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Members of Center Grove High School's band recently practiced in preparation for the upcoming school year, which began Aug. 12 with recommended safety measures, which include required face coverings, social distancing where possible and a three-step cleaning process in all school buildings. The school also developed a virtual plan for students to attend classes online from home. (Photo by Brian Ruckle)



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Left, the Normingtons: father, Marcus; son, Gage; and mother, Kristin. | Center, Gage plays in a sensory garden designed for children with special needs at PediPlay. | Right top, Kristin said she is seeing "amazing" results from Gage's therapy. | Right bottom, PediPlay is located in Perry Township. (Photos by Neal Smith)





PAYING IT FORWARD ONE FAMILY AT A TIME

Center Grove mother starts nonprofit to help parents of special needs children cover medical expenses

COVER STORY

By Nancy Price

Gage Normington is nearly 8 years old. He enjoys attending school at Maple Grove Elementary in Bargersville. He's social, likes books and loves his cats, Nali and Barley and his dog, Kepler. Those who know him, including his teachers and physical therapist, describe him as "motivated, happy" and "sweet."

Yet, doctors once told his parents he might not live past the age of 3 months.

Eight years ago, Marcus Normington accompanied his wife, Kristin to her 20-week ultrasound appointment. "We were so excited to find out the gender of our little baby," Kristin recalled. "After our ultrasound we met with my OBGYN to go over the photos. Dr. Gallagher was going through the images and when she got to the scans of his head, she noticed the fluid that was filling the ventricles of his brain. We left her office and our world had changed ... we were terrified of the road that we had in front of us."

Kristin checked into IU Health Maternal Fetal Medicine the next day for another ultrasound and fetal heart echo. "We knew we had a healthy boy, but he had hydrocephalus (water on the brain) and we wouldn't be able to determine what the next steps were until he was born."

ABOUT HYDROCEPHALUS

Hydrocephalus is a genetic disease caused by an abnormal X chromosome. "Because his hydrocephalus is genetic it makes his treatment more complicated," Kristin said. "Kiddos with hydrocephalus are at higher risk with surgery and medical procedures."

Gage also developed spasticity, described as the brain's inability to tell the muscles to stop hiring, which also caused hip dysplasia. He has abducted thumbs, commonly found with those who have hydrocephalus. He was also diagnosed with cerebral palsy and MTHFR, a genetic mutation that may lead to high levels of homocysteine in the blood and low levels of folate.

When Gage was about 3 months old, Pat McAfee, a sports analyst, podcaster and former football punter, hosted a contest called, "What Christmas Means to Me," asking for a 60-second video from participants. Kristin and Marcus, Center Grove residents, created and submitted a video. "Pat and his voting committee chose our video and donated \$5,000. We used the money to pay for Gage's medical bills that were piling up and put the rest towards staring our nonprofit," Kristin said. "If it were not for his donation, we would have been in medical debt and not where we are today. We decided to pay

it forward and help even more families. This is where we came up with, 'Paying it Forward One Family at a Time,' which has become our slogan."

HOOSIER FWD

The Normingtons started Hoosier FWD (Families with Disabilities) to help families with medical expenses. "Like many families, we were told that we did not qualify for medical assistance because of (Gage's) diagnosis or because we made too much money," Kristin said. "Medical bills started piling up and we weren't sure what to do."

Drew Bruggeman, a family friend, helped to organize the foundation's first fundraiser, a kickball tournament. Since then, Hoosier FWD has helped several local families. "Five kids were able to attend a weeklong sensory skills camp," Kristin said. In addition, "an adaptive tricycle was given to a little boy that wanted to ride his bike with his family. The tricycle he needed as \$1,500 and is not reasonable for most families to be able to afford. Insurance doesn't see it as a necessity and from a movement. From a physical therapy standpoint, it is essential. Finding families is difficult with HIPPA but partnering with PediPlay, we can help while remaining anonymous." (PediPlay is a

Perry Township pediatric therapy and early intervention service specializing in feeding, motor, language, developmental, social and sensory challenges.)

In addition, "during COVID we helped 93 families by donating at-home therapy equipment for the kiddos to use for virtual therapy (aka telehealth)," Kristin added.

SEEING RESULTS

Today, Gage is attending physical, speech and music therapy. "We are seeing amazing results," Kristin said. "The neurologists that have looked at Gage's brain scans have said the images they see do not match the child in front of them."

"He can now walk in a walker," added Stephany Jenkins, a physical therapist that works with Gage. Jenkins is also a board member with Hoosier FWD. "He learned how to peddle on a tricycle; that was huge. Kids with disabilities, they have to work extra hard. They just don't whine about it. He wants all the other things kids want. His struggles are harder (but) the desires are still there."

Hoosier FWD is hosting a fundraiser, the Fifth Annual Gage Classic on Sept. 12 at Hickory Stick Golf Club in Greenwood. For more information, go to hoosierfwd.org.

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Paige Waskom. (Submitted photo)

THE WASKOM FILE

COLLEGE PLANS:

at University

of Wisconsin-

FAVORITE MOVIE:

FAVORITE TV SHOW:

Live sports and

women's soccer

Laura and Lance

PARENTS:

Waskom

Coach Carter

Milwaukee

Soccer scholarship

NAME:

Page Waskom

YEAR: Senior

HEIGHT:

5 feet, 6 inches

AGE: 17

Girls soccer, varsity

POSITION:

Attacking midfielder HOBBIES/INTERESTS:

Soccer and water sports

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Athlete of the Month Paige Waskom

By Angie Antonopoulos

Paige Waskom, a senior at Center Grove High School, has a love and passion for soccer that transcends onto the field, whether she is playing for the Center Grove Lady Trojans varsity soccer team or for Indy Premiere Soccer Club, which she has been playing competitively with since middle school.

"I always played competitive sports," Waskom said, who started playing soccer when she was 4 years old. "I fell in love with the game."

