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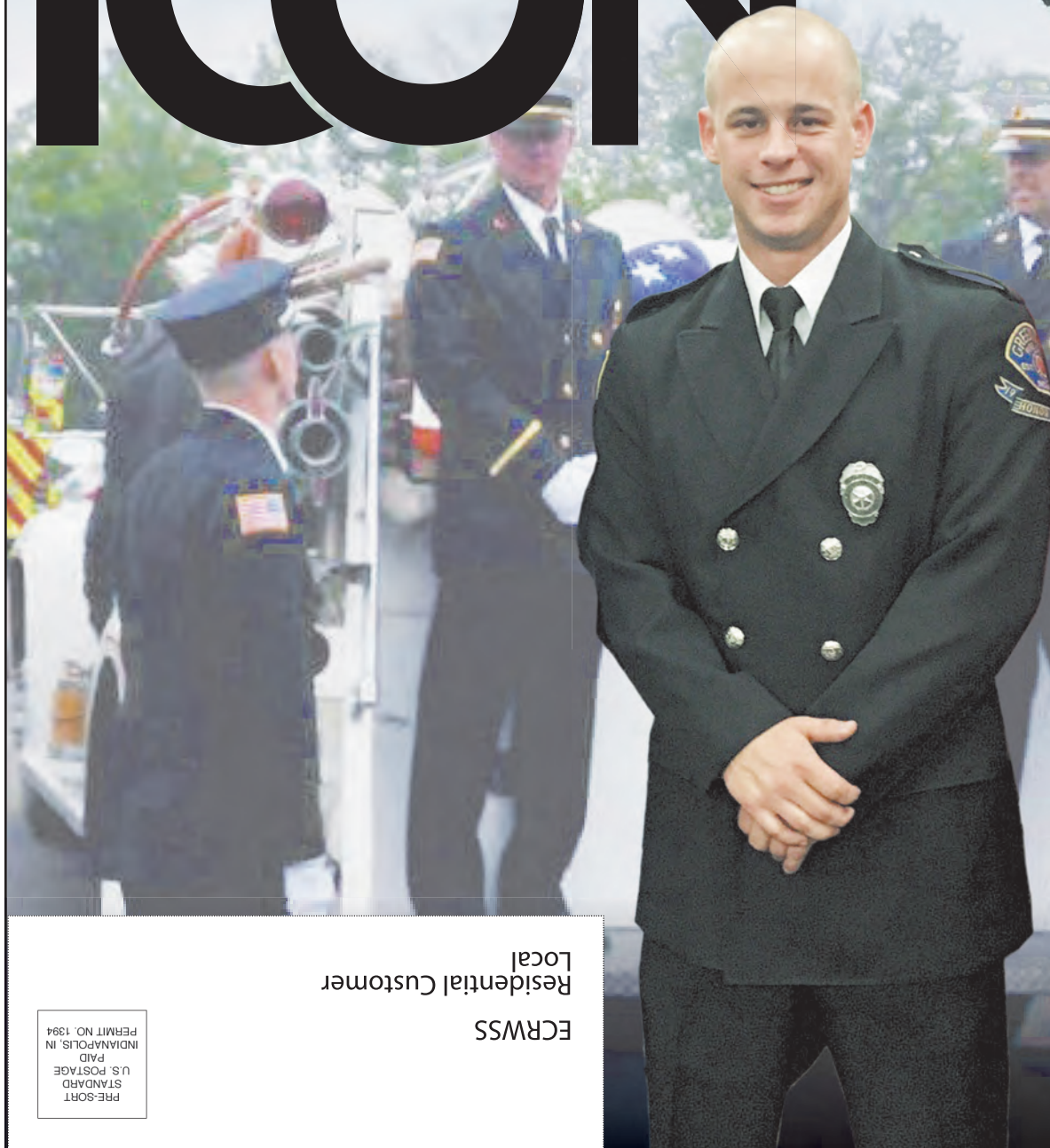
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Nine Center Grove High School seniors were recently named semifinalists in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program. Pictured, from left to right: Jaxon Mann, Christina Money, Rahul Appaji, Sapna Vyas, Jacob Tallman, Hemaksi Vat and Conor Roach. (Not pictured: Taylor Jarosinski and Bryce Rayner.) About 16,000 semifinalists were chosen from the highest scorers in each state for the 66th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. They have an opportunity to continue in the competition for 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$30 million that will be offered next spring. The semifinalists represent fewer than 1 percent of U.S. high school seniors. About 15,000 semifinalists are expected to advance to the finalist level, and in February 2021 they will be notified of this designation. To become a finalist, the semifinalists and their high school must submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes information about the students' academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment and honors and awards received. (Submitted photo)

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## Seven Roncalli students receive Spirit of Youth awards

**Recognition** - Roncalli seniors Ali Dafforn (Ss. Francis and Clare), Celeste Gorbali (St. Roch), Patrick Luttrell (St. Roch), Roncalli graduates, Cassidy Cross R'20 (St. Mark), Olivia Hornek R'20 (St. Mark), Sydney Silcox R'20 (Nativity) and Sarah Wulf R'20 (Good Shepherd) received the Catholic Youth Organization's Spirit of Youth award. Students were recognized for their dedication to volunteerism and continued commitment to service of others. The Spirit of Youth Award is presented to teens who have exhibited a commitment to volunteerism and perform outstanding service within the parish for those in need and in the larger community. The awards will be presented at each of their parishes. Principal Chuck Weisenbach said, "We are very proud of these students for having earned this award! Our mission calls for us to partner with our parents and parishes in the education and faith formation of our young people! It is exciting when our young people embrace their faith the way these students and graduates have done! They are great ambassadors for their family, parish and our school!"



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Left top, Austin's dad Bob Speece sits in the firetruck Austin rode with Lieutenant Matt Davidson, firefighter and paramedic. (Photo by Neal Smith) | Left bottom, Austin's aunt, Connie Speece, with scholarship winner Larry Cress. | Center, the day Austin was sworn in as an officer, with, from left, his brother, Brandon; father, Bob; Austin; and brother, Chad. | Right, Kevin Johnson and Steve Dillman ring the bell at Austin's funeral. The ringing of the bell represents the end of the emergency and the return to quarters. (Submitted photos)

## 'UNFINISHED BUSINESS ON THIS EARTH'

Center Grove remembers a young, ambitious firefighter with a servant's heart

### COVER STORY

By Nancy Price

The friends and family of a young, passionate and driven local firefighter are helping to keep his memory alive by donating to the Greenwood Fire Department Cadet program and offering annual scholarships to local individuals pursuing a career in public service.

A 2010 Center Grove High School graduate, Austin Speece suddenly and tragically passed away in 2017. As a young boy, he lived across the street from a firefighter he idolized, according to his father, Bob Speece. "I think that had some influence on him," Bob said. "He loved the idea (of becoming a fireman). And when he became a fireman, he got that man's badge number."

### Career Training in High School

In high school, Austin participated in the Greenwood Fire Department Cadet program, which introduces youth into fire and emergency medical service career fields. The cadet program works closely with Central Nine Career Center in Greenwood and "is one of the few places that offer the curriculum to high school students in South Central Indiana," said Lieutenant Firefighter and Paramedic Matt Davidson. The curriculum is for certifications in Firefighter I/II and for Emergency Medical Technician.

"Kids can take these classes as part of their core 40 requirements for graduation and leave high school ready to work," he continued. "Many of the kids that attend

these classes at C-9 are presented the opportunity to apply what they learn through the Greenwood Fire Department Cadet program. Many of them return to test with and hopefully be employed right where they began."

