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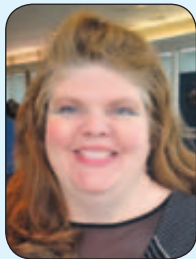
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Honoring our mothers

Any day of the year is a great opportunity to tell your mother that you appreciate her and value her guidance. This year for Mother's Day, we invited readers to share essays about some advice or wisdom their mothers have given them. The winning entry will receive a prize package from the following: Brownsburg Ballroom Dance Studio, Carole's Boutique, Cass & Company Salon, Great Fermentations and Sweet M's Boutique. Congratulations to the Hendricks County ICON winner, Nikki Ford, for her submitted essay:

"United we stand, divided we fall. And if our backs should ever be against the wall, we'll be together, together all the time."

This is a song my mom, my brothers and I used to sing together almost daily while growing up. I really didn't ever realize it was an actual song until just a few years ago. I had thought my mom made it up just for us. These lyrics though, they taught me a lot over the years.

Most people who knew my mom knew she had a heart of servitude and lived to help others – boy scouts, foster parenting, hosting family dinners, Saturday morning Avon football breakfasts and Project ANGEL. But there is a strong connection in all of these things that I feel is truly what my mom's heart stood for and what she pressed upon me and my brothers (and our friends).

The wisdom of the way she lived her life gave us a sense of community and a loyalty to family whether it be blood or friendship. None of us get anywhere in this life alone or on our own merits. We must, and should, depend on each other.

My mom, Rita Hodson, had a signature on all of her emails "Each of us – parent, grandparent, neighbor, friend influences the life of a child." The wisdom or advice of my mom that influenced my life most came not from her words or lectures but by the life she led. She taught me and my brothers to always stand by each other and to stand by those we love, always offer a helping hand. No matter what my mom was doing, I knew if I called her she would be there in a minute. Her love was a constant. It was unconditional. And so now I live to make my love a constant to those in my life and to exemplify the unconditional love that my mom showed me when a person's back is against the wall. Because after all, "united we stand and divided we will fall."

~ Nikki
Ford



Hession receives BHS' Distinguished Alumni Award

AWARD

Anthony Hession (BHS '74) was named the 2016 BHS Distinguished Alumni

Award winner during a May 5 ceremony honoring BHS' Top 25 seniors. After high school, Hession attended Purdue University to study Agriculture and Management completing his degree in 1978. Anthony has been married to his wife, Tammy, for 35 years. They have three children who also graduated from Brownsburg High School and Purdue University: Kelly (29), Michael (27), and Daniel (25). Hession offers this advice to high school graduates: "Be a person of character by being honest, by being a person of your word – do what you say you are going to do. Be determined and focus on the objective – work hard. But it is also important to create balance – have a little fun and relaxation along the way."

Brownsburg Town Hall meeting June 7

TOWN HALL

The Town of Brownsburg will hold its next Town Hall

Meeting on Tuesday, June 7, from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. This public meeting will be held at Eaton Hall, 61 N. Green St.

The meeting is held every other month on the first Tuesday of the month. Residents and business community members are invited to bring topics of local interest or concern to discuss with Town of Brownsburg staff, Town Council members and other local officials.

VHC Awards two Bicentennial grants

GRANTS

Two Hendricks County bicentennial initiatives will receive

\$250 through the Visit Hendricks County Bicentennial Grant program. Projects approved this cycle included: **The Porch Celebrates Early Education in Indiana project** – The Porch, which is a restaurant and tea room in Danville, is located in a refurbished one-room schoolhouse and **Montrose Farms Alpaca Ranch Open House** – To honor National Alpaca Farm Day, Montrose Farms in Brownsburg will host an event opening its alpaca ranch to the public. The open house will be held Sept. 24.

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Purdue honors Speer

RECOGNITION

Hendricks Regional Health President and CEO Kevin Speer was recently recognized as a Distinguished Alumni by Purdue University's College of Liberal Arts in a ceremony that took place in West Lafayette, Ind. He is involved in many different health advocacy organizations that share his passion for strengthening healthy and vibrant communities such as YMCA of Central Indiana; Sheltering Wings Center for Women; and the American Lung Association. Speer sits on the Board of the Hendricks County Economic Development Partnership as well as the Chambers of Commerce in Avon, Brownsburg and Danville.



Kevin Speer, HRH.

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- Week 4: The Great Outdoors, June 20-June 24
- Week 5: All Sports of Fun, June 27-July 1
- Week 6: Wacky Water Week, July 5-July 8
- Week 7: Guess Who?, July 11-July 15
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Avon's Floyd Dreyer, Jr., goes from working on cars in pits to restoring them

RESTORING INDY

COVER STORY

By Gus Pearcy

Racing legend Lloyd Ruby was called the best race car driver to never win the Indianapolis 500.

He was a winning driver who was better known for his bad luck at Indianapolis. His best finish was third in 1964. His only other Top 5 finish was in 1968.

His best chance at winning the Indy 500 was in 1969. Race leader Mario Andretti was having problems with overheating and Ruby was in a strong position. Near the end of the race, Ruby came in for a pit stop, and for some reason, he dropped the clutch with the refueling nozzle in his tank. The incident ripped a hole in the tank, ending his day.

Floyd Dreyer, Jr., 85, remembers that day vividly because he was on Ruby's pit crew.

