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## Mutual Savings Bank hires new Compliance and Internal Audit Officer

**New hire** - Mutual Savings Bank, the only locally based community bank in Johnson County, has announced that Brad Woehler is the new Compliance and CRA Officer, BSA Officer, Security Officer and Internal Auditor. "We are pleased to have Brad join our team. The areas of compliance, BSA and internal audit are very important to our bank. Brad has a background that will help keep us performing at a high level in this area and continuing to maintain a goal of utilizing best practices," said David A. Coffey, president and CEO. Brad has previous experience from being the Internal Auditor and Assistant Compliance Officer at First Federal Savings and Loan Association in Greensburg, Ind. He, his wife and three children reside in Shelbyville, Ind. Over the next six months, Brad will be working closely with Chris Schaefer, current Internal Auditor, who has announced his intention to retire at the end of the 2020.





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## **SURVIVING TO** *Thriving* **Bridges Alliance of Johnson County** helps local residents in poverty and educates others on impoverishment

### COVER STORY

By Nancy Price

**More than 20 percent of Johnson County families find their living costs exceed what they earn.**

More than 7 percent of Johnson County households are in poverty, and 21.5 percent are A.L.I.C.E. households, according to Mark Kramer, board president of Bridges Alliance of Johnson County (BAJC). "A.L.I.C.E. is an acronym for Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed. It represents the growing number of individuals and families who are working but are unable to afford the basic necessities of housing, childcare, food, transportation, health care and technology," he said. "There has never been more of a need to help those that are impacted by situational poverty."

Kramer, a Center Grove resident, has been involved with BAJC since August of 2016, when he was part of the original steering committee. The organization began as an initial partnership between KIC-IT, a Franklin-based social service organization that assists with housing needs for homeless youth in Johnson County, and Home Bank, which brought the author of *Bridges to Sustainable Communities: A Systemwide, Cradle-to-Grave Approach to Ending Poverty in America*, Phil DeVol, to Johnson County two months previously.

### A Community Collaboration

"The group adopted a mission that fosters collaboration among businesses, agencies, churches and individual residents of Johnson County to end poverty by providing proven tools, resources, support and

relationships to break the cycle of poverty," Kramer said. "In addition, we work to address systemic community issues that are barriers to those in poverty."

BAJC, which became a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation in November of 2018, partners with the Bridges Out of Poverty community support program, founded by Dr. Ruby Payne, which provides concepts, workshops and products to help individuals understand, address and reduce poverty in a comprehensive way, with Circles® USA, which creates an environment that educates, empowers and equips members to move up and out of poverty successfully.

Leslie Daugherty of Center Grove joined the board of BAJC in January of 2018 as a Circles coordinator. "I did not know how much I would learn about what it is like to live in poverty and the systems we have in place that make it really hard for people to get out," she said. "I was excited to be a part of creating a program that would benefit my community."

### Breaking Out of Poverty

The 12-week "Surviving to Thriving" training class includes a self-assessment of resources, goal setting, budgeting, job readiness, understanding the hidden rules of economic classes and poverty and its underlying clauses.

"This prepares the individuals for relationship building and matched pairing with al-

lies who serve as intentional friends as they navigate toward their goals over the next 18 months or more," said Kramer. "Frequently, goals include education, vocational training and job search. Individuals need to be willing to make a long-term commitment as change does not happen overnight. People experiencing poverty are more equipped to achieve long-term financial stability when surrounded by people who have landed and kept jobs, managed credit card debt and know others in the community who can help with car repairs, banking, tutoring and so forth."

"Our Circles co-

ordinator and resource teams network in the community with various agencies to ensure additional support for our families," Kramer continued. "The bulk of our support is relationship based as the allies and circle leaders meet almost weekly to discuss the leader's goals and concerns, gain knowledge to help them meet their goals and work together to learn about obstacles to people in poverty in their area. The Circle leaders are the experts and are called upon to communicate with community leaders, alongside circles volunteers, discussing ways to improve the situation. Areas we have focused on include transportation and attainable housing."

### Building Relationships

"All volunteers have told us how their eyes have been open to what difficulties families and individuals face in poverty," he said. "They value the friendships they have made and truly enjoy the Circles community. We continue to build relationships with groups in the county working to better our community, including Aspire, LJC, Franklin College and others."

Kramer said that past participants have described the training program as life changing. "Sixty percent of individuals in our program have become employed or obtained better jobs," he said. "Fifty percent have gotten housing or improved their living situation. Twenty percent have increased their level of education."



### Bridges Alliance of Johnson County MATCHING FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

Through the end of July, BAJC is hosting its first online matching fundraising campaign. A donor has pledged to match the first \$5,000 raised. Funds will go toward adding a part-time position to provide support for relationship building between allies and leaders, build and maintain connections with human service agencies and other community support structures and educate the Circles community on mental health areas, including trauma and its relationship to poverty. For more information or to donate, go to [bridgesalliancejc.org](http://bridgesalliancejc.org).



Above, Leslie Daugherty and Mark Kramer are board members of Bridges Alliance of Johnson County. (Photos by Neal Smith) | Bottom left, Tim and Patty Weaver stock shelves at Interchurch Food Pantry in Franklin. (Photos by Neal Smith) | Bottom right, participants listen during a training class designed to help them with budgeting, goal setting and job readiness. (Submitted photo)





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

## 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 shuttle. 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).

