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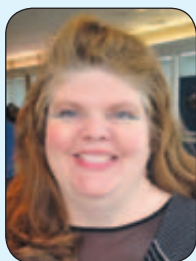


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# May's Brownsburg Relay for Life to unite community in cancer fight

**FUNDRAISING**

By Marty Spitz

The largest fundraising event in Hendricks County,

the Brownsburg Relay For Life, will take place this year on May 21-22, from 9:30 a.m. Saturday to 12:30 a.m. Sunday, at the Brownsburg Town Hall, 61 N. Green St.

The American Cancer Society's Relay for Life unites communities across the globe to celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and help fund cancer research. At community gatherings, teams and individuals camp out at a school, park or fairground and take turns walking or running around a track or path.

As of mid-April, 27 teams and 371 participants have raised \$47,705 toward their team totals for the Brownsburg Relay for Life. The hope is to raise more than \$120,000 through this year's event and fundraising season.

Attendance is free for this family-friendly event. The celebration will include games, bounce house, dunk tank, fire truck, lots of entertainment and activities for 15 straight hours.

"Games" is this year's theme, so each team will have a game-themed booth set up with items for sale, fun activities, food and more, and will take turns walking around the track during the event to support their efforts.

In addition, the event will feature several ways to honor cancer survivors and their caregivers, including a pampering area, a special survivor lap and Survivor Dinner, sponsored by Scotty's Brewhouse, Brownsburg.

A special luminaria ceremony will take place at 10 p.m. Participants will line the track with luminaries (sacks lit from within) representing those who are fighting or who have lost their fight with cancer.

Several local businesses have sponsored the event directly, through team sponsorships, event hosting or in-kind donations. Brownsburg schools students also get involved with fundraising, and last year 16 school/youth teams raised nearly \$75,000 for the event, more than half of the total funds raised. At the Relay, teachers and administrators will be in the dunk tank throughout the day.



Submitted Photo

Brownsburg West Middle School "West Warriors" Relay for Life team builds their Chain of Hope, and it's still growing. For this year's Relay, each team was challenged to create a Chain of Hope by writing on strips of paper inspiring messages for cancer survivors or the names of people they are supporting in fighting cancer. The goal is to have a chain long enough to completely encircle the Relay track at the Town Hall the day of the event. Teams are competing for the longest chain of Hope, with the winner receiving funds toward their team goal. The Chain of Hope is a common activity throughout the world for Relay For Life.



Submitted Photo

David Prairie being interviewed by Al Kellstadt about his team's efforts to fight back against cancer at Relay 2015. Prairie was dressed as Captain America to support the 2015 Relay theme of "Superheroes".

Brownsburg Relay will post other fundraising events on its Facebook and Twitter pages as they receive the information, or as the events draw near.

For more information, to donate or to sign up to participate, visit <http://www.relayforlife.org/brownsburgin>, Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/RelayForLifeBrownsburgIndiana/>), Twitter (<https://twitter.com/relay4lifebburg>) or contact Peggy Davis at 317-344-7835 or [peggy.davis@cancer.org](mailto:peggy.davis@cancer.org).

- 1-2 p.m., Brownsburg East Middle School Talent Show
- 2-3 p.m., XL ENTertainment with DJ EEZYRIDER (Karaoke for Dollars)
- 5-6 p.m., Survivor Dinner and Celebratory Survivor Lap (5:45 p.m.)
- 6-7 p.m., Davey and the Rhythm Kings, a local blues band featuring David Moore, John Plachta and Ron Brown
- 7-8 p.m., GTR (Guys That Rock), a local variety band featuring Ron Brown, Cleo Brown, Greg Easter, Jim Hornaday and Adam Stambaugh. Elvis impersonator Sam Ingram will make an appearance with the band.
- 8-9 p.m., GTR (Guys That Rock) will continue, featuring special guest guitarist Ethan Strange, with more classic rock, country and dance tunes
- 10 p.m., Luminary Ceremony; Reflection and Remembrance
- 11:15 p.m.-12:30 a.m., Spirit of Relay, closing activities and final lap

## Some of the event's activities include:

- 9:30 a.m., opening ceremony and team parade
- 10-11 a.m., White Lick Elementary Juggling Masters
- 11a.m.-noon, Cardinal Kicks Dance Group (100 students) and ORF Musical Group (40 students)
- 12-1 p.m., Bethesda Christian School Choir

## How people can get involved:

- Donate to a team
- Sponsor a team (as a business or via an in-kind donation)
- Sign up as a volunteer
- Sign up as a caregiver or survivor



# *Outstanding* **PATIENT EXPERIENCE**

## **No Appointment Necessary**



Hendricks Regional Health has been Brownsburg's trusted healthcare provider for nearly 20 years. On May 2, we add urgent care to the list of services we provide this growing community. Our new Brownsburg Immediate Care Center is available for those times you or a loved one get sick and can't see your regular family doctor. Our skilled urgent care physicians and registered nurses work hard to treat you as quickly and efficiently as possible. The outstanding care Brownsburg has come to expect from Hendricks Regional Health, now available without appointments. Check the wait at [HENDRICKS.ORG/URGENT-CARE](https://www.hendricks.org/urgent-care).

# 2016 Hendricks County Candidates

Indiana will hold its Primary on May 3. Polls open from 6 a.m. – 6 p.m. Early voting may be done at the following locations: Government Center, 355 S. Washington St., Danville; Avon Library, 498 N. Avon Ave.; Brownsburg Library, 450 S. Jefferson

St.; and the Plainfield Library, 1120 Stafford Rd. We asked local candidates who are running opposed to answer an assortment of questions. For more information about voting questions, call (317) go to [www.co.hendricks.in.us](http://www.co.hendricks.in.us) or call (317) 745-9249.

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## Hendricks County Council At-Large



BROWN

### ★ Caleb Brown, incumbent, (R)

**Professional/Personal background:** I am a 2005 Graduate from Indiana University Kelley School of Business. I have over 11 years of experience in the private sector and I am currently the leading Sales Manager at US Aggregates, managing over \$30 Million in Sales, Forecasting, and Budgeting.

**Religious/Civic affiliations:** Christian – My Family and I are members at Traders Point Christian Church

**Strengths as a Leader:** Communication – Which takes two parts to be an effective leader. First you must listen, that is the most important part. I will continue to listen to the tax payer of Hendricks County and not overlook the needs of my constituents. Secondly you have to be able to communicate the proper directives and be able to have the difficult conversations when time arises.

**Strength of the community:** This community's greatest strength is its values. The conservative nature of this county has been true to its core for many years and is a rarity in the current times. The people of this county are honest hardworking people that will only settle for the best. We also have a great sense of cohesiveness between the towns and the county as we work together to help this county grow efficiently and effectively.

**Priorities:** 1. Eliminate wasteful spending – I have done that for the last four years and will continue if given the opportunity again to serve. 2. Strong Public Safety Presence – We have to continue to focus on the safety of Hendricks County and keep it as safe as possible. 3. Infrastructure – Repair and rebuild our failing infrastructure, all the while looking for new opportunities to develop the county efficiently (Finish the Ronald Reagan Parkway).

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CHRISTIE

### ★ Scott Christie, (R)

**Professional/Personal background:** I am President of my own Marketing/Advertising company and Director of Marketing for SIM2K, an IT Consultancy serving Central Indiana. I have a BA, Political Science from Hanover College and a Masters in Public Administration from IU. My political involvement started with Senator Dick Lugar's campaign and from there as a legislative aide for the Indiana House of Representatives, then to the private sector as an advertising executive. I continue to volunteer for state, local and federal candidates.

**Religious/Civic affiliations:** I currently attend Bartlett Chapel Methodist Church in Avon. I am a member of the Indiana Farm Bureau, Hendricks Power Co-Op, the Hendricks County Horsemen's Club, the IU Alumni Association, the Culver Summer Schools Alumni Association, and am a Life Loyal Sigma Chi. I am the Southwest District Vice President for the Indiana Quarter Horse Association.

**Strengths as a Leader:** The County Council is the fiscal body, so it is important to listen to the needs of the department heads when preparing the county budget. With my background as a legislative aide and account executive, I am used to moving the team towards a conclusion. I listen to differing inputs to find the needs and formulate a plan to address them. I am a team-builder and believe that local and county offices must work together to us forward.

**Strength of the community:** Hendricks County offers a great quality of life with a mix of urban and agriculture grounding for our residents. While the east side of the county is growing and attracting new residents, our farms in the central and western county stability and common sense found in farm life. This mix encourages us to be resourceful in our approach to government, taxation and spending.

**Priorities:** My priorities for Council include: 1. Roads and Bridges – we need to properly fund the maintenance and upkeep of our roads and bridges. We need to be sure those commuting to Indianapolis have good east/west roads, but our farmers also

need solid roads to support equipment and grain trucks. Completing the Reagan Parkway into Boone County is critical. 2. Public Safety – our Sheriff, Prosecutor and Courts need to be properly funded to deal with the increasing problem of drugs. Our growing population is a target for crime, and we must be sure that public safety officials have the tools to protect us. 3. Quality of Life – as a horseman, I value opportunities for recreation. I support county and local cooperation to create and maintain greenways, parks and trails. We must be smart with our growth and respect the farm heritage of our county.

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COCHRAN

### ★ John Cochran, (R)

**Professional/Personal background:** I live in Avon with my wife Dana and son Jackson. I have over a decade of experience as a civil servant in state and local government, where I have gained a broad understanding of local government funding, public safety issues, and transportation. My experience includes: 1. Indiana Secretary of State's Office: Securities Division. 2. Indiana Department of Transportation: Staff Attorney. 3. Indiana General Assembly: House Republican Caucus Attorney. 4. City of Indianapolis: Special Counsel to Mayor Greg Ballard

**Religious/Civic affiliations:** My family and I are Catholic and attend St. Susanna Church in Plainfield.

**Strengths as a Leader:** My dedication to making informed and fair decisions. I approach each decision in my professional career thoughtfully and work hard to make sure I know the relevant facts. I feel that to make fair and informed decisions, it is important to understand the issue from multiple perspectives. This involves gaining input from multiple sources and consulting with experts, leaders, and ordinary members of the community.

**Strength of the community:** Our values. We have great communities in Hendricks County with individuals who are well-grounded and value common sense and fiscal responsibility. We are proud of our

traditional values and are committed to retaining them. Hendricks County embodies the concept of Hoosier Hospitality. Our strong sense of charity and willingness to help our neighbors in times of need makes our county an ideal place to live and raise a family.

**Priorities:** My first three priorities will be: 1. Working with the commissioners, other members of the County Council, and the county highway department to finish the Ronald Reagan Parkway at the least burden to the Hendricks County taxpayer. 2. Consulting with the Hendricks County Sheriff's Office to help increase the number of deputies to FBI recommended levels, to understand its upcoming challenges, and work on solutions. 3. Pass a fiscally responsible county budget for 2017.

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GADDIE

### ★ Ed Gaddie, (R)

**Professional/Personal background:** Served in Air Force for over 8 years; retired from Allison and EDS Div. of GM with over 35 years. I like working with the public keeping them up to date on the changes that are made or going to be made.

