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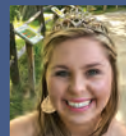
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From left, Sidney Jones, Kamrie Foster and Nicole Large are all smiles, while greeting Haylie Foster and Paige Eichelberger, after making an out in the 6th inning against Crown Point High School during the Indiana High School Athletic Association's 4A Girls Softball Finals at Ben Davis High School on June 10. The defending champion Orioles came up short in repeating, losing to the Bulldogs 2-1. Photo by Rick Myers



Q: Where do you read and what is your favorite format?



I like to read Nicholas Sparks books by the pool or on the lake.

**Madison Lynch,
Danville**



I like to read newspapers generally at a table with a good cup of coffee.

**Trilby Berry-Tayman,
Avon**



I enjoy reading in all formats. I read both books and on my Kindle and usually, I read before I go to bed but other than that probably on the front porch.

**Sam Carman,
Pittsboro**

New ICON website!

The Hendricks County ICON Web Edition site is now up. Visit myhicon.com to read the latest news and features.

Correction

In the June 1 issue of ICON the dates listed for Brownsburg and Plainfield Farmers Markets were incorrect. The ICON regrets this error. The correct dates are:

The Plainfield Farmers Market is open Wednesdays, 4 – 7 p.m. until Sept 13 (not Sept 7).

The Brownsburg Farmers Market is open Thursdays, 4 – 7 p.m. until Sept 7 (not Sept 13).

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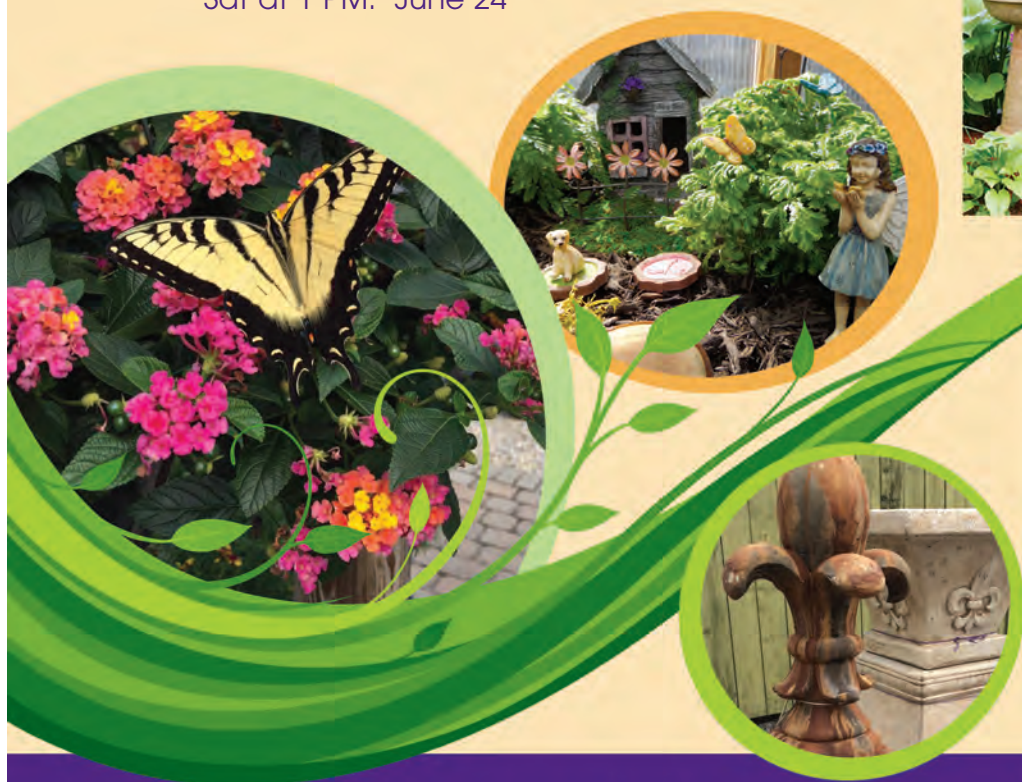
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HITMAN

Avon resident, Pete Battistini, treasures memories of Casey Kasem, American Top 40

By Mark Ambrogio

Pete Battistini had a sincere long distance dedication to host Casey Kasem and his American Top 40 (AT40) show. In fact, he assembled such a complete collection of the shows that Kasem once had to see it for himself at Battistini's Avon home in 1997.

As a teenager growing up in Gary, IN., Battistini, age 62, says music had always been a big part of his life. He first heard AT40 a year after the show launched in 1971 when visiting his grandparents in Terre Haute, IN. "It gave me a chance to develop a little more interest in music," he said. "I heard artists and songs I normally wouldn't hear on the

local station. You could listen for three hours and not hear same show repeated."

When Battistini returned home, he searched for a station that played AT40. A friend told him a place in Chicago was picking it up, but that it didn't air until 1 a.m.

Undeterred, Battistini began recording the three-hour program and continued to do so every week until 1978, when the show went to four hours.

"Plus the music was changing," Battistini said. "I kept listening for a while but stopped recording it. By the time we got to the late '80s, I was disconnected from the music."

Battistini continued to collect the shows from other sources however. He had been given copies of AT40 recordings by radio stations that no longer needed them. He also purchased them from the stations and on eBay.

"When it got to the point where I was only missing one (from 1972), Carol got in touch with Casey because I needed it to complete my collection. He sent his assistant into his inventory and they found the one I was missing and sent it to me. That was for my birthday 14 years ago."

Battistini had every

episode from Oct. 1971 when the show was put on vinyl each week for the radio stations. Prior to that, the show was sent on reel-to-reel tapes and many were recorded over.

Carol said she enjoyed the thrill of the search.

"We would set a vacation destination then search the area for radio stations that carried the show," she said. "On our first anniversary we drove to Carbondale, Ill., because there was a station there that thought they might have some shows. We went to their basement and loaded up the trunk and back seat with recordings."

Battistini said this was how he got 125 shows for free.

One of his prize possessions is a reissued vinyl copy of the first show from July 1970, autographed by Kasem.

"That is the most special program I have," he said.

The first time Battistini met Kasem was at a brief meeting at a radio conference in Chicago, Ill. in 1981. However, he didn't really get to know him until Battistini and Carol met Kasem for breakfast at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel in Beverly Hills, CA. in 1994.

Battistini had sent Kasem an Indianapolis Star article about his collection. Kasem called Battistini after receiving it.

"He was as nice as can be," Battistini said. "I talked to him on the phone many, many times."

Kasem, the co-creator of American Top 40 and the voice of Shaggy on "Scooby-Doo," died June 15, 2014, at age 82. Battistini was invited to his private memorial service by Kasem's brother and three children from his first marriage.

Kasem was afflicted with Lewy body dementia, a progressive brain disorder. His three children and second wife, Jean Thompson, waged a public battle for control of Kasem's health in his final months.

Two nights before his death, his long-time assistant called Battistini.

"The assistant had a conversation with Pete with Casey there, asking different things about the show," Carol said. "He was thinking if Casey heard it, he would appreciate that."

"Casey would always say Pete remembers more about American Top 40 than Casey does," she added.

Kasem left American Top 40 in 1988 after a contract dispute with ABC Watermark. He spent the next nine years hosting a similar show, Casey's Top 40, for Westwood One radio network. Meanwhile, Shadoe Stevens took over as host of AT40 until it was can-

celed in Jan. 1995.

In March 1998, Kasem acquired the rights to the show he helped create and re-launched American Top 40 after it had been off the air for three years. He remained its host until Ryan Seacrest took over in 2004.

Although AT40 is still on, Battistini ended his collection in 2013 when radio stations stopped using compact discs in favor of digital downloads.

Battistini published two books: "American Top 40 with Casey Kasem (The 1970s)," which he later followed up with a 1980s version. He is the first to admit it was labor of love, not money.

For more, visit at40book.com.



Top and bottom: In addition to a complete collection of AT40 shows, Battistini has acquired a good amount of Casey Kasem memorabilia. Photos by Rick Myers

Outside cover photo by Rick Myers



For Carol, Coke is it

Next to her husband's American Top 40 display is Carol's Coca-Cola collection of bottles and memorabilia. She has been a fan of the drink since she was younger.

"I'm still a regular Coke fan," Carol said. "I started getting a few things and then family and friends found out about it and everyone was collecting for me. I'm not really adding to it, just enjoying what I have."

Along with the polar bear and bottle displays, Carol has a Coca-Cola cue stick, fishing pole and train.



Pete's wife, Carol Battistini, has her own display of Coca-Cola memorabilia next to her husband's AT40 collection.

Plainfield residents protest higher-density housing in their rural neighborhood

By Becky Schroer

More than 100 people have signed a petition against a potential three-home-per-acre development near their acre-plus homes in Plainfield. Approximately a dozen expressed their concerns – from the impacts on Hadley Road traffic to those on school classroom sizes – during a rezoning hearing at the Plainfield Planning Commission earlier this month.

The commission voted 5-1 in favor of the initial approval of Westport Homes' request to rezone of 27.13 acres to R-4 and 43.74 acres to R-3 at County Road 675 East and Hadley Road (County Road 600 South) – on farmland currently across from John Hall Construction.

"Everyone south of Hadley Road is not happy all," said local realtor and nearby resident Tim Ratliff. His 1.3-acre home as well as 15 other one-acre-plus homes off of County Road 700

South will be impacted in a variety of ways. "First if all my concerns are I live in the country, and I don't want anyone around me...I know that is selfish," the life-long Plainfield resident said.

"My biggest concern -- and others' in the area -- is traffic on Hadley Road at 675 (East)," Ratliff said, adding that he and other residents already wait a considerable time to access Hadley Road. He added that the traffic study relative to the proposed development does not show any changes to the road or traffic patterns. At least seven other residents also voiced their traffic concerns during the meeting.

Tom Frieje, who lives on Hadley Road, said he can spend several minutes trying to enter the road in the morning. He added that his house vibrates when a trash truck hits a dip at a Hadley Road bridge near his home.

Another concern, Ratliff said, is the density of the development. Westport Homes is proposing 10,000-square-foot lots and homes \$325,000 and higher. While the entire subdivision would be 70 acres, 20-24 of those acres are wooded, he noted. He added that the developer's representative stated at the meeting it was planning to build 158 homes on the remaining acreage.

Ratliff added that the first addition south of County Road 675 East is Colonial East

with \$500,000-plus homes on a minimum of one-acre lots. "We are probably not going to stop anything but we are going to try," he said.

Several other people attending the meeting echoed Ratliff's concerns – one of them was John Hall who owns a business immediately across from the proposal development that will sit on land he previously farmed. He noted the trouble his trucks currently experience

entering Hadley Road and suggested road/traffic improvements.

Because the area is largely rural, Jenny Rice expressed concerns for the safety of farm equipment traveling on the roads. Jill Martin feared that the additional 158 homes would result in larger classroom sizes at Plainfield schools. Linda Weatherly said that the wildlife will be impacted, and she doesn't want this development in their neighborhood.

Plainfield Town Attorney Mel Daniel reminded the residents that the plan commission is not considering the actual development. It is determining whether R-4 and R-3 zonings are appropriate for the area. He explained that there will be other meetings to address concerns such as traffic and development details further in the process, upon rezoning.

