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Justice Amick, left, and Bailee Leathers, both graduates of Center Grove High School, have been named 500 Festival Princesses for 2019. Amick is a senior at Ball State University, majoring in telecommunications and journalism, and Leathers is a sophomore at Indiana University, majoring in nursing. They are two of 33 young women selected from Indiana universities and colleges to serve as princesses. With a cumulative GPA of 3.65, this year's 500 Festival Princesses were selected from hundreds of applicants based on communication skills, academic performance and community involvement. Each 500 Festival Princess will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, made possible by the 500 Festival Foundation and Marlyne Sexton, an Indianapolis philanthropist and president of The Sexton Companies. For more information, go to 500festival.com/college-programs/princess-program/overview. (Photo by Faith Toole)

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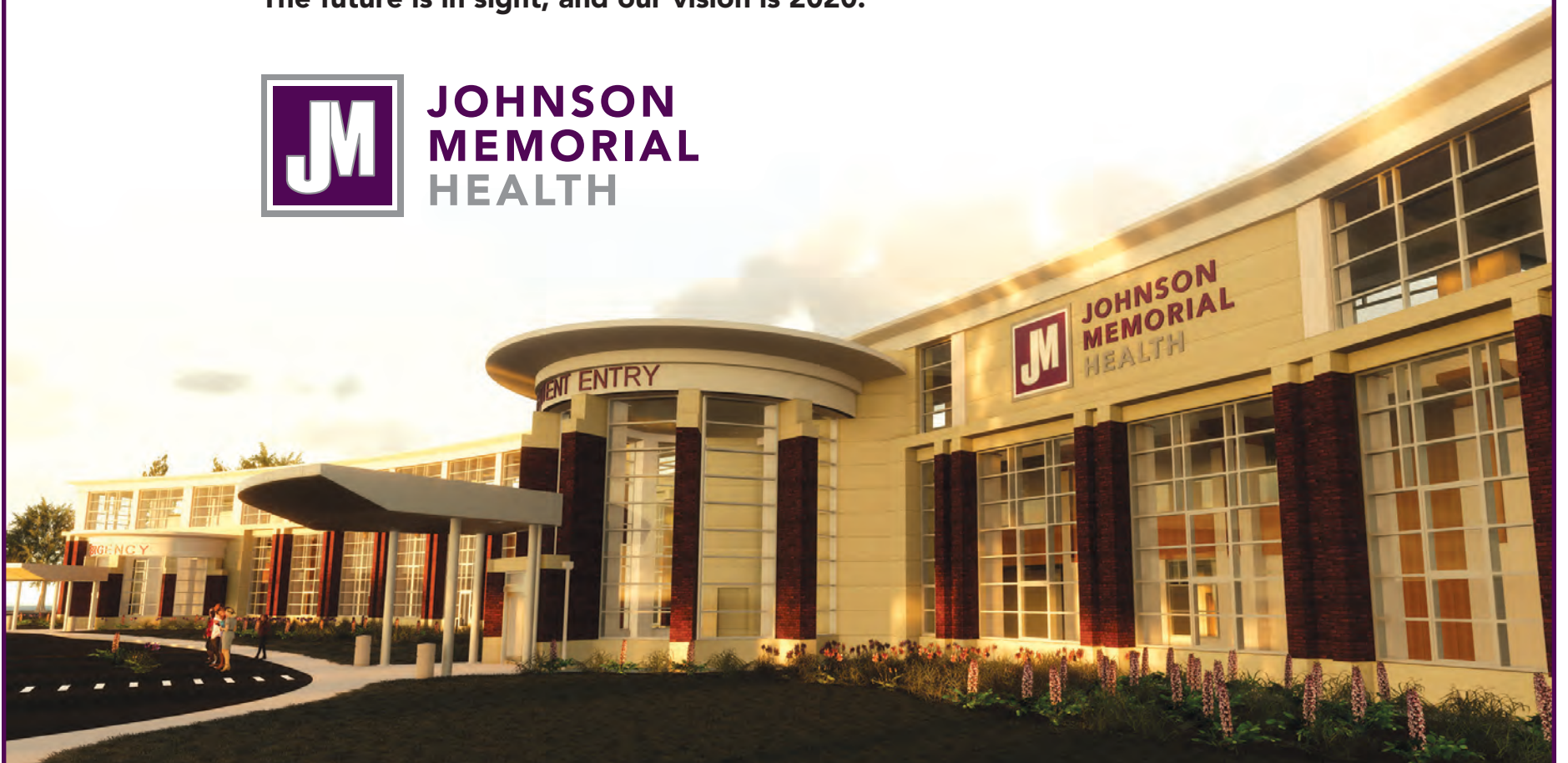
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Center Grove Education Foundation hosts annual Gala for the Grove

By Angela Norris

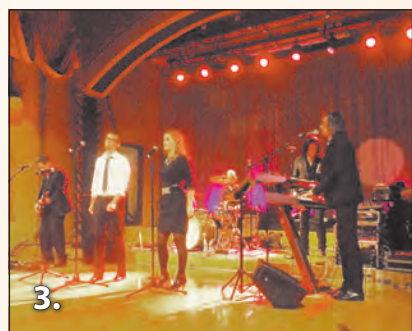
The Center Grove Education Foundation held its annual Gala for the Grove at the Indiana Roof Ballroom last Saturday, April 13. The gala was a black-tie event supporting Center Grove teachers and students. All proceeds from the night's silent auctions and donations provide additional resources for Center Grove schools. The night was full of elegant dining, conversation, dancing and live music by the band, "The Doo."

Jennifer Rakow, executive director of the Center Grove Education Foundation, hosted the event. "Last year, we awarded over \$57,000 in grants," she said. "Thanks to our donors, we are able to provide additional curriculum resources in new technology for our students, along with up-to-date professional development training for teachers and staff."

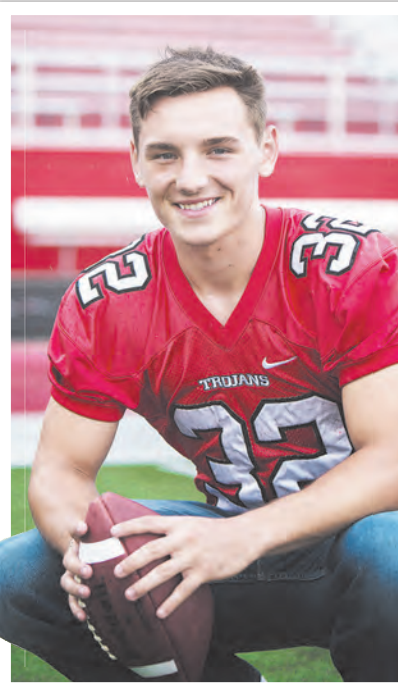
Zach Myers, a Fox 59 news anchor, was the guest MC for the night. Myers thanked the foundation for its ongoing support and spoke about the successes it has made for Center Grove schools.

"This night would not be possible without the dedication of many people who volunteered their time and their talent throughout the year to make Center Grove the best that it can be," Myers said.

The Center Grove Education Foundation's mission is to partner with its community to enrich the lives of students by funding additional learning experiences and resources for teachers and administrators.



1. Guests begin to take their seats, ready for the evening's festivities. 2. Tables were set with floating candles and wine for an elegant dinner. 3. Musicians from The Doo played as the guests enjoy some dancing. 4. Lights on the floor toward the ballroom's entrance. 5. Guests bid on jewelry and trips, in addition to many other items on display for the silent auction. 6. Sports memorabilia, including photos of Center Grove basketball player star and Indiana Gatorade Player of the Year, Trayce Jackson-Davis, were on display. 7. Jennifer Rakow, executive director of the Center Grove Education Foundation, speaks about funds raised through donations and sponsors. (Photos by Angela Norris)



Gavin Matheson. (Submitted photo)

THE MATHESON FILE

NAME: Gavin Matheson	HOBBIES/INTERESTS: Fishing
SPORTS: Track and field, football	FAVORITE TV SHOW: Game of Thrones
YEAR: Senior	FAVORITE MOVIE: The Empire Strikes Back
AGE: 18	COLLEGE PLANS: Undecided, but wants to study business management
VARSITY EXPERIENCE: Four years in track, three years in football	PARENTS: Brian and Shelley Matheson
BEST RELAYS: 400 and 1,600 meters	
BEST INDIV. EVENTS: 200- and 400-meter dashes	

Bob Rohrman's **INDY**
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Athlete of the Month

Gavin Matheson

By Rick Morwick

Gavin Matheson is a two-sport standout who has been part of a state football championship and a key contributor on one of the IHSAA's top track and field programs.

Now, as he prepares for the final season of his four-year high school career, the Center Grove senior plans to make a run at team and individual state titles as a leader on the Trojans' track and field team.

A versatile athlete who specializes in several events, Matheson is confident of contending for individual state titles as well as a team crown. His goal as senior is to lead the Trojans' charge.

"(I am going) to try to and push them to be their best and all work together to have a great season," said Matheson, a state meet veteran who is looking to advance in multiple events.

Matheson has competed in the state meet as a member of the Trojans' 400- and 1,600-meter relays. This year, he plans to go back in both relays and qualify in one or more individual events.

His best individual races are the 200- and 400-meter dashes.

"I want to make it back to state in either an individual event or relay," Matheson said. "I want to make it to state in as many events as possible and for everyone to push everyone to get better."

Besides track, Matheson also excels in football.

Although he was not part of the varsity team his freshman season, Matheson was in the Trojans' football program when they won the Class 6A state championship. He was a sophomore on the varsity team that finished runner-up his sophomore year.

Last fall, Matheson – a running back – was the third-leading rusher for the regional champion Trojans. Their season ended with a narrow 27-20 semi-state loss against eventual state champion Warren Central.

Matheson, who also was one of the top blockers out of the backfield, rushed for 373 yards last season for the Trojans, who stumbled to a 2-3 start but finished with a 9-4 record. They took a seven-game win streak into semi-state.