**Religious/Civic affiliations:** Served 12 years on Plainfield Town Council. Was on the board of the Plainfield Optimist Club and Plainfield Elks; member of Danville American Legion and Brownsburg VFW.

**Strengths as a Leader:** N/A

**Strength of the community:** N/A

**Priorities:** 1. Find a way to up grade the roads without raising taxes. 2. keep working with the towns to complete Ronald Reagan Parkway. 3. The state may raise the gas taxes.

**Info:** N/A





HESSON

## ★ Larry Hesson, incumbent, (R)

**Professional/Personal background:** I am a lawyer, former judge and senior judge, and member of the Hendricks County Council, where I have served 11 one year terms as president. I am married with three children and eight grandchildren.

**Religious/Civic affiliations:** I am an active member of Plainfield friends meeting, a member of the Plainfield Optimist Club, and Hendricks County Health Partnership.

**Strengths as a Leader:** I think I can take a broader view of issues and problems and adapt and plan ahead as circumstances indicate.

**Strength of the community:** I believe the greatest strength of Plainfield and Hendricks County is the willingness to look for and try new solutions to problems and to cooperate in order to succeed.

**Priorities:** We have an on going need for more road funding. We need new businesses to expand the tax base, and we need to continue to make more effective use of our tax revenue.

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JOHNSON

## ★ Adam Johnson, (R)

**Professional/Personal background:** I am a former legislative aide to the Indiana House Republican Caucus, an agriculture committee staffer and policy advisor for the Association of Indiana Counties. Where he worked on county wide issues affecting a multitude of tax payer issues.

**Religious/Civic affiliations:** St. Malachy Church, Brownsburg, IN

**Strengths as a Leader:** I am a leader that realizes when he doesn't have the answer to a question. Too often do we have elected leaders that think they know everything. There are times where the best leadership is to take a step back from a problem and consult the experts in a field. We all have our strengths and it is when we work together that our community is at its most effective.

**Strength of the community:** Hendricks County's greatest strength is its current untapped potential. The county is growing by leaps and bounds and there is still so much energy that can be harnessed.

**Priorities:** Public Safety: 1. I believe that a well-funded Sheriff department is critical to quality of life in Hendricks County. This is important to maintaining good deputies, having a solid jail system, and

We have the ability to see what other communities have done as successes and failures and we can use that hindsight to build a place that our children and grandchildren will always want to call home.

**Priorities:** 1. My top three priorities as a county councilman would be to continue an improvement of our infrastructure. Both in new projects and increased maintenance on the roads we have. 2. Providing quality of life enhancements. We have many young families and the key to attracting employers is to keep the young families here, while encouraging more to move in. 3. And most of all, fiscal responsibility. It is OK to have nice things, but we must be certain that we can afford them. Our children should not have to pay tomorrow for the decisions we make today.

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KINNAMON

## ★ Daniel L. Kinnamon, (R)

**Professional/Personal background:** Over 20 years in private sector corporate accounting rising up to the level of CFO for a \$100M plus

company before opening up Kinnamon Consulting a boutique financial services firm. Guilford Township Board member 2007 to present. First elected in 2006. Re-elected in 2010 & 2014. Deputy Auditor of State under State Auditor Tim Berry (Indiana) 2007-2008. Brought in to help change the State Accounting system into one user system across ALL agencies. Successfully aligned over 100 state agencies into a single accounting system allowing greater visibility to taxpayers and simplifying reporting for the State of Indiana. Completed in 2008 and went returned to the Private Sector.

**Religious/Civic affiliations:** Member of Plainfield United Methodist Church; member of Masons.

**Strengths as a Leader:** Communication/ listening, I believe when we sit down together and listen to all ideas and weigh the results we get the best solutions.

**Strength of the community:** The greatest strength of Hendricks County is people. We are the second fastest growing county in Indiana and with proper management we can harness and direct that growth to continue making Hendricks County a place families want to be.

**Priorities:** Public Safety: 1. I believe that a well-funded Sheriff department is critical to quality of life in Hendricks County. This is important to maintaining good deputies, having a solid jail system, and

working at crime and addiction prevention. 2. Infrastructure: Public infrastructure is vital to a high quality of life and to the attraction and retention of businesses. As such we need to have high quality roads, bridges, drainage etc. 3. Business development: Attracting and retaining high quality jobs in the county is essential.

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WYETH

## ★ David L. Wyeth, (R)

**Professional/Personal background:** Self-employed Farmer for 33 years on a family farm in Hendricks County since 1919. Board of Director of Indiana Farm

Bureau Inc. and Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance.

**Religious/Civic affiliations:**

Christian; have served on Hendricks County: Farm Bureau Board, Extension Board, Soil & Water Conservation District Board and the most recent county comprehensive plan.

**Strengths as a Leader:** I was a class member of the first Leadership Hendricks County (1993) and also participated in the Indiana AgriInstitute Leadership program class 15. I feel that a great leader is one who recognizes and develops strengths in other team members and brings them together to create a successful team. A servant leader has the vision to articulate goals to work toward. I feel I would bring these qualities to this position.

**Strength of the community:** Hendricks County is a strong and growing community filled with citizens who care about their communities. I want to work to ensure that our County continues to be a great place for people to raise families and call their home. There are many opportunities in Hendricks County with our road systems related to logistics as well as educational opportunities and jobs.

**Priorities:** 1. Building stronger working relationships with the towns within Hendricks County and the surrounding county's. 2. Being a visionary on appropriate and sound economic development in moderation for the future of our county. 3. Always remember who the tax payers are and how hard they work for these tax dollars, which should be spent wisely and effectively.

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## State Representative District 28



THOMPSON

## ★ Jeff Thompson, incumbent, (R)

**Professional/Personal background:** Over thirty years in education, teaching physics, chemistry, and math at Danville Community High

School for most of that time. For twenty years managed and operated the several hundred acre livestock and crops family farm. Currently serves as vice-chairman of the board for the North Salem State Bank and has chaired or is chairing the Loan, Compliance (oversight of the bank's adherence to state and federal laws and regulations), and Assets/Liabilities (ALCO) Committees.

**Religious/Civic affiliations:** Jeff and his family are active members of Northview Christian Church where he serves as an elder and on the administrative/finance committee.

**Strengths as a Leader:** To listen and learn from many people and sources of information before moving ahead in making public policy, yet holding firm to principles and core values.

**Strength of the community:** The citizens of House District 28 and their desire to make our community the best possible.

**Priorities:** 1. To continue the sound republican principles of balanced budgets with adequate reserves and low taxes. 2. To continue to improve Indiana's exceptional job creation climate for employers and job opportunities for prospective employees. 3. To implement the recently adopted federal "Every Student Succeed Act" in the best way possible to assist all of our students in meeting their educational needs.

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STEPHENSON

## ★ Luke Stephenson, (R)

Did not return questionnaire

## State Senate District 24



CRANE

## ★ John Crane, (R)

**Professional/Personal**

**background:** I'm a lifelong Hoosier and the son of two U.S. Army veterans who met during the Vietnam War. My wife, Jean, and I have been

married for fourteen years and live in Avon with our four children. I am the founder and CEO of the Sagamore Leadership Initiative, which trains up next generation leaders. I'm also an adjunct professor at Grace College (Indianapolis), a newspaper columnist, and the Program Director of the Hoosier Leadership Series.

**Religious/Civic affiliations:** Member and Teaching Leader at Kingsway Christian Church and member of the Board of Directors with the Indiana Family Institute

**Strengths as a Leader:** Because leadership is ultimately about serving people, I try to use my leadership abilities of communication, teaching, and relational capacity to empower people toward achieving their own God-given potential in life.

**Strength of the community:** We live in a community that values faith, family, and freedom--three essentials that provide the necessary foundation for a more secure future for our children.

**Priorities:** My three priorities center around leadership: Listen before you legislate. Return local control to communities. Don't negotiate on non-negotiables.

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MILLER

## ★ Pete Miller, incumbent, (R)

**Professional/Personal**

**background:** I have lived in Hendricks County for over twenty years, having settled in Avon in 1993 after

graduating from Purdue University. In 2005 I went to work for the administration of Governor Mitch Daniels in the Office of Management and Budget, and then was elected senator in 2012. Last year I moved to Brownsburg, where I live with my wife and four children. I am currently employed as an IT Consultant for BCforward.

**Religious/Civic affiliations:** Member of Christ Community Church (Presbyterian Church in America), past board member of Leadership Hendricks County, past registrar

for Avon Soccer Association, past president of Perry Meridian alumni association.

**Strengths as a Leader:** My leadership style is to develop consensus around a vision. People are more motivated to address a need if they had a hand in developing the strategy to address that need. They will also be more effective in carrying out their assigned task if they understand the importance of their role and how it fits in with the greater project as a whole.

**Strength of the community:** Hendricks County residents are extremely giving of both their time and their resources. Their generosity fuels a number of philanthropic organizations such as Sheltering Wings, the Hendricks County Community Foundation, Relay for Life, Project A.N.G.E.L. and many others to help the less fortunate. Our schools, churches, and youth sports leagues are driven by volunteer efforts that make our community strong.

**Priorities:** My goals during a second term are to raise expectations for students by empowering teachers and returning local control of schools, adjust the property tax system to encourage local units to cooperate with one another instead of compete, and to improve the identification and treatment of mental health by breaking down barriers between social service agencies and the criminal justice system.

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## State House District 91



GRIMES

## ★ Jim Grimes, (R)

**Professional/Personal**

**background:** Sheriff Deputy, Small Business owner. Owned several businesses in my life, 10 real estate companies. Dedicated my life

to public service. Was a Purchasing mgr. at a Fortune 500 company.

**Religious/Civic affiliations:** Methodist, I go to 2 churches, Calvary Lutheran and Mount Pleasant. I belong to the Lions International, Indiana Sheriff Association, Scottish Rite; have been president of Board of Realtors, president of a chamber of commerce, President of Boys and Girls Club.

**Strengths as a Leader:** I listen to people. I give the tools and guidance to allow people to succeed.

**Strengths of the Community:** I believe that we are here to make the world a better place than when we came into the world. I believe that our community needs direction from our leaders. The community wants and needs to survive and grow.

**Priorities:** The better we are educated, the better the jobs and than we have less crime. It is that simple. We need common sense government.

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**CANDIDATES RUNNING UNOPPOSED****County Commissioner District 2**

★ Matthew D (Matt) Whetstone – Incumbent, (R)

**County Commissioner District 3**

★ Phyllis A. Palmer – Incumbent, (R)

**State Representative District 35**

★ R. Michael Young, Incumbent, (R)  
★ Phil Webster, (D)

**State Representative District 40**

★ Gregory E. Steuerwald, Incumbent, (R)

**Circuit Court Clerk**

★ Debbie (DJ) Hoskins, Incumbent, (R)

**County Auditor**

★ Nancy L. Marsh, Incumbent, (R)

**County Treasurer**

★ Shawn M. Shelley, Incumbent, (R)

**County Coroner**

★ Cheryl Teague-McClendon (D)  
★ Rick Morphew (D)

**Editor's Note:** Due to space constraints we have focused only on those opposed local races. The ICON is not responsible for candidates who did not follow our request to submit information.