Plainfield Transportation Director Scott Singleton also reviewed improvements to Hadley Road that are planned for this summer. He said that Hadley Road west of County Road 700 South will be expanded to three lanes. A left turn lane will be installed on Hall Road at Center Ridge, he added.

Residents submitted a petition with 104 signatures opposing the rezoning. In addition, Westport Homes has agreed to a list of 18 commitments after talking to area neighbors, according to the developer's attorney Brian Touhy. He added that the developer anticipates building could occur in two and a half to three years after town approvals.

Touhy noted that 20-24 acres of woods and creek would be retained within the 70-acre development. He also explained that Westport Homes was planning "age-targeted" one-story homes for older individuals on a portion of the development, and that would result in fewer school-age children.



Ratliff

Solutions

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Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:

Signs: ARIES, GEMINI, LEO, LIBRA, PISCES, VIRGO

Countries: CHAD, KENYA, NAMIBIA, NIGERIA, SENEGAL

Terms: AERATE, MOW, PRUNE, TRIM

Counties: RANDOLPH, RIPLEY, RUSH

Players: BRAULT, SANCHEZ

Location: TALBOT STREET

Puzzle Time

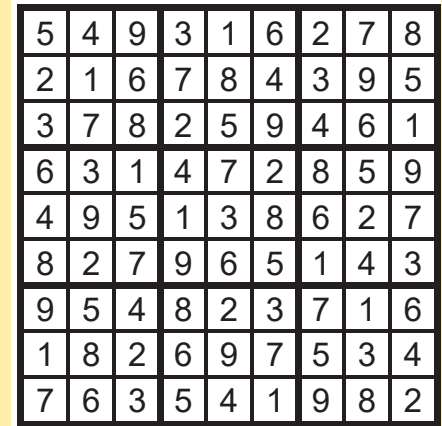
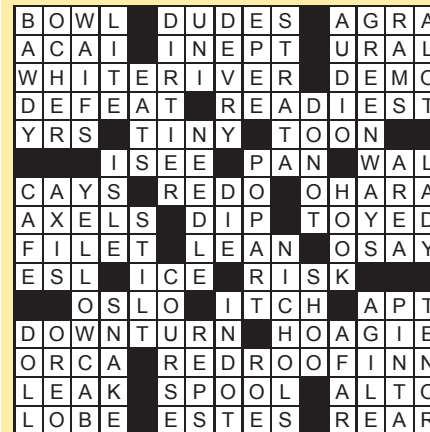


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1. D 2. A
3. C 4. B
5. C



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HC ICON News Quiz

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

1 The Avon High School Girls Softball Team lost to Crown Point 2-1 in the 2016-17 state finals. After the first inning, how many hits did Crown Point have?

- A. 1
- B. 3
- C. 7
- D. 0



2 Which Hendricks County high school had the most valedictorians (with four) for the Class of 2017?

- A. Danville Community
- B. Brownsburg
- C. Tri-West
- D. Bethesda Christian



3 Local artist, R.J. Gibbs, uses what unique medium to create his portraits?

- A. Colored markers
- B. Water colors
- C. Crayola Crayons
- D. Sidewalk chalk



4 Kerry Tuttle was recently named executive director of Leadership Hendricks County. Who did she succeed?

- A. Suzanne Whicker
- B. Susan Rozzi
- C. Greg Zusan
- D. Susan Conger



5 Danville is currently negotiating a lease of the town's fiber with Endeavor Communications. What type of "fiber" does this refer to?

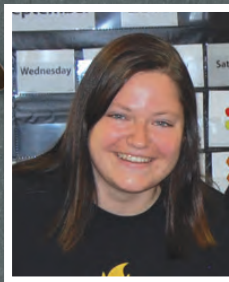
- A. Carbon fiber
- B. Polymer fiber
- C. Optical fiber
- D. Moral fiber



Answers on 5
Compiled by Chris Cornwall

Congratulations to all our Teachers of the Month for the 2016-2017 school year

Teacher of the Month



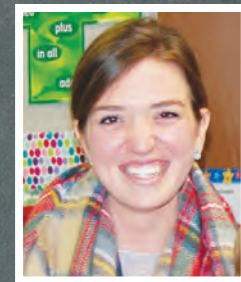
Ms. Sarah Scott
October 2016
Sycamore Elementary



Mrs. Megan Johnson
November 2016
Central Elementary



Miss Shelley Henrich
December 2016
White Lick Elementary



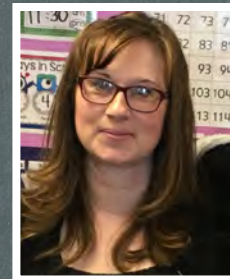
Mrs. Lindsey Stevenson
January 2017
Clarks Creek Elementary



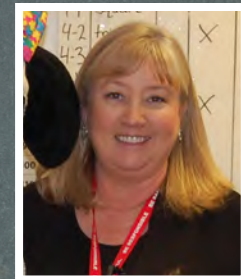
Miss Kelsie VanWynsberghe
February 2017
Delaware Trail Elementary



Mrs. Kelly Anderson
March 2017
Hickory Elementary



Mrs. Lori Wynn
April 2017
Danville North Elementary



Mrs. Nancy Moon
May 2017
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Signs of success

Naval Sea Cadet with hearing disability is realizing dream

By Becky Schroer

Spencer Parker is participating in the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets. At first blush, that may not seem like a big deal...but he is totally deaf.

"I was extremely excited to become a part of the sea cadets and make the unit with everyone. I want to be challenged," Parker signed as his sister Kenzie Mayfield interpreted.

It literally has taken a village to – after a year and a half – allow the 17-year-old Avon youngster to become a part of the local Arleigh Burke DDG-51 Division.

The breakthrough came in March 2017 when his 15-year-old brother Preston "P.J." Anderson joined the unit and became his interpreter. Also instrumental in the effort are his division's Commanding Officer L.T.J.G. Tami Brown, his mother Tracy Anderson and Indiana Blue Star Program Vice Chairperson Ralph "Zoc" Zoccolillo.

The U.S. Naval Sea Cadets (USNSC) is a fully volunteer mentoring organization for youth ages 10-18 years. It is supported and sanctioned by the U.S. Department of the Navy and the Navy League of the United States as well as endorsed by the U.S. Congress.

"Our goal is to instill honor, courage, commitment and respect," said Brown whose son was also involved in the program.

"I saw what it did for my son. This is the best youth mentoring program out there," added Brown, who has been the local unit's volunteer commanding officer for two and a half years.

Not only does the USNSC help young men and women with everyday life, it also provides enlistment upgrades should they enroll in the military as well as the potential for college scholarships. Cadets receive actual military training (with no requirement



U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Spencer Parker (right), with the assistance of his Commanding Officer Tami Brown (left) and younger brother Preston Anderson (middle), is realizing his dream. Photo by Becky Schroer

to enroll) and can attend seven-to-10-day military boot camps twice a year.

"My goal is to be able to get to boot camp next year," Parker said.

And with the progress he is making, that is a reasonable objective, Brown said.

"He needs to be able to recognize orders," she explained, adding that his brother may not be in the same boot camp group with him. So the two brothers are participating together in the prerequisite drills and writing lessons in order to get Parker to that point.

"He has caught on really quickly too," Brown said. "Where there is a will, there is a way. If you want it badly enough, you make it happen. He wants it badly enough," she added.

But it isn't just Parker and Anderson who

are benefitting. According to Brown, both brothers are the "class clowns" and the other cadets are enjoying their participation as well. One fellow cadet said she intends to take sign language classes so she may better communicate with Parker. The entire unit also has learned cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid, which Brown said has helped educate her, especially since Parker also is diabetic.

So why is Parker so interested in the USNSC? He attributes it to his older brother Charlie Mayfield, who is a combat medic in the U.S. Army. And because her eldest son is in the military, Tracy Anderson has been a volunteer for the Indiana Blue Star Program where she met Zoccolillo. "Zoc" tried for several months to secure volunteer interpreters for Parker so that he may participate in USNSC...and then P.J. decided to be his brother's "ears."

"I applaud Spencer (Parker) and Preston (Anderson) for opening up so many avenues to others," said Zoccolillo. "That is the story...they never gave up," he added.

Parker confirmed, "I want people to see me as a person, not a disability. When I trust in myself, I can do it."

For more information about the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets, visit www.seacadets.org or call the local unit at (317) 446-8889. The local organization, a 501(c)3 non-profit, is also supported by donations at gofundme.com/us-naval-sea-cadets-2018-at-trip.

For more information about the Indiana Blue Star Program, visit www.indianablue-star.org.

FOR THE RECORD HC OBITUARIES

BROWNSBURG



Joan T. Cleary

Joan Teresa Cleary, 86, passed away June 1, 2017. She was born on Oct. 1, 1930. Funeral services were held Monday, June 5 at 1 p.m. at St. Malachy Church.

DANVILLE



Hiram Sandy, Jr.

Hiram Thomas (Tom) Sandy Jr., 71, passed away May 27, 2017. He was born Oct. 6, 1945. Services were held on Friday, June 2 at Eaton Hall, Brownsburg Town Hall.

PLAINFIELD

Charylene "Chari" E. Lawrence

Charylene E. Chari Lawrence, 67, passed away May 29, 2017. She was born April 11, 1950. Service was held Thursday June 1, in Conkle Funeral Home, Avon Chapel.

Lawrence E. (Bud) Thompson

Lawrence E. (Bud) Thompson, 93, passed away on Friday, May 19, 2017. He was born Feb. 4, 1924. Services were held May 23, 2017 at Hall-Baker Funeral Home.

Jack Cummings

Jack Cummings, 92, passed away on May 27, 2017. He was born Feb. 22, 1925. Hall-Baker Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. No services were held.

Juanita Pryor

Juanita Pryor, 76, passed away on June 6, 2017. She was born on March 25, 1941. Funeral services were held on Friday, June 9 at Hall-Baker Funeral Home.

Mary Lou Ferguson

Mary Lou Ferguson, 84, passed away on May 17, 2017. She was born on October 19, 1932. Funeral services were held Saturday, May 20 at Hall-Baker Funeral Home.

Megan M. Hoxworth

Megan M. Hoxworth, 35, passed away May 20, 2017. She was born May 3, 1982. Services were held on Wednesday, May 24 at West Morris Free Methodist Church.

Donald Frank Pedigo

Donald Frank Pedigo, 66, passed away May 21, 2017. He was born April 26, 1951. Services were on Tuesday, May 30 at Hall-Baker Funeral Home.

Hendricks County obituaries are printed free of charge and published twice a month. Funeral directors are encouraged to send obituaries and photos to info@myicon.info.



