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Through Indy Honor Flight, Veterans of WWII, Korea and Vietnam - and their escorts - walk through a hall at Plainfield High School Oct. 21 as part of their homecoming after spending the day in Washington, D.C. to visit memorials dedicated to the honor of their service. The Oct. 21 flight was the 25th flight since its inception in 2014. Plainfield High School has become homecoming "home" for the organization. A total of 88 veterans took part on the flight. Indy Honor Flight is part of the National Honor Flight Network. For more information, contact [info@indyhonorflight.org](mailto:info@indyhonorflight.org) or call (317) 559-1600.

Photo by Rick Myers

**Correction**

In the Oct. 1-13 issue of the ICON on the ICONography page the name of the individual who was the grand marshal of the Quaker Day Parade which is organized by the Plainfield Chamber of Commerce, was incorrect. Richard Carlucci, former Plainfield

town manager, was grand marshal for this year's parade.

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**Q: On Sunday, Nov. 12, the NFL will be honoring our Veterans. Will you be participating in the planned boycott not to attend or watch the games? Why?**



No. I will watch as they honor our Veterans. If the players are disrespectful, I will turn the channel to

the watch the Real Housewives and their drama.

**Melissa Cameron,  
Clayton**


Yes, I stopped watching when the players took a knee during the preseason games. I support our ac-

tive military and all veterans .. all day, every day.

**Jennifer Ibalio,  
Cartersburg**


Yes. I'm a veteran. I feel like players should stand for the National Anthem, the field is not the place

for politics.

**Will Handt,  
Brownsburg**

## 80-year-old gets skydiving wish, 'I feel like this is the closest I can be to God'

By Chris Cornwall

Brownsburg Meadows resident Judy Robbins has seen a lot in her 80 years on this earth, but one of these memories recently inspired her to climb 13,000 feet above it and jump from a plane.

Robbins said it was actually a television segment she saw while growing up that featured imagery of jet planes streaking through the air and accompanied by a narration from John Magee's poem, "High Flight." It was used to tell viewers that the broadcast day has ended, she explained.

Although television stations stopped broadcasting the segment years ago, Robbins still remembers its parting words and recited them on the day of her jump.

"It was like reaching out and touching the face of God," she said. "Ever since I saw this, I felt like this is the closest I can be to God."

The chance to experience what could be called a spiritual event for Robbins began as a bucket-list wish.

"As soon as I heard her bucket list wish was to jump out of an airplane, I said we are getting this done,"

Brownsburg Meadows Activates Director Tonya Pearcy said. "When you are working with seniors, you don't know exactly how long they have to fulfill that wish. So finally getting it to happen is life-changing for them, their families and all of us who get to witness it."

Pearcy got things off the ground by arranging the jump through the Twilight Wish Foundation, an organization devoted to seniors in long-term care.

"She (Pearcy) has been right there every day saying, 'Judy I'm so glad you are doing this,'"



Owner of Skydive Indianapolis Bob Daugherty carefully attaches the harness to Robbins moments before she entered the plane. Right: Robbins was all smiles as she approached the landing zone.

Photos by Chris Cornwall

said Robbins.

Robbins also credits her family for the support they've shown as well.

"She has wanted to do this for a long time," said her son Mark Miller. For Robbins, however, simply learning that she would be able to make the jump was thrilling.

"I'm exhilarated and I've felt this way for two weeks," she said while staff members from Skydive Indianapolis secured her harness.

Finally, Robbins entered the plane at Frankfort Municipal Airport, Frankfort, IN, and jumped from 13,000 feet as her family looked on. After landing safely 15 minutes later she said she felt a little shaky but "great" nonetheless.

She was met on the ground with hugs from a dozen family members, one of which was Tina Miller, Robbins' daughter-in-law.

"It lets her understand that just because she's where she's at, her life isn't over."



## — Hendricks Regional Health — BROWNSBURG HOSPITAL OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, November 19, 2017



**Hendricks**  
Regional Health

Since 1962, we've put down roots in Hendricks County with a commitment to delivering high-quality, comprehensive health care close to home. This December, we continue our mission, with the much-anticipated opening of the new Hendricks Regional Health Brownsburg Hospital.

In addition to housing Hendricks County's first side-by-side Emergency Department and Immediate Care Center, our Brownsburg Hospital offers a full array of women's services, including a New Life Associates office for OB-GYN care. It also features an inpatient unit; physical, speech and occupational therapies; cardiac rehabilitation; lab and imaging services; primary care physician offices; sports medicine; and much more.

Please join us on Sunday, November 19, 2017, from 2-5:00 p.m. at 5492 North Ronald Reagan Parkway as we open our doors to the public for an exclusive look. Guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres, refreshments, raffle items and giveaways as you take a tour of our progressive new space centered on serving the needs of the community.

Families are welcome to attend! No RSVP necessary. We hope to see you at this momentous event celebrating our new Hendricks Regional Health Brownsburg Hospital!

Learn more about our new hospital at [HENDRICKS.ORG/BROWNSBURG](http://HENDRICKS.ORG/BROWNSBURG).



## HC ICON News Quiz

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

**1** Montie Manning recently became director of the Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library. What library did he work at before coming to Plainfield?

- A. Alexandria-Monroe Township Library
- B. Evansville Vanderburgh Public Library
- C. Marion Public Library
- D. Ancient Library of Alexandria



**2** Former Pittsboro Town Marshal, the late Maurice Spoon, had what public project dedicated in his honor?

- A. Park bench
- B. Crosswalk
- C. Nature Trail
- D. Traffic circle



**3** Town of Avon staff member Sharon Howell was recently recognized for 20 years of "exceptional service" as \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Town Manager
- B. Director of Transportation
- C. Clerk Treasurer
- D. Warden of the Royal Mint



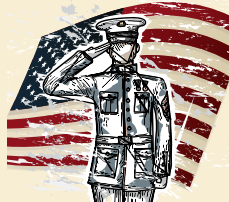
**4** Brownsburg Meadows resident, Judy Robbins, 80, recently checked what off her bucket list?

- A. Skydiving
- B. Base jumping
- C. Hang-gliding
- D. Surfing



**5** About how many U.S. Military Veterans currently live in Hendricks County?

- A. 500
- B. 2000
- C. 5000
- D. 10,000



Answers on 21  
Compiled by Chris Cornwall

### HENDRICKS COUNTY PLANNER

#### AVON

**Town Council | Nov. 9, 7 p.m.**  
**Board of Zoning Appeals**  
**Nov. 16, 7 p.m.**

All meetings are held at Avon Town Hall, 6570 E. U.S. Highway 36. For more information, call (317) 272-0948 or visit avon.org.

#### BROWNSBURG

**Town Council | Nov. 9, 7 p.m.**  
**Board of Zoning Appeals**  
**Nov. 13, 7 p.m.**

**Plan Commission | Nov. 20, 6 p.m.**  
All meetings are held at Brownsburg Town Hall, 61 N Green Street. For more information, call (317) 852-1120 or visit brownsburg.org.

#### DANVILLE

**Town Council | Nov. 6, 7 p.m.**

All meetings are held at Danville Town Hall, 49 N Wayne Street. For more information, call (317) 745-4180 or visit danvil-leindiana.org.

#### PLAINFIELD

**Town Council | Nov. 7, 7 p.m.**  
**Board of Zoning Appeals**  
**Nov. 20, 7 p.m.**

**Plan Commission | Nov. 6, 7 p.m.**  
All meetings are held at the Town of Plainfield Building, 206 W. Main Municipal Street. For more information, call (317) 839-2561 or visit townofplainfield.com.

#### HENDRICKS COUNTY

**County Council | Nov. 7, 9 a.m.**  
**Board of Zoning Appeals**  
**Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m.**

**Plan Commission | Nov. 14, 6:30 p.m.**  
**Board of Health | Nov. 7, 7 p.m.**  
All meetings are held at the Hendricks County Government Center, 355 S Washington Street. For more information, visit: co.hendricks.in.us. To reach the Plan Commission or Board of Zoning Appeals, call (317) 745-9255; for County Council, call (317) 745-9221; and for the Board of Health, call (317) 745-9217.

## HRH Brownsburg Hospital opening in December

After countless hours of planning, strategizing and building, the much anticipated Hendricks Regional Health Brownsburg Hospital will open to patients next month. The public will be able to get a sneak preview on Sunday, Nov. 19 from 2-5 p.m.

The 100,000 square-foot retail healthcare center under construction is on the northwest corner of Interstate 74 and Ronald Reagan Parkway near exit 68.

The new facility will include an ER and immediate care center; lab and radiology services; a comprehensive women's center; physical rehabilitation; physician offices; a retail pharmacy; a specialty clinic and additional retail space.

While the new center will service the northern portions of Brownsburg, the existing Hendricks Regional Health medical office building, located at 1411 South Green Street in Brownsburg, will remain open to serve the south side of Brownsburg and northwest side of Avon.



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Almost a century ago, President Woodrow Wilson designated Nov. 11 as a day that should be filled with “solemn pride” and gratitude for those who sacrificed everything to bring about an Allied victory in the First World War. Originally called Armistice Day, it has since evolved as a holiday to thank all veterans.

Hendricks County is home to many of these men and women, and we see that as a point of pride. We also see it as an opportunity to express our most sincere gratitude.

However, we believe that thanking veterans can be more than a few kind words and a hardy handshake. Regardless of our professions, education or income, we all have resources to offer whether that is hiring a vet, lending medical or legal expertise or simply making a financial donation to programs like Wounded Warriors.

Defending the freedoms that we as Americans hold sacred is a monumental task. It is a perpetual effort that transcends finite points in time such as years of services or the dates of battles. The frontline extends all the way home. Veterans never cease being veterans and so we should not settle for just a few moments of observance.

In the winter of 1863, a few weeks after President Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address, he wrote a letter to George Opdycke, mayor of New York City at the time. He encouraged Opdycke and others to honor both soldier and citizen.

“Honor to the soldier, and sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country’s cause. Honor also to the citizen who cares for his brother in the field, and serves, as he best can, the same cause...”

We thank all veterans and their families for their service, and also those who continue to show support for these individuals.

