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Greenwood students named to Bob Jones University Dean's List

Academics - The following students are among over 900 Bob Jones University students named to the dean's list for the fall 2019 semester. The dean's list recognizes students who earn a 3.00-3.74 grade point average during the semester: Carter Hughes, a sophomore Nursing major and Noah Self, a freshman Biblical Studies major.

Kindley named to Alma College Fall 2019 Dean's List

Academics - Alexandra Kindley of Greenwood has been named to the fall 2019 dean's list at Alma College. Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits, at least eight of which are evaluative grades, are named to the dean's list.

Green named to Pensacola Christian College President's List

Academics - Mary Kate Green of Greenwood was named to the President's List by Dr. Troy Shoemaker, president of Pensacola Christian College, for academic achievement during the 2019 fall semester. This was a result of earning a semester grade point average of 3.90 or higher.

Greenwood students named to Pensacola Christian College Dean's List

Academics - The following local students were named to the dean's list by Dr. Troy Shoemaker, president of Pensacola Christian College, for academic achievement during the 2019 fall semester: Matthew Herrmann and Rachel Huggins. Students named on the dean's list earned a semester grade point average of 3.0 or higher.

Hughes named to Cedarville University Dean's List

Academics - Emma Hughes of Greenwood was named to the Cedarville University Dean's List for fall 2019. This recognition requires the student to obtain a 3.5 GPA or higher for the semester and carry a minimum of 12 credit hours.

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Center Grove choirs Sound System, The Debtone and Surround Sound competed at Fishers Silver Spotlight Show Choir Invitational in Fishers, Ind. Feb. 1. Sound System was awarded first runner-up in the Large Unisex Division and Surround Sound was awarded first runner-up in the Small Mixed Division. The Debtone also received caption awards for Best Vocals and Best Visuals. Pictured is Center Grove senior Cameron Poole, Solo Competition first runner-up. Juniors Abigail Johnson and Maggie Nguyen received the Duet Competition Grand Champion award. Please visit centergrovechoirs.org for more information on upcoming competitions and shows. **(Submitted photo)**

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JCREMC Community Fund awards Operation Round-Up® grants

Grant - Seventeen local nonprofit organizations have recently received grants from the JCREMC Community fund totaling more than 48,000. Red Alert Robotics was one of 17 local nonprofits that was awarded an Operation Round-Up® grant. Pictured, from left to right: Levi McNeely; John Gates; Lisa Porat (Red Alert Robotics parent organization president and Red Alert Robotics mentor); and Jacob Galyean (Red Alert Robotics participant and senior at Center Grove High School). Operation Round-Up® grants were recently given to community organizations representing education, public health and safety and community development.



Children's Museum director speaks at Greenwood Rotary Club

Greenwood Rotary - Kimberly Harms Robinson, director of Media and Public Relations for The Children's Museum of Indianapolis, spoke at the Nov. 18 Greenwood Rotary Club meeting. Mrs. Robinson, pictured in center, was guest of Greenwood Rotary Director and Past Club President Sarah Eder, left, Financial Advisor, Raymond James & Associates, with Greenwood Rotary Club President Stephen Powell. Mrs. Robinson is a Johnson County resident. The Indianapolis Children's Museum is the world's largest children's museum in the world, providing learning experiences to over 1.2 million children and families annually. For more information, go to childrensmuseum.org.

HISTORY & ARCHITECTURE

The history of early White River Township schools

By Jeff Beck

White River Township started with 11 schools in 1866, all identified by numbers 1-11. School numbers were started in northern White River Township between the town of Bargersville and Whiteland Road.

There were three schools located on Three Notch Road (known as State Road 135 today). A few of the former schools are currently used as private residences. School buildings in some locations have been razed for highway widening or reasons unknown to the writer.

School numbers and locations were as follows:

1. Fairview & Three Notch roads
2. Fairview & Morgantown roads
3. Mullinix & Olive Branch roads
4. Olive Branch & Morgantown roads
5. Olive Branch & Three Notch roads
6. Smokey Row & Three Notch roads
7. Smokey Row & Morgantown roads
8. Smokey Row & Bluff roads (State Road 144)
9. County Road 725 W., one mile south of Whiteland Road
10. Morgantown Road, one-and-a-half mile south of Bluff Road (State Road 144)
11. Whiteland & Three Notch roads

Prior to the 11 schools, children gained learning in township homes. The illustrated historical atlas of Johnson County from 1820-1900 states that the first home-run school was located somewhere in the southern half of White River Township. It was a log building with a dirt floor and a fire in the middle of the room for light and warmth. The exact location and teacher is not recorded. Mrs. Samuel Parks started a school in her home after the death of her husband in August 1825. The school was thought to be the first recorded in WRT. Mr. John Collins ran a school from his home located between Brownstown and Bluffs roads (around the state roads of 37/144, the community

surrounding Bluff Creek Christian Church). Collins lived in one room of the log home and used the second room for the classroom.

Schools in the early days were often called "meeting houses" and students had to pick up trash on school grounds during recess. Schools met for four days a week, with Friday and Saturday used by students to work on the teacher's farm. School started around 9 a.m. with students arriving before daylight to work before school. Work included planting and harvesting corn, tending to the garden, firewood and performing normal daily chores. Students worked as a means to pay the teacher's fee and cost of books. McGuffey's Eclectic Readers were books of choice for early WRT students; books taught practical needs of the students such as gardening, bee keeping, sewing, household and farming subjects.

The State of Indiana in early 1824 stated land could be donated to township trustees for schools, meeting houses and masonic lodges. One parcel of donated land stipulated that one hour per day from noon to 1 p.m. be allowed for students to learn from a local minister. Early voting records show residents against public schools. Some Johnson County townships levied a tax for the purpose of supporting local schools in 1851.

Township trustees were in charge of school starting in WRT. Mr. John Fullen was the first trustee, from 1860-1862. The Fullen name may have changed over time to Fulmer, a prominent WRT name. As well, the name of Groseclose was changed to Grose, with others being changed due to length, spelling or another unknown reason. The name of Custer Baker is well known to senior members of WRT. Mr. Baker was the last county school superintendent in Johnson County living in Union Township. In 1862 Maurice



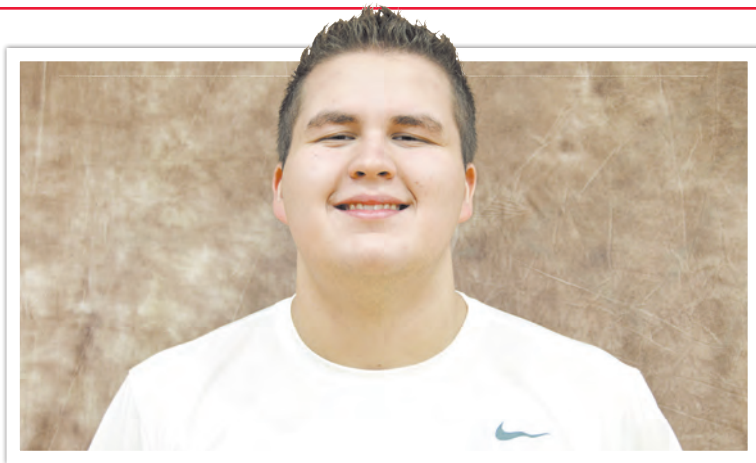
Families first began sending their children to schools in White River Township around 1825. (Submitted photo)

Paddack, a WRT trustee, stated that the current system should be dissolved with Center Grove forming a school board governing its operation, a move that was bold, positive and forward thinking.