**Legion's public grand opening set for May 7****CEREMONY**

Avon American Legion Post 145, 4812 E. Main St. will hold its public grand opening beginning at noon, Saturday, May 7. The event, which will celebrate the construction of the new building, will feature state and local dignitaries, an invocation, flag dedication, etc. Special speaker ceremonies will start at 2 p.m. Food and entertainment will be provided all day. The Mark Reed & Andy Hall Band will perform at 7:30 p.m. For more information, go to avonlegion.org or call (317) 837-7178.



Avon American Legion Post 145.

Photo courtesy of Facebook



## Rain doesn't stop ground breaking for park

### GROUNDBREAKING

Despite rainy weather, Danville community officials broke ground for the Jack Willard Community Park on April 21. The "Pocket Park" which will be built at the corner of Main and Kentucky streets, adjacent to Danville Fire Department headquarters is being built through the fundraising efforts of the Rotary Club of Danville. To date, the club has raised \$77,000 of the \$97,000 needed. The Town of Danville has contributed \$10,000. The Park is expected to be completed by September. Willard was Danville's Fire Chief. Coincidentally, his son, Jack Jr. was in attendance. He was in town for the FDIC International Fire Fighter's Convention in Indianapolis. Jack Jr. is fire chief for Chena Goldstream Fire and Rescue, Fairbanks, Alaska.

He said naming the park after his father was an honor. "It couldn't have been better timing," he said of the groundbreaking.



Jack Willard Jr. at Jack Willard Community Park groundbreaking ceremony. **Photo by Rick Myers**

## Two Hendricks County women selected 500 Festival Princesses

### PAGEANT

By Marty Spitz

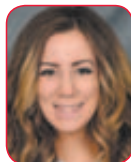
Nina DeWitt of Stilesville and Madeline Hayden of Plainfield have been selected as two of this year's 500 Festival Princesses and will serve as ambassadors of the festival and Indiana in 2016.

DeWitt is a graduate of Brownsburg High School and a junior at IU-PUI majoring in biology and Spanish. Hayden graduated from Plainfield High School and is a junior at Purdue University majoring in speech language and hearing sciences.

"Serving as a 500 Festival Princess provides young women with countless opportunities for leadership, networking and professional development," said program spokeswoman Rachel Eckerle. "500 Festival Princesses will participate in the program's personal and professional development initiative, which empowers participants to make a profound impact within their community and Indiana."

Each 500 Festival Princess will receive a

\$1,000 scholarship. Princesses also are provided with once-in-a-life-time experiences, including involvement with the 500 Festival's statewide community outreach programs, volunteering at 500 Festival events and participating in various Indianapolis Motor Speedway functions, including pre-race ceremonies and Victory Circle celebration for the 100th running of the Indianapolis 500.



Nina DeWitt



Madeline Hayden

This year's 500 Festival Princesses were selected from hundreds of applicants based on their grade-point average, communication skills and commitment to service, leadership, scholarship and professionalism.

One of the 33 Princesses will be selected as the 2016 500 Festival Queen and will receive an additional \$1,500 scholarship. The queen will be crowned May 21 during the 500 Festival Breakfast at the Brickyard.

To learn more about 500 Festival's events and volunteer opportunities, visit [500festival.com](http://500festival.com).



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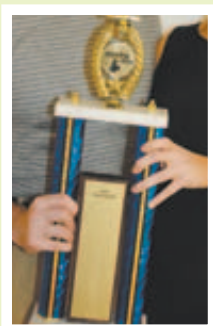
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# HC ICON News Quiz

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

1 Who was the winner of the Hendricks County Historical Museum's Hendricks County Dancing with the Stars fundraiser?

- ☐ A. Nic Quintana
- ☐ B. Jeremy Enz
- ☐ C. Rick Myers
- ☐ D. Arthur Murray Dance Studio in Avon



6 In the recently released annual report for the Town of Plainfield, how many acres of parks are maintained by the town?

- ☐ A. 2,500
- ☐ B. 470+
- ☐ C. 30+
- ☐ D. 97

2 Trak 36, the new remote-controlled race track, is now open at Avon Town Hall Park. Which of the following is a rule for participants?

- ☐ A. Only American-made vehicles are allowed on the track.
- ☐ B. Follow all established rules for the four roundabouts installed on the track.
- ☐ C. Speed limit: 39 mph.
- ☐ D. No mobile phone use while driving.

3 By September, the B&O trail, which is getting an extension over White Lick Creek to County Road 500 E., will be called the...

- ☐ A. Baltimore & Ohio Trail
- ☐ B. Bacon & Onion Trail
- ☐ C. Bulldog & Oriole Trail
- ☐ D. Brownsburg & Avon Trail

4 The U.S. Public Interest Research Group Education Fund recently released a report giving Indiana an A+ in...

- ☐ A. Government transparency
- ☐ B. Hospitality industry
- ☐ C. Agriculture Development
- ☐ D. Bear baiting

5 The Indianapolis Museum of Art (it's close to Hendricks County!) is opening a new exhibit on May 10. What is the new exhibit?

- ☐ A. Miniature golf
- ☐ B. Kidney beans and the resemblance to the human liver
- ☐ C. Chain saw art
- ☐ D. A collection of original music sheets penned by famous Hoosier composers

7 How many Hendricks County Council at-large seats are up for grabs this November?

- ☐ A. 1
- ☐ B. 2
- ☐ C. 3
- ☐ D. Not enough.



8 Brownsburg Town Council is considering an ordinance about lawn care that would outlaw what?

- ☐ A. Burned out cars or cars on cinder blocks
- ☐ B. Bernie Sanders campaign signs
- ☐ C. Garden gnomes and lawn jockeys
- ☐ D. Dandelions

9 Which character will not be portrayed by a tribute artist at the Mayberry in the Midwest festival?

- ☐ A. Ernest T. Bass
- ☐ B. Andy Taylor
- ☐ C. Floyd the Barber
- ☐ D. Aunt Bee

10 Kristin Drabyn was named the University of Indianapolis' head women's basketball coach. What's her tie to Hendricks County?

- ☐ A. Married to Joe Danville.
- ☐ B. Follows Avon, Danville, Brownsburg and Plainfield on Twitter
- ☐ C. Graduate of Avon High School
- ☐ D. Lives in Camby.



Compiled by Gus Percy **Answers on Page 27**

## Pursuing his passion

Corporal Steven Sentany left corporate America to serve Brownsburg residents

### BEHIND THE BADGE

Life experiences and working in the corporate world has given Corporal Steven Sentany a greater appreciation for his job at the Brownsburg Police Department. After graduating from college and working in the corporate world for 10 years, Sentany knew he wanted more. "I grew up watching my parents serve in their careers and I always thought police work was a noble profession where I could serve," explained Sentany.

2004 was a big year for Corporal Sentany. He was hired by the Brownsburg Police Department where he worked in the field doing on the job training. In 2005, he was sent to the Police Academy and this past year was promoted to corporal. Sentany is married and has three children. He enjoys exercising, especially crossfit.

### What does your normal day consist of?

On a normal day, I usually begin my work day by marking on duty at 5:45 a.m. My day consists of taking runs from our Hendricks County Communications Center (police dispatch). I get sent to take various types of reports, accidents, lockouts, investigate suspicious people or situations, and business/residential alarms. In addition, a large part of my job is being proactive in the community. This consists of driving through neighborhoods, making traffic stops, doing security checks at various businesses, and getting out of my car and meeting members of the community. My work day usually ends at 6 p.m.



### What was your inspiration to become a police officer?

I think like most people who enter this profession it is always to fulfill a need to help others and to help those who cannot help themselves. After graduating from college, I worked in corporate America for several years. I had always wanted to be a police officer since I was a little kid. It wasn't until later in life that I decided it was time to pursue my passion for a career in law enforcement. I was hired in 2004 by the Brownsburg Police Department. I truly enjoy my job and feel very fortunate to serve the citizens of Brownsburg.

### What has been one of your most favorite moments on the job?

There have been many great moments in my law enforcement career. It is very difficult to name a favorite. So I will have to say that working with my fellow officers on a daily basis is always filled with many favorite moments. My days are always so different ... there are never two days that are alike. I work alongside some of the best men and women in law enforcement.

### What aspect of the job do you find most challenging?

I think one of the most challenging aspects of my job is seeing people struggle. Whether it is an adult or child, it is always hard to see someone in a situation they cannot get out of. As an officer, you always want to help people. That goes back to one of the reasons most of us became police officers.

### What are your future goals?

My professional goals are to always better myself as a well-rounded police officer. I do this by continually training and educating myself. I am a general instructor for the Brownsburg Police Department. In addition to general instruction, I also instruct in evasive vehicle operations, fire arms, and vehicle stops. I am currently in the process of obtaining a certification as a Senior Instructor through the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy (ILEA.) After completing my Senior Instructor certification, my ultimate goal is to become a Master Instructor. This would be a great accolade as there are only a handful of Master Instructors in the State of Indiana.

Compiled by Sherry Moodie



# 'Well, I'll be'

## Brad and Christine Born prepare for the 3rd Annual Mayberry in the Midwest Festival

### COVER STORY

By Gus Percy

If it weren't for Brad Born, there would be

no Mayberry in the Midwest Festival. The owner, along with his wife, Christine, of the Mayberry Café in Danville chose the theme for his restaurant on a lark 25 years ago this year.

"It's his favorite TV show," Christine said. "He always wanted to live in Mayberry. That's the truth of it."

Add televisions running the Andy Griffith Show continuously, a themed menu offering favorites of the show's characters, and a classic Ford Galaxie repainted as a police car and the rest is history.

Five years ago, serious talks began about a festival honoring the small-town feel of Danville and its similar feel to the fictional Mayberry. Three years ago, the first Mayberry in the Midwest Festival kicked off with a rousing success. The first festival was a moment Brad will always remember.

"I was working in the kitchen, I put my head out and I saw the trolley pull up and all these people get out," he recalled, "And that gave me goosebumps."

For Christine, she loves the parade.

"Especially at the end, when the Danville High School band is playing the Mayberry song as they come up the street," she said. "That was like being at a wedding. I was boo-hoing. It was sweet to see it all come together."

Last year, fans from 22 states attended the festival.

This year, the Mayberry in the Midwest Festival is expecting an even larger turnout and there are plenty of new events to entertain all.

Christine hesitated bringing up the festival idea for years for fear it would look self-

serving, but it is the busiest weekend for not only all Danville restaurants but other merchants as well.

"We're hoping between the music and the car shows and arts and crafts vendors, (the festival) will continue on its own," Christine said. "Mayberry, like our restaurant, might be just a fun little hook that will get you here."

It's difficult to count a mob, but Mayberry served 1,000 customers each day of the festival which maxed out the 150-seat restaurant.

Again, this year, original cast member Maggie Peterson Mancuso, who played Charlene Darling will be in attendance. Also, Dixie Griffith, Andy Griffith's daughter, will be on hand at the festival.

Tribute artists will swarm the historic courthouse square with renditions of favorite characters. There will be Barney, Floyd, Goober, Gomer, Ernest T. Bass, Howard Sprague, Otis, and, of course, Aunt Bee.

Last year's winner of the Aunt Bee Look-a-like Contest, Jeanette Kleiber continues to represent the festival on television and will appear again this year.

"She's a part of the show," Christine said.