## QUOTE

*“The precondition to freedom is security.”*

~ Rand Beers,  
former U.S. Deputy Homeland  
Security Advisor



## ICONtoon

## Sit-down lunch

## HUMOR

By Dick Wolfsie

Now that Mary Ellen has retired and I’m significantly cutting back on work, we often end up being home together around noon. In many homes, this is called lunchtime, but Mary Ellen and I have never shared a real lunchtime. For all of our marriage, we weren’t ever both home during the workweek, and on weekends I usually went to Costco and snarfed up free food samples. In 37 years of our cohabbing, I have never asked Mary Ellen, “What are we having for lunch?” Dinner is another question, although the truth is that I am not fussy. I usually say, “It doesn’t matter. Whatever.” Mary Ellen once threatened me. “I’m going to leave you for a man who cares what we are having for supper.”

For the past few weeks, I have been home recovering from surgery and Mary Ellen was concerned I was losing weight, so she suggested that we start having a noon meal together. The blood drained out of my head. I started to perspire. A twitch developed in my right eye. I had to be careful or she was going to know that I was not happy with the suggestion.

How do you tell someone after 37 years that you really don’t want to have lunch together? You see, when you are a man and you are used to eating alone, you develop a few habits that will be hard to break. And my wife, who shares a significant DNA strain with Miss Manners, would never understand. Maybe you will.

I know my Mary Ellen well. She will want have lunch at noon. Traditionally, when I was home alone, I would sit down for lunch sometime between 10:30 and 4:15. Wait, that is a total lie. I have never actually sat

down for lunch at home in my adult life. I slapped a sandwich together while standing at the fridge, then ate it on the way upstairs to turn on a cable news show. No plate to wash, no fork to rinse—and by the time I got upstairs, I was pretty much done eating.

I just knew that Mary Ellen was going to want to actually sit for the meal. Like at a real table. And then, I could see it coming: we’d have to use utensils, like forks and spoons.

I even had nightmares about it. I’m sitting at the kitchen table and my wife has just asked me what we should do for a green vegetable. I know this doesn’t sound like much of a nightmare, but you can’t walk up a flight of stairs and eat sautéed spinach without a plate and a fork. Heaven knows, I’ve tried.

And the nightmare continues. She suggests we could have a conversation. I love my wife, and I love to talk to her. But not in the daylight. Not during the week. Conversations are okay at dinner; so are napkins, utensils and chairs. But not at lunch. Not starting after 37 years.


The other day, Mary Ellen did prepare a meal at noon. When I walked in the kitchen she said, “I can’t believe what you are wearing. Sweats and a dirty T-shirt? You can’t sit down for lunch looking like that.”


Music to my ears. So I stood up, just like the good old days.





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


THUMBS UP,  
THUMBS DOWN


 Bicyclists not following the state traffic laws. Pittsboro Police are reminding cyclists to follow the same rules as drivers. This comes after police received several reports, including one where a child riding a bike was nearly hit by a car after not stopping at a stop sign. Safety first.

 Thirteen homeless children and their parents received housing and support through Family Promise thanks to the generosity of Hendricks Power. Way to help.

 Lost and Found Disaster. A Danville woman lost her debit card on October 7. Soon the charges started coming in. A suspect at the Walmart Supercenter on Ridge Ave was caught on camera buying hundreds of dollars’ worth of merchandise. Police are still looking for him... and so is the Grinch.

 Pets in Halloween costumes. Doggies touted their costumes at the Plainfield Parks & Recreation Howl-o-Ween. Looks included doggie Yoda, Superdog and Bumblebee. Hopefully the canines got some treats out of the deal.

 Avon Police are raising money to help a fellow officer in Beaumont, Texas. Tom Swope, his wife, and four children lost their home and everything they had during Hurricane Harvey. All donations collected will go help them out. #brotherhood

 Fall care buckets are popping up on porches in Brownsburg’s Hession Fields and Lake Ridge neighborhoods. The pay-it-forward style pumpkin buckets filled with treats come with instructions for each person to do the same for two other neighbors. Smiles are spreading fast.

## BELIEVE IT!

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

In Biddeford, Maine, no person may roller skate on a sidewalk.

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## HC ARCHITECTURE &amp; HISTORY



Twin Bridges Recycling and Disposal Facility, 124 E. Twin Bridges Road, Danville.

Photo by Chris Cornwall

## Talking trash

By Ken Sebree

Anthropologists often dig through the garbage dumps of ancient civilizations hoping to find artifacts that help us better understand those early peoples. Today we still take our trash to a central location for disposal; however refuse disposal is now highly regulated.

One of the largest of these facilities in our area is the Twin Bridges Recycling and Disposal facility located just to the southeast of Danville. If you are in the area, you will see a large grass covered mound which stands much higher than the surrounding farmlands. Beneath this grassy mound lies millions of tons of trash and refuse which have been deposited over many years and then covered over with earth.

Our government has strict regulations concerning the construction and maintenance of landfills to assure that contaminants do not escape into the groundwater or atmosphere. At the base of this fill area is a 3-foot-thick layer of compacted clay plus a high-density polyethylene geosynthetic liner to ensure that waste and leachates are contained and isolated from the soil and groundwater. In addition there are groundwater monitoring wells throughout the area where samples of the groundwater are collected and analyzed to detect

any contamination.

As this buried trash decomposes over time, it creates a tremendous amount of highly volatile methane gas. A network of recovery wells and pipes control and collect the methane and convey it to an onsite power plant. There the gas is condensed, purified and used as fuel to drive huge caterpillar engines that in turn drive electricity generators. The site now generates the equivalent amount of electricity to power approximately 14,000 homes—all fueled by this methane gas by-product.

This disposal facility is operated by Waste Management, Inc., one of the largest such companies in the country. The Hendricks County facility includes a total of 975 acres with 237 acres permitted for solid waste disposal. Waste Management has developed the balance of the land to serve as an important local recreational area offering the community soccer fields, softball diamonds, an 18-hole golf course, a trap and skeet range, archery range and other outdoor activities. The three miles of trails through the facility pass by a beautiful and pristine nature sanctuary.



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### AVON

#### Lucille G. Barksdale

Lucille G. Barksdale, 91, passed away Oct. 6, 2017. She was born Jan. 14, 1926. Services were held Oct. 12 at Conkle Funeral Home, Avon.

#### Hildegard Howell

Hildegard Howell, 89, passed away Oct. 15, 2017. She was born Dec. 7, 1927. There will be no services.

### BROWNSBURG

#### Sean T. Barker

Sean T. Barker, 48, passed away Oct. 1, 2017. He was born Oct. 25, 1968. Services were held Oct. 14 at Connection Pointe Christian Church, Brownsburg.

#### Barbara Jean Kacer

Barbara Jean Kacer, 82, passed away Oct. 12, 2017. She was born Jan. 22, 1935. Services were held Oct. 18 at Christ Lutheran Church, Brownsburg.

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#### Nathan J. Haynes

Nathan J. Haynes, 23, passed away Oct. 18, 2017. He was born July 8, 1994. Services were held Oct. 23 at Matthews Mortuary, Brownsburg.

#### Lisa A. Roberson

Lisa A. Roberson, 49, passed away Oct. 12, 2017. She was born June 4, 1968. Services were held Oct. 14 at Conkle Funeral Home, Speedway Chapel.

#### Stephen Richard Matyi

Stephen Richard Matyi, 82, passed away Oct. 11, 2017. He was born Oct. 18, 1934. Matyi served in the US Coast Guard from 1952-60. Services were held Oct. 13 at St. Malachy Church, Brownsburg.

#### James Edward Stone, Sr. (Stoney)

James Edward Stone, Sr. (Stoney), 76, passed away Oct. 6, 2017. He was born Aug. 13, 1941. He was a Vietnam War veteran. Services will be held Nov. 10 at St. Malachy Church, Brownsburg.

#### Nathan J. Haynes

Nathan J. Haynes, 23, passed away Oct. 18, 2017. He was born July 8, 1994. Services were held Oct. 23 at Matthews Mortuary, Brownsburg.

#### Jerald Wayne Burnell

Jerald Wayne Burnell, 78, passed away Oct. 8, 2017. He was born March 29, 1939. Jerry was an US Army Veteran. Services were held Oct. 12 at Baker Funeral Home, Danville.

#### Nancy J. Etienne

Nancy J. Etienne, 81, passed away Oct. 14, 2017. She was born April 11, 1936. Services were held Oct. 18 at Weaver & Randolph Funeral home, Danville.

#### James Richard Frye

James Richard Frye, 76, passed away Oct. 15, 2017. He was born Feb. 9, 1941. Services will be held at a later date.

#### Phyllis K. Cahen Sexton

Phyllis K. Cahen Sexton, 91, passed away Oct. 17, 2017. She was born Sept. 11, 1926. Services will be held at a later date.

### CLAYTON

#### Wilma I. Pheifer

Wilma I. Pheifer, 97, passed away Oct. 9, 2017. She was born April 4, 1920. Services will be held at a later date.

### PLAINFIELD

#### Scott F. Clark

Scott F. Clark, 56, passed away Oct. 14, 2017. He was born April 2, 1961. Services were held Oct. 19 at Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home, Plainfield.

#### Kathleen (Kathy) Lucas

Kathleen (Kathy) Lucas, 71, passed away Oct. 16, 2017. She was born Oct. 12, 1946. Services were held Oct. 21 at Hampton Gentry Funeral Home, Plainfield.

#### Dr. James J. Mozzillo

Dr. James J. Mozzillo, 68, passed away Oct. 12, 2017. He was born Feb. 20, 1949. Services were held Oct. 21 at LifePointe Community Church, Mooresville.

#### Thomas "Chris" Ragan

Thomas "Chris" Ragan, 43, passed away Oct. 6, 2017. He was born Jan. 4, 1974. Services were held Oct. 10 in the chapel at Maple Hill Cemetery, Plainfield.

#### C. Rosaleen Robbins

C. Rosaleen Robbins, 91, passed away Oct. 8, 2017. She was born Jan. 12, 1926. Services were held Oct. 11 at Plainfield Christian Church.