She knew from a young age that she wanted to play soccer in college, so she set out early in her childhood to become a strong athlete. Waskom first played soccer with South Central Soccer Academy (SCSA) in Bargersville until she was 10, and then went on to play competitively with Indy Premiere on the northside of Indianapolis and honed her skills with the support of her coaches at school and soccer clubs.

"I wanted to go way further and play more competitively," Waskom said. Her hard work paid off. She recently earned a scholarship from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee to play soccer. She has also racked up numerous awards, including State Cup Champions with Indy Premiere, Sectional Champs two years consecutively and Regional Champs at Center Grove and Best Varsity Newcomer, to name a few.

Mike Bishop, head varsity girls soccer coach and a biomedical science teacher at Center Grove High School, has coached Waskom since her freshman year at Center Grove. "When she was a freshman it was clear that she was a tremendous athlete," Bishop said. "Since then she has become a leader on the field and in the locker room. She has a fire for the game that you don't see often. She knows her stuff and makes our program better. She's relentless, and each year she elevates her game. I can't wait to see what this year has in store for her and the girls."

During games, Coach Bishop said he enjoys hearing Waskom's ideas about how to exploit a team's weakness or run the next play, and said she's always trying to dissect a team apart as she's playing. "It's fun to have a tactical discussion in the middle of a soccer match," Bishop said. "Paige is intense! She plays at a certain level and has expectations that everyone needs to meet, but her play speaks for itself. She wants to win and do it the right way."

Waskom's mother, Laura Waskom, said she is extremely proud of her daughter. "From a parent's standpoint, she has not only grown as a player, but as a person," Laura said of Paige. "She's a little spitfire and she can use that to her advantage. She is also very encouraging and supportive of her classmates, and that's what I am most proud of."

Paige said she loves playing for both the soccer club and the Lady Trojans equally. "We're all like sisters," she said. "I like to be the person that other girls look up to me."

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Kathleen Soller is a 2018 graduate of Roncalli High School. (Submitted photo)

Soller named 500 Festival Queen Scholar

Queen Scholar - Roncalli High School has announced that the 2020 Marlyne Sexton 500 Festival Queen Scholar is Kathleen Soller, a 2018 Roncalli graduate. Kathleen is from Greenwood and a sophomore at Saint Mary's College majoring in nursing. She is involved with her local chapters of Timmy Global Health, Camp Kesem and the Make-A-Wish club. As a Make-A-Wish America and Rilev Children's Health kid herself, the 2020 Queen Scholar has felt a special tie to the Make-A-Wish children she has met via virtual outreaches in the last few weeks, who have been thrilled to meet a real "princess." Kathleen said, "I feel that my experiences as a Roncalli Rebel helped me with this endeavor. My love for service developed during my time at Roncalli. It was there that I learned the joy of helping others and I knew I wanted to continue serving others for the rest of my life. Roncalli not only made me civic-minded, but it also gave me great scholarship, leadership and professional skills, all of which helped me to become a 500 Festival Princess and Queen Scholar." Kathleen will participate in the Indianapolis 500 pre-race and Victory Circle celebrations in August.

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Never before have we experienced so much uncertainty and anxiety surrounding our return to school ... whether that be remote, face to face, or some combination of both. This is completely understandable as these are unprecedented times. One thing is certain, however; school leaders, teachers and support staff are dedicated and prepared to serving young people and families in ways that integrate the Catholic faith with open doors and open hearts. God is always with us, providing guidance and strength, even in the most difficult of times.

As our students, faculty, staff and parents begin the 2020-2021 school year, we realize this year will look like no other when providing religious and academic instruction, social and emotional supports, a safe environment, nutritional needs and physical activity. What we can say is that Catholic schools on the Southside of Indianapolis will continue to make Jesus Christ the focus of all we do while guiding students in developing a deeper rela-

tionship with Him.

We are blessed with school leaders who have worked tirelessly to ensure a safe return of students. The health and safety of students and adults in our buildings is priority. Best practices have been established with healthy hygiene, social distancing, face coverings and cleaning and disinfecting. We are excited and enthusiastic to begin a new and different school year.

May all young people, families and school staff make the most of the 2020-2021 school year, and may God bless each of you as we face these extraordinary times together. We are most grateful for your support and partnership as we begin another year.

Let us remember in prayer those who have been affected by the coronavirus and may a cure and vaccine come guickly.

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> Mary McCoy Interim Superintendent

Roncalli educator led efforts for a safe and socially distanced graduation and return to school

FEATURE

By Nancy Price

This past spring and summer, emergency personnel and healthcare workers around the world have received well-deserved praise as heroes of

Yet, there are other professionals working quietly behind the scenes to make sure life goes on as planned, including educators. As Roncalli High

the pandemic crisis.



Crissman

School students and their families worried there may not be traditional events for seniors, including a celebration day and graduation, Roncalli staff and faculty teamed up to ensure these activities would happen.

"It was quite challenging in the spring as one part of your mind kept thinking, 'OK, this is serious stuff but we will get a handle on it and will be able to get back to having fun and holding events' while the other part of your mind kept thinking, 'Is this ever going to get better and it sure does not seem like events such as graduation will be able to happen," said Roncalli Principal Chuck Weisenbach.

"We had to cancel their picnic, senior mass, baccalaureate and Memorial Day weekend graduation," added Roncalli Dean of Students Tim Crissman. "We were sad that the senior class was not going to get its chance to be fully recognized in person for all of their accomplishments. We quickly, however, started to invest our energy into working out how to provide our seniors the best COVID-19 impacted experience that we could."

"Tim was a part of a larger team that simply would not let COVID-19 stand in

their way of recognizing our seniors for their exemplary four years nor stand in the way of celebrating these outstanding young people," Weisenbach said. "He worked long, long hours, much of it behind the scenes, tending to all of the nuances that needed attention if we were going to pull off the events safely!"