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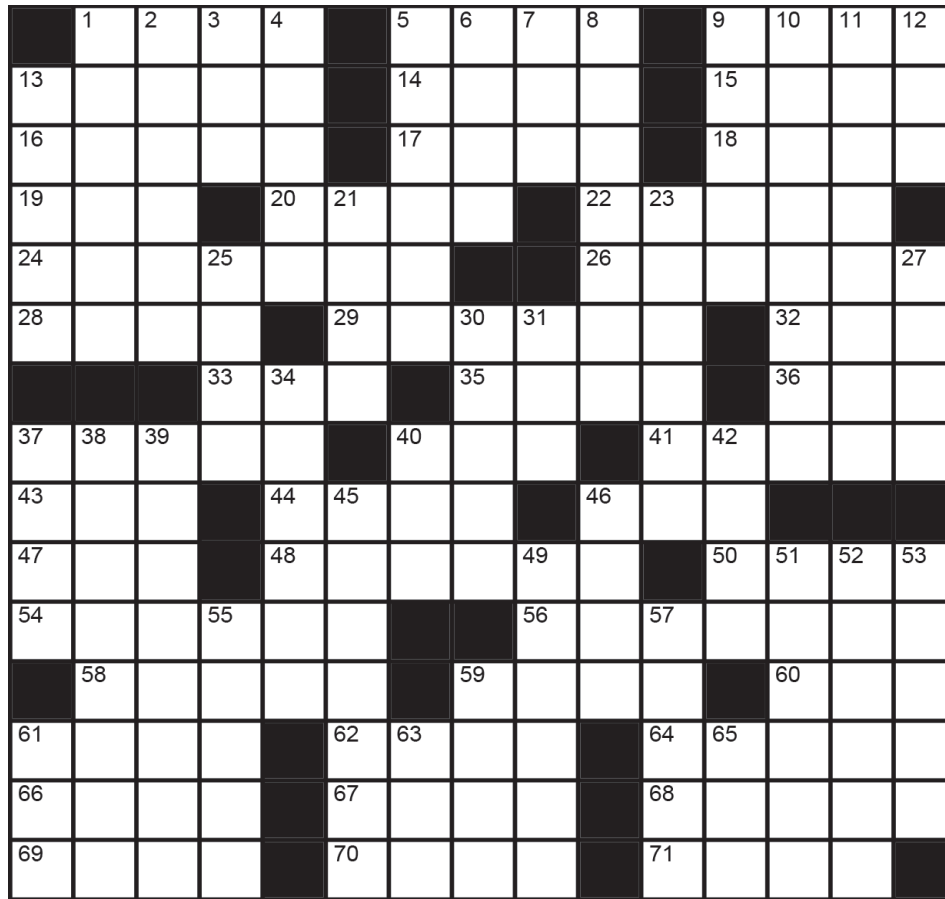
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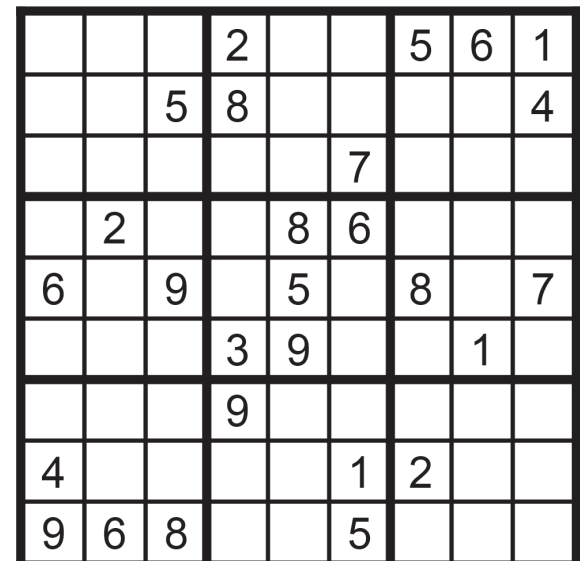
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## Johnson County schools start classes for the 2020-21 school year with safety measures in place

By Nancy Price

Johnson County public schools plan to start classes as originally scheduled for the 2020-21 school year. Under guidance from the Johnson County Health Department and the state, each district within the county will have its own specific plan. Guiding principles include limiting school building visitors, in addition to implementing the following safety measures: strongly encouraging students and staff to wear masks,

with masks required in some setting; providing frequent opportunities for handwashing and/or hand sanitation; and requiring students and staff to be fever free (and fever-reducing medication free) for 72 hours prior to returning school. Center Grove, Greenwood Christian Academy, Greenwood Community and Roncalli schools may have additional specific measures included. Please read letters in this section from the schools' superintendents or principals for more information.