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## ICONICbriefs

### Hendricks Symphony to honor vets

The Hendricks Symphony Orchestra and Chorus under the direction of Benjamin G. Del Vecchio present "Saluting Our Veterans," Friday, Nov. 10, 7:30 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 12, 3 p.m. at Avon Middle School North 1251 N. Dan Jones Road. The concert will include patriotic favorites such as America the Beautiful, Beethoven's 5th Symphony and Salute to the Armed Forces. This concert will feature Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue with Amy Eggleston, pianist. Veterans and Service People are free. Tickets are available at the door (\$15 adult, \$12 senior, \$7 student with I.D.) Discounted advance tickets may be purchased online at [www.HendricksSymphonic.org](http://www.HendricksSymphonic.org).

### Danville Community Awards Night

The Greater Danville Chamber of Commerce will honor those who make the community a great place at the 2017 Community Awards and Trivia Night. The event, catered by All About Thyme, will be held at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Center, 1900 E. Main St., Danville, on Nov. 8 at 6 p.m. There will be dinner,

cocktails, silent auction, and award ceremony. Tickets are \$25. Proceeds benefit the Larry Reynolds Memorial Scholarship.

For more information, visit [www.danvillechamber.org](http://www.danvillechamber.org).

### Kiwanis' euchre tourney and chili cook-off Nov. 11

The Kiwanis Club of Northwest Hendricks is hosting its first euchre and chili cook-off fundraiser Saturday Nov. 11, 6 p.m., at State Bank of Lizton, 206 N. State St. Proceeds will benefit children in the North West Hendricks schools. Club members will provide chili and refreshments. Prizes for winners. Tickets are \$20 at the door.

### Indy Brass Choir to play in Brownsburg Nov. 12

The Indianapolis Brass Choir will hold a concert at Calvary United Methodist Church located at 575 W. Northfield Dr. in Brownsburg on Nov. 12 at 4 p.m. Proceeds will benefit Project ANGEL of Hendricks County which serves needy children and families. The large brass ensemble volunteer their time and talent without pay to help the community. For ticket information, visit [indybrasschoir.com](http://indybrasschoir.com).

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# ICONography

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## True 'be-leafers'

Every October, Hendricks County residents gather at McCloud Nature Park to experience the Fall Colors Run and Festival. The location is one of our area's most naturally beautiful parks which becomes even more evident when the reds, greens and yellows are on full display.

The annual event is put on by the Parks Foundation of Hendricks County and Hendricks County Parks and Recreation. Visitors took part in a 1 mile, 5k or 10k run through the woods early Saturday morning, Oct. 21. The rest of the day was filled with outdoor activities organized by Park Naturalists like archery, tree-climbing, pumpkin painting and wagon tours showcasing McCloud's foliage, to name a few.

Here we share some of our favorite photos from the 2017 Fall Colors Run and Festival at McCloud Nature Park, 8518 Hughes Rd, North Salem. For information on upcoming events, visit [hendrickscountyparks.org](http://hendrickscountyparks.org). For information about the Parks Foundation of Hendricks County, visit [www.pfohc.org](http://www.pfohc.org).



Victoria Freije, 7, Brownsburg, repels from a tree. Victoria is the daughter of Matt and Brandi Freije.



Nicholas Galvan, 10, Avon, cranks on a cider press operated by Tom Rich. Nicolas is the son of Andrea Galvan.




Mary Inniger, 3, Brownsburg, puts some color on a pumpkin. Mary is the daughter of Brian and Tricia Inniger.



From left, Anne Conner-Uberta, Avon, and her daughter, Haley run the 5K.





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## Ever heard of insulin-resistance?



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### DIETARY

By Martha Rardin

Maybe you have heard of pre-diabetes? Both terms refer to a

metabolic snafu that could be endangering your health.

Most of us have heard of and know that insulin is an important hormone our bodies produce to help us metabolize glucose in our blood system. But we may not know that as we age our bodies become resistant to the insulin our bodies are producing and this slow evolution of metabolic change can lead to a diagnosis of insulin resistance and pre-diabetes. If left untreated the next step in the process is for a person to convert to a diagnosis of diabetes.

When we are insulin resistant our bodies don't properly absorb glucose, which leads to a buildup of glucose in our bloodstream. Our body's produce insulin and maybe producing enough insulin but the insulin is unable to get into each cell thus leaving elevated amounts of glucose and insulin in the bloodstream – leading to the term insulin resistance.

How does insulin resistance happen? As you can imagine our lifestyles have a great

**“Overweight and obesity can lead to high levels of insulin and glucose in our bloodstream.”**

deal to do with our overall health and specifically insulin resistance. Overweight and obesity can lead to high levels of insulin and glucose in our bloodstream and over time this leads each cell to become resistant to insulin thus perpetuating the elevation of insulin and glucose in the bloodstream. Our genetics also play a role insulin resistance. If you have a parent, brother or sister with type 2 diabetes, you are at a greater risk for insulin resistance/pre-diabetes.

Other factors that contribute to insulin resistance and pre-diabetes are low physical activity levels, a diagnosis of gestational diabetes while pregnant, over the age of 45, elevated blood pressure levels and sleep apnea.

A blood test is needed to correctly diagnosis pre-diabetes. This test is called an A1C and it measures the amount of glucose in your blood system. This test looks “backward” over the past couple of months to give a good picture of blood sugars. When blood levels come back with a number within the range of 5.7 – 6.4 this is diagnostic of pre-diabetes.

Here are a few tips you can start today to improve your health:

- Simply eat less (easier said than done but still bears repeating!)
- Avoid calorie containing drinks
- Eat more veggies, salads and whole grains
- Take the stairs not the elevators
- Walk daily – at least for 30 minutes
- Add strength training to your workouts
- Lose weight
- Get your blood sugar tested for pre-diabetes and insulin resistance
- Visit your healthcare provider regularly

What if you have this diagnosis or suspect you might be insulin resistant? Education is very important to protecting your overall future health. We have several options in our county that provide education. You can call the diabetes educators at Hendricks Regional Health for an appointment to learn more and you



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

## The blame game

### LIFE'S CHOICES

By Karl Zimmer

Is there anything that anyone could say to make us feel better about the tragedy in Las

Vegas at the beginning of October or any of the other tragic events this year? We all search for answers, and some in the media and political arena spout their rhetoric under the guise of giving expert advice or conveying solutions, but how much of what they say actually helps us feel better?

The only things that made me feel the least bit better were the stories of heroism, of strangers helping strangers, and the messages of support and compassion from many corners. Most of what I heard and saw on social media and some news and late night talk programs were negative speculation and even a desire to find something or someone, besides the actual perpetrator or cause, to blame.

Wanting to place blame may well be natural, but even if it is natural and we are able to accurately assess blame, does it help us in that time of need? Maybe it allows us to push any responsibility away from ourselves, and in that way, we might feel better. But then, what do we do with what is left over, with our anguish and grief and pain? And what do we do to carry on and to find our “new normal,” if

there is such a thing?

I find that blame is like guilt. It never allows us to move forward but simply holds us back, in the past and in the misery. We must learn from what has happened so that we can do all we can to prevent a recurrence, certainly, but some things are beyond our control, and some answers are “unknowable,” as Dr. W. Edwards Deming said. So what do we do?

Be vigilant and aware. Evil exists in many forms, and the only way it can win is to create chaos and division. Hate begets more hate, and only love can conquer hate. You will never see a loving person create chaos and terror or murder innocent people. The next time someone spouts their hate speech, show them kindness and compassion with a smile, or ignore them. They can only win if we allow them to win. There are 86,400 seconds in each and every day, so choose how you spend those moments. Unless you give your power away, the power is within you to enjoy every moment possible. How cool is that?



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## IU West ER phase 1 complete

IU Health West Hospital cut the ribbon on Phase One, and is celebrating a significant milestone in the expansion and renovation of their Emergency Department. The Oct. 13 ceremony marked the addition of new triage rooms, waiting areas and fast track rooms.



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From left: Tamarah Brownlee, vice president of human resources; Anne Hoblik, transformation officer and lean process improvement director; Kapri Ames-McCullough, director of emergency services and pediatrics; Ryan Clark, project manager; Amanda Bishop, RN; Lisa Sparks, chief nursing officer; Christen Hoepfner, clinical manager of the emergency department and pediatrics; Paul Ivkovich, vice president of operations; Art Vasquez, chief financial officer; Geneva Shugert-Sickles, RN; Jennifer Zollars, RN

## St. Vincent Neighborhood Hospital dedicated



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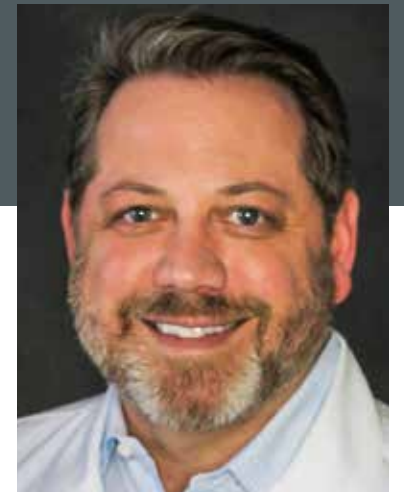
From left, Dr. Richard Fogel, Chief Clinical Officer, St. Vincent; Sarah Knisely-King, Chief Nursing Officer, St. Vincent Neighborhood Hospital; Gary Haston, Hospital Administrator, St. Vincent Neighborhood Hospital; Jane Whinnery, Executive Director of Trauma/Emergency Medical Services, St. Vincent. cut the ribbon for the new St. Vincent Neighborhood Hospital, 9613 E. Hwy 36, Avon, during a blessing and dedication ceremony on Oct. 16. The 17,000 square-foot facility will include seven emergency beds, eight inpatient beds, imaging, pharmacy and lab services.

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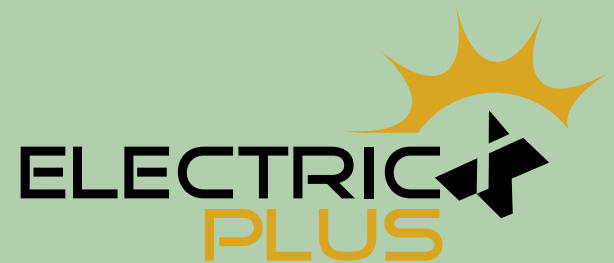
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# SERVING ABROAD SERVING AT HOME

*After 30 years and four deployments  
Lori Turpin continues to serve local vets  
right here in Hendricks County*



Lori Turpin chats with a vet.

Photo by Rick Myers

## COVER

**By Lindsay Doty**

A military widow struggling to pay the bills.