BHS Lacrosse raises 4k for Challenger Division

The Brownsburg High School Lacrosse Team presented a check for \$4,000 to the Brownsburg Little League Challenger Division June 3 at Arbuckle Acres Diamond Five. The Challenger Division enables boys and girls with physical and mental challenges to enjoy the game of baseball along with the millions of other children who participate in this sport worldwide. Photo by Chris Cornwall

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AVON

Gatlin new White Oak principal

Avon Board of School Trustees has named Mr. Jarrod Gatlin as Principal of White Oak Elementary School effective July 1, 2017. Gatlin has served as a shared assistant principal between White Oak and Maple Elementary Schools for the past two years. Mrs. Nikki Harrison will continue as Maple's Principal. "Gatlin and Harrison have been a formidable team collaborating for the benefit of our students," said ACSC Superintendent Dr. Maggie Hoernemann. "The staff at

both schools have worked very well together, but with the addition of more students to both schools and the complex challenges of managing two buildings, we believe it is time for each school to have a full-time principal." Gatlin, whose education career spans 20 years, has a Master of Science degree from Butler University and a Bachelor's of Art degree from Purdue University.

Four officers recognized for 20 years of service

The Town of Avon recognized four members of the police department for 20 years of service June 9 in Avon Town Hall. Honored members are Police Chief Sean Stoops,

Detective Aid Laura Bingham-Finley, Patrol Officer Andrew Manek, and Lieutenant Brent Keesling.

BROWNSBURG

BEF awards \$56,000 through grants

Brownsburg Education Foundation awarded over \$56,000 through District Excellence Award grants for the 2017-2018 school year, in the first of two grant cycles that the foundation offers on an annual basis. "The District Excellence Awards help bring books, workstations, subscriptions, equipment and many more extras into Brownsburg classrooms. BEF is thrilled to

be able to provide such helpful tools to the teachers in our community and is thankful to all the donors who help make these District Excellence Awards possible," says Grant Chairperson, Nikki Jarvis. More information about the District Excellence Award grants and the Brownsburg Education Foundation can be found at www.brownsburgeducationfoundation.org.

PLAINFIELD

'Four Star Schools' announced

Plainfield Schools announced that Brentwood, Central, Clarks Creek and Van Buren elementaries, along with Plainfield Community Middle School, have been recognized as Four Star Schools, in the annual Indiana Department of Education rankings. "We are pleased to be included as one of the state's most prestigious schools," stated Superintendent Scott Olinger. "Plainfield

is a community that values education, and this is one of several ways that we reflect that commitment," he continued. "We have outstanding teachers who show tremendous innovation and dedication, and our students come to school prepared to do the hard work that will help them succeed in whatever path they might choose."

PFT man praised for 25 years of service

Dave Smith was recognized for 25 full-time years of service with the Plainfield Fire Territory at the June 12 Plainfield Town Council Meeting. Smith started full time with PFT June 12, 1992, and prior to that he

was a reserve firefighter for four years. He is currently the wheelman of Ladder 121 and Chief Meteorologist on B-shift.

PITTSBORO

New restaurant honors Tri-West H.S.

The Bruin House American Restaurant recently opened in Pittsboro, 12 E. Main Street, and was named in honor of nearby Tri-West High School's mascot, "the Bruins."

The restaurant is open 11 a.m. Monday through Saturday, closed on Sunday and features a full bar. For more information, visit facebook.com/TheBruinHouse.

Getting the ax



Danville Fire Chief Mark Morgan presented Scott J. Zickman with a fire-axe retirement plaque on behalf of the department for his 26 years of service. The presentation took place in Danville Town Hall during the June 5 town council meeting.
Photo by Chris Cornwall

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GETTING TO KNOW HENDRICKS

They've studied hard, turned their tassels, and delivered their "big moment" speech.

However it went down (jitters or standing O's) this select group of high school graduates from Hendricks County has earned some extra bragging rights.

The kind that make grandparents and parents gush at parties and other students wonder how they pulled it all off.

Yes, we're talking about the valedictorian. In Hendricks County, these top-of-the-class teenagers are anything but stuffy bookworms. Their grades, their drive, their extracurriculars and sense of humor were clear as we got to know them a little more.

Tracking them down wasn't always easy (two answered questions while on a mission trip). But we're glad we did. Congrats to the Hendricks County valedictorians of 2017!



Jennifer Barton

High School: Brownsburg High School
Will attend: Butler University (Indianapolis, IN)
Major: Health Sciences/ Pre-Dentistry

Best advice you've ever been given? My mom always told me that nothing good happens after midnight and strive for long-term joy not short-term happiness.

What did you have to sacrifice to be at the top of your class? Was it worth it? Honestly, nothing really sticks out that I truly had to sacrifice except a lot of time. Being top of my class wasn't a goal for me. It was only after I became number one my junior year when I decided to truly make it a goal to stay top of my class. Family is really important to me so I just found ways to intermix studying and spending time with friends and family. I played two sports throughout high school (soccer and tennis). I played varsity soccer all four years, but tennis was not my best. If school wasn't so demanding, I might have put more time into tennis or taken up another hobby like playing a musical instrument, but you can't do it all.

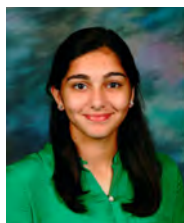
I think it was defiantly worth it, not necessary for the title, but it allowed me to know how to manage studying and still have a happy life outside of school, which I will need to know since I have at least eight more years of school.

Name one thing you wish you wouldn't have worried about in high school. The small things. There are so many small details I would worry about, things I can't even tell you in detail because I already forgot about them. Things like being on time, or having a bad haircut or messing up a major presentation in front of all my peers. My dad always told me to use the 5-year test: "Will you remember it in five years? If not don't worry about it."

I know my parents wished I had worried less about my grades, but I think I wouldn't have been where I am today if I didn't study so much. I decided that my grades were important to me so I put all that I could into them to be the best that I could be. I probably could have slacked off a little more and still would have been fine in the long run, but I wouldn't have changed a thing.

What are three things you would like to do before you turn 30? Honestly there is a part of me that wants to complete the Boston Marathon. My mom ran it when she was pregnant with me, and I've always thought it would be cool to carry on the tradition. I would also like to learn another language and use it. I hope to minor in Spanish and be fluent in it, which goes along with my last thing. I hope to use that Spanish and go on a mission trip. My faith is really important to me and serving on a trip would not only help others out, but help me grow spiritually.

In 50 years, suppose you are asked to write a book about your life. What would the title be? More than a Beautiful Smile



Sidra Tipu Ahmad

High School: Plainfield High School
College: Indiana University (Bloomington, IN)
Major: Biology

Best advice you've ever been given? I'm someone that stresses over little things, so the best advice I've ever been given came from my parents, and it was to relax and move on when I make a mistake.

What did you have to sacrifice to be at the top of your class? Was it worth it? I don't think I had to sacrifice anything. I was lucky enough to be able to take the classes I

loved, which were mainly science and math classes, and still end up at the top of my class. I was also involved in clubs and athletics, so I wouldn't say that I necessarily sacrificed anything during my high school experience.

Name one thing you wish you wouldn't have worried about in high school. I wish I wouldn't have worried so much about big exams and missing one point on an exam because it's okay to make mistakes, and everything works out in the end.

What are three things you would like to do before you turn 30? I would like to travel more, discover something new and become involved with a charitable organization.

In 50 years, suppose you are asked to write a book about your life. What would the title be? The Key to Practicing Mindful Procrastination.



Michaela Althoff

High School: Tri-West High School
Will attend: Butler University (Indianapolis, IN)
Major: Pharmacy

Best advice you've ever been given? Don't go to sleep angry.

What did you have to sacrifice to be at the top of your class? Was it worth it? A lot of sleep and free time. Yes.

Name one thing you wish you wouldn't have worried about in high school. What people said about me.

What are three things you would like to do before you turn 30? Get married, have kids, go skydiving.

In 50 years, suppose you are asked to write a book about your life. What would the title be? What Matters Most



Rushi Patel

High School: Avon High School
Will attend: Harvard University (Cambridge, Mass.)
Major: Economics and Biochemistry

Best advice you've ever been given? Be stubborn.

What did you have to sacrifice to be at the top of your class? Was it worth it? Watching a lot of TV. Yes.

Name one thing you wish you wouldn't have worried about in high school. My freshman-year English final.

What are three things you would like to do before you turn 30? Skydive, start up a business and open a school.

In 50 years, suppose you are asked to write a book about your life. What would the title be? Don't Read



Sarah Stiers

High School: Danville Community High School
Will attend: Purdue University (West Lafayette, IN)
Major: Undecided

Best advice you've ever been given? Don't spend time worrying about things that are out of your control.

What did you have to sacrifice to be at the top of your class? Was it worth it? I had to sacrifice not getting a lot of sleep sometimes, but it was worth it because I learned how to study.

Name one thing you wish you wouldn't have worried about in high school. I wish I wouldn't have worried about making mistakes.

What are three things you would like to do before you turn 30? Be completely done with school, learn how to play an instrument and have gone to the Wizarding World of Harry Potter!

50 years, suppose you are asked to write a book about your life. What would the title be? A Walk of Faith



Madelyn Elyse Delamarter

High School: Danville Community High School
Will attend: Spring Arbor University (Spring Arbor, MI)
Major: Pre-Medicine

COUNTY'S VALEDICTORIANS

Best advice you've ever been given? Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it. Proverbs 4:23. This verse was given to me by my youth leader and has helped guide me throughout high school.

What did you have to sacrifice to be at the top of your class? Was it worth it? In order to maintain good grades, I had to sacrifice some of my sleep so that I could stay up late and study for tests, especially on nights after volleyball games or tennis matches. I missed out on a few events over my high school career; however, it was well worth it to receive this accomplishment and honor.

Name one thing you wish you wouldn't have worried about in high school. No answer!

What are three things you would like to do before you turn 30? Before I turn 30, I want to get married, have a baby and travel to Europe.

In 50 years, suppose you are asked to write a book about your life. What would the title be? Fearless!



Samantha Glaser

High School: Danville Community High School
Will attend: Anderson University (Anderson, IN)
Major: Biology

Best advice you've ever been given? Never use the word can't because you never know if you can do something until you try.

What did you have to sacrifice to be at the top of your class? Was it worth it? There were nights my friends wanted to hang out on school nights after a big game and I knew I had homework that needed to be done or a test the next day, so I would have to miss out on some of those times. In the long run, yes it was definitely worth it. At the time I did not want to miss hanging out with my friends, but now I see it was worth it.

Name one thing you wish you wouldn't have worried about in high school. I wish I wouldn't have worried so much about my tests. I always doubted if I knew the material, but I always ended up doing fine. I just needed to trust myself and know that I knew the material.

What are three things you would like to do before you turn 30? Finish medical school, get a job as a gastrointestinal doctor and visit the Caribbean again.

In 50 years, suppose you are asked to write a book about your life. What would the title be? Long Road to Success



Zach Callahan

High School: Danville Community High School
Will attend: Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology (Terre Haute, IN)
Major: Mechanical Engineering

Best advice you've ever been given? "Stupid hurts." It's a simple quote but it gets to the point that the foolish things you do have consequences.

What did you have to sacrifice to be at the top of your class? Was it worth it? I had to sacrifice a little bit of sleep and only a couple of fun opportunities. But for the most part, if you work diligently then you can get everything done that you need to and still have time for the exciting moments that you can only experience in high school.

Name one thing you wish you wouldn't have worried about in high school. I wish that I wouldn't have worried about what people thought of me during my underclassmen years. Focusing to become the best version of yourself is the most important thing.

