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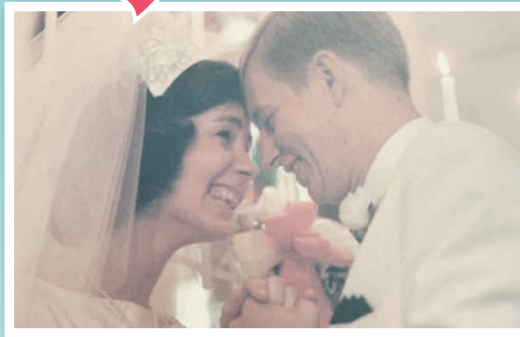


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A Center Grove High School STEM team was recently named Indiana State Champions and 2021 Indiana Semi-Finalists in the 11th annual Samsung Solve for Tomorrow contest. Pictured in front row, from left to right: Katie DeGeyter, Ananya Kartik and Sydney Plowman. In back row, from left to right: Christian Durbin, Rahul Appaji, Parthiv Patel, Tatum Hacker and Vaibhava Potturu. The team's project is a vehicle filter prototype that is designed to decrease environmental emissions by converting carbon monoxide to carbon dioxide. The team's sponsor is CGHS teacher Andrea Teevan. As one of 75 semi-finalists, the students have earned a prize of \$15,000 in technology and classroom supplies for CGHS. The Samsung contest is a nationwide education competition that challenges sixth through 12th-grade students and their teachers to creatively use STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) skills to address a community challenge. To advance to the next round, semi-finalists must submit a project video. From those videos, 12 finalists will be announced in April as National Finalists. (Photo courtesy of Center Grove Community School Corporation's Facebook page)

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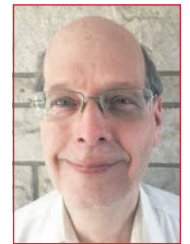
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## ICONICrewind

### Center Grove choirs receive awards at Fishers Silver Spotlight Choir Invitational

**Choir competition** - Center Grove choirs CG Sound System, CG Singers and The Debtones competed at Fishers Silver Spotlight Show Choir Invitational in Fishers last Saturday, Feb. 6. CG Sound System

was awarded Grand Champion in the Large Mixed Division, The Debtones were awarded Grand Champion in the Large Unisex Division. CG Sound System and The Debtones also received caption awards for Best Vocals and Best Visuals. Individual performers recognized were junior, Megan McCall, outstanding performer for CG Sound System, and senior, Kar-men Jenkins, outstanding performer for The Debtones. Center Grove Show Choirs, CG Sound System and The Debtones will perform at Best of the Midwest hosted by

Center Grove on Feb. 20 at 9:45 p.m. and 10 p.m. To view please purchase a link at [centergrovechoirs.org](http://centergrovechoirs.org). Center Grove Show Choirs, CG Sound System and The Debtones will compete at Franklin Central Hoosier Show Choir Classic 2021 on Feb. 27. Center Grove choirs are directed by Jennifer Dice, Jared Norman, Greg Sanders and Wendy Webb and choreographed by Andy Haines, April James, Heath Gemar and Anne Beck. Please visit [centergrovechoirs.org](http://centergrovechoirs.org) for more information on upcoming competitions and shows.



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## Center Grove Sweethearts

Center Grove couples share the various ways they met and how that transformed into a long-lasting marriage

Articles by Nicole Davis

Sometimes, love happens at first sight. Other times, two people begin as friends long before there is romance. Or, a friend may serve as cupid for a couple who didn't think they had anything in common only to wind up happily married for more than 50 years today. The following Center Grove couples tell their own story of how they met their spouse, when sparks flew and how they keep their marriage alive after five decades.

**Happy Valentine's Day  
from Center Grove ICON!**



Tom Anthony was the first person Mary Kay met when she arrived at the University of Indianapolis as a freshman in 1961. He was a sophomore, volunteering to carry the freshmen girls' luggage to their dorm rooms.

"He said he liked my smile, my dimples," Mary Kay said. "He zeroed in on me right away."

He asked her out on a date a couple times over the next few years, but Mary Kay kept turning him down. They were good acquaintances, but never dated.

"He was Mr. Popularity," Mary Kay said. "I preferred the brainy guys. I just didn't think he was my type."

It wasn't until the second semester of her junior and his senior year that they went on their first date. The Sadie Hawkins dance was coming up and unbeknownst to Mary Kay, her friend invited Tom to the dance and signed Mary Kay's name on the invitation.

"I did not tell him that I had not invited him," Mary Kay said. "I couldn't do that. A couple days later he said we should get to know each other a little better. He invited me to a really swanky restaurant in Indianapolis and we went to a movie afterwards. I had such a good time, I realized we had more in common than I thought. He was really close to his family and I liked that. He was really funny and interesting. I misjudged him."

## Tom & Mary Kay Anthony

Mary Kay said Tom jokes about it by saying she didn't have enough education to realize the prize he was until her junior year.

Tom and Mary Kay Anthony, Center Grove residents, married in 1965. They have two daughters and four grandchildren.

Tom and Mary Kay continue to share their love for family, traveling and volunteer service. Tom is retired as a State Farm agent. Mary Kay retired after 30 years at teaching including 17 years with Center Grove. Mary Kay is on the South Group Board of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Association, chairman of the missions committee at their church, president of the Kiwanis Club of Greenwood and is youth protection manager for the Indiana District of Kiwanis. He helped start Greenwood's Meals on Wheels in 1974 and Greenwood Senior Citizens program in 1975, both of which are still active. Tom has served as a hospice volunteer, is the risk manager for the Indiana District of Kiwanis and finance chair and an usher at their church.

"We don't do everything together, but everything we do is in terms of giving back in some way or another," Mary Kay said. "It's made it easy, the marriage. We've had our moments. But we share the same values. We've been married for 56 years so I guess something was right."



Top, Tom and Mary Kay Anthony married in 1965. | Bottom, Tom and Mary Kay have enjoyed numerous travels together, including South Africa, pictured. (Submitted photos)



Larry and Becky Davis met in the eighth grade and even briefly dated in high school in Washington, Ind. But after graduating from Washington High School in 1964, they went their separate ways.

Larry served in the Air Force during the Vietnam War, stationed in Southeast Asia working in intelligence. Becky attended Indiana University.

When Larry returned from service, he and Becky reunited.

"We enjoyed each other's company and it went from there," Becky said.

They married in May of 1970 and moved to Greenwood that year.

Upon returning home from his military service, Larry finished his bachelor's degree in accounting and political science at Indiana University. Becky had earned a bachelor's degree of music in voice and music education from Jacobs School of Music at IU and a master's degree in music in voice from Jordan College of Music at Butler University.

Larry started his career as an auditor and retired as CFO from the Indiana State Teachers Association. Becky is a retired teacher, having spent the longest part of her career at Greenwood Community High School where she was choral director.

## Larry & Becky Davis

The couple enjoy spending time with their daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter. Their common interests include sports – especially tennis and baseball, theater and the arts. Becky said their fondest memories are of their many travels. They've taken several trips to Europe with friends, to New York to attend Broadway shows, to the U.S. Open Tennis Tournament and five years ago, purchased an RV to travel the U.S.

"I never thought I would do that," laughed Becky. "I couldn't see myself driving down the highway in one of those big things. But we got an RV and have been traveling the country now ... many of our great memories of our daughter growing up are taking her on trips. That's important to us."

Both are also active volunteers in the community. They are supporters of the Indianapolis Symphony, Children's Museum, Newfield's, Red Door and the Indianapolis Zoo.