In 1880, White River Township residents began discussing the need for education higher than eighth grade. In 1882 a building was erected to house students entering high school at a location deemed best in the middle of the township. In 1883 eighth grade was taught with the first high school students starting freshman year. In 1884, four men erected a two-story, four-room building with an upper room, a large open assembly room and a small library on the north side of the room, which was later used as a classroom. Only one teacher taught eighth grade and high school. Early teachers would be amazed and proud of our current school system. I am proud to be a Center Grove alumnus.



Jeff Beck is a lifelong Bargersville resident who has a passion for the history of the Center Grove area. He has authored the books, *Bargersville and Center Grove: Unveiling the Past*.



Liam Price. (Submitted photo)

THE PRICE FILE

NAME: Liam Price
SPORT: Track and swimming
POSITION: Track – shot put & 100-meter dash; swimming – backstroke
YEAR: Senior
HEIGHT: 6 feet
AGE: 17
HOBBIES: Classic video gaming; music – drums & congos
FAVORITE MOVIE: Watching old family videos
FAVORITE TV SHOW: The Simpsons
COLLEGE PLANS: The University of Indianapolis, where he will study math and criminal justice. He plans to participate in swimming.
PARENTS: Jon & Cindy Price

Bob Rohrman's **INDY** Athlete of the Month
HONDA Liam Price

By Rick Hinton

"Liam's had a very long day today," Cindy Price said about her son. "He did a speech at Yorktown High School, came back, changed his clothes and went to school for a chemistry test. Then there was basketball practice." Such is a normal routine for Center Grove High School Senior Liam Price, as he wholeheartedly embraces his last year of high school with a gusto that far outweighs his challenges.

"I have some cognitive challenges," he stated. "I have OCD that sometimes slows me down. I feel like this year has been the hardest, but I'm getting through it positively."

"Liam has an intellectual disability – he's on the autism spectrum," Cindy added. "He also has Tourette's syndrome and sometimes he has the OCD, which is part of the spectrum,

but he has a way of getting around those." There are those days of anxiety, however he stands firm to what has become an engraved motto – "To not let my disability define me!"

One of Liam's favorite classes is weightlifting, where he spends time as a teacher's aide. He's a manager for the CG varsity basketball team, helping in keeping the clock, passing in drills and participating in stretching. One of his fondest memories is shooting half-court shots in front of the team. And then there's IHSAA Unified Sports.

The focus of IHSAA Unified Sports is competition-based, working as a team with a commitment to give their all. The program provides opportunities to participate in a variety of sport activities. CG Athletic Director Jon Zwitt stated, "Some schools, like Center Grove, also have Unified Basketball (not presently a sanctioned

sport, but right around the corner), which Liam participates in. He is one of the vocal leaders in the state for Unified Sports, the IHSAA Champions Together Program and Special Olympics." Price was almost immediately invited to join the new Unified Track and Field team. In Special Olympics he participates in swimming – in the summer games awarded the No. 1 seed time – and the ALPS (Athletic Leadership Program). Motivational speaking – Global Messaging – and summits, where he shares his story, not only within Indiana, but also out of state, rounds out the mix and keeps Price one busy young man.

"He has an uncanny ability to raise the energy level in a room," said Center Grove basketball coach Zach Hahn. "He's a selfless leader that always puts others before himself. He is one of the most mature, well-rounded and caring people I have ever met."

Center Grove News Quiz

How well do you know your Center Grove community?

Test your current event knowledge each month with a little Q&A!

1 Athulya Nair is one of three Center Grove High School seniors who entered and won a state competition using STEM skills. What favorite TV show inspired her while growing up?

- A. Doc McStuffins
- B. Grey's Anatomy
- C. Sid the Science Kid
- D. Scrubs

2 What faith-based Southside frozen yogurt store is currently up for sale?

- A. Indyo Frozen Yogurt
- B. Ella's Frozen Yogurt
- C. Smallcakes Cupcakery
- D. Orange Leaf

3 Center Grove resident John Spanogle helped to start an Indiana chapter for a nonprofit organization described as "a safe place for veterans readjusting to civilian life." What is it?

- A. Operation Job Ready Veterans
- B. Veterans Care Bridge
- C. USO Council of Indianapolis
- D. Special Forces of Indiana

4 In what local brewhouse can you order a beer called the Gnaw Bone Pale Ale?

- A. MashCraft Brewing Company
- B. Planetary Brewing Company
- C. Oaken Barrel Brewing Company
- D. BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse

5 Locally, Mount Pleasant Christian Church recently hosted the annual Night to Shine for those with special needs. What well-known athlete founded the worldwide event?

- A. Tony Dungy
- B. Tim Tebow
- C. Peyton Manning
- D. Serena Williams

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Creating solutions FOR COMMUNITY NEEDS

Center Grove seniors win state competition using STEM skills to help low-income residents

COVER STORY

By Nancy Price

A trio of Center Grove High School students has created a unique idea to help the homeless and low-income residents stay warm during the winter.

Mahek Agrawal, Madison Hammill and Athulya Nair, seniors in Andrea Teevan's Project Lead the Way biomedical science class, used STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) skills to complete their project, which won state in a nationwide competition, Samsung's 10th annual Solve for Tomorrow contest. The competition is open to students in sixth through 12th grade, using STEM skills to solve a challenge in the community.

More than 2,000 entries nationwide were submitted. One hundred of them were chosen as state winners.

Agrawal, Hammill and Nair combined their different STEM strengths to produce a design for a low-cost

material that releases heat and enhances heat retention. The material can be used in blankets or as insulation for mobile homes.

"They really just took a product that may exist in another world and applied it to the scenario (of the project)," Teevan said. "I think it's inspiring to have 17- and 18-year-old kids benefit the community." "The kids are so elegant with their words, they are top-notch students and they can express the mission well, which aided them in the competition."

What is Project Lead the Way?

Project Lead the Way (PLTW) is a nonprofit organization that develops STEM curricula for students in elementary, middle and high schools. PLTW creates hands-on learning experiences for students of all levels. PLTW biomedical

science students operate with the same tools used by professionals in hospitals and labs while working together to find solutions to problems.

By the time students reach their senior year, "they innovate new ideas and use their presentation and professionalism skills," even completing an eight-week internship, Teevan said.

Despite many STEM careers traditionally dominated by men, including engineering, computer science, architecture and actuarial science, the biomedical side tends to attract more females than men, according to Teevan. "For every class of 24 students, only six or seven are males; the rest are females," she said.

Agrawal, Hammill and Nair remember being exposed to STEM at an early age and dreaming of careers where they could use those skills.

"When I was little, I watched medical TV shows all the time," Nair said, recalling Doc McStuffins, an animated TV children's series that premiered in 2012 about a young girl who aspires to be a doctor like her mother and communicates with and heals broken toys and stuffed animals.

Impacting future generations

Now the students are hoping their ideas can help motivate younger girls. "It would be really cool to help other generations, if they have an interest, to motivate them," said Nair.

They also plan to study STEM in college next year and agreed that their experience with Project Lead the Way classes have helped give them the confidence and insight into exploring careers they may not have otherwise considered.

Nair, who plans to pursue a science-related major at Purdue University, said she has learned a lot, through research, applying skills and how innovations can impact a community. "It's given me more insight into careers other than medicine," she said.

Agrawal plans to study at the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University. "This project helped reinforce what I want to do and like to do, and I'll have more confidence as I get through and out of college."

"I plan to study biomedical engineering at the University of Wisconsin," Hammill said. "This project has given me a look into more fields that are engineering and technology-focused. The field is so wide in opportunities."



