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Center Grove High School seniors Richard Arkanoff II and Liam Price received the Lieutenant Governor's Brilliant Firefly Awards during the Center Grove Community School Corporation Board of School Trustees meeting May 26. Pictured, from left to right: State Representative John Young (R-District 47), Richard Arkanoff II, Liam Price, State Representative Dollyne Sherman (R-District 93) and Superintendent Rich Arkanoff. The award is presented to Hoosiers ages 18 and younger who demonstrate outstanding community service, exemplary academic achievement and/or exceptional leadership in their communities. Arkanoff was awarded for his efforts to create a memorial for CGCSC students and staff members who died while attending or employed by the school corporation. Price was recognized for his role as a youth ambassador for Special Olympics Indiana. (Submitted photo)

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Top, Center Grove Fine Arts Academy's 2017 production of *Beauty and the Beast*. | Bottom, the cast of *Mary Poppins* in 2018. (Submitted photos)



Above, students practice social distancing while rehearsing for a summer production. | Below, Mark Landis directs students during an outdoor rehearsal. (Photos by Neal Smith)



Top, student performers said they have developed confidence and leadership skills while forming relationships with others and God. | Bottom, close friendships develop among young performers. (Submitted photos)

## AN ALL-INCLUSIVE YOUTH THEATER

Creative Grounds Fine Arts Academy welcomes all who want to perform

### COVER STORY

By Nancy Price

Auditioning for a role as an actor, dancer or singer, even if it's for a community or youth theater, can produce a number of fears and anxiety. What if I blow my lines onstage? What if I'm too tall, too short, too young, too old or have a disability?

Anyone interested in participating in a production at Creative Grounds Fine Arts Academy is guaranteed a spot.

### An all-inclusive youth theater

"We are all inclusive," said Mark Landis, a Center Grove resident and executive director and co-founder of Creative Grounds. "We have students with autism, Down syndrome and other chromosomal disorders; they are totally immersed in our productions."

"If they audition, they get to be a part of the production," added Katie Landis, Mark's wife. "It's not just about being inclusive, it's about integrating students as part of our organization. They belong as much as anyone else."

The Southside nonprofit began in 2014 as an extension of the worship ministry through Center Grove Church, where Mark was a worship pastor at the time. The ministry became so popular that the number of schoolchildren involved doubled in size after each of the first several musical productions. By June of 2018, "the ministry grew more than the capacity (for it); there were 200 kids in the program," Katie said. Mark and Katie felt called to continue the

program and started Creative Grounds as a nonprofit. Children ages 8 through 18 are invited to participate in youth productions, and those ages 16 and over may participate in adult productions.

As well, the nonprofit is open to anyone in the metropolitan Indianapolis area, regardless of their religious affiliation. "We still have devotions, we're values-based, but we don't push (Christianity) down their throats," Mark said.

Students have choices when participating in musical productions if performing is not an interest. They may assist with set building, props, ushering or serving on the student leadership team. Student leaders may help those with disabilities get on or off the stage, serve as a buddy or tend to someone who seems alone or lost.

### Sensory-friendly productions

They also may assist those with autism attending sensory-friendly productions. Within the past year, Creative Grounds introduced these productions so that those with autism would have a comfortable experience, involv-

ing keeping house lights up for those who have trouble adapting to total darkness, eliminating flickering lights and keeping the volume low. "It's one of my favorite nights performing," Mark said.

Grace Streib of Center Grove High School said she has developed invaluable skills and values while serving as a leader. "If I see students sitting alone, I don't feel awkward going up to them," she said. "We work on loving more and sharing our love in any situation. I feel more confident about that. I feel closer to God in devotion time."

Meghan Wombles, a recent Center Grove High School graduate, began performing with Creative Grounds in the spring of 2018. She

everyone. If I hadn't joined Creative Grounds, I wouldn't be pursuing musical theater in college. To know God has a plan for me is really cool. I'm really thankful I was a part of the program."

### A production done by kids

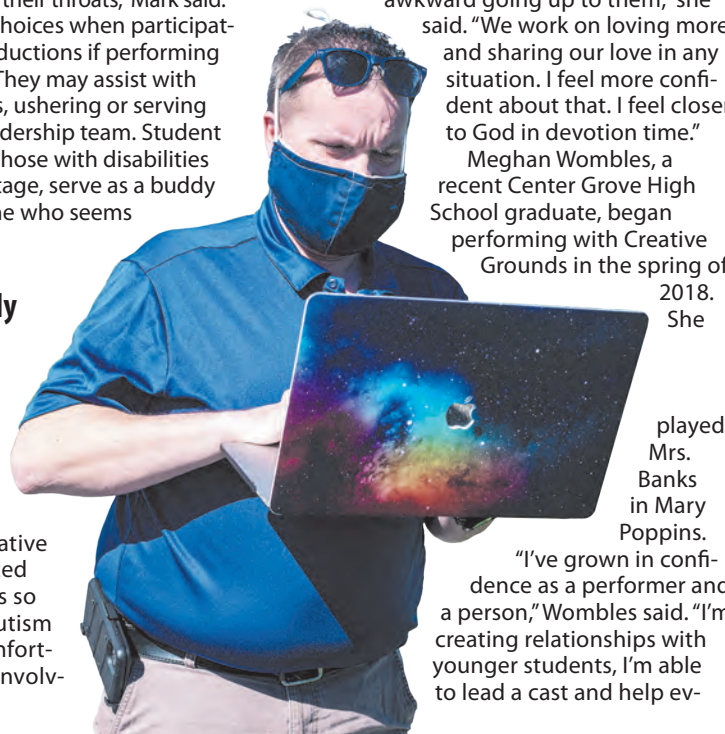
Mark said he challenges students in the production to perform at a professional level – and it pays off. "Patrons in the past said they came expecting to see kids doing a production," he said. "They left astonished to see a production done by kids."

Creative Grounds plans to show two upcoming musical performances: *Curtains*, a musical mystery comedy, from June 24-28; *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, planned for the end of July and beginning of August and *James and the Giant Peach JR.* for the end of August.

For more information, go to [cgfinearts.org](http://cgfinearts.org).

