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Brownsburg wrestling wins team state finals

By Mark Ambrogi

Depth proved to be the difference for the Brownsburg High School wrestling team.

"We take great pride in not just developing the best few guys on the team, but in creating a championship program," Bulldogs coach Darrick Snyder said. "This paid dividends as we advanced more wrestlers to state and placed more wrestlers than any other team. Those extra placers added badly needed team points."

The Bulldogs, who advanced eight wrestlers, captured the state high school

team title with 100 points, 20 more than Chesterton, Feb. 18 at Bankers Life Fieldhouse.

Although Snyder said the 2015-16 season was a very successful, he said placing second in the state finals was disappointing.

"It was definitely a much better feeling going out state champions," Snyder said.

Bulldogs junior Brayton Lee, who had won 138-pound state title in 2016, captured the 145-pound state title to complete his unbeaten season (46-0).

"Brayton Lee is a freak," Snyder said.

"He's a machine. He's an incredible leader. I have had the honor to coach multiple state champions and Division I wrestlers. Brayton is at a different level. He has a tremendous work ethic and is a team guy. He makes me look good in everything he does."

The Bulldogs had second-place finishers in juniors Ty Mills (120 pounds, 37-3 record) and Blake Mulkey (126, 38-2).

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Chloe Dygert takes gold in World Cup

Brownsburg's Olympic silver medalist, Chloe Dygert, won a gold medal in team pursuit and the 3,000-meter individual pursuit over the weekend at the World Cup held in Los Angeles, CA. Dygert set a new track record of 3:28.431, previously held by Australia's Ashlee Ankudinoff. In the team pursuit competition, the U.S. team beat out New Zealand in the finals with a time of 4:19.990.

Local departments welcome newest officers



From left: Assistant Chief Jim Hilton, Officer Jonathan Wolf, Officer Anthony Southern and Chief Ray Raney of Danville Metropolitan Police Department.



From left: Officers Spencer Black and Holli Walker of the Plainfield Police Department.



From left: Chief Sean Stoops, Officer Eric Hollingsworth and Assistant Chief Brain Nugent of the Avon Police Department.

Some of Hendricks County's newest police officers graduated from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in Plainfield, Feb. 17. Local departments from Avon, Danville Metropolitan, and Plainfield all welcomed recent graduates to the force following a ceremony.

They are: Officer Eric Hollingsworth of the Avon Police Department, Officers Anthony Southern and Jonathan Wolf of Danville Metropolitan, and Officers Spencer Black and Holli Walker of the Plainfield Police Department. The new officers will now undergo field training for several weeks. For more information, on the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy, visit <http://www.in.gov/ilea>.

Sheriff's Sale March 16



The Hendricks County Sheriff's Office will auction off property March 16, 11:00 a.m. at the Hendricks County Government Center (Rooms 4 and 5), 355 South Washington St., Danville. According to a press release, bid forms will be available the day of the sale and the highest bid submitted by 11:00 a.m. will prevail. For a complete list of rules and properties, see "Sheriff's Sale" under News and Notices on the Sheriff's Dept. webpage, www.co.hendricks.in.us, or call (317) 745-6269 for more information.

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RECOVERY WORKS

Is it time to rethink addiction?

COVER STORY

By Cleveland Dietz

When Hendricks County resident, Drew Beason agreed to sign a drug court plea, he thought it would buy him time to keep using. He had just completed serving time in Marion County for felony theft. A separate felony theft charge took him to the Hendricks County drug court, where he was sentenced to work release after it was discovered he was still using. He stayed in the work-release program for six weeks. For the first three weeks, he could not leave the facility for anything but work.

"I don't think I would've made it had they not done that," Beason said.

There, he met a counselor from The Willow Center. She visited the facility regularly to conduct group meetings as part of a state program called Recovery Works. After his three-week building restriction was done, Beason began seeing her one-on-one at her office in Brownsburg.



Steuerwald

State Rep. Greg Steuerwald (R-Avon), who represents Hendricks County, authored the law that created the program in 2015. The idea for it came when he began work in 2010 on the criminal code reform that was enacted in 2013. He heard the same thing from everyone in the criminal justice system with whom he spoke then. Drug addiction and mental health issues were major drivers of the imprisoned population in Indiana.

"Everybody in the entire criminal justice system was telling me addiction is our No. 1 cause and we have very little in means of services to assist these people," he said.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics, rates of mental illness and substance abuse are significantly higher among the jailed population than the general population. A 2013 study published in Current Psychiatry Reports found that 68 percent of drug offenders are arrested again within three years of being released.

Beason had been in and out of jail and rehab for most of his adult life. He used opiates for 16 years—since he was 15 years old—before getting sober in the work release program.

This month, he will be clean for a year.



CLARK

Had Beason gone to the Hendricks County Jail instead, he would have entered a jail that was already well above the ideal number of inmates, the number of fixed-beds in the facility, and above the maximum number of inmates—305—identified by Hendricks County Sheriff Brett Clark twice.

The jail has 250 beds, but it can roll out temporary beds as the need arises. There were more than 250 inmates on average every month in 2016. A Sagamore Institute snapshot from December 2015 also revealed the population was above that figure. Indiana Department of Corrections guidelines set the ideal inmate population at 80 percent of the total number of fixed-beds—200 at the county jail.

Clark said there were several reasons the jail population had been over 250 for so long.

The county's explosive growth in recent years, the rise in opioid abuse, and the criminal code reform that moved low-level felons out of state prisons and into local jails were all major factors.

One of the stated goals of the Recovery Works program was to reduce recidivism—the number of people released who are rearrested within three years—by 20 percent. Clark said, in the long-run, that may help keep jail populations down. But he has more people in his jail than he would have without low-level felons. On Feb. 22, nearly 16 percent of the inmates were people who, before the reform, would have been in state prison.

Steuerwald said one aim he had with the bill was to divert people out of jail, in part, to alleviate the burden on local jails that taking on low-level felons would produce. It's part of a larger shift to restorative justice in the state that includes jail alternatives such as drug court, work release, mental illness and substance abuse treatment and other mechanisms geared toward rehabilitation.

"It doesn't mean letting people get by with things. It means, maybe, rethinking persons who have addictions, and certainly not to excuse their behavior, but maybe getting them

help. If they get help for their addiction, maybe they won't break the law and end up back in jail," Clark said.

Beason spent time in jail in Marion County. He described people talking about their glory days using, working up new ways to commit crime, exchanging numbers and meeting each other on the outside. More than once, he followed up with people he met in jail.

"It's like going to school on drugs," he said.

For years, Beason said he was going to quit after he did this or that thing happened. People he would talk to about it believed him at first, but after a while

they started to tune him out. Whether he did this or that thing happened, he kept using.

"There's a lot of false promises that I've given to my family. There's a lot of hope that's come and went, come and went so many times," he said.

While his mom and sister were always on-board with him, the men in his family have

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~ Drew Beason

Bill to expand addiction treatment options moves to Senate

The House of Representatives recently passed legislation authored by State Rep. Cindy Kirchhofer (R-Beech Grove) that could broaden mental health and addiction treatment options in Indiana.

State Rep. Greg Steuerwald (R-Avon), who represents Hendricks County and co-author of the bill, said expanding mental health and addiction treatment to individuals who are charged with misdemeanor offenses is an important part of the state's effort to reduce recidivism and improve Hoosier lives.

According to a recent report, three in 10 new mothers who gave birth at a hospital located in Richmond last year tested positive for illegal drugs. House Bill 1006 would include neonatal abstinence syndrome as a factor for determining if a child is in need of services. According to Kirchhofer, children could receive medication-assisted treatment, which uses a combination of medicine and behavioral therapy to treat addiction.

"Hoosiers are dealing with an opioid epidemic that affects more than just the drug user," Kirchhofer said. "The number of opioid addicted mothers is of alarming proportions and over 52 percent of children removed from homes is a result of a parent having a substance abuse problem. This plan would be a significant step in the right direction in connecting drug users to the necessary resources to find the path to recovery."

In Indiana, the Recovery Works program provides mental health and addiction treatment services to those currently in the criminal justice system or at risk of being incarcerated. Since it began in 2015, the program has served over 6,000 Hoosiers, helping connect them with addiction treatment providers. In order to continue decreasing the number of offenders who return to prison, this bill looks to provide these services in the future to individuals charged with misdemeanor offenses. Kirchhofer said connecting them with Recovery Works services earlier on could prevent more serious offenses from occurring.



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been slower to believe. Even as he approaches a year of sobriety, to Beason, they seem skeptical.

"I think if I can get my step-dad and my grandpa and my brother's approval and they finally come back around entirely, I'll feel complete again as far as part of the family," Beason said. He hoped his continued work with the Willow Center, and help from Recovery Works, could get him there one day.