Samsung's Solve for Tomorrow competition: WHAT'S NEXT?

As a state winner, CGHS received a \$15,000 prize package, a video kit and a Samsung tablet. Samsung will announce 20 national finalists in March. Selected schools will receive a \$50,000 prize package and a chance to present their prototypes to a panel of judges in April. Judges will select five national winners who will receive \$100,000 in technology and classroom materials and earn a trip to Washington, DC to present their projects to members of Congress. For more information, go to Samsung.com/us/solvefortomorrow.

Congratulations to Center Grove seniors Athulya Nair, Madison Hammill, and Mahek Agrawa for your outstanding achievements in STEM education!



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Greenwood Mayor Myers discusses city's growth and future plans at State of the City address

FEATURE

By Nancy Price

Greenwood Mayor Mark W. Myers credited conservative spending and sound management as reasons for the city of Greenwood to maintain the state's fourth lowest tax rate in the state while investing in public safety, infrastructure, quality of life and economic growth this past year, during the ninth annual State of the City address.

The event, hosted by Aspire Economic Development + Chamber Alliance, was held Feb. 6 at The Nest Event Center in Greenwood.

Myers noted a strong balance sheet helped support several projects:

- **THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER 19-ACRE GREENWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL PROPERTY.** Myers presented interior designs for Greenwood's new downtown fieldhouse, a year-round recreational and fitness center for residents, also serving as a destination for youth sports teams.
- **THE ADDITION OF CUMMINS' NEW WORLD-WIDE IT HUB.** The multimillion-dollar investment by the Fortune 500 company will provide at least 500 professional jobs paying an average annual salary of about \$100,000.
- **REIMAGINED OLD CITY PARK.** The nearly completed park includes a 23-foot tall cube tower, custom climbing wall and permanent outdoor installations for football, cornhole and bocce ball. A new pedestrian bridge will be added, and an 18-foot promenade will run adjacent to Pleasant Creek.
- **THE LAUNCH OF NEW SERVICES THROUGH AN ONLINE BUSINESS PORTAL.** Greenwood was the first municipality to partner with INBiz, the state's one-stop online resource for Hoosiers to register and managing their business using an expedited process for conducting business transactions with the state.

Myers continued the address by noting success in the following areas within the past year, plans for continued project growth and new developments:

- **PUBLIC SAFETY:** three new police officers and three full-time firefight-

ers (the positions were funded by a 1 percent food and beverage tax); and the launch of Greenwood's first crime mapping software.

- **INFRASTRUCTURE/TECHNOLOGY:** construction of the Western Regional Interceptor; the addition of an on-line sanitation payment portal; the continued expansion of Worthsville Road with several roundabouts; and the new Department of Public Works building to open later this year.
- **QUALITY OF LIFE:** Freedom Springs Aquatic Facility's revenue exceed expenses by more than \$300,000; Greenwood Community Center's annual revenue increased by 35 percent; a future 100,000-square-foot event lawn for cultural events; and a future state park to replace Northeast Park.
- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:** the newly formed Aspire Economic Development + Chamber Alliance; Myers have credit to the organization's leadership, staff and members for

the smooth transition and stated the organization creates a number of efficiencies and will streamline business attraction and cultivation throughout Johnson County; a new zoning code; and a new ground hangar at the Indy South Greenwood Airport, with the future addition of another corporate hangar.

Myers concluded the address by stating that he is feeling stronger every day by participating in three weekly sessions of 9Round Kickboxing to improve his body's agility and flexibility. Myers, who announced that he has been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease in December 2019, compared the state of his health to the city of Greenwood's condition. "Folks, Greenwood is on a roll and could not be healthier," he said. "When our community looks in the mirror, we can be both proud in what we see and energized for the progress yet to come."



Greenwood Mayor Mark W. Myers speaks at the ninth annual State of the City address. (Photo by Nancy Price)

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Fifth annual Night to Shine gives smiles and laughter to those with special needs

By Rick Hinton

The 2020 Night to Shine is once again history as the fifth annual event opened up Mount Pleasant Christian Church to an evening of enchantment and memories. Sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night party that centers upon God's love for people with special needs, ages 14 and older.

Magic was in the air, as was the crowd and paparazzi, as guests strolled across the red carpet toward an evening of hair and makeup, limousine rides, corsages and boutonnieres, karaoke, a catered dinner and the dance floor. Then came the crowning of the king and queen of the prom.

"It's a time in which people can work together and be a part of one team – God's team," said founder Tim Tebow.

This worldwide event simultaneously takes place in all 50 states and 33 countries around the world, with over 100,000 guests and 200,000 volunteers. It has grown substantially from its beginning, with Mount Pleasant this year hosting 350 guests and 400 caretakers, with a dedicated crew of 1,000 volunteers working in front and behind the scenes. It's a labor of love that finds reward in the passage of an evening containing smiles, laughter and the look of wonder upon the faces of the honored guests.

The walk from the reception area of the main church building to the Life Center across the road was a brisk exercise in a cold Indiana evening. Guests were shuttled in buses, arriving to a chorus of cheers and clapping as they made their way into the warm building, under an umbrella of colorful balloons. It was the beginning of their evening – their time to shine! And as the song says – "The sound of heaven touching the earth."



1. The dance floor was the place to be last Saturday night. 2. Kailee Seawright, Adell Pursell and Andrea Albertsen of Greenwood do a little "shining" themselves. 3. Karaoke at its finest. 4. Dance-Off! 5. A couple strolling the red carpet in the reception area. 6. A brief stop for dinner. (Photos by Rick Hinton)



George Gray, son of Greg and Lorrie Gray, along with his wife, Becky; Greg Gray; George and Becky's son Nolan; Lorrie Gray; George and Becky's daughter Amelia; Jennifer Greenstone, Greg and Lorrie's daughter, along with her husband, TJ, and their son, Jackson. (Submitted photo)

Greg and Lorrie Gray to sell Ella's Frozen Yogurt

FEATURE

By Amy Moshier

Greg and Lorrie Gray are grateful to have had nine years of successful family-oriented business at Ella's Frozen Yogurt in Greenwood. As they pursue finding new owners for the business, they do so with many fond memories. "Greg and I are so grateful to have these past nine years. Ella's has brought us so much joy, many, many friends and opportunities to give back," said Lorrie.

According to the retiring business owners, working with young people has been a great experience for them. "Ella's has been the 'first job' for many high school students. It's been a joy to watch them grow. So many of them are married with their own families now," said Lorrie.

This was not an easy decision to make, but in the end, a new stage of life presented itself. A new grandchild came upon the scene as well, and that proved to be a deciding factor.

"We have spent much time in prayer and conversation on how to proceed," said Lorrie. "We love what we do, and Ella's is a big part of who we are. Bottom line, though is this: Tomorrow is promised to no one; life is fragile, and we've been blessed. Greg and I are in our 60s, and we just had our third beautiful grandchild. We want to take them (their grandchildren) camping, do some travelling

and see how God uses us next."

The Grays hope their business, which also caters birthday parties and baby showers, will continue to be family-oriented and would love if it could remain a faith-based business, as well. "As far as what we're looking for in new owners, we would love for a local family (to take over Ella's), a family who loves the Lord, a family who wants to be part of the community and give back. Someone who cares about 'our kids' (employees). We just live down the street so when we drive by Ella's we want to smile, not be sad," said Lorrie.