Matheson has also experienced lofty postseason team success in track. The Trojans finished fourth and fifth, respectively, at the state meet his freshman and sophomore seasons.

Although Matheson enjoys playing football, he declares track – for a variety of reasons – his favorite sport.

"I enjoy my teammates and the competition," said Matheson, who regards the 200-meter dash his best overall event. "The training that you have to put in before competitions to be successful (is a challenge)."

Matheson plans to attend college but is still sorting his options. Wherever he enrolls, he plans to major in business management.

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 Agape Pizza owners Tom and Angie Wilhelmi first started making pizzas through an Indianapolis-based nonprofit ministry. What is the name of the ministry?

- ☐ A. Good News Ministries
☐ B. Salvation Army
☐ C. One Mission Society
☐ D. Tear Down the Walls

2 What was Biz Web's Andrew Angle's first car?

- ☐ A. Mercury Comet
☐ B. Aston Martin
☐ C. Mercury Capri
☐ D. Mustang Convertible

3 What year did Bob Knight retire from coaching basketball for I.U.?

- ☐ A. 1997
☐ B. 2000
☐ C. 2002
☐ D. 2001

4 Which Greenwood sorority will be hosting a purse bingo event?

- ☐ A. Phi Beta Psi
☐ B. Epsilon Sigma Alpha
☐ C. Tri Kappa
☐ D. Delta Theta Tau

5 What USO event has been volunteer Charlie Hylton's favorite?

- ☐ A. 1940s USO Night
☐ B. St. Patrick's Day celebration
☐ C. Uncle Sam lookalike contest
☐ D. Fourth of July celebration

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Soldiers enjoy cookouts and playing ball in the summer at the USO.
(Submitted photo)

Grilled cheese AND pancakes at the USO

VOLUNTEERS RUN THE 'HOME AWAY FROM HOME' AT CAMP ATTERBURY

COVER STORY

By Marianne Coil

The USO is seeking volunteers for its center at Camp Atterbury, where hot, tired and thirsty soldiers look forward to getting a drink of water in an air-conditioned room.

The conveniences of home sometimes are not easily found on a military base, and throughout its history, the USO has tried to create a homey place offering friendship, food and entertainment.

Although many equate the USO with Bob Hope and his touring company, the USO is about more than song and dance. A brick-and-mortar group, it operates facilities on or near military installations and airports.

The hosts at Camp Atterbury typically greet the guests, assign them computers and gaming equipment, help to prepare snacks and meals and keep the facility tidy.

Three volunteers from Johnson County who perform these duties shared their stories about what led them to Camp Atterbury.



Above, Jerry Shepherd restocks snacks in the kitchen area. | Inset, Jerry served in the U.S. Marines in the 1950s.
(Submitted photos)

Jerry Shepherd

A U.S. Marine from St. Louis, Jerry Shepherd and his buddies were stationed in California in the mid-1950s. They liked to visit the USO, a "haven to all," at Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Street in Los Angeles.

Shepherd often checked with the front desk to see if free tickets from donors were available for entertainment venues. On one occasion, he and a friend received tickets to the Hollywood Bowl.

The men went to see Jane Powell in a salute to Rodgers and Hammerstein. With gratitude, Shepherd and his friend wrote a "real long letter" to the ticket donors.

After sending the thank-you note, he and his friend got a letter back inviting them to lunch. They were to be picked up at the USO.

On the appointed day, a chauffeur met them, and they went to a home in Beverly Hills. The soldiers found out the hosts ran a catering business serving the movie industry.

Shepherd said the couple invited them to lunch, because it was the first time anyone thanked them for donating. Over the next year, the hosts arranged to give the pair a number of premium tickets for events like the Rose Bowl Parade.

Widowed 10 years ago, Shepherd now lives in Greenwood with his partner, Barbara. After retiring from the transportation industry, he began to volunteer every week at the USO. He said the highlight has been making 200 grilled cheese sandwiches in one day for the servicemen.

Charles G. Hylton

Charlie Hylton remembers how Vietnam veterans were ignored when they came home, and he wanted to volunteer at the USO to express thanks to the current generation of soldiers.

A graduate of Southport High School, Hylton was a newlywed in 1965 when he boarded a troop ship for a 30-day journey to South Vietnam. A military police (MP) officer in a unit of roughly 300, he was involved in training local soldiers to be MPs.

Hylton's unit also visited an isolated leper colony at the base of a mountain. Using lumber, the Americans rebuilt quarters for the residents, who were living in structures made with flattened beer cans.

While at Bin Hoa, Hylton attended a Bob Hope show featuring Ann-Margaret in 1966. "Quite an experience," he said.

Away for 12 months, he returned to the U.S. to finish his three-year



Charlie Hylton, a Vietnam veteran, butters a sandwich for a military member. (Submitted photo)

Pamela Siefers

Pamela Siefers' only child, Clint, was a Seabee in the U.S. Navy's construction brigade. After five years on active duty, the Center Grove graduate started his own construction firm, but he and his fiancée, Amber Woods, are also in the Navy Reserve.

Siefers retired from AT&T after 36 years in customer service, and afterward, she was careful not to commit to more volunteer work than she could handle. Later on, she started looking for more opportunities, and she heard the USO Center at Camp Atterbury needed help.

That was three years ago, and she's committed to helping soldiers in the way other military parents could be helping her own family.

A graduate of Boonville High School, Siefers began her career at the old Indiana Bell in Evansville. She attended Indiana University at Bloomington for a while and then completed an associate degree from Ivy Tech in medical assisting. She worked in healthcare and other industries before she realized the best job would be in customer service.

After she married, she worked in the Kokomo telephone office until it closed, and she relocated to the Center Grove area to continue with AT&T. During her career, she was also a union officer for the Communication Workers of America.

Now divorced, she babysits with Clint and Amber's 11-month-old daughter, Ramona. Despite her responsibilities, Siefers has found a way to encourage donations to the

commitment. He and his wife lived near Fort Dix, N.J., where he supervised prisoners in the stockade, some of whom he accompanied by train to the prison at Fort Leavenworth.

Finally home in Indiana, the Hyltons raised a son and a daughter. Hylton's wife, Rebecca, attended Purdue and became a registered nurse. Hylton worked until retirement for Eli Lilly & Co.

In 2017 Hylton received a lasting acknowledgment, "such an honor," when he was chosen to be a presenter in a ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, known as The Wall, in Washington, D.C. Over several days, Hylton and many others read the names of 53,000 fallen soldiers.

As a USO volunteer at Camp Atterbury, Hylton said his favorite event so far was a St. Patrick's Day celebration, where partiers wore hats, played bingo and competed for raffle prizes.



Pamela Siefers uses social media to encourage people to donate to the USO. (Submitted photo)

USO by using social media.

Her efforts spur donors to come forward. "I've met some great people that way." They've brought items from car trunks full of snacks, books, DVDs and household supplies, and some have written checks.

She said donations of food would address the USO's biggest need, and more generous gifts would help to cover the cost of replacing worn-out computer parts and gaming equipment that soldiers use.

Siefers said the USO is important to Camp Atterbury, because the remote base is not within walking distance of retail and entertainment outlets.

And she makes a point of saying, "The comment we hear the most is, 'this is the best USO we've ever been in.'"



Jaclyn Bolin, manager of the USO at Camp Atterbury, helps to create a comforting "home away from home" for soldiers while they attend training. (Submitted photo)

Seventy Pounds of Pancakes

Waiting for pancakes on a Saturday morning, the soldiers stood in a line wrapped around the USO Center. Its manager, Jaclyn Bolin, noticed one serviceman who looked upset. "You could tell he was having a rough day."

Bolin asked him how he was, and he

explained that at home, he would eat pancakes with his children on Saturdays. The USO breakfast was connecting him to his family in a symbolic way.

Through the efforts of donors and volunteers, the USO made 70 pounds of pancakes that day – and brought at least one man's family to him on a lonely prairie in Indiana.



Volunteers are urgently needed to assist an influx of military members this spring. (Submitted photo)

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How to talk with your parents about planning a funeral

By Paul C. St. Pierre
 Sixth generation Funeral Director and
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We've noticed in recent years that more and more people are planning their own funeral. Some even choose to do it rather early in life – many as soon as they retire. Many of our neighbors in Indianapolis, Greenwood, Franklin Township and Pendleton realize that not only are they taking the opportunity to express their own desires about their farewell, they're removing a huge burden from their family. When the time comes, there will be no guessing and no arguments about what they would have wanted. Everything will be right there, in black and white.

For those who do preplan, it's easy for them to see the benefits and to want to encourage others to do the same – especially their own parents. Many people encourage their aging parents to take care of practical items like a will or an advanced health directive. Making funeral prearrangements can be just as important and should be included in those end-of-life discussions.

We understand it can be hard to broach the topic with your mom or dad. What's the best way to approach the subject without causing offense or making them uncomfortable? We have several tips we can offer:

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- Point out that death is a part of life, and we simply don't know when the moment will come.