Steuerwald is co-author of a bill this year that he described as "a continuation of the program." The bill would expand Recovery Works eligibility to certain misdemeanor and juvenile offenders if enacted into law.

An architectural firm is conducting a feasibility study on the jail. Clark said he wants to position the next sheriff, whomever it is, to have a clear plan forward with the building, whether the county decides to build a new one or add on to the current one.

DRUG ABUSE WARNING SIGNS FOR PARENTS

Six percent of teens 12 to 17 saying they use the drugs for non-medical reasons. And in 2014, prescription drugs caused the overdose death of 1,741 young people ages 18 to 25, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse. In 2009, 21,000 teens sought treatment for heroin addiction, compared to 4,400 10 years earlier, according to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

1

Physical and health signs.

Bloodshot eyes; pupils smaller or larger than normal; frequent nosebleeds; changes in appetite or sleep patterns; sudden weight loss or weight gain; deterioration in personal grooming or physical appearance; and impaired or unstable coordination.

2

Behavioral signs.

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3

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The shirts they sell carry both their company name and a special message, 'Just Be Kind.' "We noticed a lot of meanness and fighting," said 11-year-old business manager, Emily Smith. "Not just at school, but on multiple platforms."

"Parents help with few things like transportation and getting the t-shirts printed," Andrea Flood said, one of the adults. "But they design the shirts themselves. They even have their own bank account, but no one can touch the money unless they get an 'okay' from three financial managers (who are also children)."

11-year-old Kendall Messer says they plan to ask for donations of kindness rather than money at their next event coming up on Memorial Day, 'Walk for Kindness.' Although the company is still working out all the details for the event, it is sure to be a special day, marking the company's two-year anniversary. To learn more about 'Just Be Kind,' Check them out on Facebook.



From left standing, Avolyn Gonser, Hannah Smith, Kendall Messer, Sarah Stratton, Damon Henderson, Jaylon Henderson, and Christopher Henderson. From left, bottom row, Park Jones, Lilly Smith, Annabelle Gonser, Elliott Gonser, and Emily Smith.
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May, Warriors finish season strong

By Mark Ambrogio

When a coach has had much success as Kaley May has had in her four seasons at Danville Community High School, it's natural to assume other schools will be interested.

"I'm not looking to go anywhere because I feel like I have a really good home," May said. "I want to build a program there. I see a potential in the girls coming up. I think we have a great support system around us. You can go to bigger school but you might not have those elements I think are important. I'm not going to promise anything in any direction, but I'm really happy where I'm at. I love how much Danville has embraced me and my team."

Towards the end of the season, Danville's locker room was vandalized. May said many pitched in to clean it up in one day.

"There was over a couple of thousand

dollars' worth of damage but we got in and scrubbed and scrubbed," May said. "We painted over things we couldn't get off the wall."

The Danville Wal-Mart donated a TV to the locker room.

"In all honesty and in a crazy way, I felt it brought our community closer together, our team closer together," May said. "Our administration showed how much they cared. I made sure it didn't affect our girls and kept them out of the situation completely."

Danville (18-11) reached the Class 3A semi state before losing to North Harrison Feb. 18. The Warriors advanced by winning the first regional title in the school's girls program history and the third sectional crown. May previously guided the Warriors to a sectional crown in 2015. The other one came in the one-class system in 1987. May,

27 and 2008 Avon High School graduate, has a 69-35 record at Danville.

"We knew we had a young team as far as experience was concerned so we had a lot

"We knew we had a young team as far as experience was concerned so we had a lot of teaching to do early on"

of teaching to do early on," May said. "The girls bought into what we were preaching. In the middle of the season, we figured it out and turned things around for us. I told our team at the beginning of the season defense is going to be what we had to hang our hat on because I knew we weren't going to be an overly offensively team."

The Warriors, who had very little varsity experience returning, started the season losing five of seven games before going on a four-game winning streak.

Freshman point guard Ella Collier led the Warriors with a 12.5 scoring average. Junior guard Lexi Riggles averaged 11.3 points, followed by sophomore guard Jenna Cowart

at 10.4 points and a top defender.

"Ella has a high basketball IQ," May said.

"Lexi had a rough start but had a couple good games to get going and was huge down the stretch for us," May said.

Junior Addie Collier, Ella's sister, played center, averaging 7.2 points and a team-high 6.9 rebounds.

Cassie Utley, who averaged 5.8 rebounds per game, was the only senior who played.

"She felt the urgency of a senior more and more at the end of the season," May said. "We had kids on the bench pushing the team to win. So we had all the necessary elements on the team this year from the players' standpoint."

Praise Worship Center moves to new location

The ICON featured Praise Worship Center in 'Where we Worship' from our Feb. 1 issue. They have recently relocated and asked we publish the new address. The new location is 9101 W. 10th St. Indianapolis, just east of Raceway Rd.



Senior Cassie Utley embraces assistant coach Greg Barber (Back to camera) as Head Coach Kaley May looks on.
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Jonathan Heidegger (left), Tim Heidegger (right)

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BHS juniors Jonathan Heidegger and Tim Heidegger have been selected to the 2017 Indiana Bandmasters Association's Junior All State Band. These students are part of a group of just 173 young musicians representing 52 high schools statewide who earned this honor by participating in a

highly competitive audition in January. Jonathan Heidegger will perform in events at Purdue University March 10 - 12, while Tim will serve as an alternate. A free grand finale concert will be presented to the public on Sunday, March 12 at 2:30pm in the Elliott Hall of Music at Purdue University.

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How well do you know your Hendricks County community?
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1. The Avon Avenue Project just south of the Highway 36 intersection will be closed to through-traffic until _____?
- ☐ A. This summer
 - ☐ B. Next summer
 - ☐ C. Spring of 2021
 - ☐ D. Spring of 2018



2. How many individual state champions did Brownsburg High School have at this year's ISHAA Wrestling State Finals.
- ☐ A. Three
 - ☐ B. Two
 - ☐ C. Sixteen
 - ☐ D. One

3. What county did USA defeat in the team pursuit women's cycling finals at the World Cup?
- ☐ A. New Zealand
 - ☐ B. Australia
 - ☐ C. Spain
 - ☐ D. Canada



4. 'Moonlight' recently won best picture at this year's Oscars. What film was accidentally announced the winner?
- ☐ A. La-La Land
 - ☐ B. O.J.: Made in America
 - ☐ C. Zootopia
 - ☐ D. Suicide Squad



5. Which animated Disney feature will be performed by the Hendricks County Civic Theater?
- ☐ A. Peter Pan
 - ☐ B. Fox and the Hound
 - ☐ C. Beauty and the Beast
 - ☐ D. Aladdin

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Avon's Larson Wins Ward E. Brown Mental Attitude Award



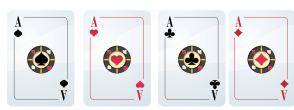
Larson surrounded by family and friends after winning the Ward E. Brown Mental Attitude Award.

Photo provided by the ISHAA

Gunnar Larson of Avon High School was named the 2017 Ward E. Brown Mental Attitude Award winner by the IHSAA. Larson is a four-time letterman and state wrestling qualifier, was state runner-up as a junior, a three-time team captain, and a two-time First Team Academic All-American. He is also a two-time National Honor Society Member and has volunteered his time to serve veterans for the Honor Flight program. To honor Larson's achievement, the IHSAA Executive Committee presented a scholarship check for \$1,000 to Avon High School in his name. He is the son of Todd and Daphne Larson of Avon. Larson will be attending West Point, where he intends to study Chemical Engineering.

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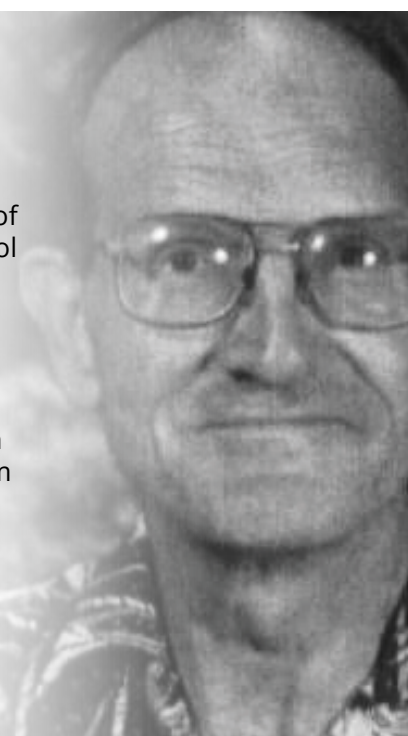
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Ronald D. Justice

Ronald D. Justice, 74, of Avon, passed away Feb. 19, 2017. He was born March 15, 1942. Services will be held Saturday, March 4 at 11 a.m. at Conkle Funeral Home, 4925 West 16th Street, Speedway, IN.