Larry was recently inducted in the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). He is a member of the Indianapolis Kiwanis and American Legion, American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and Indiana CPA Society. Becky is a member of the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra Association South Group and past member of Psi Iota Xi Sorority and Greenwood Women's Club.



Top, Larry and Becky Davis married in 1970. | Bottom, Larry and Becky currently enjoy traveling together, watching sports, arts & theater, traveling and spending time with their family. (Submitted photos)



## Dr. George & Carole Small



Left, Dr. George and Carole Small married in 1965. | Right, George and Carole retired in 2019 and are enjoying life "one day at a time." (Submitted photos)

Early into Dr. George and Carole Small's relationship, at 16 years old, George told Carole that he had two goals in life: to marry her and to become a physician.

"I told her that she was going to be a physician's wife," he said. "She should just count on that. So, I made it happen."

Carole said, "We were kids, teenagers. I thought 'oh my gosh, is he for real, asking me this soon to get married someday?' But it held up."

The couple initially met in seventh grade at Whiteland Middle School, though they didn't start dating until their junior year. Their first date was on a snowy winter night in December 1961. George was driving his parent's 1953 Green Nash Rambler, traveling south on U.S. 31 to the Artcraft Theatre in Franklin. The car broke down and the new couple had to push the highway across the street to the service station on the corner, then walk to the theater where they watched *Journey to the Center of the Earth* twice before the car repair was finished. Carole laughed that they never watched that movie again, but she can still remember how cold that walk had been.

The couple dated for six years prior to getting married in June of 1965. They will celebrate 56 years of marriage this June.

George finished undergrad at Franklin College, graduated from Indiana University Medical School in 1969 and did his internship at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie. Carole worked full-time at Eli Lilly during the day and attended Indiana Central College and IU Extension evening classes.

They moved to Greenwood and started their own family medical practice, Dr. George Robert Small Jr, M.D., in May 1970. Carole did the office work and bookkeeping. They worked together for 49 years, retiring in August 2019.

George and Carole have two children and five grandchildren. They are long-time members of Greenwood United Methodist Church and said their faith has been the foundation of their lives. They both enjoy volunteering in committees at church and service organizations such as the Kiwanis. They enjoy hiking, sailing and birding – eagle watching.

Still early into their retirement, George and Carole said they're keeping themselves busy with housework.

"We have enjoyed it one day at a time and we will continue to do that," George said.

Carole stated, "We hold fast to the adage of 'live well - love much - laugh often.'"

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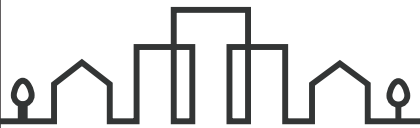
bank and serving its community for 130 years, announced that Kellie Gordon, senior vice president, has graduated from the Bank Technology Management School offered by the Graduate School of Banking at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. The GSB Bank Technology Management School brings some of the financial industry's best instructors together to present timely issues relating to IT management and provides practical guidelines that can be implemented immediately at Mutual Savings Bank. President and CEO, David A. Coffey stated, "Kellie is an essential member of our team. She has taken another step to continue her education in her area of work. Her endless persistence and determination directly contributes to the success of our organization."



K. Gordon

### Real estate statistics for Center Grove

**Real estate** - Center Grove's December 2020 real estate market finished the year strong, with increased prices and homes selling quickly. According to F.C. Tucker Company, the average sale price for a home in Center Grove increased 2.7 percent to \$316,315, compared to this time last year. The average price per square foot also increased to \$142.68, up 12.9 percent. Center Grove homes also sold more quickly compared to December 2019, spending 41.5 percent less time on the market.



## Bob Rohrman's **INDY** Athlete of the Month **HONDA** Ethan Martin

By Mark Ambrogi

Center Grove senior Ethan Martin is a bit of enigma in swimming circles. The majority of top high school swimmers began in club competition by the time they were 8 years old or earlier.

Martin played on travel soccer teams and didn't start competitive swimming until middle school.

"When these kids started swimming, I played soccer," Martin said. "I played soccer for 11 years and my freshmen year in high school I did half soccer and swimming."

Martin found he was often getting hurt; Center Grove swimming coach Jim Todd had a message for him.

"I think you have the potential to be the best swimmer Center Grove ever had, so you need to quit soccer, so you stop getting hurt," Martin said. "Then we can go from there, so that's what I did. I trusted him."

Now as Trojans senior, Martin holds four individual school records and is on two other record-setting relay teams. Martin recently set two school records in the 200-yard individual medley and 200-yard freestyle.

"Those records usually get broke in the sectional or state meet after they've been tapering," said his mother Kylah Martin. "He never ceases to amaze me, honestly."

Martin already has school records in 50-yard freestyle and 100 freestyle.

Martin, who has signed a national letter-of-intent for a full swimming scholarship at the University of South Carolina next season, placed second in the 2020 state high school finals in the 50 freestyle and sixth in 100 freestyle. He was on two relay teams that placed in state, the fifth-place 200 freestyle relay and sixth-place 200 medley relay.

His final three choices were University of Tennessee, University Missouri and South Carolina.

"Things just added up with South Carolina with personal ties with the coaches," Martin said. "It felt right."

One major connection is Gamecocks' associate head coach, Kevin Swander, swam for Todd at Center Grove.

Kylah said her son was just about 5 foot, 8 inches as a freshman.

"He was getting hurt in soccer with all the running and jumping," Kylah said. "From

freshman year through junior year, he probably put on 60 pounds and he now stands 6 foot, 4 inches (and 185 pounds). He's a big boy all of sudden."

While Martin did start swimming in middle school, it was more of a way to stay active.

"He's one of those kids that has a lot of energy, so we threw him on the team just to get rid of winter energy when there was no soccer back then," Kylah said. "But his life was soccer at that point."

Martin didn't begin club swimming until his sophomore year.

"I am amazed at how fast he has developed in a short time frame," his father Buddy Martin said. "He has always picked things up quickly, but this has been exceptional. Ethan has always been a fast learner when it is something that interests and challenges him. He is naturally athletic and smart, so a combination of those (dedication and talent) have led him to where he is with his swim career."



Ethan Martin.  
(Submitted photo)

### THE MARTIN FILE

<b>NAME:</b> Ethan Martin	<b>HOBBIES/INTERESTS:</b> Trampolines, roller skating (works at roller skating rink), stereo and Bluetooth speakers
<b>YEAR:</b> Senior	
<b>HEIGHT:</b> 6 foot, 4 inches	
<b>AGE:</b> 17	<b>FAVORITE MOVIE:</b> Tommy Boy or Black Sheep
<b>SPORT:</b> Boys swimming	<b>FAVORITE TV PROGRAM:</b> The Office
<b>POSITION:</b> Sprint races	<b>PARENTS:</b> Buddy and Kylah Martin
<b>COLLEGE PLANS:</b> Will compete for the University of South Carolina.	

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## Preparing for presidency

### Roncalli High School Principal Chuck Weisenbach prepares for transition as the school's next president

#### FEATURE

By Nicole Davis

Roncalli High School Principal Chuck Weisenbach said he's feeling humbled, honored, excited and little bit nervous since receiving the news that he was chosen to serve as the school's next president. He will begin this new role on July 1.

"At this point in my career, I really am trying to be focused daily on understanding what God's will is for me and having the courage to live that out daily," Weisenbach said. "That really is my goal as president."

Weisenbach is a 1979 graduate of Roncalli. He earned a bachelor's degree in Secondary Education from Butler University and a Master's in Education also from Butler University. He has worked for Roncalli for 37 years as a coach, assistant principal and 26 of those years as principal. Under his leadership as principal, Roncalli High School has been recognized by the United States Department of Education as a Blue-Ribbon School of Excellence three times.