The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Mary Bryan Chapter recognized Southside students last spring. From left, Anna Lowe of Greenwood Community High School, Ayden Hartman of Homcroft Elementary School, Toni Joyner of Whiteland Community High School and Calista Stafford of Center Grove High School. (Submitted photo)

## Center Grove Community School Corporation

On behalf of the Center Grove Board of School Trustees, administration, faculty and support staff, we would like to welcome everyone back to school on Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2020! This year's first day of school is one we have been eagerly anticipating. We have certainly missed our students and colleagues during the extended closure and summer months. Our administrators and staff, along with our teachers' association, have been working diligently on our plan to return to school. Our top priority remains the safety of our students and staff. We are implementing safety measures as recommended, along with a thorough three-step cleaning process in all school buildings. We have worked to make as few changes as possible to our school day and school calendar to provide our families with stability, while developing precautions and protocols to protect their health. Our Teach-

ing & Learning team has worked with our principals and teachers to develop extensive plans to help students who may need additional support to start the school year. They have also created a virtual learning model for families who choose that option over traditional learning during this time. Much more information is available on our district website at [centergrove.k12.in.us/Return2020](http://centergrove.k12.in.us/Return2020). We appreciate the extraordinary partnership we share with our parents and residents of our community as we work to provide exceptional educational experiences for our students. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for the 2020-21 school year!

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**Mr. Michael C. Chitty**  
Superintendent of Schools

## Greenwood Community School Corporation

On behalf of the Greenwood Community School Corporation Board of Education, I would like to welcome students, parents, staff and community stakeholders back for the 2020-21 school year. We always are so excited to see our students. However, I believe this year that excitement is at a whole new level! I want to first mention the members of our board of education. Our success as a school district starts with this governing body. Members of our board of education are Steve Moan, president; Jack Napier, vice president; Mike Metzger, secretary; LaDawn Weston, member; and Brian Ford, member. I begin my eighth and final year as the superintendent here in Greenwood. I have been honored to serve the Greenwood Community School Corporation and the community of Greenwood. The key word in the Greenwood Community School Corporation is "community." It takes a community to help educate students. Everyone – whether you

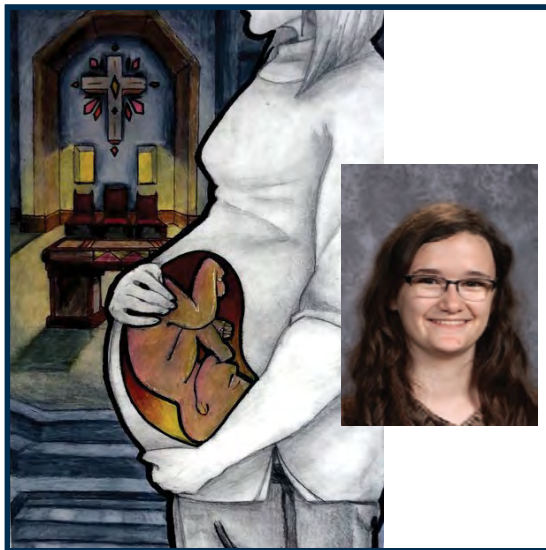
are a parent, staff member, business leader or a resident with no children in our school system – has a responsibility to our young people. Our school district enrollment is expected to remain at 4,000 students this year. We always appreciate the feedback we get from parents new to our district regarding the positive culture and climate that exist for our students. Thank you for being a part of the Greenwood Community School Corporation. Please know that we don't take you for granted. We are a service organization, and we take our service responsibility to our students, parents and community seriously. Please help us to carry out this mission by volunteering your time and talents to better serve our students. Here's to a great 2020-21 school year!

Respectfully,  
**Kent DeKoninck, Ph.D.**  
Superintendent





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### Roncalli Graduate Profile

As Christ has called upon each of us to "go make disciples of all nations" and to the extent that our namesake, St. John XXIII (Angelo Cardinal Roncalli) was committed to that task, it is Roncalli High School's intention to create disciples of Jesus Christ in the image of St. John. It is to this purpose that we aspire for all of our graduates to honor and glorify God by:

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*Reaching their fullest potential through a commitment to lifelong learning.*

#### SERVICE

*Serving the needs of others with loving and compassionate hearts.*

#### COMMUNITY

*Being devout members of the Church, cultivators of the Roncalli spirit and respon-*

*sible citizens.*

#### DIGNITY

*Recognizing that every person is created in the image and likeness of God, having the utmost respect for life and embracing a diverse world.*

All of us at Roncalli High School are very excited to welcome students, teachers, staff and families back to campus and back to school! We have been working diligently since March to ensure the safety of all in our school community as we return to in-person instruction!

We learned a great deal about what works well and what does not work well with e-learning from the nine weeks of e-learning that concluded the 2019-20 school year. With great leadership from our IT department and great cooperation and dedication from our faculty and administration, we are very excited to unveil the synchronous learning model that will allow for excellence in education to go uninterrupted for our students who are not able to be in school on a daily basis.

In these challenging and uncertain times, please join all of us at Roncalli in praying for a safe, successful school year for all schools!

**Chuck Weisenbach**  
Principal



## Three money skills that every student should know

By Financial Center First Credit Union

As you think about your teen heading off into the real world, you may have a lot of conflicting thoughts and feelings. On one hand, you are excited to see the person that your child will grow up to be, but on the other hand, you may be nervous about the future decisions they will make.

When it comes to money management, having foundational knowledge and dedication is important in making financial decisions that affect their entire lives.

A poll conducted by Everfi shows that only 47 percent of high school students felt prepared to manage their finances on their own, and the average student can only answer two of six basic financial questions correctly.