Undertakings of this size are a study of coordination. The Borns are particularly grateful for the Danville Town Council, the Danville Public Works Department, and Rex and Sharon Dugan who were the first year sponsors of the event, even though they were working on a deal to sell the Chevrolet dealership in Avon.

Despite all the hoopla of the weekend, Brad says his favorite event is after the weekend when all the tribute artists gather at the Mayberry Café for some food. No costumes, no acts, just friends gathering.

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**On the cover:** David Browning and a fan at the 2015 Mayberry in the Midwest Festival.

**Photo by Rick Myers**

**"We're hoping between the music and the car shows and arts and crafts vendors, the (the festival) will continue on its own... Mayberry, like our restaurant, might be just a fun little hook that will get you here."**

**~ Christine Born**



Brad and Christine Born own the Mayberry Café. Christine co-chairs the Mayberry in the Midwest Festival coming up later this month.

**Photo by Gus Percy**

## Mayberry in the Midwest Entertainment alert

The third annual Mayberry in the Midwest Festival is May 20-22 around the Historic Courthouse Square in Danville. For more information or to purchase tickets, go to [www.mayberryinthemidwest.com](http://www.mayberryinthemidwest.com).

### Here is a rundown of events...

#### Ticketed events:

**VIP Meet & Greet** – There will be a VIP Meet & Greet dinner 6-9 Friday evening at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex. The cost is \$25 per ticket. Buy a table of six for \$300 and get a tribute artist at your table.

**Mayberry After Dark** – This is a combo pub crawl and haunted walking tour with stops at Diesel's Sports Grille and Pizza Paradise. The event runs from 7:30 to 10:30 Saturday evening starting at the Royal Theater. There will be a stop at the Hendricks County Museum before ending back at the Royal for the Phil Fox comedy show. Tickets are \$30, which includes the show.

**Phil Fox Comedy Show** – Tickets for the Phil Fox Comedy Show alone are \$20. The show is at 9:30 Saturday evening at the Royal Theater. Fox, who portrays Ernest T. Bass, will entertain with songs and other stories.

#### Other events:

- Everything kicks off at 11 a.m. Saturday with the parade, followed by a tribute artist show at noon on the main stage.
- The rest of the day will be filled with games, Opie's World for kids, Tractor Town, Squad Car Nationals, reruns of the Andy Griffith Show at the Royal and more throughout the day.
- The Hendricks County Museum will have an expanded demonstrations of arts and crafts including rug hooking, needle felting, basket weaving and more throughout the festival.
- There will be tribute artists roaming the festival by the likes of Gomer, Goober, Floyd the Barber, Aunt Bee and many more.
- At 4 p.m., The VW Boys will entertain with music and comedy on the main stage on the Historic Courthouse Square.
- One of the new events this year is a celebrity basketball game at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Bosstic Gym. Levi Riggs, Travis Carroll, and Hendricks County Sheriff Brett Clark will play tribute artists in a rag-tag, hilarious game put on by the Danville Community High School Honor Society.



# MAYBERRY IN THE MIDWEST

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COURTHOUSE SQUARE

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Friday, May 20th:

6-9 pm: Meet & Greet - Ticketed Event - \$25  
Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds  
Conference Complex

### Saturday, May 21st:

11 am: Mayberry Themed Parade  
12 pm: Tribute Artist show  
1-2 pm: Mayberry themed contests/games  
2-3:30 pm: Music Acts  
4 pm: VW Boys Show  
6:30 pm: Basketball Game at Bosstic Gym,  
Tribute Artists vs. Local celebrities  
7:30 pm: Mayberry After Dark  
- Ticketed Event  
9:30 pm: Phil Fox Comedy Show  
- Ticketed Event

### Sunday, May 22nd:

11-12 pm: Lawn Mower Races in front of stage  
12 pm: Tribute Artist Show  
1-2 pm: Mayberry themed contests/games  
2-3:30 pm: Musics acts  
2-3 pm: Squad Car Nationals at  
Government Center  
4 pm: VW Boys Show



## SPECIAL GUESTS

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**Allan Newson** as Floyd

**Eric Lowry** as Mayor Pike

**Jeff Branch** as Howard Sprague

**Phil Fox** as Ernest-T

**Jeanette Kleiber** as Aunt Bee

**Bob Mundy** as Briscoe Darling

**Kenneth Junkin** as Otis

**Tim Pettigrew** as Goober

**Michael Oliver** as Gomer

## Something for all at Master Gardeners' event

### ICONOGRAPHY

There was something for everyone at the "Gardening for All Ages," presented by the Hendricks County Master Gardeners April 23 at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds & Conference Complex. Those in attendance could listen to education programs and shop - kids were entertained at a children's booth. The event's premier sponsor was Hendricks Power Cooperative. For more information about the Master Gardeners go to [www.hendricksgardeners.com](http://www.hendricksgardeners.com).

**Below, left:** Kate Peterson, 6, Brownsburg holds a peer plant for her mother, Karen, from Pepper Guy.

**Below, right:** Colin Anderson, 3, North Salem, is enamored with a turnip. He is the son of Victoria Anderson.

**Bottom:** Joe Kaiser purchases Lamb's Ear from the Hendricks County Garden Club. He made the trip from Orange County, Indiana.



*Photos by  
Rick Myers*



[MayberryInTheMidwest.com](http://MayberryInTheMidwest.com)





## HC ARCHITECTURE &amp; HISTORY

## Avon's youth stay active through AJAA

By Ken Sebree

The Avon Optimist Club was established in 1959 as a local chapter of Optimist International. With the slogan "A Friend of Youth," the Optimists are always looking for new programs which benefit the children of their community. Although few written records from that period survive, it is reported that the Optimist Club established the first youth baseball league in Avon in the early 1960s. By the spring of 1963, the Avon



Overview of AJAA land at 625 East and 100 South in Avon. **Satellite imagery by TomTom ©2016**

Junior Baseball Association was formed with a board that consisted mainly of parents of the young baseball players. Land was leased from the Muncy family to be developed into playing fields and the program continued to grow.

In 1970, the name of the organization was changed to Avon Junior Athletic Association (AJAA) and incorporated as a not-for-profit entity with new by-laws which required board members to be selected each year from parents of the young athlete participants.

Also in 1970, the AJAA purchased 8.26 acres of land near the intersection of county roads 625 East and 100 South to be developed into permanent sports fields. In 1974, the first phase of the existing concession building was constructed with mostly donated materials and volunteer labor. As the community grew, adjacent parcels of land were added and additional improvements were constructed.

AJAA now offers 7 sports which serve 3200 children from age 4 to high school seniors, and games are played not only at the main sports field but at various locations throughout Washington Township.

In July of 2014, Amanda Babinec was hired by AJAA to become its first full time executive director. The budget of AJAA is supported by user fees; each young person pays about \$100 to participate in sports programs. Also fundraisers and corporate sponsorships have become a significant source of revenue. Champion Chevrolet was recently added as a major donor and corporate sponsor.

Without a doubt, the hard work and dedication of all the volunteer coaches, managers, and board members of the AJAA through recent decades have greatly contributed to the quality of life for families in Avon.



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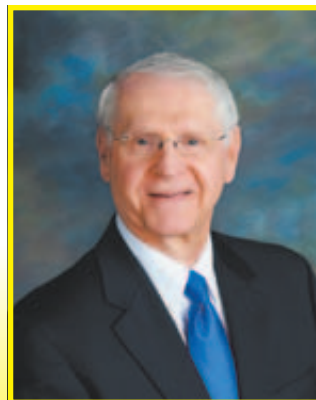
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By virtue of my years of experience on the council, I am a member of several bodies through which I have been able to provide a greater voice for county government in general and Hendricks County in particular. I am one of three elected county office-holders in the state serving on the Indiana Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations and have testified a number of times before General Assembly committees. I have served on the Executive and the Legislative committees of the Association of Indiana Counties, where I currently serve as 2nd Vice-President and, if re-elected, will become President in the fall of 2017.

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May 2016

Mrs. Nolan  
by Leilani Moon  
Van Buren Elementary, 1st grade

# Teacher of the Month



From left, Mrs. Nolan, Chick-fil-A Cow, Leilani Moon, Michelle Gladstein and Andrew Schwarz.

Kids, send your name, address and telephone number, along with a 100-word summary of why your teacher should be honored as the Chick-Fil-A/Heat & Cool LLC/Hendricks County Icon Teacher of the Month, to [teacher@myicon.info](mailto:teacher@myicon.info). The deadline for nominations for the June 2016 Teacher of the Month is May 13. Your teacher will receive special recognition plus your class will win a lunch party compliments of Chick-fil-A (Avon/Plainfield). Please take time to nominate a deserving teacher from Hendricks County.

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At right, photos of students in  
Mrs. Nolan's first grade class at  
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I want Mrs. Nolan to be teacher of the month because she gives us bunny money when we read extra minutes. We practice saving and spending our bunny money. We buy toys at the auction then bring them home. She tells us what birds are at the bird feeder outside our window. She helps us with math on one whole page, then expects us to do the next page on our own. She is a good teacher because she is nice to everybody and patient with our class. She even took us to her house for cookies and juice after going to the library. Mrs. Nolan is the best teacher!



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## Whickers celebrate Golden Anniversary May 14

### ANNIVERSARY

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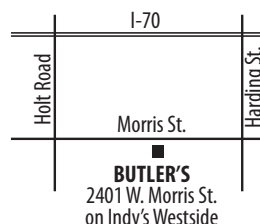
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## FROM THE PUBLISHER

### Historical Museum dancing the night away with unique fundraiser

By Rick Myers

By the time you read this, Deanna Hindsley should have had enough time to soak in the success she helped to create with the second annual "Dancing with the Hendricks County Stars" - a fundraiser for the Hendricks County Historical Museum held at Serendipity, Plainfield on April 23.

As one of the 12 participants, it was a fantastic experience for me. Thanks to the Arthur Murray Dance Center of Avon. If you've ever had the itch to take dance lessons, the instructors there are great and full of energy. And, too, a huge thank-you to my dance partner, Anna Fernandez. She was wonderful to work with and has a great future as a dance instructor.

Great admiration for the other 11 participants. Congrats to dance winner Jeremy Enz, of Avon, and his Arthur Murray dance partner Lollie Henshilwood. What a splendid job.

But it's not about how well I did, it's about how well the Historical Museum did. And by all accounts with close to 400 people in attendance it did very well. At press times numbers were not solidified but using conservative math it has to be very good.

Yes, Hindsley, who sits on the museum's board of directors as president, should be dancing on Could Nine herself. She should because she has been instrumental in creating a unique fundraiser unlike any in the county. This was the second annual - and she is already thinking about the next one. You won't want to miss version 3.