New owners would have a lot to look forward to. "We know Ella's is successful just as it is, but there is always room for improvement. It has incredible untapped potential," she said. "I think fresh eyes can be a great thing, here. And the location is fantastic! On a summer day, folks on 135 can see our full patio and our bright umbrellas. Our neighbors here are great, as well."

The Grays have been so happy to see that business has remained strong throughout the years. "Ella's has continued to grow each year and for that, we're grateful. If we were in our 40s and didn't have those amazing grandbabies, we would grow it even more. There is much potential here. We love our community and we think the community loves Ella's," she said.

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Aspire Economic Development + Chamber Alliance announces recent updates

Nonprofit update - Aspire Economic Development + Chamber Alliance has officially launched as of Jan. 1. Some recent developments include a new website for the organization, re-branding of existing Aspire Johnson County social media pages, new volunteering opportunities and new job openings. Members of the Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce and Johnson County Development Corporation (JCDC) approved a merger of the two organizations in August 2019 to create Aspire Economic Development + Chamber Alliance.



Center Grove housing statistics

Real estate - Center Grove homes once again saw an increase in price in December 2019 but spent more days on the market. According to F.C. Tucker Company, the average sale price for homes in Center Grove was \$308,028, an increase of 8.6 percent from December 2018. Center Grove homes also spent an average of 53 days on the market, selling 32.5 percent slower than this time last year. The average price per square foot increased 0.7 percent compared to December 2018, to \$126.42.



TOP 10 REASONS FOR THE IOWA CAUCUS MESS

HUMOR By Torry Stiles

10. You can't expect folks to concentrate on the Democrats after Mahomes ripped up the 49ers.
9. They had a great new app for voting by phone, but a lot of folks had forgotten to buy more minutes.
8. Confusion over folks who thought they were voting for *The Masked Singer*.
7. Every time they took a count "None of the Above" kept coming out on top.
6. They had the app to vote but nobody bought the premium package and they wasted a lot of time with folks clicking on ads for Hulu, Wish and the newest Candy Crush game.
5. Still a lot of folks agonizing over how to spell Buttigieg and Klobuchar.
4. The voting app was working OK, but a lot of folks kept clicking back to FarmersOnly.com.
3. The caucus was going great until a fight broke out in back over the whole "mustard in potato salad" thing.
2. Pretty sure it was Russians or the Chinese. ... or maybe North Dakota. They've launched a congressional investigation.
1. Just had a few loose ends. There were a bunch of papers that Nancy Pelosi was going to check on Tuesday.

OUR VIEW

Seeking nominations for Center Grove Educator of the Year

Do you remember your favorite teacher? How did he or she help to inspire you? What did you like most about being in their classroom? What did you learn? How did you feel about yourself when you were in their presence?

A great teacher is accessible, enthusiastic, warm and caring, setting high expectations for students. They expect students to achieve in their classroom. They have a deep knowledge and passion for their subject matter. He or she helps to instill confidence, believes in students and their abilities and encourages them to be the best they can be. They engage students and keep them mo-

tivated. They stay in touch with the parents, frequently providing feedback and concerns. They even stay after class to help students in need of some extra help.

The Center Grove ICON is accepting nominations for Center Grove Educator of the Year. We will choose an Educator of the Year after reviewing nominations and publish an article in our Salute to Educators issue on April 18.

Your nomination should include your name, the name of the educator you're nominating, the name of the school they teach and what they teach, along with detailed information about what makes them a great educator. Please send nominations by Friday, March 20 to nancy@contimes.com or to Nancy Price, managing editor, Center Grove ICON, 7670 US Highway 31 S., Indianapolis, IN 46227.



THUMBS UP THUMBS DOWN

to the annual worldwide Night to Shine event, held locally at Mount Pleasant Christian Church. Sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, Night to Shine is a prom night party for those with special needs ages 14 and older.

to the Johnson County Local Food Council's free screening of the documentary, Sustainable, held next Thursday at the Historic Artcraft Theatre. Non-perished food items will be collected for Michelle's Little Free Pantry.

to two upcoming designer purse bingo fundraisers: Designer Bag Bingo, which benefits Westwood Elementary School, and Purse Bingo 2020 to support Center Grove students and teachers.

to White River Public Library's commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz next Saturday by hosting a documentary about the late Eva Kor, a Holocaust survivor who resided in Terre Haute, Ind. Kor taught others about healing through forgiveness.

QUOTE

"The most important thing is to try and inspire people so that they can be great in whatever they want to do."

- KOBE BRYANT

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

In Kaysville, Utah, You must have an ID to enter a convenience store after dark.

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PLANNER OF NOTE

Newly Incorporated Businesses

Aire Serv of Greenwood - Brian S. Cole
3209 Smith Valley Road, Ste. 115
Greenwood, IN 46142

Best Bet Auto Sales - Michael Barrett
6340 State Road 252, Edinburgh, IN 46124

**Order of the Eastern Star of Indiana/
Union Village Chapter 584**
Patricia Knox and Virginia Prairie
24 Whiteland Road, New Whiteland, IN 46184

Red Oak Real Estate Group
Dustin Royer and Matthew Kresse
869 W. Smith Valley Road
Greenwood, IN 46142

Sweat Shop of Franklin - Amy Skirvin
448 E. Madison St., Franklin, IN 46131

Upcoming chamber meetings and events

19 – Membership 101. Attention all investors! We made a promise to come alongside you with a supportive network of like-minded business leaders to ensure you are supported and encouraged to focus on what really matters to you – your business. During our Membership 101 program, you are invited to learn more about an Aspire Economic Development + Chamber Alliance membership. We present an overview of business advocacy, investor services and annual events that create networking and other business opportunities for you as a member. Haven't joined our organization? You're invited to attend to learn more about why you should join and what benefits a membership would mean to you! Pre-registration for this event closes at 5 p.m., Feb. 18. Feb. 19, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Aspire Economic Development + Chamber Alliance, 65 Airport Parkway, Suite 140, Greenwood. Web.aspirejohnsoncounty.com/events.

MARCH

6 – Our Legislation Matters Luncheon is an opportunity for members and investors to spend time with local state legislators who will participate in a panel discussion. During the luncheon, attendees will have a chance to pose questions to our top elected officials and get answers on matters that mean the most to them. Attendees will also be invited to vote during the luncheon, so those who represent us will know where we stand on certain issues. As voters and taxpayers, your vote matters, so join us and you're your voice heard! Pre-registration for this event closes at 5 p.m., Thursday, March 5. Legislation Matters Luncheon member: \$25. Non-member: \$35. Business action sponsor: \$150. Corporate table sponsor: \$175. March 6, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Garment Factory Events, 101 E. Wayne St., Franklin. Web.aspirejohnsoncounty.com/events.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Are your hiring practices outdated?

By Mike Heffner

Most people reading this know that the economy is doing well and there is low unemployment. What many may not realize is that the employment game is quickly changing, and my urge to businesses is to have a wake-up call around their recruitment, hiring and retention practices.

Here are five key areas that are critical for hiring in 2020:

COMMUNICATION: The biggest complaint that I hear from job seekers is "my application goes into a black hole" and they are treated like a commodity versus an individual. Even in a technology-based world, applicants want to hear back from a direct human, even if it's a "no." This can be in various forms – phone, text or email. The best is a phone call. Your recruiting brand depends on this follow up to differentiate itself from the others.

COMPASSION: Understand that the applicant looking for work most likely has a job or if they are out of work, they are working through possible issues that may be no fault of their own. Either way, they are likely not just sitting on the couch hoping you contact them back. They may be working through child care, transportation, or some type of communication issue that has changed their status. In a tight job market, employers must be sensitive to these issues and become creative and more accommodating in the application/interview phase.

