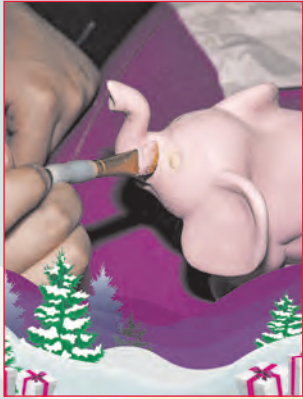


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The grand reopening of the Social of Greenwood, including a ribbon cutting ceremony with open house tours, was held Nov. 12. Pictured are Greenwood Mayor Mark W. Meyers and Social of Greenwood Executive Director Andrea Sutherland. Closed for renovation in March, with construction beginning the following month, The Social was reopened for services Nov. 4. The renovation was funded by OCRA (Office of Community and Rural Affairs). Founded in 1979 as the Greenwood Senior Center, the Social offers scheduled activities and educational and social programs. For more information, call (317) 882-4810 or go to thesocialofgreenwood.org. (Photo by Rick Hinton)

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Above, Beth and Joe Vidales will be serving Thanksgiving dinner at Greenwood VFW Post 5864. (Photo by Neal Smith) | Left inset, Beth with Darryl "Doc" Martin, a Vietnam veteran who died from Non-Hodgkins lymphoma. | Right inset, dinner includes all the "fixins": turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, rolls, dressing, soft drinks or coffee. (Submitted photos)

Local residents host Thanksgiving dinner for those in need or without families

COVER STORY

By Nancy Price

For most Americans, Thanksgiving is about spending time with our loved ones: the family and friends for whom we are grateful. We enjoy a feast of turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, cranberry salad, and, of course, the pumpkin pie, followed by watching football or classic Christmas movies. We chatter, laugh and remember the good times in our lives.

For others, Thanksgiving Day can be a lonely and depressing day if they are not surrounded by loved ones. Maybe their family lives far away, or they grieving the loss of a family member or friend.

Area resident Beth Vidales understands this feeling.

Seven years ago, Beth's husband, Darryl "Doc" Martin, a Vietnam veteran who served in the Air Force, passed away from Non-Hodgkins lymphoma. He developed cancer as a result of exposure from Agent Orange.

"He had gotten a liver transplant when we reunited," said Beth, who first met Doc in the 80s, when they

briefly dated. They eventually went their separate ways. She had her own family until they met up again several decades later, after she was divorced. "He was never a complainer (but) he complained of stomach pains. His abdomen was extended, and he couldn't get his pants on one day and he said, 'honey, I'm not doing good,'" she recalled. "I took him to the VA, and he was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. He lived not quite a year after he was diagnosed."

Beth, whose adult children now live away, decided to help others after her husband's death by hosting Thanksgiving for anyone who was without family on the holiday. At that time, she was involved with the Ladies Auxiliary at the Whiteland VFW and invited veterans who were alone, in addition to neighbors without family.

"I invited several people but some of them hesitated to come to my house," she said. "The most we had was eight people." Some of the veterans were unsure of going to Beth's house as they barely knew her.

"That's when I transferred (to

Greenwood VFW Post 5864). "I asked Steve Milbourn (commander of the Greenwood VFW), if I could start having it here and he said 'absolutely.'"

"I actually thought it was an excellent idea from the very beginning," Milbourn said of Vidales' idea. "One of our core ideals is to help veterans and their families and this goes along with that."

Last year, 23 guests arrived at the Greenwood VFW. "Many soldiers have never been away from home, let alone by away from Christmas," Milbourn said. "An invitation and free food is always wonderful. Likewise, it is always nice to have the families of our brothers and sisters in arms be a part of this type of celebration."

Beth received some special help last year while preparing for the Thanksgiving meal from a local veteran who previously served in the 101st Airborne Division during the War in Afghanistan: Joe Vidales.

"We started talking in September and we had our first date in October," she said. "As soon as we started talking, he said he knew that I was the one. Our first date was Oct. 23

and he said that night was when he knew he was in love with me."

The newlyweds will once again host Thanksgiving this year at the VFW.