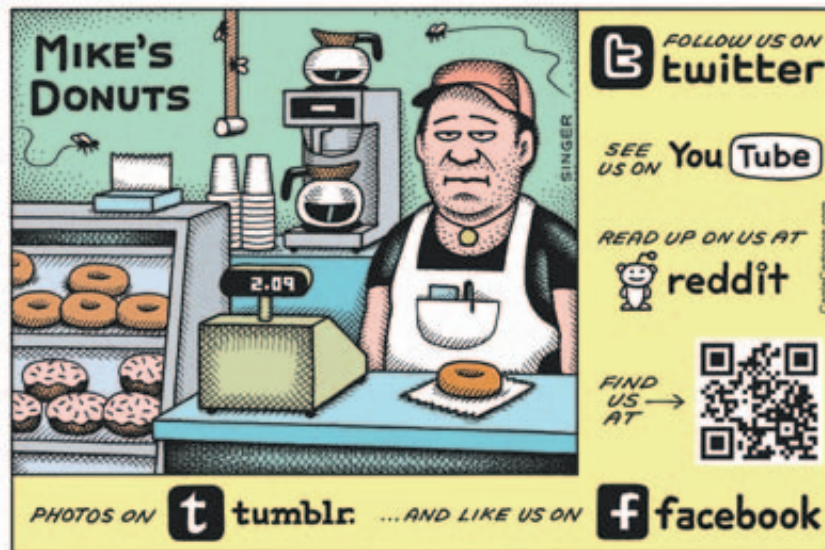


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## BELIEVE IT!

**Our nation has all sorts of arcane, nonsensical laws on the books. Each issue, we'll share one with you...** It is contrary to Pennsylvania law to discharge a gun, cannon, revolver or other explosive weapon at a wedding.

SOURCE: [dumblaws.com](http://dumblaws.com)



## Insult of height

### HUMOR

By Dick Wolfsie

Most people stop growing in their late teens or early 20s.

I was stunned the other day to learn that President Obama's annual physical indicated he had grown over an inch since taking office. His doctor said there was no explanation for this. The Democrats said it was Obamacare.

Recently I went for a medical procedure. While I was there, I was also weighed and had my height measured. For almost 55 years, on my driver's license, my passport and all medical questionnaires, I listed myself as 5' 10".

The nurse reviewed the stats: "Blood pressure, 123 over 80; height 5' 8", and weight 170. Very good, Mr. Wolfsie. Please step over here and..."

"Whoa! How tall did you say I was?"

"That would be 5 feet, 8 inches—in your socks, which adds a little, of course."

"Look, first of all, I'm 5' 10". Okay, maybe 5' 9 1/2," and second of all, these are expensive nylon socks, and very thin."

"Whatever you say, Mr. Wolfsie. Please grab one of the blue gowns off that hook on the door...if you can reach it."

That night when I got home, I asked my wife how tall she thought I was. "Well, let's see, when I'm in heels, I'm taller than you, and I'm 5' 7", so I guess I'd say you are 5' 8". And you're just about as adorable as can be."

"But when we got married, I told you I was 5' 10". You should have said something."

"I figured you just rounded it up from 5' 7." You did the same thing with your math SATs. By the way, I also didn't believe that 170 number you threw at me—not by a long shot.

"You think I lied about my weight?"

"Oh, I thought that was your IQ you were bragging about."

The bottom line is I have to admit either I'm a pathological liar and need some expensive counseling or I am—and this is tough to admit—shrinking. It's going to depend on which one is covered by Medicare.



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

## QUOTE

"Always vote for principle, though you may vote alone, and you may cherish the sweetest reflection that your vote is never lost."

~ John Quincy Adams (American President)

## Going negative: Does it work?

### OUR VIEW

Obviously, the answer to the headline is yes or else

candidates would refrain. From the presidential race, going negative seems to be the only way to stop the Trump juggernaut. The Ted Cruz and John Kasich campaigns have conspired to try to defeat Trump by divvying up the rest of the electoral votes. Kasich has agreed to not campaign in Indiana, while Cruz is giving up a few western states. The idea is to limit the number of delegates Trump can acquire so the Republican convention will be open and decided by the delegates.

This may sound fine and harmless, but isn't it pooling their resources? Isn't it sharing the wealth from their campaign war chests?

Cruz is running an aggressive campaign running ads that basically say to defeat Trump you must vote for Cruz. Not voting for Trump is enough, you must vote for Cruz in order to defeat the Donald.

Locally, the races for the Indiana Statehouse have been vicious. We understand there was an ad that linked a candidate to President Obama, basically calling him an Obama lackey.

Why can't we have an informed electorate? One who recognizes these stunts for what they are and does his or her homework and votes for the candidate who has the best qualifications and will tell you why to vote for rather than against their opponent.

In this issue, we have invited the candidates to submit their qualifications. Please read pages 4-6 carefully and then vote for someone, not against someone else.



## READER'S VIEW

# Are politics really this ugly?

Ok, I admit that I am an unabashed conservative, albeit a convert from the donkey crowd of my earlier union days after my time in the Navy. But I keep asking myself if this really the way it has to be, Have we reduced our most treasured freedom of self-determination to this absurd circus we have been living through for the past several months, on the road to possibly destroying approximately one-half of the political infrastructure of the most successful and shining example this world has ever seen and reducing it to a mud-slinging, ridiculous display of personal and family attacks, of the most base kind of attacks on the integrity of our founders government vision? Apparently we have.

Is there no hope here that we can return to the process with some modicum of respect for our opponents who are certainly entitled to put their views in front of all us, without the opposition resorting personal ridicule, demeaning assaults and the rhetoric of the gutter. I certainly hope that we can stop this madness, but I am dismayed by what I see.

When major political figures – whether they are new to the game, successful in life, only in telling a story of the way it should be or they think they things should be – have become subject to the ramifications of ill-advised tweets, emails, Face Book blasts and on-line taunts, we slip down a very slippery slope into a form of kindergarten style mud-slinging. I think it was Art Linkletter who wrote, "The Most Important Lessons of Life I learned in Kindergarten" or something close to that.

We have gone from at least some modicum of respect in the process of political leadership selection to the very bottom of social discourse. If your plans, desires, and programs to re-make the nation are worthy, detailed and deserving of attention and discussion, then put them out in a cogent and defined manner for all to consider. All we hear is promises of this and that, of a new

awaking of the greatness of our nation.

How did we get here? How did we slide into this abyss? I will confess that I maybe don't have the answer to that. I do know that we are in serious trouble if we can't run any candidate who is capable, thoughtful, experienced in life enough to qualify for any political office and serve with honor. Is there any honor left?

Have we allowed the "establishment," for the lack of a better word, to become so entrenched within the system that they have become puppets to the system, only interested in their own survival within the "establishment" and all the attendant perks and privileges that are now more important than the will of the country. Apparently we have.

While there are forces trying to reverse this, they seem to have a little in the way of a voice, or at least they cannot be heard from all of the crap we hear daily.

I won't put forth a choice here, but when we have nothing but school-boy petulance and personal attacks, name calling, references to physical attributes of any kind, the families of the candidates and a legal process for unaligned PAC's to ruin a process, we are, in fact, in deep trouble. Everyone likes to call on the likeness and memories of Ronald Reagan, arguably the pre-eminent example of a great American president. We dishonor his memory in the way we have destroyed the process.

Our give me more free this, free that, tax-and-spend mind set is about to destroy us and I think even some on the liberal side are beginning to see that, but we sure have not done anything to bring respect to the process. Such a pity we have descended into this diatribe that has the potential to destroy America as we know it.

**Bud Green, 46168**

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## I'm not perfect But I'm getting better

### MOM'S THE WORD

**By Alyssa Johnson**

I'm not perfect!  
Whew! I feel better getting that off my chest!  
Sometimes I feel a lot of

pressure to seem like I've got it all together. My kids, my friends, and my clients are watching me. I know I'm sounding paranoid.

We look up to people. We play the comparison game. We ridiculously think as long as we're doing better than someone we know, we must be doing ok.

I'd hear some kid throwing a temper tantrum, look down at my little cherubs and grin. I'd see some woman wearing a too tight skirt and smooth my pants down, feeling slimmer. I'd hear a couple argue and squeeze my husband's hand a little tighter. All of these made me feel better.

But I quickly realized I'm not perfect. A friend would brag about her exceptional children. Or I'm grumpy with my husband. Or I see a woman four dresses sizes smaller than I am.

If you're going to compare down, you'll inevitably compare up! This brings home the crushing truth.

How do we break this cycle?

1. Accept that it's unhealthy and needs to stop.

2. Catch yourself playing the comparison game as quickly as possible in order to choose a different thought pattern.

3. Focus on what brings us real joy. Being critical of others doesn't bring anyone joy. I receive a much greater reward by looking for ways to bring a smile to someone's face.

Keep an eye out next time you see me. If your kid is screaming, I might just try to do something silly to distract the banshee. If you look like you're having a bad day, I'll find some creative way to compliment you. And if you're having a hard day with your honey, I'll probably say something to break the tension.

Sure – I'm not perfect, but man I know I'm getting better than I used to be!



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### LIFE'S CHOICES

**By Karl Zimmer**

Having worked in many fields, I have seen and learned much about organizations

and people. A common thread I have experienced is that humans tend to hang on to things that are familiar, whether those things serve them, or not.

That tendency manifests in many ways. Do you have a "favorite" jacket, restaurant, meal, or even a bad habit that you have trouble letting go or eliminating from your life? Even thinking about letting it go may cause you stress or tension in your body or mind.

Ever notice that we also tend to hang on to unpleasant memories or thoughts or beliefs? Why? Sometimes we do that because they are simply familiar or we don't know how to let them go. Perhaps we are afraid that if we let go we won't be able to learn from them and that we may repeat them later in life. We may even be afraid that nothing good will happen if we let go. So how do we let go and make the most of our experience, moving forward?

Everything we experience, our thoughts and material things in our lives are made up of energy. Energy never dies. When we hang on to negative things, we prevent space for positive things. When you are thinking a negative thought, can you be thinking of something positive at the same time? The same holds true when you hang on to something material that may be old, whether a "favorite" or not. It doesn't allow for anything new.

As spring cleaning brings new life to our homes and gardens, so it does for the body and mind. Do you have something old that might be a treasure for someone else? Look inside, too, for any thoughts or beliefs that may be preventing you from moving forward. When you let go and close the door on the past, you make room for the wondrous and new! How cool is that?



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## Father's Day 2016

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### RELATIONSHIPS

**By Sherry Stafford Rediger, PhD**

All relationships have stories, some

of mythological proportions.

Shelly and Todd were considering separation. "I don't think either of us is happy anymore," said Todd. "Shelly feels like she's not important. And I try. I feel like she's important, but I never seem to get it right for her."

I asked them to give me an example. "I told Todd I felt like he never has time for me and I wanted him to plan an evening for us," said Shelly. "I thought this would be an easy way to feel like he was thinking about me."

"But what happened is I planned the wrong evening," said Todd.

"He took me to a baseball game!" exclaimed Shelly. "That's not thinking about me!"

"See," said Todd exhaling. "It's just never right."

Shelly grew up in a family with eight siblings. Her parents were working and had little time or attention to give. She recalled a Christmas when she received a Barbie doll, though she was the one who wanted a chess set. She didn't want to be ungrateful, but she didn't feel anyone thought much about her specifically. Todd grew up

constantly criticized by his father. He recalled his high school basketball team winning sectionals; Todd was high scorer for the game. "All the way home, all dad could do was talk about the shots I missed," said Todd. "I was devastated."

Shelly and Todd had some difficult work to do. The wounds from childhood were surfacing in their relationship with a new force – a mythological force – and threatening to destroy their marriage.