Once Austin completed the curriculum and graduated from high school, he returned to the fire department. Bob recalled Austin's vulnerability as a new firefighter. "He asked me one day, he was talking about going on a run, 'what if I can't handle it, Dad?' I said, 'I think your adrenaline flow will get you through it and this will become like an instinct, and you'll do what you know and maybe afterwards it may affect you but at that time you won't have time to worry about what you've seen.'"

### A Natural Leader

Austin also became a cadet leader. "He loved kids, and of course they all loved him, too," said Bob. "It was just the idea about teaching the young people what he learned through the program and passing it on to them."

"He treated all the cadets like he was their big brother," added Davidson. "He would always

say to them, 'look, you can do this. I did; now I'm living it.' He excelled in his career by staying humble and always wanting more information. He was (part of) the first crew after I was promoted to Lieutenant and he matched me in the desire to always want to be better at what we did and better than all the other crews."

Austin also represented the department as a member of the Honor Guard. "He wanted to be part of the ceremonies for things like fallen firefighters, funerals for past and present members across the nation," said Davidson. "He wanted to be part of the rigid nature of the Honor Guard. He was part of a nationally recognized team for multiple years."

### A Kid at Heart

Although serious about his career, Austin had a playful side that appealed to those who knew him.

"We would laugh all the time at some of the situations we would find ourselves in while at work," Davidson said. "As a friend he was more like another of my kids. But he had a brand of loyalty that is hard to find in young people today."



Davidson recalled that when his son was younger and being treated for cancer at Riley Children's Hospital, Austin was "always buying gifts, sneaking in candy, visiting when Zane would get bored at Riley or be down because we were there over a holiday or something," he said. "Then he wanted to give back after Zane was released by going (to Riley) to read to the kids and hand out gift baskets for newly diagnosed families."

After Austin's death, friends and family asked others attending the funeral to consider donating to the cadet program instead of sending flowers to the funeral home. One of Austin's friends, a fellow firefighter, sold bracelets to help with fundraising. A few months later, Austin's aunt and uncle decided to donate money for an annual scholarship in Austin's honor for a student studying public service. Larry Cress, a student attending the University of Indianapolis, was chosen as the first scholarship recipient recently. Cress plans to follow in his dad's footsteps as policeman. "He is a very well-mannered young man. He pretty much won hands-down," Bob said.

Although gone, Austin will never be forgotten by those who knew him. "Anybody who knew the kid, they loved him no matter what," Bob said.

"Austin was a tremendous loss for me personally and for the crew that we had built," added Davidson. "He had so much unfinished business on this earth."

For more information about the scholarship or how to donate toward the cadet program, please email Bob Speece at [bspeece52@gmail.com](mailto:bspeece52@gmail.com).



Rylie McMahan. (Submitted photo)

## THE MCMAHEN FILE

**NAME:**  
Rylie McMahan

**YEAR:**  
Senior

**HEIGHT:**  
5 feet, 8 inches

**AGE:**  
17

**SPORT:**  
Varsity volleyball

**POSITION:**  
Libero/defensive specialist

**HOBBIES/INTERESTS:**  
Water skiing,  
playing with her  
dog and hanging  
out with friends

**COLLEGE PLANS:**  
Winthrop University

**FAVORITE MOVIE:**  
*The Sandlot*

**FAVORITE TV PROGRAM:**  
*Gilmore Girls*

**PARENTS:**  
Travis and Tracy  
McMahan

Bob Rohrman's **INDY** Athlete of the Month  
 **HONDA** Rylie McMahan

By Angie Antonopoulos

Rylie McMahan, a senior at Center Grove High School who plays libero/defensive specialist for the girls varsity volleyball team, is known to bring energy, sportsmanship and awareness to the volleyball court.

"My job is passing the ball, being a good teammate and to have good court awareness," McMahan said, and to "hit around the block."

She has earned her spot on the varsity team through her drive to improve as a volleyball player and athlete.

"I would play with girls that are older and played different positions," McMahan said, who played junior varsity part of her freshman year and junior varsity and varsity her junior and senior year.

She also gives credit to her mentors, Jenna Tadros, her club coach at Circle City Volleyball Club and her CGHS girls varsity volleyball coach Chris Due.

"He has high expectations of me, and

he pushes me to increase my level of play," McMahan said of her high school coach. "He's a tough coach and he wants the most out of his players. This will help me as I head into college."

McMahan started playing volleyball in the third grade with a church league. Up until eighth grade, she played softball, volleyball, basketball and cross country. When she entered high school, she decided to only play volleyball to balance her studies and competitive sports. She recently earned a partial scholarship to play Division I Women's College Volleyball for Winthrop University in Rock Hill, South Carolina, where she plans to study communications and sports reporting.

"We're really proud of her," said Tracy McMahan, Rylie's mother. "We feel very lucky. She always wants to keep getting better."

Tracy said that she and her husband, Travis McMahan always told her to be a good teammate and work hard. "We want her to be a good leader," she said.

Coach Due said that her leadership

shows. "Rylie is our anchor both on and off the court," he said. "She is the type of player that others look up to both as a role model, and as a friend. She is always smiling and bringing a great positive vibe to the gym."

He said Rylie is one of the first to arrive to the gym and will help get practice going, "whether it's setting up for practice, leading warm-ups and stretches, or just doing the little things ... she is always leading."

Besides being the setter, Coach Due said Rylie touches the ball the most on the court, so she plays a significant role. "We not only rely on her for her passing in serve receive, but for her tenacious defense not letting balls hit the floor from opposing teams or doing the other important things like making coverage plays if we get blocked."

He gives credit to her for anchoring the back row for a match with Carmel last year. "She was a key contributor to our big win versus Carmel, which helped keep our 7-year MIC championship going."

## ICONIC briefs



From left, Lucy Houser, Robert McKay and Suicerchin Suaung. (Submitted photos)

### Three Roncalli students named National Merit Commended Students

**Recognition** - Roncalli High School has announced that three members of the class of 2021 have been named National Merit Commended Students by The College Board. This designation is the second highest national academic honor a high school student can receive. Commended student status means that from the over 1.5 million seniors who took the PSAT last year, these students scored in the top 3 percent of the country's brightest seniors. Lucy Houser, Robert McKay and Suicerchin (Grace) Suaung join the earlier announced National Merit Semi-Finalist, John (Liam) Moore, to make four members of this Roncalli Class of 2021 that have been recognized in the most prestigious, competitive academic honors program in the country. Roncalli is proud of these outstanding students and extends congratulations to their families and elementary schools who prepared them so well for the vigor of a Roncalli High School education.

### Local students named to Pensacola Christian College's President's List

**Academics** - The following local students were named to the president's list by Dr. Troy Shoemaker, president of Pensacola Christian College, for academic achievement during the 2020 spring semester: Mary Kate Green and Rachel Huggins of Greenwood (46143). Students named on the president's list earned a semester grade point average of 3.90 or higher.

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Top left, The Social of Greenwood's Rock Steady Boxing class returns Oct. 26. | Top right, making friends is easy with the variety of events at The Social. | Bottom, day trips include movies at the theater. (Submitted photos)

## Social of Greenwood resumes food pantry services, reopens for Rock Steady Boxing

### FEATURE

By Nancy Price

The Social of Greenwood is slowly reopening its doors for the first time since March. Last month, the non-profit resumed its food pantry services on Tuesdays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Thursdays from noon-2 p.m. via drive-through.