### THE SHOW MUST GO ONLINE

*THE SHOW MUST GO ONLINE* is a virtual musical, presented through a special arrangement with Beat by Beat Press, in response to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic as a way for actors to work together as an ensemble to put on a show – while staying safe in their own homes. For more information, go to [cgfinearts.org](http://cgfinearts.org).



played Mrs. Banks in *Mary Poppins*.

"I've grown in confidence as a performer and a person," Wombles said. "I'm creating relationships with younger students, I'm able to lead a cast and help ev-



THUMBS UP  
THUMBS DOWN

to Southside pantries offering drive-through service to provide for those in need.

to Leann's Animal Rescue. Leann Lawson is a Center Grove resident who's rescued and fostered more than 800 animals in the past six years. She's hosting a motorcycle fundraiser, Ride for Rescues on July 11 at 10:30 a.m. at 31 Bar and Grill, 3131 Shelby St., Indianapolis, IN 46227. All proceeds will go toward vet bills, training and food for rescues. For more information, go to leannanimalrescue.com or Facebook. Drivers of any type of vehicles are welcome to participate.

to all graduating high school seniors in Center Grove

to Kristin Rodman for becoming the new principal of Sugar Grove Elementary next month. She previously served as the assistant principal for Center Grove Elementary for three years.

to fathers on Father's Day.

QUOTE

*"My father used to say that it's never too late to do anything you wanted to do. And he said, 'You never know what you can accomplish until you try.'"*

— MICHAEL JORDAN

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

In Washington, a law to reduce crime states: "It is mandatory for a motorist with criminal intentions to stop at the city limits and telephone the chief of police as he is entering the town."

SOURCE: dumblaws.com

OUR VIEW

## Little-known facts about Father's Day

As you celebrate Father's Day next Sunday, June 21, entertain and impress your family with the following (and little-known) facts:

- Halsey Taylor invented the drinking fountain in 1912 as a tribute to his father, who succumbed to typhoid fever after drinking from a contaminated public water supply in 1896.
- A.A. Milne created Winnie the Pooh for his son, Christopher Robin. Pooh was based on Robin's teddy bear, Edward, a gift Christopher had received for his first birthday, and on their father/son visits to the London Zoo, where the bear named Winnie was Christopher's favorite. Pooh comes from the name of Christopher's pet swan.
- Andre Agassi's father represented Iran in the 1948 and 1952 Olympics as a boxer.
- Charlemagne, the eighth-century king of the Franks, united much of

Western Europe through military campaigns and has been called the "king and father of Europe." Charlemagne was also a devoted dad to about 18 children, and today, most Europeans may be able to claim Charlemagne as their ancestor.

- In the underwater world of the seahorse, it's the male that gets to carry the eggs and birth the babies.
- Dick Hoyt has pushed and pulled his son Rick, who has cerebral palsy, through hundreds of marathons and triathlons. Rick cannot speak but using a custom-designed computer he has been able to communicate. They ran their first five-mile race together when Rick was in high school. When they were done, Rick sent his father this message: "Dad, when we were running, it felt like I wasn't disabled anymore!"

For a list of more facts, go to [mentalfloss.com/article/30944/15-dad-facts-fathers-day](http://mentalfloss.com/article/30944/15-dad-facts-fathers-day).



## Top 10 Observations about the Lockdown, the Un-Lockdown and The Protests

HUMOR

By Torry Stiles

10. All kinds of folks are wondering when the high school and college football and basketball teams will start playing. Not a lot are worried about all the other kids getting their education.
9. It used to be that my curfew was "when the streetlights come on." With Daylight Savings Time that's like 10 p.m. so the mayor had to go and make it earlier.
8. My advice to all those small stores who got shut down while the big box stores were kept open: put up a shelf of soup and another of toilet paper in the back of the showroom and argue you're essential.
7. NASCAR is getting ready to have racing with fans again. The stands were so empty at the last race it reminded me of their crowds in 2019.
6. A lot of county fairs have been cancelled or will be held without rides or entertainment. Frankly, if you've wandered from the swine barn to a corn dog stand and back then you're probably already immune.
5. My last doctor visit was over the phone. It accomplished about the same as my last face-to-face exam, cost the same, too. ... We just skipped the part where I had to cough.
4. Being back at work after being quarantined was strange. I was afraid to cough and everyone else was afraid I would.
3. After a few months of going to work with no traffic on the road I'm gonna regret the un-lockdown stuff a little.
2. I see they're talking about more stimulus checks. Here's an idea: pay people to get downtown and clean off all the paint and fix some windows.
1. During the lockdown only the folks with "essential jobs" were supposed to be out and about. I guess all those other folks finally wanted their turn to get outside.

## 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 How many seniors will graduate from Center Grove High School in July?

- ☐ A. 708
- ☐ B. 936
- ☐ C. 653
- ☐ D. 629

2 What quality does Joel Hutton, this month's ICON of the Month, admire in another person?

- ☐ A. Punctuality
- ☐ B. Sensitivity
- ☐ C. Authenticity
- ☐ D. Dependability

3 In this month's Personnel Matters on the Southside Business Leader page, which of the following is NOT a strength of a passionate leader?

- ☐ A. They give their employees doughnuts and pizza every Friday
- ☐ B. They invest in people
- ☐ C. Their mission is blended into their life
- ☐ D. They believe in what they do and look to empower others

4 What restaurant in Greenwood offers a princess tea for young girls with "Belle" from *Beauty and the Beast*?

- ☐ A. Rustic Root Tea Room
- ☐ B. Sassafras Lunch & Tea Room
- ☐ C. The Flying Cupcake
- ☐ D. Cake Bake Shop

5 What historical horror novel does local librarian Amy Hamilton currently recommend for readers?

- ☐ A. The Cassandra
- ☐ B. The Hunger
- ☐ C. The Winter People
- ☐ D. The Deep

SEE ANSWERS ON PAGE 17.