John H. Weed

John H. Weed, 93, of Avon, passed away Feb. 23, 2017. He was born Aug. 12, 1923. Services were held in Cadillac, MI.

George "Bruce" Ator

George "Bruce" Ator, 64, of Danville, passed away Feb. 24, 2017. He was born July 23, 1952. Services were held Feb. 28 at Northview Christian Church in Danville.

Lyn J. "Rosy" Rosenbaum

Lyn J. "Rosy" Rosenbaum, 69, passed away Feb. 25, 2017. He was born March 01, 1947. Funeral Services on March 1 were Private.

Fredrick Ziegler

Fredrick Ziegler, 69, of Avon, passed away Feb. 25, 2017. He was born Aug. 2, 1948. Services were held March 1 at Faith Presbyterian Church.

Marietta Nierzwick

Marietta Nierzwick, 76, of Avon, passed away on Feb. 26, 2017. She was born Jan. 7, 1941. Services were held March 3, at Matthews Mortuary.

J. Loretta Walland

J. Loretta Walland, 75, of Avon, passed away Feb. 27, 2017. She was born Sept. 16, 1941. Memorial services will be at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 5, 2017 in the Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home, Plainfield.

John G. Hemmings

John G. Hemmings, 72, of Avon, passed away on Feb. 13, 2017. He was born June 5, 1944. Services were held Feb. 17 at Connection Pointe Church in Brownsburg.

BROWNSBURG

Donald Lee McAninch

Donald Lee McAninch, 72, of Brownsburg, passed away Feb. 16, 2017. He was born Dec. 14, 1944. Services were held Feb. 20 at Matthews Mortuary, Brownsburg.

Janice E. Sharar

Janice E. Sharar, 75, of Brownsburg, passed away Feb. 17, 2017. She was born March 19, 1941. Services were held Feb. 27 at Matthews Mortuary, Brownsburg.

Mildred A. Thomas

Mildred A. Thomas, 92, of Brownsburg, passed away on Feb. 22, 2017. She was born Nov. 27, 1924. There will be no services.

Paul E. Grove

Paul E. Grove, 85, of Brownsburg, passed away Feb. 23, 2017. He was born Jan. 9, 1932. Services were held Feb. 28 at Matthews Mortuary.

Glenn J. Tabler

Glenn J. Tabler, 80, of Brownsburg, passed away Feb. 24, 2017. He was born Sept. 12, 1936. Services were held Feb. 27 at Bethesda Baptist Church, Clayton.

Danville

Ruth Doyne Summerlot

Ruth Doyne Summerlot, 80, of Danville, passed away Feb. 17, 2017. She was born July 12, 1936. Services were held Feb. 23, at Avon United Methodist Church.

Maria Guadalupe "Lupe" Garza

Maria Guadalupe "Lupe" Garza, 87, passed away Feb. 18, 2017. She was born Feb. 9, 1930. Services were held Feb. 25 at St. Susanna Catholic Church.

Wilma J. Samples

Wilma J. Samples, 82, of Danville, passed away Feb. 25, 2017. She was born July 16, 1934. Services were held March 2 at Conkle Funeral Home, Avon.

Plainfield

Dorothy A. Gibbs

Dorothy Gibbs, 94, of Plainfield, passed away Feb. 4, 2017. She was born Oct. 28, 1922. A private burial will be held at a later date. Arrangements by Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home, Plainfield.

Richard L. "Rick" Lewis

Richard L. "Rick" Lewis, 61, of Plainfield, passed away Feb. 19, 2017. He was born Aug. 11, 1955. Services were held Feb. 25 at Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home, Plainfield.

James "Jim" Kenneth Currens

James "Jim" Kenneth Currens, Jr., 77, of Plainfield, passed away Jan. 30, 2017. He was born on June 11, 1939. The calling will be held at 10 a.m. and the Funeral Mass will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 4 at St. Susanna Catholic Church.

Sandra Lou "Sandy" Musser

Sandra Lou "Sandy" Musser, 80, of Tampa, FL, formerly of Plainfield, passed away Feb. 22, 2017. She was born May 21, 1936. Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. on March 4, 2017 in the Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home, Plainfield.

Phyllis May Lemaster

Phyllis May Lemaster, 79, of Plainfield, passed away Feb. 13, 2017. She was born April 1, 1937. Services were held Feb. 19 at Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home, Plainfield.

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Recognizing those who make Hendricks County great

A few weeks ago, Indiana Secretary of State Connie Lawson presented the 2016 Poll Worker of the Year Award to Howard Sims. Sims has been a poll worker and election volunteer in Hendricks County for over 40 years.

What a great way to contribute to one's community: ensuring that democracy is alive and well. Very well deserved, no doubt.

I got to thinking that we could, without question, hand out awards on a routine basis to people who continue to make Hendricks County the great place it is to live.

I was reminded of this early this year during Sheltering Wings' annual gala and then again the next week at the Plainfield Chamber of Commerce's dinner/auction – in a few weeks I'll be reminded during the the Avon Chamber of Commerce's dinner/auction and the Brownsburg Education Foundation's gala and on and on throughout the year.

I could list names, but then I would unintentionally leave someone out – not to mention there's just not enough space.

One of the best things about publishing the Hendricks County ICON is that it has afforded me the opportunity to connect with so many wonderful people who serve our community so unselfishly.

A community is only as good as the people who live in it and give back to it. I am sure that is someone's original quote. And there are so many opportunities in Hendricks County to do just that. You'll make great friends and your sense of belonging to community will become much more profound for you.

If you feel the urge to become more involved in community – church, schools, service clubs – you name it – and you need help initiating that inquiry, please let me know by emailing me at rick@icontimes.com or calling me at (317) 451-4088. I'd be happy to help.

Thank you for reading the Hendricks County ICON.



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Cell Mate!

HUMOR

By Dick Wolfsie

Hi! Dick Wolfsie's cell phone, here. My earlier model wrote a column about 10 years ago to tell you how a tough a job this is. Things have gotten no better since then.

He misplaced me 43 times in the past 18 months. Of course, I was never really lost. I knew exactly where I was, but have you ever tried to get this guy's attention?

What a week I've had. On Sunday, we were at the Boat, Sport and Travel Show where Dick was doing a daily TV segment. First, I was in his back pocket, then he tossed me onto the hood of an RV. Then he shoved me under his coat on a bench. He started looking all over for me. He borrowed someone else's phone to call me. I was totally charged up for this. Success!

So, we headed home. He threw me in his car and I fell between the seats. He started looking for me while driving. This is more dangerous than texting. He found me. He also found his lost AARP card and a \$100.00 expired Amazon Gift Card.

Monday morning, he took a shower and as he was drying off he put me in the pocket of his bathrobe. He walked around the house while he was waiting for a call that never came. There was no way he was going to remember where I was once he hung up the robe. I knew I was gonna spend the entire night in the bathroom.

Tuesday, 8 a.m., he started looking for me. He checked every dresser drawer, under the bed, even the freezer (where he once left me for three days). He called me from his wife's phone but my battery was dead again. I called up every ounce of energy. I even tried to vibrate a little. No luck.

Wednesday, Dick finally found me in his robe when he showered again, but then he threw me in his briefcase and I landed in one of those divider pockets. This meant big trouble. Sure enough, I was lost again. Since

there is no landline phone in the house, there was no way to call himself. Didn't matter: I was on silent mode, anyway.

By Saturday, he was desperate. Dick headed to the cell phone store to buy a replacement. His contract was almost expired, so they made him a deal on a sexy new model with a lot of extra bells and whistles. He fell for it. Men! The salesperson destroyed me digitally through the store's computer. I was cellular non grata.

Dick got back in the car and headed home. Suddenly, he had a flash of insight. He pulled over, grabbed the briefcase, turned it upside down and shook it back and forth. I managed to fall through the broken zipper and tumbled to the floor. I was okay, but being without a charge for a three days, I was spent.

Sunday: We headed back to the phone store. He told the clerk he didn't want his new phone. He wanted his old friend back. I was touched. My circuits welled up.

Last night, Dick stuck me in his sweat pants pocket while he was exercising in the basement. I'm now in the bottom of the laundry basket. Don't expect to reach Dick any time soon. He only does the laundry once a week.

Dick got back in the car and headed home. Suddenly, he had a flash of insight. He pulled over, grabbed the briefcase, turned it upside down and shook it back and forth. I managed to fall through the broken zipper and tumbled to the floor. I was okay, but being without a charge for three days, I was spent.