Volunteers are screened for COVID before performing any duties and are required to wear masks. Nonperishable items, including macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and canned goods are packaged in boxes and delivered inside a recipient's car trunk. "We are so lucky to have a large group of volunteers," said Andrea Sutherland, executive director for The Social of Greenwood. "Folks are tired of being home and enjoy any opportunity to serve their community. They love the interaction. Just having that interaction, I think, helps both parties."

The Social will also restart Rock Steady Boxing classes on Oct. 26, with a few updated changes. "We have had to reduce the amount of classes," Sutherland explained. There will be one class a day so rooms can be adequately disinfected before beginning the next class. Participants must register beforehand, wear masks and maintain a distance of more than 6 feet to make sure they have adequate space.

"I'm excited to have them back," Suther-

land said. "They haven't seen each other. To see their peers is going to be great for them."

Sutherland said the staff is hoping to start back with regular programming in the spring of 2021. "Right now we're heavily relying on donations just to keep everything running," she said. "Being a nonprofit in this environment is difficult."

She also encourages people to donate to nonprofits that speak to their heart. "It's a whole new world for everyone," she said.

The Social invites anyone in need of pantry items to stop by. "It's open to everyone," Sutherland said. "We service anyone. Volunteers will help guide the cars."

The Social of Greenwood is a 501(c)(3) organization. Its mission is to provide programs, activities and services designed to enhance the quality of life of those 50 and beyond in its community. Membership benefits include trips, clubs, exercise classes, a health and wellness gym, cards and games, educational seminars, a daily congregate lunch, Rock Steady Boxing, a food pantry and volunteer opportunities.

The Social is at 550 Polk St., Greenwood, IN 46143. For more information on The Social and the services it provides, please call (317) 882-4810 or go to [thesocialofgreenwood.org](http://thesocialofgreenwood.org).



Balance and strengthening exercises can help prevent falls. (Submitted photos)

## Facts about falling you need to know

By Linda P. Barnes, OTR, Owner/President

A simple thing can change the path of your life — tripping over a loose rug, slipping on a wet floor or falling down the stairs. Falls often cause serious injuries such as hip fractures and head injuries. For older people, a fall can lead to more serious problems, such as hospitalization, severe depression and prolonged disability. Falls are the most common cause of injuries among the older population. Nearly 35 percent of people ages 65 years and older fall each year and this percentage increases to 42 percent for those over 70 years of age. During my 30-plus years as an occupational therapist, I estimate upwards of 40 percent of people who fall experience fear of falling, which leads to further limiting of activity and lower quality of life.

### Many older adults fear falling

The fear of falling becomes more common as people age, even among those who haven't fallen. Many times, it leads seniors to avoid activities they enjoy such as walking, shopping, visiting relatives or taking part in social activities.

There are several personal risk factors to falling, including muscle weakness, problems with balance and gait, postural low blood pressure, foot problems and unsafe footwear, side effects of medications, dehydration, anemia, sedentary lifestyle, cognitive impairment, visual changes and fear of falling. External causes include, but are not limited to poor lighting, cluttered walkways, pets, throw rugs, uneven sidewalks and absence of handrails.

### Fall prevention: Simple tips to prevent falls

Prevention is the key to decreasing falls in the elderly. The most effective ways to prevent falls include reviewing medication needs with your doctor, balance/strengthening exercises, staying active, assistive devices and proper safety equipment. Occupational and physical therapists can play a very important role in the prevention of falls. Therapists assess the home environment and suggest ways to fall-proof your home. Occupational and physical therapists are experts in trying to break the cycle of inactivity and sedentary lifestyles through balance/strengthening, equipment, caregiver training, changing activity patterns and behaviors. Most importantly, occupational and physical therapists build up confidence in the elderly to limit immobility so they can achieve a more functional independent lifestyle. Addressing the fear of falling can significantly reduce the number of falls which will lead to fewer injuries, fewer trips to the emergency room and a healthier and more balanced life.

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## Should your family hold a visitation at your loved one's funeral?

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

Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service has been part of Greenwood and Indianapolis for generations. When our staff sits down with a family to plan a funeral, there are many decisions that need to be made. One topic of discussion is whether to hold a visitation.

Some families aren't sure what to do, asking questions like, "If we have a visitation, do we have to have an open casket?" Or, "If my loved one is cremated, can we still have a visitation?" We are here to talk through these details and also explain the difference between a viewing (when the loved one who died is present) and a visitation.

First, know this: You can absolutely have a visitation without having a viewing. A visitation is simply an opportunity for family and friends to come and share their support and love.

A visitation can also be a time where you express your loved one's personality. When the visitation is held at one of our beautiful and comfortable funeral homes, you have access to our state-of-the-art facilities as well as our planning expertise. We can help you add personal details that are sure to bring comfort and even a smile to those who knew your loved one. This includes:

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A tribute video about a loved one can be edited and copied to show at the visitation. We can also arrange for custom-designed floral arrangements and keepsake gifts to distribute to guests, such as a seed packet for a favorite flower or a bookmark featuring a beloved Scripture passage, poem, or quote.

Many families choose to include a viewing during the visitation, with the casket

present – either open or closed. If you're unsure what to do, or there will be young children at the visitation, you may choose to do a private viewing before the visitation, with just family and close friends.

When asked about the benefits of having an open casket at the viewing, we explain the following:

- Seeing a loved one after they die emphasizes the reality of their death, helping you and others move toward acceptance in your grief journey.
- If a loved one experienced a prolonged illness, seeing them can help you accept they are no longer suffering and are now at peace.
- If the last time you saw your loved one was traumatic, having this moment as your final memory of them can provide comfort.

The bottom line is that planning a final farewell is very personal and there are no "right" or "wrong" decisions. It is completely up to you and your family. If you have very strong opinions on this topic, you might consider putting your own arrangements in writing to make sure your wishes are followed.

If you know you'll need our services soon, or would like to learn more about planning your own funeral, reach out to us anytime. We are honored to share our expertise, just as we have been doing for over 120 years.

*Paul C. St. Pierre is the President of St. Pierre Family Funeral & Cremation Services, operating under the name Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service, Singleton & Herr and Simplicity Funeral & Cremation Care. He is a sixth-generation Funeral Director. The St. Pierre family has been serving families locally with their funeral homes and crematories since 1897. He is currently President of Selected Independent Funeral Homes, the world's largest association of family-owned funeral homes.*



Paul St. Pierre. (Submitted photo)



## State and local candidates run for office

**FEATURE**

Compiled by  
Nancy Price

Center Grove voters planning to visit the polls in person on Election Day, Tuesday, Nov. 3, will have several options close to home, including Mt. Pleasant Christian

Church, White River Township Trustee's Office, Mt. Auburn Methodist Church and White River Public Library (for a complete list, go to [co.johnson.in.us](http://co.johnson.in.us) and choose 2020 General Election Vote Centers).

### INDIANA GOVERNOR and LT. GOVERNOR

**Eric Holcomb (R) & Suzanne Crouch (R)**

**Woodrow (Woody) Myers (D) & Linda C. Lawson (D)**



A Shortridge High School graduate, Dr. Myers earned his undergraduate and MBA from Stanford. He also earned his MD from Harvard at 23. At 30, Dr. Myers served as State Health Commissioner under Democratic and Republican administrations. Now he is a small business owner in Indiana. He said a vote for Dr. Myers is a vote for education, the economy and your healthcare.