A Vietnam veteran in pain from an old combat injury.

A young soldier haunted by visions of war.

These are just a few of the faces who have walked into Lori Turpin's office in Danville over the last decade. Turpin is the Hendricks County Veterans Service Officer. Her job is to be a county contact for Veterans Affairs, which means she spends a lot of her time connecting veterans with resources and assisting them with filing claims for military benefits.

"I didn't know a position like this existed until I actually started doing the work, and it has become a passion for me," said Turpin.

As a retired Navy nurse and captain, the job is personal, and goes beyond government paperwork.

There are an estimated 10,000 veterans in Hendricks County. Turpin sees four or five a day. Their issues can range from homelessness to sexual trauma to post-traumatic stress disorder.

Outgoing and chatty, the 66-year-old typically has no trouble getting people to open up. She says the claims process can be com-

plicated, but it actually works more often than people think.

"The idea that's out there is that the VA only says no or you have to ask three or four times, it is kind of an urban myth. If you do it right the first time, if you put the claim in and give all the information they need, they're probably going to say yes."

For example, Turpin recently helped a Vietnam vet with hearing problems and a history of a heart attack get a hefty backlog check dating back to the 1990s after someone at a local post office recommended he "Go see Lori."

"Being a nurse, I'm a caregiver. I feel like the folks that come in here, the veterans and their surviving spouses, they are like my patients. I just have to take care of them. That's basically what I do."

Turpin has been looking out for others most of her life. The oldest of four children living on a farm in Brownsburg, she was busy. Her dad, an Air Force man who worked for a telephone company, traveled often for work, so there was plenty to do.

"I think I had a lot of responsibility growing up. We were close (in age) and my mom had some health issues, so I think I probably start-

ed helping with anything," she remembers.

As a teenager, she knew she wanted to be a nurse and was inspired by a mentor to pursue a career in the Navy, a choice that would shape much of her life. Turpin got a scholarship to the University of Evansville and went on to serve 30 years of active duty as a Navy nurse.

She was deployed four times during those years, including seven months in Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Storm where she learned to work out of a hospital tent with very little medical equipment.

"We had to do it by touch and hearing and with our eyes. We didn't have a lot of machinery to take care of people," she remembers.

In 2006, Turpin was back home in Hendricks County. She had been caring for her aging parents when she took on the role of service officer. At an age when many veterans consider retirement, Turpin took on a new job. And like most careers, it came with challenges.

"I think the hardest thing has been when the VA got really behind several years ago, just to tell people, it is okay, it's going to happen and they just didn't believe me. You are kind of holding your breath that it is going to

happen," she remembers.

Turpin says resources have improved and she describes the current funding as "generous." In 2016, Hendricks County received \$33 million through VA for compensation and pension.

"They've been very generous since the Afghanistan war started. We have so many younger veterans and it's been very good for the older veterans because it has opened up (continued from page 16) things like traumatic brain injury and PTSD."

## BY THE NUMBERS

- \$33 million in compensation and pensions came into Hendricks County through the VA in 2016.
- 10,000 (approx.) veterans live in Hendricks County.
- Less than 1/3 of veterans in the state of Indiana use VA benefits, either medical or disability.



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Today, many of the top concerns in Hendricks County are elderly low-income veterans who now face homelessness. She says there are programs through the VA, but they can run their course.

"For wartime veterans, I can help them apply for assisted living and make their money last longer. I do a lot of those applications."

Turpin's commitment to helping vets doesn't stop at her desk. She's involved in multiple organizations, including the American Legion Post 331 Brownsburg and the Indiana Blue Star Salute program that serves military members and their families.

"Anything that has to do with veterans, Lori is out front. She's the most incredible

**"Anything that has to do with veterans, Lori is out front. She's the most incredible person I've ever met in all the years of involvement as a volunteer for many organizations."**

**~ Ralph "Zoc" Zoccolillo  
Indiana Blue Star Salute Vice Chairman**

person I've ever met in all the years of involvement as a volunteer for many organizations," said Indiana Blue Star Salute Vice Chairman Ralph "Zoc" Zoccolillo, who has worked closely with Turpin for years. "She's a person that always, not just often, raises her hand when you need help in anything, especially when it involves our military, and our veterans and our veteran's families."

Whether she's organizing a Christmas charity event, a Veterans Day ceremony, or trying to get a check for a disabled veteran, she's working to help those who have served.

"It makes me feel good and it's the same feeling I used to get when I was at the bedside of a patient and they got better, it's just that kind of thing for me," she said.



Turpin, 39, stationed in Saudi Arabia during Desert Storm where she cared for G.I.s with mostly orthopedic injuries in a hospital tent. **Submitted photos**



## Q&A session with Lori

**You are involved in several veteran organizations in the county. Name a recent event that has made you proud.**

The Spirit of Christmas event presented by the Indiana Blue Star Salute. We treated 18 families to a wonderful Christmas..

**How can people show more respect to our veterans?**

If you see an older vet who is out and about...teach your grandchildren to be respectful.

**What has your current job taught you about being a veteran?**

Veterans need help every day and it is other veterans who provide an overwhelming amount of that help. Especially Vietnam veterans, they truly take care of their own.

**How do you relax/unwind after a long work week?**

I read and work in my yard.

**Name one person who has had a big influence on your career/life.**

Margaret Mullinex, my Director of Nursing in Quantico, VA. She pushed me hard to be strong and always watch out for the underdog.



Lori Turpin.

**Name something that makes you smile.**

Babies and toddlers just being themselves. Laughing and smiling because you smile at them.

**What was the toughest moment in your career?**

Telling one of my bosses that he was wrong. I.e. speaking truth to power.

**What's your most rewarding moment so far?**

Just going to work every day and having people sincerely thank me for helping them through a difficult situation.

Photo and cover illustration by Rick Myers



## New director takes over Plainfield library

By Gus Pearcy

The new director of Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library is a seasoned veteran of libraries. Montie Manning served as the assistant director of the Anderson Library, and then 13 years as the director of the Alexandria-Monroe Township Library before taking the reins of the Plainfield library this summer. The population of Monroe Township is 8,800 compared to Plainfield and Guilford Township's 28,000. The budgets are significantly different, too. In Alexandria, the budget was just shy of \$1 million. In contrast, the latest budget for the Plainfield-Guilford Township Library is \$2.7 million.

The Hebron, Ky. native has been impressed with the library and staff.

"Plainfield's library has such a great reputation," Manning, 46, said. "I knew some of the staff here, so I knew how their customer work ethic was and not something I'd have to contend with. They are very willing to go the extra mile for the community."

These days, Indiana libraries are dealing with smaller budgets due to property tax caps. To boot, technology has displaced libraries as information vaults, but not as much as you might think. Now, libraries are dealing in a different kind of information.

"We are the place where people come when they can't get their phones to work, or they need a document printed, things they can't do themselves," Manning said. "We are kind of a tech hub for people."

Streaming is big these days. Patrons of

the Plainfield library can stream movies and music for free.

"We are constantly looking for other ways to tie in that technology thing," Manning said. "I think that's where we are going, that's where we need to go and we should be going that way full steam."

The other huge component of libraries is programming, Manning added.

Rachel Neese is the circulation director at the Alexandria-Monroe Township Public Li-

"He's been the best boss I ever had, and a friend to those he worked for and who worked for him."

~ Eric Fisher

brary. She has worked 12 years with Manning. She said he took the small Alexandria facility during a recent renovation and turned it from a beautiful place to gorgeous. Not to mention he kept the library up-to-date.

"We get many great compliments on how this place has improved, and all due to Montie," Neese said. "He was always there when we needed him to be."

Eric Fisher has known Manning since his days at the Anderson library. Most recently, Fisher was the assistant director at the Alexandria library under Manning. Fisher says the AMPL board and staff were sad to see him leave.

"He's been the best boss I ever had, and a friend to those he worked for and who worked for him," Fisher wrote in an email. "We feel Plainfield is very fortunate, and have made a great choice for their director."

Manning studied at the University of Louisville, then the University of Kentucky for his graduate studies. Yes, he is torn by competing loyalties. He enjoys Thai food, hiking and nonfiction reading.

He and his spouse relocated to Plainfield in early October.



Photo by Gus Pearcy

Montie Manning, new director of the Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library.

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### 4 Saturday

#### Christmas Bazaar and Craft Show

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. | St. Malachy School; 7410 N. 1000 E., Brownsburg | Admission is free. For more information, email altarsociety@stmalachy.org.

### 5 Sunday

#### 3rd annual Brownsburg Tri Kappa Bingo

1-5 p.m. | American Legion Post #331, 636 E Main St., Brownsburg | 10 bingo games, pull tabs, raffle baskets, 50/50 and lots of giveaways. Concessions available along with a cash bar. All proceeds benefit local and state charitable initiatives of Brownsburg Tri Kappa, including local scholarships. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. To purchase tickets, contact any Brownsburg Tri Kappa or call Melissa Reed at (317) 374-0366.

### 9 Thursday

#### Purse Bingo

5:30 – 9 p.m. | Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex, 1900 E. Main St., Danville | Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. For more information, contact Jody at (317) 750-4050 or jbailey@callcarpenter.com.

### 9 Thursday

#### 2017 Murder Mystery Dinner

6-9 p.m. | Washington Township Park, 435 Whipple Ln., Avon | Register and receive your part to play in our event. Figure out who the murderer is. Prizes for solving the crime first and best costume. Tickets are \$25 per person. For more information, contact Trilby Berry-Tayman at (317) 745-0785.

## Foreigner to play at HRH Foundation Gala in celebration of new HRH Brownsburg Hospital



Grammy nominated rock band Foreigner. Photo courtesy of Hendricks Regional Health Foundation

### By Lindsay Doty

The Hendricks Regional Health Foundation will hold its annual Gala on Friday, Nov. 10 in celebration of Hendricks Regional Health's new Brownsburg Hospital, 5492 North Ronald Reagan Pkwy.

In addition to first-look tours of the facility, the evening will include a private concert by Grammy-nominated musical guest Foreigner.

The British-American hard rock band known for hits like "Cold as Ice" and "Waiting for a Girl like You" was a huge get for the celebration.

"Foreigner, what more can I say. We wanted to do something really big to celebrate the opening of the hospital and this is really big, said Sue Bogan, Hendricks Regional Health Foundation executive director

"We said, who is going to appeal to a big group of people in this target age range that we think will be our guests and that's where we landed."