What are three things you would like to do before you turn 30? I'd like to have a family, see at least one of the Seven Wonders of the World and own a Prius.

In 50 years, suppose you are asked to write a book about your life. What would the title be? Meaningful



Chloe Whicker

High School: Cascade High School
Will attend: Purdue University (West Lafayette, IN)
Major: Nursing

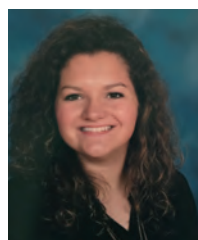
Best advice you've ever been given? It is okay to fail as long as you gave it your best effort.

What did you have to sacrifice to be at the top of your class? Was it worth it? I had to sacrifice time I would have liked to put towards other commitments, but it was very much worth it.

Name one thing you wish you wouldn't have worried about in high school. I wish I wouldn't have worried about looking cute for school. I would have gotten a lot more sleep in the morning.

What are three things you would like to do before you turn 30? I would like to graduate college, get married and travel out of the country.

In 50 years, suppose you are asked to write a book about your life. What would the title be? The Years of Chloe



Gabrielle Forsythe

High School: Bethesda Christian High School
Will attend: Butler University (Indianapolis)
Major: Software Engineering

Best advice you've ever been given? Always look for the positive in every situation.

What did you have to sacrifice to be at the top of your class? Was it worth it? I sacrificed my time. I spent a lot of time outside of school studying and doing my homework. It was worth it because I love to learn.

Name one thing you wish you wouldn't have worried about in high school. Things that I don't have control over because they all worked out fine in the end.

What are three things you would like to do before you turn 30? I would like to work at the Apple Headquarters, visit Australia and see a Real Madrid soccer game in Madrid, Spain.

In 50 years, suppose you are asked to write a book about your life. What would the title be? Making My Mark



Nathan Dimmitt

High School: Cardinal Ritter High School
Will attend: Marian University (Indianapolis)
Major: Chemistry

Best advice you've ever been given? When your mind is telling you that you're done, you are really only 40 percent done.

What did you have to sacrifice to be at the top of your class? Was it worth it? I had to skip cross-country practice once or twice a week. I guess it was worth it because my coach said that I am a much better student than I am a runner.

Name one thing you wish you wouldn't have worried about in high school. I wish I had not worried about which college to attend.

What are three things you would like to do before you turn 30? Get published in a scientific journal, land a career and move out of my parents' house.

In 50 years, suppose you are asked to write a book about your life. What would the title be? Rock Bottom to Rock Star: the Amazing Comeback Story of Nathan Dimmitt



Emma Caroline Hill

High School: Bethesda Christian High School
Will attend: Cedarville University (Cedarville, OH)
Major: Music Education

Best advice you've ever been given? Always do your best and give 100 percent. If you don't succeed, you will be at peace knowing that you did all you could.

What did you have to sacrifice to be at the top of your class? Was it worth it? Time, and yes, it was worth it.

Name one thing you wish you wouldn't have worried about in high school: How many friends that I had.

What are three things you would like to do before you turn 30? Be a high school music teacher, married with a family and travel.

In 50 years, suppose you are asked to write a book about your life. What would the title be? Do What You Love

Compiled by Lindsay Doty

Danville talks terms of optic-fiber lease

By Chris Cornwall

The Town of Danville is in the midst of negotiations with Endeavor Communications over the use of its fiber (used in fiber-optics networking). The general idea is that Endeavor would, in exchange for exclusive usage rights, ensure that the town's fiber infrastructure stays afloat.

Amid concerns over the proposed terms however, a consensus was reached at the June 5 town council meeting to re-negotiate with Endeavor.

Fiber is currently the most advanced information pathway available to homes and businesses. Internet speeds can hit 1GB per second, several times faster than cable, the current most common pathway.

Hendricks Power Cooperative (HPC) has partnered with Endeavor for a year to provide future internet services through fiber and poles in rural Hendricks and Putman counties. HPC CEO Greg Ternet told the council back in April that the partnership has been mutually beneficial, which is a major reason why the town has decided to work with Endeavor, said Town Manager Gary Aiken.

Although a finalized agreement with Endeavor has not been reached, the council advised the project subcommittee to nego-

tiate with the goal of leasing the town's fiber rather than as an outright sale.

"The entire reason for the town's fiber network, in addition to connecting the town's offices, has always been the goal of deploying fiber to the residents," Madam President Marcia Lynch said.



Shoultz

The subcommittee was represented by attorney Nikki Shoultz at the June 5 meeting. She expressed to the council that the terms proposed by Endeavor were not yet acceptable.

"While many of the things we talked about were in the terms, a number of things were surprises," Shoultz said. "I have concerns about giving the town advice to go forward. I would want to push back and say the town is not comfortable with these terms."

In previous meetings with Endeavor, the subcommittee brought up the matter of "take-rates" said Shoultz, but only recently did Endeavor reveal its proposed take-rate of 40-50 percent.

"We could find ourselves in the same position as we did with Smithfield," Shoultz

said. "If we do not have a high enough take-rate, then we are dead in the water."

She also suggested that financial and/or other types of consequences be included in the event Endeavor walks away from the lease, or fails to hit benchmarks such as deploying fiber to residents and businesses within a specified time-frame.

Councilperson Dennis Wynn asked Shoultz if the concepts proposed by Endeavor were standard.

"Smithville had similar concepts so it is standard," She said. "But what is troubling is that they should have disclosed many of these things all along and didn't. I feel the town should first address this with Endeavor."

The council unanimously agreed with the subcommittee's recommendation.

Despite these early surprises, Shoultz seems optimistic that an agreement can be reached with Endeavor.

"They heard us and there is a path to go ahead with negotiations if we resolve these issues, she said. "We want financial consequences built in and we want to maintain control."

The next town council meeting is Monday, June 19, 7 p.m. in Danville Town Hall, 49 N Wayne Street.

IDNR provides dam settlement details

In the May 16-31 Hendricks County ICON, we reported about a case between Lake Forest Dam owner Paul R. Walthers and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). At press time, we did not yet have details about a reported settlement between the IDNR and a third party, Ronald D. and Carolyn A. Richards, who also own a portion of the dam.

While the case with Walthers is ongoing as reported last month, the IDNR reached an earlier settlement with the Richards through the Indiana Attorney General office. According to IDNR Director of Communications Phil Bloom via text, the Richards agreed to a \$3,000 settlement which was deposited in the IDNR Division of Water Environmental Fund for use on Lake Forest Dam. In the settlement, the Richards agreed to allow the IDNR and/or Walthers access to their property to complete work on the dam (which the IDNR has declared a "high hazard").

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Hendricks County ICON's Greatest Generation

Robert L. Woodruff, 70
Mulberry, Indiana



Robert L. Woodruff, 70, served in the Navy in Vietnam and Desert Storm. He was in the service for 20 years and 2 days until he retired in 1992.

He is from Mulberry, Indiana in Clinton county, where he grew up on a vegetable farm.

He was married for 31 years and has 5 kids, 10 grandkids and 4 great grand kids.

He is a professional archer and worked as an archery technician for Gander Mountain.

He has started an organization called VEIN: "Veteran Education and Information Network"

The difference he sees from his youth to today's- technology.

His advice: Go outside and make the world a better place.

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Curious 'bout kombucha?

FARMER'S MARKET FINDS

By Chris Cornwall

Donte Walker of Bloomington brews his own organic kombucha, a fermented tea that is slightly effervescent and sweetened. If you have never tried kombucha, Walker recommends his strawberry, mango, peach flavored blend.

"Most of our flavors are geared towards people who have never heard of kombucha or have had a bad experience with it," he said. "We usually have something for everyone in the spectrum, even for kids."

Kind Kombucha is easy on the pallet, even for kombucha beginners. Walker carries a variety of flavors including apple pie, vanilla chive and blueberry ginger hibiscus (which he says is everyone's favorite). He also brews a more conventional ginger flavored tea for folks who really like the taste of kombucha.

So how is it made?

Walker says he first boils a pot of water and steeps it with one cup of sugar and one cup of tea. After it cools, SCOBY (symbiotic culture of bacteria and yeast) is added.

"It kind of looks like a slimy mushroom," he said. "We put that in with some starter tea (finished kombucha), and then we let that sit for a week."

The SCOBY starts to grow as it eats the sugar and caffeine. This is what gives kombucha that vinegary smell and taste. Walker then takes the SCOBY out and saves 10 percent for the next starter tea. Flavor is then added before it's finally sealed. Over the next two days, the kombucha flavors and carbonates itself until its ready to drink.

Walker offers free samples at the Plainfield Farmers Market (in compostable cups no less).

"A lot of people aren't familiar with us or

kombucha," he said. "So it is good for them to actually find something they like, and better themselves by getting the probiotics into their system so they can be healthier and happier."

Walker can be found Wednesdays, 4 – 7 p.m. at the Plainfield Farmers Market located on the Plainfield Friends Meeting Lawn, 105 S. Center Street. For more information, visit gwKindKombucha.com.



Walker says he has a kombucha blend for everyone's taste.



Donte Walker, co-owner of Kind Kombucha.

Photo by Chris Cornwall

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July 20, 2017

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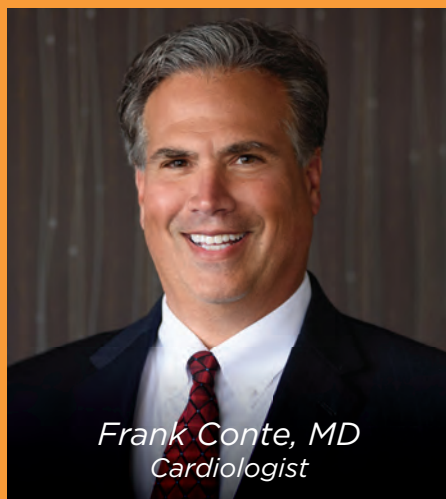
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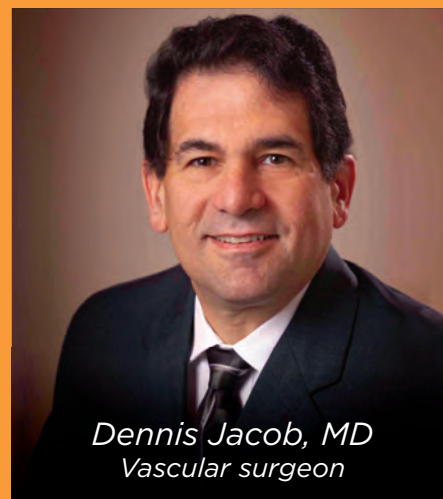
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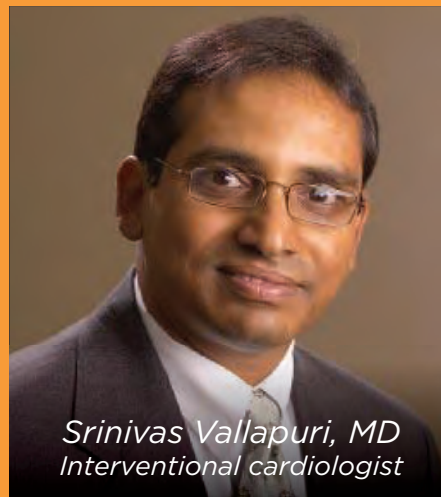
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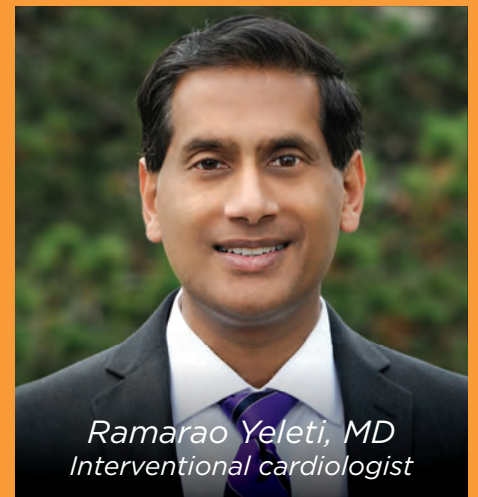
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OUR VIEW

Suburban thrall

The suburban doughnut around Indianapolis continues to sprawl into once rural areas. As one of the fastest growing places in the state, Hendricks County is no exception. Developers continue to lay down single-family homes like tracks during the westward expansion. But for some residents, new developments may negatively impact their quality of life.