**Donald G. Rainwater (L) & William E. Henry (L)**



Donald Rainwater is a lifelong Hoosier. He graduated from Warren High School in Indianapolis and served in the United States Navy with an honorable discharge as a Yeoman Second Class,

He is a software engineer, with the past seven years in management positions. Donald is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP) and a Certified Scrum Master (CSM). Donald and his wife have six children and three grandchildren.

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**Todd Rokita (R)**



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### Trey Hollingsworth (R)

### Tonya L. Millis (L)



Tonya is a native of Indiana. Tonya worked five years in the Brown County Nurse's office as a health aid. As a real estate broker, Tonya said she has the pleasure of assisting homeowners sell their house and helping buyers get the home of their dreams. Tonya said she has worked with individuals from many walks of life with dignity and without prejudice. visit her website at [tonyaforcongress.com](http://tonyaforcongress.com).

### Andy Ruff (D)



I'm Andy Ruff: a father, husband, friend, neighbor, fisherman, musician, politician — but above all, a Hoosier. For 20 years I was an elected council member for the largest city in IN-09. Its voters deserve someone who will again provide the direct line of communication to Washington.

## INDIANA STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 36

### Ashley Eason (D)



Ashley said her professional experience lends itself well to connecting with constituents, understanding the needs of the community and building programs that can truly make a difference and enact change. Ashley said she is running to fight for good paying jobs, protect public schools, and stand up to extreme voices in the State Senate as the independent voice the 36th District deserves.

### Jack E. Sandlin (R)



Senator Jack Sandlin has lived his entire life in Indianapolis. He raised his family and started a small business on the Southside. Jack has served Indianapolis as a police officer and is a U.S. Army veteran. As senator, Jack said he provides a strong voice for our community. Jack said he will continue working for the Southside because the Southside is Jack's home.

## INDIANA STATE SENATOR DISTRICT 37

### Rodric D. Bray (R)

### Tom Wallace (D)



A retired environmental engineer from Rockwell B-1B Strategic Bomber program, Wallace is the founder of the Martinsville Superfund Site Association, a public forum for information, community engagement and action relating to the 30-year-old contamination of groundwater and the Martinsville municipal water field. His areas of concern include jobs, healthcare, education and environment. Tom said these are not stand-alone issues and require a pragmatic, interdisciplinary and integrated approach.

## INDIANA HOUSE STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 93

### Angela Elliott (D)



Angela Elliott is a lifelong Hoosier. She studied computer science and business at IU-Bloomington. She has a variety of business and project leadership experience, including working at Eli Lilly and Company for over 20 years to solve business problems with technology. Angela said District 93 has been her home for over 25 years. Her platform includes education, employment, the environment and equality for all.

### John Jacob (R)



John spent 28 years as a sworn officer of the court tasked with auditing state government spending. John said he understands what it takes to make the government fiscally responsible. John is currently a small business owner. If elected, he said he will fight to defend your Constitutional freedoms against government overreach, protect the unborn, defend the Second Amendment and work to reduce taxes.

## INDIANA HOUSE STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 91

### Robert W. Behning (R)

### Crystal A. Henry (L)

### Beverly McDermott-Piazza (D)

## INDIANA HOUSE STATE REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICT 58

### Michelle Davis (R)



Michelle Davis has been the director of Adult Education at Central Nine Career Center for the past eight years. She is a lifelong resident of Johnson County. She received her bachelor's degree from Ball State University and her master's degree

in Education from Purdue. Michelle said she believes in pro-life, the Second Amendment and a quality education for all Hoosiers.

### Cindy (Cynthia) Reinert (D)



Cindy is a seasoned lawyer, business executive and longtime Southside native. She is running for K-12 education, advocating for veterans, commonsense healthcare and continuing to fight against opioid addiction. She is a member of VFW Post 5864 Auxiliary; Pedals of Joy; Immigration Justice Campaign; and If It Was Your Child. She has one daughter, two grandchildren and a great-grandson. Her motto is: People over politics.

## JOHNSON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

COURT NO. 2

### Peter D. Nugent (R)

COURT NO. 3

### Lance Hamner (R)

COURT NO. 4

### Marla Clark (R)

## JOHNSON COUNTY SURVEYOR

### J. Gregory Cantwell (R)

## JOHNSON COUNTY TREASURER

### Michele Ann Graves (R)

## JOHNSON COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3

### Ronald (Ron) H. West (R)

## JOHNSON COUNTY CORONER

### Michael D. Pruitt (R)



Michael D. Pruitt is 55 years old and a lifelong resident of Johnson County. He is married to his wife, Angela. They have a son, Morgan. A graduate of Franklin Community High School, he is a US Navy veteran, a retired captain/paramedic from Wayne Township Fire Department and a deputy chief of the Bargersville Fire Department. Michael is a member of Indiana Task Force 1 Urban Search &

Rescue, a Johnson County Fair Board member and a 4-H leader.

## JOHNSON COUNTY COUNCIL AT-LARGE

### Ron Deer (R)

### Melinda K. Griesemer (R)



Melinda Griesemer is a Republican, conservative, elected GOP state convention delegate and precinct committeeman. She is a business owner of Indianapolis Medical Consulting and a Registered Nurse, with degrees from Purdue University in finance and nursing. Her family is from Center Grove, raised in Center Grove and are graduates of Center Grove High School. Melinda's campaign priorities include law & order, infrastructure and small business support.

### John Myers (R)

### Amanda Stevenson-Holmes (D)



Amanda said she seeks to serve the county she's loved her whole life by ensuring fiscal and government accountability, challenging the rubber stamp status quo and having public participation for better solutions. She's a professor at Butler University and manages her consulting business, graduating from Franklin Community High, Franklin College and Leadership Johnson County. She lives in Greenwood with her husband, Matt.

## CG COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORP. BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES NON-PARTISAN AT-LARGE

### Amy Counts

### Rob Daniels



Rob Daniels serves as president of the Center Grove Community School Corporation Board of School Trustees. He is a CGHS graduate and a graduate of DePauw University. He received his Doctorate of Jurisprudence from IU-Bloomington and has been an attorney in private practice for over 20 years.

### Britton C. Shoellhorn



Britton is a husband and father of two children, one of which is a foster child. He has a bachelor's degree and three master's degrees. He is currently mobilized active duty for COVID-19 response with the Indiana Army National Guard as a preventative medicine noncommissioned officer. He is the son of a former Center Grove Elementary School teacher, and has volunteered many hours of his time for the school.

ELECTION 2020 SPIRIT (Photos by Brian Ruckle)



Top, Kerry Stamm, receptionist at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens & Funeral Home, has a special flag made out of paper flowers created by a friend on her desk at the funeral home located at 1977 S. State Road 135, Greenwood. | Middle, a resident on West Smith Valley Road in Center Grove promotes his candidate for the 2020 United States presidential race. | Right, Election signs line up outside South Grove Landing Shoppes.



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A "blessing box" provides soup, drinks, crackers and canned vegetables. (Photo by Neal Smith)

**Center Grove resident helps to guide and support local homeless youth**

By Stephanie Dolan

Homelessness is a real issue in Johnson County. Yet, a lot of people don't know about it because they don't see it. KIC-IT (Kids in Crises - Intervention Team) is a nonprofit organization that started in response to the growing needs for homeless youth services and collaborates with other organizations to support youth ages 16-25 by helping each client achieve sustainable life change. KIC-IT also works with foster kids who age out of the system and find themselves without a place to go. Terry Keusch, a Center Grove resident and KIC-IT board member for the past four years, said, "If we can reach at-risk youth early on and guide them and support them and give them access to services that specifically address whatever issues they are dealing with, we can get them on a path to stable housing and self-sufficiency, rather than continuing down a troubled road." For more information, visit [KIC-IT.org](http://KIC-IT.org).