If these stats make you think about how your child manages money- here are three tips to give your teen a head start on money management:

### Establish an Early Habit of Paying Yourself First

The thought of setting money aside instead of spending it on things your child wants isn't glamorous, but it can be fun. Instead of thinking about placing money into a savings account as "saving," teach them to think of it as paying themselves first. As

soon as they get their first paycheck, let them pay themselves and put a good portion aside for a future want or need.

### Create a Budget Together

A first paycheck is going to be more money than your child may have ever had - which is why he/she should understand the cost of necessities. Create a budget sheet together with detailing expenses, saving and spending money to use as they see fit.

### Learn that Paying Bills on Time Is Essential

Students may or may not have bills in high school, but the discipline of paying bills before all other expenses is essential to developing good money management habits. You can create practice bills as a way for children to learn to manage money. If you ask them to pay their phone bill, ask for funds on a certain day of the month, and ensure that they follow a schedule to meet payments on time.

As a final note, remember that failure is ok - in fact, it's a key component to learning. No one starts out perfect, and with helpful guidance along the way, your student can be in a great place with their finances and on the track to long-term success.

Find more helpful tips on budgeting and money management at [fcfcu.com/financial-education](http://fcfcu.com/financial-education).

## ICONICrewind

### Arbor Homes donates to Interchurch Food Pantry of Johnson County

**Donation** - Arbor Homes is donating \$100,000 to local food banks in response to the recent COVID-19 pandemic, including Interchurch Food Pantry of Johnson County. "It's important for us to support and give back to the cities and towns in which we build," said Arbor President, Curtis Rector. "We realize the urgency of the need and plan to distribute the funds immediately." Arbor Homes, a Berkshire Hathaway Company, includes Silverthorne Homes and the newly acquired Elite Homes in Louisville, Ky.



Interchurch Food Pantry of Johnson County recently received a generous donation from Arbor Homes. (Submitted photo)

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## Mutual Savings Bank hires Treasury Management Officer

**New hire** - Mutual Savings Bank, the only locally based community bank in Johnson County, has announced that Lindsey Turner is the new Treasury Management Officer. Her role will be to work with the bank's commercial lenders and branch managers to assess the specific disbursement and collection needs of business customers and to implement the bank's products and services to efficiently address those needs. "We are pleased to announce the addition of Lindsey to our team. She has many years of experience in banking will be a great addition as we grow this area of our business," said David A. Coffey, president and CEO. Lindsey has 15 years of banking experience in the positions of Branch Manager, Treasury Management Officer and Merchant Services Officer. She and her husband, Paul, reside in Franklin with their two daughters.

## Johnson County introduces Festival Country Indiana visitor center

### FEATURE

By Kenneth Kosky  
Executive Director,  
Festival Country Indiana

An 11-foot apple, a DJ booth where kids can make announcements and play songs and a real go-kart are among the interactive exhibits in the new Festival Country Indiana visitor center, which opened June 16 in Franklin.

The visitor center, the first in Johnson County, is designed to tell the story of Johnson County's communities and attractions. It is a collaboration between the city of Franklin, Aspire Economic Development + Chamber Alliance and Festival Country Indiana, which is Johnson County's tourism agency.

This visitor center has exhibits like an indoor slide, a fun photo booth, a skydiving selfie opportunity, a craft beer and wine exhibit and more.

Christian Maslowski, president and CEO of Aspire, said the visitor center is also unique in that it brings tourism, economic development and chamber staffing and programs together under one roof.

"Companies that are looking to locate their businesses are increasingly looking for places that offer a great quality of life for their workforce," Maslowski said. "When they step into this new visitor center, we will be able to show them – not just tell them – why this is such an attractive place to locate a business."

The visitor center, in addition to exhibits, will have staff that can answer visitors' questions and provide free guides to the area. This summer, there will be walking tours and other events at the visitor center.

Festival Country and Aspire are operating the visitor center out of a city-owned space at 66 S. Water St. in downtown Franklin. It is open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday, and 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and Saturday. The center has made physical changes to the building in advance of opening, including adding a plexiglass shield at the front desk, and has instituted advanced cleaning protocols in an effort to keep visitors safe.

Visit [festivalcountryindiana.com/visitor-center](http://festivalcountryindiana.com/visitor-center) for more information.



The visitor's center brings tourism, economic development and chamber staffing and programs together under one roof. (Submitted photo)

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## Brian Ruckle promoted to advertising director and general manager

### FEATURE

By Nancy Price

Brian Ruckle has been promoted to advertising director and general manager for Grow Local Media's south operations. He previously served as advertising account representative.

In his new position, Ruckle will oversee the sales team and continue to promote *The Southside Times* and *Center Grove ICON*.

A Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce board member, Ruckle said he enjoys interacting with people in the community and connecting readers with businesses working to succeed. "I appreciate the faith that our ownership has in me to entrust me with this opportunity," he said. "I hope to honor our proud legacy on the Southside and help us meet the challenges of this current economy and the changes to come."

Grow Local Media, LLC, is owned by Brian Kelly and Rick Myers. They purchased *The Southside Times* in March 2006 and formed Times-Leader Publications, LLC.



B. Ruckle

The parent name was changed to GLM in 2019 to better reflect the mix of print and digital services that the local media group offers. It is owner of *Center Grove ICON*, *Hendricks County ICON*, *Hendricks County Business Leader* and *The Southside Times*.

