cornwall is the editor of Hendricks County ICON and the Hendricks County Business Leader.

## ICONtoon



## All the news that's fit to sprint

### HUMOR

By Dick Wolfsie

I recently made the biggest gift-giving mistake of my life. I got Mary Ellen a Fitbit for Christmas. My wife has become somewhat of a health nut, which I should clarify, includes eating about six varieties of healthful nuts. She has wanted to keep track of her walking. I am not a walker myself. Truth is, I have walked back several promises I made when we first got married, as well as three 2017 New Year's resolutions. That's about as much exercise as I'm comfortable with.

Wait, I do walk to my office every day (it's not my fault I work from home) and I walk to the pro shop to get my golf cart. Oh, and to the garage to get on my riding lawn mower. Maybe I've never given myself enough credit.

One of the purposes of the Fitbit is to track 10,000 steps in a day, which is what the NASEWA (National Association of Something Else to Worry About) is now recommending. They say that the average person walks only 1,000-3,000 steps; 10,000 steps a day is equivalent to a few miles, something most people won't consciously do. Unconscious exercise sounds a lot less strenuous.

The Fitbit does not come with instructions. The manufacturer assumes you either know how to hook it up, or you can look up the specifics online. Remember, this is not just a pedometer, a simple device that tracks your paces. This puppy monitors your sleep and your food intake, and then rewards you with elaborate twinkling of lights when you have reached that 10,000-step goal.

Mary Ellen and I had a lot of trouble getting the Fitbit and the laptop to sync, so we called Kevin, our tech guy. Kevin is used to

dealing with people who sit in front of a computer all day and he feared that helping them set up their Fitbit could lead his clients to begin a physical fitness regimen—leaving less time for them to download viruses and malware, the bread and butter of his repair service.

"I can't find your dongle," said Kevin to my wife as he fumbled through the Fitbit box. "Does your husband have one?" I didn't know what a dongle was, but I'm pretty sure in Yiddish it's a dirty word. I learned that it's a small plug-in that allows electronic devices to communicate with each other. I always called it a thingamajig.

Soon, Kevin got everything to work. Everything.

"Did you get a good night's sleep?" I asked Mary Ellen the next morning.

"I have no idea. Let me check. Well, it says I did, but for some reason I'm exhausted."

I reminded her that the Fitbit vibrated on her wrist as a warning that she hadn't moved for an entire hour. We had no idea how to turn that application off, so I told Mary Ellen that if she didn't want the Fitbit to wake her every hour, she needed her sleep to be more restless. Yeah, I actually said that.

I don't want to own a Fitbit of my own. Instead, I plan to follow my wife around. I'll never reach that 10,000 goal, but it's a step in the right direction.



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.

## OUR VIEW

### Our award winning parks

The parks of Hendricks County are a source of pride for residents, and most will tell you they are second to none. If you are one of these people, then you are correct - at least according to the Indiana Parks and

Hendricks County residents have the very best facilities, parks and recreational programs.

Recreation Association (IPRA).

They recently recognized two local agencies for excellence during its annual awards ceremony. IPRA presented the staff of Danville Parks and Recreation with the Outstanding Agency Award for striving to improve the quality of life for both its community and to the state of Indiana.

The ICON congratulates Danville sports coordinator, Nate Phipps, assistant parks superintendent, Eric Lobosky, recreation coordinator, Stand Wilson, and superintendent, Will Lacey on their recent recognition.

IPRA also presented Washington Township Parks and Recreation with the Inclusion Program of Excellence award for its Sensory Easter Egg Hunt event.

We applaud both agencies for assuring Hendricks County residents have the very best facilities, parks and recreational programs.

#### Yes, we want your letters:

Readers of the HC ICON are encouraged to send letters to the editor as often as they wish. The stipulations are that the letter is timely, focused (not more than 200 words) and verifiable. Please make sure to provide your complete name and daytime and evening telephone contact numbers. All letters are subject to editing for brevity, clarity and grammar. Please direct your correspondence to: [chris@icontimes.com](mailto:chris@icontimes.com).

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

In Ohio, it is illegal to fish for whales on Sunday. **SOURCE: dumblaws.com**



## Dreams do come true

**READER'S WRITES**

When Cedar Elementary opened nine years ago about 5-percent of our school's population received free and reduced meals. We now average around 28%. As you can imagine, this huge increase has caused us to rethink how we take care of our students.

*"We knew that our students were never going to do their best in the classroom if they were hungry."*

Over the past few years Principal Kevin Gray and I have been working to help meet the physical needs of our neediest students. We knew that our students were never going to do their best in the classroom if they were hungry. We began with a program through Gleaners Food Bank. This program provided students in our building with food for the weekend. However, we knew that more support was needed. We began to dream of a place where our families could come and get the food they needed. We were able to partner with teachers at Maple and White Oak Elementary schools to make our dream of a school-based food pantry come true.

I reached out to my former employer, Mike Cunningham (Cunningham Restaurant Group). I asked if he would be willing to financially support a school-based food pantry – he agreed! Our team (Sarah Tuttle, Kayla Kuepper, and I) presented our food pantry vision to the Avon School Board. The Board was in full support of our idea. Kayla and Sarah, along with the support of Nikki Harrison (White Oak and Maple Principal) opened Branches. This was the first step in opening a school food pantry.

After a year of serving Maple and White Oak families, we opened our doors to the entire school corporation. We have since changed our name to the Mary Lee Maier Community Pantry. This name was chosen by Mike Cunningham, to honor his late mother-in-law who had been a Kindergarten teacher for many years.

The Mary Lee Maier Community Pantry is now open every Thursday (when school is in session) from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at Maple Elementary (Door #4). The only requirement for our food pantry is to have a child that is part of Avon Community Schools. Our team, Kayla Kuepper, Sarah Tuttle, Dr. Maggie Hoernemann, Kevin Gray, Nikki Harrison, Dr. Mike Whitman, Kim Woodward, and Mike Rawlinson is excited and humbled to see our dream come true. We hope to serve those in need in our community. Our desire is that no child will ever have to worry about lack of food again.