"He said, 'Jr. tapped me on the helmet,' but all the cameras were right on us," Jr. recalled. "He later more or less apologized to me. We probably could've won it that year, easy enough."

The son of a mechanic and entrepreneur, Junior (as his friends know him) was around racing and cars all his life. Not only did he mingle with racing legends and work their pit crews, but the Avon resident and his father also helped shape the history of the 500 by restoring some of its greatest cars.

These restorations, too numerous to count, were all done over the years in a shop on West Washington Street, where Dreyer Honda is today. Dreyer Honda is the oldest Honda motorcycle dealership in the United States, started by him and his father in 1953.

Working off old photos and verbal descriptions, Junior must imagine what the body of a car looked like because often there isn't much there to work with.

"Those are my blueprints," he said.

Instead of remembering the triumph of restoring historical

race cars, Junior loves the stories more.

One was from 1961, the 50th anniversary of the Indy 500. That year, owner Tony Hulman wanted former owner Eddie Rickenbacker to drive a parade lap in a 1914 car he drove in the race. In that year, Rickenbacker placed ninth.

"Every day, Tony would come to the shop and raise the overhead door to see how we were doing on the car because he was very interested in getting it done," Jr. remembers. "Well this particular day, we were building a new showroom for our motorcycles. My dad and I were over here either helping build or giving instruction on what we wanted. Tony raised the door and we had a police dog in there and that police dog got a hold of his jacket and tore it right down."

Hulman apologized all over himself for opening the door, Junior recalled.

Another was while he was restoring Louis Mayer's winning Gold 14 car. Junior had the radiator shell built and sitting on top of his workbench. Mike, his son who was a young child at the time, climbed up on the bench and knocked the shell off the bench and "put a big old dent in it." Before Junior could reach his son, the chain reaction caused a giant hammer to fall off the bench and smashed Mike's foot.

"Every Christmas, every birthday, every whatever, I got a picture of that Miller 14," Junior said.

Racing was an inevitable for Junior. It was in his blood. His father was a hall of fame sidcar motorcycle racer, Floyd "Pop" Dreyer. Pop raced motorcycles in the 1910s and early 20s. He raced Indian motorcycles and won many races gaining national attention. When he stopped he moved to Indianapolis to become a mechanic with the Dusenber racing team.



Floyd Dreyer, Jr.

Photo by Gus Pearcy

Getting to know Floyd...

As soon as Junior and his dad heard that Honda was building motorcycles, they signed up to be a dealer. Dreyer Honda is the oldest Honda motorcycle dealer in the United States. Junior actually met Soichiro Honda, the founder and received an award for sales. A picture hangs in the Dreyer dealership along with lots of other memorabilia.

Floyd has been a westsider all his life. He was born in a house right next to the dealership on West Washington Street and lived in several houses ending up in Avon.

Junior's son, Mike, wrote a book about his grandfather, famed Indy mechanic Floyd Pops Dreyer Sr. in 2000. Before his grandfather passed away, Mike videotaped him explaining the stories behind photos. Junior took the videotape home to watch, went to bed leaving the videotape in the machine. His younger son came home and taped over it. The family had to start the whole process over.

For the 100th running, there is expected to be an historical parade lap of 33 of the cars from the museum. Jr. expects to be well represented in the mix with the vast number of cars he's restored.

His favorite restoration isn't even an Indy car. It's his father's Indian motorcycle, the Flexible Flyer named after the sponsor.

Junior worked for many other drivers including Shorty Templeman, Jim McElreath, Bill Holland, and Jerry Hoyt. He has a collection of pit badges he's been issued for every year from 1947 to today.

"I know everyone says this, but I think I lived through the best era, ever," he said.



Here is a sprint car totally manufactured by Floyd "Pop" Dreyer Sr. The engine is an outboard motor.

Photo by Gus Pearcy



The Dreyer family pride and joy, a rebuilt Indian motorcycle just like his Floyd Sr. used to race.

Photo by Gus Pearcy

HC ICON News Quiz

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

- 1** In Hendricks County, who won the presidential primaries?
- A. Donald Trump and Hillary Clinton
 B. Ted Cruz and Bernie Sanders
 C. Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump
 D. Donald Trump and Pat Paulsen
- 2** What is the first stop in Hendricks County for the Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay?
- A. Evansville
 B. Lucas Oil Raceway
 C. Hendricks County Courthouse
 D. Coatesville
- 3** Through June, the Brownsburg Public Library is holding a rock-n-roll silent auction. One of the items up for bids is the diary of what famous, deceased, rock band frontman?
- A. Kurt Cobain
 B. Ian "Lemmy" Kilmister
- C. Michael Jackson
 D. Glenn Frey
- 4** According to ABC World News Tonight, how much money has Avon Community High School raised for pediatric and prenatal care with their 2016 lip dub video?
- A. \$10,000+
 B. \$5,000+
 C. \$17,563
 D. \$15,000+
- 5** Ground was broke for the new Danville Jack Willard Community Park recently. What was Jack Willard's profession from 1962-2012?
- A. Police officer
 B. Fire fighter
 C. Parks department employee
 D. Mayor of Danville

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Father's Day 2016

"What advice or wisdom has your father shared with you that you believe will be most important to your future?"