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

OUR VIEW

Opiate epidemic, there's no quick 'fix'

Hendricks County is in the grips of an opiate epidemic, a problem to which there is no quick-fix. The same battle has been fought many times in history and the record suggests this problem will not simply vanish on its own. Government and medical professionals have been implementing new laws and treatments ever since 'Heroin' was introduced to the American public in 1898. In this particular case, the Fed mandated that the ingredients of every 'cure all' peddled to consumers be clearly labeled on the package. This ended the first 'heroin epidemic.'

The opium poppy has been a blessing and a curse for thousands-of-years. Ancient Greek physicians used it to treat everything from epilepsy to colic. Today, we use derivatives of morphine (named after Morpheus, the Greek god of dreams), to keep pain at a tolerable distance. From toothaches to childbirth to fighting cancer, its analgesic properties are merciful.

However, its addictive properties are anything but. The high rate of relapse suggests beating it is neither easy nor simple – not for the addicts – not for police and correctional officers – not for lawmakers – not for anyone.

Fortunately, lawmakers, police and health officials are giving 100 percent to address the issue. Rep. Greg Steuerwald from Danville passed a bill that should help ease the strain on our jails due to overcrowding. It is part of a Recovery Works Program that allows low risk inmates to get treatment for addiction. The Health Department has been doing its best to educate the community in an effort to prevent overdose deaths.

Opiate addiction is a problem that can affect every facet of the community. It doesn't discriminate between black or white, rich or poor, young or old – and we owe it to ourselves to ask 'what could I do to help stem the problem?'

BELIEVE IT!

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

In Idaho, you may not fish on a camel's back.

SOURCE: dumblaws.com



Helping friends through grief and loss

READER'S WRITES

Like most people, I am saturated with happiness watching the energy of pure bliss soak through social media as we experience this nice weather, make plans for spring break and begin our plans for the Easter holiday approaching. But as much as there are happy posts on social media, there are also the sad ones - a death, a community related to a crime, a sudden illness, a car crash...

At times, this has me wonder how we as a community, family and friends of a person who lost a loved one can support those who are experiencing grief and tragedy.

People who have not experienced the horrific loss of someone close to them may feel that bringing up the subject is taboo or awkward for the person experiencing grief. It's quite the contrary really. For those that have lost a loved one, the best thing people can do is provide emotional support and offer to share in the memories of the person that is lost. Offering time together, sharing in remembrance activities, honoring them by creating traditions, or even purchasing a memorial candle to light in memory of their lost loved one can help fill the void that accompanies grief stricken friends and family.

Additionally, it can also be said that other people cope differently. Some individuals may choose not to share memories. Therefore when sharing memories is too difficult, providing comfort to a friend can come in other forms. Picking them up and taking them out to dinner, going for walks or taking them to their preferred faith community for spiritual needs, may be the one (or few) activities someone needs to get through their rough days during any holiday, birthday or death anniversary.

Although this seems like a dark subject, this is reality. People we all know have most likely lost someone close to them and have to be reminded that they are missing someone special. For people who have lost someone very close to them, things will never be how it was before. Often times, they are reminded of this through even a familiar smell of their loved one. But, their strength and resilience builds every year and they begin to learn how to overcome any type of adversity that is giving to them. Their strength comes from you, their friends, family and community.

Lael Hill
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QUOTE

"Recovery is something that you have to work on every single day and it's something that it doesn't get a day off"

~ Demi Lovato

TsT Home Improvement Services Tip of the Month By Tom S. Truesdale

Bath Renovations - Part 2

Last month I described a wide range of ideas regarding renovations and updates to the Bathroom and how investment in these projects will pay back immediately with the value and resale appeal of your home.

This month I would like to discuss some of the planning strategies and logistics involved with completing Bathroom update and renovation projects.

Below I have listed some details that if addressed prior to start of construction will help your project be a success.

Planning/Design

- Invest time and thought into both layout and scope development prior to beginning your project.
- Think about layout refinements, accessibility and carefully review the overall scope of the project, look at options that will add long-term value to your home.
- In many cases piping updates are necessary depending on the age of the home. Consider this during the scope development phase and if needed include this update in your project.
- Consult with an experienced Planning and Construction Professional to provide guidance and advice.

Think about logistics and interruption

- The Bathroom is obviously one of the most used rooms in the home, even a small update or renovation will cause interruption that needs to be understood prior to the start of the project. Even the simplest renovation usually takes a minimum of 5 to 7 days to complete.
- If your home has multiple Bathrooms, make plans to use other rooms during the renovation.

Define and detail your budget hand in hand with scope development.

- Consult with an experienced Planning and Construction Professional to provide guidance and advice.



Products and materials can greatly impact cost, once your scope/budget is developed cost savings can be explored simply by choosing alternate products and materials.

SAMPLES, SAMPLES, SAMPLES

There is a very wide variety of products, materials, colors and levels of quality to review before purchase of materials.

For example:

- Type of vanity tops
- Lighting fixtures
- Sinks / Tubs / Shower units
- custom or factory
- Flooring products
- Plumbing fixtures
- Wall coverings and protection
- Accessibility, location, type and function

The Bathroom can potentially be an extremely complicated room to renovate, a good deal of thought and planning needs to take place before beginning your project, hopefully the points I have provided give you a good foundation of where to start. Of course, never hesitate to contact a local, qualified Construction Professional to provide development and delivery services for your Bathroom Renovation project.

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Tom used his knowledge as a former pro basketball player to help his son, Trey Lyles of the Utah Jazz, become one of the most versatile players in the NBA. When knee discomfort got in the way of their workouts, Tom turned to his trusted orthopedics team at Hendricks Regional Health. Now he's back on the court pain-free, training the next generation of competitive athletes. Believe in your possibilities. Our team can help. Request an appointment at **[HENDRICKS.ORG/ORTHOPEDICS](https://www.hendricks.org/orthopedics)**.



Tom Lyles, Camby



Protecting positivity

Chief Sean Stoops works to keep the 'police spirit' alive

BEHIND THE BADGE

By Tiffany Giles

Avon Police Chief Sean Stoops is working hard to create

positive experiences for both police officers and the communities they serve. His role as Chief has provided many opportunities for outreach and he is dedicated to preventing the "death of the police spirit" and for good reason, Stoops has seen firsthand how a positive impact between citizens and officers can create a better future for all of America.

What was your inspiration for becoming a police officer?

Starting at a very young age I felt the desire to serve others in need, especially those who had trouble, or could not take care of themselves. After serving in the U. S. Air Force, I was not sure what was next. A dear friend and farmer that I grew up working for guided me towards law enforcement. While studying criminal justice at IUPUI, I began working at the county jail in my hometown. From that moment on I knew it was my calling.

What has been your favorite moment on the job?

As a young police officer I encountered a specific troubled juvenile on multiple occasions. He and his "friends" routinely got into minor trouble, and I came to know him and his family very well. He didn't seem to belong with the group that he was hanging out with, but really didn't have any other options. During his last encounter with me, I pulled him aside and had a very serious conversation with him about getting his life on track. I shared with him some of the horrible things I had seen as result of individuals making some of the same poor choices he had, and that it wasn't too late for him to make a positive change. I didn't see him after that day for many years. However, a couple years ago our administrative assistant called my extension, and told me that someone was requesting to meet with me in our lobby. As I approached the person in the lobby I could see that it was a soldier. The pressed fatigues, and straight posture was a dead give-away. The face looked familiar, but it had aged, and this person appeared to be as tall as me now. He smiled, and introduced himself again, and I offered my hand and encouraging words. He grabbed my hand, pulled me in for a hug, and thanked me for having that talk with him many years ago. He humbly told me a little about his service in the Army, and that he had done some combat tours of duty in Iraq and Afghanistan, and thanked me again. I told him that it was I that owed him a thank you for his service to our country. He humbly accepted, smiled, thanked me again and departed. I have had other encounters like that throughout my career, but that one really tugs at my heart. That young man's story of success continues to inspire me to push forward during moments when the futility of law enforcement's effort raises its head.

What is the most challenging aspect of the job?

Motivating our officers and staff, and encouraging them to stay the course and fight the fight even when the legal system does not work in our favor can be very challenging. Law enforcement is full of highs and lows, and it can take its toll on the positive attitude. Our job as Chiefs and Sheriffs is to find new innovative ways to inoculate against cynicism and negativity by providing our employees with positive motivation and assistance programs to prevent the death of their police spirit.

What are your professional and future goals?

I feel like our agency is on the right track, and is improving and growing each day. However, with our ever changing society and community growth we are faced with new developing challenges every day. While we have made great strides to improve our department and its personnel, we recognize that there is always room for improvement. Our goal is to approach each new day with an open mind, and the ability to listen to others, so that we may continue to grow as a department and community in the most positive manner possible.