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**QUOTE**

*"Running on my record, a record of accomplishment, a record of which I'm proud. You cannot and will not take away my successes based on the deeds or misdeeds of my husband. I am worthy of so much more."*

*~ Jeanine Pirro*

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 Monday, February 27  
 Monday, March 27  
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- Location:** Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds Conference Center
- RSVP:** Please contact the Hendricks County Farm Bureau office at 745-4463 by the Thursday prior to each breakfast

*Representatives Bob Behning, Greg Steuerwald and Jeff Thompson have been invited to join us, along with Senators John Crane and Mike Young.*



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## History buffs get medieval at fairgrounds

By Chris Cornwall

The Hendricks County Fairgrounds and Conference Complex recently played host to an indoor Archery competition. Hundreds of history buffs in authentic medieval garb met there for 'Better Warfare through Archery,' an event organized by the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA). SCA members practiced other medieval skills as well such as embroidery and brewing mead. Competitors from each category were even recognized in a medieval royal court proceeding.

"All of us in this room started from a love of history," Wendy Martin-Glick said, who is a SCA media liaison. "We have members who are doctors, lawyers – a lot of ex-military members – you name it... I actually work in insurance back



SCA members, Brenda and Bill Sutton pose at the Better Warfare through Archery event, Danville, Feb. 4. Photos by Chris Cornwall

home (Ft Wayne, IN). So we come from every walk of life."

The Society for Creative Anachronism has been around over 50 years. What began as a backyard graduation party in 1960s Berkley Calif., eventually ballooned into a worldwide organization with over 60,000 participants. In fact, SCA celebrated its fiftieth anniversary at the fairgrounds last year with an epic battle reenactment. Two armies touting 1,000 soldiers each clashed last summer while yielding real weapons and armor. Glick said everyone is trained and must pass a safety test before competing in combat.

"Those who came to watch said they could feel the earth shake," Mike Longcor said, an accomplished folk singer and 43-year veteran of SCA. Longcor was chosen to lead last year's western army into battle, a feeling he emphatically described as "awesome."

Many of the spectators were from Hendricks County. "We joined the SCA because of that 50 year-event," said Danville native, Bill Sutton.

He is a software support specialist by trade and says he didn't join for the combat and weaponry. Bill and his wife



The Royal Court, made up of recent medieval tournament winners (and sometimes their spouses), recognized champions from several medieval skills categories during a ceremony.

Brenda Sutton, a musician and expert of medieval languages, were always interested in the historic aspect. "My wife and I already knew a lot of SCA members - mostly musicians. So that was our connection to group before we joined six-months ago."

"I'm currently studying the bardic arts."

To learn more about the SCA, visit [www.sca.org](http://www.sca.org).

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### 2017 Class Dates

March 11	April 8
April 29	May 20
June 10	July 15
Aug. 12	Sept. 16
Oct. 7	Nov. 11
Dec. 28	

## EID will fund Plainfield's connector service



The town of Plainfield recently passed an ordinance to create an Economic Improvement District (EID) to provide funding for the South Plainfield Connector shuttle service.

**Why:** According to a press release from the Central Indiana Transportation Authority (CIRTA), over 50 percent of the designated district's employees live outside Hendricks County. The Plainfield Connector is a major source of transportation for these employees.

**What happened:** The three-year, nonrenewable federal grant used to partially fund the connector service expired in 2015. Since then, the Town of Plainfield and CIRTA have pooled together enough resources to maintain it up until the summer of 2017.

**What it means:** Property owners within a 3,442-square-acre district south of U.S. 40 in Plainfield will pay into a fund to cover the cost of the South Plainfield Connector shuttle. More than half of the district's property owners signed the petition to establish the district.

**What's next:** The South Plainfield Connector will be funded through the EID starting in July 2017. The connector service will be managed by CIRTA and the EID will be governed by a board of owners and representatives.

Compiled by Chris Cornwall

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*Trey Lyles  
Utah Jazz*



## Riesling, an affordable aperitif wine

### WINE & DINE

By Mark Vickery

You know, you just don't have to spend a lot of money to get a tasty wine. Some people might, with an upturned nose, disagree. Don't listen to them. There are a whole lot of good wines on the market for \$12.00 or less. Agreed, you will notice definite differences between a \$10 cabernet and a \$40 cabernet, but how many of us can drink \$40 wines on a regular basis?

One grape variety which consistently produces really good affordable wine is Riesling. Once best known as the premier white wine of Germany, it is now successfully produced world-wide.

Generally speaking, the sweeter the wine the more you can expect to pay. This is because the grapes must stay on the vine longer. The longer they are on the vine, the more they shrink and concentrate the natu-



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duce a bottle of wine (we're going to have a quiz on this next week).

Anyway, back to the wine itself. If you usually don't care for sweeter wines, find a

Riesling labeled "Dry" - or if it's German, labeled "Kabinett." These are delightful aperitif wines to sip with friends before dinner or to drink with chicken or fish dishes that don't have a heavy cream sauce. They are also good with spicy Pacific-rim foods, because the slight sweetness is a nice counterpoint to the spiciness. Riesling is also a great hot-weather wine to drink on a deck or patio, or on a picnic. It's served chilled (not ice-cold) and is somewhat lower in alcohol than other table wines.

If you are new to wine, you may wonder what people mean when they say that they pick up certain flavors in a wine. One of the things to do when drinking wine is to try to identify the other flavors you may sense. Keep in mind that a large part of taste is smell, so use your nose. What should you expect from Riesling? How about pear, stewed apple, or cantaloupe?

Remember, wine always tastes best when shared with friends.



Mark Vickery has over 35 years' experience in wholesale and retail wine. He currently manages Big Red Liquors in Plainfield. Mark can be reached at [winedog@sbcglobal.net](mailto:winedog@sbcglobal.net).

## Lifestyle Hacks

### Unstick glasses

If you have glasses stacked and stuck together, this should get them unstuck. Submerge the bottom glass in hot water, which will expand it, then pour ice-cold water in the top glass, which will contract it. Then you should be able to pull the glasses apart easily.

Source: HouseholdMagicDailyTips.com

### Handy pen storage

Instead of having pens or pencils floating around loose inside your purse, put them in a plastic toothbrush holder - the cylindrical kind that closes tightly. The holder is easy to find in a crowded bag, and it will prevent a pen from accidentally losing its cap and making marks inside the bag's lining.

Source: HouseholdMagicDailyTips.com

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ral grape sugars in the juice. But they also lose juice, so it takes more grapes to pro-

## Some considerations when planning your spring project

### GARDENING

By John Chapin

The daylight hours are lengthening, birdsong is everywhere, and hardy plants are budding in anticipation of spring. With these familiar signs and sounds in the air, now is the time for gardeners to make the most of that spring enthusiasm and optimism. Many homeowners have a landscape job that they have wanted to get done, whether it's starting or a new project or renovating an old one. Do you need a freshened foundation planting, a water feature, fire pit or other hardscape, or new perennial garden? Early spring is a great time to get plans underway to make sure your idea gets done.