"Please join us on this day so that you will not have to be alone," Milbourn said. "We would enjoy meeting people with ties to the military, men and women, and 'breaking bread' with them."

THANKSGIVING DINNER AT GREENWOOD VFW POST 5864

Thanksgiving Day
Nov. 28, noon-3 p.m.
333 S. Washington St., Greenwood

The VFW welcomes those in need and/or without family. Dinner includes turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, rolls, dressing, all the trimmings and complimentary soft drinks and coffee.

Please RSVP to **Beth Vidales:**
(317) 250-7077 or email at
bethemt2001@yahoo.com.

Donations are welcome to help offset costs.



Ashley Eck. (Submitted photo)

THE ECK FILE

NAME: Ashley Eck
SPORTS: Basketball and volleyball
POSITION: Point guard for basketball; back row for volleyball
YEAR: Senior
HEIGHT: 5 feet 7 inches
AGE: 17
HOBBIES/ INTERESTS: Pretty much volleyball and basketball
FAVORITE TV SHOW: Friends
FAVORITE MOVIE: Me Before You
COLLEGE PLANS: Play volleyball at Indiana State and study business
PARENTS: Randy & Pam Eck

Bob Rohrman's **INDY** Athlete of the Month



By Rick Hinton

"I've been playing basketball since kindergarten. Volleyball started in the sixth grade," said Ashley Eck, a 17-year-old senior at Center Grove High School. The longtime Center Grove resident is one busy girl, with juggling two sport activities – basketball (point guard) and volleyball.

For more icing on the cake, Eck has participated in the Circle City Volleyball Club, located in Plainfield. Involving three practices a week, the traveling league teams will play at least two tournaments a month.

Ashley is a competitor. She's a middle kid – an older sister, a sophomore at Ball State, the other a freshman at Center Grove (also in volleyball) – which produces sibling rivalry. "Ever since I was a kid, I just always wanted to win – whatever I

did," she said. Ashley's mother, Pam Eck, echoes that sentiment. "Everything she's done since 2 years old was a competition with her sisters. In the backyard it was who could get the most Easter eggs. At the grocery store – being in line first."

Kevin Stuckmeyer, girls varsity basketball coach, has known Eck since her sophomore year and would agree with the word competitor. "She quickly caught the attention of the coaches with her attention to detail and ability to pick things up. This is a tribute to her focus, willingness to learn and attention to detail. She's been amazing at committing to both sports and priding herself in doing whatever it takes to be successful," he stated.

Eck's volleyball coach, Christopher Due, has known her since she started playing at Circle City when she was a seventh-grader.

He claims because she was athletic and well-coordinated, she was able to pick up pretty quickly. "Ashley is very competitive and doesn't like to lose," he said. "She's also a great team player and will do whatever she can to help the team succeed – even sacrificing her position."

One memorable experience stands out for her: "Beating Providence (a Catholic school in Clarksville, IN) in the regionals," she remembered. "We lost to them the previous two years. It was a really big deal to all of us."

"She has a quiet confidence in what she does and has prepared/ worked to the level that allows her to expect and deserve success," Stuckmeyer stated. "She is a natural leader and someone people gravitate towards due to her loyalty, passion, composure, competitiveness and toughness."

Center Grove News Quiz

How well do you know your Center Grove community?

Test your current event knowledge each month with a little Q&A!

- 1** The Social of Greenwood recently had its grand reopening. When was it originally founded?
- A. 1954 B. 1999
 C. 1979 D. 1982

- 2** What does the word antepenultimate mean, according to Grammar Guy?
- A. The third to last item in a series
 B. To pawn or mortgage something
 C. Second to last
 D. The day before yesterday

- 3** Beth and Joe Vidales are preparing a Thanksgiving meal for those in need and/or nowhere to go for Thanksgiving. Where will the meal be held?
- A. American Legion Post 252 Greenwood
 B. Greenwood VFW Post 5864
 C. The Social of Greenwood
 D. Johnson County Fairgrounds

- 4** How does Center Grove resident George Hill, managing partner of Texas Roadhouse, welcome the holidays?
- A. He plays "Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer" on his 8-track tape.
 B. He and his family stand outside Target at 10 p.m. Thanksgiving Day to get the best Black Friday deals.
 C. By playing Christmas movies on a nearly daily basis.
 D. He chooses the tallest live Christmas tree he can find.