Father's Day is just one day out of 365 to show our fathers appreciation for raising us and helping to shape us into who we are today! Though we try our best to appreciate Dad the whole year round, we sometimes lose track of all he's done for us. Take this Father's Day as an opportunity to show Dad how much you care with a genuine letter from you, personally!

Though we know it's difficult sharing all the wonderful things about your father in just one page, we ask that entries do not exceed one page or 300 words.

Please include your name and home address on the letter as well. The best entries will be selected and published in the June 18-30 issue of the *Hendricks County ICON*. The winning entry will receive a prize package.

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Top, left: Charles Ford, West Indy, readies his remote car for the track.
Bottom, left: Isaiah Gibbs, 9, Plainfield, points to his car. Gibbs is the son of Andrea Sellmeyer.
Top, right: Avon Parks and Recreation's new permanent off-road RC track.
Middle, right: Chuck Baker, Southport, takes to the water with his boat.
Bottom, right: Youngsters look on at remote control cars that could be purchased or rented.

Photos by Rick Myers

Misty weather doesn't subdue remote control enthusiasts

ICONOGRAPHY

Avon Parks and Recreation, along with Black Sheep Squadron R/C Airplane Club, Hoosier R/C Racers and Indianapolis Admirals R/C Model Boat Club, hosted the 2nd Annual Spring Fling Radio Control Festival, May 7, at Avon Town Hall Park. Misty weather didn't keep airplane, boat, car and truck remote control enthusiasts from participating.

"Unfortunately the weather kept a lot of the crowds away, but we were still pleased with the turn out," stated Terri Fisher, Avon Parks and Recreation programmer and event coordinator, via email. "Everyone that came out seemed to have a good time and we had a lot of compliments. The hobbyists always have fun showing off their models – so they had a grand time."

Brownsburg nears funding agreement for new downtown development

GOVERNMENT

By Rob Kendall

A new look may soon be coming to downtown Brownsburg. The town appears close to striking an agreement with private developers to build nearly \$90 million of new assessed value. The proposed mixed use developments between Main and 56th Streets will include restaurants, shopping opportunities and apartments.

In order to facilitate the project, developers Scannell Properties and Flaherty and Collins Properties are requesting the town fund millions of dollars of infrastructure. This would include roads and parking.

Councilman Brian Jessen feels comfortable with providing public dollars to help private development, as long as the investment ultimately benefits the community. "I am very comfortable with the town making investments into private development as long as there is a ROI (return on investment). Where we are seeing results from what we are assisting with."

Jessen also pointed out his interest is in helping private businesses grow the tax base, and not the town owning businesses. "I would rather help with getting it start-

ed and everything else, to help with the tax base and destination areas for people downtown, and helping grow the commercial base in Brownsburg."

Rick Bolt, of Bolt Redevelopment, who owns the property to be developed by Scannell, has been attempting to get the downtown project done since 2009. Like Jessen, he sees the biggest benefit to Brownsburg being an increase in the tax base. He asserts the value of his property today is about \$150-\$175,000 per acre. With the new development, he claims the value will jump to \$15 million per acre.

"It's going to bring assessed value and it's not going to be owner occupied. So that's going to be double, if not triple the tax rate paid by the properties that are there today," Bolt stated.

When asked about whether the development would happen without the town's participation, Bolt was blunt. "No. Without the town's participation, and without providing infrastructure in terms of the parking and things like that, it would be like trying to develop things out along the (Ronald) Reagan Parkway with no water and no sewer. It just wouldn't happen."

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FROM THE PUBLISHER

Honoring our great Hoosier tradition

As we near the 100th running of the Indianapolis 500 in just a couple of weeks, I would be remiss not to make any mention of it in this space.

In my mind, it would be tantamount to blasphemy. I realize there is nothing Godly about the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, but as it relates to sports facilities – and I've been to my share of them – the one at 16th and Georgetown Road is as sacred to me as they come.

Growing up within less than a mile of IMS, the "Month of May" has been a way of life for as long as I can remember. And the memories ... oh, the memories.

From chasing the Goodyear blimp as it moved slowly across the sky in my neighborhood as a kid to hearing the cars practice while in my classroom at IPS#67; and experiencing the "real" Snake Pit in the 70s and 80s, to working at IMS as a journalist – I've literally seen and experienced it all.

Here's hoping everyone, both those who enjoy IndyCar racing and those who are a May-only fan, take delight in the rest of the month and all of the festivities yet to come that make it so unique and fun.

Finally, here's to all of those men and women in our community who have, in some way or another, had a part in helping to make the Indianapolis 500 the "Greatest Spectacle in Racing." Nothing this significant happens without tremendous support.

Yes, Indianapolis, our communities and the state is defined by the Indianapolis Motor Speedway and when the green flag drops on May 29, we should all take great pride in this Hoosier tradition.



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

In Oregon, one may not test their physical endurance while driving a car on a highway.

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Homeland security

HUMOR

By Dick Wolfsie

I was watching an episode of "House of Cards" one afternoon and suddenly the TV's sound went off. I pushed every button on the remote.

I called our cable company and, incredibly, got a live representative very quickly.

"This is Dennis. May I help you, Sir?"

I explained the problem I was having. To help me, he required my PIN number, but I couldn't remember where I had written it down.

"In that case, I have to ask you a security question you provided us. Who is your favorite movie actor?"

Oh, no. Was that really the security question I had given them? I was drawing a blank. "How about Johnny Depp?"