There are three basic options for both novice and experienced gardeners. Deciding on which route to choose depends on each person's knowledge, physical ability, experience, and budget.

Option one is to have the job professionally done. This is obviously the most expensive, but there are definite advantages, and even possible savings. Hiring a reputable company to do the work pretty much ensures that you will be avoiding costly mistakes due to lack of knowledge and that the job will be completed in a timely manner.

Option two is to do the entire job yourself. Providing the labor gives you "sweat equity," resulting in considerable savings. Even if you lack the knowledge for the job, there are so many resources available today on the Internet that taking the time to watch YouTube videos can be very educational. You can avoid costly mistakes and gain confidence to do the project well.

Option three can combine the best of both worlds. It is to enlist the help of a professional landscape business in planning and obtaining materials, but doing the bulk of the labor yourself. For this option, check with local landscaping businesses and garden centers to see what services they provide. Most will do a consultation and draw up a plan for you, listing the plants and materials you will need, as well as give a quote for them to do the installation. What you are looking for is a company that will work with you to give you valuable professional advice and provide plants and materials at a DIY discount. With you doing the labor, but using a professionally designed plan, you can avoid many common mistakes while also saving yourself some money.

Hendricks County residents are fortunate to have not only many reputable landscaping businesses, but also local sources of



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plants and landscaping materials such as enriched topsoil, mulch and rocks. With careful planning, landscaping projects can be accomplished with competence and satisfaction, and will provide years of enjoyment.



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.



## Tasty Shrimp Scampi

### RECIPE

By Jerry Rezny  
This is a very simple, yet elegant dish.

Shrimp come in many different sizes. In the U.S., the largest shrimp are U/15, or under 15 per pound. I used 16/20 for this recipe. There were 18 good sized shrimp in the bag.

The main thing to remember about shrimp is "DO NOT OVERCOOK!"

#### Ingredients: Serves 4

¾ tsp. salt  
12 oz. angel hair pasta  
4 oz. butter  
½ fresh lemon  
1 lb. Shrimp, peeled and deveined  
4 cloves of garlic, minced  
1 cup dry white wine,  
1 tbsp. chopped parsley  
¼ tsp ground black pepper,  
¾ cup grated parmesan cheese

Boil water in a large pot. Add ¾ tbsp. salt. Drop in dried pasta and boil for 4 minutes. Drain. Melt butter in a saucepan with medium heat. Stir in garlic and shrimp stirring constantly for about 4 minutes. Stir in wine, pepper and squeezed lemon juice. Heat for 1 minute and pour over the drained pasta. Top with Parmesan cheese and chopped parsley.



Jerry Rezny lives in Avon and owns Handcrafted Beverages. He also teaches at the International Culinary School. Contact him at [handcraftedbeverages@yahoo.com](mailto:handcraftedbeverages@yahoo.com).

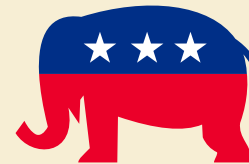
## HC ICON News Quiz

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

- 1** Presidents Day is every third Monday in February, but what is the actual date of George Washington's birthday?
- A. Feb. 20  
 B. Feb 18  
 C. July 4  
 D. Feb. 22



- 2** The Hendricks County GOP party will elect a new chairman March 4. What does "GOP" stand for?
- A. Grand Own Party  
 B. Grand Old Party  
 C. Gallant Old Party  
 D. Great Old Party



Compiled by Chris Cornwall  
Answers on Page 21

- 3** Two women from Hendricks County helped make the Inaugural Ball gown for Second Lady, Karen Pence. How long was the hemline?
- A. 27 yards  
 B. 57 yards  
 C. 62 yards  
 D. 72 yards

- 4** On average, how much does it cost to attend one year at an in-state college?
- A. \$5000  
 B. \$7000  
 C. \$10,000  
 D. \$15,000



- 5** Howard Sims was recently named Indiana Poll Worker of the Year by which state official?
- A. Gov. Eric Holcomb  
 B. Rep. Greg Steuerwald  
 C. Rep. Greg Rokita  
 D. Secretary of State Connie Lawson

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- Bill Franklin, owner, Courthouse Grounds
- Rev. Michael C. Fritsch, pastor, Mary Queen of Peace
- Eric Hessel, Hendricks County Community Foundation
- Jill Lees, captain, Plainfield Police Department
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- Faith Toole, writer, Hendricks County ICON
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# NIGHT & day LOCAL Entertainment ENTERTAINING

## EVENTS Calendar

### February

#### 25 Saturday

*Mississippi Raglips and the Riverdogs*  
8 p.m. | American Legion Brownsburg Lincoln Post 331, 636 E. Main St. | Open to the public | Music genre: Rock and Blues.

#### 25 Saturday

*The Flatland Harmony Experiment*  
9 p.m. | The Side Door Pub, 115 N Center St. in Plainfield | No cover charge | Music genre: nugrass (acoustic Folk, Rock and Jazz).

#### 25 Saturday

*Be our Guest for Beauty and the Beast!*  
1 p.m. | Guilford Township Public Library, 1120 Stafford Rd in Plainfield | no cost | Movie screening, meet the characters with photo opportunities, snacks, and crafts. Costumes welcome. For more information, call (317) 839-6602.

#### 26 Sunday

*Drug Free Family Night*  
4 p.m. | Avon Monster Mini Golf, 7591 U.S. 36 | Meet the organizations that are helping to keep your family, friends and neighbors drug free. All minors must have an adult present. For more information, connect with the Hendricks County Substance Abuse Task Force on Facebook.

### March

#### 2 Thursday

*Annual Campaign Kick-Off Breakfast*  
7:30 a.m. | Hendricks Regional Health YMCA, 301 Satori Pkwy in Avon | Fundraiser | HRH will present the 2017 Cause-Driven Leadership & Volunteer Awards. Doug Boles, President of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, will be the special guest speaker.

#### 4 Saturday

*Maple Syrup Days*  
9 a.m. | McCloud Nature Park, 8518 Hughes Rd. in North Salem | no cost | appropriate for all ages | Learn how to tap a tree, visit the sugar shack, and sample 100% all-natural McCloud Maple Syrup (also available for purchase). For more information, call (765) 676-5437 or visit [www.hendrickscountyparks.org](http://www.hendrickscountyparks.org).