Avon Police Chief Sean Stoops

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Cartlidge Barn, Hendricks Co. Fairgrounds, Danville.

Photo courtesy of Visit Hendricks County

Cartlidge Barn

By Ken Sebree

Harry and Florence Cartlidge, a young married couple, bought their farm along U.S. Highway 36 near Avon in 1942. Their daughter Cathy said her parents knew nothing about farming when they began. At that time, U.S. Highway 36 was a two lane unimproved road and eastern Hendricks County was mostly farmland. The young couple were hardworking people. They raised sheep and grain on the farm, and later Florence set up a printing press in the shed behind the house and started a successful commercial printing business. Their two daughters were born here, and as they grew up they helped with the farm work.

A unique feature of the property was the ancient barn standing behind the farmhouse which was already well over 100 years old when they brought the farm. The barn was constructed of hand hewn native timbers, fit together with mortise and tenon joints held by wooden pegs. The upper part of the barn was a huge hayloft where each summer they would store loose hay to be used as winter feed for the livestock.

Harry died in 1965, but Florence continued on living here and operating the farm and print shop for another 40 years. Many people who grew up in Avon remember how Florence would hire high school students to work on her farm. Florence was active in the community and served on the library board, the hospital foundation board. She was also active in the Methodist church, the Rotary Club, and the Optimist Club.

Florence died in 2010 at the age of 93 after living on her beloved farm for more than 65 years. The farm was soon sold for the development of the Avon location of Hendricks Regional Health and the new YMCA. A small local group understood the architectural and historic significance of the old barn and began a grassroots campaign to save the unique structure from demolition. An account was established with the Hendricks County Community Foundation and in a relatively short time, enough funds were gathered to pay for the dismantling of the old barn. It was taken down board by board and each member labeled so that it could later be reconstructed. The dismantled barn was put into storage for a couple of years while additional funds were being raised.

In 2014, the historic Cartlidge Barn was faithfully reconstructed at the Hendricks County 4H Fairgrounds, and when completed a gala dedication and celebration event was attended by hundreds of well-wishers.

The barn is now used each year during the fair for farm demonstrations and to display antique farm machinery. Throughout the year the restored Cartlidge barn is rented for various other venues such as corporate retreats, meetings, class reunions, and weddings.



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Clayton woman selected as 500 Festival Princess



Justine Weatherman, of Clayton, has been selected to serve as a 500 Festival Princesses which celebrates Indiana's most civic-minded, academically driven college-aged women. The 500 Festival Princesses will participate in the 500 Festival Leadership Development Program, presented by BKD, which empowers participants to make a profound impact within their community and Indiana. Weatherman is currently a graduate student at Purdue University. To learn more about the 500 Festival's Princess Program and the 2017 Princesses, please visit www.500festival.com/princessprogram.

Students meet famous children's author



Students at Brown and Reagan Elementary Schools had the chance to meet popular children's author, Blue Balliett, Feb. 20. Balliett has written six books including *Chasing Vermeer* and *The Wright 3* thanks to a Brownsburg Education Foundation.
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10 & 12 Friday & Sunday

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Friday, 7:30 p.m., Sunday, 3 p.m. | Avon Middle School North, 1251 N. Dan Jones Rd., Avon | \$15 adults/\$12 seniors/\$7 students | The Hendricks Symphony Chorus and Brass, under the direction of Benjamin G. Del Vecchio, Present "The Brassy Chorus." This concert will feature the multi-talented Hendricks Symphony Chorus and the Hendricks Symphony Orchestra Brass. Purchase tickets online to get a discount. For more information or to purchase tickets in advance, visit: www.hendrickssymphonic.org.

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Hendricks Civic Theatre invites you to be their guest

By Tiffany Giles

The magic of Disney's *Beauty and the Beast* will be brought to life by Hendricks Civic Theatre at Avon South Middle School March 3-5 and March 10-12. Doors will open 30 minutes prior to the show, Friday and Saturday performances are at 7:30, and Sunday is a matinee beginning at 2:30.

"In doing this show, we have been able to highlight the different talents each performer has"

~ Karla Janning

This is the full stage version with original music by Alan Menken, lyrics by Howard Ashman and Tim Rice. The timing could not be any more perfect as the final stage performance concludes one week prior to the

premier of Disney's on screen adaptation of the original fairy tale.

"Disney creates amazing experiences" said Karla Janning, Choreographer for the upcoming production, "we have worked really hard to create a show that will meet the expectations of Disney and their audiences. I am excited to see the audience's response and I hope they will love it and tell everyone to come."

This is Janning's fourth production with Hendricks Civic Theatre and she admitted the challenge of this show has been to combine the varying ages of the cast and to create as many opportunities as possible to accentuate their talents.

"In doing this show, we have been able to highlight the different talents each performer has, some get the chance to act, some have dialogue, others sing and dance. Some get to do all of that and it's been really fun



Left, local beauty, Audrey Kays, is Belle for Hendricks Civic Theatre performance of Disney's *Beauty & the Beast*. Right, Avon High School, Senior Travis Johnson is the cursed prince and gives one beast of a performance in the upcoming play.

to watch the kids grow and increase their individual talent."

The cast includes 68 kids and young adults, ages 7-20. Belle is played Audrey Kays and Beast by Travis Johnson.

"The audience will be amazed by the talents of these two performers. They are both very good kids, humble and kind and they have been a great example to the younger performers," said Janning.

"I love being part of community theatre because we really are a family. We come together to help each other. We are connected and engaged with each other. We want to see each person succeed."

This performance for Janning has truly been a family affair as both her daughters are part of the cast and her husband is the show's photographer.

Joan Kimbley is the Director and according to Janning, she has "incredible knowledge of the show, sets and wardrobe. Her skills are awesome! So is the work that Mike Acquaviva has done. Acquaviva is the Music Director and has done *Beauty* and the *Beast* previously with great success."

Janning is very thankful for the many volunteers, technical support, costume and production teams, all of whom have been working since before Christmas to ensure an amazing stage production.

Ticket pricing is \$12 Adults, \$10 Youth and Seniors under 3-free. Tickets can be purchased at hendrickscivic.com or at the performance but it is recommended to purchase tickets in advance.



Several cast members working hard and having a great time preparing for the musical.

Photos by Andy Janning

Sixth Annual Gala to Benefit Brownsburg Community School Corporation

By Tiffany Giles

If you are looking for a great date night idea, you may want to consider Brownsburg Education Foundation's (BEF) upcoming Rally for our Kids Gala, Friday March 10, The Country Club of Indianapolis, 2801 Country Club Road. Cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$75 per person and must be purchased in advance at Brownsburgeducationfoundation.org

Not only will the event feature great food, drink and entertainment but all proceeds go to student based programs in the Brownsburg Community School System.

Rene Behrend of BEF explained, "the generous support of our many corporate sponsors have allowed us to give 100% of the evenings proceeds back to corporate wide initiatives, literary grants, senior scholarships and many other teacher and student based needs."



"This is the sixth Gala sponsored by the BEF and is a great way to bring the community, corporate sponsors and the schools system together in what Behrend describes as a "fun, relaxing atmosphere."

There will be a live auction with a variety of prize packages. Guests will be

able to bid on a variety of gifts like a Disney Vacation, Super at the Super's, Pacer tickets and suite passes. New this year is a silent auction that is also open to the public and will be run online. The silent auction includes prize packages like autographed basketballs from both Gene Keady and Bob Knight, various gift baskets provided by each school within the corporation, a party bus, movie nights and golf opportunities.

To enter the silent auction, go to the BEF website and click on silent auction link. Rally for Our Kids Gala is presented by Bill Estes Automotive.

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FAITHONFOOD

by Faith Toole

AN OPTION

BRU Burger Bar

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The scoop: The spring temperatures this winter has us all venturing out and enjoying our community. Last week, Rhonda Wiles, past president of Hendricks County Community Foundation and I met downtown for Gal-Pal night for dinner and a concert. It was a beautiful evening to walk to BRU Burger on Mass Ave.

We enjoyed sipping our drinks, a 'Bobbing for Pears' and a 'Valencia Mule' plus the BRU Fries plated with house made ketchup, black pepper mayo and chipotle BBQ sauce as our appetizer. Our entree choices were BRU Burger and Stilton Blue Cheese Burger.

My pick was 'BRU Burger': Taleggio cheese, bacon, tomato jam, caramelized onions, chopped lettuce, and mayo. Rhonda's pick was 'Stilton Blue Cheese': blue cheese, pear-bacon jam, fried onions, truffle aioli and spinach. We tasted both burgers, each

were full of flavor enhanced by the fresh ingredients from top to bottom.