"Not the right answer. Sorry."

"No sorrier than I am. That was way before I saw him as Tonto in The Lone Ranger."

"Look, Dennis, could you ask me my wife's maiden name, instead? How about my favorite superhero? Where was I when Kennedy was shot? Come on, work with me here."

I wondered if it was possible that it was Mary Ellen who had signed up for cable and answered the security question. I asked Dennis to hold while I called Mary Ellen on my cell phone.

Thankfully, I finally remembered that I had written the PIN number on a piece of paper and taped it to the back of the TV. The cable company then did some kind of a reset and sure enough, the audio was back. But it was driving me crazy that I could not remember who my favorite actor was, so I asked Dennis to tell me who I had picked.

"Oh, I can't tell you that, Sir. That would be a breach of security."

"Wait a second, you're not allowed to tell me who my favorite actor is? That's crazy."

"Well, I suppose I can, but first I need to ask you a few security questions..."



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.

QUOTE

"I think if I've learned anything about friendship, it's to hang in, stay connected, fight for them, and let them fight for you. Don't walk away, don't be distracted, don't be too busy or tired, don't take them for granted. Friends are part of the glue that holds life and faith together. Powerful stuff." ~ Jon Katz (American Author)

Voter turnout made Election Day great

OUR VIEW

Voter turnout during a presidential election year is always higher, but this year seemed to be better than ever. Of the 105,270 registered voters in Hendricks County, 46 percent made a choice during the primary election for who would represent their party in November.

This fantabulous representation was likely the result of several factors coming together at once.

First, Indiana had a role to play in the nominating process. Because our primaries are so late in the season, our vote usually is inconsequential to the nominating process. But both Republican and Democrat presidential races were undecided. We've played a role before, but very rarely in both parties.

Two, early voting around the county was an unqualified success. Nine percent of registered voters in Hendricks County went to an early voting center either at the Government Center or one of the libraries at specified times. This bodes well for voting centers when they are enacted in 2018. There will be about 20 voting centers around the county and a registered voter will be able to go to any of them, instead of being precinct specific. Plus, this turnout justifies adding early voting sites for future elections.

While the results were mostly predictable, the one race that stood out was State Sen. Dist. 24, where the incumbent Pete Miller lost to John Crane of Avon. Crane won Hendricks County by 12 percent and lost to Miller by only 88 votes in Putnam County which is a part of the district. This is being called a big win by the social conservative members of the Indiana GOP. Currently Crane has no Democrat opposition for November but the party could nominate someone by July.

Great job, Hendricks County. This was good representation for a primary. Let's keep it up for November.

OOPS!

It was erroneously reported in our last issue that the B&O Trail would be named the Bulldog and Oriole Trail later this year. According to Diana Virgil, president of the B&O Trail Association, the trail will not be renamed. It will stay the B&O Trail, which stands for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad. **We regret the error.**

READERS' WRITES

Law enforcement support = safer communities

Those who violate the laws of our state and nation are criminals. It does not matter the race, culture or religion of the criminal. The police are representatives of society and are expected to enforce the law and keep the peace.

When criminals attack the police, they are attacking the people. I have never known a police officer who wanted to hurt or commit deadly harm to anyone. However, you have to wonder why someone would attack an officer, someone who is carrying a firearm and not expect to get seriously hurt or killed. Of course, some of these individuals are intoxicated, under the influence of drugs or have mental/emotional problems. Don't misunderstand my stance as being against complete investigations of use of force - especially deadly force by police. They should be investigated thoroughly.

Criminals are just that: criminals. We can make excuses for why some people behave

when they violate our laws, whether they are violent or not. The problem is, the police officer has a limited amount of time to decide on what action he or she must take in order to survive an encounter with a criminal. Some are quick to criticize or blame law enforcement whenever an encounter turns deadly without knowing all of the facts. Any one entering law enforcement as a career should know they will always be under heavy scrutiny by the public. I have never had a problem with public expectations of the police. Law enforcement personnel should be honest, trustworthy and always act with integrity.

We seem to have a divided populace based on race, culture, politics and religion. If we would join together, support our law enforcement and the criminal justice system, we would have safer communities.

Dave Galloway, 46112

Trump sheds light on primary process

I have to admit that I don't know what to think of Donald J. Trump. It really is hard to relate to his level of success and his fortune and then ask yourself, "What is he really up to?" and "What will he do when he gets to the White House?" which is almost a foregone conclusion.

He has searched and identified the "angry white man, the disaffected union guys, the unemployed, the underemployed" and yes he has troubled many of us. He is a wild card, but he has captured the middle class, who for very valid reasons feel they have been left behind.

But Trump, regardless of whether he prevails over Hillary, has accomplished something no one else has managed to do. He has shined the harsh light of the day into the primary election process, which in and of itself is a complete mess, designed only to have the political parties maintain control of the delegate selection process. This is likely the most important thing Donald Trump has accomplished in the last year.

That said, the entire primary process should, in each state, go to one-man-one vote process where the candidates win or

loses delegates on a voting district basis, where the delegates have only one vote and are bound to that on the first ballot. Let's rid ourselves of the old "smoke filled rooms" where party bosses decide not only who of their favorites get to be a delegate, but who will vote as they are told.