## Oh those Havana Nights

By Tiffany Giles

If you can't make it to Cuba to enjoy the sugar white sands, streets lined with bright pastel colored homes and live salsa music, don't sweat it because Havana is coming to Brownsburg.

Frazees Gardens will turn into a tropical oasis on Thursday, Feb. 23, from 6-8 p.m. for their first Girls Night Out (GNO) party of 2017.

"February can be a very blah month in Indiana, so we thought Havana Nights would be a fun and cheery way to get women out and looking forward to spring. We even have palm trees," said event coordinator, Amy Hamather.



Event coordinator, Amy Hamather, and Frazee Gardens Manager, Stephanie Sheldon.

Photo by Chris Cornwall.

Girls Night Out is going to be balmy this year, as Frazee Gardens will be filled with live music, food, beverages and over twenty



Frazee Gardens will use dozens of tropical plants for the Cuban themed party.

Photo submitted.

boutiques on site for ladies spring and summer fashion needs.

"The shopping is going to be fantastic. These are all fun stores, uniquely different and in one place for women to shop and share with their friends" Hamather said. "It will be a great night to celebrate friendship and get fabulous finds."

Guests can sample treats, buy a glass of wine (or even a bottle), gather beauty tips, buy apparel and update their home décor.

The party will take place on the storefront of Frazee Gardens, located at 3480 N. SR 267 in Brownsburg. Tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased in advance at the shop or at the door the evening of the event. All proceeds from Havana Nights will go to benefit Hendricks Regional Health.

This is just the first of several events Frazee Gardens is planning for the year.

"Our shop is involved in the community and likes to give to a variety of local charities. We sponsor other fundraisers as well," Hamather explained. "In May we are partnering with Caroline's Mobile Boutique to

"It will be a great night to celebrate friendship and get fabulous finds"

~ Amy Hamather

support two women, who are actually best friends, in their fight against breast cancer."

For more information on Frazee Gardens' retail business, winter hours and upcoming events, visit [Frazeegardens.com](http://Frazeegardens.com) or connect with them on Facebook @Frazeegardens.

## Special Olympics 2017 Polar Plunge

The Polar Plunge is a cool way to support sports training and athletic competition for more than 12,000 Special Olympics Indiana athletes. Participants must raise a minimum of \$75 in donation money before taking a dive into the chilly waters of Eagle Creek Park. The event will run from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 4 at Eagle Creek Park Beech, 7840 W 56th St., Indianapolis. Registration is open between 8 a.m. and 12



noon. For more information, contact Scott Furnish at (317) 328-2000 or visit: [soindiana.org](http://soindiana.org).

# FAITHONFOOD

by Faith Toole

## AN OPTION

### Maddie's

540 East Main Street  
Brownsburg

With life being so busy, it's great day when I get to spend time with my daughter. We had an opportunity for a spur of the moment lunch at Maddie's in Brownsburg.

Maddie's is a new restaurant featuring sandwiches and casseroles with many items made in-house including sauces, salads, deserts and pie crusts. Each entree's name has a back story. Example is the Misty Dog; a tribute to the owner, Renee's "fur baby" and co-founder of Misty Eyes Animal Center.

We enjoyed 'The Bronx' - 'The Big One!' and 'This & That.' I ordered The Bronx. It has house made meatballs with meat sauce, pasta, provolone cheese served on a garlic sub roll. The basket was served with potato chips

and pickle. My daughter ordered 'This & That' with a half serving of the Saratoga wrap and a cup, of loaded baked potato soup. We added deviled eggs which is one of the several house made salads selections. Everything was delicious including the apple pie and Rice Krispy treats for dessert.

The new permanent Misty's Eyes Animal Center will be opening in March, 616 S Co Rd 800 in Avon.



## WHERE I DINE

### Tara Cooper

Clayton

#### Where do you like to dine?

The Clayton Cafe, it's close to home and great food.

#### What do you like there?

The menu selection is all good but my go-to is the breaded tenderloin or western omelet. The cook is awesome and his omelets are amazing!



#### What do you like about this place?

The place has gotten so much better recently with the new owners. They have cleaned up the place and remodeled. They are so friendly plus from the start have given back to our community with 'Dine-out Nights.'

Clayton Cafe  
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## BEHIND THE BARS

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*(Rob has been making Ruth's Chris Steak House Lemon Drop ingredients for 22 years. Available at Northside location only)*



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



## Symphony to perform 'Peter and the Wolf'

Feb. 23 and 25

The Hendricks Symphony and Orchestra Choir will perform Peter and the Wolf and other cartoon classics Friday, Feb. 23 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Feb. 24 3 p.m. Both concerts will be performed at Avon Middle School North, 1251 Dan Jones Rd., and feature a side-by-side performance with the Avon Middle School Strings. There will also be a special appearance by Blue, a living

and very tame wolf. Guests are welcome to meet Blue and take a photo with him during intermission and after the performance (\$10 donation is requested). Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors, and \$7 for students at the box office. Purchase tickets online to get a discount. For more information or to buy tickets in advance, visit: [www.hendrickssymphonic.org](http://www.hendrickssymphonic.org).

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## IU Health West now offers around-the-clock heart care

IU Health West Hospital made an announcement on Valentine's Day that promises a significant advance in heart care for residents of Hendricks County and beyond. The hospital now offers cardiac catheterization 24 hours-a-day, seven days-a-week.

"Time is heart muscle when a patient is having a heart attack," says Dr. Ibrahim Abu Romeh, an IU Health physician, interventional cardiologist and member of the 24/7 cath lab team. "As excellent as we have been in collaborating with our colleagues at IU Health Methodist Hospital to provide cardiac interventions during off-hours, getting that transport time back will help make our patient outcomes even better."

IU Health West has been a designated chest pain center and has processes in place to be considered a 'level 1' hospital for the care of patients having a heart attack. Now, day or night, EMS teams and community residents have the assurance that life-saving cardiac interventions, such as opening a clogged artery with a balloon and placing a stent, can be performed here.



"We know our patients choose IU Health West for a reason—either we are their 'home' hospital where all of their doctors are, or at the very least, we are the hospital closest to their home," says Shelley Doedeman, manager of cardiac services. "Now, no matter the time of day, we can simply escort a worried spouse upstairs to wait for their loved one's procedure to be completed. We're not giving them a map and showing them how to navigate to our partners downtown when they're already scared and stressed."

Growing demand for heart care services and an aging population paved the way for this cath lab expansion at IU Health West.

