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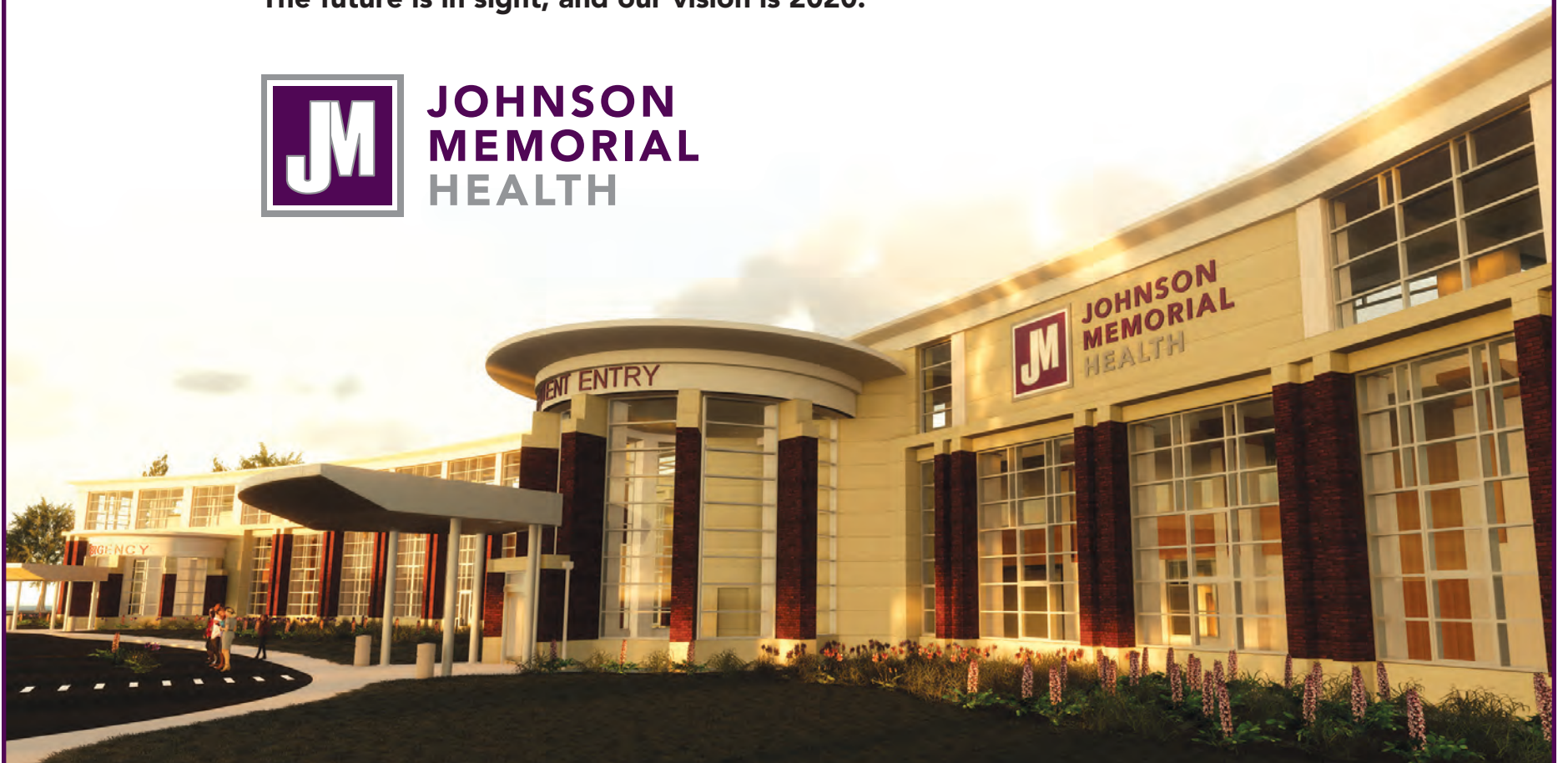
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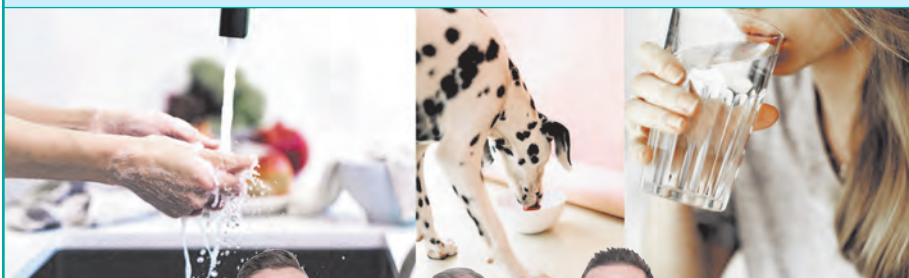
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Harold Kephart (right) and my father, John Earl Beck. This photo, honoring both men as they received their 50-year Masonic pin, was taken at the Bargersville Masonic Lodge. (Submitted photo)

History of Maple Grove's and Walnut Grove's early land owners

By Jeff Beck

While recently sorting through my parents' files, I discovered a photo of my father, John Earl Beck, with a fellow Mason member, Harold Kephart. Both men were associated with Maple Grove and Walnut Grove schools, but otherwise had no other interactions.

Harold and my father were honored at the Bargersville Masonic Lodge and received their 50-year Masonic pin. This celebration, which involves dinner with fellow Masons and their family, is a milestone for the Masons. They also received a letter stating their annual dues were no longer required, though many continued to pay part of their annual dues as a donation to the service organization.

I recall my father talking about post World War II activities being mainly family gatherings, church and Masonic Lodge meetings.

Masonic memberships seem to be declining somewhat. As in many groups, younger members are needed.

The Kephart family

Harold inherited land from his parents and lived on the home site for many years. Mary, Harold's wife, died at a young age, leaving two children for Harold to care for.

Harold graduated high school in 1933 and taught agriculture at CGHS during the 1950s and '60s. The Agricultural and Industrial Arts program was in a separate building on the east side of the high school, after exiting the tunnel. Harold's office was located in front of the classroom with a small patio window. He would often look out the window to make sure students were reading or doing their assigned project without causing any trouble.

Harold's children are also graduates of CGHS. The Kephart's farm still has the

old barn remaining as a landmark on the south end of the property. Harold's brother, known as "Kippy", lived a half-mile south of Center Grove Schools' purchased land. Kippy drove one of two large school buses for years also. He also hauled gravel and stone to area residents while living on his section of inherited land. My mom said on many occasions that Kippy could evenly spread the stone without getting out of the truck. Kippy and his wife, Rosie, had two children, both CGHS graduates. Maple Grove Elementary School, along with the Center Grove Transportation Center, sits on the former Kephart farm.

The McCarty family

Family friends, Wilbur and Donald McCarty, lived in the first home west of Maple Grove (on the Whiteland Road entrance). When my mom was in her 90s, A Cadillac pulled into her driveway. Two women, who said they were related to the McCarty's, told my mother that they used to live in the home where my mom was currently living and wanted to stop by to visit and discuss memories. After the women left, I cautioned my mom about inviting people into her home that she did not know. My mom's reply was that the visit was welcome because the women had a nice car and dressed well.

I hope you enjoy reading the memories of our community as much as I have enjoyed writing them for the past three years. I am currently working with Franklin College to seek support from a journalism student this summer to help to place all of the articles in the form of a book.



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*.