CULTURE: Employers can no longer ignore their culture. Workers want to work for someone that takes a genuine interest in them. They are wanting to work for a leader that appreciates, understands and develops them. They also desire a connection with the work that is being done and how their work matters. Lastly, workers need clarity around what a good job looks like and know how to be successful in their job. A worker that doesn't get good direction, proper training or to know if they are doing a good job is sure to leave no matter the pay. The work just won't be fulfilling.

FLEXIBILITY: There has been and likely always will be an argument around the flexibility that is needed by employers. Topics like work from home, flex time, PTO, etc. are always controversial. No matter your stance, right now employers are having to offer some flexibility in policy. In this day and age, things are going to happen that are out of the control of the worker. An employer that can offer some case-by-case flexibility in the interview process or once hired can make a huge difference. It can be the differentiator to a key hire or keeping a good employee that is currently having some temporary difficulties that arose without warning.

COMPENSATION: For the longest time, pay wasn't one of the items on this list because wages were flat. This has changed significantly as of late. Wages are rising faster than they have at any time in the last 10 years and employers can no longer ignore the wage gap. It's now the entry point

of the recruiting conversation. Employers can no longer take a "prove yourself and then I will reward you" stance. They have to offer a competitive pay rate to attract a candidate with transferable skills.

I hope the areas above help spur conversations in your company around recruiting, application, hiring and ongoing employment situations. Just know, even if the amount of time with a new employee is short, the brand of the employer in today's social media-based world depends on that engagement being a good experience.



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.

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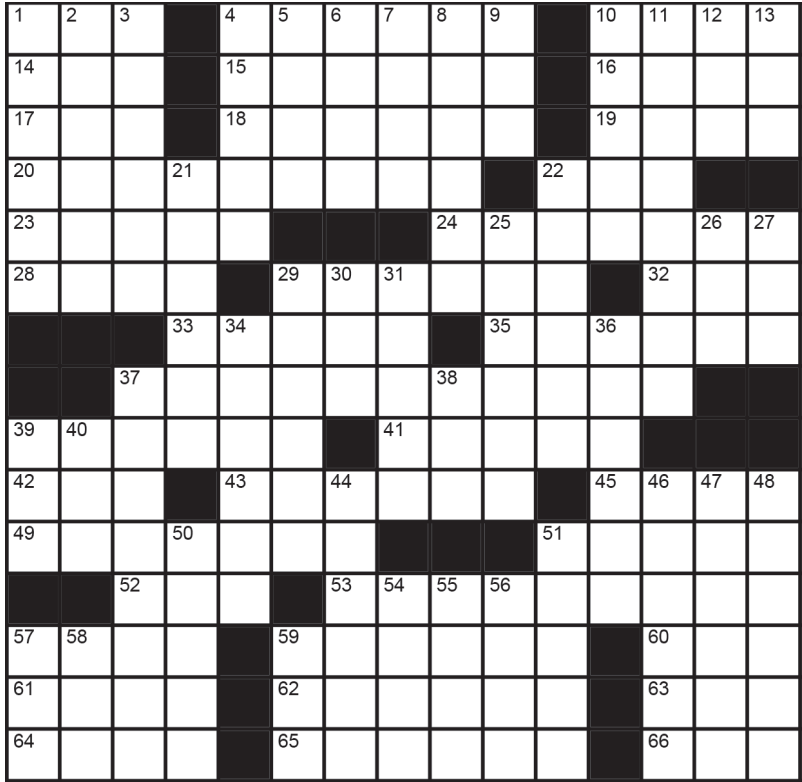
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- 4. Least trained
- 10. End-of-week letters
- 14. Singer Greenwood
- 15. Luke's Jedi mentor
- 16. Approximately
- 17. Indiana's 45th governor
- 18. First-born
- 19. Pack down
- 20. "24" character played by Sarah Clarke
- 22. ISO Yuletide Celebration mo.
- 23. Like the Indianapolis Star
- 24. Foes
- 28. Israeli airline
- 29. Small pooch
- 32. Some St. Vincent Hospital ER cases
- 33. Penned
- 35. Brookies and steelheads
- 37. White House Press Secretary for Bill Clinton
- 39. Whirlpool rival
- 41. Hog the mirror
- 42. Indiana State Rep. Vermilion



- 65. CGHS grammar class topics
- 66. Adult & Continuing Education class, briefly
- 10. Eiteljorg Museum carving
- 11. Kind and courteous
- 12. Believer's suffix
- 13. Dandy guy
- 21. Totally wrong
- 22. Butler student's goal
- 25. "Hold on!"
- 26. Indy summer hrs.
- 27. Snake's warning
- 29. Hilton Garden Inn resident
- 30. Had a steak at Applebee's
- 31. Chicks' calls
- 34. "An American Life" author

DOWN

- 1. WTHR's Julia Moffitt, for one
- 2. TV reception pole
- 3. Abdominal injury
- 4. Spacious
- 5. Skillfully
- 6. Off the mark
- 7. Fancy pitcher
- 8. Talked back
- 9. "Claws" aier

- 36. Cantankerous
- 37. It's a blast
- 38. Community Hospital scan inits.
- 39. Part of BMOC
- 40. "Wheel of Fortune" purchase
- 44. Lindo Mexico menu item
- 46. African fly
- 47. Whigs' opponents
- 48. Break open
- 50. Reservoir fed by Fall Creek
- 51. Accumulate
- 54. Soon, to a poet
- 55. Emulates Peteyboy
- 56. Oft-injured joint for a Colts player
- 57. Pale
- 58. Kind of humor
- 59. "Wanna ___?"

Answers See page 16.

Puzzle Time



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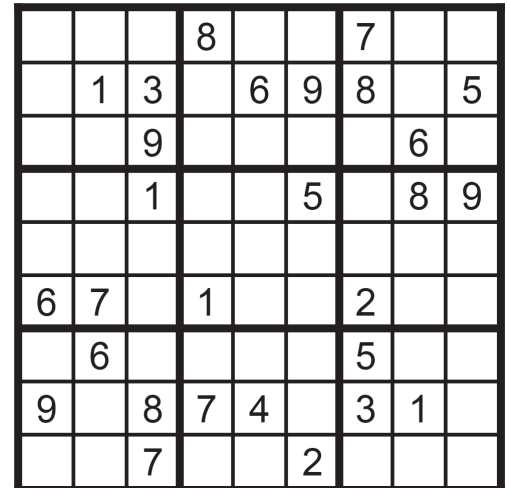
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Cholesterol on a plate: the heart stopper burger topped with onion rings and bacon. (Submitted photo)

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Alabaster, or complete the meal with a red velvet cheesecake or butter pecan bread pudding. Prices are affordable, with lunch menu items between \$6-9, and dinner, between \$8-16.

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 - Pineapple juice
 - Grenadine

- Pour Tito's Handmade Vodka and Malibu Rum into 14-ounce glass with ice.
- Pour pineapple juice and grenadine to top.
- Mix all ingredients and serve.



WHERE I DINE

Cat Satre, Greenwood

Where do you like to dine?
Coffeehouse Five



What do you like to eat there?
Their baked items are all amazing – cookies, brownies, muffins, etc. My entire family loves their biscuits and gravy and their cinnamon rolls, so we often go there for breakfast on Saturdays. I also love their coffee – they roast all their beans in-house and only use fair and direct trade coffee beans.

What do you like about this place?
I like supporting a small, local business and Coffeehouse Five gives back to our community. They offer free counseling for marriage and addictions in the evenings. They're also opening a location soon in Franklin!