## Franciscan ExpressCare offers new online feature to check, schedule appointments

**Patient app** - Franciscan Alliance has added a new feature to the Franciscan MyChart application called On My Way. This allows patients to see wait times and easily reserve their spot in line at all Franciscan ExpressCare locations in Indiana and Illinois. Saving your place in line is as easy as opening the Franciscan MyChart application on any smart phone or tablet device, clicking on the On My Way icon and answering a few simple questions. Patients without the Franciscan MyChart app can still use On My Way by going through a link on the FranciscanExpressCare.org website. With On My Way, patients can avoid sitting in the waiting room. While On My Way speeds up registration and holds your place in line, a walk-in patient with a more urgent medical need may still be seen before you. Patients who have not yet set up their Franciscan MyChart account, can go to Franciscan-MyChart.org to set up a free account. With the MyChart app, patients can:

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For more information visit Franciscan-MyChart.org or call (877) 900-5741. The MyChart Patient Call Center is open daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. EST. For more information on Franciscan ExpressCare, go to FranciscanExpressCare.org.

## Four Southside students win corporate-sponsored National Merit Scholarship awards

**Scholarship** - The National Merit Scholarship Corporation has announced that Jenna B. Hans, Joseph D. Sargent and Joshua C. Stevenson of Center Grove High School and Ryan T. Flick of Roncalli High School are winners in the 65th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Hans, Sargent and Stevenson are winners of the National Merit Rolls-Royce Scholarship, and Flick has received the National Merit Fifth Third Scholarship. Corporate sponsors provide National Merit Scholarships for finalists who are children of their employees, residents of communities the company serves, or plan to pursue college majors or careers the sponsor wishes to encourage.

# NIGHT & day LOCAL Entertainment ENTERTAINING



Left, the Norris family takes a nature walk on the trails. | Inset, Charles Norris takes a break during a nature walk. | Right top, friends and family gather to play water balloon toss. | Right bottom, Jazmin Russell rides her bike on a nature ride. (Photos by Angie Norris)



## Summer break is all about fun in the sun

### FEATURE

By Angie Norris

We're now finally able to get out of the house and enjoy fresh air and time with family this past weekend with the stay-at-home order lifted. While I have really enjoyed sharing activities for the family inside at home, let's venture outside and enjoy the sun with our families and friends!

### Water balloon toss

It's getting warm out and the kids are all out of school now. Summer break means fun, sun and of course, playing in water! One fun way to get out and enjoy the sun with our family and friends is to have a water balloon toss. For this, all you need is a whole lot of water balloons filled. Make two rows of people, one row on one side with their partner across from them. Start close to each other and toss the water balloon to your partner. After the whole row has gone, whoever

didn't drop their water balloon steps back one step. This repeats until everyone has dropped their water balloon and there is only one team left. The last ones to have their water balloon wins!

### Homemade slip and slide

Don't have a pool or any balloons but still wanna have fun in the water? No problem! Grab some trash bags from your kitchen or garage and duct tape them together to make a long slide. Grab your water hose and set it on the top part of the slide so the water runs down, and there you have it! Instant slip and slide for a fun summer break day.

### Outside games

Try getting outside and setting up a few fun games for the family to try. You could have a cornhole tournament and see who scores the most bean bags. Throw a base-

ball, play kickball, or badminton. Or even just set up a table, grab some cups and see who can stack the highest cup tower.

### Nature walk and ride

Most of us have been stuck in the house for weeks, even months. What better way to get out and help get ourselves back into shape than to go on nature walks or rides? Find a nice spot that has a good trail and get your family out there for a long walk or even a bike ride. You could take a picnic with you and take a lunch break halfway through to make it even more fun and give you energy for the rest of the walk. See how many different trees you can find, count how many miles you've gone, or even make up silly ways to walk, or silly songs to sing.

Summer break is all about fun in the sun and playing in the water for most kids. Make your family's summer break more memorable this year by trying these fun outdoor activities.



## AN OPTION

## Puerto Vallarta

This colorful Mexican restaurant, with intricately carved booths and bright murals, is a Main Street fixture in Greenwood. Guests can expect classic Tex-Mex food with a few surprises, such as the Vulcan, a fajita that consists of chicken, shrimp and cactus, and home-made Mexican chili with beans. "We love the guacamole made at your table," stated a customer review. "Definitely the best fajitas around!" according to another, while others praised the ample portions. There's a variety of popular options for children: "My 8-year-old loved the tacos," according to a mom. For dessert, there's sopapilla, fried ice cream, flan, churros and Mexican-fried cheesecake. Customer reviews rave about the alcoholic drinks: in addition to draft, domestic and imported



Most burrito combo meals are priced around \$8.00. (Submitted photo)

beer, there's wine by the glass is \$4, a variety of flavored daiquiris, including mango, strawberry, peach, pina colada, orange and banana and "excellent hand-poured margaritas!" commented a guest, along with fast and friendly service.

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## COFFEE BREAK



Afternoon teatime with an English biscuit. (Submitted photo)

## Sassafras Lunch &amp; Tea Room

229 N. Madison Ave., Greenwood, IN 46142

## Recommended:

The Monte Cristo sandwich: cinnamon bread with ham and provolone cheese topped with powdered sugar and served with apple butter for dipping.

## About the bakery:

Sassafras Lunch & Tea Room, with its quaint and cozy environment, mini desserts and china tea cups, is the perfect place to celebrate a birthday or host a bridal or baby shower or wedding rehearsal dinner. You can even schedule a "princess tea" for your little girl and her friends, "Our group was thoroughly impressed with the tea selection here!" commented a reviewer. "The mini cupcakes are to die for!" stated another. "The whole place just oozes class and sophistication."

## Funfact:

The princess tea includes "Belle" from *Beauty and the Beast* who sings and visits with young girls.