Abby Herbst. (Submitted photo)

THE HERBST FILE

NAME: Abby Herbst	Wisconsin; plans to study business management and human resources
AGE: 18	
YEAR: Senior	FAVORITE TV SHOW: Vampire Diaries
SPORT: Softball	FAVORITE MOVIE: 42
POSITION: Pitcher/first base	HOBBIES/INTERESTS: Shopping, watching TV and spending time with friends
EXPERIENCE: Four-year starter	PARENTS: Bob and Susan Herbst
COLLEGE PLANS: Will continue a softball career on scholarship at the University of	

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Athlete of the Month

Abby Herbst

By Rick Morwick

Statistically, Abby Herbst has few – if any – peers in Indiana high school softball. But production alone doesn't paint the entire picture of her value to seventh-ranked Class 4A Center Grove.

Her competitive nature is a major asset. So is her work ethic and commitment to the sport.

So is her leadership, on and off the field. "Her consistency and approach to the game is superb. Her ability to consistently compete, no matter the (opponent), allows her to stand out, no matter the outcome," said Alyssa Coleman, the Trojans' first-year coach.

"The stats prove that she is simply a winner and is going to put our program in the best scenario we want to be in, on and off the field."

Intangibles notwithstanding, Herbst's stats are impressive, if not eye-popping.

A four-year starting pitcher/first baseman, the versatile senior is the Trojans' leader in virtually every hitting, pitching and fielding category. At the plate, she hits .611 with 29 RBIs, eight doubles and a .814 slugging percentage. She leads the team in all four areas.

On the mound, she has a 9-3 record with a 0.84 ERA and 101 strikeouts. She leads the team in those areas.

And in the field, she's committed zero errors, 50 fielding chances.

It's little wonder Herbst is a frontrunner for the Indiana Miss Softball award and, more importantly, is why the Trojans are among frontrunners for the state championship.

"I feel like our team is really good, but we still have a lot that we can improve upon," said Herbst, who also is a frontrunner for Indiana Gatorade Player of the Year. "I definitely believe our team can make a good run in the state tournament, and as long as we work together, nobody can stop us."

Especially when Herbst is pitching. Or anywhere in the lineup, for that matter.

"Plain and simple, her ability to compete (is her main strength)," Coleman said. "On the mound, she is a fierce competitor who pushes her teammates, her opponents and even umpires at times."

Her softball IQ is remarkable, and I believe she demonstrates that the most in her control on the mound and her ability to be comfortable at the plate, no matter the count.

"She is a humble young lady who carries herself with confidence on and off the field. With stunning academics, extreme work ethic and a kind heart, she is the full package."

An honors student who will continue her athletic career the University of Wisconsin, Herbst has played competitive softball most of her young life. For her, the game is pure joy, for a multitude of reasons.

"For starters, I love the competition of knowing I'm playing (against) some of the best players out there," she said. "I also love being able to spend all that time with my friends and sharing the enjoyment we have for the game together. Lastly, I love that the game allows for an escape, a place to go when I need to forget about everything else that's going on and just have fun."

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 Tom Trotter, owner of La Trattoria in Greenwood originally wanted a different type of restaurant than Italian. What type of food did he want to serve instead?

- A. Burgers
 B. Steaks
 C. Pancakes
 D. BBQ

2 What is the name of the gym that Casey Wright opened in 2009 for children ages 6 months through 18 years?

- A. Wright's Gymnastics Academy
 B. 9Round Kickboxing Fitness
 C. Wright's FUNdamentals Center Grove
 D. Indianapolis Jiu Jitsu

3 Who is the Indiana native who once became head basketball coach at UCLA?

- A. John Wooden
 B. Larry Bird
 C. Isiah Thomas
 D. Reggie Miller

4 May ICON of the Month, Bob Goodrum, has a favorite vacation spot. Where is it?

- A. Key West, FL
 B. Monterrey, CA
 C. Hawaii
 D. Aruba

5 Jeff Beck's father, John Earl Beck, received a 50-year member pin for which service organization?

- A. Rotary Club of Greenwood
 B. VFW Post 6978 in New Whiteland
 C. Bargersville Masonic Lodge
 D. Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 2079

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Casey Wright is the CEO of Wright's Gymnastics Academy and Ninja Zone. (Photo by Nicole Davis)

Local business owner Casey Wright, named Indiana's 2019 Small Business Person of the Year, makes it her job to learn, lead and share

COVER STORY

By Nicole Davis

"Be the first on the dance floor so everybody else can have more fun."

Casey Wright uses that mantra in many facets of her life, from literally dancing – a hobby she loves – to growing her youth-centric athletic businesses. That willingness to take risks has transpired into a rapidly-growing business and most recently earned her recognition as the 2019 Small Business Person of the Year for Indiana from the U.S. Small Business Administration. She was honored alongside the states' winners in Washington D.C. during National Small Business Week from May 5 - 11.

"The award is awesome," Casey said. "I love it more that I get to represent Indiana. We are an entrepreneurial state and the world is now starting to pay attention."

A second-generation entrepreneur

Casey is a second-generation entrepreneur. Her parents, Bob and Dana Wright founded Wright's Gymnastics Academy in Whiteland, now in Center Grove, in 1975.

"They took a risk," Casey said. "They both

left teaching jobs to start one of the nation's first private gymnastics clubs. At that time, athletics only existed in schools and community centers, but no one had private clubs. It was really a visionary move."

Casey grew up in the business, beginning her coaching career at 13 years old. She coached in Greenwood for nearly 20 years. She ran Wright's Gymnastics with her parents until 2000, then managed the business on her own until she purchased it in 2006. She opened Wright's FUNDamentals Center Grove, a gym designed for children ages 6 months to 18 years in 2009 followed by FUNDamentals Southeast in Greenwood in 2013.

"I was sitting on the bleachers, talking to another mom and watching my daughter take class," she said. "The mom says, 'my son would love this but my husband would never go for it.' Traditional gymnastics gyms are 95 percent girls. The boys we did have were very young and usually were out by the time they were 6. There was a need for a gymnastics-like program for boys."

Reward in the Risk continued on page 7.



Reward in the Risk continued from page 6.

Little Ninjas

At the time, the reality television show American Ninja Warrior was coming into popularity along with parkour. Inspired by that conversation and current trends, Casey came up with the idea of Ninja Zone as a way to offer a gymnastics-like program which could improve the mental, emotional and physical health for both girls and boys. The program was designed in a manner by which it could be licensed and utilized at other children's gyms.

"It took off," she said. "We now have about 300 locations around the world. We are working with a large group in China that is going to use Ninja Zone as entire hubs at its children's center. The program has grown so much that myself and many other club owners have standalone areas for Ninja Zone. It's put a different culture into all of our gymnastics programming. It's new. It's based in the natural instincts of children. It makes sense to kids and it makes sense to the parents. It's fun and it's good for them. We are continuing to expand."

Ninja Zone piloted in 2014. Casey

opened FUNdamentals North in 2015 and founded Ninja Zone Global that same year. Ninja Zone Academy, "the professional training facility of Ninja Sport for children ages 3-11," started in 2017.

The businesses in total employ approximately 150 people.

As much as the business has grown, Casey said she has a hunch it's leading to something even bigger. They're looking into building a multi-space facility. They're looking to grow Ninja Zone International, to train more coaches to focus on the child's wellbeing before training in the sport.

When not working, Casey spends most of her time with her family. She and her husband combined have four children, ages 6, 8, 11 and 13. She primarily works from home, but travels to speak or for education. She's active in Entrepreneurs' Organization and is on the board for Purposeful Living in Hamilton County. She conducts a podcast titled The Sports Entrepreneur with a goal to raise the conscientiousness of entrepreneurs.

"I feel like my job is to learn, lead and share," she said. "I don't watch television. I don't listen to the news. I don't have anything in my Instagram feed that doesn't help me achieve my goals."

Left top, Casey created Ninja Zone as a gymnastics-like program for kids. (Submitted photo) | Left bottom, Casey started Ninja Zone Academy, a professional training facility for kids, in 2017. (Photos by Nicole Davis)

GETTING TO KNOW CASEY...