By and large, population growth is usually perceived as a good thing for communities, especially in contrast to ones in decline. Vacant homes and buildings are eyesores and a drag on local resources and property value. Stagnant communities, while a sanctuary for a place's long-held values, are usually a sign that young people--college educated or not--are moving away for work and to starting a family elsewhere.

However, population growth and development are a real concern for some residents. Over 100 Plainfield residents living in a 'one-home-per-acre' neighborhood recently petitioned against a proposed 'three-house-per-acre' development. And this was even before the plan commission had a chance to consider whether the land was suitable for residential zoning. Petitioners said that the current traffic is already a big problem.

When issues like these hit close to home, it's enough to damper anyone's totalitarian attitude about growth.

But when growth is the measurement of a community's vitality, and new suburbs are more desirable than existing ones, "west" seems like the only logical direction. However, a shared vision is needed between planners and residents to grow without compromising community character and a healthy environment. The developers? Don't worry, they already have a vision. It's called manifest destiny.

We applaud the petitioners of Plainfield for sharing their vision of the future, good or bad, with local officials.

BELIEVE IT!

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

After January 14th, in Maine, you can be charged a fine for having your Christmas decorations still up.

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Toasted and Roasted

HUMOR

By Dick Wolfsie

"Are you sitting down?" my sister asked, calling from

New York.

"I'm 70 years old," I said. "It's a pretty good bet that I am sitting any time you call."

"Well, you need to hear this. Our brother is about to do something a 66-year-old man seldom does at this point in his life."

I called out to my wife: "Mary Ellen, start packing. We're going to New York for my brother's Bar Mitzvah!"

"No," said Linda, "it's even a little stranger than that. He's decided to get married."

"Okay."

"You don't seem very shocked."

"Not shocked, yet. Now, let's see if he can find a wife."

Actually, I was excited for Peter. He drives a cab in New York City, which can be stressful, so the thought of his having someone to come home to in the evenings after all these years of bachelorhood would be good for my brother. I was looking forward to the trip to New York to enjoy a few days off work. But then I received this text:

"Dick, I would really like for you to give a toast and make a speech at my wedding. The only thing I ask is that you not mention sex, politics, my drinking, my gambling, my bad temper or any of my former girlfriends. Other than that, anything goes. Oh, and please make it entertaining. I don't care if you make fun of me. By the way, my fiancée's name is Ana. She is from Peru. That's pretty much all I know about her. Thanks, Peter"

After giving it a lot of thought, here are some of the jokes I am going to tell on June 24, pretty much ignoring the guidelines I

was given. I will report back in a future column how things went. Wish me luck.

JOKE 1: When Peter decided to ask Ana to marry him, they took a long romantic drive to the seashore, then headed for a candlelit dinner in Westchester, where he proposed. At the end of the evening, he took her home and when they got to her driveway, he turned to her in the back seat and said: "That'll be \$135."

JOKE 2: When I met Ana, I told Peter what a lovely woman she is. Then I said, "Funny, she doesn't look Peru-ish."

JOKE 3: Peter asked me not to mention gambling, because he said that once he tied the knot he was never going to make a wager again. "What are the chances you can keep that promise, Peter?" I asked.

"I'd say the odds are 20 to one. Should I call my bookie?"

JOKE 4: My brother has had contentious relationships with women in his life. There was one woman he was always arguing with. They both drank too much, yelled at each other, and sometimes went weeks without speaking. And she wouldn't cook for him. Unfortunately, that's my mother I'm talking about.

Come to think of it, maybe I shouldn't bring up any of this stuff at their reception. I want people to remember me as the caring brother who made an appropriate, heartfelt speech. And just to be sure I sound sincere, I'm going to ask Mary Ellen to write it for 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



Indiana soybean pioneer Adrian A. Parsons was commemorated with a state historical marker on June 10. The marker is located in Avon at the southwest corner of the intersection of County Road 150 S and County Road 625 E, near the farm where the Parsons family cultivated soybeans from the 1890s through the 1920s.



Have you seen all the activities available to keep your kids busy this summer? Check out Hendricks County Parks, local community parks in each town and the local libraries! To all of the many recent high school graduates from the county. May all of their personal and professional pursuits be realized.



Empty retail store fronts... The Gerdt Furniture building has been vacant for years. Several locations in Plainfield are vacant. And now we have Gordmans recently vacated and Gander Mountain soon to be empty as well.



To anyone who is not patient with the construction that is going on around Hendricks County this summer. The construction zones are plentiful and construction workers' lives are at stake when you lose your patience; slow down and watch out for the workers.

QUOTE

"You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is like an ocean; if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty"
~ Mahatma Gandhi

Is your workplace a healthy environment?

WORKPLACE

By Jenny Bates, MPH
Your health is important wherever you go.

Because many people are spending a large part of their day sitting at a desk or inside an office, implementing health programs inside the workplace has become a vital piece of a healthy lifestyle.

Wellness in the workplace can be accomplished by three simple steps: (1) move more; (2) stress less; (3) make better choices when it comes to food. Okay, maybe that's easier said than done but it really can be distilled into those three steps.



Sitting Still is the New Smoking

Research shows that if you are sedentary, and many of us are at work, that can wreak havoc on your health later on. Make some small changes throughout the day to encourage more movement. Try to schedule "walking meetings," either inside or outside of the office. Set an alarm on your phone once an hour or so to remind you to either get up and stretch the legs or do some stretches at your desk. Another option, which is highly recommended, is to stand at your workstation or desk if that is possible. More blood flow equals more brain power

which leads to better productivity. What boss doesn't like that?

Check Your Baggage

Whether this means leaving your home stress at home or your works stress at work. Don't carry a heavier weight than you need to. Find an activity that helps reduce your stress level and carve out at least 30 minutes per day where you can do that. Another key aspect of stress reduction is forming healthy relationships at work. When you've got a struggle or conflict that's starting to grow, connectivity is encouraged to help you deal with that stress.

Don't Let Break Room Sweets Break Your Willpower

The dreaded break room sweets have been the undoing of many people trying to make better food choices. But they don't have to be! One way to help yourself with this is to find an accountability partner, someone with the same goals as you, that you can work together with to stave off those cravings. Keep some healthy snacks on hand (just remember that a healthy snack 15 times a day, probably isn't that healthy after all!). That being said – it's okay to indulge every once in a while! Just remember to do so in moderation.

If you follow these "simple" rules for workplace wellness you'll be making huge strides in improving your overall health.



Jenny Bates is the Director of Wellness and Population Health, Wellness Department of Hendricks Regional Health

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ASK THE EXPERT

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Lifestyle risk factors are behaviors people choose to engage in. Diet and nutrition, physical activity and tobacco use are all examples of chosen habits that can be improved to prevent stroke. Although it probably seems obvious, I can't stress enough the importance of not smoking. We see stroke patients on a weekly basis whose primary risk is smoking. Smoking doubles the risk of stroke compared to a nonsmoker.

Medical risk factors are caused by a combination of things, including family history. High blood pressure is the number one cause of stroke, and other medical conditions frequently associated with stroke include diabetes, high cholesterol and atrial fibrillation. These risk factors often can be controlled and improved by simple lifestyle changes. A healthy diet, exercise and regular checkups with your doctor go a long way in preventing stroke.

Even if you don't think you're at risk for stroke, it's still critical to be aware of stroke symptoms. If you, or someone you know, experiences weakness one side or the other, difficulty with speech, change in vision, facial drooping or numbness and tingling, call 911 immediately. A stroke patient can begin the treatment process in an ambulance with an IV and blood work. Do not try to drive yourself or drive a loved one to the emergency room.

"Ask the Expert" with IU Health West Hospital is a new column and you're encouraged to participate. Curious if a health myth is true? Interested in learning the how's and why's of medicine? Email any health-related question to suburbspr@iuhealth.org to have your question featured in this column and answered by one of the highly skilled clinicians at IU Health West Hospital.



James Fesenmeier, MD, is a neurologist and medical director of the stroke team at Indiana University Health West Hospital.

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"In a sports-oriented community, students who do not identify themselves as "athletes" at an early age often quickly perceive being physically active and participating in group fitness as something only for kids who play on a team. Eagle Running Club offers an opportunity for any 4th or 5th grader to be active with their peers in a non-competitive, encouraging environment. Participation grants any kid the chance to try a new sport, compete against themselves for personal improvement, and identify themselves as a part of a team."

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Quick, easy and tasty Leg of Lamb

RECIPE

By Jerry Renzy

If you love lamb like I do and

don't want to spend a lot of time cooking it, but don't want to spend a lot of money on lamb chops or rack of lamb, this is the perfect option. I use a technique called "reverse sear" that is tender and juicy with amazing charcoal flavor.

Ingredients: (serves 6)

1 leg of lamb, boneless or semi-boneless (about 3.5 to 4 pounds)

Kosher salt

2 teaspoons coarsely ground black pepper

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 250 degrees F.

If your lamb is boneless, it's probably rolled and tied. Cut the strings and lay it out flat. If it's semi-boneless, cut down the center and cut out the center bone and lay it out flat. Sprinkle the kosher salt and pepper all over and place the lamb in a roasting pan fat side up. Place the lamb in the oven and roast for 40 minutes (until it's about 110 degrees in the middle.) After roasting for half the roasting time (about 20 minutes,) fire up the charcoal grill so it's ready when you take



it out of the oven. When the internal temp reaches around 110 degrees Fahrenheit, remove it from the roasting pan and put it on the hot grill. Grill to 130 degrees for medium rare. Remove lamb from pan and allow to rest for 10 to 15 minutes before carving.

Serve it with mint jelly.

Optional: You can make a quick gravy with the pan drippings by deglazing with

a little red wine and chicken stock over low heat, then add a little corn starch mixed with water.



Jerry Renzy lives in Avon and owns Handcrafted Beverages. He also teaches at the International Culinary School. Contact him at handcraftedbeverages@yahoo.com.