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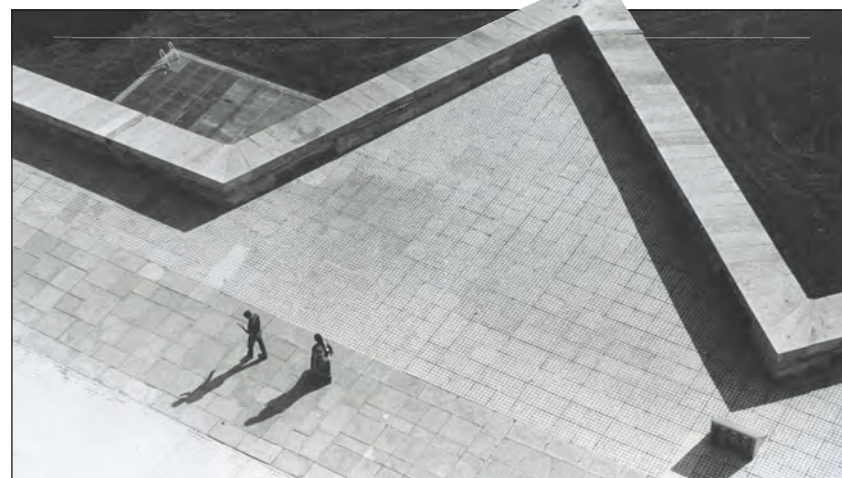
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## ICONICbriefs



Elyse Roge's photograph will be published in an online gallery in June. (Photo by Elyse Roge)

### CGHS junior awarded National Scholastic art medal

**Recognition** - Center Grove High School junior Elyse Roge is the recipient of a national medal for photography through the 2020 Scholastic Awards. The Alliance for Young Artists & Writers awards students who exhibit exceptional artistic and literary talent. More than 110,000 students submitted nearly 320,000 works of art and writing to the 2020 Scholastic Awards. Regional Gold Key winners advance to the national competition where they are reviewed by some of the foremost leaders in the visual and literary arts for excellence in originality, technical skill and the emergence of a personal voice or vision. Only 3,000 works received a national medal, which ranks them among

the top 1 percent of all submissions. "Elyse is a talented artist and always gives her best effort," said Jackie Fowler, CGHS visual arts teacher. "She is a keen observer and intentional in her work. This award is well deserved! Not many people would have stopped to capture such a moment on film. Such a prestigious national honor is a validation for our artists, and I am proud she was recognized." Elyse's photograph will be published in an online gallery at [artandwriting.org](http://artandwriting.org) in June. She will also be listed in the Yearbook 2020, a companion publication to The Best Teen Art and The Best Teen Writing anthologies which feature a selection of work by national medalists.

### Preventia Group, LLC welcomes new vice president

**New staff** - Preventia is excited to announce and welcome Susan Rider as vice president of sales & operations. Susan will be responsible for expanding our employer, TPA and broker sectors, growing our operations team and driving revenue growth. The vice president role was created as a result of Preventia's anticipated rapid growth and expansion in the employer market. For the last 12 years, Susan worked for a local brokerage firm focusing her efforts advising employers as it relates to human capital strategies and employee benefits. Under Rider's tenure she helped employers align their human



capital and total reward strategies for their future workforce. Rider is actively involved in the National Association of Health Underwriters and is the incoming national professional development chair. She was recently appointed to the Governor Holcomb's Indiana Department of Insurance (IDOI) CE Advisory Council and continues to serve on ISAHU's legislative team. She has received multiple awards, including recognition in the Hot 100 Agents by Insurance Business Magazine and 25 Most Influential Women in Benefit Advising by Employee Benefit Advisor. Rider received her master's degree from the University of Indianapolis in Strategic Leadership and Design.



## Celebrating freedom and the return of local businesses

By Nancy Price

As our local community re-opens, the Center Grove ICON has transitioned our special section from "Uplift the Downturn" to "The Comeback." We will begin reporting on businesses in the Center Grove area reopening and guidelines you can expect as you revisit them.

As well, with the Fourth of July just a few weeks ago, we are focusing on celebrating freedom. We asked three locals what freedom means to them and they responded from their own point of view as a military veteran, broadcast journalist and real estate broker.

From the staff of the *Center Grove ICON*, we wish you a very happy Fourth of July.

## Christian Brothers Automotive franchise owner offers advice to keep cars in good condition

### FEATURE

By Nancy Price

Although auto repair shops are considered an essential business during the pandemic, they have suffered substantially due to the vast majority of customers working at home and rarely venturing out. Locally, businesses are beginning to reopen and traffic on the road has increased.

"As people have begun returning to their normal lives our workload has picked up significantly," said Dave Barnett, franchise owner for Christian Brothers Automotive in Center Grove. "Our large waiting area can accommodate several customers at a time while maintaining social distancing. We are also happy to take customers home, to work, or wherever they need to go in our courtesy shuffle. Customers can feel safe whether they stay with us or choose to wait elsewhere. Like our building, the shuttle is routinely cleaned with disinfectant."

Barnett said he recommends that car owners rarely operating their vehicles

should take their car for a short drive at least once a week to keep it in good operating condition. He warned of additional problems that can result from lack of use.

"Batteries are one component that often fail when a vehicle is not used regularly," Barnett said. "Other systems also experience degradation when vehicles remain parked for extended periods of time. Small animals can even infest cars that are left sitting. We have recently repaired several vehicles with damaged wiring caused by rodents who had taken residence inside the parked cars and chewed through electrical components."

Christian Brothers Automotive is a Christian faith-based franchise locally owned and operated by the Barnett family and provides free oil changes to Johnson County pastors. In addition, Christian Brothers welcomes customers to visit its new shop at the corner of Smith Valley and Morgantown roads. For more information, including making an appointment, call (317) 743-2763 or visit [cbac.com/greenwood](http://cbac.com/greenwood).



Top, Christian Brothers Automotive franchise owner Dave Barnett. | Bottom, cars may develop problems from lack of use. (Submitted photos)



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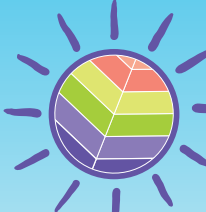


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## Roncalli High School interim president announced

**Interim president** - With Dr. Joe Hollowell's retirement from Roncalli High School (RHS), beginning July 1, Archbishop Charles C. Thompson has appointed Very Reverend Robert J. Robeson, V.F., Ph.D., M.Ed. the interim president of Roncalli for the 2020-21 program year. Since August 2016, Fr. Robeson has served as the pastor of Holy Name of Jesus Parish in Beech Grove, and administrator of Good Shepherd Parish in Indianapolis. In 2018, he was also appointed dean of the Indianapolis South Deanery. As such, Fr. Bob participates as an ex-officio member of the Roncalli Board of Directors and has been a liaison between the south deanery priests and Roncalli leadership. He will continue in these roles along with the role of interim president at RHS. Please join the Roncalli community in welcoming Fr. Bob Robeson in this new capacity and continue to pray for the education and formation of all current and future Rebels. The search for the next Roncalli High School president will continue. Building upon the past 50 years of excellence, the hiring of an exceptional Catholic school leader is a priority for the established search team and the Office of Catholic Schools.