Our evening was a true Gal-Pal experience with dinner. We chatted and ran into several Hendricks County residents Downtown for the same experience. The concert at the Murat Theater was one for the memory books on a spring-like-day in the middle of winter.

A new 'BRU Burger Bar' will open at Perry Crossings, Plainfield, in late March - early April.



WHERE I DINE

Lindsay Doty

Brownsburg

Where do you like to dine?

B Spot Burger, with two little kids and a budget, we don't dine out a lot. So when we do, I really want a filling treat. No lunch salads please! This place hits the spot with amazing burgers and fries.

What do you like there?

I think their menu is a big step up from your usual burger joint or cookout. I usually get the Thin Lizzy. It takes the basics to a whole new level, including mouthwatering griddled onions and a good bun. For the more adventurous eater, they have specialty burgers with themes like chorizo sausage and fried salami. I also highly recommend the Lola fries and milkshakes. Bonus? You can add booze to the shakes. Yum!

Decent kids menu too. My 3-year-old son, who has bouts of only wanting to eat Ritz crackers and peanut butter, actually inhaled his meal last time.

What do you like about this place?

Besides the food, I like that this place gives off a cool vibe but is laid back enough that you won't get the stink eye for bringing along a tantrum-prone toddler. It has a good patio for summer. A little bit of a trip for our Brownsburg crew, but we try to tie it into another outing. I have fond memories of



going there when I was pregnant with my second son before hospital visits. A good burger and shake. Just what every pregnant woman needs, right?

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Corn meal for tasty breakfast or side dish

RECIPE

By Jerry Rezny
Are you
tired of having

the choice of potatoes, rice or pasta as a starchy side dish? I like to make the popular Italian dish, Polenta as an easy, starchy side dish. I also like to make the southern favorite, fried corn meal mush for breakfast. It's sweet like pancakes (from the applied syrup) but not as filling as pancakes since it is gluten-free. These two items are essentially the same thing!

Corn meal mush Ingredients:

1 cup coarse corn meal
4 cups water
1 tsp salt
¼ tsp cayenne pepper
2 oz. fine corn meal

Add this for Italian style Polenta:

½ cup grated Parmesan cheese

Boil 4 ½ cups of water in a large pot. Add salt. Pour cornmeal slowly into water while stirring to keep from getting lumps. Reduce heat to simmer, cover and cook for about a half hour, stirring approximately every 5 minutes. Once all kernels are soft, and corn meal is soft and creamy, follow step A or B.



A) For corn meal mush, pour into buttered cake pan and chill. Once it is firm, you can slice it and fry it in butter. Serve on a plate for breakfast with syrup.

B) For Italian style Polenta stir in Parmesan cheese and serve immediately.



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Jump-start your landscape in early spring

GARDENING

By John Chapin

The daylight hours are lengthening, birdsong is everywhere, and hardy plants are budding in anticipation of spring. With these familiar signs and sounds in the air, now is the time for gardeners to

make the most of that spring enthusiasm and optimism. Many homeowners have a landscape job that they have wanted to get done, whether it's starting or a new project or renovating an old one. Do you need a freshened foundation planting, a water feature, fire pit or other hardscape, or new perennial garden? Early spring is a great time to get plans underway to make sure your idea gets done.

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

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

Option two is to do the entire job yourself. Providing the labor gives you "sweat equity," resulting in considerable savings. Even if you lack the knowledge for the job,



Witch hazel.

Photo by John Chapin

Discovering the world of craft beer

BEER

By Scarlet Samm
When I started
learning about

the world of craft beer, I found an endless supply from around world that I wanted to try, but wasn't quite sure what styles I wanted or even liked. This caused a problem as I felt misguided in my adventure and the recommendations I was getting included options like Redd's Apple Ale. I needed something more complex.

I did the research and tested a variety of brews before finally finding what works for me. I thoroughly appreciate a good Gose, which is a German-style beer that's slightly tart and salty.

Now let me help you find what works for you!

I love recommending products to customers and especially to other women. I've noticed many women in the craft beer section seeming unsure of what they want to try. So I make it a point to strike up a conversation and make some recommendations based on the customer's tastes, whether it is a hefty 10% stout or a 4% session IPA. Too often observe folks picking up a multitude of craft beers and still going for the safe bet. You shouldn't settle for the norm!

If you are looking to delve deeper into craft beer, try several different varieties. There are so many to choose from and you will never know if you like something unless you try it! I love being able to go to my local store and pick a mix-six. A "mix-six" is just what it sounds like - six different beers!

I am also a fan of ordering flights at our local breweries. A flight typically consists of four to six small samples from a brewery's selection. When something pops for you, run with it. Don't stick to just one item all the

time. Branch out by trying brews similar to styles you already know and the craft beer world will open up for you too.



Working in a retail setting is always changing and the craft beer game continues to change as well. Recommending new items is when I feel like I can open someone's eyes to a world they may never have known. Don't settle for the same ole thing!



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there are so many resources available today on the Internet that taking the time to watch YouTube videos can be very educational. You can avoid costly mistakes and gain confidence to do the project well.

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

ing a professionally designed plan, you can avoid many common mistakes while also saving yourself some money

Hendricks County residents are fortunate to have not only many reputable landscaping businesses, but also local sources of plants and landscaping materials such as enriched topsoil, mulch and rocks. With careful planning, landscaping projects can be accomplished with competence and satisfaction, and will provide years of enjoyment.



John Chapin is a retired school teacher and sole proprietor of Chapin Landscaping in Danville. He has over 30 years' experience in the landscaping business.

A model of behavior

LIFE'S CHOICES

By Karl Zimmer

Have you ever heard someone say, "Oh, so-and-so is a model of behavior...?" Did you agree with them about the person they mentioned? We each have our own perception of "model behavior," and there can be a lesson in admiring the way someone acts, especially in certain, specific situations.

NLP (Neurolinguistic Programming) has revealed and taught us many things, and the best of the best continue making distinctions and sharing what they learn in order to empower others and help people improve their lives. As a student and practitioner of NLP, I enjoy teaching others how to apply what I've learned into their daily

"What we can learn by observing others we admire is more than just superficial, star-struck adoration"

lives so they can achieve their goals and desired level of success. I have a few favorite

tenets of NLP that I teach to all my clients, and one of them is modeling. You see, when we understand how a successful person accomplishes something, we can teach others how to do so. In the human resources field, we consider skills that are transferrable from one industry or function to another. The same can be applied to living joyful lives.

Think about someone you admire for what they've accomplished, how she or he lives life, or for how they behave in a given situation. You can even think of someone in the public eye, someone from the past or present, or a character you've seen in a movie or on television whom you admire. Maybe the character acted out a certain scene and you were impressed with how they created the outcome or how they carried themselves. What we can learn by observing others we admire is more than just superficial, star-struck adoration. When



we take a deeper look and transfer what we see and feel and imagine into our own daily circumstances, we can actually create better outcomes.

When you begin to understand how someone reaches their goals and attains success; when you understand how that person thinks, their internal dialogue (the little voice inside), the beliefs that drive their behavior, how they set goals, how they maintain their positive outlook, drive out any negatives, and surround themselves with positive people, the more likely you are able to accomplish the goals you established for yourself. When you learn how to be fully congruent (consistent in belief, internal dialogue and thoughts, and your feelings and emotional state), you will be among the best, most highly skilled and resourceful people on the planet, with the absolute, best chance of reaching your highest level of success. How cool is that?



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Kindergarten Carnival set to begin

Hendricks Regional Health's Danville Pediatrics will host Kindergarten Carnival March 9, 10 and 13. The three-day event is for 5-year-olds to receive their checkup, hearing and vision test and kindergarten vaccines before school starts. Doctors dress up and hand out prizes. Appointments are required. Call 317-745-7337.

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What do I want more of?

MOM'S THE WORD

By Alyssa Johnson

It's real easy as moms to focus on everyone else's needs. We want everyone to be happy and feel loved. But neglecting yourself doesn't serve anyone. I can hear it now – "Me? I don't have time to think of me. I'm fine." Really? If you think your needs are any less important than the other members of your household, I beg to differ sweetheart. I want to challenge that thinking a little.

Taking care of everybody else is great. Yes, it can be very fulfilling – for some. But if all you do is take care of others and ignore yourself, you're heading for disaster. Let's re-route that train and take a minute to think of yourself (And NO, before you go there – that isn't selfish!)

If you're stuck, I want to help you dream a little...

1. Set a timer for 5 minutes. C'mon, you can give yourself 5 minutes!

2. Ask yourself "What do I want more of?" There are no right or wrong's here. It can be material things, relationships, time; whatever pops into your head. These thoughts are giving you clues to things you are missing.