- I love to dance. I love hip hop. I'll dance in the car, anywhere. I love to dance with my kids.
- I meditate twice a day. It's kept me grounded.
- Favorite podcast: I'm currently listening to *Primal Potential* podcast. I listen to two or three books a week. The book *Principles* by Ray Dalio is a game changer. *Think and Grow Rich* (by Napoleon Hill) is another game changer. *No Ego* by Cy Wakeman; *Dare to Lead* by Brené Brown; *A New Earth* by Eckhart Tolle.



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1. Vivid colors adorn the walls of the Off Broadway Gallery at the Southside Art League. 2. A large group attended the open house of featured artist Kristen Kloss at the Southside Art League. 3. Franklin Township artist Kristen Kloss with her abstract artwork. (Photos by Paul Young)



3.

A vivid vision Southside Art League hosts monthly open house

By Paul Young

Last Saturday, Southside Art League in Greenwood held its monthly open house, featuring Southside artist Kristen Kloss. Kristen is an abstract artist who works in various types of paint and mixed media. Her art is vivid in color and conveys a sense of movement.

Kristen's show runs for the rest of May at the Southside Art League-Off Broadway Gallery. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. The gallery is closed Sunday through Tuesday. Those interested in abstract or color should check out this up-and-coming artist. Her works are for sale with the exception of her very first creation, which has already been claimed by her daughter.

For more information about Kristen's work or to make an appointment, call her directly at (317) 455-9499 or SALI at (317) 882-5562.

For more information about the Southside Art League and their monthly featured artists and open houses, contact SALI at (317) 882-5562 or on the web at southsideartleague.org.



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OUR VIEW

Spring into summer with live entertainment, festivals and more

It may not be summer just yet, but Johnson County is already offering outdoor entertainment beginning this weekend.

Today (Saturday) the Greenwood Tractor Supply store is hosting its annual Market Day event, which features crafts, candles, produce, baked goods and more in tents outside the store, in addition to pony rides for the kids.

Tomorrow (Sunday) the Greater Greenwood Community Band will perform a free concert at the Greenwood Amphitheater. The "Greatest Hits Concert" will be playing some of the greatest hits from the 60s, 70s and 80s from 4-5:30 p.m.

The Greenwood Mall Summer Concert Series kicks off the season on Thursdays with Blue River Band playing country music favorites on June 6. Blue River Band will also be performing Saturday, June 8, at the Greenwood Amphitheater.

Next Saturday, Freedom Springs officially opens with taller slides for more twists and turns, a lazy river, cabanas and shelters for groups and large parties and an "island" that functions as a stage for live music performances and more.

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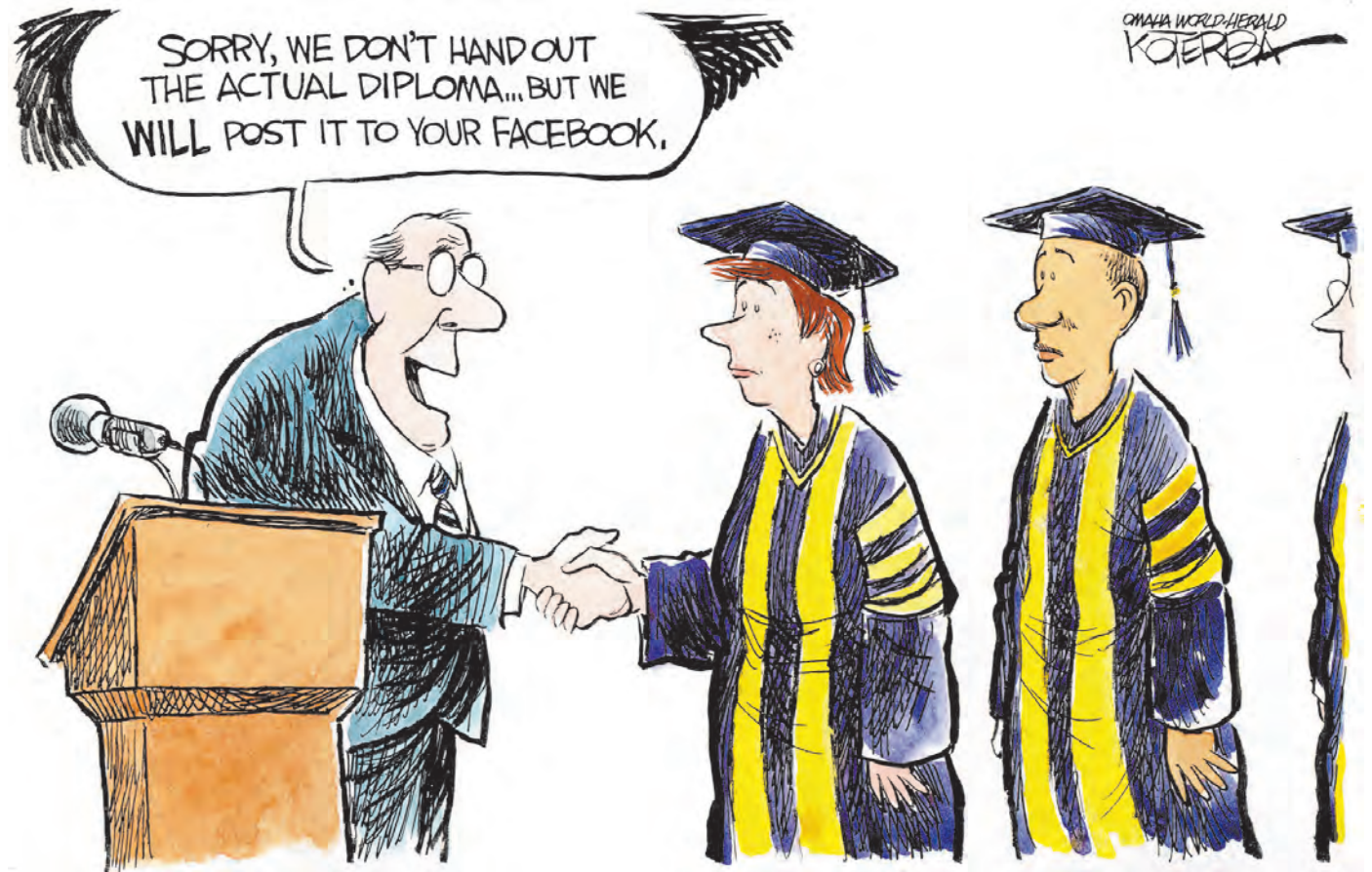


Oops...

In the cover story published April 20, "Grilled cheese and pancakes at the USO" the cutlines for USO volunteers, Jerry Shepherd and Charlie Hylton, were accidentally switched and placed with the wrong photos. Also, in an article published in the Southside Business Leader section, "Dignified work for victims of sex trafficking," Kelli Nowacki, owner of the lemondime, a web-based jeweler, was misquoted. The article stated that after her trip to Cambodia, she didn't like "Americans." The article should have stated that she did not like "America."

We regret the errors.

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TOP 10 CLUES YOU SKIMPED ON MOTHER'S DAY

HUMOR

By Torry Stiles

10. Your father calls to complain about the lack of a decent brunch at least once a year.
9. "Oh, honey. That's fine. I know you're busy. My real children remembered."
8. The clerk at Walgreen's is shaking her head and making that "tsk-tsk" sound.
7. You take a whiff and realize all of her flowers smell like Febreeze.
6. Your siblings call you up to thank you for making them look good.
5. She responds to your "Happy Mother's Day, Mom" text message with a text that reads, "Who is this?"
4. She offers you half her chocolates, since, "you obviously need them more than she does."
3. The card on the planter has the name of the funeral home it was originally delivered to.
2. You were careless and left the stuff in the dollar store bag.
1. "We've rented your room. You have 30 days to get out."