## CarDon's new program keeps seniors active during COVID-19

**Senior living** - With gyms and malls closed and people growing wary to venture outside, mental and physical health is at risk. That's why CarDon & Associates is helping its community residents - and seniors at large - stay active and engaged from the comfort of their homes. CarDon's new video exercise program, CarDon Conditioning, stretches the brain and body. The organization's Bloomington community, Bell Trace, will lead the effort. Every Monday, Life Enrichment Director Julie Hill will post Mindful Monday videos, sharing mindful motivation and meditation. On Fit Fridays, Fitness Center Director Alyssa Jackson will guide viewers through a seated exercise class. "During this difficult time of quarantine and isolation, we're proud to provide a way for our residents and the entire senior population to stay happy and healthy," said Chief Operating Officer Gregg Gormal. "Technology is a much-needed tool in times like these, and this video series is a great virtual means for connecting with our seniors. We hope it will be a highlight of their weekly routine at home." Keep an eye out for the video exercise program on CarDon's Facebook, Twitter and YouTube pages. You can also access the videos on CarDon's website at [cardon.us/](http://cardon.us/) [cardon-conditioning.com](http://cardon-conditioning.com).



Left, proceeds from T-shirt and bake sales will benefit Black Lives Matter and Dream Defenders in honor of George Floyd. | Above, Joel and Maggie Hutton with their kids, Teddy, 5, Marshall, 2 and Clara, 7. (Submitted photos)

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## Center Grove mother starts local fundraiser in memory of George Floyd

### FEATURE

By Nancy Price

Globally, millions of people are angered, shocked and saddened by the recent homicide of George Floyd. Thousands worldwide have protested.

A local mother, feeling helpless after Floyd's death, has created a fundraiser, called "Moms for George." "As a mama, I wanted to run to him and comfort him," said Maggie Hutton, a Center Grove resident. "I wanted to save him. He wasn't my baby, but he was someone's child. I wanted to help. I cried to my friends. They wanted to help, too. So, here we are, making cookies and baked goods, grieving the loss of George Floyd and mourning with our black community. We understand that we will never understand. But we see you and we will fight."

Hutton invites the community to order baked goods from the website she created: [momsforgeorge.com](http://momsforgeorge.com). Baked

goods include sugar cream pie, chocolate chip cookies, banana bread and M&M cookies. Twenty dollars per item is a suggested donation. In addition, Hutton partnered with Golden Press Studios in Franklin to create T-shirts for \$30.

All proceeds will go toward Black Lives Matter and Dream Defenders in honor of Floyd.

To order baked goods or a T-shirt, go to [momsforgeorge.com/shop](http://momsforgeorge.com/shop), use Venmo (MaggieJHutton) or PayPal (MaggieJHutton@gmail.com) and include your selection in the memo. You may pick up your treat on Sundays from noon to 1 p.m. If ordered after 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, the goods will be ready for pickup the following Sunday.

The pickup address is as follows: Indy Therapy and Counseling, 7550 S. Meridian St., Ste. A, Indianapolis, IN 46217.

Those with questions may email Hutton at [momsforgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:momsforgeorge@gmail.com).



## ICONICrewind



Roncalli staff members cheer the class of 2020: Kim Striby, Lisa Beckwith, Jessica Engel, Chuck Weisenbach, Jessica Gattuso, Morgan Ellis and Angela Maly. (Submitted photo)

### Roncalli High School hosts parade to celebrate seniors

**Graduation** - On Saturday, May 23, the date originally scheduled for Roncalli graduation, the faculty and staff celebrated the class of 2020 by hosting a parade down Prague Road and around the circle that marks the center of campus. Teachers and staff lined the route in their best spirit wear and signs to cheer for the senior class. At the end of the route, seniors met their guidance counselor and principal and were gifted with a senior box. Each student received a personal letter from a teacher or staff member, a letter written to the class from the faculty, an 8 x 10 class composite, a copy of the senior refecton, the latest edition of *The Rebel Review*, their academic and athletic awards, a

package of school cookies, a specially designed decal sticker, their graduation cap, tassel and all cords and medals they earned. Students and their parents decorated their cars with Rebel spirit, many included a flag or picture of the college they will attend next year. "Thanks to everyone who came out for the class of 2020! It was awesome to see how 'R' family comes together coronavirus-style. So many seniors and their parents were in tears and so clearly touched by the love and excitement they could feel," said Lisa Beckwith, director of guidance. Plans are set for having a memorable graduation ceremony for the class of 2020 on Tuesday, July 21 at 8 p.m. in the Roncalli Stadium.

### Center Grove High School graduate gains experience at Indiana Statehouse

**Internship** - Cheyenne Hodges recently served as an intern for the Indiana Senate Majority Caucus during the 2020 legislative session. Hodges, a resident of Greenwood, is the daughter of Jennifer Brian and Benjamin Hodges. She graduated from Center Grove High School and is a senior at Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis studying international business and marketing, while minoring in economics. "Cheyenne has done great work for us this session," Bray said. "It's always great to have local students participate in the internship program here at the Senate." As a legislative intern, Hodges tracked and analyzed



Cheyenne Hodges with Senate President Pro Tem Rodric Bray (R-Martinsville). (Submitted photo)

bill data, provided constituent services, staffed Senate committee hearings and meetings and conducted legislative policy research. Senate Majority interns work through the duration of the legislative session, which ended March 14.