How did we get here? Because no one looked at what was going on and this was a sort of well-kept secret process. So much for a citizen legislature, government by the people and for the people.

Bud Green, 46168

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The newest old thing

Everyone notices the produce departments in supermarkets and superstores have plenty of relatively fresh vegetables and fruits, often picked unripe and shipped in from faraway places. Arriving hard and tasteless, if they're set aside to ripen, they jump from unripe to decaying.

Previous Indiana administrations had even gone so far as to outlaw pitch-in dinners, raising enough Hoosier fury that they quickly exempted churches and similar 501(c)(3) organizations. Nothing could be sold at farmers markets that were home-baked, home-canned, home-cooked, or homemade. The best, purest and most wholesome food is that produced in a farm kitchen.

Recently, the state softened its health department rules regarding farmers markets, as well as honey and maple syrup producers. Many home made goods could once again be sold at farmers markets, along with tasty and fresh (and sometimes ugly) vegetables.

Today, the county health departments

still inspect the markets, but residents can now find a bigger variety healthy, fresh, and nutritious local foods.

The reforms enacted in Indiana were a model for similar reforms made in Michigan, where its previous standards were considered even more draconian.

In the past 10 years, farmers markets have proliferated. Several exist during the summer in Hendricks County, including Avon (Tuesdays beginning June 7, 4 - 7 p.m.), Plainfield (Wednesdays beginning June 1, 4 - 7 p.m.), Danville (Saturdays beginning May 14, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.), Brownsburg (Thursdays beginning June 2, 4 - 7 p.m.), and Pittsboro (Saturdays beginning July 2 9 - 11 a.m.).

While supermarket prices might be cheaper because the supply chain has mastered the art of low-cost production and delivery of those hard, tasteless tomatoes, your taste buds will come alive with the wide variety of fresh, flavorful heirloom varieties of vegetables and fruit at Indiana's born-again farmers markets.

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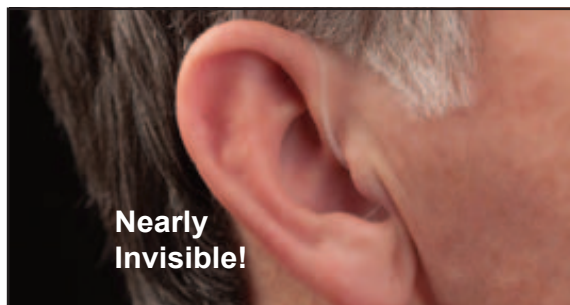
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May 19 • Retro Movies at the Royal: No Time for Sergeants 1958 | When: 7 p.m. | Where: RoyalTheater; 59 S. Washington St., Danville

May 20- 22 • Mayberry in the Midwest Festival 2016 When: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Where: 1 Courthouse Square, Danville | Contact: Christa Salyers (317) 319-1492

May 21 • Camping Basics | When: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. | Where: Sodalis Nature Park; 7700 S. CR 975 E., Plainfield | Contact: Hendricks County Parks and Recreation (317) 718-6188

May 26 • The Good Girls and Bad Girls of Indiana | When: 6 – 7 p.m. Avon Library; 498 N. Avon Ave., Avon | Registration required | Contact: Susan Truax (317) 272-4818

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Gathering in the Garden set for June 18 in Plainfield

NIGHT OUT

The Gathering Together, a nonprofit home dedicated to end-of-life care, will host The Gathering in the Garden, June 18., 7 – 10 p.m., at its Plainfield facility 147 Center St. The event will feature live music by David Meek, craft beer from Taxman Brewing Company, a taco bar, a silent auction, a dessert auction and a craft sale.

The Gathering Together was founded by Executive Director Rita Fiorentino in 2001 and serves Central Indiana with care for terminally ill patients and their families. Working alongside local hospice care providers, The Gathering Together serves families looking for an alternative that provides a warm, comfortable environment during their final days. During the past five years, the home has provided care to more than 150 Hendricks County families. As a nonprofit, The Gathering Together makes its services available to families at no charge. The organization depends on individual donations and proceeds from special events for funding its opera-



tions.

Fiorentino had this to say about the event, “This will truly be a special evening of dancing under the stars, enjoying the company of friends and family and sharing in some good food and entertainment. We are so blessed to have the support of our community to make this event happen.”

Tickets to the event are \$35 per person and can be purchased online or by sending a check to The Gathering Together, 147 N Center Street in Plainfield, Indiana, 46168. For more information, contact ritafiorentino@me.com, (317) 797-2795, www.thegatheringtogether.org.

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Food recommendations: The fish sandwich was wonderful!

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Where do you like to dine?
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What do you like to eat there?
I was introduced to Diesel’s in spring 2015 and absolutely love swinging by there on Wednesdays

for their discounted wings. They are by far the best wings I have ever had and then on top of that their house-made blue cheese dressing is to die for!

What do you like about Diesel’s Sports Grille? I also like the atmosphere of the place as it reminds me of a place I use to go in my hometown growing up. Danville absolutely has that hometown feel!



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Michael Oliver *as* Gomer

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, May 20th:

6-9 pm: Meet & Greet -
Ticketed Event - \$25
Hendricks County 4-H Fair-
grounds 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
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4 pm: VW Boys Show

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Mayberry in the Midwest in Danville May 20-22

FESTIVAL

For the third time, the Historic Courthouse Square in Danville will transform into Mayberry R.F.D. for the Mayberry in the Midwest Festival.