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Goldfish Swim School opens in Greenwood

Swim school - Goldfish Swim School has opened a new location in Greenwood. Families can now register for swim lessons and safety classes at the facility's third Greater Indianapolis location at 1675 W. Smith Valley Road, D1-3. Goldfish Swim School offers classes in the morning, evening or on weekends for infants and children ages 4 months to 12 years. The facility also provides smaller class sizes with a max ratio of 4:1, student to teacher, 90-degree pools and a state-of-the-art chlorine generation system. For more information go to goldfishswimschool.com/greenwood or send an email to swimgreenwood@goldfishss.com.

Greenwood Mayor's Prayer Breakfast tickets on sale

Prayer breakfast - Greenwood Rotarians Bruce Richardson and Lee Money invite you to attend the 30th Annual Greater Greenwood Mayor's Prayer Breakfast. Mr. Howard Hubler, owner/partner of Hubler Automotive Group, will be the guest speaker. The breakfast, sponsored by the Christian Business Men's Connection, is Saturday, March 7 at 8 a.m. at the Nest Event Center (formerly Jonathan Byrd's). Individual tickets are \$20. Tables (10 people per table) cost as follows: gold, \$300; silver, \$200. Call Lee Money at (317) 865-9607 for table reservations or send your check to CBMC, c/o P.O. Box 943 Greenwood, IN. 46142.

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Free Documentary Screening: Sustainable • Join the Johnson County Local Food Council for a free screening of the documentary, Sustainable. Non-perished food items will be collected for Michelle's Little Free Pantry. | When: Feb. 20, 5:30-8:30 p.m. | Where: The Historic Artcraft Theatre, 57 N. Main St. | Info: (317) 537-0037; web.aspire-johnsoncounty.com.

GREENWOOD

GriefShare • Grieving the loss of someone close to you? Find comfort and support at GriefShare. GriefShare is a 13-session seminar/support group. You can attend at any time! | When: Saturdays from Jan. 11-April 4, 10 a.m.-noon. | Where: Southland Community Church, 5800 W. Smith Valley Road. | Info: Mary and Robert Gerlach at (317) 340-3284; griefshare.org.

Love is in the Air Vendor and Craft Show • The Greenwood Park Mall is hosting a special spring craft show with 30 vendors and crafters. Handmade items will display a wide variety to shop from. Come by and show your support to local vendors. | When: Feb. 15, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; Feb. 16, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Park Mall, 1251 US Highway 31 N. | Info: [StreamsideStudioCreations](https://www.facebook.com/StreamsideStudioCreations).

Monday Night Book Group • Discuss books in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Copies of the titles will be available at the check-out desk the month before each meeting. The book to be discussed is: *What Looks Like Crazy on an Ordinary Day* by Pearl Cleage. | When: Feb. 17, 7-8:30 p.m. | Where: White River Public Library, WRB Community Room (Whole Room), 1664 Library Blvd. | Info: (317) 885-1330; pageafterpage.org/white-river-branch.

VITA Tax Prep • Call (317) 885-5036 to make an appointment to see a free tax preparer. This service is for senior citizens and low-to-mid income individuals (\$56,000 or below). An appointment is required. | When: Feb. 18, 9:15 a.m.-7:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, computer classroom, 310 S. Meridian St. | Info: Call (317) 885-5036.

Basic Genealogy Workshop • Representatives from the Mary Bryan Chapter of D.A.R. will be providing a session on introductory genealogy research. They can help with more advanced questions as well! Presented by Sheila Harmon. There is currently a waiting list, but you can join it by going online at greenwoodlibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar. | When: Feb. 19, 6-7:45 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St. | Info: (317) 881-1953; greenwoodpubliclibrary.org.

Designer Bag Bingo Fundraiser • Join us for Designer Bag Bingo, hosted by Westwood

Elementary PTO (Greenwood). We'll play 20 games of bingo and winners of each round will receive a designer purse (Coach, Michael Kors, Kate Spade and more). We'll also have 50/50 and gift basket raffles. Tickets are \$25 each or \$240 for a reserved table (8) and are being sold via email only at gwswestwoodpto@gmail.com. Tickets include three bingo sheets and one dauber. Additional bingo sheets, food and drinks will be available for purchase at the event. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Cash or check only. Ages 18 and over. Proceeds benefit Westwood Elementary School. | When: Feb. 19, 6:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Moose Lodge, 813 W. Smith Valley Road. | Info: gwswestwoodpto@gmail.com.

Eva Kor Documentary and Virtual Reality Experience • In commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, join us for *Eva: A-7063*, a film about Holocaust survivor Eva Kor and a 360-degree VR tour of her experience. Grades 4 and up. As a 10-year-old "Mengele Twin," Eva Kor suffered some of the worst of the Holocaust. At 50, she launched the biggest manhunt in history. In her 80s she circled the globe to promote the lesson her journey taught: healing through forgiveness. Join us for a screening of the award-winning PBS documentary *Eva: A-7063* by Ted Green and Mika Brown in partnership with WFYI, which beautifully tells her amazing story. Narrated by Hollywood icon Ed Asner. After the documentary, stay for a special VR experience. The *Eva Virtual Reality Tour* provides viewers a 36-degree experience at four locations in Auschwitz that were central to Eva's story; the selection platform, the barracks, the lab where Mengele worked and the spot outside the crematoria where she announced her forgiveness. At each, Evan herself describes the significance, along with accompanying videos that add historical context and personal perspective. Staff from WFYI will be on hand to facilitate the experience and answer questions. | When: Feb. 22, 1:30-4:30 p.m. | Where: White River Public Library, WRB Community Room (Whole Room), 1664 Library Blvd. | Info: (317) 885-1330; pageafterpage.org/white-river-branch.

Greater Greenwood Community Band's Side-By-Side Concert • The Greater Greenwood Community Band will be doing a Side-By-Side Concert with students from Whiteland High School, Lawrence North High School and Mt. Vernon High School. The band directors at these respective schools have each invited four students to participate, giving this concert 12 students from three different area high schools in total. With this being the 27th year since being founded in 1993, this is a unique opportunity to see our otherwise all adult group performing with a dozen high school student musicians exercising their exceptional talent on stage with the band. Bring family and friends and have an enjoyable evening of live music

in Greenwood! | When: Feb. 23, 5-6:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Community High School Auditorium, 615 W. Smith Valley Road. | Info: ggcband@gmail.com or greenwoodband.org/ourevents/side-by-side-concert.

Board Game Mondays • Let's play! Bring your games or let us teach you one of ours. We'll meet on the fourth Monday of the month. Sponsored by Patrick Olmstead Law. All ages; child's caregiver required. | When: Feb. 24, 6-8:30 p.m. | Where: White River Public Library, 1664 Library Blvd. | Info: (317) 885-1330; pageafterpage.org/white-river-branch.

Purse Bingo 2020 • Join us for an evening of food and fun as we raise money to support Center Grove students and teachers! Tickets are \$35 and include your bingo card and a dauber. \$280 for a reserved table of eight. Tickets are on sale at the Center Grove IT Center, 2789 Trojan Lane, Greenwood, 46143. Cash or check only. There will be a limit of eight tickets per person. Food trucks will be on site. The bar will be open in the Saloon. 50/50 raffle: tickets are three/\$5 or 10/\$10; purse raffle: tickets are 4/\$10 or 10/\$20; basket raffles: tickets are three/\$5 or 10/\$10. Please come prepared as this is a cash only event. | When: Feb. 27, 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 5 p.m.) | Where: The Barn at Bay Horse Inn, 1468 W. Stones Crossing Road. | Info: gwswestwoodpto@gmail.com.