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## The Deep: haunting historical novel set on the Titanic and Britannica ships

### BOOK REVIEW

By Amy Hamilton

*The Deep* is the latest historical horror novel by Alma Katsu. It tells the story about what really happened to the ships, the Titanic and the Britannic. Annie, a young Irish woman, was raised with tales of the sea witch Dubheasa, who seeks innocents and hears the cries of drowning victims. Onboard the *Titanic*, a young boy hears a woman crying in the ocean and almost goes overboard before being rescued. Annie wonders if the near drowning was the work of the sea witch or another evil spirit.

While working as a stewardess, she becomes immersed in the lives of her guests on the first-class floor that she manages. Jewelry goes missing, a séance goes awry and Annie becomes increasingly concerned about the behavior changes of the people around her and herself. Who can she trust to help her find the truth if she can't trust herself?

*The Deep* is a haunting historical horror novel that is well-researched and richly detailed. Recommend this one for fans of Dacre Stoker and J.D. Barker's *Dracul*, or Elizabeth Kostova's *The Historian*.

### ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

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*The Indomitable Florence Finch:  
The Untold Story of a War Widow Turned  
Resistance Fighter and Savior of American POWs*  
by Robert J. Mrazek

*How the Penguins Saved Veronica*  
by Hazel Prior

*Take a Hint, Dani Brown* by Talia Hibbert  
*Dark August* by Katie Tallo

#### Young Adult:

*Half Life* by Lillian Clark

*10 Things I Hate about Pinky*  
by Sandhya Menon

*Little Creeping Things* by Chelsea Icho

*A Song of Wraiths and Ruin*  
by Roseanne A. Brown

#### Children:

*Asha and the Spirit Bird* by Jasbinder Bilan  
*When I Hit the Road* by Nancy J. Cavanaugh  
*All Along the River* by Magnus Weightman  
*Bunny Overboard* by Claudia Rueda



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



Left, Vinay Bhamidipati, valedictorian. | Right, Anna Puderbaugh, salutatorian. (Submitted photos)



## Center Grove High School seniors to graduate in July at in-person ceremony

### FEATURE

By Nancy Price

A few months ago, schools around the world closed their doors and students were forced to attend classes online. School activities, athletic events, spring break trips and proms were canceled. Many high school seniors and their families were uncertain if there would even be a traditional graduation.

As school administrators began announcing intentions for virtual graduations, petitions began to crop up all over the country, as thousands of seniors and parents, including those from Center Grove, signed and pleaded for a last chance to say "goodbye" to friends and teachers.

On May 12, Center Grove High School Principal Dr. Jeffrey Henderson announced that the school would hold an in-person, outdoor, commencement ceremony on July 11 at Ray Skillman Stadium. "We want to provide a way to honor our seniors, while working with the governor's Back on Track Indiana guidelines to keep everyone safe," he said.

Center Grove High School recently announced that the class of 2020 valedictorian is Vinay Bhamidipati, who ended the school year with a GPA of 4.846. Bhamidipati plans to attend

Purdue University to study computer engineering. The salutatorian is Anna Puderbaugh, who finished with a GPA of 4.81. She plans to attend the University of Kentucky where she will study neuroscience/pre-medical.

A total of 629 graduates will walk the stage to receive their diplomas. One of these graduates, Philip Golder, has accepted an appointment to the United States Air Force Academy. Two others are enrolling in an ROTC program: Luke Schmitt (Army) and Lindsey Howard (Air Force). Ten students have shared plans to enlist in the military.

"In the most unusual ending to a school year I have ever experienced in my career, I remain optimistic about the future, knowing that this class of fine young adults will be leaders of tomorrow," Henderson said. "They may have left the halls of CGHS prematurely and without so many of the traditional experiences of a 'normal' year, but I am confident that they have the compassion, conviction and preparation to leave their mark on the world, no matter what they choose to pursue after high school. I wish them every success as they discover what the future holds for them."

From the staff of the *Center Grove ICON*, we congratulate all graduating seniors and wish the best for their futures.



Center Grove High School student council members. (Submitted photo)

## CGHS Student Council honored as National Gold Council of Excellence for third consecutive year

**Recognition** - The National Student Council (NatStuCo) has named Center Grove High School's Student Council a 2020 National Gold Council of Excellence for the third consecutive year. "CGHS student council works diligently to make our school a better place," said Tracy McMahan, assistant principal. "From planning events to foster school spirit or hosting MIC and county leadership seminars, our members and sponsors go above and beyond every time. We are so proud of all they do for our school and for others." "Receiving a National Gold Council of Excellence Award reflects the highest dedication on the part of the school to providing a strong, well-rounded student council program," said Nara Lee, National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP) director of student leadership. "NatStuCo applauds the work of the National Gold Councils of Excellence and challenges them to continue their leadership and service to their schools and communities." To meet the requirements for the National Council of Excellence Award, a student council must meet a variety of criteria. In addition to basic requirements such as a written constitution, regular meetings and a democratic election process, the councils have demonstrated successful sponsorship and participation in activities such as leadership development and service to the school and community. Councils awarded the gold level of the award have successfully demonstrated the highest levels of leadership.

## Center Grove real estate statistics

**Real estate** - The Center Grove real estate market remained stable in April 2020. According to F.C. Tucker Company, the average price for a home in Center Grove decreased 2.3 percent to \$297,159, compared to April 2019. However, Center Grove homes left the market more quickly, spending five fewer days on the market compared to this time last year. The average price per square foot also increased by 5.7 percent, to \$131.42, compared to April 2019.



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## PERSONNEL MATTERS

The four signs of a passionate leader:  
how to use your strengths to help others

By Mike Heffner

I believe what separates those successful as leaders and those that are not is passion. The most successful leaders look to make a difference through others. They have a passion for their mission and love what they do. You can see and feel it. You want to be around them. Let's look at the four reasons why:

**They are excited about the possibilities.** They see lemonade when given lemons. Passionate leaders navigate the difficult times and help others see what can be done vs. what can't be done. They believe in their team and help others focus on the mission at hand. They would say "can't" is a bad four-letter word. They challenge others in a positive way to see things through a different lens. They ask, "why not?"

**Their mission is blended into their life.** Passionate leaders don't dread Monday! They

look forward to it. Some call them workaholics, but these leaders don't see it that way. They get to do what they love. It's often hard to separate their work and their lives because they are passionate about helping people be successful. You don't turn that on at 8 a.m. and off at 5 p.m. The mission is always present.