This is the first hospital opening for the foundation in 55 years. The evening will have live and silent auctions that include an African safari, a week in Cabo San Lucas, a

guitar autographed by Foreigner, and a day pass for the Golf Masters.

The Gala, presented by Wurster Construction, will honor the new Brownsburg hospital which opens for patients on Dec. 4. The facility will house Hendricks County's first side-by-side Emergency Department and Immediate Care Center. It will also provide inpatient services, a comprehensive women's center, physical and occupational therapies, cardiac rehab, lab and radiology services and physician offices. It also has one of the few heated helipads in Indiana.

All proceeds raised will benefit its Telestroke Program, which helps deliver critical clot-busting treatment faster than ever before, limiting the impact of a stroke.

The public is invited and tickets are selling fast. Individual tickets (limit two per person) are \$250. Corporate tables are \$5,000 (eight seats per table; includes recognition).

To purchase a table or make a donation, call Sue Bogan at (317) 745-7376. Individual tickets may be purchased online at SupportHendricks.org/Gala.

## EVENTScalendar

### 10 Friday

#### 2017 Me and My Guy Sock Hop

6-9 p.m. | Avon Intermediate West gym and café, 176 South Avon Ave. | 1950s themed sock hop. Admission is a pack of socks that will be donated to a local American Legion to distribute to homeless veterans. There will be a live DJ, photographer on site, food for purchase and door prizes. For more information, contact Debbie Allen at (317) 696-7475.

### 10 Friday

#### "Make an Impression" All Hendricks County High School Art Show (Opening Event)

6-9 p.m. | Plainfield-Guilford Township Public Library Art Gallery, 1120 Stafford Rd. | Presented by Hendricks County Arts Council, the show will feature painting, mixed media, photography, ceramics, sculpture and more. This opening event is free and open to the public and will include food and entertainment. For more information, contact: Brian Russelburg at (317) 652-3120.

### 11 Saturday

#### AUMC Mom2Mom Holiday Craft Fair

9 a.m. – 2 p.m. | Avon United Methodist Church, 6850 E. US Hwy 36, Avon | Shop from a variety of local craft vendors and home-based businesses. Purchase goodies from the bake sale to benefit local charities.

### Nov. 12 – Jan. 21

#### 2017-18 Hendricks County Winter Farmers Market

2-5 p.m. | Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds & Conference Complex, 1900 E. Main St., Danville | An indoor farmers market to support local farmers, producers, food inspired companies and arts and crafts. Admission is free and the schedule is as following: Open Sundays 2-5 p.m. on Nov. 12; Nov. 26; Dec. 3; Dec. 17; Jan. 7; and Jan. 21. For more information, contact Tuwana Roberson (317) 603-0751.

### 18 Saturday

#### 2017 Indiana Storm Chaser's Convention

9 a.m. – 5 p.m. | Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds & Conference Complex, 1900 E. Main St., Danville | 7th annual Indiana Storm Chaser's Convention to bring together hundreds of weather enthusiasts, storm chasers, meteorologists, students and the public (including families). Vendors and free refreshments. Admission is listed \$10-\$25. For more information, call (765) 716-9535.



## Hendricks County naturalists to teach 'Wilderness Survival' class Nov. 4

By Chris Cornwall

Have you ever heard of "Swedish fire steel?" It may sound like the name for a 1980s glam-rock band, but it's actually a tool used to start fires, a method that residents can learn at this year's Wilderness Survival class presented by Hendricks County Parks and Recreation. Naturalists will teach life-saving survival techniques Saturday, Nov. 4, from 1-4 p.m. at McCloud Nature Park, 8518 Hughes Rd, North Salem (registration is required by Nov. 2).

The three-hour class costs \$15 and it is recommended that participants are age 13 or older, and also able to hike 1-2 miles.

Senior Park Naturalist Sarah Wolf said the survival class was started a few years ago as a way get older kids and adults involved in camping activities.

"We run camps throughout the year and most are for younger kids," Wolf said. "But a lot of the older kids wanted to participate in something similar... So we started the Wilderness Survival class which is geared more towards adults and kids 13 and older."

As part of the course, naturalists will teach techniques and introduce equipment

meant to help someone survive during any season of the year. Skills that will be covered include how to build debris shelters, start a fire without matches (e.g. with flint and steel or fire-bows), identify both helpful and harmful plant life, and treat water so it is drinkable.

Wolf said that although the course can be fun, the skills learned can also serve someone in a very serious survival situation.

"People seem to really enjoy the shelter building and we can show them a few ways to do that," she said. "But it is also one of the first things you should work on in a survival situation. If you become lost, you should stay put and focus on staying warm and dry. We can last three days without water but the outside elements are usually the most immediate threat."

If you are interested in learning more life-saving tips like this one, you can register for the Wilderness Survival course on the Hendricks County Parks and Recreation website, hendrickscountyparks.org. Or, to contact parks and recreation, call (317) 718-6188.

## Puzzle Time

### Solutions from page 26

Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:

**Foes:** BULLS, CAVALIERS, HEAT, KNICKS, PELICANS, PISTONS

**Bears:** BOO-BOO, GENTLE BEN, PADDINGTON, WINNIE THE POOH, YOGI

**Vehicles:** AUDI, JAGUAR, LEXUS, MERCEDES

**Brands:** FENDER, GIBSON, YAMAHA

**Restaurants:** CHINA GARDEN, P.F. CHANG'S

**Town:** PENDLETON

### HC ICON Quiz

#### Answers

from page 6

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

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# FAITHONFOOD

by Faith Toole

## AN OPTION

**Ralph and Ava's Cafe**  
6 West Main St, Mooresville



There are more places to eat than Gray's Cafeteria. Yes, we all love going to Mooresville for great food and making memories with family and friends. Several years ago as we were antiquing in downtown Mooresville, I noticed a little cafe that had closed for the day. Fast forward, Ralph and Ava's Cafe has moved around the corner to Main Street. The building was originally a grocery store with many of the architectural designs preserved including the store front and floors. Owners Toni and Paul Ford named the Cafe after their rescued dogs Ralph (comfort food) and Ava (avant-garde) with the children's menu Sadie's Plate after one of the litter pups. Co-Owner, Brian Wiser; guitarist and singer, schedules the live entertainment and the cafe has been voted by NUVO as having the best open mic night. Locals say it has the largest selection in Morgan County - the list is extensive.

Originally known for their pretzel melt, the current location allowed the menu to expand with daily specials plus all-you-can-eat soup, salad and potato bar. We

ordered the roast beef pretzel melt and Wednesday's special, chicken and noodles. The sandwich served with tator tots melted into my taste buds. I knew the chicken and noodles were house-made after the first bite. Chef Susan Wilson takes pride in making many items on the menu from scratch including the egg noodles, mashed potatoes, sauces, salad dressings and soups. Her tomato basil soup was the creamiest with handfuls of Parmesan cheese.

Be sure to save room for a homemade dessert; selections include brownies, cobblers and crisps. If you're lucky, order a slice of Sugar Mamas Custom Cakes. Every Tuesday morning a beautifully decorated cake is hand delivered revealing to the staff the flavor of the week ... the phone starts ringing with slices flying out the door.

## WHERE I DINE

**Casey Sadler,**  
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**Where do you like to dine?**

Frank's Place

**What do you like there?**

My son and I always get pizza. My husband loves the Seafood Ravioli.

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

It's close to home and has a great atmosphere.

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## BEHIND THE BARS

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**Pumpkin Pie Shot**

Rim shot glass with sugar  
Shaker with ice  
1 1/2 oz. Captain Morgan Jack-O-Blast  
pumpkin spiced rum  
3/4 oz. Rumchata



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## Simple steps to protect your home before leaving on vacation

### TRAVELING

By Will and Nikki Gott

The anticipation and excitement of an upcoming vacation is wonderful. However, don't let this blind you from protecting your home while away. By taking some simple precautions before you leave, you can have the peace of mind about what is going on back home so you can enjoy the much needed vacation time with your family. Here are nine ways to protect your home while you vacation so that stress and worry does not ruin your vacation:

**1. Hold your mail.** If you are leaving for more than three days, you can put your mail on hold for free. Depending on your location, you can call or go online to [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com) and put in your request. By putting your mail on hold, you mail will not pile up and let others know you are gone.

**2. Stop newspaper and other deliveries.** If you get your newspaper, milk or groceries delivered to your home, call to have these services suspended while you are gone. A pile of newspapers on your front porch yells out to others "I am gone!"

**3. Have someone do check-ins.** If you

don't have someone actually stay at your home, have a trusted friend or neighbor periodically stop by your home to put away packages, flyers and other things that might appear to others you are gone. They can also check to make sure everything in your home is working correctly and that no issues with your home have occurred.

**4. Make your house look lived in.** Keep some lights on by putting them on a timer or leave a few lights on that you normally do. Have someone take out the trash while you are gone. Just a few things to make it appear you are home can make a huge difference.

**5. Home Security System.** If you have a security system, let your security company know you are traveling. If you don't have a security system, consider investing in one.



Will and Nikki Gott are owners of Magnified Vacations CruiseOne, a locally owned and operated Travel Agency, located in Avon.



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## Thanksgiving beer pairings (first course)

### BEER

By Scarlet Samm

Guys, where did this year go?! It seems like yesterday I was celebrating no more snow and now here I am, thinking about Thanksgiving and what the family is doing. I'll admit that I do not do the cooking and that is probably for the best. What I can do is bring the drink pairings and as the resident "beer person" in my family, I will stick to what I know.

There are so many different beers that you could easily pair with each individual food item but that doesn't work very well. You do not want to clutter the table with glasses when you need maximum space for your overflowing plates. Trying out two or three different beer styles is easily done as you can reuse a single glass for all of them.

A Saison/Farmhouse Ale would be a great pairing for any pre-meal snacking and can easily carry over into the main dining experience. A Saison/Farmhouse Ale is a highly carbonated beer with a normally lower alcohol content that has great tasting notes of fruits, spices and can be a bit funky. Hints of citrus and ginger with a nice balance of sweetness and bitterness pair very well with funky cheeses, wide varieties of crackers, and on into the turkey, chicken and other accompaniments.