Southside Art League • Come view the art of Alyssa Overton, which is created in many different mediums. Free entry. | When: Feb. 29, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. | Where: Southside Art League, 299 E. Broadway St. | Info: (317) 882-5562; southsideartleague.org.

Greenwood Public Library Family Program • Abraham Lincoln - Hoosier Hero. In this rewarding performance by actor Danny Russel, hilarity and heartbreak overflow as our most famous Hoosier, Abraham Lincoln, traces his amazing journey from a log cabin to the White House in his customary black suit and ever-present stovepipe hat. A professional actor for more than 30 years with advanced training from Chicago Actors Studio, Russel tours nationally, portraying historical characters. In addition, Russel is a six-time grant recipient honored by the Indiana Arts Commission for his theatrical work who travels the country, bringing Lincoln back to life. | When: Feb. 29, 1-2 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St. | Info: please register by either calling (317) 885-5036 or go to greenwoodlibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendarcheck.

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Aspire Economic Development + Chamber Alliance to host pitch contest

Pitch contest - On May 14, Aspire Economic Development + Chamber Alliance will host a pitch contest at the Historic Artcraft Theatre in Franklin. Presented by Aspire's Community Matters Growth + Planning Team, the event will feature emerging small businesses and entrepreneurs in central Indiana competing for a \$1,000 grand prize. For years, Aspire Community Matters will partner with the Historic Artcraft Theatre, The Elevator Franklin, Taxwright and Horizon Bank Greenwood for this competition to help drive business success in Johnson County and southern Indianapolis. Aspire welcomes businesses to take part in the contest, which follows a three-phase process over several months. **Phase 1:** Applications due Feb. 24. **Phase 2:** Free workshop held March 3 for top 30 applicants. Financial and business plan documents due by March 31. Final cut by April 15. **Phase 3:** Six finalists announced May 1. For more information, go to aspire-johnsoncounty.com/aspire-accepting-applications-for-pitch-contest.

Children of Hope Preschool welcomes new students

By Alecia Bonson

"What did you learn at school today?" It's the question parents have been asking their children since the dawn of formalized education, but how do you hope your children answer?



If you're a preschool parent, you're probably hoping for something a little more than your child knowing how to find the monster at the end of a book or being able to count Pete's groovy buttons. After all, amidst the ever-rising standards for education in the States, children going into kindergarten are expected to start reading, which wasn't even expected of my fellow millennials 20 years ago when we were that age.

Things can get even more complicated if the budget's tight, your

child is learning English as a second language, or you hope to find a place that cares for your child's spiritual growth as well as academics.

Children of Hope Preschool is able to meet all of these needs because it's fundamentally different in philosophy. A preschool running out of a church is not a new thing, but the fact that the church supports the preschool rather than the preschool supporting the church is a bit revolutionary. New Hope Church is invested in its preschool as a ministry that fills a need in the community, so with its support, the preschool is able to offer flexible tuition based on the parents' income. When financial burden is lifted off of parents, children can become empowered with quality education.

Children of Hope Preschool is passionate about preparing students with skills that will set a solid foundation

they will build off of their entire student careers - including some skills that people wouldn't think of immediately, such as learning to play with classmates who come from diverse backgrounds and cultures. And for the students who don't speak English as a first language, they learn English skills. All of these things are essential if students are to be set up for success in kindergarten and beyond.

So, what do you want your kids to learn at school? If you're curious about what Children of Hope students learn, Children of Hope Preschool welcomes students ages 3-5 to their classes three or four days a week from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. Registration for fall begins March 1. Check them out at becomehope.com, call (317) 888-4673, email coh@becomehope.com, or stop by at 5307 W. Fairview Road.

WINDOWS 7 END OF LIFE

What does this mean?



Microsoft has officially set the Windows 7 end of life date for January 14, 2020. After that, Microsoft will no longer release updates for Windows 7. Although Windows 7 will continue to work after the end of life date, your computer may be left more vulnerable to newer forms of infection. It's recommended that computers running Windows 7 be updated to Windows 10 immediately.

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When was the last time you let someone see Jesus in you?

DEVOTIONAL

By Pastor
Chris Philbeck

I love the story of the man who had too much to drink, went to a revival meeting and got saved. After the service, the pastor took him to the river to be baptized. He was still pretty "sauced," but the pastor took his head, shoved him down into the water, brought him up and asked, "Did you see Jesus down there?" The man said, "No." The pastor took his head, shoved him down into the water, brought him up and asked, "Did you see Jesus down there?" Again, the man said, "No." The pastor took his head, shoved him down into the water, brought him up and asked, "Did you see Jesus down there?" This time the man said, "No, preacher, are you sure he fell in here?"

When was the last time you saw Jesus? It's been over 2,000 years since Jesus was physically present on earth, but I believe it's still possible to see him today. On what we call IMPACT Thursday and IMPACT Saturday we offer four different opportunities at our on-campus IMPACT Center for people in need to receive food and clothing. Their time with us begins with a 35-minute church service where Jesus is lifted up. But before and after that happens, we have volunteers who love and serve those people in a variety of different ways. They've become a spiritual com-

munity together and when I see those volunteers, I see Jesus.

We recently purchased and remodeled a building on Meridian Street, in the shadow of downtown Indy where we serve people who, for the most part, have been marginalized and ignored by the rest of the world. We call this IMPACT Old South Side. I was there this past Monday and saw people who were homeless, people who were addicts and people who were lonely all being loved and served by people who looked just like Jesus.

When was the last time you saw Jesus? Maybe the more appropriate question is, "When was the last time you let someone see Jesus in you?" Jesus gave his disciples an unforgettable experience when he served them by washing their feet. When he was finished, he said to them, "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you" (John 13:15). We look like Jesus when we serve others in selfless ways. And the beauty of that is it's something anyone can do, so, serve someone today.



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Puzzle Time Answers – ON PAGE 12

Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:

Communities: BANTA, BARGERSVILLE, BEECH GROVE, BOGGSTOWN, BROOKLYN, BUD;

Words: CAKE, CANDLES, CARDS, PARTY, PRESENTS;

Breeds: BEAGLE, BULLDOG, COLLIE, HUSKY;

Musicians: BABYFACE, JANET JACKSON, JOHN HIATT;

Senators: BRAUN, YOUNG;

Holiday: PRESIDENTS DAY

CG News Quiz

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3. D, 4. C
5. B

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Greenwood students named to DePauw University Fall 2019 Dean's List

Academics - The dean's list at DePauw University recognizes students who achieve a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Then following local students were named to DePauw's Fall 2019 Deans List: Haley Burgh; Sabrina Krause; Samuel Sedgwick; Emily Stevens; and Kayleigh Winter.



GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

I'm not a food critic, but I do know how to judge a restaurant accurately. Forget portion size, ambiance or availability of fresh, cage-free avocados; when I want to size up a restaurant, I head straight for the bathroom. If the bathroom has a Dyson Airblade hand dryer, it deserves at least two Michelin stars; if it has a regular hand dryer or (gasp) archaic paper towels made from tree meat, I have some serious doubts about the establishment. For the record, the Mitsubishi Electric Jet Towel dryer is an acceptable second-place hand-drying solution to the Dyson unit.

How do you judge a person's writing? We've all learned that we shouldn't judge a book by its cover (although a good cover really does help). In the same way I can tell a restaurant is going to be amazing based on its choice of hand dryers, I can tell someone's writing will be

Behold the mighty semicolon; use it correctly and you're invited to my next Oscars party

fantastic based on his use of semicolons.