"This evolution has been a long time coming," explains hospital president, Doug Puckett. "I think the day we opened in 2004 we knew that eventually we'd be here offering 24/7 cath lab services. Our cardiologists are in high demand, our team is passionate about preventing, diagnosing and treating heart disease, and the patient volume is there."

- Edited press release



IU Health West Hospital President Doug Puckett announced an advancement in patient cardiac care with the addition of around-the-clock stent-catheterization, Feb. 14. Photo by Chris Cornwall

## Developing a budding chef in your kitchen

### DIETARY

By Martha Rardin

Do you remember when you first learned your way around the kitchen? In my case, my sister and I had free run of the kitchen while my parents worked. We would find a recipe, make sure we had the ingredients and then try the recipe out on our family. Our parents were supportive and appeared to enjoy most of what we made even if occasionally my dad would suggest we not make "that dish" for a while.

I think the freedom we were given in the kitchen is one reason we both love to cook and gather around the table with our families. So what can you do in your household to encourage a young person to explore their culinary instincts? Here are a few tips:

- Stock your kitchen with ingredients that will allow creativity and provide the basics of most recipes. Keep basic baking ingredients on hand as well as fruits and prepped veggies for quick snacks and easy side dishes.

- Allow your budding chef to make mistakes. I recall more than once my sister and I burned casseroles or cookies while honing our skills in the kitchen. My mom would talk

us through what happened and help us determine how we could improve the dish.

- After your child has some experience in the kitchen put them in charge of a meal once in a while. This will help teach responsibility but also meal planning and grocery shopping skills. Be sure to heap praise and let your chef know you appreciate their efforts to nurture your family.

- Your teen will enjoy the family eating together and enjoying the dish they made or the meal they planned. This is also a good time for all in the family to appreciate the different talents each family member brings to your table.

Raising young people is a hard task but can begin to get easier when they participate in helping you feed and nurture your family. I hope these tips will encourage you to allow a budding chef into your kitchen.



Martha Rardin, MSM, RDN, CD, FAND, is Director of Nutrition and Dietetics for Hendricks Regional Health.

## Hendricks County ICON's Greatest Generation Pearl Donnelly, Age 95



- Served in the Army Air Core during WWII from 1942-1945. She was a Corporal in the WAAC (Women's army auxiliary core).
- Made \$50.00/month while serving.
- Widow to Carl Donnelly: 2 daughters, 4 granddaughters, 1 grandson and 3 great-grandsons.
- From Williamson, West Virginia.
- Moved to Indianapolis after her time in the service. She had a friend in the Army who convinced her to move to Indiana. While registering to vote at a local fire department in Indianapolis, she met her husband, Carl.
- Before her service time, she worked in clothing sales at Brown's Dress shop. After the service she worked for RCA, Electronic laboratories and for the American Legion Headquarters.

- Her favorite thing to do is ballroom dance.
- Happy with the progression of women's rights.
- Most vivid memory of generation she was raised in: It was a poor generation. She was a coal-miner's daughter, but she was happy with what she had and had a good childhood.
- Advise to the next generation: Stay clean (stay out of trouble) and work hard.
- Biggest lesson learned: Be kind and help people.
- Biggest change witnessed from today's youth vs. her youth: Kids don't respect their parents like they use to. Lifestyles have also changed- more liberal.
- Item you would put in a time capsule: Army uniform
- Letter you would put in a time capsule: Have a better life for yourself.

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## Poll worker receives award from Secretary of State



Howard Sims was presented the 2016 Poll Worker of the Year award by Secretary of State Connie Lawson at the Hendricks County Courthouse Feb. 14. The award annually recognizes a Hoosier poll worker who performs "above and beyond" their normal duties to assist voters and officials alike. According to the Office of Secretary of State, 80-year-old Sims displayed "diligence and adaptability during the 2016 presidential election cycle." He has served the Hendricks County polls over 40 years.

*Photo by Chris Cornwall*

### HC ICON Quiz

#### Answers

from page 17

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2. B
3. B
4. C
5. D

#### Solutions

from page 26

#### Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:

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**Flavors:** BITTER, SALTY, SOUR, SPICY, SWEET

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# Original pattern

## *Couple starts specialty yarn store after nomadic paths cross*

By Chris Cornwall

Seven years ago, husband and wife team and former anthropologists, Dave Broughton and Erica Kempf, left the academic world behind in England to start Nomad Yarns. The couple met in the historic city of York (U.K.) while Erica, who is a native of Avon, was working on her PhD, and Dave was working in the university's anthropology department as a technician. They soon fell in love and got married.

Although Erica was sure in regards to Dave, she had second thoughts when it came to her career path. She ultimately decided against becoming a doctor of

even rabbits' fur (among others) – each one with its own unique qualities.

Dave and Erica also offer courses for inspiring yarn magicians such as knitting, dyeing, and crochet. Once a month beginning in February and ending in November, students are taught a new technique or skill as part of Nomad's Project of the Month Club 2017. There is also a 'sit

and knit space' available to customers, and Dave and Erica said they are always happy to answer questions or assist with a project.

For information on pricing and dates for the Project of the Month Club 2017, call (317) 742-7456; or visit [nomadyarnshop.com](http://nomadyarnshop.com). Nomad Yarns is located at 219 E. Main St. in Plainfield.

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“We pick up where the bulk companies left off.”

-Dave Broughton

anthropology. “I asked myself what I would be willing to do for the rest of my life. And knitting was it.”

Erica moved back to Hendricks County and chose an old building on Main St. in Plainfield for the location. “I shocked my parents when I told them I would be opening up a yarn store three miles away from them,” she said. But seven years and one baby later, Nomad Yarns is still going strong.

The idea for the store name came from the fact that both Erica and Dave frequently moved around in their respective careers. Dave earned his master's while in California and traveled throughout Europe for his last job. Erica, apart from living in the U.K., also worked in California as well as Florida.

Although the couple occasionally sells product on Esty, it's a small part of their business. What they do sell online is reserved for the more unusual yarns. “We try to keep it local,” Erica said. “We are 99.9 percent a brick and mortar store” – which is important according to Dave.

“When you are buying yarn, you really want to pick it up, touch it, and look at the colors,” he said. This is especially true when considering the wide variety of specialty yarns Nomad stocks.