It is important to ask ourselves what is the story we are telling ourselves about our ourselves, our partner, our relationship. Identify the myth and begin to look for exceptions. It takes practice. Make a list of the times in your relationship that defy the myth. Look for qualities that refute the myth. Intentionally craft a new myth that will strengthen your relationship rather than erode it.



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## Sports drinks: Good or bad?

### WELLNESS

By Christina Summers

During an hour-long workout, replenish

three to eight fluid ounces of water every 15 – 20 minutes, according to the American College of Sports Medicine. Athletes typically do this with either water or sports drinks. Does it matter how you hydrate?

"Someone who is very active athletically may use sports drinks to replenish nutrients back into their system, but someone who is overweight or exercising casually might just be adding unnecessary calories by choosing a sports drink," says Ty Loghmani, registered dietitian at IU Health West. "It really depends on each person's needs and goals."

**Advantages of sports drinks:** Sports drinks contain carbohydrates, minerals and electrolytes used to replenish what's lost when you sweat and exert yourself during rigorous exercise. Drinking these beverages during workouts lasting longer than an hour provides carbs for muscle fuel and electrolytes lost in sweat to maintain fluid balance in the body, promote the uptake of fluid in your intestines, and improve hydration.

Flavored sports drinks tend to appeal to athletes looking for refreshment that tastes good. Some people simply want to replenish

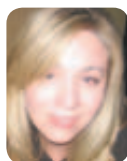
with something tastier than water and the flavors may entice some people to drink more.

**Disadvantages of sports drinks:** Along with flavor of sports drinks comes sugar. Some drinks contain as much sugar as a soft drink. Studies have shown that sports drinks can cause tooth decay on par with that of sodas.

While the calories in sports drinks may provide a boost to the endurance athlete, they can be needless calories to the casual consumer or someone exercising less than 60 minutes. In particular, children are discouraged from using sports drinks. The American Academy of pediatrics suggests most children engaging in routine physical activity stick with water.

"We still recommend that adults drink 8-10 glasses of water each day," says Loghmani.

Whichever option you choose, drinking before and after exercise are also important factors in maintaining proper hydration levels.



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## Weight loss supplements?

By Martha Rardin

### DIETARY

Being overweight has profound implications on our health. As a result, many people interested in losing weight look for the "easy" button. The cold, hard truth is that losing weight is hard work and sustaining weight loss is sometimes harder than the initial loss. Weight loss supplements are so popular to manufacture because they bring in big profits. However, if users aren't careful, they may be spending hard earned money on weight loss products that are unsafe and don't impact weight loss.

Before we detail various weight loss supplements, their claims and effectiveness, I encourage all readers to examine their diet and activity patterns. Usually, weight loss is within our power if we better manage what we eat, the quantities we eat and increase the amount we move every day. Here are details on two specific supplements.

**Ephedra Sinica (Ma Huang)...** is an herb, but it has adverse health effects. People using Ephedra often experience rapid heart rates and sometimes experience neurologic and psychiatric consequences. These health effects prompted the United States to ban Ephedra in 2004, but since the weight loss

supplement industry is largely unregulated, Ephedra is still found in weight loss supplements. If you see Ephedra or Ma Huang on a label, do not purchase or use this product.

**Chromium...** is an essential element and is necessary for each of us to metabolize fats and carbohydrates. Chromium as a weight loss supplement is purported to improve the action of insulin, reduce food cravings and increase metabolic rate. You will see this advertised as Chromium Picolinate. Research has shown very small differences in weight loss favoring chromium over placebos. More studies are needed before this should be used as a valid and significant weight loss supplement. Reducing 100 calories a day would probably give you more immediate and lasting weight loss effects compared to using chromium.

Source: National Institutes of Health, Office of Dietary Supplements, <http://ods.od.nih.gov>



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## Hendricks County ICON's Greatest Generation

Paul Sparks, 94



- Paul Sparks is a writer. He's filled 25 books about his life and his family. He pays special attention to his beloved wife, Marie. Sparks turns 95 in two months.
- A native of Brownsburg, Sparks grew to see the small town change into a bigger town. The addition of the newer buildings and all the people that have moved into the community since he was born here in 1921.
- Sparks is one of nine kids. His father worked at Allison. So did his brother.

With those family connections, Paul followed in his father and brother's footsteps and worked at Allison for 35 years. But then he turned to one of his favorite pastimes, building homes.

- He built several homes before retiring.
- How does Sparks explain his long life?
- "Two things: I got good genes through my family," he said. "And I had a great wife who took care of me for 68 years."

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**Above:** More than 27,000 runners gather for this year's Boston Marathon.  
**Below:** Tim Whicker displays his runner number. **Submitted Photos**

## Danville runner feels like 'rock star' at Boston Marathon

### ENDURANCE

Compiled by  
Marty Spitz  
Danville's

Tim Whicker started running about seven years ago. He would run after milking cows on the farm he owns with his brother and before his job as owner of Electric Plus Inc. in Danville. This spring, he ran his first Boston Marathon, an experience he said is like no other race.

And he's run quite few: three Monumental Marathons and three 500 Mini-Marathons in Indianapolis.

Whicker characterized his first Indy marathon as "tough." He said that he was really hurting the last five miles.

His next Monumental Marathon went better, and he posted a time good enough to qualify for Boston. The trouble was, it came in November and the sign-up deadline for Boston was September. Finally, 2016 was his year.

Despite his training and experience in all these other races, Whicker found the Boston course challenging. With his wife and parents looking on, he made it to the finish in 3 hours and 28 minutes, but, he said, that was not as fast as he had hoped for. He began to struggle at about mile 22.

"After I finished, if you'd asked me if I'd do it again, I'd have said no way. But now I'm back home and starting to feeling cocky again. I survived, and I think I'd like to do it again."

He wants to post a time he'll feel better about. Besides, it was an exciting and fun experience.

"Nothing compares to the Boston Mara-



thon," Whicker said. "It's their Indy 500. In Indy, even if we don't go to the race, we go to someone's house to cook out and listen to the race on the radio. In Boston, they cook out and go watch the race."

"Boston makes you feel like a rock star," Whicker reported. "You run through all these small towns, and people line the road cheering us on, handing out oranges and bananas, popsicles and water to runners and slapping high-fives with us as we go by. Multiply our Mini by five and you have Boston."

The only drawback he noted was that Bostonians also cheer for the New England Patriots.



**Above:** Surrounded by family and friends, Gayle Towles (center) displays his award. **Below:** Gayle Towles (left) is congratulated on his award by Jim Rosensteel, CICOA board chairman. **Submitted Photos**

## Former coach honored as Caregiver of the Year

### HONOR

By Marty Spitz

A Brownsburg man was honored as CICOA's Caregiver of the year at the organization's seventh annual Signature Breakfast on April 21. The award honors a personal caregiver in central Indiana who models courage, sacrifice, strength and creativity while caring for another.

Gayle Towles retired early as a basketball coach and teacher at Ben Davis to care for his wife, Donna, as she battled colon cancer. Towles rarely left her side until the disease took her life in 1996.

Towles' role as caregiver didn't end there. Four years later, he remarried, and not long after, his wife, Kitty, was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, thrusting Towles once again into the role of a full-time caregiver, until her death on Jan. 16 after 15 years of marriage.

"There are not enough words to describe my dad as a caregiver," wrote his daughter, Kelli Towles, community relations director for the Indiana Pacers, when nominating her dad for the Caregiver of the Year Award. "He is a true role model for his family and all of those who have come in contact with him."

Eventually, Kitty could no longer dress or feed herself or even speak. When Gayle took her out to dinner, diners often would comment on his kindness, love and patience, and many even paid for their dinners. He also took her to her hair salon, Pacers games and church every Sunday.



"I used to think the Lord put me here on Earth to coach and teach, but I think he had a second thing in mind, and that was for me to be a caregiver," Towles said.

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## Chicken and Cheese Enchilladas

### RECIPE

By Jerry Reznay

Cinco de Mayo—or the fifth of May—commemorates the Mexican army's 1862 victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War (1861-1867). It's another great excuse for a party so fix the margaritas and make this easy dish to celebrate!

### Ingredients:

1 lb. cooked shredded chicken meat (white or dark meat, whichever you like!) You can salt and pepper the chicken, bake it for 30 to 45 minute to and internal temperature of 165 F, or use rotisserie cooked chicken from the deli department.



- 1 tsp kosher salt
- 1 tsp cumin
- 1 tsp chili powder
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 avocado, sliced
- 2 to 4 oz. chopped jalapenos
- 15 oz. canned black beans
- 8 corn tortillas
- 2 cups shredded Queso Quesadilla cheese
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar Jack cheese
- ¼ cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 limes cut into wedges, chili powder

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F.

Mix these ingredients in a bowl: Chicken, salt, cumin, garlic powder, chopped jalapenos, black beans and 1 cup of the Queso Quesadilla cheese. In a casserole dish pour 4 oz of the enchilada sauce into the bottom. Put a scoop of chicken mixture in each tortilla, roll it and put them in the casserole dish. Cover with more enchilada sauce and the remaining cheese. Bake to internal temperature of 150 degrees F (20 or 25 minutes.) Serve with chopped cilantro, sliced avocado and lime wedges. Enjoy!



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

### Selecting a contractor...

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The process of soliciting bids, evaluating a proposal and selecting a contractor can be a complicated process. The spring season is here and many people are looking for a Contractor to complete a project. Make sure you take time in selecting a Contractor. Local references, experience and qualifications are very important.

#### References:

- Local referrals are common and a qualified contractor should easily provide this to their client.
- Ask for the phone number of 3 previous customers and contact those people asking for an evaluation of the Contractor you are considering before you agree to any contract.

#### Licensed:

- In the state of Indiana licensing is required for the plumbing and electrical trades but not for General Contracting.
- If you hire a General Contractor, ask if his sub-contractors are all properly licensed.
- Don't confuse "licensed" with "qualified".
- If you have questions ask to see a copy of the Indiana State License.
- Ask to see previous work to determine level of qualification.
- A reference from a previous customer is a great way to determine past project client satisfaction.



#### Bonded:

- If a contractor is bonded, it means measures have been taken to ensure the client has protection if the job is NOT completed or doesn't meet agreed-to standards.
- The customer should ask for a copy of the Contractors bond before contracts are signed.
- This is especially important on larger projects.

#### Insured:

- Contractors should carry general liability insurance.
- All subcontractors should be insured.
- The customer should ask for a copy of the Contractors insurance before contracts are signed.

The selection of a qualified local contractor is key when planning and delivering a successful project of any size or type, a good contractor should always have the customers ultimate satisfaction in mind. Relationship and trust are key, always take your time to select the right contractor before you begin your next project. Finally, remember lowest bid doesn't always mean best project. Have a great spring season and hope this months Tips are helpful, please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

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## En 'light' en your space

### SACRED SPACES

By Pat Donovan

Make a special corner where you can relax, enjoy a

soothing fire in the fireplace, read a book or write a letter to a friend. The featured room displays a cozy corner with tall ceilings and windows that allow perfect indirect lighting. Sometimes sitting in the sun looking out into the yard can be quite calming and peaceful. If you are considering such a space of your own, be sure to contact a professional to design and create the room of your dreams.