- 5** What is the most important key to retaining and building a cohesive team in 2020, according to Mike Heffner?
- A. Enthusiasm
 B. Knowledge
 C. A healthy breakfast in the breakroom
 D. Trust

SEE ANSWERS ON PAGE 25.

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Left, Center Grove High School Junior (#82) Leyton McGovern tackles an opponent during the 49-14 win over Franklin Central in the sectional championships Nov. 8. | Below, Center Grove High School Junior (#5) Connor Delp scores a touchdown during the 49-14 win over Franklin Central in the sectional championships Nov. 8. (Photos by Center Grove High School student Ceciley Hyde)



Center Grove football celebrates success

Athletics - Congratulations to the Center Grove High School Trojans football team for post-season success and a great season this year

including the recent 28-14 win over Warren Central. The Trojans played Ben Davis Friday, Nov. 22.

Greenwood Chamber director named 2019 IBJ Woman of Influence

Award - Marisol Sanchez, a board member on the Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce, has been named a 2019 Women of Influence by the Indianapolis Business Journal. Previously, she was honored by IBJ as one of "Forty under 40" leaders. The Women of Influence award is open to local women from both the public and private sector who demonstrate professional excellence and leadership in their careers and community service.



(Photo courtesy of Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce)

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1. Mellophone player Adam Sorley performs at Lucas Oil Stadium. 2. A Center Grove color guard member leaves from one of the wall pieces. 3. Center Grove drum majors accept their award for eighth place. (Photos by Lesa Nelson)

Center Grove places in top 10 for 2019 Marching Band State Finals

By Nancy Price

The Center Grove Marching Trojans placed eighth in Class A for the annual Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA) state finals Nov. 8 at Lucas Oil Stadium. Kevin Schuessler is the director of Bands and head of the Music Department for Center Grove High School. The Greenwood High School Marching Woodmen finished second in Class B.

The mission of ISSMA is to provide educationally evaluated music performance opportunities for students and teachers of school music ensembles from member schools in Indiana to assist in the development of performance-oriented assessment of standards for music education, to promote the inclusion of music ensembles as part of each school's core curriculum and to offer educational support to fulfill this mission. For more information, to go issma.net.



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Holiday events and activities in December

December is one of the busiest months of the year. Between holiday office parties, kids' plays and concerts, shopping, decorating in and outside your home, wrapping gifts, baking and planning for the holidays, there's little room to do something for yourself!

Remember to take a day or two for yourself and enjoy a few events in Greenwood and nearby Franklin. Happy Holidays!

• **2019 Greenwood Holiday Craft & Gift Show.** The Social of Greenwood is hosting their annual Holiday Craft and Gift Show Dec. 7, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., at Greenwood High School, with over 120 vendors throughout the halls, cafeteria and gym. There will be homemade gifts, crafts, home décor, baked goods, jewelry, clothing, candles and more. The entrance fee is just \$1, which benefits The Social of Greenwood, 501(c)(3). For more information, contact The Social of Greenwood at (317) 882-4810 or go to thesocialofgreenwood.org.

• **Saints Francis & Clare of Assisi's Christmas Bazaar.** An entire gymnasium houses fun and unique booths, homemade presents and friendly people! The event will be held Dec. 8, from 12:30-3 p.m. at Saints Francis & Clare. For more information, call (317) 859-4673 or go to SSFCchurch.org.

• **Artcraft Theatre's movies.** Love the classic holiday movies on the big screen? Head to Artcraft Theatre, buy a bag of popcorn and sink into a comfortable theatre chair. Artcraft will be showing the following movies between Thanksgiving and Christmas: *Elf*: 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.; *A Christmas Story*: Dec. 6, 7 & 8; and *White Christmas*, Dec. 13, 14 & 15. The movies will be shown Friday and Saturday at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. For more information, call (317) 736-6823 or go to historiartcrafttheatre.org.