Two Brothers Domaine DuPage, hailing from Illinois, is an easily attainable beer that falls into the

Saison/Farmhouse Ale style. With an ABV (alcohol by volume) of 5.9 percent, this French country ale will hit all of the right notes with hints of sweet caramel notes and that subtle funkiness and will easily complement your experience.

Another great Saison to try out is Crooked Stave from Colorado. They graced Indiana with their presence last year and brought along Surette Provision Saison. At 6.2 percent, this beer really hits the spot. Hints of citrus tingle your nose and carries over into the flavor accompanying the funky earthiness that is so common in this style of beer. Surette also offers hints of subtle oak which works so well with all of the other flavors swirling around.

We have covered the beginning through the middle but you may be wondering when I'll get to the desserts. What can you pair with the pumpkin and apple pies?

Read part two of Scarlet's Thanksgiving beer pairings in the Nov. 18 issue of ICON ~ editor's note



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## ICONICrewind

### Avon High School Students Named National Merit Scholars

Three Avon High School Seniors were named National Merit® Scholar Semifinalists, 15 were named as Commended Students, and two were selected as National Hispanic Scholars.

The students earned these recognitions from the scores they received from the PSAT/NMSQT test taken in their junior year of high school. The three Semifinalists in the 2018 National Merit® Scholarship Program are: Patryk Baranski, Shelly Groves and Carson Zeller. The National Hispanic Scholars are Madeline Garcia and Christine Rodriguez. The 15 Commended students—the most in Avon High School history—are: Jacob Barrett, Dayne Barton, Brayden Enz, Mykyta Finchenko, Madeline Garcia, Brityn Heffron, Emilija Kaupaite, Zoe Kihlstrom, Andrew Lewis, Gabrielle Moreno, Claire Rightley, Christine Rodriguez, Haowei Shi, Alexander Shoemaker and Autumn Stanbary.

The three Semifinalists will continue in the National Merit competition for scholarships that will be offered next spring.

### Brownsburg Schools receive science books thanks to donation

Falcone Subaru donated 150 science books to Brownsburg Community Schools. The donation is part of the Subaru Loves Learning Program. The books went to all grade levels. To donate, volunteer, or for more information about the Brownsburg Education Foundation, call (317) 852-1056 or visit [www.brownsburgeducationfoundation.org](http://www.brownsburgeducationfoundation.org)

### Avon recognizes Clerk Treasurer Howell for 20 years of service

Sharon Howell was officially recognized by the Town of Avon for 20 years of service as its Clerk Treasurer at the Oct 12 Town Council meeting. A proclamation was read noting her “exceptional service and dedication to the citizens of the Town of Avon.” Also noted was her role in managing a rapidly increasing annual budget. The annual

budget was \$1.7 million in 1997 when she became clerk treasure, a number that has increased by over \$23 million.

### Hendricks Power volunteers help homeless families and beautify community

Hendricks Power participated in the fourth annual ‘Indiana’s Electric Cooperative Community Day on Friday, Oct. 13. Twenty seven volunteers completed projects for Family Promise of Hendricks County, which supports area homeless children and their parents. Volunteers did everything from paint a play-set to update light fixtures at the Family Promise center and rehab a garage. The volunteer event also included improvements to the B & O Trail. Volunteers mowed, planted 8 new trees, and installed a culvert to connect a new parking lot at 500 E in Danville. “Investing in the communities we serve is at the forefront of everything we do,” said Dana Cochran, director of marketing and member engagement at Hendricks Power Cooperative.



Submitted photo  
Hendricks County Power Cooperative volunteer helping with renovation.

### A Legacy of Learning

For 17 years, Sharon Pinnick passionately instilled a love for learning in her Avon elementary students. After she lost her life to cancer, her husband honored her memory by creating the Sharon Pinnick Educational Fund at the Community Foundation.

To date, this fund has provided over \$40,000 to Avon Teacher of the Year nominees and the Avon elementary media centers. Through this fund, Sharon’s love for children continues to make a difference in our community over 20 years later! Call HCCF today to leave your legacy for the causes YOU care about!



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**BEHIND**the**BADGE****Chief Joseph Grimes  
is driven by the  
opportunity to  
help others**

Brownsburg Chief of Police Joe Grimes has been involved in law enforcement for over 20 years and says the best thing about his work is being able to serve others in both the community and within the department.

He began his career as a reserve officer for the town of Clermont while he studied criminology at Indiana State University (Terre Haute, IN). After earning his B.S., Grimes spent a year with the Hendricks County Sheriff's Department as a Jail Deputy. In 1999, he was hired on by the Brownsburg Police Department as a full-time officer. He was named Chief of Police in December 2016 and says he is looking forward to many more years of serving the Brownsburg community as a public safety professional.

**What inspired you to become a police officer?**

Growing up in Indianapolis, I had little to no influence or mentoring opportunities relating to a potential career in law enforcement. There was no family history or any relative that had chosen this path...I set my sights on becoming a police officer in junior high. I contribute my drive and inspiration for choosing this path to my parents and grandparents that instilled in me family core values of knowing right from wrong, and my own personal drive to utilize my knowledge and abilities to do for others.

**Can you describe a typical day on the job?**

As Brownsburg Chief of Police, much of my day is filled with the administrative functions and oversight of the department as a whole. This includes not only internal processes and personnel, but extends well beyond the confines of the police station to include networking with and coordinating efforts with our local government and other city, county, state and federal entities to ensure that we continue to meet our public safety goals. Another key part of my day is that of continued establishment, development, and maintaining of community partnerships, as without the community and local businesses support it makes it that much more challenging for the officers throughout our agency to effi-



Chief Joe Grimes Submitted photo

ciently perform their duties in providing the best possible service to our community.

**What do you enjoy most about the job?**

The thing that I enjoy most is knowing that I am serving others, whether it is members of our community or personnel within our department, for the betterment of public safety within our community.

**What aspects of the job do you find most exciting?**

The most exciting element of my job is the opportunity to so positively impact the development of our future department leaders and potentially that of new law enforcement members in our community. This provides me with a sense of fulfillment, as I have the type of personality that thrives on helping others.

**What aspects do you find most challenging?**

The most challenging aspect is seeing and hearing how many persons in our society today have lost their way and succumbed to substance abuse addiction. This is specifically evident in what many have termed a "heroin epidemic," to which many have already lost their lives.

**What are the future goals of the department?**

We continually need to grow, develop, train, learn and strive to be forward thinking while exercising good change-management skills, as shifts within our society and economy are not a constant but rather are constantly evolving. We have to be innovative in the methods, techniques and equipment we implement to constantly ensure that our agency is properly mentoring and equipping our personnel. This allows the department to provide our community the continued public service it so rightfully deserves.

Compiled by Tiffany Giles

**TsT Home Improvement Services  
Tip of the Month** By Tom S. Truesdale**Home Additions: All Shapes & Sizes**

This month I am providing some dialog and thoughts regarding home additions. The possibilities for an addition to your home range from simple to complicated. Here are a few examples in no particular order. Bathroom wall expansion, Back porch enclosure, Garage buildout, Second story addition, Garage Expansion. Virtually any wall in your home can be moved or expanded, however depending on location and structural configuration will determine the complexity and in turn cost. Examples and points to consider:

**• Bathroom wall expansion:**

- If more space is needed, in your bath before you renovate, planning a small wall expansion can add a great deal of flexibility when designing your new bathroom.
- Windows, fixtures and vanity locations should all be considered during planning of a bathroom wall expansion project.

**• Back porch enclosure:**

- Enclosing a back porch or screened in porch can be a very economical way to add interior square footage to your home.
- Consider if this space will be conditioned year around.
- Consider electrical needs in the space.
- Think about finishes, floor, ceiling depending on how the space will be used.

**• Garage Buildout:**

- Finishing and enclosing the garage space can provide a great way to add attached square footing to your home.
- Space can easily become a new living room, new bedroom or a recreational space.
- As mentioned above, consider conditioning and finishes depending on how the space will be used.

**• Second story expansion, garage expansion or traditional room addition:**

- All three of these examples can be the most complicated addition to complete, but all are very possible.



- Each example should be well planned and bid by a qualified General Contractor.
- Common construction activities such as foundations, wood framing, insulation, drywall, electrical, roofing, masonry, plumbing, painting, finishes and concrete could all be part of the project depending on the scope.
- **Planning and construction:**
  - Permitting is generally required - make sure you check with you local jurisdiction.
  - Matching exterior materials - Brick can be challenging to get an exact match
  - Siding can offer a good alternative and an opportunity to accent the exterior ascetics.
- **Planning and bidding:**
  - Consult with a qualified local construction professional to assist in both planning and bidding.
  - Remember the lowest price is not always the best, take time in evaluating your Contractor, relationship and trust are key!

If you have any concerns or questions don't hesitate to contact a local Contractor and Construction Professional for help and guidance. Hope this months tips are helpful, enjoy the summer! TsT

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# Puzzle Time



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

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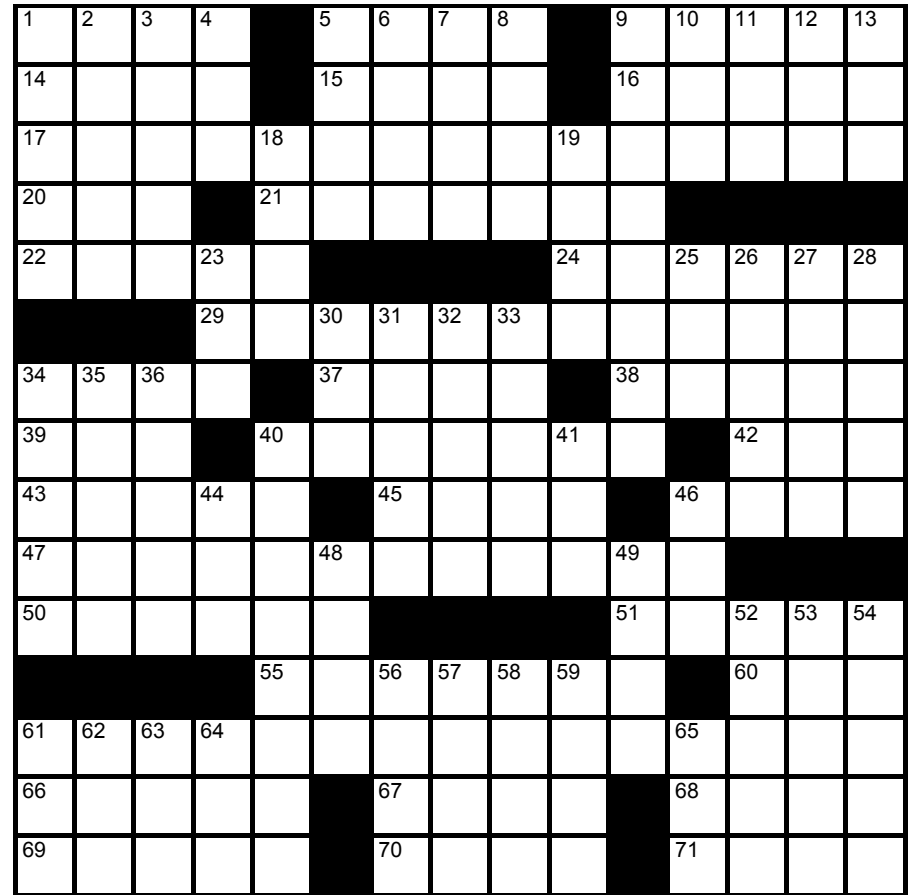
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## Across