June - The month for garden tours

GARDENING

By John Chapin

June, the month when gar-

dens in Central Indiana are in full bloom, and garden centers are bursting with colorful flowers, flowering shrubs and a great selection of trees for homeowners to choose from. The choices can be bewildering and possibly overwhelming, even for experienced gardeners!

"The homeowners on the garden tour are passionate about their gardens."

A great way to get ideas and see a wide variety of plants growing in garden settings is to take a tour of area gardens. Luckily, there are at least a dozen different gardens scheduled this month in the Greater Indianapolis area.

Closest to home is the annual Plainfield

Garden Tour, set for the weekend of June 24 and 25. This is the ninth year for the tour, which is presented by the Friends of the Plainfield-Guilford Township Library, in support of the library's many programs and activities.

A variety of private area gardens are carefully chosen each year for their beauty, to be enjoyed by the public. This year, there are seven properties on the tour, including town, suburban and country gardens. Gardens are chosen to illustrate different garden designs, interesting features, educational applications and often unusual plants and flowers.

The homeowners on the garden tour are passionate about their gardens, and while every garden is different, ranging in size from typical city properties to extensive country acres, they all reflect the care and dedication of their owners. Besides providing delightful garden strolls, they serve to educate and inspire the public.

This year's Plainfield Garden Tour will be held, rain or shine, from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday, June 24, and Sunday, June 25, from noon - 4 p.m. The tour is self-guided, the gardens can be visited in any order, and tickets will have driving directions and descriptions of each garden. Homeowners and volunteers will be happy to answer questions and point out special features of the gardens.

Garden tour tickets are on sale now, and can be purchased (even on the days of the tour) at the Plainfield Library, "Do It Best" Hardware store in Plainfield, Avon Gardens and Frazee's Garden Center. For more information and preview photos of the gardens, visit www.plainfieldgardentour.com.



Photo by John Chapin



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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Perfect summer beers with less alcohol

BEER

By Scarlett Samm

Summer is about spending as much time as possible outside enjoying the great weather. I love to have a good summer go-to beer on hot days after mowing the lawn or when I am just hanging at the house with my husband. Beers lighter in alcohol are perfect for these situations and very easy to acquire.

My favorite style is of the sour variety, but I normally do not want the higher alcohol content that normally comes with a great sour beer. To alleviate this, I go for a gose which is a traditional wheat style beer from Leipzig, Germany. A gose is generally between 4 and 6 percent alcohol with low hop bitterness and typically exhibits a bit of spice from the use of coriander and the added salt.

Goses are crisp and refreshing with a slight tartness. My current favorite gose-style beer is a local Indy brew from Central State Brewing. Garden is 3.6 percent and done with lemon peel to get that pop of citrus. It's a perfect way to get your sour fix during the summer months and support an Indy-local brewery.

We love a good shandy in our house. Shandys are popular in the summer and the seasonal varieties tend to hit store shelves in late spring. A shandy is mixed with other drinks like lemonade, orange juice and ginger ale. It is a staple in many Western European countries.

Leinenkugel's Summer Shandy is a huge hit because it clocks in at 4.2 percent alcohol. Leinenkugel makes a variety of flavors including grapefruit, pear, orange and watermelon.

Very similar to a shandy is the German-style radler. It is normally a 50:50 mixture of beer and sparkling lemonade. A great example is Stiegl Radler which is made with grapefruit juice and is around 3 percent alcohol. Schofferhofer is another fine example of a radler that is around 3 percent. These are very easy to drink and great thirst quenchers!



Northeast style IPAs are all the rage right now but many people love a good session IPA in the warm months. A session IPA is normally around 3-5 percent alcohol and typically exhibits the hop flavor profile. Founders Brewing All Day IPA is one of the best-selling session IPAs and weighs in at 4.7 percent. It's a very quaffable beer and great while you're working in the garden or hanging by the pool.

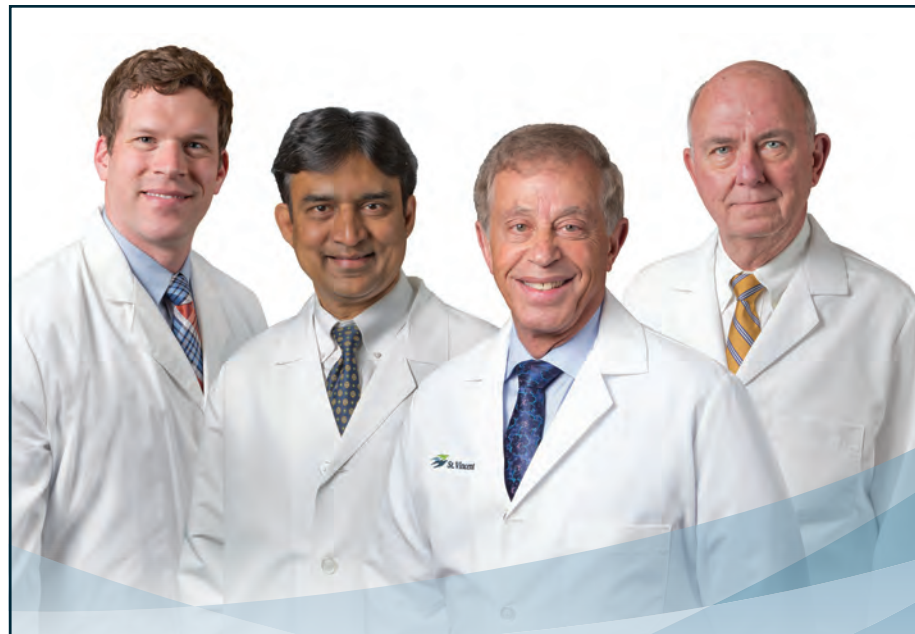
Whether you are watching the baseball game on television, swimming at the lake, or camping with the family, there is always a great beer to drink. I love a gose or shandy and they are definitely thirst quenchers. Session IPAs provide you with the hoppiness that people love but with low alcohol. Indulging in a beer doesn't have to mean high alcohol and the loss of flavor. Pick a few up for the weekend and get carried away enjoying the great weather!



Scarlett Samm is a wife and mother residing in Pittsboro. She is a self-certified beer geek. Scarlett can be reached at scarletsamm@gmail.com.



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June

22 Thursday

Movies in Town Square (Trolls)

7 p.m. – 11 p.m. | The Shops at Perry Crossing, 2499 Perry Crossing Way, Plainfield | Pre-movie activities begin at 7 p.m. followed by film presentation at dark (approx. 9 p.m.). IU Health West will offer a free car seat safety check (parents can have car seats inspected by Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians). For more information, visit iuhealth.org/west.

24 Saturday

Car, Truck and Bike Show & Craft and Vendor Fair

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. | Plainfield Fraternal Order of Eagles, 5556 E. US Highway 40 | Act of Faith will host a day of raising funds for families walking the journey of cancer. Food, music, 50/50, silent auction, door prizes, raffles, vendors, crafts, cars, racecars, trucks, bikes, anything with wheels is welcome. All proceeds go directly to pay families' monthly living expenses. Registration fee is \$15. For more information, call (317) 402-0107.

24 Saturday

Blacksheep R/C Modelers Warbird Fly-In

10 a.m. – 4 p.m. | 178 E Twin Bridges Rd. | Display and fly radio control warbirds of all types, sizes and eras from WWI to WWII to modern-day jets. Concession stand on site and raffles throughout the day. For more information, call (317) 745-2176.



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Rib-fest and Balloon Glow June 24

By Chris Cornwall

The Hendricks County Rib-Fest and Balloon Glow is Saturday, June 24 from 4 - 10 p.m. at Kingsway Christian Church, 7981 E. C.R. 100 N., Avon.

Restaurants will compete for bragging rights and the title of "best ribs" and "best sauce" in Hendricks County. The ribs competition, however, barley scratches the surface of this local tradition. The event will feature live entertainment, games for kids and a fireworks display.

Perhaps the most spectacular feature is the Avon Balloon Glow. Once it gets dark, hot-air balloons will light up the night sky.

Guests will also get the chance to take a tethered balloon ride. It's similar to a hot-air balloon ride but it remains tied to the ground, allowing the balloon to lift off and "fly" a small group of people without going far.

If you plan to ride: On average, only four to eight people can ride at one time depending on their combined weight - you may not all be able to ride together. Tethered rides can only happen when the winds are around 8mph or less. Rides are \$12 and participants must register for one of four time slots on the Avon Chamber of Commerce website. For more information, visit web.avonchamber.org.

For a complete listing of Rib-fest events, please see the schedule provided.

2017 Rib-Fest

and Balloon Glow Schedule

4 p.m. | Food Vendors, Kids Games, and Booths Open

4 - 8:30 p.m. | Balloon Activities

4:15 p.m. | Announcements

5:30-6:30 p.m. | Live Music – Kingsway Group – Main Stage

4 – 8 p.m. | Pacers Fan Van

5:40 p.m. | Announcements

7 – 9 p.m. | Tethered Balloon Rides

7:20 p.m. | Announcements – Awards for Best Sauce and Best Ribs

7:30-9:30 p.m. | Live Music – Backroad 39 – Main Stage

7:45 p.m. | Mascot Dash

8 p.m. | Quarter Slab Run & Children's Quarter Mile Race

8:30 p.m. | Rib Run 5k & Fun Run

8:30 p.m. | Announcements

8:45-9:30 p.m. | Balloon Glow
*Times may vary

9:45 p.m. | National Anthem
*Fireworks to music at dark

EVENTS Calendar

24 Saturday

Ride to End Alzheimer's

9 a.m. | IndyWest Harley-Davidson, 6201 Cambridge Way, Plainfield | Ride in one of two groups from Indy West HD to Bloomington and back to the American Legion in Mooresville, IN. \$25 per rider, \$10 per passenger. All money goes directly to the Alzheimer's Association. RSVP to ride and pay at act.alz.org/goto/ENDALZRIDE.

29 Thursday

Wine Glass Painting at Chateau Thomas

7 p.m. | Chateau Thomas Winery, 6291 Cambridge Way, Plainfield | Customize your own wine glasses. \$25 per painter; includes two large wine glasses, all supplies and two hours of instruction. Wine and food will be available for purchase. To sign up, visit paintandpartyindy.com or call (317) 837-9463 Ext.1.

29 Thursday

Movies in Town Square (Rio)

7 p.m. – 11 p.m. | The Shops at Perry Crossing, 2499 Perry Crossing Way, Plainfield | Pre-movie activities begin at 7 p.m. followed by film presentation at dark (approx. 9 p.m.). For more information, visit iuhealth.org/west.



Photo Courtesy of Visit Hendricks County

Hendricks Symphony presents 'Fest on the 4th'

Hendricks County Symphony and Orchestra and Chorus will present a Fourth of July celebration Tuesday, July 4 at 7:30 p.m. in Hummel Park, 1500 S. Center St., Plainfield. Bring your lawn chairs and picnic dinner for a concert followed by fireworks. You'll hear patriotic favorites including "America the Beautiful," "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and "Salute to the Armed Forces." The concert will conclude with the "1812 Overture," "Star Wars" and "Stars and Stripes Forever" accompanied by a fireworks display. For more information, visit: hendrickssymphonic.org.