Weisenbach succeeds inter-

im President Father Bob Robeson and President Dr. Joe Hollowell who retired in June 2020 and had served a 25-year term as president.

"Chuck Weisenbach is an incredibly talented person who is always thinking ahead," stated Father Robeson in a press release. "He is not afraid to challenge himself and those he serves. He is a great spokesman and leader for the Roncalli High School community"

Having worked closely with these presidents for the past 26 years, Weisenbach said he has a fair grasp as to what the job entails.

"Our former president, Dr. Hollowell, would tell you our strategic plan becomes the goals of the president," Weisenbach said. "Our community will go into strategic planning this fall. That's a community-wide effort. That strategic plan sets out what will be my goals for the next three to five years."

One of his, and the school's, first tasks is to form a search team for the new principal. Weisenbach said ideally, they'd love to have selected a new principal by April 1, no later than May 1.



Right, Weisenbach speaks at the graduation mass of 2020. (Submitted photo)

## ICONICbriefs



Principal Chuck Weisenbach and Kim Striby. (Photo courtesy of Roncalli High School)

### Roncalli's Striby receives Spirit of Caring award

**Award** - On Jan. 19, at a faculty meeting, Kim Striby was awarded the Ascension St. Vincent Spirit of Caring Award. This award is given to a person who has demonstrated Ascension St. Vincent's core values such as a commitment to those in need, respect and compassion for the dignity of life, integrity, wis-

dom, creativity and dedication while also displaying the true spirit of Roncalli High School. Striby is in her 16th year of teaching at Roncalli and during this time she has earned the respect of her students and peers for excellence in the classroom as well as for her giving heart.

### JCPL reopens for library patrons

**Library reopening** - Johnson County Public Library today announced that patrons are now able to come into the branches for browsing. The buildings will be open from Monday to Thursday 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Friday and Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Curbside JCPL-to-Go service continues to be available. "We are looking forward to seeing patrons browse again" stated JCPL director Lisa Lintner. "While we've been following the state's recommendation for curbside service during a red status, our branches continued to provide services to patrons through curbside delivery and computer use by appointment." The library continues with



virtual programming and launched two new initiatives. JCPL-to-Your-Door delivery service is available for those who can't get out due to health or quarantine. Library staff has also started taking calls to schedule COVID-19 vaccination appointments. When Johnson County returns to orange in both the Weekly 2-Metric Score and the Advisory Level, branches will return to their regular hours of operation, which will be Feb. 11, if the status remains the same or improves. Regular Branch Hours: Clark Pleasant & Trafalgar Branches, Mon-Thu 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Fri 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. White River & Franklin Branches, Mon-Thu 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fri 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sat 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## ICONICbriefs



Roncalli High School will soon choose a logo and mascot to coordinate with its new nickname, Royals. (Photo courtesy of Roncalli High School)

### Roncalli selects new nickname

**School mascot** - Roncalli High School has selected a new nickname and will now be known as the Roncalli High School Royals. For the past 50 years Roncalli has been known as the Rebels, however the decision was made to change the name in order to better reflect the school's Catholic Mission as

well as the ministry and life of patron Angelo Roncalli, Saint John XXIII. Over the next few months, the Roncalli marketing and communications team will work toward developing several images representing the new nickname. A logo and mascot will be chosen after further feedback is gathered from the task force, students and members of the Roncalli community.

### Center Grove Schools to participate in Summer Food Service Program

**Summer food program** - Center Grove Community School Corporation has announced plans to participate in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Free meals will be made available to all students in the school setting. There will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service among our students. In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its agencies, offices and employees and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the agency (state or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

### National VFW approves 'Rider Group' for VFW 5864

**Motorcycle group** - The National VFW has recently approved a "Rider (motorcycle) Group" for VFW Post 5864. Rodney Davis, a VFW member of the post and a member of a nearby Legion Rider Group headed the committee to get things underway. He was helped by Mark Quinn. Both are members of the Legion Riders at American Legion 252. VFW members, Auxiliary members and friends and supporters of veterans are eligible to join the group. Its goal is to bring in men and women from American Legion Post 1919; from Voiture 145 of the 40 & 8 organization and the VFW Auxiliary as members of the group. Participants will not have to have a motorcycle to be a member of this group. Poker Runs and other events will be scheduled to earn money for various projects and individual groups. A meeting will be scheduled before Christmas to discuss when we plan to kick things off. For more information, contact Rodney Davis at redL5@comcast.net or call Steve Milbourn at (317) 525-7291 or email him at steve.milbourn@aol.com.

## Your questions, answered

### Dr. Don Dubois opens pediatric consulting practice, offering old-fashioned advice and second opinions

#### FEATURE

By Nicole Davis

As a pediatrician, Dr. Don Dubois felt there were times that communication between doctor and patient would fall short because of the hectic office practices and limited time to answer all questions during a visit.



Dr. D. Dubois

Having retired from his full-time career with Community Health Network, Dubois now aims to continue serving the central Indiana community part time by offering consulting services via phone – giving old-fashioned advice or second opinions through Dubois Pediatrics Consulting.

"I like to present myself as old-fashioned and old school," Dubois said. "Because of my age, you could call me the grandfather pediatrician. I've been doing this over 50 years. I've seen it all. I've done it all. When they call an outside person for advice, they don't have to worry about being hurried. My thought is to be calm, unhurried, nonthreatening and confidential."

Dubois, a Center Grove resident, is a 1964 graduate of Indiana University School of Medicine where he specialized in pediatrics, child development and behavioral pediatrics.

Dubois' services in his consulting practice would not replace ongoing care by the patient's current primary care physician, and he will not be examining patients in-person or prescribing medication. He intends to offer a chance have a relaxed conversation with an experienced pediatrician on issues they may not have felt comfortable addressing or didn't feel were resolved at their visit.

He has special interest and training in many aspects of baby care which includes, but it not limited to, poor feeding habits, fussiness and colic, sleeping irregularities and bowel issues. In older kids he can be helpful with behavioral issues, hyperactivity, bullying, school problems and helping the child adjust to family discord.

He is available for a phone consultation Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Visits can range from five to 20 minutes depending on the circumstances.

For more information, call Dubois at (317) 300-4582 and leave a name, the child's first and last name with birthdate, mailing address and a good time to return the call. Pricing will vary from a minimum of \$25 to \$100 depending on the duration of the call. Payments may be made to Dr. Don DuBois, MD, FAAP, P.O. Box 1364, Greenwood 46142.



The Greenwood & Whiteland Honor Guard needs local veterans to serve at Military Funeral Honors. (Submitted photo)

### Greenwood & Whiteland Honor Guard seeks new members

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## PERSONNEL MATTERS

## Five ways to be resilient in 2021

By Mike Heffner

The last three years I have used January as a time to come up with a word that will keep me focused on the right things for the year. I started doing this after reading Jon Gordon's book, *One Word That Will Change Your Life*. He believes that instead of creating resolutions and goals every year, you should find a word that can become your driving force. My word for 2021 is **resilient**.

The word means "to be able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions." I doubt I need to spend many words telling you why I chose this as my word after 2020. Here are five things I learned this past year as our team and family were looking to rebound and have resilience moving into 2021.

**TAKE RESPONSIBILITY** – You are the leader. This is your team. In crisis, change or difficulty you cannot delegate the decisions that need to be made. You are the one that must make it happen. You are the one that everyone is looking

at to guide, steer and get things going. The team is looking for you to act and own it.

**HAVE NO EXCUSES MENTALITY** – There were a lot of mistakes made this last year. If you tried anything new, you likely screwed something up. My advice is to have the confidence to say you messed up. You failed, you didn't get it, you missed. You get the point. This past year, there wasn't a leader in the world that didn't make a mistake. It is what it is. Admit it, learn from it, and move on.