1. Enough, for some
5. Kittle's bed support
9. The Hobbit hero Baggins
14. Smart-alecky
15. This-and-that dish
16. Recommender
17. INDIANA
20. Brownsburg HS pitching stat
21. Uncomfortable position
22. Disney elephant
24. Eiteljorg Museum tribe (Var.)
29. INDIANA
34. \_\_\_\_ Bing! (The Sopranos club)
37. Coarse file
38. Grammar topic
39. Altar vow
40. Routine grounder at Victory Field, say
42. \_\_\_\_ Paulo
43. Roman 2504
45. SASEs, e.g.
46. Holcomb Observatory eyepiece
47. INDIANA
50. Common Tri-West HS soccer score
51. Gift of the Three Wise Men
55. Indianapolis Indians designation
60. Tic-tac-toe win
61. INDIANA
66. Farewell in a Danville HS French class
67. Former Colts Dilger and Novak
68. Roosevelt coin
69. Ford flop
70. IMPD team
71. Plainfield HS custodian's collection

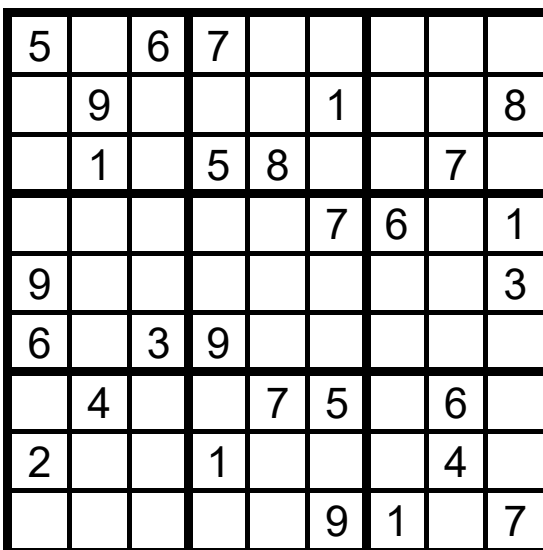
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1. Chose
2. Kind of jacket at a Broad Ripple secondhand store
3. Crimson and \_\_\_\_
4. Biblical suffix
5. "Beat it!"
6. In the cellar of the Hoosier Crossroads Conference
7. Yard sale warning
8. Avon Christian Church prayer pronoun
9. Laugh heartily
10. Indy acting venue, initially
11. IND-NYC dest.
12. Hoosier Park wager
13. Indiana Department of Natural Resources mine find
18. "Oops!"
19. Indian princess
23. Indianapolis Zoo constrictor
25. TiVo precursor
26. Put down
27. Wrestling's Hulk
28. Nabisco cookies
30. PNC Bank offering, briefly
31. Indiana Toll Road service areas
32. "Bye Bye Bye" band
33. Indiana Geological Survey period
34. Hardly the brainy type



35. Pt. of NASA
36. Westgate car brand
40. Busy
41. GI entertainers
44. "Was \_\_\_\_ blame?"
46. Lilly on the NYSE
48. Claudius' successor
49. Actor Epps
52. Historic riveter
53. Spacious
54. Sharpens
56. Bothers
57. "That was close!"
58. Turner or Wood of Hollywood
59. Prefix with "while"
61. Redbox rental: Norma \_\_\_\_
62. French Lick Resort Casino roulette choice
63. Fleur-de-\_\_\_\_
64. Finish Line shoebox letters
65. Texter's shrug

Solutions on page 21



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# Army vet and retired business owner turns attention to serving local legion

U.S. Army veteran and retired business owner Mike Welsh has been a member of the American Legion for 44 years. After retiring he turned his attention to serving Post 145 in Avon where he is in his 2nd term as Commander. Welsh also served as Post Chaplain for 3 years.

Welsh and his wife, Betsy, have lived in Hendricks County since 1972. They have five children and 11 grandchildren. He enjoys golf and has been a member at Prestwick Country Club for 25 years.

Mike began his career with the Indiana based retail company Danners Inc. and worked there for 20 years before he started his own import business under the name, Welsh Company International. He traveled Asia (Hong Kong, Taiwan and China) sourcing merchandise for major retailers for 35 years before retiring in 2014.

#### What is considered your greatest virtue?

I am a people person.

#### What do you most deplore in others?

People who are constantly late.

#### What do you like most about living in Hendricks County?

It is a safe place for my family. It also has a considerably low cost of living with all the amenities of a big city.

#### If you could live anywhere else other than Hendricks County where would it be?

Maggie Valley, N.C. because it has moderate weather and beautiful golf courses.

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

I would have paid more attention to the wisdom and advice of my parents.

#### If money was no issue, how would you spend it?

I would pay off the mortgage of American Legion Post 145 and buy Prestwick Country Club.

#### What makes you happiest?

Having my kids and grandkids at my house for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

#### What is your favorite vacation spot?

Yellowstone National Park. It is one of the most beautiful places that I have ever been.

#### What do you do with your idle time?

Play golf



#### What is it that makes you angry?

Disrespect for the military and our American Flag.

#### What do you do to escape from reality?

Go fishing

#### What or who is the greatest love of your life?

My wife, Betsy. I am very fortunate.

#### Which living person in Hendricks County do you most admire?

World War II veteran Ron Harvot

#### What is the quality you most like in a man?

Honesty

#### What is the quality you most like in a woman?

Intelligence

#### What are your fears, phobias?

Snakes

#### What talent would you most like to possess?

I would love to be able to play a musical instrument.

#### What do you most value in your friends?

Loyalty and the ability to laugh and have a good time.

#### Which historical figure do you most identify with?

George W. Bush

#### What is your greatest regret?

Going through life without a college degree.

#### What tenet do you live by?

Be satisfied with what you have and live everyday as if it is your last.

Compiled by Cathy Myers



Biz Focus

# Vintage and used guitar shop owner 'loves it all'

By Chris Cornwall

Dave Bryant, owner of Six Strings Down, a full service guitar/amplifier store in Plainfield, says they do things a little different.

"I don't sell a lot of new stuff, just used and vintage," he said while putting away a late 1910s Washburn guitar made with rosewood. "The most reoccurring statement that I hear from customers is, 'You have stuff here I can't find anyplace else.'"

Lining the inside of Bryant's shop are dozens of guitars for sale, each one different than the one before. The store constantly turns over one-of-a-kind-inventory.

Six Strings Down also offers repair work, cleanings and guitar lessons. And in addition to high end vintage guitars, Bryant keeps a stock of modestly priced used guitars for beginners.

"We try to make it to where our customers can get everything here," Bryant said.

Evidently, it has been a sound plan as the store has been in business for 20 years. One advantage he noted is that guitars hold their value better on average compared to other used items, and in some cases the value can go through the roof. But he says that doesn't mean every old guitar is worth a lot of money.

Dealing with inventory that can be unpredictable also brings unique challenges. Bryant says that the toughest thing about running a used and vintage guitar shop is having the right one-of-a-kind item for the right customer.

"You don't sell one and pick up the phone and order another," he said. "This isn't a big box store with a full line of new Fender and Gibson guitars. I have a smattering of everything but not an overabundance of anything. I might have three or four American Strats (Stratocasters) hanging on the wall, but a customer is looking for something else. That's just part of the business."

Fortunately, Bryant's wide array of guitars provides most customers with the right

match. Yet, for him, business is about more than just making a sale.

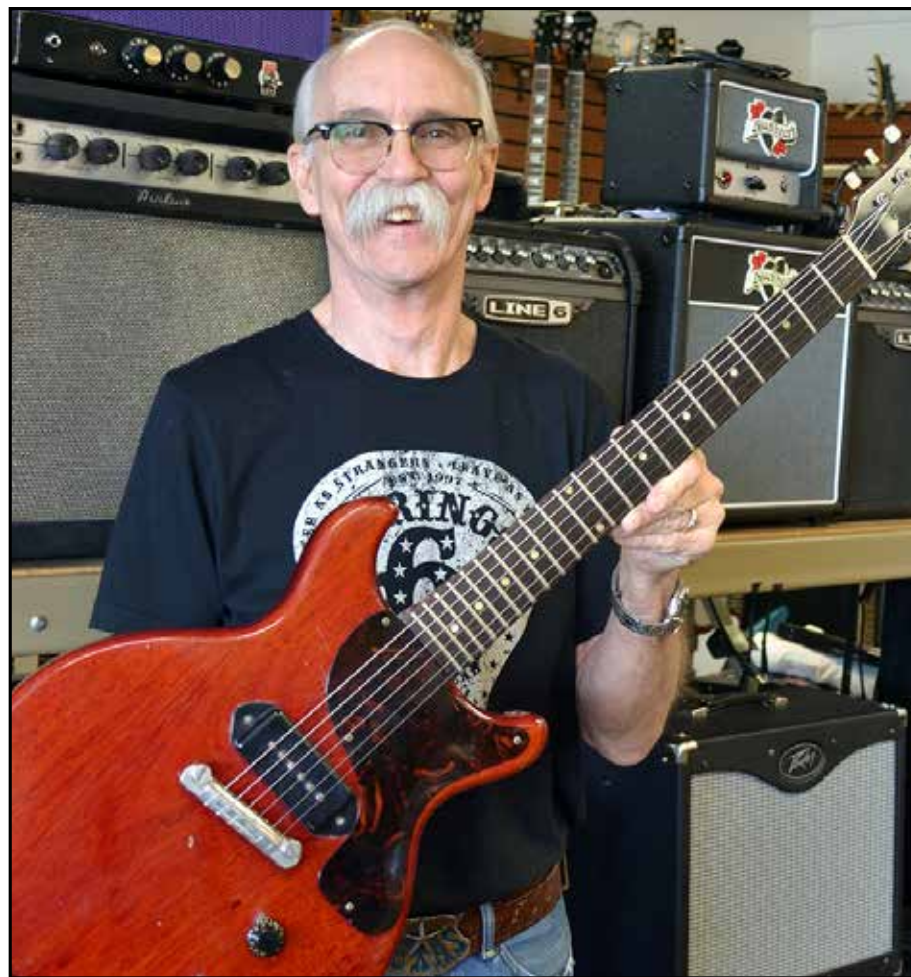
"I'm still old school. I enjoy interacting with people," he said. "Don't get me wrong, you have to sell products to keep the doors open, but interaction is a big part of this business."