**They invest in people.** They put others before themselves. They see hope where others see despair. They do this in every aspect of their life, not just their work. They are in their community looking to make a difference. You see them involved, serving and caring. They don't see this investment as time, but as a way to make an impact.

**They believe in what they do and look to empower others.** They GET to be leaders. They understand that some days are not great days. They see difficulty as an opportunity instead of a burden. They rarely give up and they see their work

as part of their mission.

Look to use your strengths and passion in a way that helps others, so you GET the chance to be passionate every day. You may get criticized for working too hard or not living a work/life balance. However, the passionate leader doesn't break life into compartments. They lump everything together and look to make a difference in the lives of others.



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## PEER-TO-PEER

No good deed goes unpunished:  
why the unemployed aren't looking for work

By Howard Hubler

As I write this column, unemployment is around 10 to 15 percent. I read an article that suggested the last time unemployment was this high it was right after the depression of 1929.

Ironically, as we restart our businesses with so many layoffs, many people are needing to hire new staffing. In our business, we need new employees for clerical, technical and sales jobs.

We have covered the marketplace for job advertisements, yet we have hired no one this past week. There have been no replies. Some auto dealers in the Indy market laid off hundreds of people. I know there are skill sets out there. Why wouldn't these people be fighting for a new job opportunity?

Try this on for size: every family of four received about \$3,000 under the coronavirus relief plan. Those unemployed receive \$600 a week in unemployment checks, in addition to receiving \$3,000. They are making as much or more money than when they were working full time. People who live week to

week are flush with cash.

Some did not work because they were scared of COVID-19, while others took care of school-age kids at home. Some took care of elderly parents. When it was time to go back to work, these people made excuses for not working. This is standard operating procedure in the real world. If unemployment was 5 percent higher than it is today, I would venture to say the outlook would not be much different.

In closing, what the government did in my opinion was to overshoot the mark, undergirding us financially for the goodwill COVID-19 help. Now every day Americans are welfare recipients. As it relates to the government's kindness, "no good deed goes unpunished."



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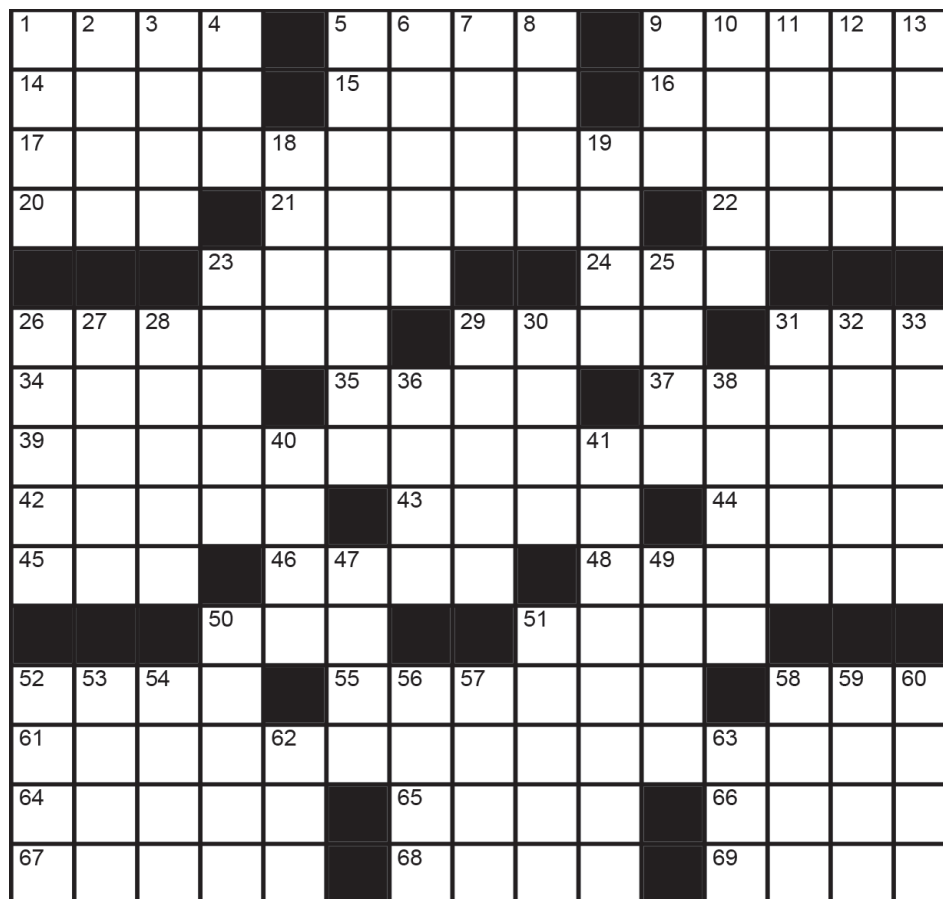
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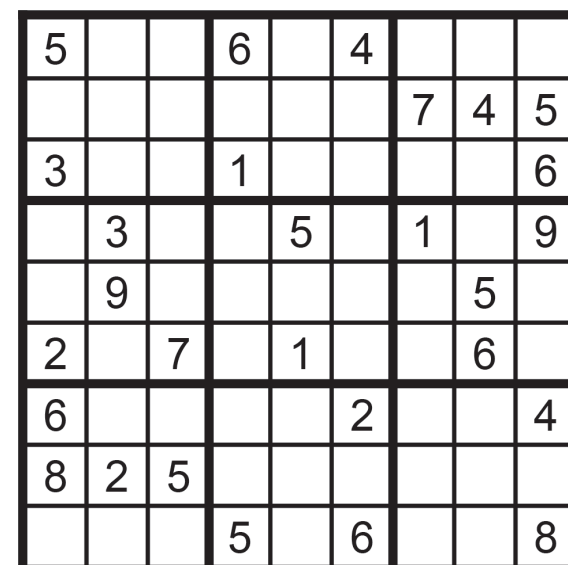
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## When you pray, do you do so with sincerity in your heart?