**UNDERSTAND THAT THERE ARE NO SHORTCUTS** – I have always said that CAN'T is a four-letter word that should not be used. Success is never easy and you have to give it your best. There is no "try." Either do or do not. You signed up, now you must do the work. Always be the hardest working person on your team.

**SET THE EXPECTATION** – If you are the leader, you must be willing to set the standard and exceed it. You are the one that provides the direction and the support. Your level of commitment, excitement and dedication is contagious and shows your team you are in it with them.

**BE OK WITH NOT BEING OK** – This was probably the biggest lesson learned in 2020. Change is going to happen, and things are not going to go well. What we tell ourselves and how we respond to things that are hard are what makes the difference. Push the boundaries, make things happen and be OK with being uncomfortable.

This last year challenged me and helped me learn as a leader. It taught me that I must constantly be working to get better and become even more resilient. If you are not growing or getting better, then you are behind in the game and difficulty will likely set you back. I hope you find your "One Word" this year and are inspired to make this year better than the last.



This article is written by Mike Heffner, the owner of the local Greenwood Express Employment Professionals franchise. Contact Mike at Mike.Heffner@expresspros.com, @IndySouthMike on Twitter or visit ExpressIndySouth.com.

## PEER-TO-PEER

Work smarter not harder,  
that is the starter for our new era

By Howard Hubler

Welcome to 2021. It is going to be a year unlike any we have ever lived. It's often been said, when we come out of a recession, the gross employment for our country is at a healthy downsize. This exacerbates employment until the economy roars back to normal. The reason is, companies have learned to do more with less.

I recently read an article about a major U.S. company that is a holding company for more than 300 fast food franchises. They are getting ready to swoop down and purchase several more franchises that are doing poorly. You have to believe these people aren't dumb and if you fast forward two or three years from now, they will have unwittingly grown amidst the coronavirus recession and done well. I'm not getting ahead of myself, they might go broke as well. However, people don't risk that much comfort zone for the unknown without a pretty good plan and a sense of confidence as to where they are headed.

My business is pretty small by comparison but the facts remain the same. If you are lean and mean, and maybe you were in the red

for 2020, if you stay lean and mean then the economy may come back and rescue you. As I see it, you have one goal; to maintain your expense structure and your headcount to where it is today. Yes, sometimes opportunity is so big that you simply have to hire more people and that is understandable.

So where are you and your business today? Are you in the planning stage, or is every day a new day in your life? It is a great time to train and make your staff smarter, it is a great time to cross train so that if you lose somebody it is not as severe. It is a great time to put business "best practices" in play. Hopefully, I will write a column next year about this time and you are on top of the world. You will have plenty of cash and a lean mean organization ready to take on a new era in American business.



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## Kroger Health to provide COVID-19 vaccines

By Eric Halvorson

Kroger Health, the healthcare division of The Kroger Co. (NYSE: KR) announced it will provide the COVID-19 vaccine nationwide across its 2,200 pharmacies and 220 clinics, partnering with the federal government and state health departments to administer the vaccine in accordance with the rollout plan.

Over the last few months, Kroger Health has worked closely with the Department of Health and Human Services and Department of Defense as well as the pharmaceutical companies and other businesses to prepare for vaccine authorization. Now that the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has authorized two vaccines, Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna, Kroger Health will support the phased approach, focusing first on priority populations as defined by federal and

state governments.

Kroger continues to advocate on behalf of associates for essential workers to have priority access to the vaccine in line with the organization's efforts earlier this year to help associates access personal protection equipment like masks and gloves.

"Since the beginning of the pandemic, Kroger has been a leader in protecting the health and safety of everyone in our stores," added Ed Siegfried, manager of Kroger at 5961 N. State Road 135 in Center Grove.

"Providing vaccines will be one more example of that commitment. I know our Health and Wellness team will work diligently with public health officials to ensure people who want the vaccine can get it and do so from the Kroger medical professionals they have trusted for years."



Kroger Health will administer COVID-19 vaccine to local associates, customers and communities. (Submitted photo)

Kroger Health is hiring nearly 1,000 health care personnel, including pharmacy technicians, to support operations and the administration of the COVID-19 vaccine. Kroger Health is also committed to training current associates. To view opportunities and apply, visit [Jobs.Kroger.com](https://Jobs.Kroger.com).



Left, Noah and the biblical flood. | Right, Animals prepare to board the Ark before the flood. (Submitted photos)

## Local artist creates paintings of Bible stories for Center Grove church

By Amy Moshier

Edward Patterson doesn't ask for any credit or recognition for his paintings on display at Southland Community Church. Instead, he asks that credit be placed where it belongs. "All I did was point the brush in the right direction, and God took it from there," he stated in a book he wrote about the paintings. The oil on canvas paintings depicts various stories in the Bible, including the story of Adam and Eve, the crucifixion, Daniel and the Lion's Den and several others.

The first painting of the Garden of Eden was years in the making and is over 30 feet in length, as noted in his biographical book about the project, *Painting The Bible Story*. Senior Pastor Steve Schellin was thrilled to find out about the project years ago, and has the paintings on display in the library of the church. "The most common reaction anyone has had who has seen the paintings is one word: 'Wow,'" he said. Schellin noted the project was a great fit for the church. "We want to

include the arts in our ministry," he added.

"It seems that my destiny in life was to paint large religious scenes for a church, and doing that as an outsider seemed necessary," Patterson said. "Readers will understand I do not attend Southland Community Church, nor am I a member."

Schellin said the project was exciting. "It was really exciting in the beginning especially," he said. "We'd have 30 volunteers at times serving as models for the characters in the paintings." However, as time went on, "we'd begin to have just a few volunteers at times."

Patterson said he felt the light of God when he was 10 years old, when he prayed, "God, come into my life."

"I don't know why exactly I prayed that, but it just came into my heart," he said. "It was during a Sunday night worship service, when I had a bright light, and a bolt of energy shot through my body."

To view Patterson's work, go to [edward-patterson.com](https://edward-patterson.com).



Top, Edward Patterson with his painting of the Crucifixion. | Bottom left, the nativity scene. | Bottom right, Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. (Submitted photos)



Pack 610 Cubmaster Nathan Tompkins collects blankets during a drive-thru blanket drive in December. (Submitted photo)

## Cub Scout Pack 610 hosts blanket donation and fundraiser to raise money for the homeless

By Nicole Davis

Cub Scout Pack 610 is preparing to sleep outside in the middle of winter as an effort to raise awareness and funds for the homeless.

While the Scouts are the only ones permitted to camp out, they are hosting a chili cook-off, foot golf and blanket donation event beforehand which is open to the community. The event will take place Feb. 20, 3 to 5 p.m. at Woodside Community Church, 1811 S. Morgantown Road, Greenwood. Reservations are requested by Feb. 13. Bring a blanket for donation or \$5 to get a bowl of chili to-go. The event is set up to accommodate social distancing per COVID-19 protocols.

"We try in the Cub Scouts to teach children to give back to society and to do what they can to help people that are less fortunate than them," said Nathan Tompkins, cubmaster. "By people showing up to this event and showing their support, it really tells the children that what they're doing is worthwhile and instills in the chil-

dren that people care about the things that they are doing."

Cub Scout Pack 610 is comprised of 28 boys and girls from Center Grove and Walnut Grove Elementary. Previously, the group held a chili cook-off and a Polar Bear blanket drive as separate events, but decided to combine the two this year and open it up to the public.