Bryant also gets to see some very sought-after vintage guitars walk through the door. Does he have a favorite find?

"Not really because I like it all," he said. "Don't get me wrong, anyone in this business, whether they own a pawn shop, or sell antique furniture or jewelry, there is always a Holy Grail. Maybe today will be the day that it walks through the door. It normally doesn't happen, but that is what keeps you getting out of bed in the morning."

Photos by Chris Cornwall

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## Biz History from the Hendricks County Historical Museum



From left: Justin and Dan Graham in front of G &amp; H Drywall, Lizton.

Photo By Deanna Hindsley

## G & H Drywall

### Drywall family business going strong after 50 years

By Deanna Hindsley

When I called Dan Graham to see if we could talk about his drywall company, he said he'd like to, but "If you could come tomorrow, that would be great, because we'll be working at least 6 days a week after that." So, the next day I zipped out to Lizton – "The only Lizton in the World" says the sign on SR 136.

I love the energy and excitement that goes with a family-owned business and Dan, of G & H Drywall certainly fills the bill.

The Graham family drywall business began in the 1950s, when Dan's grandfather, Hubert "Oral" Graham began working for a drywall company. In 1966, Oral and his friend, Bill Hicks started G & H Drywall. Bill and Oral were quite forward-thinking, with each man holding nine shares of stock and each wife had one share (Go Women's Lib of the late '60s!).

This began the strong reputation that remains today. However, Oral's career was cut short.

Oral's son Charlie worked with his dad even as a child, really "growing up in the business."

That was fortunate, because in 1967, when Charlie was only 18, Oral had some serious health issues that ended his career as a drywall installer. Charlie was able to take over the business and his mother continued doing the books as she had always done, so the G & H Drywall Company continued and grew.

In 1986 Charlie bought the property across the street from where his dad began, and built the two current buildings, adding Lizton Self Storage. Dan also began working with his dad very young and bought the business from his dad in 2000. When Dan purchased the business, he formed the corporation, D. Graham, Inc.

Dan's son, Justin is 19, a graduate of Tri-West High school, and I would say an apprentice of his dad; Dan plans for him to take over the business in 10 years. There are other employees, some who worked for Dan's dad, and each driving a truck for up to seven jobs a day.

Justin also grew up in the business and recounts with a grin, how he was paid as a

little boy. "At the end of the day, Dad would take me shopping for "Hot Wheels" toy cars. I had a pretty good collection!"

Has drywall installation changed over the years? Dan proudly states they install drywall with the same "hawk and trowel" method that his grandfather did. "I don't know of any other drywallers around who still do it this way," he states, assuring the quality of hand-tooled installation.

G & H Drywall's good reputation has stood the test of time. From Jim Irsay's Party Barn to ceiling repairs for local homeowners, large and small jobs keep them busy.

Dan says, "We get many calls for repairs after Christmas. When people put away Christmas decorations in the attic, they sometimes step through the ceiling." I can identify with that – that's how I broke a wrist a few years ago!

The real test of a business is when its market changes and the owner must find a way to weather the storm. That is what happened in 2008 when a recession caused the building business to falter, and as a result, the drywall business.

Ever the Graham family entrepreneur, Dan looked around Lizton to see what was missing and decided his building had room for a Pizza business. With the advice of his father-in-law,

owner of Pizza Den in Groveland, he opened Lizton Pizza, soon a booming pizza business.

I was glad to learn his recipes are the same because my husband and I have often driven to Groveland for great pizza and breadsticks to die for!

We finished in the aroma-filled pizza place and were joined by Dan's mother, Shirley, here to make pizzas for the evening.

G & H Drywall has worked for several builders for four generations, descendants serving descendants.

The four generations of Grahams are Oral, Charlie, Dan, and Justin. Dan's wife, Danna, now keeps the books, and with Shirley, they all fill many roles to keep these businesses running for the next – who knows how many generations!

Dan concludes, "I get up every morning excited to get to work!"



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Hendricks County Historical Museum is at 170 S. Washington St., Danville and open Saturdays, March through December, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. There is no admission fee to tour the museum but donations are gladly accepted. For more information, visit [www.hendrickscountymuseum.org](http://www.hendrickscountymuseum.org).

## WHERE WE WORSHIP

# Avon family 'pours into' Kingsway Christian



(top row) from left Matt and Rachael Nickoson, (bottom row) from left, Mathias, Levi and Nehemiah Nickoson. Submitted photo

The Nickosons say they are a family that has come together from all over the world, but have called Avon their home for the past eight years.

"We absolutely love the local parks, woods and insects that Hendricks County has to offer (we do have three little boys after all!)"

"Matt was called by God and Kingsway Christian Church's leadership to be the next Pastor in 2009. In that time we have found that following a beloved pastor, from a great church, in a truly wonderful community has brought some of the most rewarding experiences in our lives over these last eight years."

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

We absolutely love the Sunday Morning worship of Kingsway Christian Church. Our worship team does a phenomenal job every Sunday of creating an atmosphere of celebration. Our family ministry teams (kids and

students) work hard to present the Bible messages in a way that my children will understand, enjoy and know how to apply to everyday life. My boys are given a take-home verse and summary thought to remember each week, and most often they get it!

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

As a family, we have gone through some hard things over our eight years in Avon. Severe sickness in our families, stress in our home, death of loved ones... Our lives are similar to everyone else's. In the midst of it, we have been humbled again and again by the immense encouragement and support we are given by our church. Our eldership has poured into us through everything from counseling when needed, to humbling prayers with and for us, to time away to work

through family issues... By our church treating us with such kindness and love we have been incredibly blessed to continue to love the world around us by pouring into others that same love...

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

The most current data says over 40,000 people in Hendricks County (roughly 25 percent) are 18 or under. We love that our church has placed a significant focus on families in our community. Whether that means hosting the Rib Fest on our property for families to gather, SpringHill Day camps, or our ongoing student ministry events we want to be a church that pours into the families in our community and let them know they are not alone...

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

The Pastor's wife thinks the preacher is pretty amazing, but she might be a little bit biased. Seriously, one thing we love about Kingsway is the new things on the horizon. Matt recently shared with the church that he desires to see Kingsway become the "Center for Orphan Care in Hendricks County". He has been working with some amazing people like Rick and Chad Sudsberry, and the folks at Care to Change to plan and dream what that means. As a result there's a seminar for all parents on Nov. 4 to share some of the wisdom that others have shared with us in our hard seasons. Over the coming months we will launch a series of opportunities for Kingsway's people to serve our community by creating ministries that help and heal those who are taking part in orphan care through fostering and adoption. We absolutely love being a part of a community of people who are excited to share the healing love of Jesus with the entire world. We believe others looking for that same healing may find it at Kingsway as well.

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## Thanksgiving in Jerusalem

### DEVOTIONAL

By Michael LeFebvre

*"They kept the feast seven days, and on the eighth day there was a solemn assembly... and [they] worshiped the LORD their God... [saying], 'Blessed be your glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise...'"* (Neh. 8:18-9:5, ESV)

Each November, we hear stories of "the first Thanksgiving." In 1621, the American Pilgrims were joined by Native American Indians for a three-day celebration of God's goodness in the bounty of a strong harvest. That was the first Thanksgiving in American history. However, the custom of giving thanks to God at harvest time goes back millennia.

In Old Testament Israel, for example, the Feast of Booths was held after the final harvest of the year, before the winter rains began. That too was a time of feasting and giving thanks to God for his goodness and his mercies. But Israel celebrated with a week-long feast (not just the single evening meal typical in American households, today!)

It was also a time to reflect on God's mercies and his goodness, and for repenting for sins and praising him for his bless-

ings. The book of Nehemiah records one such story of a festival week of thanksgiving in Jerusalem. One noteworthy feature of this story is the 34 verse long prayer recorded in that passage (see Neh. 9:6-38)! It is an excellent model for a thanksgiving prayer that includes both praise of God for his love and kindness, as well as repentance for neglecting his ways as a people. The prayer ends with a renewal of devotion (a "covenant") to honor God's ways.

Americans often think of prayer as "asking God for stuff." But prayer is not a wish list. It is worship. This Thanksgiving, take time to actually give thanks to God. Use the prayer in Nehemiah, or use some of the Psalms of the Bible, as a guide and source of inspiration for your own thanks and renewed devotion to the Lord.



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# Advocating


## FOR LIFE-SAVING SCREENINGS

*Natalie of Avon*



Natalie is an occupational health nurse who loves spending time with her husband and two kids. Last year, she received life-altering news that she had breast cancer at the age of 39. Natalie underwent chemotherapy, a bilateral double mastectomy and reconstructive surgery at Hendricks Regional Health, and she is now thankfully cancer-free. Her journey changed her perspective, reminding her to live each day focused on what matters most: making memories with her family. By sharing her story, Natalie hopes to empower women to be more proactive about their annual screenings. Request a 3D mammogram at [HENDRICKS.ORG/MAMMOGRAM](https://www.hendricks.org/mammogram).





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