- Explain why this will be helpful to you and your family. Express your desire to follow their wishes when it comes to their remembrance and final disposition.
- Recognize the truth about your health or your parent's health. If your mother or father is in poor health, the reasons to plan are even more urgent.
- If you've preplanned yourself, tell them some of the reasons you made that choice. Most likely, the love for your family and desire to make your death easier for them will be at the top of the list.
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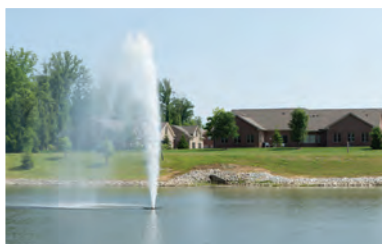


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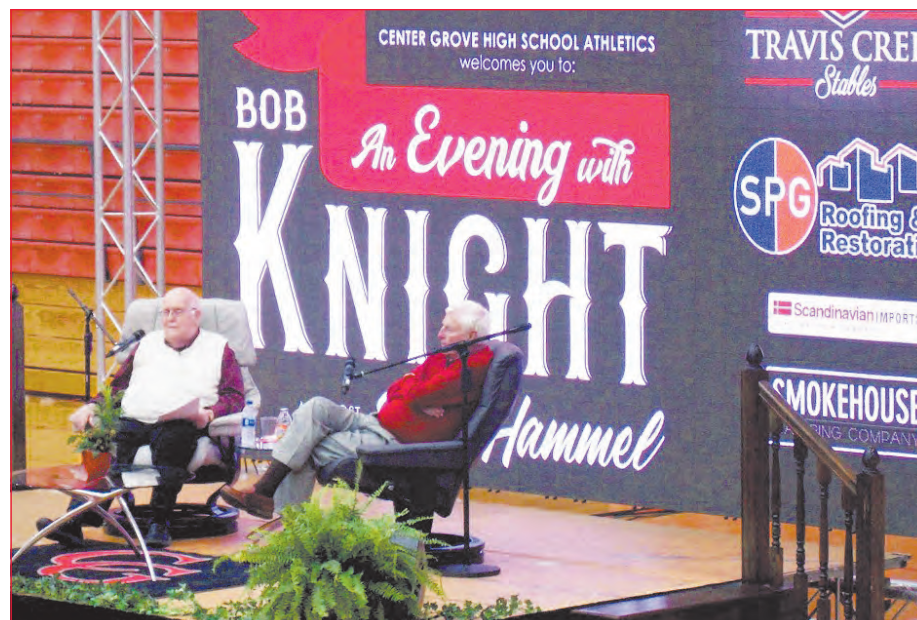
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Retired IU basketball coach, Bob Knight, spoke to hundreds of attendees at Center Grove High School. Former sports editor, Bob Hammel, moderated the event. (Photo by Angela Norris)

Bob Knight recalls memories as former IU coach

FEATURE

By Angela Norris

Former Indiana University college basketball coach Bob Knight captured the attention of an audience at Center Grove High School as the coach that was once a hero to thousands of people, young and old.

The Hall of Fame coach, also known as "The General", spoke to an audience of several hundred people for 90 minutes at the high school on April 4. Knight coached from 1971 to 2000.

Former sports editor of the *Bloomington Herald-Times*, Bob Hammel, moderated the event and sat beside Knight, helping the coach to remember some of his fondest memories from his time with IU.

"I meant to tell you all earlier, by the way, I'm 82 and Bob is 78. Now, if you have a grandpa or great-grandpa that age, I guarantee you (that) A: his memory isn't what it used to be and B: probably his hearing isn't very good, either," Hammel said, covering for his friend, Knight.

Knight displayed emotion at times and mentioned more than once that the best days of his life were when he coached IU. The first time he said it, he received a standing ovation.

At one point, Hammel said that he was going to read a list of great basketball players who lost their final college game to Knight and IU in the NCAA tournament. Included on the list was Michael Jordan, Shaquille O'Neal and Don MacLean. Hammel started talking about the Olympics gold

medal game Knight coached in 1984, when the U.S. beat Spain by more than 30 points.

After that, an audience member asked Knight for his advice on coaching mental toughness; then Knight's cellphone rang. "Hang on," Knight said to the audience, and answered the phone. "What the hell do you want?" he said to the caller. "Well, I'm busy. Can you give me a call? Give me a call in about a month. All right, well, call me in a little bit. Well, hell, yes I'm busy. What do you think? You know, I don't just sit around on my ass like you do." The audience erupted in laughter and applause at the usual witty banter from the coach.

Hammel then introduced his and Knight's wives, who were sitting in the audience. Minutes later, after their wives had been introduced, Knight interrupted a story to ask if his wife was there. "My wife is over there; where are you?" Knight said. "Please stand." "OK, well, the reason I ask for my wife to show her presence ... she's without any exception the smartest person I've ever known and she was a damn good coach and I actually would listen to her."

He then reflected on the past, time spent with the players and coaches and talked about his appreciation for them.

When asked by an audience member his predictions for the final four, Knight said, "Well, I think it will be the team with the best defense." The audience cheered.

The former coach's legacy will be remembered throughout generations of basketball and Hoosier fans alike.

HISTORY & ARCHITECTURE



Left, although CGHS' first Trojan horse mascot was believed to have been destroyed in a fire, a second one was created by a 1968 graduate. | Right, an ad for Witt Homes in a Trojan yearbook. (Submitted photos)

Remembering White River Township 'master' carpenters and the Trojan horse mascot

By Jeff Beck

I was recently thinking of several local "master carpenters" from the past: Clyde Witt Jr., Enoch Doty, Noble Utterback, Vane Houpt and Carl Kegley, I call them master carpenters because the titles are very well-deserved.

The men never mentioned any formal training; they learned the trade from their family or while "on the job."

Clyde Witt Jr.

Clyde Witt Jr. was a Bargersville resident who lived with his wife and children in a two-story home in Union Township. Beulah, Clyde's wife, was a longtime clerk treasurer for the town of Bargersville. Beulah Witt Park was named in her honor. Witt's children all graduated from Center Grove High School. His developments included Villa Heights, near Mount Pleasant Christian Church, and other single lot homes in our community. Surely, more developments would have been started by Clyde if not for his untimely death.

Doty and Sons

Doty and Sons are known in the community as excellent carpenters. Enoch Doty was the family patriarch and started his business after WWII. Enoch and his wife, Mary, raised their five children in the Center Grove community.

Their son, Donald, was one of the CGHS's greatest basketball players in the 1960s. Another son, Terry, was a member of the National Honor Society. Both of them were active in school events.

The brothers soon joined the business, with their other son, Kevin, helping at various times. The family remodeled larger homes and performed home maintenance

with pride. Enoch gradually slowed his participation in the business with age and spent his time running errands to stores, where he purchased supplies. He also offered support for Donald and Terry.

I have fond memories of working with Doty and Sons.

While I was growing up on 450 West, my parents decided that they needed aluminum siding on their small farm home. Donald and Terry worked on this project during one of the coldest winter weeks in memory. A 55-gallon burn barrel was on the south side of the home, which was used to keep Donald and Terry warm.

I once had a hat collection; I spent time collecting hats from farm agencies and other businesses. I eventually collected so many, I decided to line our basement walls with cubicles to display a collection of nearly 1,000 hats. The Dotys spent many days cutting and installing cubicles for my hat display. Unfortunately, the hats flew away during a 1986 tornado, which destroyed our home.

Enoch and Mary eventually moved to Methodist Community (Otterbein) in Franklin after living in downtown Bargersville for many years. The Dotys entered into their heavenly reward while living in Otterbein.

Noble Utterback

Noble Utterback started Utterback Builders in Bargersville, along with his wife, Martha. Noble built my uncle and aunt's home in Trafalgar, along with many other private homes in Johnson County. Martha worked in the main office of Center Grove Schools for many years, while Noble served on the CG school board. They also attended, taught and supported Bargersville Church, along with other Bargersville projects. The

couple have two children: a daughter living in the community and a son, who moved to either West Virginia or a neighboring state. Their son helped with the family business for a few years before going into another business himself.

Carl Kegley and Vane Houpt

Carl Kegley and Vane Houpt were hired by the Utterbacks. Carl and Vane were widely known for their excellent carpentry skills, in addition to their honesty and trust. Vane's son Dennis (deceased) and grandson Neil continue to work the carpenter trade in our community. Carl Kegley was longtime WRT trustee who served our community well and was supported by his wife, Nellie.

Remembering the Trojan mascot

I wrote about the Trojan horse mascot from an earlier issue of the Center Grove ICON. My research found that the second horse was made in 1966 by Pressley Kegley, a CGHS graduate from '68. Pressley made the horse at a family home in Kinder. I have no knowledge of what happened to the first horse, but readers and CGHS senior graduates from the '50's said that the first horse was destroyed in a fire that destroyed the CGHS' gym.

I have always considered Pressley as the local "MacGyver," a talented man who was known in school as "the prof."



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*.

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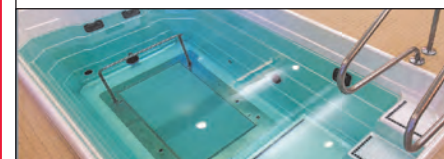
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OUR VIEW

Greenwood Rotary planning satellite club for younger professionals

If you're a younger professional looking to give back to your community, develop leadership skills and meet new friends, the Rotary Club of Greenwood has a new opportunity.

The international service organization is exploring the possibility of adding a satellite club, an extension of the Greenwood Rotary that would have its own meetings, board and bylaws. Meetings, less formal in nature, can be held at a local coffee shop or pub. The group can volunteer for local service projects and fundraisers, and dues are less expensive than a traditional Rotary Club.

For more information on the satellite group, contact Amy Lee at (317) 626-5379 or leeamylee0910@aol.com.

For more information about the Rotary Club of Greenwood, please visit greenwoodrotary.org.



to Center Grove School Corporation's 2018-2019 Teachers of the Year for the following schools: Center Grove High School, Trina Veerkamp (science); Center Grove Middle School Central, Erin Stout (special education); Center Grove Middle School North, Elizabeth Flath (seventh grade); Center Grove Elementary School, Kristi Watters (Kindergarten); Maple Grove Elementary School, Carly Smith (art); North Grove Elementary School, Megan Madlem (Kindergarten); Pleasant Grove Elementary School, Jennifer Fields (fifth grade); Sugar Grove Elementary School and Tonya Brooks (special education). The overall district Teach of the Year will be announced at the Teacher Celebration Night on April 30 at 7 p.m.

to Center Grove varsity show choirs, "Sound System" and "The Debtones." The choirs recently competed at Show Choir Nationals at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville; "The Debtones" placed second in the Women's Division, and "Sound System" placed third in the Mixed Division against some of the most competitive choirs in the nation.

to Trayce Jackson-Davis for being named Indiana Gatorade Player of the Year. Trayce, a Center Grove senior basketball player, is the first Center Grove High School recipient of the award.