The pack has already raised \$324 to give to the homeless. Seventeen of the children visited uPaint Pottery Studio in Greenwood where they made ceramic bowls for the chili. Thirteen children purchased their bowls, uPaint donated \$2 per bowl to the cause and another individual made a cash donation. Bowls made by the Scouts will also be for sale for \$20 at the event.



All of the proceeds from the chili cook-off and blanket donations go directly to the homeless, Tompkins said. The foot golf costs \$10 for a 9-hole game and those funds go to Woodside Church which is hosting the event. For more information, visit [eventbrite.com/o/cub-scouts-pack-610-19228531069](http://eventbrite.com/o/cub-scouts-pack-610-19228531069).

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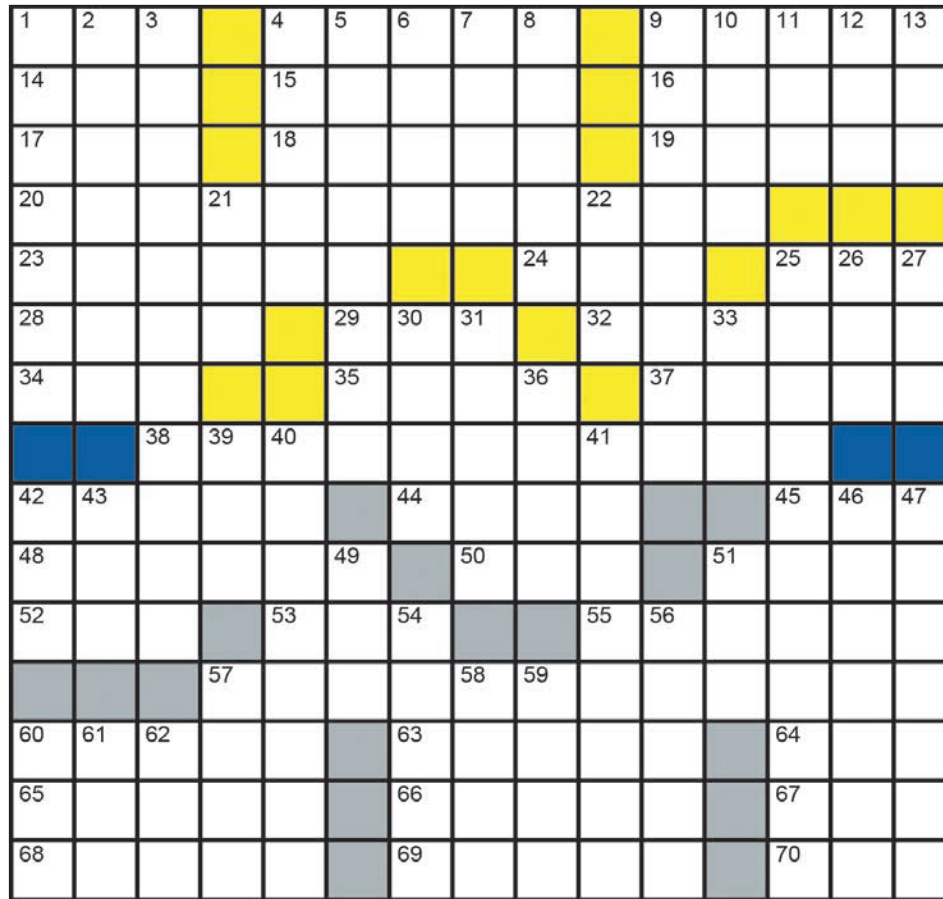
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The number of scholarships offered to Center Grove running back and senior Carson Steele. Steele, recently named Mr. Football Indiana 2020, received scholarship offers from the following universities: Indiana State, Illinois State, Southern Illinois, Western Illinois and Ball State, in Muncie, Ind. Steele has chosen to attend Ball State, which won its first bowl game in school history on Dec. 31 beating San Jose State 34-13 in the Arizona Bowl.

ACROSS

1. Unruly crowd
4. Protected body parts for CGHS soccer players
9. Old PC platform
14. Debtor's letters
15. The Wine Spot option
16. Garlicky mayo
17. 32-Across org.
18. Overhead
19. Where to have a Mother's Day breakfast
20. Pantone's 2021 Co-Color of the Year
23. Awesomely tough
24. CGHS grads-to-be
25. Colts' 3-pters.
28. \_\_\_ vera
29. Southside Animal Shelter purrer
32. Buffalo skaters
34. Jaunty piano tune
35. "Once \_\_\_ a time..."
37. Agenda entries
38. Pantone's 2020 Color of the Year
42. Insurance co. with a "spokeduck"
44. Israeli airline
45. #26 or 26
48. Terror
50. \_\_\_ de cologne
51. Zeus' wife
52. Applebee's waiter's reward
53. QB's mistake
55. Sunglasses
57. See 20-Across
60. Spin
63. M\*A\*S\*H locale
64. Altar vow
65. Bushy boundary
66. Motionless
67. James Whitcomb Riley's



21. poetic time
22. Well aware of
23. WFYI science show
24. Proofreaders' marks
25. Big part of a ship's rigging
26. Perform with the Indianapolis Children's Choir
27. Ind. driver's lic. info
28. \_\_\_ Miss
29. Rocker Vicious
30. OPEC member
31. 1040 inits.
32. Like some coffee
33. JL Johnson Fine Jewelers sparkler
34. Puncture sound
35. Church section
36. Cotton cloth
37. A/C meas.
38. IU sports org.
39. Trail the pack
40. Kind of heel
41. Speaks like a bully
42. Back of a boat
43. Usual night for CGHS football games
44. Nook or Kindle
45. "Piece of cake!"
46. Explosive letters
47. Old witch
48. Polynesian carvings
49. Actor Ledger
50. Implore
51. \_\_\_ Blanc
52. Region
53. ICON reporter's query
54. \_\_\_ Haw
55. Bouncers' requests

DOWN

1. Passe hotel room amenity
2. "C'est magnifique!"
3. Spring clamp for holding papers together
4. Sends junk email
5. Swamp mallow, e.g.

Puzzle Time



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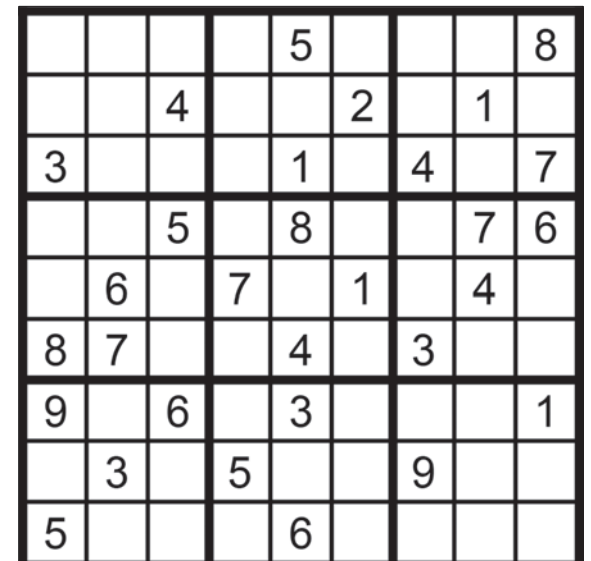
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## ICONIC briefs

### Center Grove residents named to dean's list

**Academics** - Rachel Thompson and Luke Wiley, both of Center Grove, were recently named to Cedarville University dean's list for fall 2020. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.75 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours. Located in southwest Ohio, Cedarville University is an accredited, Christ-centered, Baptist institution. For more information, go to Cedarville.edu.