The festival is a salute to the Andy Griffith Show and if you enjoyed it, you'll want to be in Danville that weekend. There will be tribute artists from all over the country portraying many of the characters from the show including Deputy Barney Fife, Otis the town drunk, Floyd the barber, and many more.

Special guests at this year's festival is Maggie Mancuso, who played Charlene Darling, and Dixie Griffith, Andy's daughter.

This year, the organizing committee has added a celebrity basketball game with local celebrities taking on the tribute artists at 6:30 p.m. May 21 at Bosstic Gym, an expanded Opie's World for children, and the VW Boys show, all for free.

There are some ticketed events such as Mayberry After Dark on Saturday and the VIP Meet and Greet at 6 p.m. on Friday.

Christa Salyers, co-chair of the event committee says this year appears to be the biggest crowd yet. She said the Facebook page of the Mayberry in the Midwest page has thousands of likes and many are sharing posts.

"One post was shared 14,000 times," she said. "Ticket sales are up for all of the ticketed events. I've sold tickets to Michigan, Ohio, Colorado, Kansas City, Illinois..."

For a complete rundown of events, visit the Mayberry in the Midwest Facebook page or the website at MayberryintheMidwest.com.



David Browning as The Mayberry Deputy with fans at the 2015 Mayberry in the Midwest.

Photo by Rick Myers

EVENT



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Children play in a jail cell during the 2015 Mayberry in the Midwest.

Photo by Rick Myers

Blue Jeans and Bow Ties Dinner Dance successful

By Gus Pearcy

It was a who's who of guests at the second annual Blue Jeans and Bow Ties Dinner Dance recently held at West Chase Golf Club. Not only was the dancing fun, but there was also a silent auction, wine pull and a photo booth all to raise funds for another year of programming on WYRZ, FM 98.9.

Photos by Gus Pearcy



From left, Matt and Erin Sheets, and Mike and Angie Nelson.



From left, Catharine Green, Rob Green, Hendricks County Sheriff Brett Clark and Karie Clark.



The host for the evening was, from left, WYRZ weatherman Paul Poteet, Hendricks County 4-H Fair Queen Maci Tetrick, and WYRZ Executive Director Shane Ray.



Lisa McVicker and Mike Trammel.



John Crane and Jean Crane.



From left, Jennifer Ahles, Brad Dubois and Bobbi Miller.



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First 'Art in the Street Mural Project' to be complete in July

MURAL PROJECT

The Hendricks County Arts Council kicked off its first-ever Art in the Street Mural Project with a fundraiser/reception April 29, hosted by David and Peg Glover, Danville. The first mural that will be created under the project will be completed in July on the north side of the Square in Danville by Tiffany Black. It will highlight Hendricks County. Black, who is from Danville, now resides in Baltimore. The mural will be painted on the West side of the building that is housed by Diesel's Sports Grille, 20 West Main St. The building is owned by Greg Fuller. Contributions to the project may be made online at Hendrickscountysrts.org or mailed to the Hendricks County Arts Council, PO Box 315, Danville, IN 46122. For more information call (317) 386-3111.

Top, right: Greg and Ginny Black, parents of Tiffany, stand next to a rendering of the mural as well as one she painted in Madison, IN.

Bottom, right: Peg Glover, right, talks with, from left, Marcia Lynch, Lynne Fuller and Sloan Shockley.

Photos by
Rick Myers



Breast cancer survivor finds running is therapy

RUNNER

By Marty Spitz

Sarah Duncan, imaging clinical coordinator at Hendricks Regional Health, is preparing to run her 41st half-marathon after successfully battling breast cancer.

In 2012, with her body feeling the toll of months of chemo, surgeries and radiation, Sarah decided to get her body back in shape by starting to run. She joined the Hendricks Regional Health Mini-Marathon training group with no intentions of running the Indianapolis 500 Mini-Marathon. But she did end up running her first half-marathon, the Hendricks Regional Health's run in Danville, that same year. She ran her first Mini-Marathon and 12 other half-marathons in 2013.

To date, she's run 40 half-marathons and two full marathons, both Indianapolis Monumental Marathons. She calls the Monumental "my favorite race. It's cool, it's fall and it's flat." Another marathon on her bucket list is the Tecumseh Trail Marathon, which is hillier.

She believes running has played a significant role in her recovery from cancer. "It's become an extension of my cancer treatment, sort of my therapy," she said.

Other benefits of running, she says, are the camaraderie, friendships and support of other runners. "Those are the biggest gifts I've received from running."



Sarah Duncan and her husband, Joe, following their running of the Mini-Marathon in 2014.

Submitted Photo

Spring party coming up?

RECIPE

By Jerry Rezny

The spring and summer are perfect for this elegant appetizer with the fresh spring taste of mint and lime, and sweet crabmeat. It's fast and easy and can be made quite quickly. Makes 24 appetizers.

Crab and Avocado Bruschetta

Ingredients:

- 8 ounces lump crabmeat
- 2 Haas Avocados (or 8 ounces prepared guacamole)
- 8 slices of bread
- 1 tablespoon fresh mint leaves, chopped
- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 2 teaspoons fresh lime juice
- Salt and red pepper

You can make the toast in the oven or the toaster. I used whole wheat bread, but you can use whatever bread you like. Traditionally in Italy, they used up the bread that was starting to get stale. After toasting, trim crust off bread and divide into two or four slices (depending on the size of the slice.) Brush with extra virgin olive oil. I do not use garlic in this recipe like in traditional bruschetta. (easy way: substitute Ritz or Town House crackers!)