The Senior Celebration Day, with mass, was held outside in Roncalli Stadium on July 20, with graduation following the next day. "We allowed guests to sit in the bleachers as well as on the stadium field which allowed for maximum social distancing and some excellent vantage points for these two special events," said Weisenbach. "The parents were extremely happy that their children were going to get at least a snippet of the acknowledgement they deserved."

There was no time after graduation for Roncalli staff to take a break. Instead, they gathered to plan a safe and socially distanced return for all students, including increased disinfecting, providing larger classrooms for social distancing and reworking how to deliver food in the cafeteria. In addition, they provided a synchronous learning environment for students studying at home and school, learned how to build a new curriculum and how to handle positive cases, close contacts and symptomatic students and staff.

"All of this work has been put in place to allow our students the high school experience they deserve – although for this interim period – socially distanced and with masks. Our ability to come together as one for the better of all our students while helping them understand how God works in their lives gives me the daily energy to live out my calling," Crissman said.

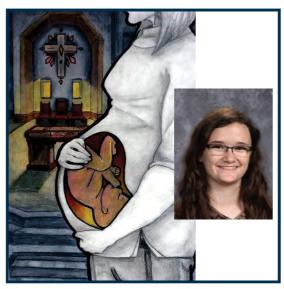




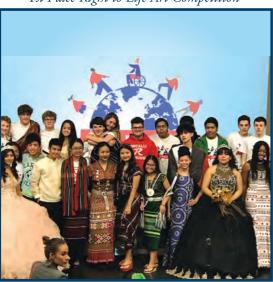
Left, Roncalli High School is celebrating 50 years. | Right, Saints Francis & Clare staff monitored plans for the health and safety of students, including social distancing. (Submitted photos)



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- The Class of 2020 earned over \$22 million in college scholarships.
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- Roncalli is the home to 18 Indiana Academic All Stars since the program's inception in 1987.
- The Class of 2020 completed **51,711 hours of community service** during their four years at
 Roncalli, which averages over 188 hours per senior.
- In the past 26 years, Roncalli students have collected more than **2.2 million canned food** items for the poor.
- Over 130 students participate in our comprehensive special needs resource program STARS which addresses the needs of students with learning and physical disabilities.

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Top left, priests enter the stadium during Senior Mass. | Top right, seniors attended an in-person graduation ceremony last month. | Bottom, members of the class of 2020 stand during the ceremony. (Submitted photos)

Roncalli High School

FEATURE

While all schools have a mission to form young people academically, and some

strive to go beyond that by also attempting to form citizenship, Roncalli's mission for over 50 years has been to form the whole person: body, mind and spirit! This can best be explained by our graduate profile, which we use as a compass to direct all of the work done with our young people. The profile sets a very high standard for our graduates. Roncalli is passionately committed to partnering with our parents, parishes and community in making this profile a reality for all of our students! We share our graduate profile with you in this article as it gives clear direction as to what we hope to accomplish during this 2020-21 school year at Roncalli High School.

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:

FAITH: Having a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and evangelizing the message of the Gospel through their actions.

ACADEMIA: 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 responsible 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





Left, students returned to classes Aug. 6. | Right, students and staff wore masks and practiced social distancing when returning to school. (Submitted photos)

Saints Francis & Clare of Assisi Catholic School

FEATURE

Saints Francis & Clare of Assisi Catholic School opened its doors on our first

day of school, Aug. 6. Teachers, parents and children looked forward to the start of a school year after a successful eLearning finish to the 2019-2020 school year.

We have much to be thankful for with the hard work of our staff, students and parents who collaborated and communicated during the spring to help our students continue on their learning journey. We were together virtually and greeted one another in person on that first day of school.

The safety of our students and staff remain our top priority at this time. We have been working throughout the summer to put in place protocols and procedures to assist in bringing children back to our campus and to the classroom. A planning task force and results from a parent survey have been our guide for the opening of school. We monitored our plans for a safe and healthy return with recommendations from Governor Holcomb, Indiana Department of Education, Archdiocese of Indianapolis, Indiana Department of Health and Johnson County Health Department.

In addition to the academic excellence our school offers, our faith and ability to live out the Gospel during our school year is at the core of our existence. The common values and belief systems that our families share unite us as a close community of faithfilled learners. Our school foundation rests on our mission, vision, values and goals. These four pillars will be the driving force to continue to lead us beyond excellence in the coming year.

Over the summer all staff participated in professional development for the new math series (Ready Math) and an online, individualized learning platform for reading and math (IREADY). The school leadership team attended a workshop focused on using student data to ensure student growth. Saints Francis & Clare of Assisi Catholic School also hosted a workshop for teachers in the Archdiocese in grades K - 3 on effective grading practices and standards-based reporting. Ten teachers and staff members from our school attended the workshop.

We are excited to offer 1:1 Chromebooks for students in grades 2 - 8 this next school year. Class sizes at the current time are no larger than 20 students per classroom, which is an advantage for maintaining social distancing as we returned to school.

Most programs offered in the local area schools are also available to students who attend Saints Francis & Clare of Assisi: Title I tutoring, Special Education, Enrichment, Response to Intervention, after-hours childcare and more. We also offer tuition assistance for those families needing financial aid.

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Travis Kinsey. (Submitted photo)

Former Center Grove resident saves a drowning man near Mucky Duck Pub

By Amy Moshier

Sometimes things happen and we don't know why. And sometimes we have to accept that that doesn't matter and that thought needs to be thrown out the window. Travis Kinsey, who attended Center Grove High School, and his brother Lucas found themselves in such a situation much like this one night recently while dining at Mucky Duck Pub in Southport.

The brothers were relaxing and socializing when they suddenly saw a car with its tail lights on in the pond by the restaurant. Travis ran out immediately and his brother followed. "Nothing particularly came to mind," he said. "I just started running and jumped into the pond." What followed was him saving the life of the driver of the car. Travis was able to pull the driver through the window of his car. "I was super emotional when I finally got him to shore, knowing he would be able to live

to see another day," Travis said.