Civic Theater to perform 'Twentieth Century'

Hendricks Civic Theater will present Twentieth Century June 23, 24 and 25 at Longstreet Playhouse, 4998 N. County Rd. 100 E, Pittsboro. The show begins at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Directed by Ryan Thompson, experience the story of an egomaniacal Broadway director, Oscar Jaffe as he boards the Twentieth Century Limited and encounters his former discovery and ex-cho-

rus girl Lily Garland, now a temperamental Hollywood star on the train between NY and Chicago. He pulls out all the stops in persuading her to return to Broadway in his upcoming show. DISCLAIMER: some mature content and language – best suited for teens and older. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$13 for youth and seniors. For more information, visit hendrickscivic.com.

Brownsburg Lions 4th of July Extravaganza

Brownsburg Lions Club will host its annual July 4th Extravaganza June 30 – July 4 at Arbutle Acres Park, 200 N Green St, Brownsburg. Friday, June 30 the Brownsburg Kiwanis Club will host a Bingo Games Tent, 6 - 9:30 p.m. located next to Bundy Lodge. Rides and games will be available from Poor Jacks Amusements from 6 – 11 p.m. in the park. The 4th of July Parade will start at 10 a.m. and run from

Brownsburg High School, north on Odell to College, then run west to Green Street (formerly SR 267) and north to the Brownsburg Town Hall. A fireworks display begin in Arbutle Acres at 9:30 p.m. but a good view can be found anywhere near the park. The event is free. For more information, call (317) 852-8087.

Renowned social media expert offers course to local students

Avon resident and social media expert, Nick Jaworski, has partnered with Ivy Tech Avon Campus to offer local students a course in digital marketing July 10-14. The class is open to all high school and college-age students.

Jaworski owns Circle Social Inc., a digital marketing agency located outside of Plainfield, and is one of the top 250 social media marketers in the U.S. according to Agilience.

One of the biggest issues for his agency is finding talent. Jaworski says that digital marketing is very new and most people and businesses lack a good understanding of it.

"They think it's like traditional marketing, only online," he said. "It's not. It's a radical shift in how marketing operates through high level targeting, rapid iteration and real-time engagement."

To find talent possessing these unique skills, Jaworski has decided to build his own pipeline in Hendricks County.

He said Ivy Tech Avon Campus was an obvious choice when looking for a partnership.

Campus President Greg Cook, said "workforce alignment is a priority for us and so we are always looking to partner with local businesses to help them meet their talent pipeline needs."

Cook also said he has a personal interest in bringing jobs outside the traditional logistics, manufacturing and agriculture already common to Hendricks County.

The class will cover: how to use social media to drive business results, understanding



Facebook and Google algorithms, building personal and employer brands, what an online lead and sales funnel is and how to create one, and introductions to SEO, Facebook Ads and Google Adwords.

The course fee is \$100. Students or parents can register by contacting Circle Social through email engage@circlesocialinc.com, or by calling (800) 396-9927. There is no registration deadline but space is limited to 30 students.

FAITHONFOOD

by Faith Toole

AN OPTION

Rush On Main

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Indy Burger Week was a fun experience with so many establishments participating. I decided to try a burger outside of Indy at Rush On Main, which is located in an old brick building in Zionsville that was built in 1870 and still has its original wood floors.

Jeff Sepiol and Johnny Vargo are co-owners of Rush On Main, and enjoy the Chicago area taverns and food. Johnny was an Engineering Robotics teacher at Plainfield High School. With its one-year Anniversary this month, Rush On Main has become part of the community. Their "Friend A Drink" wall has been expanded twice to accommodate its popularity.

I was there for a burger but Johnny suggested "Da Beef," a Chicago classic.

I went with his suggestion but ordered a bacon cheese burger too. The beef is roasted and hand carved on site, and served wet with a colorful Giardiniera on turano bread. The burger is made with fresh ground beef smeared on a grill to give it crispy edges. Add thick bacon and cheese ... it was hands-down the best burger I had all week. Be sure to save room for the house made Bread Pudding with cranberries.

Rush On Main will open its second location in Oct. 2018 in Brownsburg on Green Street. It will be a great addition to the Hendricks County community especially the "Friend A Drink" wall.



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Susan Parr,
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What do you like about this place?

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the intimate setting while enjoying their CHG After Hours on Friday and Saturday nights. It's a great place all around, from grabbing a quick cup of coffee or having them help me host an intimate gathering, they can do it all.

News Update: July the "British are coming" to CHG as Tina's Traditional Tea Room and Tavern

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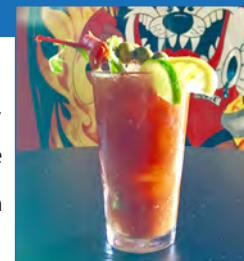
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CLASS ACT

BEF Executive Director Rene Behrend is passionate about education

By Mark Ambrogi

It might be a part-time job, but for Rene Behrend being executive director of the Brownsburg Education Foundation is a full-time passion.

"I love the mission of the organization. As a former teacher, I'm passionate about education," Behrend said. "My job isn't really a job. It energizes me and it feeds my soul. It's always something that I enjoy doing."

Behrend was hired as executive assistant, a part-time position, in 2012.

"As things progressed, I transitioned into executive director (in 2016) because again the foundation is growing and there needed to be more organizational responsibility as we continued to support the schools the way we do," Behrend said. "I'm still part-time, but I'm little less part-time than I was. I went from 20 hours to 30 hours."

Angela Falcone, who recently retired after 10 years on the board, served as board president for Behrend's first three years. Todd Jackson is the current board president.

"I cannot express how much she has done for the foundation," Falcone said. "She is a woman that started out with a small list of things to do — keeping track of donations, writing thank you notes — and she went

above and beyond in that role as executive assistant. As president, she was my right-hand partner. Now moving into the role of executive director, she is making big strides with our long-range goals. She meets with donors, sponsors and community groups to spread the good news about the BEF and to find out what we can do for them."

Falcone said the best thing about her time at the foundation was gaining a lifelong friend in Behrend.

"She is an amazing advocate for the foundation but an even better friend," Falcone said.

Behrend is quick to recognize Falcone's contributions as well.

"She poured her heart and soul into the organization," Behrend said. "With she and I working together for three years, we were really able to put some processes in place and have a more consistent presence in the community."

During the five years, Behrend said BEF has had significant increases in corporate sponsorships.

"Our corporate sponsorships have more than doubled since 2012," Behrend said.

"When I got here in 2012, our corporate sponsorships were between \$50,000 and \$60,000 and now I think we're over \$100,000 from our corporate sponsors. We get a lot of great support from local businesses and individual donors."

Behrend said there is a payroll deduction donation for Brownsburg Schools employees for the BEF and that increases each year.

"All the money they contribute we put that toward the scholarship program because we figure they've been working with these students from kindergarten through 12th grade, it's one more opportunity to help them get their wings in the world," Behrend said.

The BEF, which is 30 years old this year, supplies classroom grants and student scholarships.

"We just gave away \$33,000 in scholarships to the graduating class of 2017," Behrend said. "We have \$100,000 we've budgeted to do classroom grants for the teachers."



Behrend

One set of grants are for the District Excellence Awards and are curriculum based and impact every grade level in every department.

The second round of grants is for teachers and are called InCredible Award grants. Behrend said the spelling is to indicate the grants support Innovation and Creativity, two key components of the foundation's mission statement.

"Those grants are more specific to special projects that teachers want to do, sometimes it's an after-school club," Behrend said.

For several years, there have been grants for Purdue's Science Express for the high school. The grant allows science teachers attend training at Purdue.

"Once they attend that training, they have access to a catalog of \$2 million of lab equipment Purdue has," Behrend said. "When they want to use the equipment, the reserve it for whatever week fits into their lesson plan and then Purdue will drive the equipment down, set it up in the classroom and let them use it for a week."

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Wax artistic

Former machinist turns out portraits with crayon

By Chris Cornwall

When former Rexnord industrial repairman, R.J. Gibbs, learned his job was fleeting fast, he decided to draw up a new business plan – not with pen and paper mind you – but with a 24 box of Crayola

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“It’s the hardest medium I ever tried to pick up. It took me an entire year to learn.”

- R.J. Gibbs

crayons.

The lifelong Danville resident recently tapped into his artistic talent, a gift that always took a back seat to more traditional lines of work. The 56-year-old became a machinist by trade after high school. He also served four years in the Navy working on military aircraft.

“Basically society said that this was the way to do things, and being a natural with it (art), I never really found value in it. I figured anyone could do it,” he said.

Gibbs eventually learned this wasn’t the case in 2006. He was off work on medical leave and needed a way to make ends meet. So he returned to what he loved, drawing.

“I don’t know why but I was always fascinated with it,” Gibbs said. “Even as a kid, my parents would give me a pencil and piece of paper and I would draw for hours.”

He drew a few portraits to cover his everyday expenses and then returned to work at Rexnord.

“I call it my kitty hawk,” he said. “It flew for 12 seconds, and then it landed. I had no money in the bank but the bills were paid.”

Fast forward 11 years and Gibbs is faced with a similar dilemma. With Rexnord jobs being shipped to Mexico, he has again chosen to rely on his artistic talent. But for the first time in his life, Gibbs is fully devoted to his artwork.

Gallery on the Square, 51 S Washington



St, Danville, has an entire wall of Gibbs’ work for sale. Co-owner Joan Kisner said one of his pieces recently sold for \$500.

Kisner, a retired Danville Community High School art teacher, had Gibbs as one of her students.

“I’m very proud of R.J. but I really can’t take any credit,” Kisner said. “We didn’t do portraits in class; that was something he taught himself.”

Although Gibbs always had a knack for drawing, he was inspired to develop his skills further after seeing a piece at the American Museum of Art. What Gibbs saw was a drawing done exclusively in crayon.

“I thought it was fascinatingly cool,” he said. “So I bought a box of crayons thinking there’s nothing to it.”

“I was wrong,” Gibbs quickly added. “It’s the hardest medium I ever tried to pick up. It took me an entire year to learn.”

Gibbs said the crayons must be constantly sharpened to achieve the kind detail seen in his work. Also, shading and blending colors takes just the right amount of overlapping one with another.

What’s the best brand of crayon? It’s Crayola by far Gibbs said. He learned this in part from working with the different brands. Gibbs also discussed the matter with a

Crayola representative.

“I was concerned that my portraits might fade over time,” he said. “Crayola told me that it has been in business for over 100 years and still make the same crayons. I figured they must be pretty good.”

What’s even better is that Gibbs can turn the \$2 box of crayons into a life-like portrait worth hundreds. If you are interested in commissioning R.J. Gibbs, call (765) 719-3941, or contact him by email at draughtsman69@gmail.com.