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TOP 10 SUGGESTIONS FOR THE UP-AND-COMING TOP TEN LIST WRITER

HUMOR

By Torry Stiles

10. Never take yourself too seriously. Remember: your wife may love you but she still thinks you're an idiot.
9. Never be afraid to try new things, especially if they worked before.
8. Relax. Nobody remembers the crappy ones.
7. Never open lumpy fan mail.
6. If you have to steal someone else's joke make sure it isn't anybody famous.
5. Avoid putting funny stuff in the fifth spot. Folks need a rest from laughing. ... See?
4. Ask for the corner office, settle for a card table in the hall. Get too demanding and next week the editor replaces you with old Andy Capp comics.
3. Avoid any dirty words stronger than "crappy" or "booger."
2. Tell the kids you work for the Mob or are a stripper. They don't need the shame of knowing you do this.
1. Don't sweat the folks writing those letters to the editor. You'll be in next week's paper and they'll be back at the house yelling at the squirrels to get off the lawn.



QUOTE

"The Bible tells us that Jesus Christ came to do three things. He came to have my past forgiven, you get a purpose for living and a home in Heaven."

— RICK WARREN

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Franklin Community Schools Staff vs. Harlem Wizards PTO Basketball Game • Come and cheer on your favorite faces from Franklin Community Schools as the staff members take on the Harlem Wizards! This event is helping the schools and PTOs from all the Franklin Elementary Schools, CBIS and Franklin Middle School. | When: April 26, 7-9 p.m. | Where: Franklin Community School, 625 Grizzly Cub Dr. | Info: evensi.us/fcs-harlem-wizards-pt0-basketball-game-franklin-community-middle-school/290748298.

Third Annual USO of Indiana Golf Outing • The USO of Indiana will hold its third annual golf outing. Lunch will be served and refreshments available on the course throughout the day. Silent auction items and awards for first, second and third place teams. To register, go to USOgolf19.givesmart.com. | When: May 17, 10:45 a.m. - 6 p.m. | Where: The Legends Golf Club, 2555 Hurricane Road. | Info: Call (317) 991-1073 or visit USOIndiana.org (usoindiana.org).

GREENWOOD

Free Easter Egg Hunt • All are welcome! For ages up to 10. Dress for weather outside hunt. Bring container for eggs. | When: April 20, 3 p.m. | Where: Triumph Church, 99 W. Broadway. (Corners of Broadway and Brewer in Old Town Greenwood, 46142.) | Info: Anna E. Camden at (317) 513-2251.

Children's Preschool Program • Enjoy books, bounces, songs, rhymes and more at early literacy storytime each week. | When: April 22, 9:30-10 a.m. | Where: Johnson County Public Library - White River Branch, 1664 Library Blvd., WRB-Craft Room. | Info: (317) 885-1330; pageafterpage.org.

Introducing the Soil Food Web: Soil Biology Basics for Organic Gardening • This class will introduce you to the great diversity of life residing in good soil, and the role they play in nurturing that soil to produce healthy and thriving plants. | When: April 23, 6-9 p.m. | Where: White River Branch Library, 1664 Library Blvd. | Info: eventbrite.com/e/introducing-the-soil-food-web-soil-biology-basics-for-organic-gardening-tickets-58589500774.

ESL as a Second Language • Practice speaking English and learn American culture. | When: April 24, 10:30 a.m. - noon. | Where: Johnson County Public Library - White River Branch, 1664 Library Blvd., WRB-Community Room (kitchen side). | Info: Wendy Preilis at (317) 738-4677.

Adult Book Discussion • "Animal Farm: A Fairy Story" by George Orwell. If you love talking with others about a book you've read, you'll want to attend these events. Copies of the titles will be available at the checkout desk the month before each meeting. | When: April 24, 1:30-3 p.m. | Where: Johnson County Public Library - White River Branch, 1664 Library Blvd., WRB-Community Room (whole room). | Info: (317) 885-1330; pageafterpage.org.

Community Yoga • This introduction to yoga class will be presented by Studio You and is tailored for beginner or intermediate yogis who want to relax, become more flexible and have some fun. Bring a yoga mat if you have one (some available at the library to borrow) and wear comfortable clothes you can move in. All ages welcome. | When: April 25, 7:30-8:30 p.m. | Where: Johnson County Public Library - White River Branch, 1664 Library Blvd., WRB-Community Room (whole room). | Info: (317) 885-1330; pageafterpage.org.

GCA presents "Seussical: The Musical" • High school drama students will be performing "Seussical: The Musical." Tickets are now on sale through Eventbrite: \$7 for general admission and \$10 for reserved seating. | When: April 26 & 27, 7 p.m.; April 28, 3 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Christian Academy, 835 W. Worthsville Road. | Info: gcak12.org/calendar.

21st Annual Senior Expo • The Social of Greenwood is proud to partner with Greenwood Parks

& Recreation to host its annual Senior Expo at the Greenwood Community Center. As the largest senior expo on the Southside, the 21st Annual Senior Expo boasts over 80 vendors and is free to the community. Don't miss the opportunity to learn about the different organizations in the community that provide services and resources to seniors and their families. | When: May 2, 9 a.m.-noon. | Where: Greenwood Community Center, 100 Surina Way. | Info: greenwoodchamber.com.

Fabric auction • The Quilt Connection Guild will be holding an auction - selling fabric, quilting notions, sewing patterns, sewing books and magazines and other items. Proceeds go to the guild to support their programs. All sewers are encouraged to bring and donate quilting and sewing items they no longer love or need for resale at the auction. | When: May 2, 6:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood United Methodist Church, 525 N. Madison Ave. | Info: smiller6514@gmail.com.

Central Indiana Spring Ring Concert • Featuring central Indiana handbell choirs. Free concert in memory of Mary Lynn Wolfe. | When: May 3, 7 p.m. | Where: First Baptist Church of Greenwood, 99 W. Main St. | Info: joyfulsound.info.

Mother's Night Out Purse Bingo • Tri Kappa Greenwood/Delta Lambda Chapter presents "Mother's Night Out". All proceeds stay local to support charities and scholarships. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 for reserved tables. Must be 18 to enter. Cash only. | When: May 8, 6:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Moose Lodge #2079, 813 W. Smith Valley Road. | Info: (317) 727-5662; trikappa.greenwood.bingo@gmail.com.

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5 Questions with Kellie Nowacki

IN WHAT CITY AND STATE WERE YOU BORN? WHERE DID YOU SPEND YOUR K-12 YEARS WITH YOUR FAMILY? WHEN DID YOU GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL AND WHERE WERE YOU LIVING AT THE TIME?

I was born in St. Paul, Minnesota. I moved to Missoula, Montana, when I was little, until we moved to Rice Lake, Wisconsin, when I was in third grade. I graduated from Rice Lake High School in 1993.

WHICH UNIVERSITY DID YOU GRADUATE FROM AND WHAT DID YOU MAJOR IN?

I attended the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, majoring in Fine Arts for three years, and I finished my degree (Fine Arts with a concentration in Industrial Design) from the University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie.

DESCRIBE A TYPICAL MORNING AT YOUR HOUSE STARTING FROM THE TIME YOU AWAKEN THROUGH NOON.

A typical morning in my home is waking up around 7 a.m., prayer, working from my phone for a bit, making fresh celery juice, coffee with my husband; kids start to wake up one by one (we homeschool our five children); I help with breakfast; once the kids get their days going and are in a good place, I head out to my studio to get some work done.

WHAT ARE YOUR CHILDREN'S NAMES, AND DO ANY OF THE CHILDREN PURSUE AN ARTISTIC ENDEAVOR?

Amara (age 8), skilled in makeup application and slime creation; Ezra (age 13); Avery (age 15) making carrot cakes and cheesecakes for Avery Bakes on Facebook; Kole (age 17), pursuing his own web design business; Ellie (age 18), singer/songwriter.

WHAT IS YOUR HUSBAND'S NAME? WHAT IS HIS VOCATION? BRIEFLY RECALL HOW AND WHEN YOU MET HIM.

My husband is Joel Nowacki. He owns Track Seven DJ, for which he and five other DJs work. We met when his band (he was the drummer) was traveling from Indianapolis to Minneapolis. They came through my college town in northern Wisconsin and played at the coffeehouse in the basement of my church. I was in a serious relationship at the time, but I knew within minutes of meeting Joel that I was supposed to marry him. We'll be married 20 years this summer.

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Dignified work for victims of sex trafficking

Online jeweler expands firm to benefit rescued sex slaves

By Marianne Coil

During a 2017 mission trip with her teenage daughter, Kellie Nowacki found poverty-ridden Cambodia to be "intriguing, exciting, smelly."

And full of human trafficking.

The volume of Western tourists who go there to buy sex was, "the hardest thing to wrap my brain around," Nowacki said.

Nowacki said she went on the trip only because she didn't want her daughter Ellie to go without a parent. An aspiring missionary, Ellie was eager to travel with a group sponsored by the family's church, The Creek, on South Franklin Road in Indianapolis.

Ellie is the oldest of Nowacki's five children. Kellie and her husband, Joel, live with their family in Perry Township near the county line.

"I didn't even know where Cambodia was," Nowacki said. When they looked for it on a map in preparation for the journey, she said, "You gotta be kidding me."

The Creek supports Rapha House, a rescue program for trafficked women and children in Cambodia. During the trip, the Nowackis visited unmarked Rapha House campuses. At one of these, they met a 7-year-old girl who'd been rescued from a brothel where she'd been a sex slave.

Meeting these victims changed Nowacki forever. "It's like the depravity of humanity is embedded in your soul. You realize how sick humans can be."