Above, the new office is in the South Park business center near exit 99 and I-65. (Photo by Eric Thompson) | Inset, the new office includes a training room, small conference room, café and private coaching office. (Photo by Cathy Richards) | Below, Christian Maslowski is president and CEO of Aspire Economic Development + Chamber Alliance. (Photo by Neal Smith)

**Aspire Economic Development + Chamber Alliance moves to new Greenwood location**

By Nancy Price

Aspire Economic Development + Chamber Alliance has a new place to call home. The new office at 1499 Windhorst Way, Ste. 160, Greenwood, IN 46143, is housed in a grey two-story office building in the South Park business center near exit 99 and I-65. The location includes a training room, small conference room, café and private coaching office. In addition, the meeting space is equipped with digital and audio technology for both in-person and virtual attendees, according to Aspire Economic Development + Chamber Alliance President and CEO Christian Maslowski. "Aspire Economic Development + Chamber Alliance was formed at the beginning of this year to create a stronger, more strategically aligned engine to drive economic growth and business success in Johnson County and southern Indy," he said. "We needed a new space to accommodate our staff talent



and resources. And, in spite of the pandemic, we believe in-person meeting space will remain a long-term need, especially as more companies reduce the size of their own offices. The new space is designed to safely accommodate companies needing a professional space to meet." "The new office maximizes returns for member investors because they have complimentary access to these spaces during regular business hours," Maslowski continued. "Companies can host their training sessions, workshops, interviews, team meetings, strategic planning sessions and more." Aspire Economic Development + Chamber Alliance will be open from Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. To make a reservation, call (317) 537-0037 or email [info@AspireJohnsonCounty.com](mailto:info@AspireJohnsonCounty.com). "We welcome companies to visit the office during business hours to explore the space and meet the team," Maslowski said. For more information, go to [aspirejohnsoncounty.com](http://aspirejohnsoncounty.com).



Top left, holiday shows have a cabaret style of performance. | Top right, Puppeteer Heidi Shackelford performs with feathered friends. | Bottom, The Slightly Haunted Puppet Show performs Thursday, Oct. 15 through Sunday, Oct. 18 in Brown County. (Submitted photos)

**Center Grove puppeteers perform Halloween-themed show at Brown County Playhouse**

By Amy Moshier

Her favorite puppet is a witch that cackles and rides in on her broom - and may have a magic potion in her castle. Ghosts and black cats are the witch's best friends. "The magic happens when you're working with an audience of all ages," she said. "The younger kids don't even know you're there." The fun, life-like characters that are the puppets and marionettes are lively and likable enough that Melchior can write shows with a variety of themes. In particular, she has a show about reaching out to those with anxiety or depression. "You can reach out to young people and adults alike who need to be both educated and uplifted," she said. Presently, masks are required for all shows. And social distancing guidelines will be observed. Ticket prices for "The Slightly Haunted Puppet Show" are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children over 2 years of age; children under 2 are free. And the puppets dance, too! For more information and to purchase tickets for the 30-minute show, go to [browncountypuppethouse.org/arts-theatre-shows/the-slightly-haunted-puppet-show-2](http://browncountypuppethouse.org/arts-theatre-shows/the-slightly-haunted-puppet-show-2).

**Center Grove church named fourth fastest-growing church in America**

By Joe Pittman

Emmanuel Church has been named the fourth fastest-growing church in the United States by *Outreach Magazine* in its annual Outreach 100 ([outreach100.com/fastest-growing-churches-in-america](http://outreach100.com/fastest-growing-churches-in-america).) The 2020 ranking reflects participating churches' annual attendance averages for February and March (excluding Easter weekend), comparing the numbers with the previous year. Emmanuel's average weekend attendance grew 26 percent from 2019 to 2020, reaching 5,723 people across its online campus and four physical campuses in Johnson and southside Marion county. Founded in 1977 with 17 attendees, Emmanuel Church attributes its growth to the "relentless pursuit" of its mission: to see people come to Christ and grow in Christ, according to Lead Pastor Danny Anderson. Sermons tackles real-world topics each week like anxiety, relationships and depression through practical

and relevant teaching. "Our philosophy is that we're going to exist for people who don't yet come here - people in the community who are far from God," said Anderson. "We say we are on a 'relentless pursuit' for those in our lives who are far from God. And our church is carrying that mission out each week as they invite their friends, family, co-workers and neighbors." As a multi-site church - one church with multiple locations - Emmanuel offers live worship and video-streaming of Pastor Danny's weekly talks to both its physical campuses in Greenwood, Franklin, Garfield Park and southside Indy (Banta) along with anyone anywhere around the world via the church's website and social media pages. "It's Good working through our people who made this possible," shared Anderson. "Each of these numbers represents a unique person who had the opportunity to hear a life-changing message of hope." For more information, go to [eclife.org](http://eclife.org).



Above, Emmanuel is a multi-site church. Its main campus is located in Center Grove. | Inset, Danny Anderson is lead pastor at Emmanuel Church. Emmanuel offers weekly live worship and videostreaming. (Photos by Scott Roberson)

**Center Grove graduate promoted to First Sergeant for the Indiana State Police**

By Amy Moshier

A 1991 Center Grove graduate has recently been promoted to First Sergeant within the Criminal Justice Data Division to serve as the Law Enforcement Device Systems Coordinator for the Indiana State Police. Michael J. "Mike" Meinczinger, 47, who began his law enforcement career as a dispatcher in 1992, went through a number of steps and competed with many troopers and other police officers for the promotion. He and the officers went through numerous procedures before Meinczinger beat out the competition, said Chief Public Information Officer and Captain Ron Galaviz.



M. Meinczinger

In 1999 Meinczinger applied and was accepted to the 57th Indiana State Police Recruit Academy. After graduation, Meinczinger was appointed as a trooper assigned to the Putnamville Post, where he patrolled Putnam, Morgan and Hendricks counties. In 2003 he transferred to the Indianapolis Post, and in March of 2016, he was promoted to Sergeant, where he served as the grant and training administrator for the Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Division. He is also earned a degree in criminal justice from IUPUI in 2001. During his career, Meinczinger has served as a member of the Honor Guard, as a Field Training Officer and an Applicant Background Investigator. According to Meinczinger, his favorite part about being a police officer is "the opportunity to serve the community and help assure the safety of its citizens." In his spare time, he enjoys fishing, spending time with his wife of 10 years, Jennifer, and walking the family's dogs. The couple has five children: Tanner, 25; Taylor, 22; Matt, 21; Allison, 20; and Alex, 18.

**ROMAN NUMERALS**

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The ranking of Center Grove varsity football in the *USA Today Sports Super 25* national poll on Oct. 6. The Trojans' record as of press time was 8-0 for the season so far.

# ICONography



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1. Running back Carson Steele stretches out for more yardage against Lawrence North. 2. Junior Daniel Weems evaded Lawrence North defenders. 3. Junior running back Mitchell Evans heads into the open field. 4. Senior safety Brayton Spetter takes down a Lawrence North runner. (Photos by Ceciley Hyde)

## Center Grove Trojans continue winning streak while facing tough competition this weekend

By Nancy Price

The Trojans continue to trounce the competition each week. The team led overwhelming victories against North Central on Sept. 18 (47-0) and Lawrence Central Sept. 25 (66-0). The Trojans defeated Pike on Oct. 2 (57-14) and Lawrence North (28-13). With the win over Lawrence North Oct. 9, the Center Grove Trojans were crowned undefeated Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference champions for 2020. As of press time, the team was set to compete against Cathedral on Oct. 16. On Oct. 30, a playoff game is scheduled against strong rival Columbus North. For more information go to [centergrovefootball.com](http://centergrovefootball.com).