In a small bowl, mash the avocado with a pinch of red pepper and salt. (easy way: substitute pre-made guacamole.)

In another bowl, gently toss crabmeat with lime juice and mint.

Spread mashed avocado on the toast, top with the crab mixture.

The perfect wine pairing is Sauvignon Blanc.



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

PUZZLE ANSWERS from page 7:
1. A; 2. B; 3. A; 4. D; 5. B

LIFESTYLE DISPATCH

BLS: we love to grill on Memorial Day According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Memorial Day is the third-largest grilling occasion of the year, behind July 4 and birthdays. Plus, it's affordable, with the price of a 12-person cookout in 2015 rising just 2 percent over the previous year.

Source: newsandexperts.com

Ensure, insure and assure

GRAMMAR GUY

By Jordan Fischer

Q: I have trouble with the words "insure" and "ensure." Can you tell me when to use one or the other?

A: We can clear that up, and even touch on "assure" in the process.

A quick glance at your dictionary will illuminate the trouble between these three words: They're all synonyms.

From our friend Merriam-Webster: "Ensure, insure and assure are interchangeable in many contexts where they indicate the making certain or inevitable of an outcome, but ensure may imply a virtual guarantee, while insure sometimes stresses the taking of necessary measures beforehand, and assure distinctly implies the removal of doubt and suspense from a person's mind."

To "ensure" is "to guarantee." Restaurant chains use standardized recipes to ensure that a Pizza Hut pizza in Indiana tastes the same as one in Wyoming. Politicians are often criticized for gerrymandering, which ensures their party's victory.

To "insure" something is to take precautions to make it certain or safe (i.e. insur-

ance). The key word there is "precautions" – in other words, actions you've already taken once a situation arises to turn it in your favor. The most obvious example would be insurance – it only does you any good if you're already insured before the fire breaks out.

To "assure" is to give confidence or peace of mind. A ticket might insure your flight to New York, but you could still need your friend to assure you that flying is safe. Parents often have to assure their children that haircuts won't hurt, or that doctors aren't out to get them.

To wrap things up: In their most common use – "to make something certain or safe" – all three words are more or less interchangeable. Picking one over the other will be determined by the emphasis you want to add.



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West side group launched

ONLINE

Co-founders Tony Refeitt of Integrity Real Estate and Lacey Verbik of Imagine Virtual Assistant Services launched Best of the West in March 2016. The two developed a networking group exclusive to companies that serve the greater Hendricks County area as well as Indy's west side. Best of the West aims to connect individuals seeking goods and services to the best local providers of those goods and services. If you're interested in learning more about Best of the West, check out its website at BestOfTheWest-Indy.com.

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Rising to the top

Mike Baker turns up the heat on community banking

BANKING

By Gus Pearcy

Mike Baker's philosophy with the State Bank of Lizton is simple.

"What we're trying to do is provide enough scale so we can outnational the locals and outlocal the nationals," Baker said.

In the highly competitive banking industry, that means offer the services of the big banks while maintaining, even strengthening, the local advantage the bank has maintained since it started in 1910.

Despite 11 branches sprinkled throughout Hendricks and Boone counties, Baker understands that most people want to bank from their homes on mobile devices. State Bank of Lizton has introduced online banking and is working on the ability to make deposits online as well.

Baker's challenge is to convince the community that State Bank of Lizton is a full service institution that not only helps the agricultural community (its heritage), but is also large enough to offer all the services of a large, multi-state institution.

Baker says the industry philosophy is \$500 million in assets to thrive into the future.

The State Bank of Lizton currently has \$380 million in assets.

Leveraging the agricultural heritage while offering modern banking services is the new message proffered by the bank.

"People don't really understand the breadth of what we do, how well we do it," Baker said. "That's a little bit of why we came up with this little advertising campaign 'We do that!'"

Baker is a big-picture guy. He speaks the language of the 1,000 foot view. His four years as CEO and president of SBL have been a whirlwind of hiring and executing this vision. His leadership has been focused on training, overhauling the online and technical aspects, and a beefed-up mortgage division that is cautiously entering the secondary market.

Trends in banking show that most people don't set foot in a bank unless they need more than a check cashed. Baker sees it as



Mike Baker

Photo by Rick Myers

an opportunity.

"We're relationship oriented," he said. "We want to be a trusted advisor to people who value what we do. How you develop that relationship and how we become that trusted advisor is what we're trying to do."

One of his first charges by the bank's board was to build a new headquarters. For the last seven months, State Bank of Lizton has been remodeling the former Strong

Building into a place where the entire bank administration and services can be housed.

"I think the bank has always been understated in portraying the size and strength it really is," Baker said. "This building ... gives the community a better perspective on the relative size of the institution."

The new headquarters opened earlier this month. Built by as many local contractors as possible, the building radiates earth tones and natural materials. Baker gives enthusiastic tours of the new building like a new dad shows off photos of the first born. The Anderson, Ind., native has worked his whole life in community banking even starting his own community bank in 1995.