QUOTE

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- WALT DISNEY

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dles, produce, baked goods and more in tents outside the store. This year's vendors include the Greenwood VFW 5864 and pony rides. | When: May 18, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Tractor Supply, 1460 U.S. 31 S. | Info: (317) 882-5800; TractorSupply.com/MarketDay.

Greatest Hits Concert • Playing their first outdoor concert of the 2019 season, the Greater Greenwood Community Band will be performing a classic collection of symphonic band versions of some of the greatest hits that made history from the 60s, 70s and 80s. This is the great Sunday evening treat with special guest musicians. Be there to enjoy the refreshments provided by our much appreciated sponsors and be a part of a musical experience you won't forget. Concerts are free. | When: May 19, 4 - 5:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Amphitheater (Surina Square Park), 100 Surina Way. | Info: (317) 881-4545; greenwoodband.org/events.

Monday Night Book Group • Interested in a book club but don't know where to start? Come and discuss *Girl in Translation* by Jean Kwok in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk. | When: May 20, 7 - 8:30 p.m. | Where: White River Branch Library, WRB-Community Room (the whole room), 1664 Library Blvd. | Info: (317) 885-1330; pageafterpage.org.

Freedom Springs Opening Day • With Freedom Springs, Greenwood created an experience you can't find anywhere else: taller slides with more twists and turns, a lazy river, cabanas and shelters for groups and large parties, an "island" that functions as a stage for live music performances and much more. Freedom Springs appeals to all ages. Open Memorial Day through Labor Day. | When: May 25, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. | Where: Freedom Springs, 850 W. Stop 11 Road. | Info: (317) 884-2078; greenwood.in.gov.

Tinker Time: Pick a Part • Kids, bring your adults and explore a room full of stuff to take

apart. Peek inside electronics and appliances, check out how they work and break things without getting in trouble! No kid? No problem. Tinkering is fun for grownups, too. Registration recommended, but not required. | When: June 1, 1 - 2:30 p.m. | Where: White River Library Branch, WRB-Community Room (the whole room), 1664 Library Blvd. | Info: (317) 885-1330; pageafterpage.org.

Explore Summer Kick-Off: The Water Show • Bring your family and friends to the library to kick off Explore Summer with the Water Show, presented by Family Time Entertainment. Come enjoy magic, laughter and fun! Bring a towel to dry off and wear a bathing suit as you WILL get WET! Please go to pageafterpage.org for other dates, times and locations. | When: June 4, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. | Where: WRB-Community Room (the whole room), White River Branch Library, 1664 Library Blvd. | Info: (317) 885-1330; pageafterpage.org.

Greenwood Mall Summer Concert Series • Every Thursday this summer, Greenwood Park Mall will present a different artist or band, providing community members and families with entertainment all summer long. All performances will begin at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted online. Performances will take place near the outdoor fountain on the mall's north side. The Toy Factory (R&B favorites and dance hits) performs June 6; Blue River Band (country music favorites) plays June 13. | When: June 6 & June 13, 6:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Park Mall, 1251 US-31 N. | Info: shopgreenwoodparkmall.com; GreenwoodParkMall.

Summer Concert Series • Nearly every Saturday evening between June and August, Greenwood residents, visitors and their families gather downtown - known locally as Old Town - with lawn chairs, blankets and snack-filled coolers to enjoy live performances in an energetic and welcoming atmosphere. Summer Concert Series performers cover a variety of musical genres ranging from country to pop, rock and funk. Blue River Band performs June 8 and Sounds of Summer performs June 15. | When: June 8 & 15, 7 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Amphitheater in Craig Park, 100 Surina Way. | Info: greenwood.in.gov.

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5 Questions with Tom and Rene Trotter

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RENE: We put a little "special" sauce on them that's unique.

WHAT ARE YOUR HOBBIES?

TOM: Hunting and two hours each morning at the gym.

RENE: Crafts, painting, gardening. We spend a lot of time with our grandchildren.

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE RESTAURANT?

TOM: I don't really have one. I do a lot of grilling at home on the weekends.

RENE: We go to the House of Tokyo and (eat) Mexican (food) at least once a week. Our house is still the gathering place for the children even though they're 30 and 34.

WHERE IS YOUR FAVORITE VACATION SPOT?

TOM AND RENE: Cancun, Mexico! Been going there 8 - 9 years. It used to be Florida. We shut down for a week once or twice a year. The whole family comes.

WHAT IS SPECIAL ABOUT LA TRATTORIA?

TOM: It's family owned and operated, and we are here every day. If we're not here, we're not open.

RENE: I think our customers appreciate that. It's just a homey atmosphere. It's quaint and cozy and I think people like that we know them. People feel comfortable here.

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That's amore!

La Trattoria inspired by Greenwood family's love of Italian

By Rick Hinton

Tom and Rene Trotter built their business, La Trattoria, in a home that was meant for a family, not a restaurant.

"It wasn't set up for a restaurant," Tom said. "We arranged the kitchen (from three rooms) the best we could to accommodate."

The husband and wife team held previous careers prior to venturing into the dining business: Tom had been a truck driver; Rene an underwriter. Tom's parents had a restaurant in Bargersville, but Tom and Rene had no restaurant experience to speak of. There was a definite learning curve in their new venture. Ten years passed as they slowly built up a clientele and became a familiar face on Madison Avenue. Then their world changed abruptly!

In 2010 a fire destroyed the restaurant. "We were devastated," Rene said. Then came the soul searching as to go on or wrap it up. They chose to go on, rebuilding another "home" that closely resembled the original, only without the upper story rooms. This time they had the luxury of working in the amenities of an actual restaurant floor plan. "In the original dining area we squeezed in 16 tables," she recalled. "This time we have 22, and the kitchen is a real restaurant kitchen."

A family affair

Their son Nathan is a culinary chef. Younger son Nick has learned the operation and is a front server on the weekends, in addition to running his own lawn care company.

"For the first 10 years we served lunch and dinner. That got to be too much. Now, it's just dinner," Tom recollected. "I cooked for the first few years. I love cooking and do it at home."

La Trattoria is a family affair and everyone has fallen into a comfortable niche. "I guess you can say that Rene runs the front (seating, hospitality), I run the middle (organizing food orders and the bar) and Nathan runs the back (kitchen)." Tom and Rene are the hosts, present every night, which the customers enjoy. They both take care of the nightly "ringing" out and weekly accounting and payroll. La Trattoria has 22 employees, with the largest majority working during their busiest hours - the weekends.

Nineteen years in business has witnessed a lot of change in not only Greenwood, but also Madison Avenue. "Oh yes," Tom declared. "This is the second road construction since we've been here. In 2000 they tore up the road pulling up tracks." (Traces of the aforementioned interurban.) The recent redevelopment did affect business by limiting access to the property. "Glad it's over," Tom stated as he looked out of the window to-



Above, Tom & Rene Trotter. | Inset, La Trattoria on Madison Avenue. (Photos by Laura Hinton)

ward the street. "The noise and dust ... jack hammers ... heavy trucks!"

Why Italian? Tom thought on that a moment. "To be honest, because my parents were familiar with it," he said. "I didn't want an Italian restaurant ... I wanted a steakhouse! My mom talked me into opening up La Trattoria and bringing on my steaks." While they prepare a lot of Italian dishes, "I offered steaks on day one and we went through eight to 10 steaks a week," he said. "Now, we're about 400 a week!" Reviews on steaks at La Trattoria are positive and comparable to ones you would get at the steakhouses downtown.

A faithful customer base

They have their fair share of repeat customers, those local, and those who make it a priority to travel to the location regardless of the distance. "Oh yes, we've made a lot of great friends through it all," Rene said. "Those who know us, and we know them and their families. Most of our customers come from word of mouth. We don't really advertise."