Lucas, home from the Army on leave, followed his brother and was ready to help if necessary. "He followed me out to make sure I was OK and didn't need any assistance," Travis said. No one knows how the car got into the pond. Mucky Duck Bar is a favorite spot to relax and socialize, said Kinsey, who loves to work on cars and ride motorcycles.

Travis's father Don said he is proud of his son. "He's a heck of a young man,"

Kasey Kehl, the general manager at Mucky Duck, had the same observations about the incident. "Nobody knows what happened," Kehl said. "I just know suddenly there was a car in the lake."

Travis, 21, attended Center Grove High School. He loves to work on cars and ride motorcycles. His future plans include either becoming a nurse or an auto mechanic.

Two Center Grove women help foster families with resources and support

By Nancy Price

About two years ago, Center Grove resident Summer Huber realized there was little support for foster families in Johnson County. Often, children show up at their new foster homes with little but the clothing on their backs. Some may have been victims of sexual or physical abuse, or struggle with suicidal ideation.

Huber and another acquaintance saw a need in their community and decided to do something about it. They started Resources of Hope (ROH) a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization, to meet the physical and emotional needs of foster youth living in central Indiana.

"One of the biggest things is just creating that community of others who are going through similar situations," said Huber, founder and executive director of ROH. "You might have support from family and church members, but until you are connected with a community of others who are going through a similar situation, sometimes you feel the support, but you also feel isolated because they can't fully understand the challenges that you experience as a family, the heartache that when you have to say goodbye to a child, and so having someone that you can relate to you on that level of a foster parent has been really awesome."

Located in Whiteland, ROH offers foster parent and community trainings, such as suicide and sexual abuse prevention, CPR/AED and First Aid; Morning Meet-Up, a support group for foster parents, Safe Family hosts and kinship/guardianship care; an annual Foster Family Back to School Bash; Recharge, an afternoon off for local foster parents; Birthday Blessings; and Teen Connect.

The Teen Connect program is for youth either in foster care, adopted or in a kinship placement for those ages 12-17. "We have all different kinds of events, from making wood kits to doing our nails to sporting events to self-defense classes; we even painted pumpkins," said Ranae Furnee, a Center Grove resident and executive assistant with ROH. "We just want to be an arm of

support for these kids that need it."

"Talking with girls from other similar backgrounds has definitely helped a lot," added Kat Huber, a junior who also attends CGHS. Kat was previously in foster care and adopted by Summer Huber in March. "We all

and hang out. I've met a lot of great girls through the program."

ROH will be hosting an inaugural golf outing on Sept. 15. Proceeds benefit local foster kids. For more information, go to resourcesofhope.org/golf-tournament. To donate to ROH, visit resourcesofhope.org.



Chief Laut to retire from Greenwood Police Department

By Nancy Price

Greenwood Police Chief John Laut has announced he is retiring after serving the department for more than 30 years. His last working day will be Aug. 28.

"Eight years in executive police leadership comes with stresses and worries that take their toll," Chief Laut explained. "We have made so many changes at the department, but a new chief can keep making progress in ways that I have not thought of. Police work evolved constantly, and I am ready to let someone else make all the decisions that need to be made daily."

Laut decided to become a police officer when he was an Indianapolis Police Explorer. "I view a career in law enforcement more of a calling rather than a career," he said. He was hired by the Greenwood Police Department on July 5, 1988. He was promoted as a detective and sergeant and in 2011 was assigned to the United States Marshal Service fugitive task force. In 2012, Laut was promoted to chief by Greenwood Mayor Mark Myers.

A lifelong Southside resident, Laut graduated from Southport High School in 1981. He graduated from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy in 1988 and received a degree in criminal justice from IUPUI in 2008. In addition, he received training at the FBI National Academy in 2006 for executive police leadership.

Laut recalled how law enforcement has changed in the past three decades. "In 1988 we carried 6-shot revolvers, a night-stick and shotguns," he said. "We now carry semi-automatic pistols, patrol rifles, tasers, chemical OC spray. We are better trained in so many areas than we were in the 80s. Police officers today have to be computer savvy and are better educated."

Under Laut's leadership, the Greenwood Police Department has grown in the number of officers, was one of the first agencies to implement a body-worn camera program and created a crime analysis position.

A small celebration will be held at the Greenwood Amphitheater on Laut's last day, where Greenwood Mayor Mark Myers will issue a proclamation.



Greenwood Police Chief John Laut with wife, Molly, on his right, with daughters: Elizabeth, Emma, Isabel and Shayla. (Submitted photo)

ROMAN NUMERALS

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The number of graduates in Leadership Johnson County Youth Leadership Academy's inaugural program. The Youth Leadership Academy is a five-month program for select Johnson County residents and high school students (they must complete an application in advance). To participate, stu-

dents must be sophomores or juniors (or are home-schooled at that level). For more information about Youth Leadership Academy, go to leadershipjohnsoncounty.org/youth-leadership-academy.



Bryce Rayner (center), a Center Grove senior, attended Leadership Johnson County Youth Leadership Academy. (Submitted photo)

Center Grove senior gets a head start in life through youth leadership academy

By Nancy Price

Budgeting personal finances, networking and developing leadership are skills most of us don't develop until we get our first jobs and live on our own.

Bryce Rayner, a Center Grove senior, already has a head start on these life lessons, thanks to his participation in Leadership Johnson County Youth Leadership Academy.

"The program is designed to help students learn about their community and how they can make a difference as a student leader," Kelsay said.

> "They gain knowledge and skills that will prepare them for their future in terms of communication, collaboration, financial management and networking. The skills gained through the Youth Leadership Academy are designed to help these students not

only in their high school careers but also later in life. It helps to build their network of people who care about our youth in Johnson County and encourages the students to step out of their comfort zones."

Participants attend an opening-day retreat in early August, appear at four scheduled class dates throughout the year, complete a community service project and present the project at the graduation celebration. Once students complete the program, they will earn one college credit at Franklin College.