### Johnson County resident to serve as chief of staff for Indiana Attorney General's Office

**Selection** - Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita has selected Lori Torres to serve as chief deputy attorney general and chief of staff in his new administration that began Jan. 11. Torres was inspector general for Indiana, appointed to that post in 2017 by



L. Torres

Gov. Eric Holcomb. Torres is a veteran public servant, having served as the Indiana commissioner of labor under former Gov. Mitch Daniels and as the former general counsel and deputy commissioner for the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT). During her time at INDOT, she led a team of 100 people. She has practiced law for more than 30 years, including in private practice at Smart, Kessler & Torres in Johnson County for 15 years and more recently at Ice Miller in Indianapolis. In addition to her new role in the administration as chief deputy attorney general, Torres will serve as the chief of staff. She has also joined the transition team for Attorney General Todd Rokita as co-chair. Ms. Torres graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Indiana University Bloomington and received her law degree cum laude from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law. She is a graduate of Indiana University in Bloomington and the IU McKinney School of Law in Indianapolis. She lives with her family in Johnson County.

## EVENTScalendar

### GREENWOOD

**SALI Winter Exhibit** • Member artists will exhibit art works that follow the theme, "All Things Purple." | When: January through March. Regular hours, Wednesday – Saturday, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. | Where: Southside Art League, 299 E. Broadway St., Greenwood. | Info: southsideartleague.org.

**Second Night of Hope Fundraising Gala** • A masquerade fundraising gala for Resources of Hope, a 501c3 nonprofit organization to meet the physical and emotional needs of foster youth living in central Indiana. Featuring Grafton Peek Catering, a silent auction, wine pull, heads or tails and a 50/50 raffle. The keynote speaker is Jason Johnson, director of Church Ministry Initiatives with Christian Alliance for Orphans. \$75 for a single ticket; \$250 for four tickets; \$500 per table (eight tickets). | When: Feb. 13, 6-10 p.m., 2021. | Where: Barn at the Bay Horse Inn, 1468 Stones Crossing Road W. | Info: info@ResourcesofHope.org; resourcesofhope.org/2nd-night-of-hope.

**Coffee Connections: February** • Aspire's mission is to drive economic development and business success. As a convener of businesses, we will continue to facilitate networking and connections in order to best support all industries. By attending this free reception, you can meet other business leaders who are also new to our organization, share ideas and solutions to common business challenges and opportunities, connect with friendly, welcoming Aspire Ambassador Team members and learn updates on Aspire programs and government relations work. This networking event is available for members within the first few years of their membership (5-10 years). For questions about your membership please email Alex Wheeler at [awheeler@aspirejohnsoncounty.com](mailto:awheeler@aspirejohnsoncounty.com). We value the health and safety of all Aspire members, and we will continue to monitor the status of health in Indiana and feedback from members to guide our decisions. Masks are required by all guests and employees at in person event location at all times. | When: Feb. 16, 8:30-9:30 a.m. | Where: Aspire Economic + Chamber Alliance, 1499 Windhorst Way, Ste. 160. | Info: [web.aspire-johnsoncounty.com/events?all=true](http://web.aspire-johnsoncounty.com/events?all=true).

**Polar Bear Chili Cook-off, Foot Golf and Blanket Drive Campout** • Play foot golf. Donate blankets, other goods, or cash and get a bowl of chili to go. Pack 610 members can camp out. | When: Feb. 20, 3-5 p.m. (EST) | Where: Woodside Community Church, 1811 S. Morgantown Road. | Info: Reservations needed by Feb. 13 on [Eventbrite.com](http://Eventbrite.com).

### ONLINE EVENTS

**Monday Night Book Group: via Zoom** • Book to be discussed is *You Should See Me in a Crown* by Leah Johnson. Discuss books in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Copies of all the titles will be available at the check-out desk the month before each meeting. A Zoom link will be emailed be-

fore the meeting. Please include an email address with registration. Registration is required. | When: Feb. 15, 7-8 p.m. | Where: Online. | Info: [jcpln.libnet.info/event/4720620](http://jcpln.libnet.info/event/4720620).

**JCPL Board of Trustees Virtual Meeting** • The library board meets the third Tuesday of each month. If you have concerns about the library or ideas for improving our services, you are more than welcome to attend the meeting. | When: Feb. 16, 5-6 p.m. | Where: Online. | Info: [jcpln.libnet.info/event/4728300](http://jcpln.libnet.info/event/4728300).

**Erin Yun Virtual Author Visit and Writing Workshop** • Join *Pippa Park Raises Her Game* author Erin Yun for a live interactive writing workshop! Erin will discuss writing a retelling, creating characters and determining point of view, followed by a Q&A. About Erin Yun: Debut author Erin Yun grew up in Frisco, Texas. She received her BFA in English from New York University and served as president of its policy debate team. This experience came in handy for her job as the debate consultant for the Tony-nominated Best Play on Broadway – *What the Constitution Means to Me*. Erin is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators and has written reviews and articles for BookBrowse. She currently lives in New York City, and yes – she used to play basketball as a middle grader! About *Pippa Park Raises Her Game*: In this contemporary reimaging of Great Expectations for middle graders, readers will cheer on Korean American Pippa Park when she is given the chance to reinvent herself and discover who she really is. A compelling story about friendship and peer pressure in middle school. | When: Feb. 17, 4:30-5:30 p.m. | Where: Online. | Info: [jcpln.libnet.info/event/4792239](http://jcpln.libnet.info/event/4792239).

**SKILLFUL Talent Series 104 Workshop for Human Resources** • Your company has a five-year business plan. But does it have a five-year people management plan? While your business grows, changes, and uses new technology, your employees need to change with it. Creating a workforce plan is crucial for the success of your company to ensure that as your company grows, your employees grow with it. In SKILLFUL Talent Series 104: Employee Retention, you'll learn how to: identify what skills your employee has and what they need to develop. Set up a training program to upskill new and current employees. Create transparent and inclusive advancement opportunities for employees. A recent study by Randstad found that the 26 percent primary reason for leaving their last job was a lack of career development and advancement. By helping your employees upskill, and by promoting them based on their skills, you future-proof your workforce while also improving retention. If you have any questions before the webinar, please reach out to the Skillful Employer team at [STSEmployer@markle.org](mailto:STSEmployer@markle.org). | When: Feb. 19, 9-10:30 a.m. | Where: Online. | Info: [web.aspirejohnsoncounty.com/events?all=true](http://web.aspirejohnsoncounty.com/events?all=true).

**Suicide Prevention: Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Gatekeeper Training** • Free for Johnson County residents or individuals who work in Johnson County. This training will be conducted on Zoom. Youth under 18 are welcome to participate with a guardian. Just as people trained

in CPR help save thousands of lives each year, people trained in QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade and refer someone to help. QPR is an emergency mental health intervention for suicidal persons that any community member can provide. The intent of which is to identify and interrupt the crisis and direct that person to the proper care. By participating in QPR Gatekeeper training, you will learn about early recognition of suicide. The sooner warning signs are detected, and help sought, the better the outcome of a suicidal crisis will be. Early QPR: asking someone about the presence of suicidal thoughts and feelings opens up a conversation that may lead to a referral for help. Early intervention and referral: referral to local resources or calling for evaluation and possible referral is critical. This training is being conducted virtually via zoom. The zoom link will be emailed to participants the day before the event. Please email [hope@upstreamprevention.org](mailto:hope@upstreamprevention.org) if you will need language interpretation or accommodations for a hearing impairment to participate at least one week before the scheduled event. | When: Feb. 19, 12:30-2:30 p.m. | Where: Online. | Info: [web.aspirejohnsoncounty.com/events?all=true](http://web.aspirejohnsoncounty.com/events?all=true).