La Trattoria is closed Sundays and Mondays. While tough to do in a restaurant business, it hasn't affected their patronage. Tom is blunt. "I own this restaurant, it doesn't own me," he said. "The public will work you as much as you let them work you. I have great customers and friends! And ... I figure if you

have a good product and they like it, and you set your hours, they'll come get it!" A recent change that is maybe not so popular is they no longer take reservations for dinner. "A held table makes no money," Tom said.

One might wonder, is there too much togetherness? Tom and Rene, after all, are together 24/7. "We've been married 35 years. We've been together since our sophomore year in high school," Tom said. "We work together, play together ... every day, all day."

As far as future plans ... they plan on keeping it the same: a five-day workweek and dinner only. Tom and Rene have gotten the restaurant, and their personal lives, down to a science of free time to pursue other interests and not get burnt out. "This is family dining. People come for dinner, so we're not here late," Rene offered. "We knew we didn't want a bar atmosphere. We pack them in and then it's over at 9:30 p.m. It's strictly just dinner and we love that!"

"We're very fortunate," Tom added.

"People have asked us to open another location. No ... not for us," Rene said. "Bigger is not always better," Tom added. Rene smiled as she looked out the window. "We're all here ... we love our clientele ... we love our location and what we do. We don't want to complicate that."

Make your visit to La Trattoria soon for not only chicken parmesan, spaghetti and spinach-cheese ravioli, among many offerings, but perhaps a perfectly cooked steak.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Life lessons from John Wooden

By Mike Heffner

If you live in Indiana, then you've likely heard of the late John Wooden, an Indiana native who became head basketball coach at UCLA in 1948. Last month, as part of all the basketball madness, I came across some words of wisdom from Coach Wooden that I wanted to share. Much can be learned from one of the most successful basketball coaches in history. As we move into the second quarter and we are looking to hit our goals we set for the year, Coach Wooden's quotes will hopefully inspire you to keep pushing for greater and better things this year.

"Perform at your best when your best is required. Your best is required each day."

As one of the top blocks on Coach Wooden's "Pyramid of Success," competitive greatness isn't defined as looking to win, but doing your absolute best every day. No matter how small the job, excellence is earned by putting in the work and practicing to become your best every day.

"It's the little details that are vital. Little things make big things happen."

Nothing a person does should be considered boring or insignificant. The man who cleans the offices at night is as big a part of a company's success as the top salesperson. Great organizations value every individual's contribution.

"You can't let praise or criticism get to you. It's a weakness to get caught up in either one."

A negative comment or complaint can become a learning opportunity and a chance to improve. On

the flip side, chasing flattery can be almost as debilitating as giving into criticism. Be careful not to become dependent on praise and chasing the ego rub instead of pursuing true greatness.

"Don't let making a living deprive you of making a life."

Too many people trade daily enjoyment for achievement, but the key to true success is having both. Many like to call this "work/life balance." Working is a way to earn a living, but successful people also find delight while accomplishing goals and victories through their job.

"If I am through learning, I am through."

I like to say, if you are not learning and growing, you are dying. Most successful people are constantly on the search for knowledge and ways to improve. Life always offers up opportunities to learn something new.

As the grind of the year starts to set in, I hope these quotes from Coach Wooden keep you pushing forward and looking to do your best work. Success comes to those that have passion for what they do and look to share that passion with others. Coach Wooden was great at inspiring others to be their best every day.



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Upcoming chamber meetings and events

May 2019

20 – Leadership Johnson County: Generational Differences. We usually address generational differences from the perspective of older generations trying to understand the mindset of younger ones. In this section, we will turn that perspective around. This program will focus on the ways that younger generations can best interact with older ones. If you are a Millennial managing a Baby Boomer, a Generation X service provider trying to understand Traditionalist clients or a Generation Z student looking to make a positive impression on an older boss, this session will help you understand their worldview and expectations better. The cost for this event is \$49 per person for LJC and Franklin College alumni and Franklin and Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce members. The cost is \$59 for the general public. May 20, 9 a.m.-noon. Franklin College, Dietz Center, 101 Branigan Blvd., Franklin. Greenwoodchamber.com.

21 – Emerging Leaders Executive Conversations Luncheon. The Chamber believes inspiring and developing young talent is important for our region's future prosperity. Why? Emerging leaders will drive innovation and impact future economic growth. Therefore, the Chamber is proud to support companies' emerging leaders by hosting "Executive Conversations," an exclusive professional development forum. Young professionals will learn from regional senior executives, ask questions and connect with other emerging business leaders. To best facilitate meaningful dialog and learning, we will limit participation to around 30 area emerging leaders from a variety of industries. Please note, this event is designed for ages 40 and under only. The registration fee is \$25. May 21, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Dye's Walk Country Club, 2080 S. State Road 135, Greenwood. Greenwoodchamber.com.

BIZ WEB

Advice from a client: how to say *more* with *less*

By Andrew Angle

A couple decades of work in the digital marketing battlefield supplies my chats with an armory of tech ideas and trivia. That often diverts my conversations into tangents that are crucial and captivating – at least to myself. After droning through detailed explanations of web platforms over the phone with a client of mine who happens to be a seasoned sales pro so successful that his ad campaign portfolio boasts Fortune 500 names, my monologue was met with silence. The powerful pause was terminated with his voice saying, "Andrew? Would you like to *triple* your income?"

Thinking. "Triple my income? Sure! I'm listening."

"Say *more* with *less*."

"Huh?"

He clarified that having an area of expertise that you think about all day gives

you plenty to say. Some of what you know is more thickly complicated than the listener's attention spans can absorb or even try to comprehend. So, "Say more with less." He said, "When you do that, I guarantee ... YOU will *triple* your income."

My own silence as I processed his condensed wisdom spoke louder than words. I knew what he meant. Now, how would I use it?

His advice still hits me when I catch myself being too verbose, either in tongue and type. Whether in emails, articles like this one, or even in web layouts I design for a business, know that you only get three seconds to land a first impression. Think. Does that first glance at a page make your guest feel like they found the right site? Do the headlines echo a compelling message in the reader's mind? Do the visual elements such as images, color scheme, layout and navigation of the page give them confidence that they

have found the site of someone worth doing business with? Is the presentation leading them toward the next logical step toward making a decision?

The aesthetics of how a page looks and feels plays a huge part in saying more with less. It's like the "body language" of face-to-face conversations. Especially with subjects packed with complicated details, using too many words will overwhelm. Finding a way to speak that lets their mind do the unpacking makes your message easier to understand, easier to buy, and may triple your income.



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PEER TO PEER

The mighty missing millennial

By Howard Hubler

In 2019 the millennial, by their sheer numbers, is a mighty population force. At the same point I called them a missing force because in several areas of life they're just nonexistent. Currently the United States is undergoing a tremendous growth spurt of jobs and we need more people within our hiring pool to come forward to fill great paying service jobs and the like. However, one of the things we find out so many times is that the millennials do not have a sampling in the marketplace for hiring selections. Which begs the question: where are all of these people? I thought most of them moved out of their parents' basement but apparently there are several of them still down there!

A recent article in FOX Business News Online quoted some rather startling facts about these folks. This is the most startling factoid amongst them, in my opinion: 70 percent of them, according to the article, are still tethered to their parents' financial assistance. In many cases, this is through help in paying for their rent or mortgage. Boy, nothing like getting your

kids out of the basement; buy them houses and YOU make the payments!