"I think the parts I probably learned the most were from the finance and history days," said Rayner. "The finance days taught me things that they don't really teach in school that is useful for life, like budgeting and shopping tips. The history day helped me feel more connected and engaged with my community."

Rayner said he would recommend the academy to others because he found the program to be a good learning experience, yet fun. "Youth Leadership Academy has changed me and prepared me for college by helping me learn about my own values and how I interact with people," he said. "This will help in the future with job positions and leading groups."

Left, Amy Kelsay serves as coordinator of the Youth Leadership Academy. (Photo by Neal Smith)

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Top ranked Trojans take aim at a second state championship run

The Center Grove Trojans will start their 2020 campaign for another state championship run with a far more experienced crew than they did in their surprising run to the 2019 6A state champion-

This next Friday night, Aug. 21, if the season proceeds as scheduled, the Trojans start their season again against Warren Central, the team they lost to in last year's opener but defeated in the playoffs. The team plays Decatur Central Aug. 28 and then has their re-match with Carmel, the team they lost the state championship to by three points last year.

"A lot of changes can happen in a year," said Center Grove Head Football Coach Eric Moore, noting the team is now ranked first in some polls. "We got a lot of kids on the field last year. We are very experienced on defense. Our offensive skill players are the most experienced I have had since I have been here as far as kids who have all had to play in big games."

Moore said the defensive line, running back and quarterback are the team's three areas of greatest strength. Senior Carson Steele will be back for his fourth year as a starter and his senior year. He led the conference in rushing as a freshman and a sophomore but last year was injured for most of the season. During a July interview, Moore said Steele "looked awesome" in practice. But he won't be alone. He will be joined by junior Daniel Weems in the backfield. "He came back this year and now we are better because people had to play in his position. Daniel Weems got all those reps as a sophomore and now we have a junior and a senior with great experience in the backfield. And we have a couple of other guys backing them up that also have great experience as well," said Moore.

Junior guarterback Tayven Jackson was a new sophomore quarterback last year. Now he is a highly sought national recruit. "He got a lot better with the experience last year. He improved every week. We are extremely excited for him," said Moore.

On the defensive line, Caden Curry is one

of the premier players in the Midwest with offers pouring in from around the country. Senior Austin Booker is also expected to be a force. They will be joined by Owen Wright, James Schott and Shane Bennett.

Seniors Jackson Schott and Trey Clark are back at linebacker. They will be joined on defense by linebacker Matt Hohlt, a transfer from Fishers. Other linebackers include juniors Trei Specker and Elijah Matheson. "(Hohlt) was a two-year starter at Fishers as a linebacker. He is new to our program, but he is a senior player with a lot of experience," said Moore. "We have a good five or six guys battling it out at linebacker."

Moore said the team is strong at the corner and safety positions. Contenders include seniors Dane Young and Matt Soderdahl at the corner, and challengers Harrison Roberts and Jackson Griffin. At safety there are Brayton Spetter, MItchell Evans and Conner Burries. "We have eight corners and four safeties really battling it out for those four spots."

The offensive line is young and improving but has the advantage of size. "We have not had this kind of size ever, so we are hoping to use our size to our advantage instead of our lack of experience," said Moore.

On special teams, Austin Watson will return, and he will also be the punter. Ouarterback Tayven Jackson will share punting duties with Watson. "We have a team that made it all the way to the finals. If you get any kind of luck at all and you know how to win, that is a big advantage," said Moore.

Looming over the season will be the pandemic. Moore said they have had to make a lot of changes this year. "We have a lot of social distancing going on. We only have six or seven guys in the film room spread out 10 feet apart. The weight room is spread out. We spread out our water bottles 10-12 yards apart," said Moore. "It looks like nobody is being a teammate; we can't do that. We don't high five, we don't get into group breakdown, we don't shake hands or anything. We are proceed-

ing as normal with COVID(-19) virus stipulations.







Left, Center Grove Trojans are ready to win this year. (Submitted photo) | Right top, this year, Center Grove Trojans, in addition to training and playing, will also strive to stay healthy and avoid contracting the virus. The team is proceeding as normal with COVID(-19) virus stipulations. (Photo by Brian Ruckle) | Right bottom, no. 30 Carson Steele avoiding the attempted tackle by Carmel's No. 24 Sam Saliba. (Photo by Paul Quirke)



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CG FOOTBALL MOM'S RECIPES

Football and food go hand in hand

FEATURE

Compiled by Nancy Price

You can watch Center Grove High School's football team defeat its opponent while being recognized for your own winning tailgate snacks.

These mouth-watering recipes, submitted by mothers of Center Grove football players, are easy to make and likely to disappear before you can say, "Go Trojans!"



BETTER THAN REESE'S

(Submitted by Jennifer Hohlt) **SERVINGS: 16**

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 sticks butter, melted
- 1 1/3 cup powdered sugar
- 1 3/4 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 2 cups chocolate chips, melted

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Mix first four ingredients and press in a 13-inch x 9-inch pan. Pour melted chocolate over mixture and cool.
- Place in refrigerator or freezer if you need the chocolate to set quicker (especially on a hot day).

SAUSAGE CRESCENTS

(Submitted by Nicole Delp) SERVINGS: 32

INGREDIENTS:

- 2 pounds of sausage
- 2 8-ounce packages of cream cheese
- 4 packages of crescent rolls

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Brown sausage and drain off grease. Mix in cream cheese.
- Spoon sausage mixture on crescents. Roll crescents.
- Bake according to crescent directions.



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The owners of Sisters Korean Restaurant are not actually sisters – but they have become as close as sisters after meeting in a grocery store several years ago, even working, vacationing and attending church together. They all have a passion for food and enjoy sharing authentic Korean recipes with their customers. All three own the restaurant; two are waitresses and one is a cook. BBO meals include boneless beef short ribs, rib eye, beef tenderloin, pork, beef brisket, pork belly, boneless chicken and seasoned shrimp. Appetizers consist of deep-fried shrimp and veggies, rice and veggies wrapped in seaweed and deep-fried squid. Lunch specials feature broiled, marinated tender beef, noodles with black bean sauce or mixed seafood soup,



BooDae Chigae Jeon Gol: Kimchi soup with hot dog, ham, tofu and pork. (Submitted photo)

while soups include potatoes, kimchi, clams and filets of cod with veggies. "Excellent fresh food full of flavor," a review commented on Facebook. "I loved the service; it was as if one of my aunts sat me down and served me some really delicious hot food. This stuff is authentic."