3. For the next 5 minutes write down everything that pops in your head. Don't censor

it. Don't question it. Don't worry if it sounds crazy or you think it's impossible. Just write.

Your Vibrantly Live Challenge:

Look through your list critically. What themes or patterns do you see? Don't pay attention to the individual items right now, just look for broad patterns. Are you noticing you want things that are solitary? Do you need more beauty around you? Really drill down and find those commonalities.

Now, put a star next to the 3 individual items that you feel the strongest pull toward. Again, don't judge them or try to figure out how to do them. Just be honest with yourself.

Take your 3 starred items and the themes you noticed and transfer them to their own separate sheet of paper. Hang that paper somewhere you'll see it regularly. Don't necessarily worry about doing any of those right now. Just let your mind think about them and the possibilities they hold. You'll be amazed with what you come up with!



Alyssa Johnson is a counselor and coach exclusively for women. Learn how she can help you live the life you were created for by visiting online at: VibrantlyLive.com or by calling (317) 520-1476.

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MY NAME IS JOEY!

I think I have some Italian Greyhound or Dutch Shepherd but mostly I'm a Heinz 57 mix! I am approximately two years old. I have lots of energy and love to run and play. I'd do best in a home with older children. I know sit and lay down and am fully potty trained. I have learned that cats do not want to play with me even though I really really want to play with them. I would be best with dogs that like to play...alot! I love going for walks and do very well on a leash. At the end of the day, I am quite the cuddle bug. I am young and eager to please and just want to make everyone happy. Come meet me! I know we will be best friends!

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'Things aren't always as they appear'

Sheltering Wings' annual event featured illusionist

Sheltering Wings - domestic violence shelter, Danville - held its annual fundraising dinner on Feb. 18 at the Top Eliminator Club at Lucas Oil Raceway Park, Indianapolis. This year's event, titled "Things aren't always as they appear" - a double meaning to highlight the secret, unseen nature of domestic violence in our community - featured illusionist David Ranalli. According to SW officials, it was attend by 400.

Photos by Gus Pearcy



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Dapper Brad and Lisa Willkie

BIZ Local

Scuba business tests the waters in Avon

By Chris Cornwall

Jimi Mayes, owner of Divers' Supply Indy (DSI), opened a store last August in Avon where Midwest Scuba once stood. For this type of business, the location came with the advantage of being move-in ready. Left behind was an air-compressor for refilling dive tanks, display racks to hold dive equipment, and even walls painted deep-blue like the ocean.

The only drawback is that it is largely indistinguishable from the previous occupant, Midwest Scuba. "I know the previous store had a bad rep. We are a totally separate business," Mayes said, who also has a location in Indianapolis with a 10,000 sq. ft. showroom. Mayes has been around the sport of diving most of his life. His father was an instructor and also had his own scuba business.

In addition to carrying basic equipment like fins, regulators, etc., DSI gives lessons

taught by one of 18 instructors employed by the company. It currently teaches students both in-house and at the Avon YMCA. Also, students are certified through the Professional Association of Diving Instructors or PADI, which allow them to dive anywhere in the world.

"We can teach students on every level of certification – from beginners all the way up to diving instructors," Randy Bowden said, a senior instructor working out of the Avon location. He has been diving for 37 years and instructing for 27.

"You can use what you learn here for the rest of your life," he added.

Divers' Supply Indy also repairs damaged equipment and rents out wet suits, tanks, and buoyancy control devices (BCDs). DSI is located at 7900 E. US. Hwy 36 in Avon. For more information, visit www.diverssupplyindy.com or call: (317) 742-5454.



Senior dive instructor, Randy Bowden, teaches the basic scuba set-up. Here he explains how the Aqua Lung BCD, air regulator, and compressed air tank work together as one system.
Photo by Chris Cornwall

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Antioch" (Acts 11:26).

What is it about your place of worship that helps you grow spiritually?

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What is it about your place of worship that helps you to feel connected to your spouse, children, parents or other family?

Sermons are preached on The Family and the Home. These teachings helps us to learn the importance of knowing that God "joins a man and woman in marriage (Genesis 2:21-25). We are taught: "What God hath joined together, let no man put asunder" (Matthew 19:9). And God "hateth putting away" (Malachi 2:16).

What is one meaningful event that has taken place at your place of worship?

One meaningful event is the growth seen in the local church; from three families to about 50 in a short period of time.

Why would you recommend your place of worship to someone?

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The power of true boldness

DEVOTIONAL

By Michael LeFebvre

"Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus" (Acts 4:13, ESV)

When Jesus's disciples, Peter and John, were found preaching in the Temple, they were dragged before the ruling council to be questioned—or, more accurately, to be intimidated. The rulers did not want them

had seen only once before—when they had met Jesus. From Peter and John's boldness, the rulers "recognized that they had been with Jesus." In other words, these fishermen were not uneducated after all: they had been trained by the Lord.

But the boldness they learned from Jesus was the power of truth not force. We live in an era of online trolling and an increasing epidemic of real-world hate speech. Many think that speaking boldly means expressing oneself with brash, rude talk. But the boldness that Jesus taught was of a completely different character. It was the power of truth spoken with grace. Peter explained, *"When [Jesus] was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten... Do not repay ... reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called..."* (1 Peter 2:22; 3:9).

Forceful words actually weaken the force of our ideas. It is when we speak the truth with grace (like Jesus), that the power of our ideas confront the hearer's conscience. Let us all learn from Christ, so that, when we speak, others will "recognize that [we have] been with Jesus."

"Forceful words actually weaken the force of our ideas."

teaching Jesus' doctrine.

Because Peter and John were uneducated fishermen, they were expected to fawn before their elite interrogators. In that society, the elite lorded their status over paupers and slaves. Typically, poor men like Peter and John would kowtow before the esteemed circle to which they had been summoned. But this time, the rulers "were astonished."

Peter and John spoke with boldness, not with the obsequious groveling their overlords expected. They spoke with the confidence, clarity, and power that these rulers



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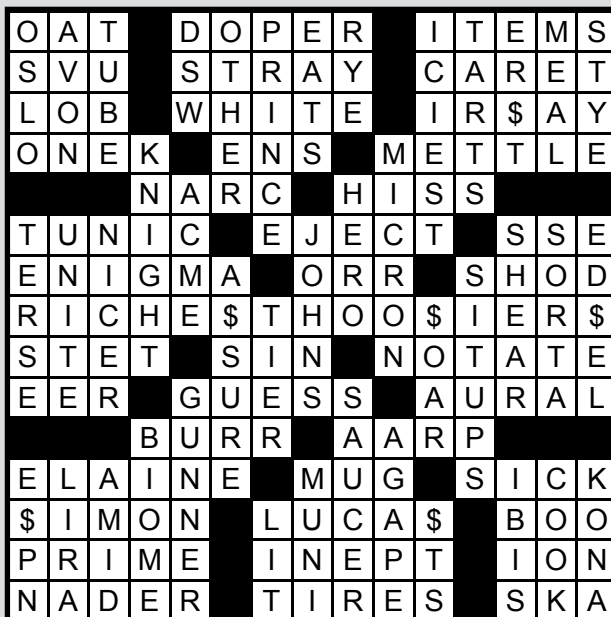
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2. D
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4. A
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Contenders: BUTLER, DUKE, GONZAGA,
KENTUCKY, PURDUE

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Cities: MARION, MISHAWAKA, MUNCIE

Actresses: JENNA FISCHER, SHELLEY
LONG

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

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6 Salad Ingredients

4 Late Night Hosts

3 Indiana "M" Cities

5 NCAA Tourney Contenders

2 Fort Wayne Actresses

1 World's Largest Ball of Paint Location

Across

- Natural Valley Ranch feedbag morsel
- 24-Across' prey
- Tabloid twosomes
- Law & Order: ____
- Hendricks County shelter dog, often
- Insertion mark
- Soft throw
- *Billboard king-turned-real estate developer (\$2 billion)
- *Colts owner (\$1.7 billion)
- Short race, for short
- Crane Naval Base rank (Abbr.)
- Spunk
- IMPD drug buster
- Snake sound
- Toga alternative
- Throw out of a Warriors game
- Brownsburg-to-Seymour dir.
- Something inexplicable
- Indiana governor (1981-89)
- Like horses at Indiana Downs
- Puzzle theme and hint to the starred clues (2 wds.)
- "Leave in," to an ICON editor
- Break a Commandment
- Jot in a log
- James Whitcomb Riley's "always"
- "You'll never ____!"
- Hearing-related
- Pre-Pence VP
- 50+ org.
- Seinfeld role
- Starbucks vessel
- Not well
- *Mall maven and Pacers owner (\$2.4 billion)
- *Oil baron (\$500 million)
- Butler Bowl sound of displeasure
- Top-rated
- Klutzy
- WIPX network affiliation
- 3rd leading vote-getter for U.S. President in 2000, '04 and '08
- Goodyear products
- Caribbean music at Karma Records