"Brian has a real passion for super-serving his customers," said Kelly, CEO of Grow Local Media. "He's always eager to help his customers succeed and goes above and beyond to help them achieve their goals and objectives. Since Brian joined our company, he has elevated customer service to a whole new level, and it's reflected in his success. His ability to think two-to-three steps ahead keeps us all on our toes. It's an honor and privilege to not only work with him but have him as a friend and business partner."

Ruckle joined GLM in February 2013. "Brian has been wonderful to work with since day one," said Myers, GLM's president and publisher. "He has a passion for our industry and for our publications and it shows. He's so very deserving of this opportunity and I couldn't be happier for him."



## Tips for sorting through a loved one's belongings after death

By Paul C. St.Pierre, CFSP  
President, St.Pierre Family Funeral  
& Cremation Services

Families who come to St. Pierre Family Funeral from all around Greenwood, Indianapolis, Wilkinson and Anderson often tell us that one of the most heartbreaking moments of losing a loved one is returning to an empty home filled with memories – and possessions. Organizing items that have been collected over the decades is a daunting but necessary task, and we're here to offer our advice on how to proceed. We understand this is one of life's most stressful responsibilities, especially when you're already coping with loss.

After all, giving away a loved one's possessions can feel like you're giving away a part of them. Keep reading for our tips on navigating the process:

- 1. Who should help?** The first step is to decide who is going to be involved in the process. If your loved one put their funeral arrangements in place ahead of time, they may have also specified who should handle the details after death in a will or set of instructions. If this is not the case, do you have family members or close friends who are good at organizing and making decisions? Enlisting the help of others will ensure that you face the task instead of avoiding it due to difficult emotions.
- 2. Are there specific items for specific people?** We've heard about many conflicts that arise when items are donated or thrown away that carry meaning to someone within the family. A possession that has little significance to one person may have sentimental value to another. If your loved one who died noted the intended recipients of certain items, start there. Then move on to possessions that certain people would like to claim.
- 3. Prioritize what tasks should be addressed and in what order.** Are there mountains of bills and paperwork to sort through that need to be taken care of by a certain date? Begin with those. Then you can move on to possessions. Some

prefer to sort room by room, while others would rather address groups of items (clothing, kitchen supplies, knickknacks, etc.).

- 4. If you're able, take your time.** Too often, we hear stories about families who hastily purge a loved one's belongings after they die, only to regret donating or throwing away certain items in the months or years that follow. We hear other stories about family members who want an item only to turn around and sell it. Others may simply want as many items as they can get. These are not easy situations. If there are no external pressures, such as needing to sell the house or having to return to your home in a different city or state, wait until you have the strength and support you need.

Taking time to move through belongings with a level head is essential. If a conflict arises, you can enlist the help of a third party, be it a friend, therapist, or even lawyer. After a death, emotions are running high and this can magnify difficulties. Preparation and pacing can make a world of difference.

If you have lost a loved one and are having a challenging time, please reach out to us. Everyone's path through grief is different, but one thing remains the same – you don't have to bear your sorrow alone.

*Paul St.Pierre is a sixth-generation Funeral Director and President of St.Pierre Family Funeral & Cremation Services, in Greenwood, Indianapolis and four other central Indiana counties.*



Paul C. St.Pierre. (Submitted photo)

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Perry Township is home to about 20,000 Burmese refugees who fled from Myanmar to escape religious persecution. Many restaurants offering Burmese cuisine have opened on the Southside (there's even a "Best 10 Burmese Restaurants in Indianapolis" list on Yelp). Chokhlei Restaurant and Karaoke made the top 10 list, with popular items including the pork shrimp fried rice; Singapore fried noodles with egg, chicken, shrimp and a fish ball; Pho, with beef tips and meatballs; the tea leaf salad; papaya salad; and the tomyan fried rice, with egg, shrimp, crab meat, squid and a lime leaf). Other appetizers and entrees include curry fish, caramelized chicken wings; sweet and spicy fried tilapia pork stew; and goat curry. Many main dishes also include green onion and bean



The tomyam soup, with plenty of shrimp and a variety of vegetables. (Submitted photo)

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**TEENHQ Movie Mondays: All Dogs Go to Heaven (online)** • Kick back, relax and watch a movie with other teens. This month we’re streaming the 1989 “what just happened” animated classic *All Dogs Go to Heaven* over Zoom! Chat along with other teens Mystery Science Theater style for a fun, shared experience. After you register, you’ll receive a message from Miss Jessica with a link to the Zoom meeting. | When: July 20, 3-4 p.m. | Where: Online event. | Info: [greenwoodlibrary.us/calendar#/events](https://greenwoodlibrary.us/calendar#/events).

**Bargersville Farmers Market** • Consumers may purchase locally grown and made products on Wednesdays through July 29. | When: July 22, 5-7:30 p.m. | Where: Bargersville Town Hall, 24 N. Main St. | Info: [bargersvillemainstreet.com](https://bargersvillemainstreet.com).