Anderson Community Bank was bought out by First Merchant Bank. Baker stayed with the bank until this opportunity became available.

"I wanted an opportunity to make a bigger difference," he said.

"People don't really understand the breadth of what we do, how well we do it..."
~ Mike Baker

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Patty is a recognized and active leader in the Indianapolis business community, sitting on a variety of for-profit and not-for-profit boards and is the immediate Past Chair of the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and the Central Indiana Women's Business Council of the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce. She is a long-time advocate for advancing the career of women and believes strongly in the concept of “paying it forward” and that leaders have a responsibility to be role models and strong stewards in their communities.

Patty has a B.S. in Education from the University of Kentucky, as well as numerous post-graduate hours in career management and professional and leadership development. She is a Certified Integrity Coach and a graduate of the Marshall Goldsmith Leadership Development and Executive Coaching Academy. She is certified in numerous leadership assessment and developmental tools that she uses to both diagnose situations and create effective and measurable action plans.

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Questions for...

Cinda Kelley-Hutchings

Cinda Kelley-Hutchings came to Hendricks County in 2007 as executive director of the Hendricks County Economic Development Corporation and left the post early this year to pursue other interests. Here we learn, among other things, of her disdain for “playing games,” her passion for early childhood development and her love for small business.



1 Cinda, you came on board as the economic development chief here in Hendricks County in 2007; really a great run for you, elaborate on that: For me to come to one of the fastest growing counties in the state of Indiana was a real opportunity, number 1; to be able to stay in Indiana, number 2; and to really learn about some new industries (logistics and racing) as well and bring my knowledge and success here, so it has been a great run ... Hendricks County is really an anomaly as far as attracting new companies ... most communities can't tout the number of new companies that come in every year like we can here.

2 Why did you leave? I had made a promise to myself (to the HCEDP's executive committee two years ago) ... that I was turning 60 in December and I had made a promise to myself that it was time for me. It was that last chapter of my life to really use my expertise and my knowledge to work with small companies, start-ups, which is really my passion ... that (small business) is really key to any community...

3 Looking back what do you consider your greatest accomplishment? For me it's really about helping communities figure out what economic development really is. It's about helping communities figure out their strengths and what type of industry really fits the community itself and how do you then diversify your local economy so that you're continually moving up the ladder.

4 How challenging is it to work in an arena where you have to work with the public sector? It is a challenge and not everyone can do that so, the reason I think I've been successful in that arena in working with public officials (is) because it's their community ... I'm there to support them I am there to help them go down the path that they see as the elected official has listened to their constituents to say this is the vision we have now how do we get there? ... I am there to help connect those dots to bring the resources to the table ... For me it was never about trying to push a company down a community's throat, to say this is what you need to be doing ...

5 I know you have a special place in your heart for small business, in fact that was a lot of the work that you did was with small business. Does that derive, Cinda, from the fact that you are a small business owner yourself? You know, it probably is. You know I was born and raised on a farm. My father was an entrepreneur. I started my first company when I was 12 and have always owned a company as well, but it's that, but it's also if you look at the demographics of any community small business companies, with 10 or fewer employees are really the backbone of any community. And I think that when we start to ignore those companies and we start thinking it's about the big companies then I think we really lose our sense of community and who we are ... We do business with people we know, people we like, and people we trust. So, the further away you get from those factors, the tougher it is to do business.

6 You're involved in some new projects now. A couple that come to mind is the Innovation Hub and then also, professionally, you're involved with the National Transporta-

tion Center: When I decided to go out on my own I wanted to use my expertise for small companies, for start-ups and for smaller communities. One of the things you may not know is I'm a commissioner on the Thriving Communities, Thriving State (a state initiative) ...

7 Was there anything in particular about that job (HCEDP) that you did not care about? Wow, that's a great question ... Because of the growth in our county and because of the land that's available, we received between 250 and 300 leads every year and so many of those leads were not ... good leads for our community ... our policy was we responded to every lead that came in, whether we knew that lead was going to be a project the community really wanted ... or when a company came to us with a project or a consultant came to us with a lead, when I knew they were only playing us to get something better from another state. That's my pet peeve. I never liked playing those games, because I just don't like playing games.

8 I know you have a huge passion for early childhood development and by all accounts, Cinda, in this market people look at you as a businessperson, an economic development person. How did that background, perhaps, help you in that role ... why is that such a passion of yours? It's always been a passion of mine ... what a lot of people don't know about me is our second child was born with disabilities and so I got thrown into an arena that I was not familiar with and had to figure out how to maneuver all of that and how to give our son the best opportunity for a future that he could have. Having early childhood education behind me I came to that with a little bit more knowledge than most parents would have ... I kind of became and advocate for parents. I worked for the Bureau of Child Development later on.

9 What does Cinda Kelly-Hutchings do to unwind or relax? You know, I really enjoy fishing. I'm a fisherman. Bob and I will go up to Pelee Island and spend every day on that boat fishing ... I really find relaxation there. I love going and sitting with friends and just conversing about family and community and things that are important to us and sharing that over a meal or a glass a wine ...

10 I know that you like to travel ... what is your bucket list travel trip and when do you think you're going to accomplish that. ... We love to go to Italy. We jokingly say we're going to keep going to Italy until we find bad wine. And that's tough in Italy to find bad wine ... I haven't thought so much about really putting together a bucket list of here's where I want to go.

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