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Southside Art League Off Broadway Gallery's Featured Artist • The Off Broadway Gallery at the Southside Art League will host a solo show by Greenwood artist Patricia Voelz. Patricia is known for her creative and totally original paintings and drawings. She began painting in oils and later gravitated into Acrylics. She has been hooked on Zentangle as a fun way to create. Watercolor has become a faithful friend, also. | When: Aug. 5-29, Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. | Where: 299 E. Broadway in Old Towne Greenwood. | Info: Contact Patricia at (317) 919-3068 or patriciavoelz@gmail.com.

The Suds Saturday Cruise-In • Named by Car Craft magazine as "one of the best places to cruise in America with your car," the Suds Drive-In has been THE PLACE to cruise since 1957. The 2020 season marks the 63rd anniversary of this amazing place. Originally opened as a Dog N Suds, the restaurant has been visited by hundreds of thousands of late model and classic cars, trucks and bikes. So come join all the gearheads, hot-rodders, muscle car fans and daily drivers enthusiasts every Saturday night (weather permitting) from April to the end of October, starting "around" 4 p.m. Check out vehicles of every make, model, shape size and year. The Suds will be serving up delicious food from their historic 50s-style drive-in, so be sure to grab a bite to eat while you're there. Bring the kids too, because this is very much a family-friendly event! | When: Aug. 15, 4-9 p.m. | Where: The Suds Saturday Cruise-In, 350 Market Plaza. | Info: ♠: Holden Owners of Indiana.

Greater Greenwood Community Band Concert • Conducted by band director Randy Greenwell, musical selections for this Saturday concert in the park will include patriotic works, plus concert pieces such as "Amarito Roca," "Overture in B-Flat," a medley of recognizable tunes from Grease and much more. Bring friends and family to enjoy an entertaining hour of live music on stage. Donations to help support the band are greatly appreciated, but, as always, admission is free! All groups of guests are asked to follow social distancing guidelines by sitting at least of feet apart on the lawn and wearing a mask. Light refreshments will be provided. | When: Aug. 22, 7-8 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Amphitheater, 300 S. Washington St. | Info: greenwoodband.org.

Summer Concert Series • Greenwood revamped the city's popular Summer Concert Series in order to continue the outdoor event amidst COVID-19. Attendees are encouraged to come early to choose a specific seating zone, each with a limited capacity. Gates open at 5:30 p.m. and will close once the venue reaches a limited capacity of 1,215 attendees. Each attendee will receive a colored wristband upon entry to match their chosen seating section. Attendees will enter the venue through designated entry points. The dance floor will be closed to practice social distancing. Attendees are highly encouraged to wear facemasks. Those who are experiencing COIVD-19 symptoms or are sick should remain home. Parrots of the Caribbean performs. | When: Aug. 29, 7 p.m. | Where: Greenwood

Amphitheater in Craig Park, 300 S. Washington St. | Info: (317) 881-4545; greenwood.in.gov.

13th Annual Golf Tournament • Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5864 in Greenwood will host its 13th Annual Golf Tournament. Net proceeds will be used to fund programs for homeless veterans and many local charitable programs which include the Patriot's Pen for junior high school students; Voice of Democracy for high school students; Boy and Girl Scouts of the Year; Teacher of the Year in elementary, junior and senior high school categories; and three college scholarships. VFW Post 5864 awards plaques annually to the Outstanding Citizen of the Year; Policeman of the Year; Firefighter of the Year and EMT of the Year in the city of Greenwood. We help homeless veterans in the community and assist local veterans and their families in financial need. VFW Post 5864 acts as a resource to veterans by locating other organizations as needed to help the veteran confront the issues they may be facing today. | When: Aug. 29; check-in at 7:30 a.m.; shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. | Where: Valle Vista Golf Course, 755 E. Main St. | Info: Steve Milbourn, commander at (317) 525-7291; email steve.milbourn@ aol.com; or call the Post at (317) 888-2488.

Pin-Ups on Tour: Operation Greenwood • Pin-Ups on Tour is a good time for a great cause. From the moment guests enter the event, they will be treated to something special. Our goal is to recreate the magic of the Hollywood Canteen that operated during the 1940s as a club offering dancing, drinks and entertainment for servicemen, usually on their way overseas. The evening will feature dancing showgirls, comedy, variety acts, soulful lounge singers, raffle-ticket selling beauties and more than a few surprises! With entertainment and

atmosphere around every turn, guests will feel like they stepped into another era. Must be at or over the age of 18. | When: Aug. 29; doors open at 7 p.m.; show starts at 8 p.m. | Where: Greenwood VFW Post 5864, 1842 Veterans Way. | Info: go to pinupsontour. com/tour or call the Post at (317) 888-2488.

Graveside Presentation: Revolutionary War Veteran • The Mary Bryan Chapter, NSDAR, Greenwood VFW Post 5864, will have a presentation of Revolutionary War veteran, Jeremiah Harrold's gravesite. Welcome to all. Social distancing and face masks required. | When: Sept. 5, 9:30 a.m. | Where: Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, 734 N. Morgantown Road. | Info: ♠: Mary Bryan Chapter NSDAR.

ONLINE EVENTS

Authors at JCPL Book Club via Zoom • Let's get together on Zoom and discuss one of our past authors, Lisa Jewll, and her book, *The Family Upstairs*. A Zoom link will be sent to you before the program. Please include an email address with registration. Registration is required. This title is available for checkout at the branches and The Cloud Library app. | When: Sept. 1, 6-7 p.m. | Where: Online. | Info: (317) 738-9835; jcplin.libnet.info/event/4486025.