“We pick up where the bulk companies left off,” Dave said. For example, Nomad carries yarn spun from silk, alpaca wool, and

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*Top left: Erica assists a customer with her project. Dave and/or Erica are always glad to add a helping hand.*

*Top right: Partners in business and life, Dave and Erica were married in England which is where they left their old careers to open up Nomad Yarns in Plainfield.*

*Bottom right: Betty Webster, who has been coming to Nomad Yarns for several years, works on a bolero in the 'sit and knit space.'*

*Bottom left: Colorful silk yarn is just one of the many specialty products at Nomad.*



# VISUALIZING ENTREPRENEURISM

*Dr. Beth Groninger has an eye for business as she builds her practice*

## Beth's list...

### Five books that had an impact on Dr. Beth Groninger:

- *Drive the Surprising Truth about What Motivates Us* by Daniel Pink
- *The 21 Irrefutable Laws of Leadership: Follow Them and People Will Follow You (10th Anniversary Edition)* by John C. Maxwell, Steven R. Covey
- *Silas Marner* by George Eliot
- *Candide* by Voltaire
- *All the Nancy Drew books!*

## How Beth did it:

### What's the best advice you ever received?

Build a new building for your practice; you have outgrown your old space. (Practice Management Group)

### Best business decision you ever made:

Join an industry-specific group for practice management.

### Worst advice you ever received:

You're too old to take on a project that big, regarding my new office.

### In five years, I want ...

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### By Mark Ambrogi

For Dr. Beth Groninger, the decision to move her Plainfield Eye Care practice into a larger space was crucial.

"We had definitely outgrown the practice," she said. "There were some new tests that we needed more space for. That building was built in 1982 and I would have added on to that particular building except it was in the floodway and DNR wouldn't let us do that unless we lifted the building up off the ground.

The new Plainfield location on 900 Edwards Rd. is more than double the space, going from 3,100 square feet to 6,637 square feet. Groninger moved the practice there Sept. 20. The previous location was nearby at 1855 Stafford Rd.

Groninger had joined an industry-specific practice management group, called Prima Eye Group.

"It's been fantastic for us," Groninger said. "It really helped me to make business decisions and see the potential for growth that we had here, and to collaborate with other individual practice owners as far as what they're doing that works, then trying to implement some of those things here."

Key to the growth has been the staff, she said. "You have to invest in your employees," Groninger said. "I have a lot of long-term employees. My office manager has been with me for 22 years, my lead medical technician for 23 years. I have several employees who have been with me for 15-plus years as well. I definitely think the secret to success is to surround yourself with good people, treat them well and don't micromanage them."

Groninger started with Plainfield Eye Care in 1991, buying out Dr. Tom Maloney's part of the business when he retired. Maloney started the practice in 1961. Dr. Cory Shaffer joined the practice in 1976. Groninger purchased Shaffer's part of the practice and building at the end of 2012.

Groninger is one of three full time optometrists and one, Dr. Ray Daub, who works one day a week. Dr. Dana Donaldson, an Avon High School

graduate, is the pediatric specialist and Dr. Tessa Schlickbernd, specializes in geriatric eye care.

"We like to stay on the leading edge of technology and many times we're first in the county with new equipment," Groninger said. "We currently have the only diopsys, electro diagnostic testing system. That's important with glaucoma detection and other things it can detect as well.

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- Dr. Beth Groninger

Therese Cochran, an Avon resident, said Groninger is always keeping the practice up-to-date.

"She sees the future and goes for it," Cochran said. "It's neat to see. We get bigger and bigger."

A graduate of Mount Vernon High School in Fortville, IN, Groninger later attended Indiana University and graduated from the IU School of Optometry in 1990. She then completed her residency at Danville Veterans Administration Medical Center in Danville, Ill.

Groninger has been a member of Plainfield's chapter of Tri Kappa for more than 20 years. She helps area kids with scholarships and emergency funds for dental, eye care, and other emergencies.

Her only child, Garrett, played three years of high school baseball and continues to play on travel teams. He is now a freshman at IU.

Groninger's hobbies include jewelry making



Dr. Beth Groninger of Plainfield Eye Care.

and painting. She painted pictures for the new building over the summer.

"I decided I want to paint something that matched the office so I took some of the paint samples and incorporated them into the themes," said Groninger, who hadn't painted since high school. "It was a stress reliever. I like to be creative so it's natural that I would want to decorate the office. Art has always been a favorite of mine.

I started making jewelry in 2009, although this past year I haven't had much time to do anything. (Moving) has been a very big project and my son graduated from Plainfield High School in 2016 as well so it was a really busy year.

In addition, Groninger enjoys traveling.

"My dad won a trip to Italy and he took me along, and that was my first trip to Europe (in 1999)," Groninger said. "That was fantastic."

That sparked her desire for traveling.

"I haven't had a time to travel as far in recent years because of my son being at the age where he didn't have as much time because he was involved in travel baseball. Now I'm thinking I have more time. We're planning on going somewhere interesting on his spring break, but we haven't decided where yet."



Plainfield Eye Care's new location at 900 Edwards Drive in Plainfield. Photo submitted.

# Gown renown

By Chris Cornwall

Donna Christian and Ellen Blacketer have been sewing professionally for a combined 80 years, but recently got the thrill of a lifetime when they learned their next client would be Second Lady Karen Pence. As two of the six seamstresses tasked with accommodating Pence and her daughters for the 2017 Inaugural Ball, the women helped produce eight gowns in total.

Christian, who owns Donna's Designs in Lizton, said they learned of the project in November after receiving a call from a "dear friend." On the other line was Joyce Hittesdorf, a dress designer and fellow member of the Association of Sewing and Design Professionals (ASDP).

"She said I have a problem and need your help," Christian said. "So when a good friend asks you for help, you go up there and do it."

"She said she couldn't tell us what it was about over the phone," said Blacketer, owner of Sew What? in Avon. "We both assumed it had to do with ASDP since we all belong to the same organization."

It was after meeting with her that Christian and Blacketer learned they would be part of a very special project. It turns out Hittesdorf had gotten a call of her own from Karen Pence soon after the Presidential Election. She had done work for Pence over the years - including her wedding dress 30 plus years ago. Now she needed something for the biggest dance of the year. Hittesdorf agreed and enlisted the help of some local professionals.

"I was shocked," Christian said. "When we found who it was, we were like yes!"

Both ladies admit they would have helped their friend no matter what, but felt thrilled and honored for the opportunity.

Working on the project presented some unique challenges - especially for the dress designers. The Pence's were in the process of moving to the White House and needed to fly back and forth.

"They all came at different times for fittings," Christian said. "The secret service came every time. They would always be looking around but not say a word. It made you a little nervous."