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TOP 10 THINGS LEARNED FROM THE FIRST SNOW OF THE SEASON

HUMOR

By Torry Stiles

- I am part of the 97 percent of the population who couldn't find a pair of gloves.
- You can pop over to the local Dairy Queen and watch the manager cry.
- The lower you are on the company totem pole the earlier you have to be at work.
- No matter how much it snows it never snows as much as it used to snow when you were growing up.
- Way too many people in my neighborhood spent too much time trying to decide which credit card they were willing to sacrifice as an ice scraper.
- The office bigwigs decided it was too dangerous to drive the brand-new all-wheel drive SUVs in to work so they stayed home and called for the Uber Eats driver to deliver lunch in his 1997 Saturn with the one windshield wiper and four bald radials.
- There will always be that one guy in shorts.
- If your dog convinces you he doesn't need to go for a walk you better have the carpet cleaner ready.
- The higher you are on the company totem pole the longer you can stand at the window at work commenting on the snow.
- The folks at the Waffle House get pretty nasty when you try to steal their salt shakers to take home for your sidewalk.

QUOTE

"Thanksgiving is one of my favorite days of the year because it reminds us to give thanks and to count our blessings. Suddenly, so many things become so little when we realize how blessed and lucky we are."

— JOYCE GIRAUD
American actress

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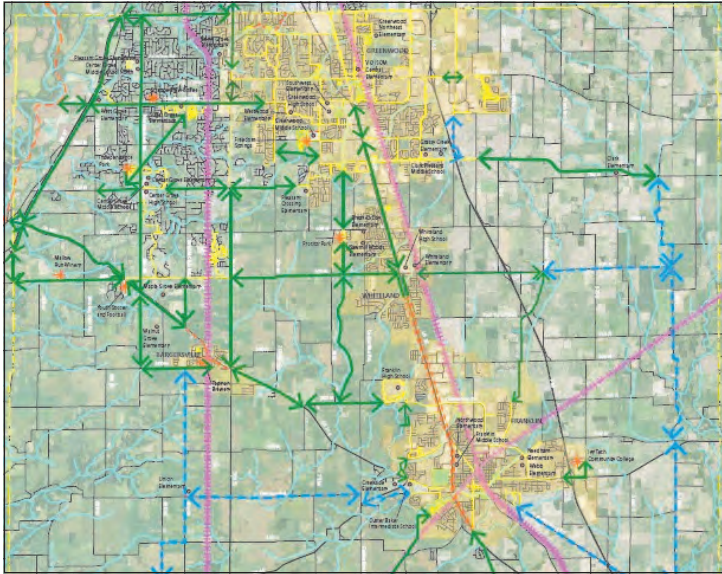
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Johnson County launches trails project

Trails project - Johnson County is moving ahead with plans to connect communities, parks, schools, businesses, retail and dining and government facilities through construction of 96 miles of trails adjacent to roads, in addition to 67 miles of marked paths on roadways. Priorities have been

identified, including connecting Greenwood's Summerville Park with New Whiteland's Proctor Park, and extending the trail south to Franklin, linking Edinburgh to Johnson County Park and connecting Greenwood to Whiteland adjacent to U.S. 31.

Health records on iPhone available to Franciscan Health patients

Health and safety - Franciscan Health now supports Health Records on iPhone, which brings together hospitals, clinics and the existing Apple Health app to make it easy for patients to see their available medical data from multiple providers whenever they choose. Now, patients can have medical information from participating institutions (including Franciscan Health) organized into one view, covering allergies, conditions, immunizations, lab results, medications, procedures and vitals, and will receive

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Five Minutes with George Hill

Managing partner of Texas Roadhouse

FEATURE

Compiled by Nancy Price

Favorite Christmas song?

The Charlie Brown Christmas Album, hands down.

How do you welcome the holidays?

Christmas movies are playing almost daily the closer we get to Christmas morning.

Have you ever had a Christmas mishap? Tell us about it.