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**CENTER GROVE REACHES OUT** (Photos by Brian Ruckle)



Vena Holden, owner of Selective Seconds Consignment at 1000 N. State Road 135, Greenwood, has introduced a program to raise money for Mental Health Awareness.



Above, Hayden Physical Therapy, 586 S. State Road 135, Suite E, participated in the second annual "Scarecrow Madness" contest to benefit Johnson County Senior Services. Owner Jamie Hayden of Hayden Physical Therapy and his crew are also rooting for the Center Grove Trojans all season. | Right, Linda Kilbert of the White River Branch - Johnson County Public Library holds several cookie and cake molds available for checkout from the Library of Things. They have sports-related molds, holiday related and others.



Lady Jane's Haircuts for Men opened up recently at 625 S. State Road 135, Unit B, just north of Smith Valley Road. Pictured is Katlin Boullier, regional manager.



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**ABOUT THE FACILITATOR:**



Dr. Carolyn Goerner serves as ALD's Distinguished I-Core Clinical Professor at the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University-Bloomington. Prior to joining Kelley's Department of Management and Entrepreneurship faculty in 2000, she completed her PhD in Management and Human Resources at The Ohio State University. She was a Human Resource Consultant for 10 years prior to graduate school. Carolyn also owns Practical Paradigms, a training and consulting company.

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## GREENWOOD

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**Scare Away Hunger** • The Social of Greenwood: Scare Away Hunger: Reverse Trick or Treating: join us for a fun way to give back to The Social's Food Pantry! Those who donate canned food items will be entered to win a \$25 Kroger gift card. Bonus entries if you come dressed in your spookiest costume! | When: Oct. 30, 10 a.m.-noon. | Where: The Social, 550 Polk St. | Info: (317) 882-4810; the-socialofgreenwood.org.

**Greenwood trick-or-treat** • When: 6 to 8:30 p.m., Oct. 31.

**Trick or Treat with the Sanderson Sisters** • The "Sanderson Sisters" from the movie Hocus Pocus will be handing out candy on Halloween. | When: Oct. 31, 5-6 p.m. | Where: 200 E. Broadway St. | Info: erinhartman75@gmail.com or @SandersonSistersonBroadway.

## ONLINE EVENTS

**Scarecrow Madness** • Scarecrow Madness is an annual fundraiser occurring all over Johnson County! This is our second annual event. Contestants are asked to purchase a scarecrow kit for \$25 and create a display in their yard or business. An interactive map is available on the website for folks to drive and see them. Prizes and website/Facebook recognition. This year's proceeds go to Johnson County Senior Services' new building fund. Readymade scarecrow heads and posts are available until sold out at Carpenter Realtors in Franklin during business hours. | When: Through Oct. 31. | Where: Enter online. | Info: ScarecrowMadness.com.

**Monster Squad: An Adult Interactive Movie Experience** • Join us for an adult interactive movie experience with the 1987 favorite, *The Monster Squad*. The evening will include pop-up facts about classic movie monsters and trivia, along with a script and goodie bag with interactive elements for a fun movie-watching experience. The chat will be open for Mystery Science Theatre-esque conversation! So put the kids to bed, pop some popcorn and join us for a spooky-ish movie night! Ages 18 + please *Monster Squad* – A young group of monster fanatics attempt to save their hometown from Count Dracula and his monsters. Rated PG-13. A staff member will be in touch with a link. | When: Oct. 23, 7:30-9 p.m. | Where: Online. | Info: greenwoodlibrary.us/calendar#/events.

**Spooky Storytime: Kids Edition** • Our Kids Department is celebrating the spooky Halloween season with an evening storytime! Miss Anne and Katherine have picked out a few fun, themed spooky tales the whole family will enjoy and will be available in the chat to say "hello" and share additional book recommendations. Coming soon: Direct links to join us on either Facebook or YouTube. | When: Oct. 24, 7-7:30 p.m. | Where: Online. | Info: greenwoodlibrary.us/calendar#/events.

**Oddity Files: The Podcast** • From the hit Amazon Prime TV series *Oddity Files*, Kitsie Duncan and Nick Floyd tell tales of all things creepy, cryptid and otherworldly. Join in on this live Zoom recording of the podcast and hear spooky stories and share your own experiences for the show. A Zoom link will be sent to you before the program. Please include an email address with registration. Registration is required. Adults only, please. | When: Oct. 26, 8-9 p.m. | Where: Online. | Info: jcpln.libnet.info/event/4584849.

**Spooky Stories** • Turn down the lights as Miss Chris shares spooky stories. She'll be sharing her favorite spine-tingling tales for kids feeling brave enough to listen. Miss Chris will be reading *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark* by Alvin Schwartz. Join her for a shivery good time. A Zoom link will be sent to you before the program. Please include an email address with registration. Registration is required. For school-age children. | When: Oct. 28, 7-8 p.m. | Where: Online. | Info: jcpln.libnet.info/event/4559527.

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Go back to the '50s in this retro diner with your friends, a jukebox and cheesy pizza, downed with Coca-Cola. (Submitted photo)

spaghetti noodles; and spaghetti "by the bucket." In addition, sandwiches include Philly, Reuben, Stromboli, subs and more. Lunch specials feature chicken 'n dumpplings, chili, pizza rollups, soups and salads.

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## PERSONNEL MATTERS

### Shifting gears is the key to winning

By Mike Heffner

Over the years, I have often talked to my team about knowing when to shift gears. It's knowing when to down-shift, then move back up through them quickly. In times like these, we are not only shifting gears, but we are shifting amidst some turbulent and unpredictable times. It's easy for a car to die if you are inexperienced in shifting, but the advice below can help you shift gears like a professional as we all navigate change.

**We Must Shift Quicker** - Getting things done faster and doing them well are more important than ever. Deadlines might be shorter, so decisions need to be quick and efficient. It's vital to be flexible and to prioritize the most important.

**Understand Shift Happens** - The most difficult thing in business is not knowing what is next. Every day seems to hit us with something new that we didn't expect. Just this morning, I walk into the office and the computers had an issue from an update over the weekend. We quickly canceled a meeting, made getting back

online a priority and moved on. It's not beneficial to complain. Just shift gears and keep the car moving in the right direction.

**Recognize when to Shift** - We are all learning to cope with the unpredictable. Those that can't live in the gray can find themselves stuck. Set aside the ego and our need to know what is coming. Embrace the change. Take advantage of the opportunity by giving your team the ability to voice what needs to happen and allow them to make changes on the fly.

**Shift with Purpose** - Make your purpose a part of everything. A strong "why" helps with engagement and productivity. It's easier to get through challenges when what you are doing matters and you are making a difference. A resilient workforce has a strong sense of purpose and well-being. They are committed to what they are doing. Our employees are looking for fulfillment during a time when things are going astray.

**Shifting Roles** - Take note of the friction that others are experiencing as their roles change. Processes are different and what energized an employee in the past may have been altered. Many gained their energy by going face to

face with people. In most cases, video is now the best it gets or a social distanced meeting behind a mask. Tasks, tools and how things get done are now new. Allow time to learn and fail as we all find our new normal.