Down

- Norway's capital
- Local city with a median household income of \$95,000
- St. Vincent Health IV part
- The Shops at Perry Crossing shoe store, initially
- Questionnaire choice
- William or Harry, e.g.
- Has pancakes at Flap-Jacks
- McAlister's Deli bread
- Most dangerous, as winter roads
- Fruity desserts
- Prefix with "while"
- Lunch or dinner at Opa!
- Ossip Optometry concern
- Volatile IU basketball coach
- One-millionth of a meter
- Wile E. Coyote's go-to company
- Subway purchase
- To the point
- Bring together
- Warmer and sunnier
- Jimmy ____
- Fleece a sheep at the Indiana State Fair
- Kinda
- Ford flop
- Make certain
- Anytime Fitness ab exercises

- Mackey Arena seating section
- Fly high
- Indiana National Guard artilleryman
- Cup holder
- Indianapolis Zoo ecosystem
- Open-mouthed
- Colts game carrier, sometimes
- Old Italian bread
- Surrounded by
- Tax-free bond, briefly
- Sacred bird of ancient Egypt
- *Medical devices firm heir (\$6.2 billion)
- ____ Jack's Fish Market
- On fire
- Plainfield ave. crossers

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Puzzle Time



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Phyllis Palmer: the LHC Leader of the Year has spent 50 years in Hendricks County

Palmer is experienced in serving the residents of Hendricks County as commissioner, County Council, and several years as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Plainfield Community School Corporation. Most recently, Phyllis Palmer has been recognized as Leadership Hendricks County's Leader of the Year. She is active in community groups and organizations as a volunteer. She is a long-time resident of Hendricks County; a wife, mother, and grandmother.

What do you consider your greatest virtue?

Integrity.

What do you most deplore in others?

Insincerity/dishonesty.

What do you like most about living in Hendricks County?

Definitely the people. And I've been privileged to work with many of them. It's been home for 50 years and it has a great blend of rural/farming, along with the conveniences of a metropolitan area. The 4th of July parades in Brownsburg and Labor Day parades at North Salem are so Americana and make me so proud. McCloud Nature Park is so unique to the rest of Hendricks County and a great escape.

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

It would have to be someplace that wouldn't be too far from family. I do love the South, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia.

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

Not much. I have been blessed to share marriage with a man who felt it important that our boys deserved my full time and attention and who was a good provider that allowed me to stay home with them and supported me in my volunteer activities and public service. I wanted to be a teacher because of my love for kids so I would probably would add that as a career; however, teaching is so different today than it was when I wanted to go into it. I still get a special feeling when I go into a classroom.

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

Donations to non-profits that benefit abused women, homeless shelters, orphans, animal shelters and organizations that provide help to cancer patients.

What makes you happiest?

Spending time with family.

What is your favorite vacation spot?

Haven't been there for a long time but love Siesta Key, FL.

What do you do with idle time?

I have way too many interests/hobbies and don't have much idle time but I like to play cards/games, read, knit and golf. I also like sewing for our church's sewing ministry.

What is it that makes you angry?

People who are dishonest, disrespectful, disregard rules and don't accept responsibility for their actions.

What do you do to escape from reality?

Don't intentionally do anything to escape reality. Just deal with things as they come along.

What or who is the greatest love of your life?

My family. I am so blessed. My Mother had a big influence on the person that I am and it will soon be 10 years since I lost her and I miss her everyday. We were best friends and she was so caring and loving.

Which living person in Hendricks County do you most admire?

There are so many and hard to pick one but I admire Gary Varvel because he shares his faith with many through his talent.

What is the quality you most like in a man?

Strong but an ability to be tender too.

What is the quality you most like in a woman?

Nurturing.

What is your greatest extravagance?

Anything pink.

What are your fears, phobias?

Auto crashes and snakes.

What has been the happiest time of your life?

The years of having children at home and being involved in their activities.

Which talent would you most like to possess?

Music. I took piano lessons and wish I had studied harder. Because I like to read I would like to be a writer. Also, a gifted artist.

What do you most value in your friends?

Their caring, loving, nurturing ways. Genuine interest in others. They are there in your time of need offering prayers & support.

Which historical figure do you most identify with?

Abraham Lincoln because he came from rural America and suffered hardships but made a difference.

What is your greatest regret?

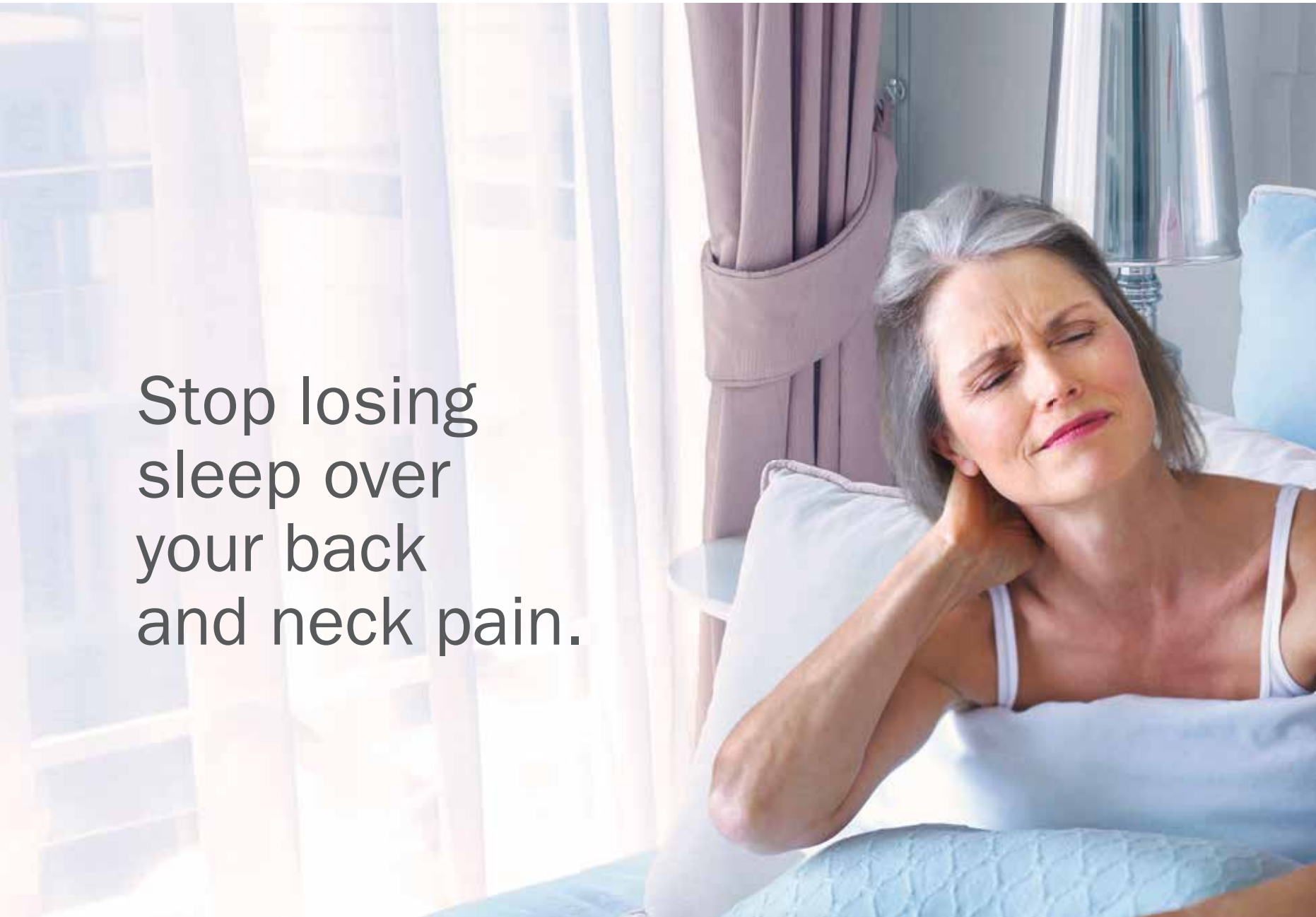
That I didn't explore all the educational opportunities that might have been available.

What tenet do you live by?

I try very hard to live my life as the Scriptures teach me; therefore, I want to make a difference and hope that in some small way I have made someone/something/someplace better.



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