As I write this, Elizabeth Warren is the next liberal making a pass at free education. Now, in the world of demand, if I have received an education, but for some reason it was expensive and is not paying for itself by enabling me to get a job, what do we need with more free education? It seems like what we need to be encouraging is more focused vocational training that "ensures" that people will get a job. Those people will be more responsible in life if it is their duty to pay their education loans back, not you and me. I paid for my kids' education. It's my kids' business to pay for my grandchildren's education if they are able. If not, my grandkids can get a loan. Common sense would suggest millennials would research what the greatest projected job opportunities are at the time that they graduate and matriculate to those kinds of post high school skills training.

So, why do all these young millennials want to vote as liberals? It is sad that right out of the box these kids don't want to be Democrats, which is what they have

historically been. Democrats don't pay enough free stuff. They want to be liberals or socialists because that's where the real free money comes from. Wouldn't it be sad to be 25 or 30, fully educated, never having had a career and going through the job ads and not having the confidence to walk in and apply anywhere?

So, here is the teachable moment: I have no suggestions as to teachable moments! All these people are educated and emotionally locked out of the workforce. Our goal is to figure out how to get them into our businesses and gainfully employed and get them off "family assistance." One thing is certain, according to the survey: a significant percent of them think they will be millionaires by age 45. I guess ignorance is bliss.



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OPEN 4 BUSINESS



Top left, owner Tammy Hanna (left) and workshop leader Kim Evans at one of The Root's tool boards for crafts. | Bottom left, The Root's craft and event room. | Center, Tammy Hanna in front of The Root at 222 Main St. in Beech Grove. | Top right, Tammy shows her Bible that she decorates during Bible study. (Photos by Angela Norris)



Crafty roots

Beech Grove gift shop owner finds new home for arts and crafts workshops

By Angela Norris

A local business owner is bringing back arts and craft workshops to the Beech Grove community.

Tammy Hanna recently opened The Root on Main Street after her popular crafts workshops in the evenings began to expand at Rustic Root Tea Room, which she also owns and operates on Main Street.

Hanna originally opened Rustic Root in 2015 as an antique and gift shop at 222 Main St. She then moved the shop to 626 Main St., where she had more room to incorporate a tea room. Hanna kept the building on 222 Main St. with hopes of utilizing it in the future.

"This was kind of our root place that we started at, and so that was where the name originated from," she said.

When Rustic Root first opened, the shop was mainly a retail store, selling antiques and gifts such as soaps and lotions. In the evenings the shop would offer workshops for customers. The customers would do paintings, crocheting and other crafts. The shop would provide the materials for a small fee and customers would gather to do a craft together.

When Hanna moved to 626 Main St. and

incorporated the tea room, she found it hard to continue doing the workshops.

"I noticed right away that tearing down one of the tea rooms to have a workshop and making sure no paint got anywhere and (to) keep it nice and clean, it was difficult. So I said, 'We can't do this here, and so we stopped with doing the workshops.'" After the workshops ended, customers began asking Hanna when she was bringing them back. At the time, Hanna was still not sure.

Hanna still owned the building at 222 Main St. and was renting it out to other businesses. When the last tenant moved out, she thought about selling the building, but had another idea.

"I thought, you know what, and I told my husband, we are paying on it, it's an empty space, people are asking for this (the workshop), we'll try it. If they (the customers) really want it then they will prove they want it and we will be busy and if not that's OK too. We can't say we didn't try," she said.

Hanna set her plan to open The Root into action. She started to get tables built, aprons printed and began to collect supplies. She had ideas of how she wanted it to look inside.

Kim Evans, who had worked for Hanna at the Tea Room, came on board and became

The Root's workshop leader. Evans creates ideas for the workshop and she and Hanna plan events.

At The Root, workshops are offered for all ages once a week. Customers engage in various different crafts and enjoy Bible journaling twice a month. "The last couple of Bible journaling and craft classes they (the customers) have brought their kids so it's definitely all ages," Evans said.

The Root also rents out space for various special events. The business has a kitchenette and often has food brought over from the tea room for the customers to purchase.

"Definitely the customers that were asking about it, are backing it up. They are coming to the workshops, they are wanting it, and they're wanting it to stay," Hanna said. "For one, I think that they (the customers) like our style. We're very versatile. They're not just customers, they're friends. We don't just pass them through, they're part of our journey and I think that they get that and that's how I want them to feel."

Hanna said she runs the store and does workshops because she loves it and it's fun.

"I believe that I was put here to create something good for Main Street, and I think that you just blend where you're planted," she said.

Why did you decide to open this business?

The customers were asking a lot about bringing back the workshops so I thought I'd try it out and see how it went.

What did you do to prepare for opening your business?

A whole lot of shopping. You have to start with what you want. It's kind of like a dream and then (you) have faith that you can pull it through. And at that point you just kind of let it go and be still and give it to God.

Who is your ideal customer?

Someone that I see often that supports and encourages the business, whether they buy something or not.

How do you plan to be successful?

Do my part and continue to push through. Doing good. Word of mouth. Treat people well and do what you say you're gonna do and you'll be successful.

What would people be surprised about your business?

I think people are surprised to hear that we have multiple business that are so different. That one is a tea room and one is scrap metal.

How would you describe your atmosphere?

Home. It is home to a lot of people. I think it's calming, fun, loving and welcoming.

The Bible commands us to stop complaining

DEVOTIONAL

By Pastor
Chris Philbeck

In his book *Mojo*, executive coach Marshall Goldsmith tells about research done by the company DDI, revealing that the average American worker spends 15 hours a month complaining about their boss.

Skeptical when he read the results of the study, he followed up with his own research and came to the same conclusion: The average employee spends a great deal of time complaining. In another study, workplace happiness expert Alexander Kjerulf learned that the No. 1 cause of unhappiness on the job is having co-workers who constantly complain. Is it possible that average people – people just like you and me – waste what amounts to 7 ½ days a year complaining? And that's assuming you only complain about your boss.

The truth is, I complain about a lot of things. In Philippians 2:14, Paul writes, *Do everything without complaining and arguing.* That's a pretty straightforward command. Now, there are some good benefits from choosing not to complain. We'll reclaim lost time. If the average American worker spends 15 hours a month complaining about their boss and you multiply that number times 12 months, then divide it by 24 hours, that equals 7 ½ days.

We'll have a better attitude. No one can have a good attitude while they're complaining; it's just not possible. We'll be more enjoyable to be around. Do you like spending time around someone who's always complaining? But, all of these benefits pale in comparison to the benefit of obeying God. The Bible says we show God we love Him when we obey Him. In John 14:15, Jesus told the disciples, *If you love me you will obey my commandments.*

So, here's a simple and straightforward challenge. Stop complaining. Start with just a day. Whatever day you read this devotion, decide that you'll get through the next day without complaining. Then, raise the bar and commit to an entire week without complaining. If you're really feeling bold, commit to an entire month. I'm going to start with a day. When I wrote this devotion, I made a commitment to go through the next day without a single complaint. After that, well, if you see me out in the community, ask me how it's going. But be prepared, I'll ask you as well.



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Firing your IT guy can be a delicate process

TRENDS IN TECH

By Chet Chromer

The truth is, my business has been "fired" before. It's only happened a couple times, but it has. We weren't a good match for a client's processes or their people, and I got that short and sweet email with the words, "We've decided to take another path."

You've been there, haven't you? You know things aren't working out with a vendor and you know it's time to cut ties, but it's never quite as simple as sending that "official notice" email you've had on your mind for months.

When it comes to technology partnerships, there's more to it than simply lining up a new partner and terminating the old one. What about all of those admin accounts you don't know the password to? And the networking equipment that is set up "just so?" How about all of those important files you have backed up to the cloud using an account provided by the vendor you're cutting ties with? In this article I'd like to touch on three key questions you should keep in mind.