**Shift with Data** - You can't always predict the future with data, but it will give you clues to what is happening. Data can help you make good decisions and possibly plan the next steps. Be careful of analysis paralysis though. Gather the data, decide and then run.

As we all shift gears, those that embrace the unpredictability - in the words of Taylor Swift, we'll have to "embrace the unpredictability of life instead of fearing it."



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

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## PEER-TO-PEER

### A bird in the hand beats two in the bush

By Howard Hubler

As I look at the homestretch of this election all I think of is the old "KISS" method of logic; keep it simple, stupid. The key economic indicator is the Gross Domestic Product, up or down one or two points is kind of like a thermometer when you have a cold. If the economic environment is -2.5 percent, GDP, you feel like you have a fever, and nothing seems to go right. If the economic environment is +2.5 percent, you feel you're walking down a country lane on a beautiful spring day. All you smell are the sweet smells of grass and flowers.

According to Fox News, median household income rose to 6.8 percent, to \$68,000 per household which is the highest ever recorded. Fox quotes the Census Bureau. Fox went on to say that poverty rates declined over 10 points; this was the lowest rates since they were first published in '59. With the help of government pandemic funds, average household cash in hand drove the poverty rate down slightly during COVID. Without it, the poverty rate would've surge to over 16 percent, according to Fox News. The article went on to say that in three

short years, Trump lifted 4 million people plus out of poverty, however in eight years Obama/Biden only lifted 787,000 people.

With this article I am generally talking to businessmen and women in central Indiana. Vice President Biden openly states he's going to raise taxes. Along with that will come a whole bunch of new regulations. This is part of the drill. If Trump remains in office, taxes will remain low and regulations will remain the lowest of modern times. Why was the economy so good? Those two reasons in a nutshell. Taxes and regulations are the driver to keep employees trying to hire people. Who are you going to vote for? To me I am first and foremost economically driven; your economic well-being pretty much drives the quality of life for you and your family. For this election, I say, "one in the hand beats two in the bush."



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## ICONICrewind



Elly Roessler with her Grand Champion steer. (Submitted photo)

### Roncalli junior wins Grand Champion 4-H award

**Fair award** - Elly Roessler, a junior at Roncalli, is an 8 year 4-H member who shows cattle and pigs competitively, both locally and nationally. Both her Beef Market Steer and Dairy Steer won

Grand Champion at the Hendricks County Fair Showcase in Danville, Ind. in July. She is the daughter of Andy and Diana Roessler of Bargersville.



Homecoming queen, senior Ali Dafforn and king, senior Baron Huebler. (Submitted photo)

### Roncalli High School crowns 2020 Homecoming king and queen

**Homecoming** - On Saturday, Oct. 3, Roncalli crowned the 2020 Homecoming queen, senior Ali Dafforn and king, senior Baron Huebler. The queen and king were announced during the half-time presentation on Saturday night at the Homecoming football game. Dafforn was crowned by Roncalli Student Council Co-President of Service senior Kamy Swingendorf. Huebler was crowned by Roncalli 2019 Homecoming king Alex Nettles R'20.

### Center Grove real estate statistics for August

**Real estate** - The residential real estate market in Center Grove rebounded in August 2020. According to F.C. Tucker Company, the average sale price for a home in Center Grove was \$334,826, an increase of 8.5 percent compared to August 2019. Homes also sold more quickly, spending 3 fewer days on the market than this time last year. The average price per square foot for a Center Grove home continued to increase, up 7.5 percent to \$144.20, compared to August 2019.

### Center Grove real estate statistics for September

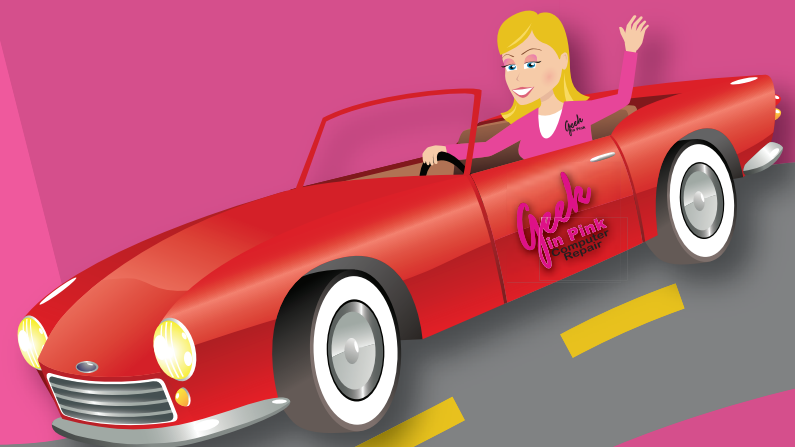
**Real estate** - Center Grove's residential real estate market was solid in September 2020. According to F.C. Tucker Company, the average sale price for a Center Grove home was \$325,260, an increase of 9.1 percent compared to September 2019. Homes sold more quickly than this time last year, leaving the market one day faster. The average price per square foot for a home in Center Grove also continued to increase, up 5.7 percent to \$136.74, compared to September 2019.

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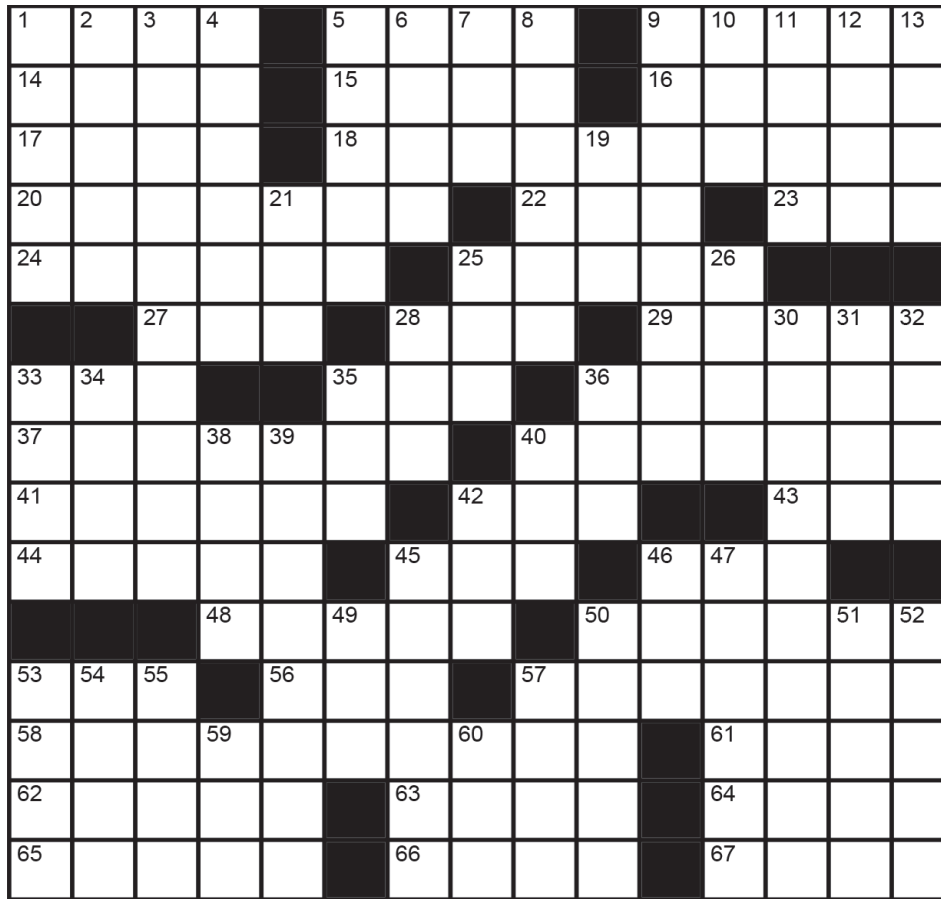
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46. Twosome
48. Fancy boat
50. Little \_\_\_ Annie
53. Wheel of Fortune buy
56. CGHS transcript fig.
57. Sound of Music setting
58. Former Indy Star sports columnist
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62. Part of CNN
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64. Greenwood Farmers' Market green veggie
65. Guilty feeling



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51. Vowel-laden garlicky sauce
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53. KinderCare lesson
54. Ark-itect?
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57. Physics bit
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60. "\_\_\_ had it!"