**Zoom into Storytime** • Enjoy books, songs, rhymes and more during this Zoom storytime each week. Participants will receive a Zoom link to attend the live storytime after registering for the program. Please include an e-mail address with registration. Registration required. If you'd like a storytime kit to use at home, please let us know and we can provide one for you! Kit contains all the items we will be using in our program so you can follow along with us. For ages 0 - 5. | When: Feb. 22, 10:30-11 a.m. | Where: Online. | Info: [jcpln.libnet.info/event/4707418](http://jcpln.libnet.info/event/4707418).

**Wednesday Afternoon Book Discussion: The Water Dancer** • If you enjoy discussing books you're read, please join us. We'll read the *Water Dancer* by Ta-Nehisi Coats. Books are available for check-out the month before the discussion. Please register in advance. | When: Feb. 24, 1:30-3:30 p.m. | Where: Online. | Info: [jcpln.libnet.info/event/4795885](http://jcpln.libnet.info/event/4795885).

**Community Matters - February** • At this meeting, we'll be hosting Amanda Rubadue, vice president of Aspire Economic Development + Chamber Alliance and Adam Stone, CPA as they lead us in a presentation on economic development. Aspire Community Matters is the leading community educational and engagement forum in Johnson County. This event series features guest speakers, panel discussions and various community and government partners to spotlight opportunities and successes in community development. Past and future topics include housing, food sourcing, public transit, trails, parks, homelessness, income and wages, early childhood education and more. Our Aspire volunteer community development teams – Growth + Planning, Community Engagement, and Talent Attraction + Retention – also use this forum to share updates on their work, seek collaboration and invite new volunteer support. | When: Feb. 24, 3:30-5 p.m. | Where: Online. | Info: [web.aspirejohnsoncounty.com/events?all=true](http://web.aspirejohnsoncounty.com/events?all=true).

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Scotch eggs, a crunchy appetizer, and served with a dipping sauce that reviewers say is similar to a spicy thousand island. (Photo courtesy of @Campbellshighlandgrill)

and employees wear masks at all times. "First of all, it was clean, tables marked for social distancing and staff were masked," wrote one Yelp reviewer. "The scotch eggs for an appetizer were very good especially with a spicy sauce. The pizzas were crispy and tasty. Fish and chips were fresh and crisp. We were the only patrons but were a little early. I really hope this place stays open." Contactless ordering and payment is offered on its Website, campbellshighlandgrille.com.

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**Main Street Grille**  
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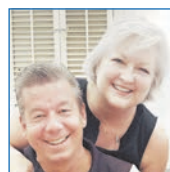
#### Ingredients and directions:

- Fill a pint glass with ice and add 1/4 oz. vodka, 1/4 oz. gin, 1/4 oz. rum, 1/4 oz. tequila.
- Add 1/4 oz. of strawberry puree and 3 oz. sweet and sour mix.
- Add a splash of triple sec. Shake. Top off with a splash of Sprite.
- Garnish with a lemon slice.



## WHERE I DINE

**Brian & Shana Lucas,**  
Franklin



**Where do you like to dine?**  
Court Street Cafe

**What do you like to eat there?**

Everything is good! My (Shana) favorites are the bacon bleu cheeseburger, parmesan grilled cheese and the chicken portabella ranch. Brian loves all of the flatbreads and the peanut butter and honey grilled sandwich. Everything we've tried has been fresh and delicious.

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

It is a locally owned restaurant with friendly service and a beautiful view out the front window. Tables on the sidewalk in good weather gives you even more scenery and people watching. Owner/management is awesome and are willing to go the extra mile and the servers and staff seem to enjoy what they are doing. You can't go wrong with any option on the menu.

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# ICONIC briefs

## Red Cross urges blood donation to maintain supply

**Blood donation** - The American Red Cross typically has a tough time keeping the blood supply strong during the winter months when inclement weather and seasonal illnesses can impact donors. This year the pandemic adds in another challenge in keeping the blood supply strong. The Red Cross is urging healthy individuals to make an appointment to give blood or platelets this month. As a thank-you for helping ensure a stable blood supply, those who come to give this February will receive a \$5 Amazon.com Gift Card via email, courtesy of Amazon. Red Cross blood drives will be available Feb. 21, 12 - 4 p.m. at Arthur R. Baxter YMCA, 7900 Shelby St., Indianapolis; Feb. 23, 9:30 - 2:30 p.m. at the Johnson County Library White River Branch, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood and Feb. 25, 1 - 6 p.m. at Community Church of Greenwood, 1477 W. Main St., Greenwood. Make an appointment by visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Alexa Echo device.

## Center Grove graduate accepted into Albion College Institute for Medicine

**Academics** - Savannah Waddick is a new member of Albion College's Lisa and James Wilson Institute for Medicine. The Wilson Institute supports and prepares students to be physicians, dentists, veterinarians and other healthcare professionals through an innovative academic curriculum and immersive clinical, research and community service initiatives. Waddick is a first-year student at Albion College. Waddick is a resident of Greenwood and a graduate of Center Grove High School.

## Furia: an action-packed coming-of-age novel about secrets, soccer and friendship

### BOOK REVIEW

By Amy Hamilton

*Furia* by Yamile Saied Mendez

Mendez is a coming-of-age story about soccer, family and finding your place in the world. Camila Hassan comes from a long line of soccer players. Her father, a failed ex-player, pressures her brother to be a professional athlete while not allowing Camila to play.

Camila, a 17-year-old senior in high school, has many roles in her life. She must hide her different personas from each other. At home, Camila is an obedient daughter and a student who loves to study. When she is with her friends and soccer team, she is called La Furia, a fierce competitor who plays with all of her heart. Her life suddenly gets more complicated, as Diego, her longtime friend, comes back home from playing soccer professionally in Italy. All of the secrets

that she keeps start to unravel. Will her relationship with Diego upset the balance of her life or help her have the strength to make her dreams a reality?

*Furia* is an action-packed novel that inspires as it educates the reader about Argentina's culture, the value of friendship and the worldwide love of soccer. Recommended for fans of Rainbow Rowell and Elizabeth Acevedo.



This review is written by Amy Hamilton, the adult/teen librarian of the Johnson County Public Library - White River Branch. She enjoys reading, knitting and taking long walks in the woods. Contact Amy at [ahamilton@cpln.org](mailto:ahamilton@cpln.org).

## ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

### Adult:

*The Hare* by Melanie Finn  
*How the One-Armed Sister Sweeps Her House* by Cherie Jones  
*What's Worth Keeping* by Kaya McLaren  
*Before She Disappeared* by Lisa Gardner

### Young Adult:

*Wench* by Maxine Kaplan  
*Angel of Greenwood* by Randi Pink  
*The Gilded Ones* by Namina Forna  
*The Project* by Courtney Summers



### Children:

*The Boy Whose Head Was Filled with Stars: A Life of Edwin Hubble* by Isabelle Marinov  
*Welcome Flower Child* by Brigette Barrager  
*Milo Imagines the World* by Matt de la Pena  
*Ground Zero* by Alan Gratz

## A feather in your cap: when capitalization changes everything

### GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

Last week I wrote about the difference between "capital" and "capitol." My research opened up a can of worms, which is what I wrote about two weeks ago. While researching when the word "capitol" needs to be capitalized I stumbled upon the topic of "capitonyms."

Capitalization changes everything. A capitonym is a word whose meaning changes when its first letter is capitalized. Capitonym purists will tell you that, when capitalized, the capitonym's pronunciation changes as well, as in the example of "polish" and "Polish." I subscribe to the more inclusive definition that a capitonym's pronunciation sometimes changes when the word is capitalized. Let's look at some examples.