What are semicolons? Think of them as super commas. They're the mutant offspring of a colon, a period and a comma. A semicolon's primary job is to connect two independent clauses that are related to the same idea in the same sentence. Here's an example: I'm thinking of buying a new superyacht; I spilled champagne on my old one and now it's sticky. In this sentence, each clause before and after the semicolon can stand on its own as a complete sentence. However, they're linked by the same common idea, which is the purchase of a new superyacht. This is the main way to use a semicolon.

Like any superhero, it's cool to have more than one superpower. This is also true for our friend, the semicolon. You should also use a semicolon between items in a list or in a series if any of these items contain commas. For example:

There are two types of people in this world: people who know how to use a semicolon, which makes them amazing and heroic; and people who won't get invited to my Oscars watch party, which will boast at least three chocolate fountains. If your list or series doesn't include a comma, it doesn't need a semicolon.

Semicolons can do a masterful job of connecting ideas and clauses in your writing. Used properly and sparingly, they're like watching a bald eagle soaring over Mount Rushmore at dusk on the Fourth of July; however, if you overuse them, you're stuck with a restaurant full of fancy hand dryers and no food.



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Center Grove veteran creates a local 'safe place' for veterans readjusting to civilian life

By Nancy Pricet

A month after the 9/11, a Center Grove resident named John Spanogle was on his way to Afghanistan for the U.S. Army Special Forces training. A soldier in a distant country, he lived the constant pressure of remaining alert, dodging bullets from the enemy, even holding guns in his sleep, ready to defend himself if attacked. Returning to Indiana as a civilian was not easy. Spanogle, like many veterans, struggled to assimilate back into a culture that now felt foreign.

Spanogle and his friend, Jeremy Miller, started the Special Forces of Indiana Chapter 500, a nonprofit 501(c) (19) veteran service organization and a chapter of the Special Forces Association (SFA). "This is truly a brotherhood," Spanogle said of the chapter. "It's a safe place to come." The chapter also plans to help raise money for other veterans. Meetings are currently held the last Saturday of every month. For more information, visit specialforcesac500.org, call Jeremy Miller at (317) 643-2060 or email jeremy@secopscyberinstitute.com.

What is your greatest virtue?

Honor. I was instilled at an early age by my parents to respect others that have paved a way for me, assisted me on my journey in life, walked down the same path I traveled. At an early age, I gained reverence and admiration for those that served in the U.S. Armed Forces and wanted to be part of that history.

What upsets you? After all the centuries that the United States has fought wars and had combat veterans, we, the greatest nation in the world, has not been able to understand the incredibly hard transition our veterans face when leaving military service. All service members transition in their own

unique way and there is no "cookie cutter" approach to helping these veterans. Local, state and the federal government need to better assist in these transitions from the military, so we don't have epidemics such as opioid abuse and suicide.

What do you like best about Center Grove? The people make the community and we feel we are growing our family within the community and plan to make this home for many years. The schools are excellent and the sports programs for our son are phenomenal.

If you could begin life over, what would you change? Why would I? I have an awesome wife and son, a family that has supported me in all my endeavors and great friends that are truly family as well. I have had a great career, great education and visited over 56 different countries around the world. I am truly blessed.

If money were no issue, how would you spend it? I would really want to invest money into veteran transition programs. True programs that transition veterans from military service to the civilian world. Transitioning from culture to culture is a mass transformation of the individual veteran.

What would you change about our culture if you could? Americana typically have an attitude of arrogance overseas and I have seen it over and over, the "Ugly American" mentality while visiting foreign countries. I wish we would learn more about other cultures, especially before we visit their countries, to ensure we are not offending their way of life.

Which living person in Center Grove do you most admire? Major General Marty Umbarger, a graduate of Center Grove,

was a great mentor to me while I was a young officer in the U.S. Army. I had the opportunity to assist his staff while he was preparing his brigade for a rotation at the Joint Readiness Center at Ft. Polk, La.

What quality do you admire most in another person? Humbleness. I have never met a so called "self-made person." Somewhere, somehow, everyone gets assistance from someone that has been there or done that! Put yourself in other people's shoes before you make decisions and try and see a problem from every angle.

What is your greatest fear? That when I pass and meet my maker, I can explain the horrors of battle and actions taken in combat. Decisions

made to keep U.S. lives safe at the peril of the enemy does keep a sense of fear in me. I did what I did for the love of my soldiers, my country, which means the enemy must die for his country or cause. So, when that judgement day comes, I will accept my fate, no matter what it is.

What has been the happiest time of your life? There were two: June 19, 2010: I saw the most beautiful woman walking down the stairs of the Indiana War Memorial wear a white dress. I married my love, my best friend with 200 friends and family in attendance. March 28, 2013: My son, Jaxon, was born and I couldn't help but look down with a huge smile as my son first laid his eyes on me, his dad!

Which historical figure do you most admire? Colonel Bob Howard. Robert Lewis Howard was a highly decorated United States Army Special Forces officer and Medal of Honor recipient of the Vietnam War. I had the privilege to have met him a couple times as a young Special Forces Officer and he inspired me to become a better leader and mentor.

What tenet do you live by? Never put yourself in a position to have your integrity questioned. Once you lose your integrity, it is virtually impossible to gain it back.

What would people be surprised to learn about you? I was fortunate to play college basketball at the Division I level. I played at the University of Hawaii and ended up winning the Western Athletic Conference Tournament in 1994 and earning a bid in the NCAA Tournament. I never played high school basketball and was cut when I tried out.



ICONICbriefs



Eleven Center Grove High School seniors named National Merit Semifinalists

Scholarships - Eleven Center Grove High School seniors were named semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Pictured, in front row, from left to right: Anna Puderbaugh, Sophia Hagedorn, Olivia Gooch and Jenna Hans. In back row, from left to right: Jacob Miller, Vinay Bhamidipat, Joseph Sargent, Philip Golder, Graham Kanwit, Joshua Stevenson and Carter Dills. Approximately 16,000 semifinalists were chosen from the highest scorers in each state for the 65th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. These high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,600 National Merit Scholar-

ships worth more than \$31 million that will be offered next spring. To become a finalist, the semifinalists and their high school must submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes information about the students' academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment and honors and awards received. The semifinalists must be endorsed and recommended by a high school official, write an essay and earn SAT scores that confirm the students' earlier performance on the qualifying test. National Merit Finalists will be announced this month.

Griesemer announces run for Johnson County Council

Election run - Melinda Griesemer has filed to run for Johnson County Council. "Growing up on the Southside of Indianapolis, like many of my classmates after graduation, I went out to explore the world and realized that Johnson County and the world's top cities have a lot in common," said Griesemer. "Johnson County has great schools, great businesses, a great location and most importantly, great people!" Her goals include: Growth & opportunity through infrastructure and small business support: Making Johnson County the capital of economic development with no new



county debt. Building & planning: Making infrastructure the building block of Johnson County by continuing to improve roads and social services. Law & Order: Keeping Johnson County safe and secure. Supporting Johnson County Fire and Police and other county social service programs. Griesemer grew up as a Southsider. She has lived in Johnson County for 25 years. Griesemer graduated from Purdue University, where she earned two bachelor's degrees in finance and nursing. She used her degrees as a business owner of Indianapolis Medical Consulting. Griesemer is a Registered Nurse and has volunteered her time and talents to several local nonprofit organizations. She is a member of the NRA. She is also an active member of the Mary Bryan Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

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