An inspired expansion

So influenced by what she learned in Cambodia, Nowacki launched an expansion of her online jewelry business, the lemondime, to create employment for women rescued from sex trafficking in central Indiana. The workers will make a new line of jewelry, "Beloved," branded with a lowercase letter b on the jewelry.

To pay for the expansion, a fundraising campaign on Kickstarter.com is in progress, and donors have until 6:53 a.m. on April 13 to contribute. The pledge campaign is all or nothing, so if donations fall short of the \$25,000 goal, the net gain will be zero.

The decision to commit to fighting sex trafficking came as Nowacki struggled to resolve the emotional turmoil she experienced after visiting Cambodia. "I was a mess. I went through a deep depression for four months," she said. "I looked around my home and none of the things had any meaning anymore."

She had to acknowledge the poverty and oppression she'd seen. When she and her daughter came home, "We didn't even like Americans," she said.

Gaining a new sense of humility, she could give up the need to be in control. "I'd always held really tightly to what I created."

But to make a difference in confronting a social ill like human trafficking, she had to accept, "I cannot do this on my own."

Finally, she began unraveling mysteries from her own childhood – incidents of molestation by a neighbor, and rape and abuse by a schoolmate and a boyfriend. "Our generation doesn't talk about these things ... but we need to talk about them," she said.

An artist by training, she started The Lemondime six years ago, and the demand for her inspirational jewelry escalated so that she had to refuse many wholesale orders. In addition to on-line sales, she distributes wholesale to boutiques in Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and Arkansas.

The new employees will come first from a group called Purchased, which supports underage girls caught up in sex trafficking. To work for The Lemondime, they'll receive mentoring and go through job training by the state of Indiana.

Any slots not filled by girls from Purchased will go to women ages 18 and over, sponsored by Grit into Grace, another victim-support organization located in Fishers, Indiana, Nowacki said.



Top, Kellie Nowacki created lemondime to help sex trafficking victims. | Center, merchandise also includes leather cuffs, keychains, beaded bracelets, hoodies, T-shirts, hats, headwraps, hoodies and sweatshirts. | Bottom, a variety of positive and spiritual messages are displayed on items. | Left, Kellie was inspired to create her online jewelry business after a trip to Cambodia. (Photos by Angela Norris)

Fundraising for the lemondime

A fundraising campaign for the lemondime is currently in progress. **Donors have until 6:53 a.m. on April 13 to contribute.** To donate, please go to:

kickstarter.com/projects/thelemondime/beloved-by-the-lemondime.



PERSONNEL MATTERS

Development + Ambition
+ Confidence = Great leaders

By Mike Heffner

We utilize many different tools at my office for professional development. In fact, one of our main pillars of success is development. We are constantly developing our internal staff by playing to their strengths and managing their weaknesses, while not allowing your greatest strength to become your largest weakness.

Many leaders love to compete and possess a high level of ambition. This ambition has gotten them to where they are, but as a mentor once told me, you don't want to leave a line of dead bodies behind you just to get you where you want to go.

As leaders, confidence is an awesome thing- it's a gift and a strength but very hard to teach. Walter Bond says that confidence is "arrogance under control." Bond shares in his speeches the importance of having confidence and the desire to improve. What my mentor shared with me one night over margaritas (what better way to share tough love) was that, while we need to have ambition, our confidence must be controlled if we want to maximize its effectiveness. He said I needed a little "sugar and honey" if I wanted to become an influential leader.

H3 Leadership: Stay Hungry.
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I recently read H3 Leadership: Stay Hungry. Be Humble. Always Hustle. by Brad Lomenick about the habit of ambition. He wrote that "developing a healthy habit of ambition is one of the most important tasks of every leader." I agree with Brad - I would rather pull in the reigns on someone than try to get them out of the gate. And being

in the people business, I have learned the key to great leadership is utilizing ambition to motivate and inspire others.

After I read Brad's book, I put the list below together based on some of his thoughts and my personal experiences as an ambitious leader. Do you see any of these in you or your leadership team?

- **Dream big** and have a vision for where you want to go.
- **Set wildly important goals** and look to bring a group of people with you.
- Make sure that you **celebrate along the way**, but not for too long; there is more to do.
- Look for places to compete to **keep you striving**.
- **Surround yourself with hungry individuals** that are better than you.
- Live out your ambition by **serving and teaching others** to become better.
- **Continue to learn**, improve and create ideas that make a difference.
- **Be humble in all things**, confident but never arrogant

My desire is that something in this brief article inspires you to develop a habit of ambition and have a confidence that inspires someone to be even better.



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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Upcoming chamber meetings and events

April 2019

25 – Annual Chamber Celebration. The Greater Greenwood Chamber creates this environment by providing members with engagement opportunities and resources designed to share ideas and exchange best practices. Our progress during the year is made possible by our board of directors, staff, ambassador committee and partners. During our Annual Chamber Celebration, we are excited to share a summary of our work during the past year. We'll also reveal the Chamber's 2018 annual business award winners, recognizing outstanding business achievement, architectural achievement and member engagement! Registration at the door is \$50 per person. Corporate tables are not available at the door. Pre-registration will close on Wednesday, April 25 at 5 p.m. April 25, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. The Nest Events, Inc. 400 Byrd Way, Greenwood. Greenwoodchamber.com.

May 2019

1 – Leadership Johnson County – Collaboration and Effective Communication. Teams are increasingly relied upon as the primary means for getting work done in an organization. And the best work comes from teams who can collaborate effectively. This path helps managers and employees learn the key skills required for effective collaboration. Learn how to establish the appropriate roles and environment for team success. Develop listening, trust-building and decision-making skills to promote successful team communication. Manage meetings and difficult conversations, whether your team is co-located or remote. The cost for this event is \$99 per person for LJC and Franklin College alumni and Franklin and Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce members. The cost is \$119 for the general public. May 1, 9 a.m. – noon. Franklin College, Dietz Center, 101 Branigan Blvd. Franklin. Greenwoodchamber.com.

BIZ WEB



Car shopping for tightwads

By Andrew Angle

As a teenager, I had the usual hot rod dreams. I imagined owning a glossy tire-smoking ride that would be the envy of the school and the scorn of the teachers. Sometimes I pictured a Lambo or blue-blooded Aston. The only thing more spectacular than my car desires was the gap between those fantasies and my reality. I had my mom's hand-me-down Mercury Comet. It was three-tone girly baby blue and rust with peeling shades in between. I decided to fix it up, starting with paint. With a few spray cans of medium metallic blue from Kmart, the work was underway. Within minutes swarms of insects were dragging trails through the sticky paint before suffocating, leaving their carcasses preserved as glittery blue sculptures on sheet metal. Gorgeous!

Eventually I replaced that car with a

friend's race-modified '73 Mercury Capri – bright yellow with dual carbs, bored cylinders, custom racing headers, plenty-o-rust and a smashed fender – just \$450. I drove that car hard and found a top speed that could have gotten me into a lot of trouble.

Loving that hoopty changed my thinking. It conditioned me to shop for maximum driving pleasure for the money. I had it paid off within six paychecks and haven't had a car payment since. I've never blown my vehicle budget on the illusion that I have money to burn. I take pride in spending less than I could afford.

For every vehicle I've owned since then was chosen after building spreadsheets of criteria such as horsepower, maintenance cost and annual depreciation over several years across dozens of makes and models. Aiming for maximum miles and pleasure per dollar

spent, the winner was never glamorous. By taking my time and avoiding dealers, every car I've owned was bought near dealer trade-in value than resold for nearly the same price I paid several years and tens of thousands of miles earlier. My friends laughed at the cars I drove. I laughed on the inside at the money I didn't throw away on a car. Haven't you noticed that broke people buy luxuries?

Do those teenage dreams of pricey sports cars tempt a midlife splurge? Sometimes. Don't give in. Use the money to grow, not show.



Andrew Angle, of Greenwood, is the owner of NetGain Associates, Inc. He can be reached at (317) 534-2382.

PEER TO PEER

Majestic days of retailing

By Howard Hubler

I am old enough to remember those magical days of downtown Indianapolis retailing. I would go with my dad once a year as he bought a suit at L Strauss & Co. It was a gentlemen's trip that can't be matched anywhere today. In Britain, there is a row of shops, called "Savile Row", where people come from all over the world to buy a premium suit. I could not imagine L Strauss being any less common than that. To this day I remember the men and women who worked in Glendale Shopping Center: at William H. Block Co., L.S. Ayers and Roderick St. John's department stores. By today's comparison, a world-class experience.

I just returned from a week's vacation in Naples, Florida. Here in this high-end city,

whether you're ordering dinner, a drink at the bar, clothes in one of the many clothing stores or any other service for that matter, it is done with the same level of expertise and conviction as the 1960s Indianapolis retail experience. Many of these people retired from their first vocation and this is the next vocation for the rest of their lives. They will tell you that they find purpose in serving others and that perhaps it took a second job opportunity to appreciate that.

The conversation always goes to the next question: is that level of service dead forever? Obviously, five-star hotels train people every day to lift their level of expectations of themselves for a higher grade of service than the five-star customer demands.

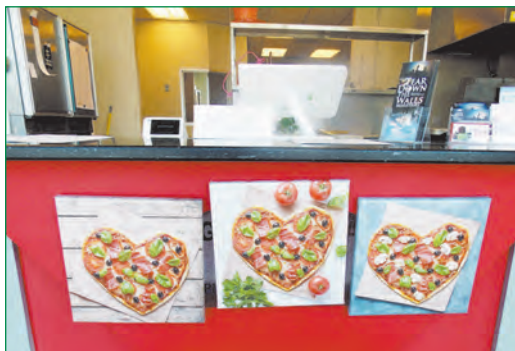
So here comes my teachable moment,

and this one I am as much perplexed by as any. What can we do to provide real five-star quality service to our client that resembles an inside out commitment to the customer similar to what was present years ago? I am talking our local department stores and that which is alive and well on Fifth Avenue in Naples, Florida today. If we can create that in our own business, whatever level our business is at today, it will only flourish more tomorrow.