Any room, big or small, can be eye catching; select colors that speak to you. You might prefer bright happy shades or soft comforting colors – be bold and make the space your own. Every home should reflect the comfort and style of the people who live in it.

When you are considering options and ideas, be sure to shop around. Take time to look in magazines and make sure the area is large enough for your needs. I also recommend that it is not too large but reflects a cozy atmosphere where everyone feels welcome.



Submitted Photo

Whatever project you are considering, this time of year is a perfect time to make some dreams come true.



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## Passing the torch in Indiana

### VISIT HC

By Josh Duke

We have all seen the opening ceremonies of the Olympics where torchbearers walk

or sometimes even jog in with the Olympic torch before lighting the cauldron to signal the official start of the Olympic Games.

Indiana will have something similar this fall to celebrate our state's birthday: a five-week Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay.

The Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay will begin Sept. 9 in Corydon and meander through all 92 counties. The torch will spend between 90 minutes and four hours in each county visiting two to five counties per day taking every Monday off.

Hendricks County will host the torch from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m., Friday, Sept. 23. Please mark that day on your calendar and plan to be a part of this historic event.

Local torchbearers will get the honor of carrying the torch through our county. We were elated to receive 130 local nominations for a total of 104 nominees in Hendricks County.

A local torchbearer selection committee narrowed those 104 nominees down to 24 and also selected three alternates. The state will announce all the

torchbearers on or before June 1. But let me tell you, we have a great group and it was difficult to narrow all of the worthy nominees to just 24.

In regards to those torchbearers, that brings up the first common misconception. While a torchbearer has to be with the torch at all times, various modes of transportation will be used on that day. In fact, the torch will be in a vehicle more than it will be on foot. But we do have some special plans when the torch will slow down or even stop in Brownsburg, Avon, Danville and Plainfield.



Josh Duke is the Communications Manager for Visit Hendricks County. Contact him at josh@visithendrickscounty.com or (317) 718-8750.

### EVENTS

#### May 1: Verdi and Friends •

When: 3 p.m. | Where: Calvary United Methodist Church; 575 W. Northfield Dr., Brownsburg |

Admission: \$15 adults, \$12 seniors, & \$7 students | Contact: Marsha Shilts (517) 403-8379.

#### May 6: Drive In Movie •

When: Dusk | Where: Arbuckle Acres Park, 200 N. Green St., Brownsburg | Admission: Free | Contact: Brownsburg Parks (317) 858-4172.

#### May 6: First Friday Cruise-In •

When: 5 - 9 p.m. | Where: Danville Courthouse Square; 1 Courthouse Square, Danville | Contact: Laura Parker (317) 745-3007 or lparker@danvilleindiana.org | Website: visitdowntowndanville.com.

#### May 7: Misty Eyes Spring Jamboree •

When: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Where: Plainfield Bark Park; 1007 Longfellow Dr., Plainfield | Website: mistyeyesjamboree.com.

#### May 7: Spring Fling Radio Control Festival •

When: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Where: Avon Town Hall Park; 6570 E. Highway 36 Avon | Contact: (317) 272-0948 | Website: avongov.org.

#### May 8: Chateau Thomas Winery Mother's Day Brunch •

When: 10 a.m. - noon or 1 - 3 p.m. | Where: Chateau Thomas Winery; 6291 Cambridge Way, Plainfield | Contact: Kebra Fischer (317) 837-9463.

#### May 14, 21, and 28: Danville Farmers Market •

When: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Where: Danville Courthouse Square; 1 Courthouse Square, Danville | Contact: Beth Cherry (317) 745-0670.

#### May 15: NateWalk 5k •

When: noon | Where: Avon Town Hall Park; 6570 E. U.S. Hwy 36, Avon.

#### May 17 • Skin Cancer Screenings |

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**Web Address:** www.franksplaceitalian.com

## Where I Dine

Rhonda Orem, Brownsburg



**Where do you like to dine?** So Italian in Brownsburg (in addition to many other places in Hendricks County!) The owner and staff are extremely friendly. No dressing up - come as you are. In the summer, my husband and I like to have our meal outside in the relaxed, family atmosphere. In addition, the prices are reasonable and the service is fast.

**What do you like to eat there?** The lasagna and thin crust pizza are my favorites. The lasagna noodles are very thin and the sauce is perfectly cooked. I just learned about the thin crust pizza when I had a slice and salad over lunch. Fast, fresh, and delicious.

**What do you like about this place?** So Italian is a great place to unwind with family or friends and eat a nice meal without breaking the bank.

So Italian is located at: 515 E Main St, Brownsburg, IN 46112  
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## Stars shine on a great night for dancing

### FUNDRAISER

They could've danced all night!  
The stars shined at the Hendricks  
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with the Stars, Hendricks County version.  
The fun and frivolity captured the imaginations of more than 300  
attendees. Here are just some of the highlights.

*Photos by Nicole Davis  
and Gus Percy*



*Marsha Drzakowski and The-Resa Lipsey.*



*Jeff Binkley and Rhett Stuard.*



*Steve and Laura Eisenbarth.*



*From left) Judge Dan Zielinski, Jack Clark,  
Patty Zielinski and Faith Toole.*



*From left, Ronda Elliott, Kristi Waddell and Meg Comer.*



*From left, Shirley Hottman and Kelly and Steve Henshilwood.*



*Debbie and Tony Perona, and Mike and Elizabeth Gilbert.*



*Peg Glover and Kyle Walls.*





*Rick Myers and Anna Fernandez.*



*Dancing with the Stars winners  
Jeremy Enz and Lollie Henshilwood.*



*Nic Quintana shows off his tango skills with Katie Rout.*



*Deanna Hindsley, president of the  
Hendricks County Historical Museum.*



**Above:** Ifen Donovan and Mark Adang win "Dip for the Night" award.  
**Below:** Nancy Johnson and Alex Skudrovskis.



**Above:** Jay Puckett, the Emcee.  
**Left:** Brad Dubois and Katie Rout.





## Gianfagnas believe in Connection Pointe's youth ministries

### WHERE WE WORSHIP

Marc Gianfagna and his family attend Connection Pointe Christian Church in Brownsburg. Marc is the principal at Cardinal Elementary in Brownsburg and he and his wife, Angi, both coach at Westside Gymnastics.

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

The whole worship experience helps us grow spiritually, from the music to the message to the weekly communion to the people with whom we worship. We cannot say that one of those items is more important than the other. It is very important for us to hear the Lord's word as it was written and learn the application to our personal lives. Every week we leave Connection Pointe, we have had that experience. There is no doubt the church lives by the teachings in the Bible and the staff does an amazing job connecting God's word to our lives.

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

First of all, we chose Connection Pointe as our church because of the focus on family, especially our children. We needed a church where our children could connect with other Christians their own age to worship with and grow in their faith. Additionally, the worship lends itself to the whole family because the pastors do a great job speaking to all generations during the message... Angi and I always leave with a takeaway or scripture that we can apply to our

current situations. Our children have had those very same experiences whether they are worshipping with us in the center or with their peers.

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

There are always so many events that take place at Connection Pointe that I don't know how to pick just one. The Great Banquet is an event that takes place at the church each year. This event provides people with a weekend of quiet reflection and a time to grow in their relationship with Christ.

#### Why would you recommend your place of worship to someone?

We are fed every week when we attend the worship service at Connection Pointe. Being grounded in God's word was the most important part for us as a family and is one of the reasons we recommend our church to others. We also recommend Connection Pointe to others because of the children's, youth, teen, and young adult ministries it offers.

Compiled by Cathy Myers



From left Angi, Kiara, Micaiah, Shane and Marc Gianfagnas. Submitted Photo

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## Love one another

### DEVOTIONAL

By Michael LeFebvre

"This is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another." (1 John 3:11, ESV)

The Apostle John had a lot to say about "love." His short letter—the First Epistle of John—mentions love more than any other book in the New Testament. With one exception. The Fourth Gospel—also written by John—is the only book in the New Testament that mentions "love" more than his first epistle. It is no wonder John has been called, "The Apostle of Love."

The Christian message to love is not an easy one to hear, however. As John tells us, "This is the message... that we should love one another." This is a calling to relationships of Christlike love, not just loving actions.

We often hear mantras like "Pay it forward" and "Commit random acts of kindness." Those are wonderful sentiments, as far as they go. But true love is expressed in commitment, not just nice deeds. The greatest act of love was, the Apostle tells us, the sacrifice of Christ who "laid down his life for us" (1 John 3:16). Jesus came to restore

people to a right relationship with God, and he calls us to right relationships with "one another." That is a high calling.

In a culture that is being strained by political divisions, racial and religious tensions, and other stresses and conflicts — now as much as ever, the message needs to be heard. Christ's message for his disciples is to love God and to strengthen families and communities with selfless love for "one another."

Random acts of care for strangers near and far is also very important. But "hit and run" deeds of love are a lot easier than sustained investments to nurture strong homes and communities. Let us pray for God's grace to help us grow in Christlike sacrifice to "love one another."



Michael LeFebvre is the pastor of Christ Church Reformed Presbyterian (online: ccrp.church), holds a Ph.D. in biblical studies, and has authored several books.



## Spice up your taste buds

By Charles R. Thomas, M.D.

### WINE & DINE

I place spicy wines (a wine with aromas and/or flavors that evoke the impression of spice, pepper, or allspice) in several categories: herbal whites, spicy whites, herbal reds, and spicy reds.

Herbal whites: Sauvignon Blanc and Seyval Blanc. Both herbal type wines with scents of green bell pepper, anise, cilantro, coriander, cumin, fennel, mint, oregano, and tea leaves.

Spicy white: Gewurztraminer and Traminette. Both demonstrate floral spices of allspice, anise, cinnamon, clove, coriander, fennel, ginger, nutmeg, white and black pepper, and herbal tea. Food pairings for these spicy white wines include herbal dishes mirroring the vegetal tones in those foods and spicy ethnic foods of the Orient, India, Mexico, Caribbean, and Thailand.

Herbal reds: various Bordelais wines. Cabernet Sauvignon is the spiciest. Spice flavors detected in Cabernet Sauvignon are anise, green bell pepper, cinnamon, clove, dill eucalyptus, fennel, marjoram, mint, nutmeg, oregano, black pepper, rosemary, and thyme. The mildly spicy red wines are also herbal in type. Foods that fit into this group

are spicy, peppery foods.

Spicy reds: varieties associated with Rhone, Spanish, and Italian areas. Spice flavors detected in most of these wines are anise, green bell pepper, cayenne, cinnamon, clove, dill, eucalyptus, fennel, marjoram, mint, nutmeg, black olive, oregano, black pepper, white pepper, rosemary, and thyme. The food pairing here is more obvious: New Orleans food, Thai food, Chinese, and good old barbeque.

Wine is a food, and wines are best enjoyed with food. There are tricks that can help to get the pairing correct. Use a wine that has inherent spiciness from the grape itself. Select a wine that has some to moderate sweetness as the sweetness will deflect excessive spice and make it tolerable. Therefore, using your own gauge of sweetness versus spice, you can choose the wine that will complement the food as well as to avoid horrors of excessive heat. When the dish is over-the-top hot, pair it with beer.



Charles R. Thomas, M.D. owns Chateau Thomas Winery with locations in Plainfield, Fishers, Bloomington and Nashville. Contact him at charlest@chateauthomas.com.