Is the relationship repairable? Before cutting ties, it's important to do a thorough evaluation of the current situation. Have things fallen apart for specific reasons, or has a lack of communication just worn down the relationship to the point no one

wants to work together anymore? If the decline has simply been gradual or there's never been a true confrontation over the issues at hand, perhaps there's something to be saved, rather than discarded.

How will this all go down? When looking for a new IT provider, many businesses like mine will be quick to promise a "quick and smooth transition" before we even take a look at your systems and processes. Simply having an admin password doesn't mean you have all you need to move forward cleanly, and there may be some bumps along the road that make it worth extending an olive branch of another month of paid service with your former provider. This may prove valuable and smooth the transition from your former provider to your new provider.

Moving to a new IT provider is a delicate transition. There's a lot of knowledge locked up in the heads of your former provider, and getting a good transfer of that information is a path we should tread carefully.



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How to avoid RAS Syndrome

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

I have some urgent news: there's an epidemic sweeping the country. I'm talking about RAS Syndrome.

RAS Syndrome stands for Redundant Acronym Syndrome ... Syndrome. While everyone knows that saying "ATM machine" is redundant, have you ever talked to someone about forgetting your "PIN number" every time you're at the ATM? PIN already stands for Personal Identification Number, so saying "PIN number" is redundant.

Does your new TV have an LCD display? Because that's redundant as well. So is saying DC Comics — DC already stands for "Detective Comics," although the only situation in which you'd be shamed for that redundancy is probably the Comic-Con convention.

I can't tell you how many times I've heard this one: "Yeah, go ahead and send me that logo in a PDF format." PDF stands for Portable Document Format. The only thing that would make that more redundant would be if you said, "Please send that logo file over in a PDF format for Matt."

Although I'm sure you mean to be polite, writing "Please RSVP" on an invitation is technically redundant — RSVP is an abbre-

viation for the French expression *répondez s'il vous plaît*, which means "please respond." Saying "Please RSVP" is the same as saying "Please, please respond." After all, you don't want to sound desperate to get people to your fancy roof party.

I'm not sure if an entire sports team can contract RAS Syndrome, but, if it did, it would be the "LA Angels." When translated into English, Los Angeles means "The Angels." So, technically, "the LA Angels" is the same as saying "the The Angels Angels."

Now for the lightning round. If you utter any of the following phrases, you've caught the RAS Syndrome: ISBN number, UPC code, HIV virus, GOP party, SAT test, PAC committee, Gob Bluth, NPR radio, CSS sheet and OPEC countries. By preventing RAS Syndrome in your speech and correspondence, you'll avoid looking dumb in social, business and romantic situations.



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ACROSS

1. Lucas Oil Stadium level
5. Bend down
10. Einstein ___ Bagels
14. Prepare for the Indiana Golden Gloves
15. Rub out
16. Kinks hit
17. Eyes a bull's-eye at Shoot Point Blank
18. Hunter's weapon
19. "What's ___ for me?"
20. Hickory Stick Golf Club peg
21. Zilch
22. See 3-Down
24. Restrain
27. Do-nothing
28. Occupied, as a booth
30. Toss out of CGHS
33. Franciscan Health VIPs
34. Energy type
36. Sacred song
38. *Pirates of the Caribbean* star
39. Gumbo pods
41. Partly open
45. "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" playwright
47. Bring out
49. Assembly Hall whistle blower
52. Vast chasm
54. Plenty
55. Bay window
57. Better half, to some
59. See 3-Down
62. Young man
63. "___ bad!"
66. Cheese choice
67. Tailor again
69. A deadly sin
70. Depend
71. Mad Hatter's guest
72. Not shallow
73. Air-leak sound
74. Earring sites
75. "Auld Lang ___"

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1. Future DA's exam
2. Mayberry boy
3. Greenwood Park Mall store
4. Community Hospital IV areas
5. Font feature
6. Almost a homer at Victory Field
7. Doofus
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9. Orange cover
10. Unseeing

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| 12. Bloomington winery | 37. Hurts badly | 56. TV awards |
| 13. Nymph pursuers | 40. Lock opener | 58. Hall's pop partner |
| 21. Pasta variety | 42. See 3-Down | 60. Russian range |
| 23. Pickle flavor | 43. Be sick | 61. Move, to a Century 21 agent |
| 25. Florida city | 44. GPS reading | 64. Jack's Pizza fixture |
| 26. See 3-Down | 46. Tra-___ | 65. Use a keyboard |
| 28. Gloomy | 48. Praise | 68. Little lie |
| 29. Had a pizza at Arni's | 49. Mars explorers | 69. <i>ICON</i> bigwigs |
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See **Answers** on page 27.

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OBITUARIES

Gertrude E. Chance

Gertrude E. Chance, 87, of Greenwood, died April 28, 2019 to the late Hugo and Ruth Straub. She was preceded in death by her husband, David L. Chance. She is survived by her sons, David L. (Carla) Chance II and Timothy A. (Becky) Chance; grandchildren, Austen, Amber, Garrett, Emily and Logan; great-grandchildren, Chance, Gwen, Ethan, Stanley and Bridget. Services will be private for her family. She will be buried in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

Albert F. Crumley, MD

Albert F. Crumley, MD, 96, of Greenwood, died May 4, 2019. He was born March 8, 1923, in Topeka, Kansas to the late Frank M. and Grace Ann Mulligan Crumley. Al was a World War II veteran, serving in the U.S. Army and later in the Navy. He graduated from medical school and became the administrator for San Diego County Hospital. Al was honored by San Diego County for initiating the building of a new hospital. He was then employed as a physician liaison at Eli Lilly and Company for 20 years. He is preceded in passing by his parents; son, Ron Crumley, son-in-law, Rev. David Kennedy; and sisters, Naomi Hyatt and Ruth Biesel. Al is survived by his wife, Valetta Irene Crumley; children, Linda Lou Kennedy, Becky Caruthers (Dr. Jim) and Crosby MacKenzie; daughter-in-law, Peggy Crumley; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. A Celebration of Life Service for Al was held May 11 at Southland Community Church, 5800 West Smith Valley Road, Greenwood. Singleton Community Mortuary and Memorial Center handled the arrangements.



School in Foxboro, Massachusetts in 1939. She earned a bachelor's of arts degree in economics from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. Following her graduation in 1943, she worked for General Electric Company in Hartford, Connecticut. Lorann married Lt. Roger Hurlin Lindsey in 1944. They were married for 55 years until his death in March of 2000. She was preceded in death by her parents; her son, Roger Lindsey, Jr.; her husband, Roger; and sister, JoAlleen DeLap Guenard. Lorann is survived by her son, Dr. Robert (Elizabeth); daughter, Pamela (Jim) Ruster; four granddaughters, Erica Lindsey (Richard) Curtiss; Lauren Lindsey (Brian) Anderson; Lisa Ruster (Brooks) Moore; and Kara Ruster (Thuan) Phung; and 10 great-grandchildren. Visitation and services were held May 4 at G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, 1605 S. State Road 135.

Dola Dean Ott

Dola Dean Ott, 89, of Greenwood, died May 1, 2019. She was born Jan. 4, 1930 in Indianapolis to the late Stoughton and Freida Surface. She enjoyed playing the piano and played at the L.S. Ayres Tea Room downtown for many years. Dola is survived by her children, Wayne (Bonnie) Ott, Ronald Ott and Ann (David) Janes; grandchildren, Bradley (Tonya) Ott, Ronnie (Barbara) Ott, Wendy (Steve) Callahan, Mindy (Darryl) Edwards and Keri (Mark) Gilbert; great-grandchildren, Whitney, Taylor, Evan, Callie, Tanner, Gage and Dawson; great-great-granddaughter, Aurora; and brothers, Willard Surface and Steven Surface. She was preceded in death by her husband, Novy "Roy" Ott; grandchildren, Ethan Ott, Gene and Eddie Stohr; and brother, Russell Surface. Visitation and services were held May 7 at G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, 1605 S. State Road 135. Burial was in Mount Pleasant Greenwood Cemetery.