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OPEN 4 BUSINESS



Left, owners, Tom and Angie Wilhelm, were inspired to create Agape Pizza after giving pizzas to local homeless people through a ministry, Tear Down the Walls. | Center, Agape Pizza is located near Greenwood Park Mall (in the old Papa John's building). | Right, Angie Wilhelm gives each employee a 12-inch pizza after his or her shift. (Photos by Angela Norris)

Pizza with a purpose A local restaurant helps those less fortunate

By Angela Norris

A new Greenwood-based restaurant is helping people rebuild their lives – with the love of pizza.

Angie Wilhelm and her husband, Tom, decided to open Agape Pizza to employ the hard-to-employ homeless as well as others of a job.

The Wilhelms had been living on the southside of Chicago, where Angie served as a police officer. Tom, meanwhile, had been employed in the mortgage industry. After working for 25 years each, they decided to retire and spent their new free time cooking meals for the homeless and making pizzas for needy families through their home church. While on vacation in 2017, they visited a friend living in Greenwood and attended Greenwood Christian Church on a Sunday. They were introduced to the pastor and congregation members and felt welcomed and comfortable.

"We started praying about (moving to Greenwood)," Tom said.

Tom and Angie returned the following weekend to look at houses. They saw a total of eight before Angie found her dream home. They felt happy about their transition to Greenwood.

A servant's heart with a love for Italian

Right after Christmas, the couple asked staff and members of the congregation if they knew of any homeless camps where they could help. The Wilhelms were introduced to Brian Walls, Founder and Director of Tear

Down the Walls Ministries, a non-profit organization based in Indianapolis. Tom met with Walls; the men realized that they had similar backgrounds and immediately clicked. They came to an agreement that Angie and Tom would serve twice a month, giving free 12-inch pizzas, ziti, lasagna and other hot dinners to the people at Tear Down the Walls.

"We were feeding 50-100 people every other Saturday," Tom said. It was then they decided they were in dire need of an industrial dough mixer and roller, as the workload became tough. They went to an auction and bought lots of used equipment and were now able to make more pizzas for the church and mission than ever. The only thing they asked for was a donation to be made to Tear Down the Walls Ministries. With a lot of praying, and a lot of encouragement from the community and church, they decided to start looking for a building to run a pizza shop.

They heard about a building in a Greenwood Park Mall parking lot that used to house a Papa John's pizza franchise. The Wilhelms called Simon Malls to find out how much the building would cost. A few days later, they went back to the mall and offered half of what was asked for a year lease for the building, and Simon accepted the offer. They moved in, did some renovations, and turned it into what is now Agape Pizza.

Life-changing experience

"Working here has changed my life in many ways," said employee Chris Weeks.

"First off, it's given me a chance to give back. It showed me that all you have to do is pull yourself up and say, 'I can do this,' and it gives me confidence to keep going from there.

"It's all through God. If you don't go to God first, you're gonna hit your head against a brick wall. It gives me a chance to use the skills I learned through the culinary training. I like being a part of something that helps keep people off of the streets."

Weeks received culinary training through the Indianapolis-based social services organization Second Helpings as well as CPR and first aid training. He also learned about the business aspects side, including food temperature control and rules and regulations. Weeks lives at Tear Down the Walls. The Wilhelms will help him and other employees get back and forth to work with bus passes and rides to and from work on Sundays. The employees get a 12-inch pizza to take with them after their shift, so they always have a hot dinner.

The employees are not required to wear uniforms so that they can get ready for work easier, as some are homeless.

"These are all ways that help in a big way when you're down and out," Tom said. "We all live in these wonderful homes and have all this transportation. Angie and I try to live as modestly as possible so we can do more for God. We have one car that we share. And that's how we want it."

For more information, visit agapepizza.com.

Why did you decide to open this business?

To help give back to the people.

What did you do to prepare for opening your business?

A lot of praying.

Who is your ideal customer?

We have regulars who come in once a week, and we love them. I also love when someone comes in for the first time and tries the pizza. They will open up the box before they leave and their eyes get big and they're like, "Whoa! This looks good!" And then we do see them again. Someone that is happy with their pizza.

How do you plan to be successful?

A lot of prayer, and not losing sight of why we opened and who we're doing it for.

What would people be surprised to learn about your business?

They're usually shocked at how much we give. That we're not in it for the money or for us, that there is a bigger plan.

How would you describe your atmosphere?

I really hope it's fun and we want it to be.

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Practice makes perfect – or at least prepared

TRENDS IN TECH

By Chet Chromer

Over the last three months I've written about disaster preparedness and business continuity. We've covered this from a high level and touched on backups, redundancy and the reliability of cloud-based services. Many of these practices are straightforward to plan for and implement, but is that enough? Using the school fire drill analogy, how can we put these plans into practice using drills, tests and practice scenarios?

Having knowledge that your data is backed up to the cloud is great, but when your server crashes and you're told it will take a week to download all of that data back down or that you need to pay an extra \$5,000 for expedited service from your provider, will you be caught off-guard? The same head knowledge goes only so far in day-to-day scenarios ... how will your business continue to operate when the internet goes down? Do you send everyone home or ask employees to use their personal hotspots?

The best strategy is only as good as its ability to be executed. It may seem like a costly and time-consuming effort, but a business continuity plan that includes an annual drill

can spotlight weak points that must be corrected, pain points that may simply have to be lived with, or even areas of overkill where resources can be redirected.

As we wrap up this series on disaster recovery and preparedness, I'd encourage you to reach out to your technology partner and ask them how they'd like to put their plan to the test. These teams are often asked to trim all the excess they can from budgets and practicing a plan they hope to never need is one of the first things to go. Providing some resources to put the plan to the test not only builds confidence but can also save large amounts of downtime and unexpected expense down the road.

As always, I welcome your questions and feedback on these columns. If you have a plan you'd like reviewed or don't have a plan at all, give us a call. We'd love to help you bring more stability to your business technology platforms.



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It's about time we discussed this, noon or midnight

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

If having kids has taught me anything, it's that I'm never going to be on time for anything again in my life. At best, I'll be 10 minutes late with at least one person crying and at least one person sporting an unidentified stain. But if time is all relative, does it really matter? Unfortunately, yes. In our culture of scheduled meetings, being time savvy is important.

I often hear people wondering about "next Thursday." When a corporate headhunter suggests you have an interview lunch at the steakhouse next Thursday, does she mean "Thursday a few days from now?" or "Thursday next week?" Is there a correct way to refer to this? Obviously, if she would have said "this Thursday," she would mean "Thursday a few days from now." But "next" is a relative term; there's no general agreement on "next Thursday." When in doubt, be as specific as possible and try to avoid confusion.

What about a.m. and p.m.? Great question. Some would suggest a.m. stands for "after midnight" and p.m. stands for "post midday," but that isn't true. These abbreviations are Latin: a.m. is short for "ante meridiem" (before noon) and p.m. is short for "post meridiem" (after noon). AP Style suggests writing these abbreviations with lowercase letters and periods after each letter (e.g., 8 a.m.).

While we still have some time, let's discuss noon and midnight. To avoid redundancy, don't say "12 noon" or "12 midnight." You can say "I left the bar around midnight," but it would be redundant to say, "I left the bar around 12 midnight."

Finally, we have to talk about time zones (because you'll inevitably find yourself in one before too long). Most of Arizona doesn't even observe Daylight Savings Time, so why do we need to bother with abbreviations like EDT and EST? EDT stands for Eastern Daylight Time (roughly spring and summer), and EST stands for Eastern Standard Time, which is approximately autumn and winter. Do we need to specify? Probably not, because it's just confusing. Instead, I suggest using "ET" for Eastern Time, "CT" for Central Time, and so on.

Now I'm officially out of time, although there are plenty more timely topics we could continue to discuss. Let me know what grammar-related time troubles you experience.



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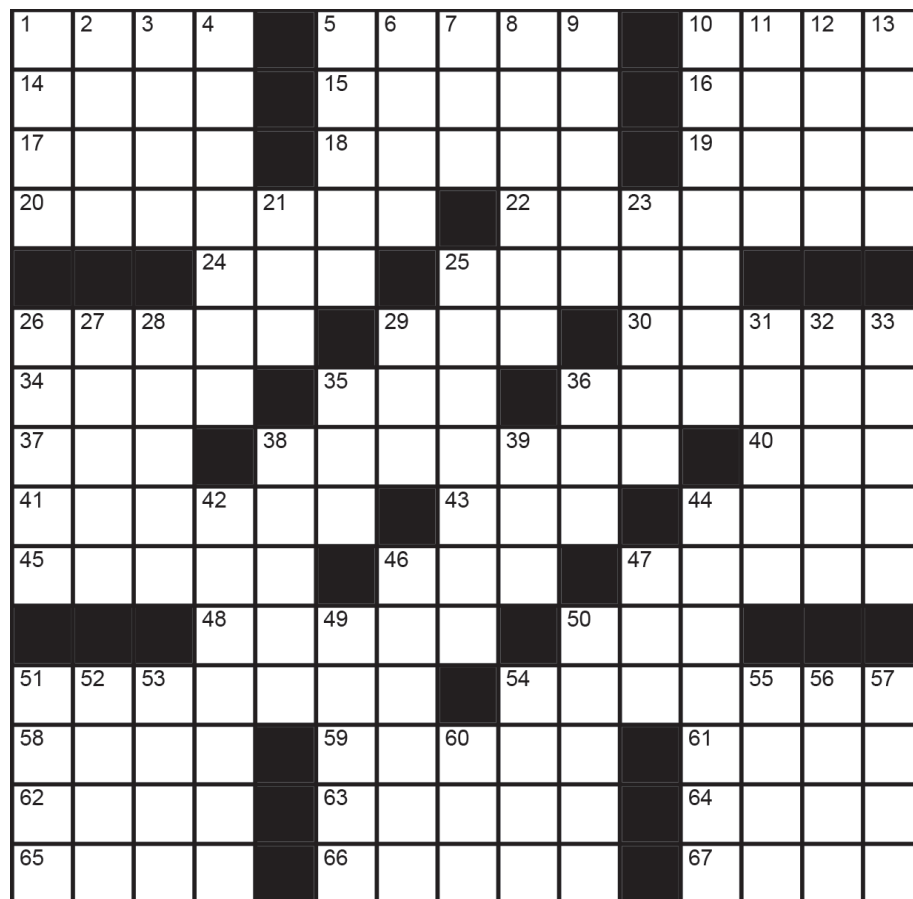
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1. Flew on Smith Valley Road
5. Greek island
10. Bend out of shape
14. Nike rival
15. DNA structure
16. Slanted type, briefly
17. Fighting force
18. "___ get it"
19. Jack's Pizza order
20. Lost-package inquiries
22. Smiled
24. Swiss peak
25. I-65 distress signal
26. *Jaws* menace
29. Cunning
30. Japanese city
34. Lilly discovery
35. Southside Farmers Market veggie
36. Goes after
37. Med. plan
38. Moon features
40. *Law & Order* characters, for short
41. With good judgment
43. Luck's stats
44. Fork prong
45. "Skyfall" singer
46. Ballot marks
47. Lake catch
48. Not rural
50. Not straight
51. Nome native
54. Local plumber and an anagram of 20- and 38-Across
58. Genesis name
59. Full range
61. Angela Buchman storm word, maybe
62. Tel ___
63. Virtual appointment
64. Small island
65. Where to buy SPG stock
66. Enticed
67. Plant starter