There have been times where a gift hasn't made it on time. But there is a secret no one thinks about. Most people think the 12 days of Christmas leads up to Christmas Day. They are incorrect. Christmas Day is day 1 of the 23 days of Christmas. It took the Three Wise Men 12 days to arrive to see baby Jesus. So, I've been known to say, "Your gift will arrive on the second or third day of Christmas." (LOL) Yes, my dad's a minister.

Real tree or artificial?

Artificial - easy peasy.

When do you decorate it?

After Thanksgiving, always.

How long before it's "done for the season?"

It's always around Jan. 6.

Favorite local shop and why?

Target for anything and everything.

Your Christmas dinner. Is it formal or casual?

Casual.

Do the presents go under the tree as soon as they're wrapped, or do they "appear" Christmas Eve?

Some go before that are from friends and family. But the ones from Santa don't arrive until Christmas morning, duh.

What will be served?

Appetizer: cocktail shrimp with St. Elmo's cocktail sauce and my mother-in-law's crackers and cheese ball. Dinner: Roasted tenderloin with Texas Roadhouse special prime rib, along with my grandmother's legendary mash potatoes, broccoli casserole (for my wife and kids, not for me) and always Texas Roadhouse rolls and honey cinnamon butter. Dessert: Our friend makes amazing cheesecakes, so we normally order one or two from her.

Does Santa leave special gifts unwrapped?

Santa has been known to leave large items as is.

What is the best gift you've ever given, and to whom?

There's so many I can't remember.

What is the best gift you've ever received, and from whom?

Cash. You can never go wrong with cash.

All I want for Christmas is ... ?

Someone to create holiday treats and food that help you lose weight but don't lose all the yumminess. Is that asking too much?

What is your favorite Christmas tradition?

Watching all the Christmas movies and shows with my beautiful bride and amazing kids. We check them all off the list.

What is your favorite Christmas memory?

The years seeing our boys come downstairs to see what Santa has left for them. How can there be any better memory? The look on their faces of pure joy.



Center Grove resident George Hill enjoys many Christmas traditions with his family. (Submitted photo)

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By Stephanie Dolan

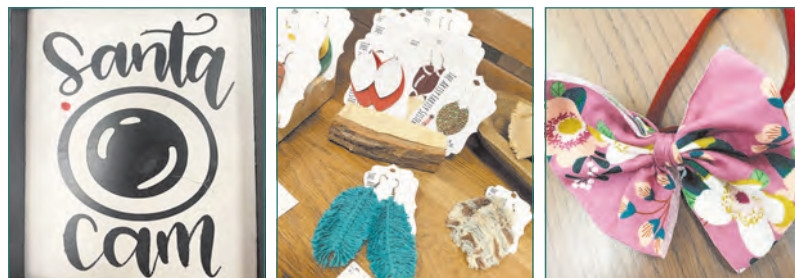
Christmas is my favorite time of year. The music ... the magic ... the general goodwill that runs amok through society during this more than any other time of year is more catching than a head cold in a preschool.

You know that look that someone gets when they open a gift that you've laboriously curated based on their likes, passions and personality? That's the best thing ever. What makes it even better is

when that gift is handmade.

Sure, you can go to a big box store and find something potentially interesting. But, if you shop small, you're almost guaranteed to up the "wow" factor when the wrapping paper comes tearing off that gift box.

For those interested in upping the ante this Christmas, here are some economical gift ideas found at local stores that are just a small portion of what is available to thoughtful Christmas elves.



From left, a Santa Cam is perfect for decorating. | Earrings aplenty at Farmhouse Market. | Southside resident Kelsey Patterson makes hair bows for girls. (Photos by Nancy Price)

The Farmhouse Market

707 S. Madison Ave., Greenwood
(317) 893-4832

- Christmas sign with the words "Santa Cam" on it (\$10)
- Handmade earrings (\$12-18)
- Head bows for girls (\$7.99)

What is it about handmade gifts for Christmas?