Scavenger Hunt Around the House via Zoom • Teams of one to two players will participate in gathering different materials around the house. You might want to put on your running shoes! A Zoom link will be sent to you before the program. Please include an email address with registration. Registration is required. | When: Sept. 9, 4:30-5:15 p.m. | Where: Online. | Info: jcplin.libnet.info/event/4510838.



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- 26. Pesky insect
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PERSONNEL MATTERS

Overcoming challenges takes resilience, positivity and optimism

By Mike Heffner

In a normal business environment, it takes a ton of energy to develop a successful small business. It's even harder during a pandemic, economic turmoil and political unrest. So how do you press forward and find a way in times like these? You invest in optimism. You build a team and culture that focuses on moving forward. I often say, if you are not growing you are going backwards.

In a competitive environment, you will face all kinds of challenges, adversity, negativity, naysayers and failure. There will be times when it seems as if everything in the world is conspiring against you. There will be moments you'll want to give up. This is why optimism is so important.

Optimism drives innovation, creates jobs, and inspires people to think differently. It's what keeps your vision alive and allows the mission you and your team are on to be lived out. This may make you roll your eyes. All I can say is this, I have been through tough times before and these are the times when those that dig in and find a way – win.

Success belongs to those who believe in it. It takes resilience, positivity and op-

timism to overcome all the challenges. If you want to get control of your negative thoughts and stop them from spiraling into fear and pessimism, you may want to look at these three things:

- 1) Become self-aware What are you saying to yourself? Are your thoughts based on complaints, self-doubt, fear and negativity? Those lead to unhappiness, failure and unfulfilled goals. When you notice these thoughts, you should find a way to tap into your optimism. Your self-talk must be positive and lead to positive action. Find ways to fuel your mind with thoughts and phrases that give you strength and power as you look to overcome challenges.
- 2) Talk yourself through the fear Don't buy into the lies. Fear will lie to you. If you believe the fear-based thoughts, then everything around you will validate what you believe to the point where you eventually start to believe it. Instead of listening to the negative lies, choose to feed yourself with the positive truth. Go enjoy the outdoors, work

out, tap into things that you love.

3) It's impossible to be grateful and stressed - Research shows we can't be stressed and thankful at the same time. If you feel blessed, you won't be stressed. Spend time looking at the things you have – your health, friends and family. Spend time in meditation, prayer and reading material that lifts you up versus the news that will fill your mind with negativity.

Positive leaders invest their time and energy in driving a positive culture. I can tell you that I recently was caught up in the fear and negativity and had to find my way out. I did this by looking for optimism, belief and addressing the negativity that had become toxic in my mind.



This article is written by Mike Heffner, the owner of the local Greenwood Express Employment Professionals franchise. Contact Mike at Mike.Heffner@expresspros.com, @IndySouthMike on Twitter or visit ExpressIndySouth.com.

PEER TO PEER

It's business as usual, and Hoosiers are back into spending mode

By Howard Hubler

Indianapolis is starting to become business as usual in many areas. While Indianapolis restaurants seem to be struggling, and many are yet to open, it seems as though the brethren in the outlying areas are opening and doing pretty well. Our state makes a tremendous amount of its income off of sales tax, my industry, automotive is booming and sending hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of sales tax to Indiana. We are an essential industry. However, we are running out of inventory.

The other day I went to a marina to purchase a small boat. The boat business is currently booming, and their inventory is also cleaned out. It seems to me that if the business is about home goods, groceries, residential remodeling, transportation or the great outdoors, it seems like Hoosiers are falling back into spending mode.

I try to be a student about this whole COVID-19 thing. I'm researching how many people are getting it, how many people are getting over it, how many people are dying from it. From what I can determine, younger people are getting it more, it's easy for them

to pass it, somewhat like influenza, and then it seems to be over. It seems like hospitals are resuming business as usual and many other more filling up with elective surgeries.

We are looking at some future government initiatives to put money in more peoples' pockets. As mentioned last month, in my world the biggest issue is finding people to show up to work. It seems to me that more free money will be an incentive for more people to spend the rest of the year at home living off the plan.

I continue to have a heart for small businesses that are truly struggling or facing closure throughout this ordeal. I just pray that any other government handouts are focused for the highest and best use of our nation's needs; employers need to hire, and people need jobs.



Howard Hubler can be reached at howard@ hubler.com.

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What is God like? Just look at Jesus

DEVOTIONAL

By Pastor Chris Philbeck

In his book, The Bible Jesus Read, Philip Yancey shares the story of a little girl who rushed up to her newborn brother in his hospital room with this question, "Quick, what is God like?" It seems that she had shrewdly figured that, having just come from heaven, he might have some insider information.

In the opening chapter of Hebrews, it seems like the writer is answering that very question. After writing about the different ways God had spoken in the past, he says. ...but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe (Hebrews 1:2) Then he goes on to say, The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being (Hebrews 1:3a)

That word "radiance" in the original language of the New Testament is the Greek word apaugasma which literally means "a shining light." In other words, when Jesus came into the world, he was a shining light on the reality of God. Think of it like this: He "lit up" God. The words "exact representation" come from the Greek word charakter which is a word that describes "the impression made by a stamp in hot wax."

It seems pretty clear that the Hebrew writ-

er was saying, "Hey, if you want to know what God is like, look at Jesus. That's an important truth to remember when you're tempted to see God as distant or stern or even unresponsive. In those moments we need to remember John's description of Jesus in John 1:14, The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. That's how it reads in the NIV. In The Message it says, The word became flesh and blood and moved into the neighborhood.

God isn't distant, He's right here. We need to remember the picture of Jesus in Matthew 19:14 when he said, Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them... He's not stern, he's gentle. We need to remember the scene where Jesus stood outside the tomb of Lazarus and showed the depth of his love for his friend who had died. John 11:35 says, Jesus wept. I'm comforted by knowing that I don't have to wonder what God is like, I just have to look at (draw near to) Jesus.