Fortunately, the women say it was a joy to be around the Second Lady.

"She didn't make you feel like you were anything else than special. Someone I'd like to be friends with. But there really wasn't a lot of chit chat because they had to fly in and out," Christian said.

In a span of six weeks, the team of seamstresses spent over 400 hours on the project. And while Christian and Blacketer are professionals, they understandably felt a lot pressure to do their best. Not only would the gowns be in the national spotlight during the Inaugural Ball, the chiffon silk gown worn by Karen Pence would eventually be displayed at the Smithsonian.

"We'd ask ourselves if this is Smithsonian quality work," Christian said while holding a photo of the gown. "I did some shirring on Karen's blue dress across the shoulder length, and my friend Ellen did the hemline."

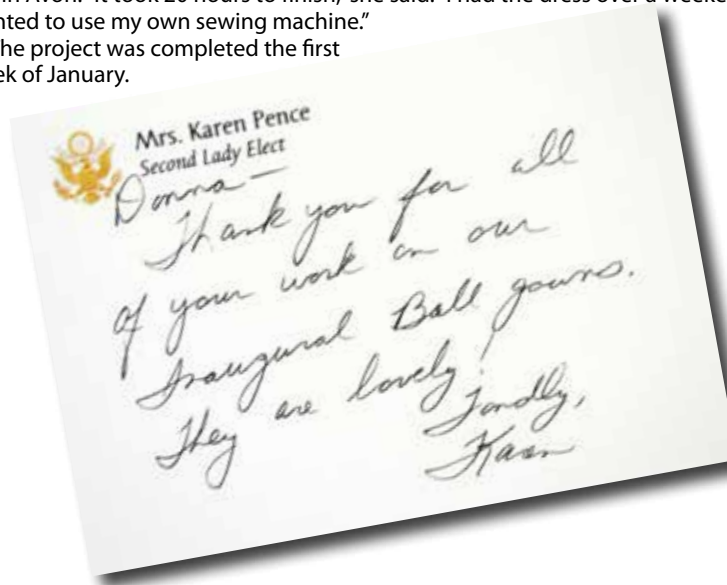
The hemline she's referring to spans 57 yards, which Blacketer sewed from her home studio in Avon. "It took 20 hours to finish," she said. "I had the dress over a weekend because I wanted to use my own sewing machine."

The project was completed the first week of January.

Christian remembers watching from home as the dress was revealed on national television.

"I cried when the blue dress came out," she said. It flowed so beautifully."

Donna Christian next to a miniature replica she made of Karen Pence's blue dress.





## Local seamstresses have 2nd Lady connection



The team that made the Pence family's inaugural ball dresses pose with Second Lady Karen Pence. (From left) Whitney Luckenbill, Sarah Knochel, Cathy Runion, Ellen Blacketer, Karen Pence, Donna Christian and Joyce Hittesdorf.

Photo provided by Ellen Blacketer



Ellen Blacketer spent 20 hours on the 57-yard hemline of Karen Pence's sapphire dress. Photo submitted.

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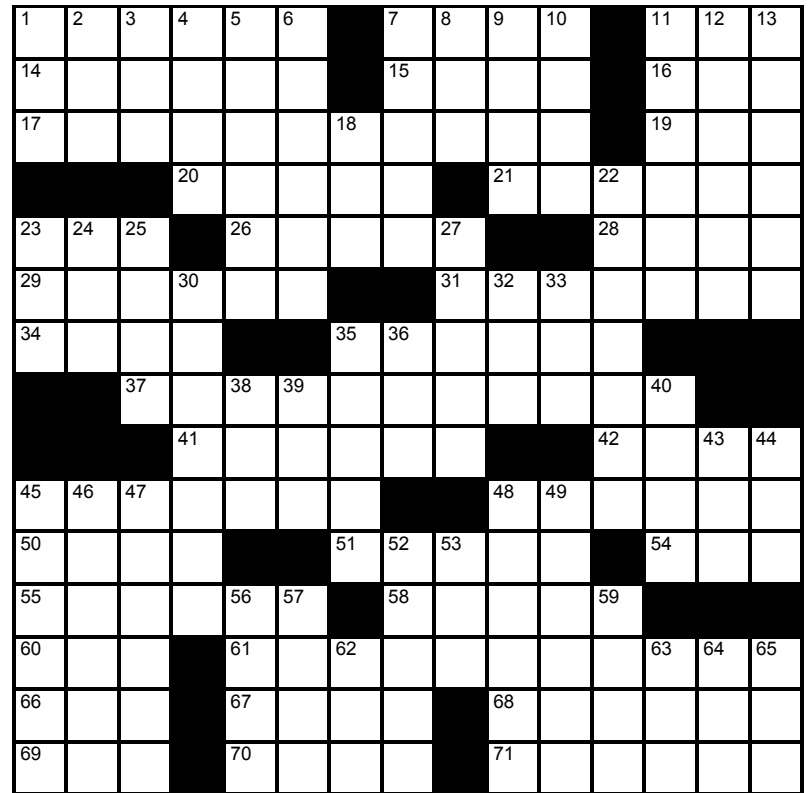
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15. Basic first step
16. Anthem and Finish Line name ender
17. Trite Halloween prop?
19. Patrick Rodgers' links org.
20. Lustrous fabric
21. Happy Dragon sauce morsel
23. Right this minute
26. Biblical verb
28. Peru, Ind., composer Porter
29. Payola payer
31. Brainiac
34. "Fernando" singers
35. Regard highly
37. Stylish flowering plant?
41. Indiana State Fair award
42. Charbonos' steak sauce
45. Listlessness
48. Infuse with oxygen
50. Wrinkly fruit at Kroger
51. With 62-Down, local place to stay
54. Blue Jackets' org.
55. Meeting of the dead
58. Fairy tale baddies
60. Dot follower
61. Indiana's governor and an anagram of 17- and 37-Across
66. MCL option: pie \_\_\_\_ mode
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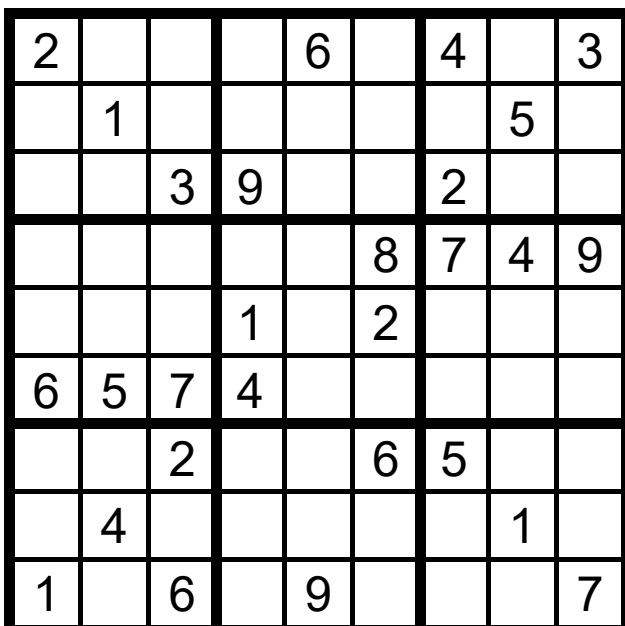
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9. NYC neighborhood
10. Comply with the Danville Police
11. Walk quietly
12. Meteorologist Buchman