KIM BURGESS, OWNER:

"Handmade gifts are such a personal thing. There's so many people looking for custom things this year. It's a matter of personal taste. It shows the person you're giving the gift to that it's personal – Christmas gifts are a very personal thing. Giving a handcrafted gift creates a memory. It just shows how much care."

What is your favorite thing about Christmas?

"Family is my favorite thing about Christmas."



White Elephant continued from page 13.



From left, goat milk shampoo and conditioner comes in lavender and vanilla scents. | Warm Glow candles come in yummy scents like snickerdoodle. | A white chocolate peppermint cheeseball and dessert mix. (Photos by Nancy Price)



From left, hand and body lotions are made from honey and beeswax. | Tribbles from Star Trek? Nope, just poms for hats. | A gift for the knitter in your life. (Photos by Nancy Price)

Take Root Country Store

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- Lavender and vanilla goat milk shampoo and conditioner (8 oz. shampoo: \$8.99; 8 oz. conditioner: \$7.99)
- Warm Glow snickerdoodle candle (\$15.99)
- White chocolate peppermint cheese ball and dessert mix (\$5.99)

What is it about handmade gifts for Christmas?

JACKIE EANES, OWNER:
"I think handmade gifts are a little more personal because they're not mass produced, and you can't get them everywhere, so they're a little more unique."

What's your favorite thing about Christmas?

"Getting together with family and friends."

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- Yarn bundle for make-your-own hats, scarves and baby blankets (starting at \$16)

What is it about handmade gifts for Christmas?

SUSAN DELLAROCO, OWNER
"I would say it would be the personalized touch that you give to someone because you're gifting your time, ability and love in making that item for someone else."

What's your favorite thing about Christmas?

"Being with family."



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Annual Christmas Concert

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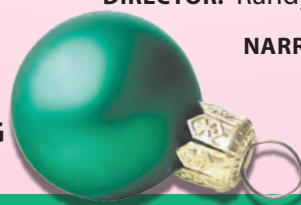
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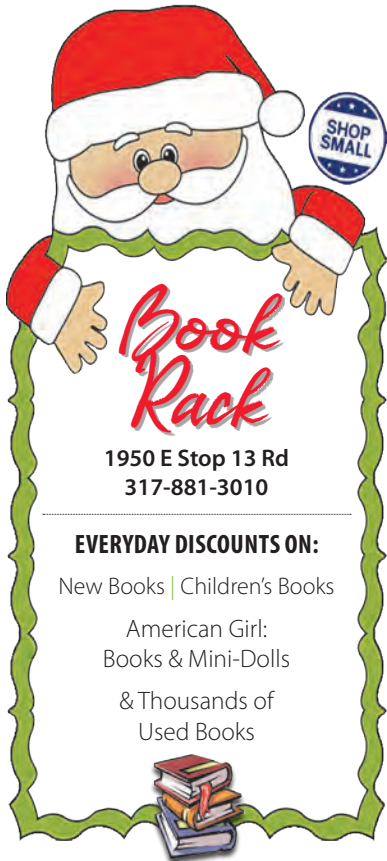
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Indy resident Ambre Crockett creates her own fragrances, available for purchase at Brianne's Boutique. (Submitted photo)

Local artists create handmade gifts for sale

By Nancy Price

Shopping for your family and friends during the holidays can be difficult. Cash and gift cards can seem impersonable, though you can walk around mall from store to store, feeling lost and frustrated. What can you get for that person who is hard to please or has everything they need?

Local artists are selling handmade merchandise at Southside shops and bakeries this season. To discover where to pick the perfect gift for that hard-to-please person, keep reading.

wood who now lives on the Southside of Indianapolis, has been drawn to crafts for as long as she can remember and enjoys making dresses, leggings, headbands and bows.

Patterson creates her designs on infant and children's clothing, with messages on them such as, "Just a Boy From Indy," and a design of a farmhouse cow. Those items, along with handmade hair bows, can be purchased at Farmhouse Market, 707 S. Madison Ave., Greenwood, or through her Facebook page, Sweet Jreams Boutique.