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4. WFYI's "Street"
5. Really awful
6. Stratagem
7. Indianapolis Taxi vehicle

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12. Gillette razor
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19. USN rank
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Puzzle Time



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See Answers on page 21.

## Do you understand 'why' you stand firm in your faith?

**DEVOTIONAL**

By Pastor  
Chris Philbeck

One of my favorite movies in recent years is the movie *12 Strong* that tells the story of how in the days following 9/11, a U.S. Special Forces team, led by Captain Mitch Nelson, is chosen to be the first troops sent into Afghanistan to strike back against the Taliban by attacking the city Mazar-i-Sharif, a center of Taliban power. Early on, after Captain Nelson and his team are chosen, Colonel John Mulholland gives Nelson a piece of metal from one of the fallen towers and says, "The most important thing a man can take into combat is a reason why."

I was captured by those words the first time I heard them. In Ephesians 6, Paul describes one reality of the Christian life like this (vs. 12), *For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.* There is a spiritual battle that surrounds us every day of our lives because we have an enemy who wants to destroy our lives. That's why Paul exhorts us to take a stand (vs.11).

Fighting a battle is never pleasant, no matter what's at stake. That's why there's so much wisdom in making sure you understand the reason for the fight.

When I think about the reason why I need to stand firm against the relentless attacks of the devil, I think about the honor of God and the witness of Christ. I don't want to stumble or fail in a way that would hurt either. I think about protecting my family from heartache and pain. I think about preserving the witness of the church – I think about my church. The truth is, I take many reasons "why" into this spiritual battle every single day. What about you? What's your reason "why" when it comes to standing firm in your faith? Psalm 86:12 says, *I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.* If we make it our goal to live in a way that will glorify the name of God forever, we have our "why." I begin each day by spending time with God in His Word and through prayer. One of my daily prayer requests is, "Lord, help me to honor You with my life today" because the most important thing a man can take into combat is a reason why.



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### Puzzle Time Answers – ON PAGE 20 Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:

**Trees:** BIRCH, ELM, MAPLE, OAK, PALM, TULIP;

**Items:** ASPIRIN, DEODORANT, MAKEUP, SNACKS, TOOTHPASTE;

**Classes:** PILATES, SPIN, YOGA, ZUMBA;

**Holidays:** COLUMBUS DAY, HALLOWEEN, VETERANS DAY;

**Roads:** MORGANTOWN, MULLINIX;

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## Invisible Girl: a stalker and sexual perpetrator wreak havoc on Valentine's Day

**BOOK  
REVIEW**

By Amy Hamilton

*Invisible Girl* by Lisa Jewell is a thriller that takes the time to create engaging and well-developed characters. Three families' lives become entwined with each other culminating with a Valentine's Day no one can forget. Cate and Roan Fours and their two teenage children moved to a flat in London's exclusive Hampstead neighborhood. Their daughter reports that someone followed her home one evening from the bus stop. Her friend has a similar story, and reports start coming in that women in their neighborhood are sexually assaulted. The girls believe that the neighbor across the street is the perpetrator.

Owen Pick, the neighbor across the street, is going through a hard time, a loner who has trouble interacting with people.

What happens on Valentine's Day will forever change their lives.

*Invisible Girl* is a compelling and suspenseful novel that makes you care about the characters. Recommend for fans of Shari Lapena, Ruth Ware, Lisa Gardner and Karin Slaughter.



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@jcpclin.org.

### ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

**Adult:**

*The Searcher* by Tana French  
*Under the Tulip Tree* by Michelle Shocklee  
*Monogamy* by Sue Miller  
*Confessions on the 7:45* by Lisa Unger

**Young Adult:**

*The Bridge* by Bill Konigsberg  
*The Girl of Hawthorn and Glass*  
by Adan Jerreat-Poole  
*Like Spilled Water* by Jennie Liu  
*Closer to Nowhere* by Ellen Hopkins

**Children:**

*The Way Past Winter*  
by Kiran Millwood Hargrave  
*I Talk Like a River*  
by Jordan Scott and Sydney Smith  
*On Account of the Gum* by Adam Rex  
*See the Cat: Three Stories about a Dog*  
by David LaRochelle

## Appreciating a 'feeling of community' in Center Grove

Local gym owner enjoys helping others exceed their goals

By Nancy Price

As owner of fitness center F-45 Center Grove, Jonathan "J.T." Metzger insists that the best part of owning his own business is seeing the positive impact it has on its members' lives.

"We've gotten to know members as people, and the things they're accomplishing are unreal," he said. "I'm so lucky to be a part of that."

Originally from Mitchell, Ind., Metzger studied engineering after high school, receiving a bachelor's degree from the University of Evansville. He also studied at Georgia Institute of Technology for two years. "That morphed into an MBA from the Kelley School of Business in Bloomington, Ind., where I focused in strategy and operations consulting," he said. "Most of my career has been in strategic consulting, primarily in the agribusiness and technology industries."

Metzger occasionally teaches business classes at the Kelley School of Business and has been actively involved with a few nonprofits. "Early in my career, I led an organization that provided scholarship and mentorship opportunities to high school students interested in business or technology," he said.

Metzger and his wife, Karen have called Center Grove home for the past seven years. The couple has two children, Emily, 7, and Jack, 4, along with a 3-month-old golden retriever named Beau. The family attends Emmanuel Church in Greenwood. Metzger enjoys coaching his kids' sports teams, in addition to watching the Indianapolis Colts and playing golf.

**What is your greatest virtue?**

Determination.

**What upsets you?**

When I am not able to provide a valuable experience or service.

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

The sense of community! My wife and I are both from small towns, and we think Center Grove is the best of both worlds – close enough to the city, but with a real sense of community.

**What's your favorite Southside eatery?**

Tried & True Alehouse. We're big fans of the crispy Brussels sprouts.

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

The Meridian-Kessler neighborhood.

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

Capitalizing on more opportunities to learn from others.

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

Our family is passionate about education. We would look to increase our support of education programs related to entrepreneurship and innovation.

**What makes you happiest?**

My children's smiles.

**Pick three adjectives that best describe you.**

Compassionate, driven, analytical

**What is your favorite vacation spot?**

California wine country

**What do you do with idle time?**

My wife would say I don't know what idle time is.

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

Help us be kind and open to the ideas of others.

**How do you escape from reality?**

An F45 Training workout.

**What do you love most in life?**

My family.

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

I'm an IU basketball fan, so I'm going to have to say Trayce Jackson-Davis.

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

Authenticity

**What is your greatest extravagance?**

Music tourism. My wife and I love to travel to see our favorite bands play.

**What is your greatest fear?**

Not being able to provide for my children.

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

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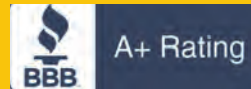
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