DOWN

1. Squabble
2. Cat sound
3. Austen heroine
4. Working mom's aid
5. Nest noise
6. Cincinnati team
7. "Evil Woman" band, initially
8. Like pins-and-needles feelings
9. Part of ESP
10. Johnson County Court testifier



11. Oodles

12. Fury

13. Trudge

21. Local lodge member

23. Hickory Stick Golf Club clubs

25. Squash

26. Upside-down "e"

27. Kevin Gregory summer forecast

28. Came up

29. Last word of "America the Beautiful"

31. Video's counterpart

32. Reeves of *The Matrix*

33. Item of value

35. Be nosy

36. IU Health trauma ctrs.

38. Greenwood Park Mall store staffer

39. *ICON* VIPs

42. Hard to catch

44. Offer from a suggestive sort

46. Paradise

47. Paving goo

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51. Singer Jackson

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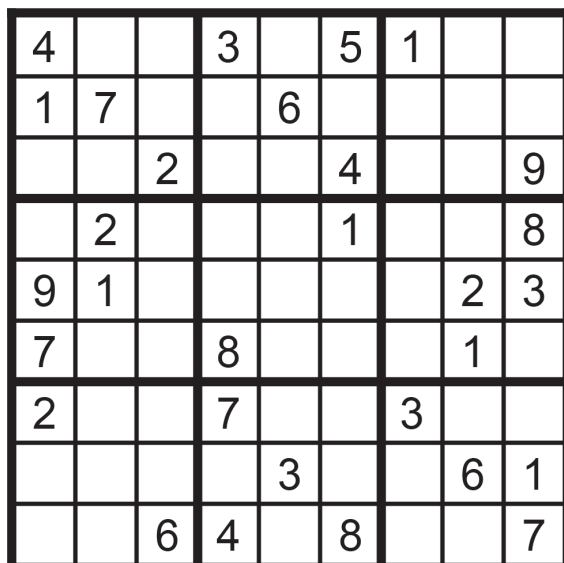
54. Adorable

55. Greatful Dead song: "Don't ___ Me In"

56. Tick off

57. Winter glider

60. Hoosier Hysteria mo.

See **Answers** on page 23.

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Easter and the meaning of a brand-new day

DEVOTIONAL

By Pastor
Chris Philbeck

Having grown up in church my entire life, I have always known the Easter story. As a child I knew the basics of the story. I think about that every Easter when I sit down with my three grandchildren and we use "resurrection eggs" to tell the story. There's a simple innocence in their understand and faith as we open each egg containing some kind of symbol that walks us through the last days of Jesus' life, ending with an empty egg to symbolize an empty tomb.

As I grew older, and especially when I became a pastor, I spent a lot of time studying each of the gospel accounts of the resurrection. From a personal standpoint, my favorite part of the story is found in Mark's gospel. After the women who had gone to the tomb to anoint Jesus' body discover that the stone covering the tomb has been rolled away, and after they encounter an angel who tells them that Jesus has risen, the angel says (Mark 16:7), "But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

Of course, the significance of mentioning Peter is found in the fact that he had just failed spectacularly by denying, not once, but

three times that he even knew Jesus. That story is told in Matthew 27:69-75 and ends with these words: *And he went outside and wept bitterly.* When that happened, I'm sure Peter believed his failure had disqualified him from even being a disciple. But that wasn't the case, because the very mention of Peter's name in Mark's resurrection account reminds us that it doesn't matter how far you have fallen; you can be restored by the grace of God. The guilt, the failure, the shame that you feel today can be washed away by his mercy. And you can live your life with hope, knowing that you have been forgiven.

Recently I read these words: God is the God of the forgotten past and the brand-new day. If you have failed in your life, if your life isn't where it once was or where you want it to be, that can change. God doesn't give up on you. Come to Him today and let His grace restore you so tomorrow can be a brand-new day.



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Johnson County festival guides available

Tourism - The official 2019 Festival Country Indiana Activities Guide, which is a comprehensive guide to Johnson County's attractions, restaurants, hotels and more, is now available. The free guide, produced by Festival Country Indiana, the official tourism agency of Johnson County, is being distributed to potential visitors in an effort to get them to visit the local communities. Local residents are also welcome to view the guide at festivalcountryindiana.com/visitor

guide or pick up a copy at the Festival Country Indiana office in the lower level of the Johnson County Government Annex at 86 W. Court St. in Franklin. The office also has free Indiana road maps, travel guides and festival guides to distribute. The 52-page guide features listings for wine and craft brew locations, family attractions, events, locally-made products and popular places where people can take "self-ies." It also features autumn attractions like orchards, a fall drive and winter fun spots.

Roncalli athletes to compete collegiately

Athletics - Six Roncalli High School senior athletes have signed letters of intent to compete collegiately. Sam Eiland has signed to play volleyball at St. Xavier University in Chicago; Nolan Hoffman signed to play lacrosse at Colorado Mesa University (Grand Junction, CO); Elizabeth Eads has signed

to play volleyball at the University of Indianapolis; Grace Hegwood has also signed to play volleyball at the University of Indianapolis; Taylor Kehoe signed to play volleyball at Maryville University (St. Louis); and Maggie Schoening has signed to play volleyball at Benedictine University (Lisle, IL).

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OBITUARIES

Dale E. Bastin

Dale E. Bastin, 69, of Greenwood, died March 27, 2019. He was born May 30, 1949 in Indianapolis to the late William and Mary Josephine Bastin. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army. Dale retired in 2003 after 37 years of service from Rolls Royce Allison. He was also a member of the Prospect Masonic Lodge #714 F & AM; Murat Shrine and Scottish Rite; American Legion Post #252; and UAW #933. He is survived by his wife, Pattie (McGinley) Bastin; son, Jeremy Bastin; sister, Joyce Ann (Tom) Kelly; grandchildren, Hailey Bastin and Dylan Bastin; brother-in-laws, Marty McGinley and John McGinley; sister-in-law, Susan McCain; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Services were held April 2 at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis.

Jesse D. Fleming

Jesse D. Fleming, 39, of Greenwood, died March 29, 2019. Born Sept. 2, 1979, Jesse was the son of Jack Fleming of Speedway and Anne (Ousley) of Indianapolis. On June 30, 2006 Jesse married Megan S. (Crist) Fleming; she survives. Jesse was a 1997 graduate of Greenwood High School. He received a bachelor's from IUPUI and a master's degree in Theology. Jesse was an operations manager at FedEx for more than eight years. He was a member of Mt. Pleasant Christian Church. Other survivors include his daughters, Grace Ann, Mary Jacquelyn and Madelyn Rose Fleming; his paternal grandmother, Norma Fleming; his brother, Jason (Lisa) Fleming; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Jan and Gary Crist; along with many nieces, other extended family members and a host of friends. A celebration of Jesse Fleming's life and a funeral service was held April 3 in the Daniel F. O'Riley Funeral Home, 6107 S. East St., Indianapolis.

**Deedee Rose Batman Malott**

Deedee Rose Batman Malott, 52, died March 28, 2019. She was born June 10, 1966 to Richard E. Batman and Mary E. (Poncho) Robertson Batman in Indianapolis. She attended Stout Field Elementary, South Wayne Jr. High and Ben Davis High School. While in grade school, she was active in 4-H and was able to exhibit at the Indiana State Fair. She also delivered The Indianapolis Star, where she won trips to St. Louis and Washington, D.C. While at BDHS, she was in the ROTC. Dee loved animals and was always bringing in strays. Deedee married Phil R. Malott on June 13, 1986. She is survived by her children, Desiree (Jerry) Hendricks, Philip Edwin Malott and Amanda Marie Latner; four grandchildren, Kirsten Michelle Roell, Morgan Michelle Roell, Blake Awesome Hendricks and Toby Andrew Inman. Deedee worked for the Dept. of Workforce Development for over 20 years. She had a good heart and would do without in order to help her family and friends. Dee is preceded in death by her first husband, Phil; her dad, Richard; and her brother, Richard Allen. A Celebration of Life was held April 6 at Heartland Church of Christ, 1693 W. Main St., Greenwood, IN 46142.