13. Spooked
18. Commit perjury in Hendricks County Court
22. Einstein Bros. Bagels topper
23. Pacers' grp.
24. Poetic planet
25. "Indy's News Center"
27. Wyoming peak
30. Gulf sheikdom
32. Prefix with centric and logical
33. Helzberg Diamonds sparkler
35. Receded, as a tide
36. \_\_\_\_-pitch softball
38. Indianapolis trio?
39. WTTV's network
40. Hoosier Park horse color
43. Math degree
44. Aquatic shocker
45. Oman's capital
46. From way back when
47. Woolly animals at Hogan Farms

48. Eiteljorg Museum projectiles
49. Shoelace place
52. Ice, to a Legends bartender
53. "Bleah!"
56. Kind of phone
57. Second closest Great Lake to Avon
59. IU Health surgical souvenir, maybe
62. See 51-Across
63. Midwest Fertility stock
64. Hooked up at Shiloh Crossing
65. Victoria's Secret item

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Puzzle Time



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# Questions for...

## Outgoing GOP Party Chair Mike O'Brien



Submitted Photo.

Mike O'Brien is Executive Director of 1816 Inc., a lobbying firm out of Brownsburg, the current GOP party chairman of Hendricks County, and was campaign manager to Indiana's newest Governor Eric Holcomb. He was also part of Mitch Daniels' political team during his two terms as Governor. After serving eight years as the GOP county chair, O'Brien is stepping down. He is now looking to become the next GOP party chairman of Indiana's fourth district, an area reaching 15 counties. Here we ask Mike O'Brien 10 questions...

**1 You've been a part of political campaigns that most would agree have been very good for Indiana. What do you feel is key to a successful campaign?**

During the Mitch years we really focused on what the majority of people viewed as a priority in their own lives – whether it was balancing the state budget or spurring economic development, we wanted to improve their quality of life...I think people around the county looked at Indiana and asked, what are they doing there and how do we replicate it? There are still the same problems in the country today that Indiana fixed on his watch a long time ago...

is now expected whereas 13-years-ago we had a deficit like everyone else. There is pride in the government that we can do better than everyone.... Now we're balancing the budget, unemployment is low; we're running the BMV well. And sometimes people forget it took a lot of tough steps to get there. And I think that has created a kind of political culture here.

**2 What about that time stands out to you the most?**

When I was actually in the governor's office those first two years, I think they were the best two years but no one else would say that because his approval rating was about 35-percent. And we were going in there just turning the state on its head, reforming government from top to bottom. It was rough when we were closing BMV branches. But now we have the best BMVs in the country, and people saw that by 2008. No one would have predicted he would win reelection by more than 20 points, the biggest margin for a governor in the state's history. And I was only 25 so it was just great to be a part of that in my formative years.

*"My goal is to strengthen the connection between the county and state organizations"*  
 ~ Mike O'Brien

**7 What kind of political culture?**

First of all it's positive, which is unusual in this kind of environment. And it's based on, "what are we doing today to move the ball forward?" Our polls have consistently shown over the past 11 years that when Hoosiers look outside their borders, the majority say, 'that's dysfunctional.' The numbers flip when you ask them about Indiana. They think we've got it together. And now we're taking that culture to D.C. with Vice President Pence, and he's surrounded by other Hoosiers like Mike Morgan, his general counsel. So now we have Hoosiers who are all a part of this culture moving throughout the country and doing big things.

**3 Were you working with Eric Holcomb at the time? and/or improve our transportation infrastructure?**

Yeah, that's when I met Eric. I got to know him really well working in the official office and we became friends over the years. Then that turned into him asking me to run his campaign 6 months ago...

**8 Can you tell me a little about 1816 Inc.?**

So it's made up of three Hendricks County guys, Matt Whetstone; Tyler Starkey and myself. Matt started it a year ago when he left Krieg DeValt, and I recently left Barnes and Thornburg to join him. And Tyler is a part-time defense attorney in Danville and part-time lobbyist who has really been doing a great job... We have a lot of experience between the three of us. This upcoming legislation will be my seventeenth...

**4 Six months doesn't seem like much time to run a campaign?**

Everything happened really fast. I think now everyone is looking at the extraordinary series of events that happened and thinking, wow. Two years ago we had a different governor (Mike Pence) and a lieutenant governor (Sue Ellspermann) running for reelection. Then we got a new lieutenant governor on March 3, Eric (Holcomb). Then Pence leaves to run with Pres. Trump...

**9 Why are you stepping down as the Hendricks County GOP Party Chairman?**

This is my eighth year as county chairman and in a county like Hendricks it's a big job... I think in these volunteer positions it's good to get some fresh energy in there... I'm also running for District 4 (GOP) Chairman, which covers the fourth congressional district...

**5 So it was kind of like musical chairs?**

Yeah (laughing) – just a ton of moving parts. And this happened exactly at the wrong time in the life of a campaign, 100 days out when you're supposed to be closing the deal, not starting from square-one. But that's where we found ourselves and it all worked out.

**10 What made you want to run for district party chairman?**

My goal is to strengthen the connection between the county and state organizations. I noticed Hendricks County seems to be on an island. The relationship between the county and the state organizations has deteriorated because the state has not invested as much as they should have and I think our new state chairman, Kyle Hupfer, recognizes that. We went through a process the last 60 days of surveying county leaders and asking them what they wanted out of the state party. So we have a good plan going in. And the reason I want to run for District chair is so I can be a part of that state committee that goes and executes that plan...

**6 You've had a significant impact on state and local government this past decade, what are you most proud up to now?**

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