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Jalen Goines. (Submitted photo)

### THE GOINES FILE

<b>NAME:</b> Jalen Goines	<b>COLLEGE PLANS:</b> Indiana University to study neurological science
<b>YEAR:</b> Senior	<b>HOBBIES/INTERESTS:</b> Video games
<b>HEIGHT:</b> 6 feet	<b>FAVORITE MOVIE:</b> Superhero movies and <i>Star Wars</i>
<b>AGE:</b> 18	<b>FAVORITE TV SHOW:</b> <i>Doctor Strange</i> and <i>Game of Thrones</i>
<b>SPORT:</b> Track and field; football	<b>PARENTS:</b> Monty and Beth Goines
<b>POSITION:</b> Track: 110-meter hurdles, long jump; Football: running back	

## Bob Rohrman's INDY Athlete of the Month HONDA Jalen Goines

By Rick Hinton

Jalen Goines is straightforward about himself. “I’m a typical 18-year-old student athlete,” he said matter-of-factly. “Honestly ... I’m just an athlete who’s gotten to where he’s at through hard work and dedication.”

Goines, a recent Center Grove High School graduate, kept a busy agenda with track and field. The majority of athletes in this sport tend to specialize in just one event (or event type) among the choices for participation: running, jumping and throwing. Goines’ areas of expertise is the 110-meter hurdles and the traditional long jump. “I definitely favor hurdles because I’ve had a lot more time with it over these past few seasons,” he said.

“I’m definitely one of those people who comes out of the womb a competitor ... everything is a competition,” he stated. His father Monty is currently an assistant coach for track and field at CGHS and certified by the IHSAA. As a father and

coach, he brings a unique perspective to the table regarding his son Jalen. “I could always see tremendous ability, but he’s the one that made it happen. His older siblings were his competition.”

Goines would agree. His brother Christian and sister Haley both run track at Indiana University. “Growing up, we spent every waking moment together and we always pushed each other,” he offered. “We would compete running up the stairs, finishing meals, staying up the latest, seeing who could take the fastest shower.”

It’s been a diverse journey as Goines explored samplings of different sports before settling on track. “Track was actually the last sport I picked up,” he claimed. “I used to play soccer (age 4), flag football (age 6), baseball and basketball. I’ve also played football (running back) all the way through this year. I’ve done football and track in tandem since freshman year.” Father Monty echoes his son’s full journey.

“He’s a Center Grove Trojan varsity football starter at the age of 18. We are

so proud of him!”

Any journey brings memories. Some grow fonder as the years roll by. Goines remembers a trip to Norfolk, Virginia at the age of 9 for a track meet. He felt terrible the entire drive there. It wasn’t any better when they pulled into the parking lot. He told Monty he couldn’t proceed with the meet. “In his panic he decided it would be a great idea to ignore me,” Goines explained. “We are getting ready to leave the car to walk into the stadium and I brutally projectile vomited all over his freshly cleaned car!”

For Monty, his memory is simpler: “Taking the picture with his mother while Jalen received the Phil N Eskew Mental Attitude Award after the IHSAA 6A state football game.” He summed up his son’s career. “Team sports helped Jalen to understand the dynamics of being a good team player and teammate. He leads by example, works hard to improve, has a willingness to play any role and always has a positive attitude. To do your job with passion. These attributes will carry him far in life!”

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## PERSONNEL MATTERS

## Why culture has never been more important than during COVID-19

By Mike Heffner

COVID-19 is forcing change in the way companies recruit and retain employees and has forced business model changes for almost every business. Disruption has brought unrest and uncertainty and a strong culture allows employees to adapt and utilize their values as a guidepost.

Gallup defines culture broadly as "the way work gets done around here." There are some current trends that can help build an engaged, top workforce. Focus on the five key areas below to create an environment for a more effective and productive team.

## Job Flexibility

The demands of life are changing daily. Child-care, healthcare and family demands are all coming into play and employees are needing a way to juggle their work with everything that is going on in their lives. I would bet the last two months have opened your eyes as to what flexibility can look like. How can you incorporate

flexibility as you move forward?

## Relationships

We all want to work with people we like. Communication is so important and having strong relationships will build trust and make work more fun. Teams that can celebrate together can handle the stress that comes with work.

## Positive Impact

Make sure the team knows how the work they are doing has purpose. Look for ways your team can get involved and connect to the community. Job satisfaction comes when we know we can connect our work to making a positive contribution.

## Quality of Leadership

Employees want to work for leaders that provide clear direction, support, encouragement and have integrity. With so much uncertainty, having an understanding, focused and trusted leader is vital!

## Positivity

Productive people want to work with a group of people that see the glass half full. The silent un-

derstone of a few negative or toxic personalities will force out those that bring positivity. They will quietly be looking for another position that allows them to focus on doing what they love and what they do best.

Our role as leaders is to create a healthy environment that allows for our teams to be as successful as possible. I have been amazed at how resilient our team has been through the trials over the past few months and as I have stepped back, I see how our culture has played a major factor in our ability to find our way through and now rebuild our business back even stronger.



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## PEER TO PEER

If a little thing is good, that means  
a whole lot more has got to be better

By Howard Hubler

Last month I wrote about the phenomenon of unemployment in a 15 percent unemployment rate economy.

For my family and other people I know, we are still trying to fill critical jobs in our businesses. Of the jobs they needed to hire for last month, some were filled but many have just as many needs now or more and still cannot fill them.

Our businesses and many businesses had federal aid so that we could keep people in employment even when our state and our country was on lockdown due to the virus. Most all of us have used that money up by now. If it was designed to keep money in circulation, allows us to keep the capitalization of our businesses intact and maintain commerce that would otherwise slow down, I would declare it a success.