Doris E. Mathews

Doris E. Mathews, 96, of Greenwood, died March 27, 2019. She was born Feb. 12, 1923 in Greenville, Illinois, to the late Homer and Pearle (Palmer) Watkins. Doris earned her bachelor's degree in English and her master's degree in English Education. She joined the Free Methodist Church in Bloomington. Among her hobbies were sewing, genealogy and music, specifically the piano. Doris is preceded in death by her husband, Norman Mathews. She is survived by her children, Stephen Mathews, Diana Brown, Mark Mathews, Rod Mathews and Greg Mathews. Visitation was held Sunday, April 7 at Simplicity Funeral and Cremation Care, 7520 Madison Ave., Indianapolis, IN. 46227.

Joyce A. Roe

Joyce A. Roe, 90, of Greenwood, died April 2, 2019. She was born on April 1, 1929 in Indianapolis to the late Frederick and Fay (Moore) Nikoll. Joyce was a member of Olive Branch Christian Church for more than 80 years; and then with First Christian Church of Beech Grove. She worked for Indiana Bell Telephone before going to the Indianapolis Housing Authority as their payroll technician before retiring in 1994. She enjoyed working in her flower garden, volunteering at the church and helping the ladies in the Esther Circle run the various fundraisers. She was preceded in death by her loving husband of more than 40 years, Robert E. Roe; and brother, Fred Nikoll. Survivors include a daughter, Kay (Roe) Brady; her husband, Robert Brady; son, Ken Roe, his wife, Linda Peterson-Roe; and four grandchildren, Andrew Brady, Alexandra Brady, Erin Roe and Kelsey Roe. Funeral services were conducted April 8 at G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave. She was buried at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

Shauna Synesael

Shauna Synesael, 20, of Greenwood, died on March 19, 2019. She was born on Nov. 4, 1998 in Salisbury, NC. She graduated from Whiteland Community High School and briefly attended Indiana University before receiving her CNA certification. Shauna is survived by her parents, Erik and Krista Smith; sister, Jaila; brother, Mason; grandparents, Mike and Terrie Synesael, Diane Smith and Elaine Hancock; great-grandmother, Hattie Synesael; fiancé, Elijah Dutton; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Services were on March 23 at G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home at the Gardens at Olive Branch, 1605 S. State Road 135, Greenwood. Shauna was buried in The Gardens at Olive Branch Cemetery and Mausoleum Park, Greenwood.

Nancy Lou Wilson

Nancy Lou Wilson, 71, of Greenwood, died on April 2, 2019. She was born July 23, 1947 in Indianapolis, to the late Charles and Adeline White. She was preceded in death by her husband, Ernie Wilson; and grandson, Jayden Wilson. She is survived by her children, Brian Wilson, Brad (Kim) Wilson and Brittany (Brent) Harris; grandchildren, Justin, Kendall, Garrett, Jozi, Braden, and Brock; great-grandson, Bryar Jay; brother, Bob (Betty) White; and several nieces and nephews. She was a member of Mt. Auburn United Methodist Church. She enjoyed shopping, traveling and spending time with her family and friends. Visitation was held Tuesday, April 9 at G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home at The Gardens of Olive Branch, 1605 S. State Road 135, Greenwood. Nancy was buried in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

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Drew Calvert

Boys' lacrosse coach leads and builds relationships by faith

BY NANCY PRICE

Lacrosse has almost always been a part of Drew Calvert's life.

"I love the physicality combined with the unique skill needed (for the sport)," he said.

That's one of the reasons why the born and bred Center Grove resident decided to coach the sport for boys. There are other reasons as well.

"Because these ages are the start of their key developmental years as young men, and seeing them grow to their potential is one of the most exciting things in life to witness," Calvert said. "Also, I think they're hilarious.

"I love the ability to teach young men at what could be considered their most important developmental years, both as an athlete and relationally before going out into the world as young adults," Calvert said. "Watching players implement and improve on what you have taught them is the greatest feeling in the world."

A graduate of Center Grove High School, Calvert majored in history at Ball State University. He met his wife, Abigail, while both were attending a youth group

at Stones Crossing Church.

"We played in the worship band together," he recalled. "We first started dating after I asked her to my senior prom at CGHS in 2010 and have been together ever since."

Calvert's spiritual life influences his leadership abilities and relationships with others.

"Following the example of Jesus' life, such as his confident communication, genuine relationships and his goal to honor God, helped me form a culture for the lacrosse team that encourages those same morals."

Drew and Abigail are expecting their first child, a boy, in September.



What is your greatest virtue?

Every single interaction that you have with another person makes an impact, positive or negative, on both you and them.

What upsets you?

Lack of preparation.

What do you like best about Center Grove?

I love the large community with a small-town feel. Big enough to have many opportunities but small enough to grow strong and meaningful relationships.

What's your favorite Southside eatery?

Tried & True Alehouse

If you had to live anywhere else in the Metro Indianapolis area, where would it be?

Fountain Square/downtown Indy.

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

I would have taken more time to consider what to study in college.

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

I'd donate to Center Grove community organizations and buy a new truck!

What makes you happiest?

Doing life with my family.

Pick three adjectives that best describe you.

Kind, dedicated and obsessive.

What is your favorite vacation spot?

On a beach in Florida with good friends and family.

What do you do with idle time?

Watch game films/college lacrosse.

How do you escape from reality?

Watch movies with my wife and play video games.

What do you love most in life?

Jesus Christ, my wife, my family and my players.

Which living people in Center Grove do you most admire?

My parents, Larry and Pam Calvert, and my brother, Luke Calvert.

What quality do you admire most in another person?

Dedication.

What is your greatest extravagance?

Probably my dog, Hobie.

What is your greatest fear?

Failing people that count on me.

What has been the happiest time of your life?

Learning that I am going to be a dad.

Is there a special talent you really wish you had?

Being a really good cook.

What do you most value in your friends?

The ability to drop everything and have a good time.

Which historical figure do you most admire?

Jesus Christ, for his ability to live a perfect life in an imperfect world to save the imperfect people in it.

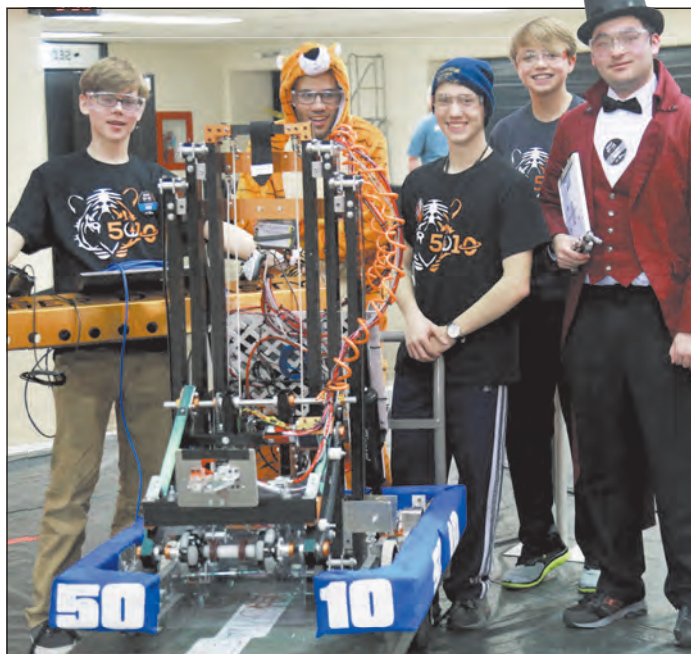
What would people be surprised to learn about you?

That I play drums and I geek out on movies and video games.

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Competition - On Friday, March 29 & Saturday, March 30, thousands of students, parents, teachers and industry professionals convened at Center Grove High School, 2707 S. Morgantown Road, Greenwood, for the FIRST® Robotics FRC competition. Over 3,600 high school teams worldwide participated in the FIRST® Robotics Competition this year. While the students are attracted to the challenge of building a robot, the main focus of FIRST® is on the skills the students develop in the program. The atmosphere of a robotics competition is markedly similar to a basketball game; fans decked out in spirited clothing, constant cheering and the moments of euphoria when a team scores just before the buzzer rings. It's a truly incredible experience for all involved. For more information, please visit indianafirst.org or firstinspires.org. To locate teams in your area, go to firstinspires.org/team-event-search.



(Submitted photo)

Roncalli senior receives scholarship award

Award - Roncalli High School senior, William Bawi, was recently honored recently at the Kiwanis Club of Indianapolis' annual Abe Lincoln Awards dinner. The program celebrates students who have overcome adversity while achieving success. Bawi is one of 20 area high school seniors who received the Kiwanis Circle of Valor Award. "William is a true blessing to the hallways of Roncalli. We are inspired by his daily commitment to bring joy and laughter to the world in the face of adversity," said Kevin Banich, assistant principal for Student Life.



Pictured, from left to right, William Bawi, mother, Teresa Man Lyin and brothers, Henry Sang and Joseph Thang.



Greenwood resident graduates from NIU

Academics - Katherine Prentice graduated from Northern Illinois University with a bachelor's degree in nursing during winter commencement 2018. NIU offers more than 100 courses of study while serving a diverse and international student body of about 19,000. The 17 NIU Huskie athletic teams compete in the Mid-American Conference at the highest NCAA Division I level. For more information, visit niu.edu.

Puzzle Time Answers ON PAGE 19

Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:

Pets: BIRD, CAT, DOG, FISH, HAMSTER, HORSE;
Places: ARNI'S, GREEK'S, JACK'S, JET'S, PIZZA KING;
Songs: HOLD MY HAND, I GO BLIND, LET HER CRY, TIME;
Creeks: CROOKED, FRANCES, HONEY;
Clubs: DYE'S WALK, HICKORY STICK;
Event: ARBOR DAY

Center Grove News Quiz ON PAGE 5

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



4	6	9	3	8	5	1	7	2
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