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Vesper Flights:

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BOOK REVIEW

By Amy Hamilton

Vesper Flights, written by Helen Macdonald, the author

of bestselling *H is for Hawk, is an elegantly written collection of 41 essays*. Mostly brief, they focus on how the environment and humans interact and affect each other. They are personal reflections with nature as a theme, and essays about topics ranging from scientists to bird migration patterns.

"Inspector Calls" is a touching story about a boy with autism and a pet parrot. "High-Rise" describes how bird migration patterns are affected by city lights and how cities can change how they light their cities at night during bird migration periods. "Eclipse" details how nature brings out emotions and also inspires scientific studies. "Birds, Tabled" describes the class differences between British birding events and birding culture. Overall, the collection is engaging, and each essay may be read by itself.

Vesper Flights is a moving and reflective collection of essays written in a candid and lyrical style. Recommend for fans of Lab Girl by Hope Jahren and Peregrine Spring by Nancy Cowan.



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@jcplin.org.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

Adult:

The Boy in the Field by Margot Livesey
The Death of Vivek Oji by Akwaeke Emezi
Dear Emmie Blue by Lia Louis
The Eighth Detective by Alex Pavesi

Young Adult:

The Glare by Margot Harrison

Girl, Serpent, Thorn by Melissa Bashardoust

The Brave by James Bird

Ikenga by Nnedi Okorafor

Children:

Otto Tattercoat and the Forest of Lost Things by Matilda Woods

> The Little Kitten by Nicola Killen Sun and Moon Have a Tea Party by Yumi Heo

Little Green Donkey by Anuska Allepuz

Responding to the call of duty

Center Grove recruiter enlisted in the Army to study, travel and help those in need

By Nancy Price

Sgt. Charles Brown knew he wanted to serve his country when he was still in high school. "I enlisted back in September 1999 during my senior year," he said. "I wanted the opportunity to be a part of something greater than myself while receiving education benefits and traveling the world."

A native of Sacramento, Calif., Brown has been stationed in more than 25 different countries as a 38B, Civil Affairs Specialist. "Loosely translated as Foreign Relations," he explained. "I assisted in Refugee Operations, Humanitarian Efforts and country development." Brown studied IT at the University of Phoenix; religion, biblical and theology studies at Liberty University and business at Ivy Tech and IUPUI.

A Center Grove resident for the past four years, Brown is married with three children and enjoys spending time with his family and volunteers with Greenwood Meals on Wheels, Gleaners Food Pantry and Helping Hands. He is an Army recruiter on the Southside of Indianapolis.

"I love seeing my fellow military members being welcomed back by family and friends, and those who care to be there at the airports when they first arrive back into the states," Brown said. "It always brings a tear to my eyes to see that the nation we sacrifice a lot for is there for support. Thank you to everyone."

What is your greatest virtue?

Empathy. I have a way of relating to people on different levels.

What upsets you?

The mistreatment of people, in general.

What do you like best about Center Grove?

Center Grove is a well-connected community that prides themselves on keeping good standards including overall business, presentation and education.

What's your favorite Southside eatery?

My family and I really enjoy eating at Bonefish Grill or Oaken Barrel.

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

The Southside has my heart, so it would be here in Center Grove, Southport, or Franklin Township

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

Nothing. I do not regret any decisions I have made in the past.

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

Investing into nonprofit organizations that care for people with disabilities. Investing into state education resources.

Investing into small local businesses.

What makes you happiest?

Being with family and friends.

Pick three adjectives that best describe you.

Intelligent, thoughtful and friendly.

What is your favorite vacation spot? Woodland Park,

Colorado

What do you do with idle time?

I stay busy; no idle time.

What would you change about our culture if you could?

I would say to not be so business oriented ALL the time; I would like to see people start conversations without demanding an agenda.

How do you escape from reality?

I will jump on the Xbox with my friends from back home in California and play Call of Duty.

What do you love most in life? The power of choice.

Which living person in Center Grove do you most admire?

Mark Brunette, retired Army Reserve, registered nurse, teacher and comrade.

What quality do you admire most in another person?

Uniqueness; everyone is different in their own way. I like to recognize that.

What is your greatest extravagance? Traveling, but not with this COVID travel ban.

What is your greatest fear?Outliving my children.

Is there a special talent you really wish you had?

I wish I could be a musician. Music helps to heal the soul.

What do you most value in your friends?

Humor. They need to laugh at my jokes without question.

Which historical figure do you most admire?

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

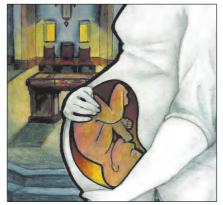
What tenet do you live by?

Treat other people the way you would want to be treated.

What would people be surprised to learn about you?

I am a practicing visual artist in paint, charcoal, pastels, pencil, ink, ceramics, metal, wood and plastics.

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Audrey Rearick placed first with her entry, "Feeling Blessed" and Ella McCalip received second place with her creation, "A Blessing from the Holy Spirit." (Submitted photos)

Roncalli students place first and second in art contest

Recognition - In May, two Roncalli High School students were recognized for their outstanding work in the art contest by Right to Life of Indianapolis. Sophomore Audrey Rearick won first place in the 2020 Right to Life of Indianapolis art competition with her entry, titled: "Feeling Blessed." Sophomore Ella McCalip received second place in the same competition with her entry, titled: "A Blessing from the Holy Spirit." Each school is eligible to submit only two entries each

year. The first-place recipient has their artwork utilized in publication, brochures and posters and receives a monetary award as well. Both winners will be recognized at the annual Right to Life of Indianapolis banquet. "I am very proud of Audrey and Ella's accomplishments. In addition to their winning pieces, all their artwork this year has been exceptional. They both exhibit a great deal of talent, work ethic and creativity," said Mark Straton, Visual Arts instructor.

Puzzle Time Answers – ON PAGE 18 Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:

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