It works so well, there is now a buzz to hand out more free money. I mean, can you blame them? It's the federal government. If a little bit of cash, like \$3 trillion in free money is good, \$1 or \$2 more trillion surely

has got to be better! No, I only see life in my little community, and I don't see it from coast to coast. However, if they are trying to get more money into the hands of the unemployed, friends tell me snickering, they're making more money doing nothing.

As I read, and watch TV, it seems like there are segments like restaurants that are really getting hosed. They need a chance to revive themselves.

In life, you generally get just one chance to get it right. You're playing with real money; I hope they just don't screw it up. With a little bit of discipline many businessmen see a bright fourth quarter and beyond. Handing out more free money just makes the rest of the country part of a welfare class.



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## Paris is Always a Good Idea: an engaging and witty romantic comedy

### BOOK REVIEW

By Amy Hamilton

Jenn McKinlay's latest book, *Paris is Always a Good Idea*, balances romance with personal growth for an upbeat and heartwarming read. When Chelsea Martin, a corporate fundraiser for a cancer charity, discovers that her father is marrying a woman he just met a few weeks ago, she does not take it well. Chelsea hasn't recovered since her mother died of cancer seven years ago. Deciding to take a sabbatical to find her lost happiness, she plans to retrace her gap year in Europe. She hopes to reconnect with places and boyfriends she had in Ireland, France and Italy.

There is just one problem with her plan: Jason Knightly, her co-worker and nemesis. While on her sabbatical, she promises to assist Jason with a massive fundraising project. Reconnecting with her past while she works with Jason may be more than she can handle.

*Paris is Always a Good Idea* is an engaging and witty romantic comedy with relatable and well-developed characters. Recommend for fans of Jill Shalvis, Robyn Carr and Kristan Higgins.

### ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

#### Adult:

*The Bitter and Sweet of Cherry Season*  
by Molly Fader

*Crooked Hallelujah* by Kelli Jo Ford  
*I, John Kennedy Toole*

by Kent Carroll and Jodee Blanco

*Perfect Happiness* by Kristyn Kusek Lewis

#### Young Adult:

*Shielded* by KayLynn Flanders

*You Say It First* by Katie Cotugno

*Turtle Boy* by M. Evan Wolkenstein

*The Unready Queen* by William Ritter

#### Children:

*All Welcome Here* by James Preller

*Already a Butterfly: A Meditation Story*  
by Julia Alvarez

*Finding Francois: A Story about the Healing Power of Friendship* by Gus Gordon  
*Rebel in the Library of Ever* by Zeno Alexander



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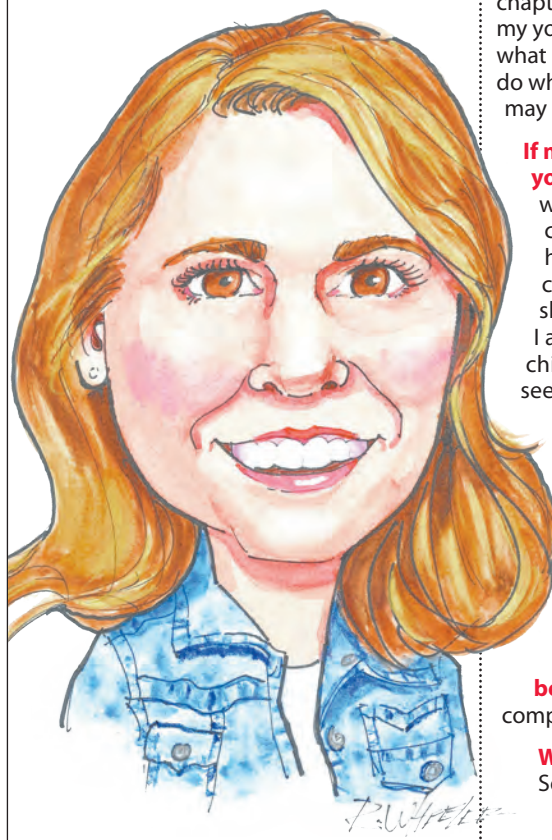
## Center Grove Elementary principal enjoys volunteering and raising funds for local nonprofits

By Nancy Price

Many of us dream about a career while growing up, but find our purpose is called in a different direction. Krista Nelson, principal at Center Grove Elementary School, found hers while attending IUPUI. The Center Grove High School graduate was studying nursing but changed her major during a summer break.

"After volunteering in my mom's fifth-grade classroom and teaching at camps in the summer I decided to change my career path," Nelson said. "It was the best career decision I have ever made. I love being a lifelong learner and learning something new every day from our students and staff. Each day you never know what celebrations and challenges you will face. My colleagues challenge me every day to think outside the box and do what is best for kids."

Nelson was chosen as the 2019 District 9 Elementary Principal of the Year by the Indiana Association of School Principals (IASP). In her spare time, she enjoys participating with the annual Rock the Block run to raise funds for local organizations, volunteering for United Way and coaching her daughter's (Karter) soccer team at SCSA.



**What is your greatest virtue?** Empathy - I try to understand and share the feelings of others around me.

**What upsets you?** When someone is not loyal or does not follow through on what they said they would do to help others.