### DEVOTIONAL

By Pastor  
Chris Philbeck

In his book, *And the Angels Were Silent*, Max Lucado tells the story of a bishop who was traveling by ship to visit a church across the ocean. While in route, the ship stopped at an island for a day. He went for a walk on a beach and came upon three fishermen mending their nets.

Curious about their trade, he asked them some questions. When they found out he was a Christian leader, they got excited. "We are Christians!" they said, proudly pointing to one another. The bishop was impressed but cautious. Did they know the Lord's Prayer? They had never heard of it. "What do you say, then, when you pray?" "We pray, 'We are three, you are three, have mercy on us.'" The bishop was appalled at the primitive nature of the prayer, so he spent the day teaching them the Lord's Prayer. And before the bishop sailed away the next day, they could recite the prayer with no mistakes.

On the return trip the bishop's ship drew near the island again. When the island came into view the bishop came to the deck and recalled with pleasure the men he had taught and resolved to go see them again. As he was thinking a light appeared on the horizon near the island. It seemed to be getting nearer. As the bishop gazed in wonder, he realized

the three fishermen were walking toward him on the water. Soon all the passengers and crew were on the deck to see the sight. When they were within speaking distance, the fisherman cried out, "Bishop, we hurried to come and meet you. We are so sorry, but we forgot the lovely prayer. We say, 'Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name ...' and then we forget. Please tell us prayer again." The bishop was humbled and said, "Go back to your homes, my friends, and when you pray say, 'We are three, you are three, have mercy on us.'"

As I go through life there are many times when I feel inadequate in my pursuit of God. I convince myself that other believers have a much better approach to prayer and devotion. But then God finds a way to remind me that what matters most to Him, is not the eloquence of my prayers or the pattern of my approach, but the sincerity of my heart. Jesus said in Matthew 5:8, *Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.* God sees (hears) our hearts more than our words.



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**Hats:** COWBOY, FEDORA, PANAMA, SOMBRERO, STRAW;  
**Books:** DEAR JOHN, THE CHOICE, THE NOTEBOOK, THE WEDDING;  
**Terms:** HOOK, JAB, PUNCH;  
**Daniels:** MEL, MITCH;

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# Joel Hutton

## Therapist works with local churches to reduce mental illness stigma

By Nancy Price

Joel Hutton decided to pursue a career as a therapist after witnessing a number of people hurting from their problems. "People would come to my church asking practical questions and get spiritual answers. There was a disconnect. I started studying social work for the sole purpose of becoming a clinical therapist and filling a clear need as I saw it."

Hutton has practiced therapy for four years, and opened Indy Therapy and Counseling last year. He has recently worked with local TV stations and newspapers to provide advice and promote the importance of managing one's mental health during the coronavirus. He also works with several churches in the area to help reduce the stigma of mental illness by offering group trainings for leadership, small group leaders, ministry departments and the congregation.

"Educating on various mental illnesses, how to support people experiencing mental illness, when to refer to a professional, how to start the conversation and how to better assimilate individuals experiencing mental illness into community life," Hutton said.

### What is your greatest virtue?

Compassion. I always say there isn't anyone you couldn't love once you've heard their story.

### What upsets you?

It is likely when I make the same mistake twice. Because ~~tht~~ is something ~~tht~~ is very upsetting. *(In case you didn't catch the irony, I misspelled that on purpose.)*

### What do you like best about Center Grove?

I love the schools. I trust my children will gain a great education. I've loved the teachers they have had.

### What's your favorite Southside eatery?

La Trattoria.

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

I would move to an area that I felt I could be of benefit for the community.

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

I would not have many things I love and enjoy today if the difficult events or questionable choices changed.

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

Being an avid sports guy, I would love to buy a football or basketball franchise.

### What makes you happiest?

Watching my kids grow, develop and succeed.

### Pick three adjectives that best describe you.

Spontaneous, creative, down to earth.

### What is your favorite vacation spot?

If a friend called me up today and said we are going scuba diving around the parts of the Great Wall of China that are totally submersed ... let's buy plane tickets today!

### What do you do with idle time?

If my wife and I do get the chance to get some time away, we sponsor Broadway in Indianapolis, so we'll go to a show, hit up Topgolf, or go somewhere like Mass Ave.

### What would you change about our culture if you could?

I would absolutely choose to eliminate

systematic racism and the denial of its existence.

### How do you escape from reality?

Would really love to get into a dynasty league. If anyone is looking for another player, look me up and let me know.

### What do you love most in life?

My family. Everything else is just extra.

### Which living person in Center Grove do you most admire?

My wife, Maggie! It's amazing to me how much she can accomplish and how she can still be so present while accomplishing so much.

### What quality do you admire most in another person?

Authenticity. If you aren't yourself, then you never know what it truly feels like to be loved by someone else, because you

will likely always wonder if the people showing love to you would continue to love you if they knew you.

### What is your greatest extravagance?

If you know me, then you know and also may have experienced embarrassment ordering my Starbucks drink.

### What is your greatest fear?

Not living life to the fullest. Settling for less.

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

Outside of my wedding and birth of my children, I would have to say the day my business went into the black. That's the biggest risk when you start a business and it's this consistent, nagging thought of, "Will I make it?" As a business owner, that thought never truly leaves. I feel it's common to always wonder when the bottom might fall out, but to know I've made it this far with the help and support of my wife and team brings happiness.

### Is there a special talent you really wish you had?

It's a tough choice between having really keen negotiating skills, painting, or speaking a few languages.

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

I value friends that are low maintenance. People that understand that life gets hectic and if you haven't heard from me in a while it's not because I love you less.

### Which historical figures do you most admire?

Jesus Christ, George Washington, Martin Luther King Jr., Aristotle, Sigmund Freud, Mother Theresa, Nelson Mandela, Ada Lovelace, Queen Elizabeth II and Neil Armstrong.

### What tenet do you live by?

Live in the now. Be present. Enjoy the moment. Relax. Release the things that are out of your control.

### What would people be surprised to learn about you?

There was a time in my life when I wouldn't have shown any authentic grace to people experiencing mental illness. That's a long story. So, I'm thankful that change is possible.







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