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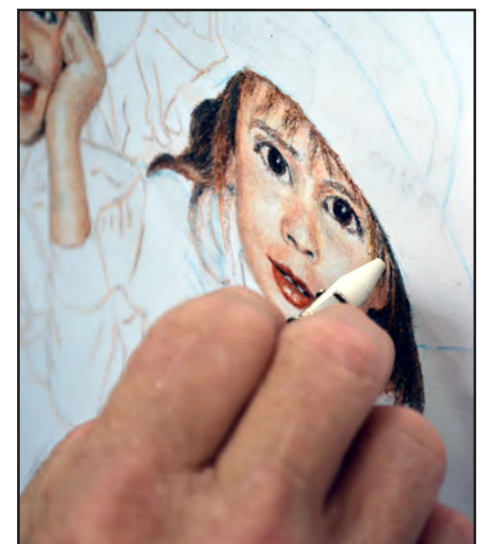


Top: R.J. Gibbs working at Gallery on the Square, 51 S Washington St., Danville, during Mayberry Days.

Bottom Right: Gibbs is a self-taught portraitist with an eye for detail and accuracy.

Bottom Left: Gibbs says crayons are difficult to use but create a uniquely beautiful portrait.

Photos by Chris Cornwall



Puzzle Time



Find the items in the puzzle going up, down, sideways or diagonally and list them. Each letter is used no more than once.

S
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5 African Countries

2 Indianapolis Indians Players

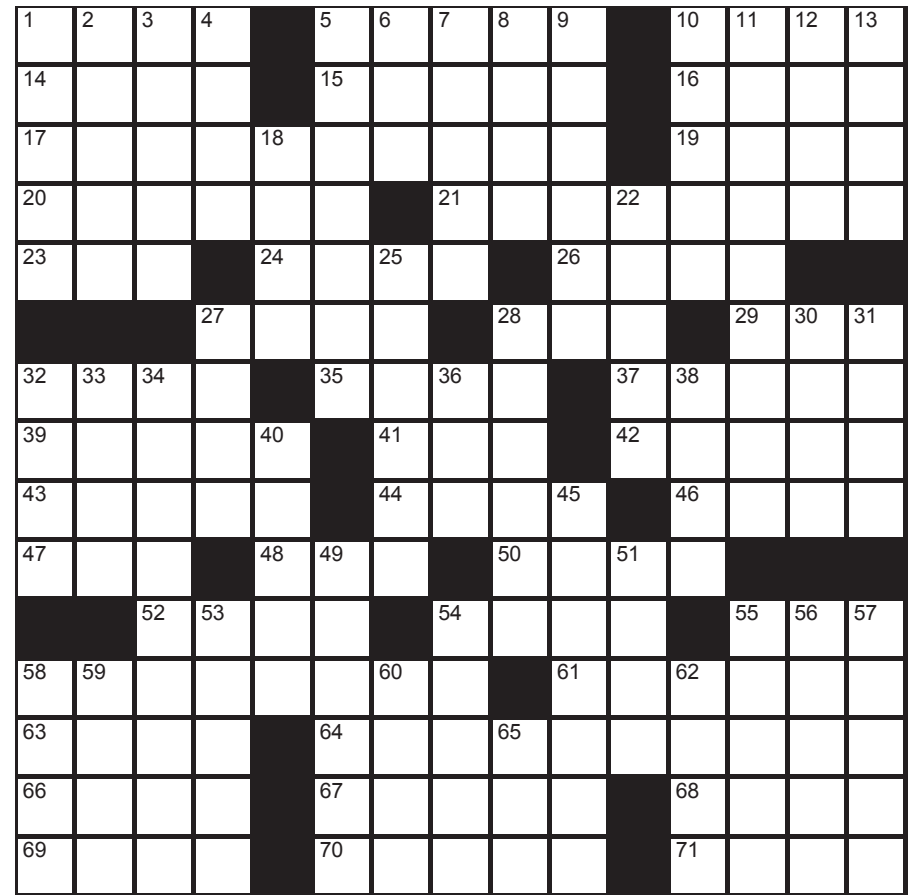
1 June Art Fair Location

Across

1. Purdue postseason football game
5. Guys
10. Taj Mahal site
14. Trendy berry
15. Bumbling
16. Russian range
17. Indy waterway
19. Andy Mohr showroom model
20. Overpower the Pacers
21. Most rarin' to go
23. Jr. and Sr. at AHS
24. Minuscule
26. Warner Bros. creation
27. Fortuneteller's opening
28. Downtown satyr sculpture
29. ____-Mart
32. Small islands
35. Make over
37. Scarlett of Tara
39. Skating jumps
41. Quick swim at Splash Island
42. Trifled (with)
43. Charbonos selection
44. Moody Meats specification
46. Start of "The Star-Spangled Banner"
47. Immigrant's class, briefly
48. Rocks, to a CJ's bartender
50. Anthem calculation
52. 1952 Winter Olympics site
54. Rash reaction
55. Fitting
58. Market decline
61. McAlister's Deli grinder
63. Sea predator
64. Indy hotel chain
66. Reason to call A&J Plumbing
67. Jo-Ann Fabrics thread holder
68. Danville HS choir member
69. Earring site
70. Local car dealer
71. Front's opposite

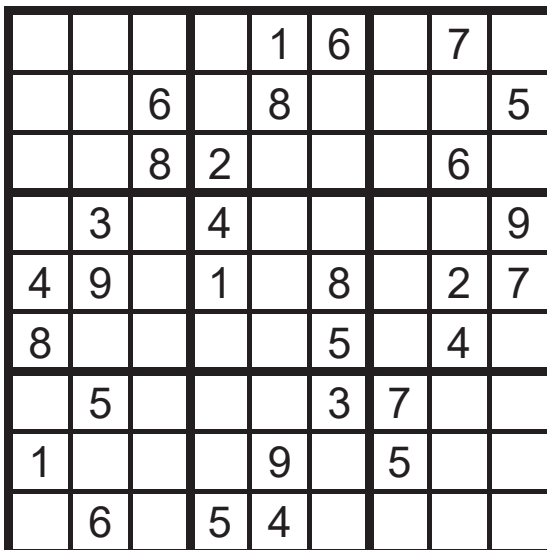
Down

1. Humorously vulgar
2. Autumn color in Brown County
3. Ragamuffins
4. Low-cal at Marsh
5. More soiled
6. Numerical prefix
7. For-profit university in Merrillville
8. Indianapolis Fencing Club sword
9. Indiana Geological Survey layers
10. Part of a WRTV feed
11. Indy park trails



12. Colts foe
13. Tons
18. Chows down at O'Charley's
22. Start of a caution
25. Lin's Alterations implement
27. Vacation destination
28. IMA genre
30. Plainfield HS geometry class calculation
31. Lord's mate
32. The Mayberry, e.g.
33. Graph line in a Tri-West HS math class
34. Indy airport transport
36. It's spotted at Indiana Grand Casino
38. Indiana Golden Gloves blow
40. Clown prop
45. Reis' jewelry mate
49. Deer Creek Golf ____
51. "Scram!"
53. Indianapolis Zoo hisser
54. State overseer of roads, initially
55. Like a Cascade HS cheerleader
56. One of Columbus' ships
57. Brownsburg HS chorus voice
58. Raggedy Ann, e.g.
59. Kroger creme-filled cookie
60. Indiana State House VIPs
62. Miles away from Hendricks County
65. ____ v. Wade

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Questions for...

Kerry Tuttle

Kerry Tuttle was recently named executive director of Leadership Hendricks County (LHC), a non-profit organization aimed at developing leadership skills in local residents. She is succeeding Susan Rozzi who had led the organization since 2012.

Tuttle is the former executive director of the Avon Education Foundation where she served for three years before coming to LHC. She herself is a 2015 graduate of the LHC program and calls it a transformative experience.

A lifelong resident of Hendricks County, Tuttle grew up in Brownsburg and then later moved to Avon where she has spent the last 11 years. She and her husband, Jason, have been married for 21 years. They have one daughter, Lexi, who is 15.

Here we ask Kerry Tuttle 10 questions...



1 In a few sentences, would you describe what Leadership Hendricks County is?

LHC is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the development of and continued support of leaders in our community. Our leadership programs give youth and adults from different backgrounds the tools they need to effect positive changes in Hendricks County.

2 What are some of the things that LHC members learn?

Our class members also learn what resources are available to them in Hendricks County and what makes it a great place to live and work - things like its agriculture history and business climate. We also tackle some of the challenges that face Hendricks County as a growing community.

3 LHC offers a program for both youth and adults. What's the difference?

Both programs really do focus on educating members of the community about Hendricks County, but our team capstone projects in the adult class give members a chance to look in depth at some of the issues and then explore ways that they as leaders can effect change... The youth program doesn't include a capstone project. More time is given to helping kids become better leaders. We focus on communication skills, both in person and online with social media ... We also want them to understand that even as young people, they have the ability to make meaningful changes in the community.

4 For readers interested in applying to the LHC program, what might qualify or disqualify an applicant?

The only requirement is that you have to live or work in Hendricks County. In terms of who we look for when selecting class members, we try to pull people in from different areas of the county. Obviously, there is a larger population base on the eastern side of the county, but we want to make sure that the western communities are participating as well. We want to make sure we have a mix of employment too. Our class members should be learning from one another.

5 Before you graduated from LHC in 2015, you had already gained leadership experience in previous roles. What does LHC offer that job experience does not?

LHC was a transformative experience for me. Even as a lifelong resident, there were things that I didn't even know existed. That surprised me... So I was excited to learn about everything that Hendricks County has to offer. More importantly, I learned more about myself as a leader, my personality and how I can work with other people both internally and outside of my organization to make positive changes. I went through the program when I was director at AEF. I learned how to better connect with people from different backgrounds and positions in the organization. But I also connected with

people outside AEF who share my commitment to this community, and that was a very positive experience for me.

6 So learning how to connect with others was key?

Absolutely. You learn about different personalities and how people may react differently to the same situation - that the assumptions you have going into a situation are not always the assumptions that other people have. So learning to negotiate that terrain is very important...

7 In your new role, what is the biggest challenge you foresee?

I think the biggest challenge is going to be bringing awareness about the program to individuals and businesses here in Hendricks County. The community is growing every day, and even people who've lived here their entire lives like me may not be aware of the program... I want residents to know that we are here, and then let them get started on the path to leadership...

8 When you look at Hendricks County, do you see specific areas of the demographic (e.g. young, old, men, women, rural, urban) in need of more leadership figures?

That is a difficult question to answer because it is such a diverse community. When you look at the western part of the county and the eastern part, the needs are very different. In the western part, maybe you do need someone with more of an agricultural background who can understand what is going on in those smaller communities. On the eastern side of the county, a lot of people are coming in from more urban areas of Indianapolis. There is also greater ethnic diversity. So it's hard to say exactly who needs to be

a part of this program because I don't think there is a typical Hendricks County resident anymore.

9 Do you have a plan for the future of LHC? What are your goals as executive director?

I would like to see LHC be the organization where leaders come to hone their skills and get resources. I want people to look at LHC and think, whether I participate in the class or not, I can go there and get some help. That's my vision.

10 I heard you are a football fanatic?

Yes, the Colts are my team (laughs). One of the things I love about football, and my daughter hates about football, is that it's process driven. It is not always marching down the field and scoring. Sometimes you move the ball down the field and get nothing out of it. There are ups and downs isn't that what life is like?

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