**What do you like best about Center Grove?** Center Grove is a very caring and compassionate community. I am amazed when a call to help is placed, the amount of community members that show up to serve. The community is much larger than when I was a child, but still has that small community feel.

**What's your favorite Southside eatery?** Arni's! We are regulars!

**If you had to live anywhere else in the Metro Indianapolis area, where would it be?** My husband and I moved away after college, due to jobs, but made our way back to the Center Grove community about 11 years ago. I cannot think of a better place to live and raise our daughter.

**If you could begin life over, what would you change?** I would not change anything. Every path and decision I have made throughout my life has helped me be a better person and prepared me for the next chapter in life. The only thing I would tell my younger self is to stop worrying about what others think about you. You have to do what is best for you, even though others may not like your decisions.

**If money were no issue, how would you spend it?** Professionally - I would love to provide free/affordable childcare for parents. I believe the hardest choice as a parent is to find childcare for a child that is sick, or short-term care as a working parent. I am also a huge proponent for early childhood education and would love to see free preschool for all kids. Personally - My dream is to go on a National Geographic Expedition and travel around the world for a year with explorers and educators from NGE.

**What makes you happiest?** Spending time with family and friends!

**Pick three adjectives that best describe you.** Motivated, compassionate and energetic.

**What is your favorite vacation spot?** Somewhere on a beach.

**What do you do with idle time?** Playing games with family, reading books or listening to podcasts.

**How do you escape from reality?** Our family loves to travel and we will go to places that have very little internet service so that we can unplug from the world and technology.

**What do you love most in life?** The ability to overcome hardships and appreciate what I have in life instead of wishing I had more. To have the drive to be a better person each day.

**Which living person in Center Grove do you most admire?** There have been many people in the community who have helped shape who I am today. Kathy Sagorsky and Terri Manship instilled the love of learning in me at North Grove Elementary School and Jim Todd was my swim coach who pushed me to work harder than I ever thought I could.

**What quality do you admire most in another person?** Loyalty

**What is your greatest extravagance?** We love Disney and going to the parks and on Disney cruises. I am hopeful this will be something we can do again soon!

**What is your greatest fear?** Not living up to the expectations of others and feeling that I have failed people.

**What has been the happiest time of your life?** October 2000 when I married my husband and March 2012 when my daughter was born.

**Is there a special talent you really wish you had?** I wish I could speak multiple languages fluently.

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

**Which historical figure do you most admire?** It is hard to choose just one as I admire many historical figures. Some that come to mind are Jesus Christ, Nelson Mandela, Abraham Lincoln, Susan B. Anthony, Katherine Johnson, Queen Elizabeth, Rosa Parks and Aristotle.

**What tenet do you live by?** You cannot control everything that comes your way. Live for today, be present for those around you and enjoy life.

**What would people be surprised to learn about you?** I may seem like an extrovert to others, but I am an introvert at home and love spending time by myself.



## What do I do with my anger during these times?

**DEVOTIONAL**

By Pastor  
Chris Philbeck

We live in a day where there is a lot of anger. Whether it's anger related to COVID-19, racial injustice, a lack of accountability or a hundred other things, there's no avoiding the fact that people are angry. The question for believers is, "What do I do with my anger?"

In his book, *The Lost Art of Disciple Making*, LeRoy Eims writes about how, as a new Christian, he was challenged to apply his weekly Bible study in a personal way. He said he was working his way through Colossians and the Holy Spirit caught his attention with the words of Colossians 3:8, *But now is the time to get rid of anger, rage, malicious behavior, slander and dirty language.* He said, "I tried to slip past it, but he kept bringing me back to the words, *get rid of anger.*" Eims said he had a violent temper and whenever it flared, he would bash his fist into the nearest door. No matter what he did, he couldn't break free from his anger. And yet, here was God's word saying, *get rid of anger.*

He understood that this wasn't just advice given to the people of Colossae centuries ago; it was God speaking to him. Knowing he had to do something, Eims said he made a covenant with God promising that he would work on his anger.

He wrote, "My first step was to memorize the verse and review it daily. I prayed and asked the Lord to bring this verse to mind whenever I might be tempted to lose my temper. And I asked my wife to pray for me and remind me of this verse if she saw me failing in my promise to the Lord. So, Colossians 3:8 became part of my life and gradually removed that sin from me."

I love that story because it reminds me of the power of God's word to change our lives. The first Bible verse I ever memorized was Psalm 119:11. I was 9 years old at church camp, but I still remember it today. *Thy word have I hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against thee* (because it was 1967, I memorized it in the King James version). If you're struggling with anger today, my encouragement is to let God's word deliver you from the struggle. I'll even give you a verse to memorize. Psalm 32:8 says, *Stop being angry! Turn from your rage! Don't lose your temper – it only leads to harm.* Memorize those words, speak them daily and overcome.



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**Puzzle Time Answers – ON PAGE 6**  
Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:

Terms: BOIL, CHOP, DICE, MIX, SAUTE, STIR;  
Dogs: BENJI, LASSIE, ODIE, SNOOPY, TOTO;  
Boats: CANOE, PONTOON, ROW, YACHT;  
Ice Creameries: DAIRY QUEEN, ELLA'S, RITTER'S;  
Icons: CENTER GROVE, HENDRICKS COUNTY;

School: RONCALLI

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