For some reason, some of the most notable capitonyms are months. Think about "march" and "March"; "august" and "August"; and "may" and "May." When these

words appear in their lowercase forms, they mean one thing; when they are capitalized, they are months in the Julian calendar. If you want to dive down a fun rabbit hole, look up the "year of confusion." In the year 46 B.C., Julius Caesar decided he wanted to begin his new 12-month calendar the following year. As a result, 46 B.C. ended up lasting 455 days.

There's another category of common capitonyms: place names. Whether we're dealing with countries or cities. In the case of countries, we have "china" and "China"; and "turkey" and "Turkey." I found a lengthy list of capitonym cities, but here are my favorites: "nice" and "Nice"; "mobile" and "Mobile"; "reading" and "Reading"; and "tangier" and "Tangier." Interestingly, each of the cities I just listed takes a different pronunciation from each of their lowercase counterparts. If I wanted to break that pattern, I would have included "scone" (the delicious breakfast biscuit) and "Scone" (the

city in Scotland). Perhaps this is where you can find the Scone of Destiny.

Still another batch of familiar capitonyms falls into the category of religious terminology. A "mosaic" is different from "Mosaic" Law. When something is "catholic," it's universal; when someone is "Catholic," they belong to a global Christian denomination. "See" what I mean? What was Job's job, anyway? Can I have the lawnmower back that I lent you around Lent? A mass of people attended Mass.

Once you delve into the world of capitonyms, you'll notice them everywhere. You may even notice that it's rainier up on Mt. Rainier.



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## A month to celebrate love and 'oneness' in your marriage

**DEVOTIONAL**

By Pastor  
 Chris Philbeck

February is a special month to me for two reasons. First, my wife, Sandy, was born on Valentine's Day (Feb. 14). And while that adds a lot of pressure to the celebration of Valentine's Day, it also makes it doubly special because I thank God for her every single day. She has my heart. Second, our wedding anniversary is on Feb. 20. This year we will celebrate 39 years of marriage and they have been the best 39 years of my life. I love my wife more than words can express.

Several years ago, I wanted to do something nice for the wives of the pastors on my staff. So, I invited them to a "Spa Day" at a local salon where they would be treated to whatever their hearts desired. Before the day began, I gave them a gift, thanked them for how they support their husbands and prayed for them.

As we waited for everyone to arrive, the conversation turned to, "How did your husband propose?" The younger women had some pretty elaborate stories while the (sorry for this) older women shared simple stories. I remember thinking that while the days of dating and falling in love, regardless of your generation, were filled with excitement and passion, there's something greater that binds husbands and wives together.

In the novel *Captain Corelli's Mando-*

*lin*, an old man is talking to his daughter about the secret of marital love between he and his late wife. He tells her: Love itself is what is left over when being in love has burned away, and this is both an art and a fortunate accident. Your mother and I had it, we had roots that grew toward each other, underground, and when all the pretty blossoms had fallen from our branches, we found that we were one tree and not two.

I'm thankful that after 39 years of marriage the excitement and passion are still strong. And I'm thankful that our two lives have become "one tree" which has been God's will for the beginning. Genesis 2:4 says, *That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.* God's design for marriage is that two become one. And in that oneness, we find great joy. So, happy Valentine's Day and anniversary (when-ever it is) to all the couples reading this devotion. I pray for great "oneness" in your marriage, today and for all the years to come.



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**Puzzle Time Answers – ON PAGE 12**  
 Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:

**Majors:** ART, BIOLOGY, EDUCATION, ENGLISH, HISTORY, MUSIC;

**Towns:** ANCHORAGE, FAIRBANKS, JUNEAU, KETCHIKAN, NOME;

**Items:** BURRITO, FAJITAS, NACHOS, TACO;

**Magazines:** PEOPLE, TIME, VOGUE;

**Teams:** BUCCANEERS, CHIEFS;

**Sheriff:** BURGESS

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# A positive impact in the Center Grove community

## Lifelong Southside resident appointed new board president of Aspire Economic + Chamber Alliance

Compiled by Rick Myers

John Sturm is a lifelong Indy South resident. John met his wife of 33 years, Yvonne, at Ball State University, where they both graduated. His family has been part of the Center Grove community for 26 years – his wife is a Center Grove teacher and his three grown and married children all graduated from Center Grove. John and Yvonne are also enjoying their first grandchild. John is the CEO of Johnson County REMC and president of JCFiber. John spent 30 years in the wholesale energy industry before joining JCREMC in 2018. His favorite part about his current role is being able to make a positive local impact. He was recently appointed as board president of Aspire Economic Development + Chamber Alliance.

**What do you consider your greatest virtue?** Honesty

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

Those who seek revenge over forgiveness

**What do you like most about living in Johnson County?**

The down-to-earth good people

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

A tropical beach with my wife, children and grandchildren

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

Smile and laugh more

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

Balancing more travel with work

**What makes you happiest?** Family time

**What is your favorite vacation spot?** The beach

**What do you do with idle time?**

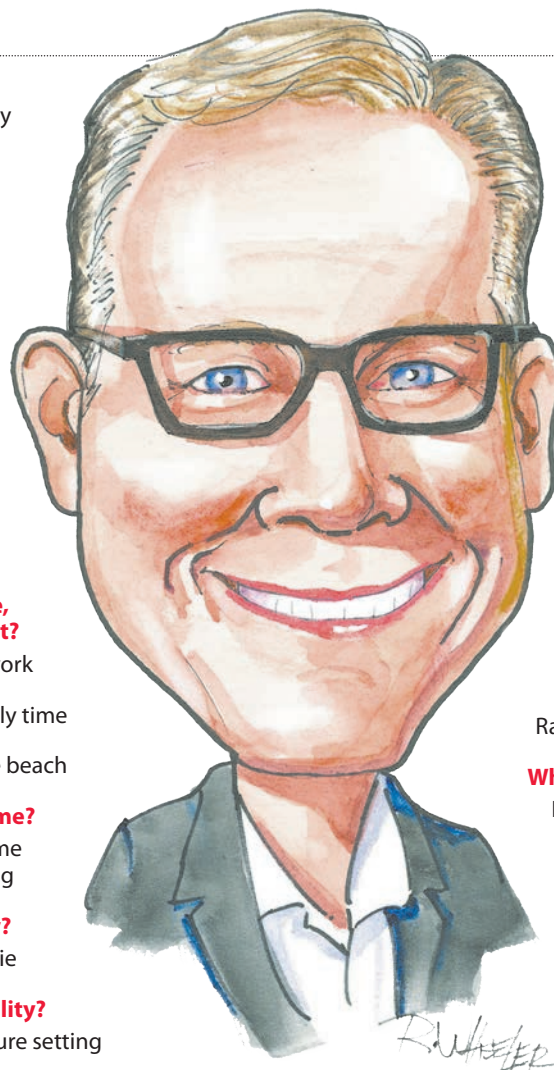
Bike riding, ping pong, golf, outdoor activity, home improvements and landscaping

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

When people boldly lie

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

Get away to a beautiful outdoor nature setting



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

My wife, Yvonne

**Which living person in Johnson County do you most admire?**

All civil servants who give so much more than they receive

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

Willing to put the work in

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

Inner strength

**What is your greatest extravagance?**

Currently building a new home

**What are your fears, phobias?**

Not living up to my potential

**What has been the happiest time of your life?**

Raising children with my wife and coaching sports

**Which talent would you most like to possess?**

Rock-star level drummer

**What do you most value in your friends?** Loyalty

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

Ronald Reagan

**What is your greatest regret?** Sweating the small stuff

**What tenet do you live by?** Faith in Jesus Christ

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