Billy Joe Rogers

Billy Joe Rogers, 54, of Bargersville, died May 1, 2019. He was born March 20, 1965 in Indianapolis to the late Loshel and Beulah Rogers. Billy provided for his family by working as a carpenter for many years. He is survived by his wife, Deana L. Rogers; his two children, Zachery Rogers (Amanda) and Heather Biggerstaff (David); his three sisters, Debbie Sebastian, Ruby Goode and Alta Lohn; five grandchildren, Jerzie, Jamison, Jayden, Jocilyn and Jayce. He is also survived by numerous extended family and close friends. Services were held May 7 at Lauck & Veldhof Funeral & Cremation Services, 1458 S. Meridian St.

Clarence Leonard Wallace, Sr.

Clarence Leonard Wallace, Sr., 92, of Greenwood, died May 5, 2019. He was born Oct. 12, 1926 in Indianapolis to the late George Wesley Wallace and Clementine (City) Wallace. He was an HVAC contractor and member of the N.R.A., Capital City Conservation Club and American Legion Post 355. Clarence served during World War II in the United States Army. He was also preceded in death by his son, C. Leonard Wallace. Survivors include his daughter-in-law, Karen Wallace; and nephew, James Eaker. Graveside services with military honors were held May 9 in Round Hill Cemetery. Arrangements and care were provided by Lauck & Veldhof Funeral & Cremation Services.

Lorann DeLap Lindsey

Lorann DeLap Lindsey, 97, died April 30, 2019 in Greenwood. She was born Oct. 27, 1921 in Bryant, South Dakota to the late Joseph S. and Beatrice (Le-May) DeLap. She graduated from Foxborough High



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Service over self

Nonprofit director helps homeless families get back on their feet

By Nancy Price

Bob Goodrum has a servant's heart, one that is unlimited to various populations he's helped over the years. Whether assisting young men aging out of the foster system, providing new programs for senior citizens, or helping the homeless, the Center Grove resident has worn many hats.

Goodrum is currently the executive director of WellSpring in Martinsville. The nonprofit provides shelter and supportive services for the homeless in Morgan County.

"I really enjoy helping families to set their own goals and achieve them," he said. "Each family we serve is different, so there is no cookie-cutter approach. Seeing them leave our shelter and move into their own home is very gratifying."

Goodrum also served as an executive director for The Social of Greenwood, which provides services and programs to seniors living in the greater Greenwood area.

"I am pleased to see (The Social) grow and serve older adults in our community. I especially enjoyed the people the most. Listening to their stories of service to our country and community, about their children and grandchildren and about how life has changed through the decades is still memorable," he said.

Goodrum, who has lived in the Greenwood area for more than 40 years, resides in Smokey Row Estates with his wife, Jennifer and their children: Bailey, who will be a freshman at Greenwood Christian Academy, and Kaitlyn, who will attend IUPUI in the fall.

In his spare time, he enjoys collecting 8-ounce bottles of Coke from around the world.

What is your greatest virtue?

Faith – in the hand of an unseen God and in the handshake of my fellow man.

What upsets you?

That our society has lost the ability to disagree agreeably. It seems as if we can no longer have a civil discussion on any topic without it resulting in name calling and personal attacks. Chivalry may not be dead, but civility seems to be.

What do you like best about Center Grove?

The people in CG, even if they are strangers, feel like friends.

What's your favorite Southside eatery?

La Trattoria: the staff is very friendly, the steaks are well-prepared and their fungo ripieno appetizer is amazing.

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

I am very content living where I do, but if I were to move, it would be within Greenwood city limits to pursue some political ambitions.

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

Nothing, all of my experiences, both positive and negative, have made me the man I am today. As someone much wiser than me stated, "Play the hand you were dealt like it was the hand you wanted."

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

I would open a homeless shelter in Johnson County and then take my family to Disney to celebrate. To see the most vulnerable in our community being housed would for me be like winning the Super Bowl.

What makes you happiest?

Seeing others succeed and reach their full potential. Being a cheerleader for those attaining their personal best makes me smile inside and out.

Pick three adjectives that best describe you.

I asked my wife and two daughters to each name one. They came up with passionate, detailed and proactive. I guess I owe them all a nice dinner.

What is your favorite vacation spot?

Aruba. I went there a number of years ago and it's still my favorite destination other than home. The food, the sand, the people – all memorable.

What do you do with idle time?

If I ever find idle time, I'll let you know.

What would you change about our culture if you could?

I wish folk were not so easily offended. It seems every word and every action is overly scrutinized today.

How do you escape from reality?

I watch reruns of Perry Mason and those on We TV channel.

What do you love most in life?

Serving: a life of self-service and self-interest has never interested me. I find great joy in serving others and that the acronym JOY (Jesus, Others, Yourself) is true.



Which living person in Center Grove do you most admire?

I am fortunate to have many mentors in my life. The three that have made the biggest impact are Harold Thomas, Bob Crosby and Chuck Ashley. These men have selflessly poured their lives into mine and for it I am much a much better husband, father and man.

What quality do you admire most in another person?

Integrity; without it nothing else really matters.

What is your greatest extravagance?

I really don't have any, but if I had to pick it might be crazy socks and a hotdog from Happy Jack.

What is your greatest fear?

Failure to fulfill my passion, which I describe as the thing I go to bed praying about, the thing that I wake up in the middle of the night thinking about and the thing I get up in the morning being about.

What has been the happiest time of your life?

Besides my salvation, the birth of my two daughters and my wedding.

Is there a special talent you really wish you had?

I really wish I could sing. I can't carry a tune in a bucket; I am sure those who sit around me in church wish the same for me.

What do you most value in your friends?

Honesty; to tell me the truth and the courage to say it even though they know I won't like it.

Which historical figure do you most admire?

Jesus; He saved my soul and changed my life.

What tenet do you live by?

He who risks much, gains much. I would rather go down swinging for the fences, then strike out trying to lay down a bunt.

What would people be surprised to learn about you?

That I am really an extroverted introvert. I prefer to be behind the camera than in front of it, but my positons through the years have mandated a more personal persona than which I am naturally comfortable.

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Greenwood Rotary presents \$10,000 check to Greenwood Community School Corporation

Donation - The Rotary Club of Greenwood President Sarah Eder presented a \$10,000 check to the Greenwood Community School Corporation at its school board meeting on March 12. Funds from the check were raised at the club's annual auction. From left, Superintendent of Greenwood Community School Corporation and Greenwood Rotarian, Dr. Kent DeKoning; Secretary of the Greenwood Community Schools Board of Education, Mike Metzger; Vice President of the Board; Jack Napier; Rotary Club of Greenwood President, Sarah Eder; Rotarian Rob Bailey; Greenwood Community Schools Director of School Services, Jill Lambert; Board member, Brian Ford; and Board member, LaDawn Weston. The contribution was designated to pay for special needs noise reduction headphones and calming kits. The Rotary Club of Greenwood wishes to thank the Greenwood Community School Corporation Superintendent and fellow Rotarian Kent DeKoning for his support for this project.



Puzzle Time Answers ON PAGE 19

Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:
Characters: ARYA, CERSEI, DAENERYS, JAIME, JON, SANSA;
Things: DRIFTWOOD, SAND, SHELLS, SURFBOARDS, WAVES;
Teams: ASTROS, DODGERS, REDS, ROYALS;
Sports: BASEBALL, TENNIS, TRACK;
Baes: ATTERBURY, GRISSOM;
Teacher: TRINA VEERKAMP

Center Grove News Quiz ON PAGE 5

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