## Pet peeves in grammar

### GRAMMAR GUY

By Jordan Fischer

Question:

"Hi Jordan,

I have a few pet

peeves about frequent grammar errors I see and would love for you to clear them up for either me or the rest of the world. Here they are.

1. An apostrophe "s" after a last name.

Example: "The Smith's are here. I don't know what the Smiths own that are here, but the suspense is killing me.

2. A cents symbol after a price that has already been given the decimal point to symbolize cents. Example: .69¢ (instead of \$0.69). I don't know how you divide a penny into 69/100ths but I'd be willing to round up to a full penny when purchasing that pack of gum.

Thanks for making grammar so fun! I love reading your articles! (Marcy Vignen)

Answer: Thanks for writing in, and your kind words, Marcy. Normally I wouldn't do several questions in one column, but these annoy me too, so I think we can knock them

out quickly.

Apostrophes do not make words plural (except when they do). I've written a previous column about this, but a refresher is always useful. An apostrophe-"s" after a noun makes it possessive, not plural, in almost all circumstances. A notable exception is making lowercase letters plural (i.e. "Mind your p's and q's").

Cents get a dollar sign and a decimal OR a cents sign. You could write \$0.75, or 75¢, or even, I suppose, 75 cents, and all would be equally correct. But .75¢ would suggest you are talking about fractions of a cent, which is probably best left to bankers and gas station price boards. On the whole, I'd recommend sticking with the dollar sign, since most keyboards don't even have a ¢-sign anymore.



Jordan Fischer is a contributing columnist for The Hendricks County ICON. To ask Jordan a grammar question, write him at rjfische@gmail.com.

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### HC ICON Quiz

Answers from page 8

1. B; 2. D; 3. C; 4. A; 5. A;  
6. B; 7. C; 8. D; 9. B; 10. C



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## AJAA raises \$3,500 in first-ever Casino Night

### SOCIETY REWIND

The Avon Junior Athletic Association held its first-ever Casino Night on April 15 at Prestwick Country Club. "The event was a huge success," AJAA Executive Direct Amanda Babinec communicated via email. "People had a great time and we raised \$3,500 to start our very first-ever scholarship program to help subsidize registration fees for those in need." AJAA plans to hold the event next year, according to Babinec.

*Photos by David Gansert*



*Sarah and Larry Clark.*



*Jennifer and Vincent Thurman.*



*Jessica and Will Devinney, Corey and Sara Bender.*



*Melissa and Brian Marcum.*



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When you walk into Cass & Company you are standing in the massive two story entry. Up above is a mezzanine that overlooks the salon cutting floor and retail area. It sits directly about the rounded front desk on the front side and the color mixing bar on the other side. The "front of the house" is for guest retail purchases that range from products, jewelry, candles, makeup,

and hair accessories. At holiday time is magical with the resident stylist/interior designer who does all of the display designing. When its time to relax and get your hair shampooed you are taken to a separate room with the light dimmed to maximize the experience. For your privacy, attached to the shampoo room is the color processing room complete with a snack, beverage, and warm neck wrap. This separate room allows the guest to process while their stylist attends to another guest. This system creates opportunity for more availability for appointments.

Last stop of the Cass & Company tour are the treatment rooms for massage and body waxing. They really have thought of everything to make you feel amazing!

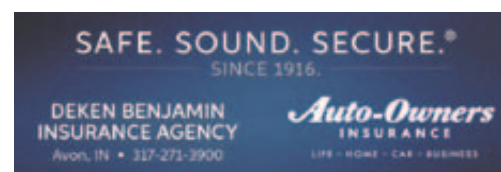
Cass & Company also hosts many different events such as Wine and Canvas parties, VIP parties, Seasonal parties and Motivational Speakers. For more information call 317-272-3770.

**Washington Township Market Analysis for 9/21/15-3/21/16 – Price Bands**

Starting/Ending Price	\$0-\$100,000	\$100k-200k	\$201k-300k	\$301k-400k	\$401k-500k	\$501k-600k	\$601k-700k	\$701k-800k
Number of Active Listings	2	64	56	27	10	7	3	1
Number Closed	24	237	105	27	6	8	0	0
Number Pending	4	54	21	6	1	0	0	0
Number Expired	2	41	27	27	10	2	1	4
Average Days on the Market	84	98	92	83	136	148	0	0
Average List Price	85,210	117,406	213,609	332,200	453,368	568,438	0	0
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## Correlation: Oil and stocks?

### MONEY MATTERS

By Jeff Binkley

"Correlation, in the world of finance, is a statistical measure of how two securities move in relation to each other... used in advanced portfolio management." (Investopedia)

Oil makes the world go 'round, in multiple ways other than powering the combustible-engine-based global economy. We use it to heat our homes, power our electricity plants and as a base material – not a sole component – in countless products. So why are "oil, [and] stocks at [their] Tightest Correlation in 26 Years?" (WSJ 1/25/2016)

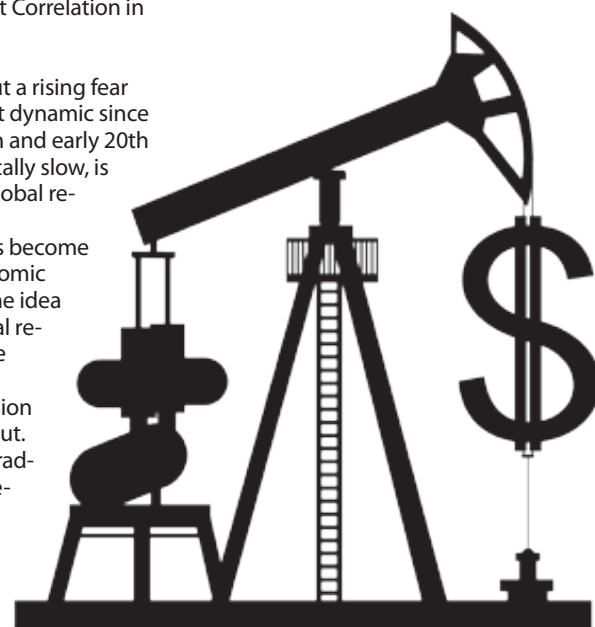
China. And fear.

Not fear of China per se but a rising fear that as its economy, the most dynamic since our own back in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, begins to dramatically slow, is possibly heading toward a global recession.

Rather than the VIX, oil has become the new "fear index." As economic news comes out to bolster the idea that we're headed for a global recession, oil tanks. (Pardon the pun.) As news comes out to pooh-pooh the global recession idea, oil experiences a blowout. (Ditto the pun.) Wall Street traders by their nature are simple-minded (not stupid by any stretch, but simple-minded) emotional and greedy lemmings. With companies continuing to report unconvincing earnings amidst declining revenues, while a feckless FED provides no clear direction as to future interest rates, those simple-minded traders have glommed onto oil as an ersatz crystal ball. Add to that short-sellers, short squeezes, program trading and that aforementioned lemming mentality snowballing, what else should we expect to see

other than these dramatic triple-digit moves up and down on a daily and sometimes intra-day basis?

What's the astute investor to do? I suggest you keep your lines of communication with your own trusted advisor(s) wide open. Another suggestion is that part of those discussions should be around the idea that if you have not yet established a level of dry-powder (cash) in your portfolio that you feel good about, then taking some profits into strength may make a bit of sense.



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## Christine Born

Christine & Brad Born own Mayberry Café in Danville. This year they celebrate 25 years as Mayberry Café and are going into year 3 as significant players of "Mayberry In The Midwest" sponsored by the Downtown Danville Partnership. The festival has brought folks from around Indiana and 22 other states to Danville to celebrate all things Mayberry with the All American Hometown values that Danville exemplifies so well. Here, learn more about our May ICON of the month, Christine Born:

**What do you consider your greatest virtue?** Hmm. Does tenacity count? I am very devoted to people and causes I believe in.

**What do you most deplore in others?** That is a strong word I wouldn't want to ascribe to a person, but abuse or neglect of people or animals riles me to the core.

**What do you like most about living in Hendricks County?** It is close to many "city" things yet holds a strong sense of community or neighborliness in the smaller towns that brings folks together.

**If you had to live elsewhere than in Hendricks County, where would it be?** Still in Indy, but closer to more family.

**If you could begin life over, what would you change?** Spend more time one on one with those dearest to me. Real in the moment, enjoying-them time.

**If money were no issue, how would you spend it?** A Performing Arts Center for Hendricks County, Hendricks County Museum and Family Promise of Hendricks County are where my lottery winnings are earmarked!

**What makes you happiest?** Seeing people smile with that smile that radiates from their soul and sparkles in their eyes. It's sourced differently for all of us, but a joyful boomerang to see. I look for it in folks (family, friends, customers) every day.

**What is your favorite vacation spot?** Anywhere with family, dogs, water, sun.

**What do you do with idle time?** Ha, ha, ha! You are kidding right?

**What is it that makes you angry?** Maybe dishonesty and meanness, both personally and professionally, that's hard ground to build from.

**What do you do to escape from reality?** Music would be my muse, though not to escape or evade, but to rejuvenate my soul.

**What or who is the greatest love of your life?** Family and my husband who is the most honest, hardworking, good humored person I've met. He's always true to his word and tries to be fair and kind with everyone. I'm proud of the example he leads our family by.

## Christine enjoys Hendricks County's 'strong sense of community'.

**Which living person in Hendricks County do you most admire?** Gosh the list would be long! Gail Tharp jumps to mind today though for her dedication and perseverance to keep the Hendricks County Museum operating on a wing and a prayer – literally. And she retains a spirit of goodwill in everything she touches.

**What is the quality you most like in a man?** Kindness.

**What is the quality you most like in a woman?** Kindness.

**What is your greatest extravagance?** Not much extravagance in my blood. I'm the 11th of 13 children and it just doesn't resonate with me. We learned to give what we could to help one another.

**What are your fears, phobias?** Nothing overt that I know of. I don't like spiders much, but internally I try to work through things, figuring it is the avoidance that leads to trouble.

**What has been the happiest time of your life?** Family times, everything else fades away. Watching our kids explore life, develop their gifts and individual quirks is so fulfilling. And despite the labor intensiveness of owning a restaurant, working day in and day out with my husband for 27 of our 28 years together creates a richness that is hard to sound bite. We opened our café on Friday the 13th and he's been cracking me up with his jokes the whole way.

**Which talent would you most like to possess?** I would love to be able to play the piano or sing really well, but not happening this time around!

**What do you most value in your friends?** Tolerance and compassion. I need lots of both and those that offer it to me, help me grow exponentially.

**Which historical figure do you most identify with?** None, they are all way smarter than me! I have thought it would be great to have a conversation with Carl Sagan, Plato or Mother Teresa – wide range I know!


**What is your greatest regret?** Oh, to have the wisdom of old age in youth? Certainly I have regrets, but I also have a strong faith that the grand design is not without purpose and that humanity is evolving, spiraling towards eventual harmony, so do-overs might tamper with the necessary healing of things. I'll sit tight, even if uncomfortable at times. I have finally learned, though, that to give love is always the answer – no matter the problem ... learning how to get there is the continuing lesson and I find no regrets there.

**What tenet do you live by?** Try again tomorrow, to do better than today.



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