Deck the Walls

DAVE PERKINS

Dave Perkins, a Whiteland resident and photographer, is a fan of high dynamic range (HDR) photography. HDR involves taking five exposures of the same photo with an unusually high dynamic range that couldn't otherwise be achieved in a single photograph.

"You're picking up all the highlights and all the shadows, and they get laid together with perfect lighting," Perkins said. "I like to take ordinary things people see every day that brings beauty to it and makes you say, 'wow.'"

His photography can be viewed on his Facebook page: Perkins Fine Art Images, and purchased at Deck the Walls, 1001 N. State Road 135, Greenwood.

Farmhouse Market and Sweet Jreams Boutique

KELSEY PATTERSON

Kelsey Patterson, a native of Green-

Brianne's Boutique

AMBRE CROCKETT

Ambre Crockett, a resident of Indianapolis, created a fragrance called Ambre Blends.

"Ambre Blends is different from other fragrances because we blend each batch still by hand so that we maintain quality control," Crockett said. "We use all natural, vegan, plant-based ingredients and botanicals. This product integrates with one's natural body chemistry and smells uniquely on each individual."

"As a green company it is important to us to house our products in eco-friendly, recyclable and biodegradable packaging and we locally source all the printing material and labels. We also donate 1 percent of every online sale to an environment based or local charity."

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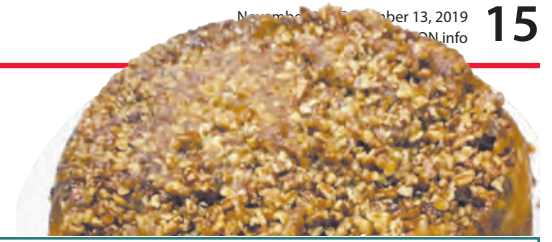
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Holiday Recipes

By Beth Vidales, Southside resident



Mama's Sour Cream Banana Pudding

- 2 (3.4 ounce) packages instant vanilla pudding
- 2 cups cold milk
- 1 (8 ounce) container sour cream
- 1 (8 ounce) container frozen whipped topping
- 3 or 4 bananas
- 1 (11 ounce) box vanilla wafer cookies

Combine the pudding and milk and whisk by hand for two minutes, until thickened. Whisk in the sour cream. Set aside ½ cup of the whipped topping and whisk in the rest. Mix well.

Cut the bananas into ¼-inch thick slices.

Spread 1/3 of the pudding mixture in a 2-quart casserole dish. Cover the surface with a layer of wafers, flat side up. Top each wafer with

another rounded side up. Place a banana slice on top of each wafer pair. Fill in the spaces between the cookies with sliced bananas.

Repeat with another layer of the pudding, wafer pairs and banana slices.

Repeat with the remaining pudding, wafer pairs and banana slices. Top with the reserved whipped topping.

Cover and refrigerate overnight.

Upside-Down Apple Pie

- 6 tablespoons butter, melted and divided
- ½ cup packed brown sugar
- ½ cup chopped pecans
- 1 double recipe pie crust
- 1 cup granulated sugar
- 1/3 cup flour
- 3/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 5 large firm apples, peeled, cored out and cut 1/2-inch thick

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Coat deep-dish pie plate with non-stick cooking spray and line it with waxed paper. Coat waxed paper with cooking spray.

In small bowl, combine 4 tablespoons butter, brown sugar and pecans; mix well. Spread mixture evenly over the bottom of the pie plate.

Roll out pie dough into two crusts. Place one crust into pie plate, pressing the crust firmly against the nut mixture and the sides of the plate. Set aside.

In large bowl, combine granulated sugar, flour, cinnamon and remaining 2 tablespoons butter; mix well. Add the apples and toss gently to coat. Spread into crust. Place second crust over the apple mixture. Trim and flute edges to seal. Cut four 1-inch slits in the top.

Bake for 1 to 1 ¼ hours, or until crust is golden. Carefully loosen waxed paper around the rim and invert the pie onto serving plate while still hot. Remove waxed paper and allow to cool slightly. May be served warm or cold.

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NOV. 30

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DEC. 1

Caring Santa • Please join us for a private photo experience for children with special needs and their families. Children will have the opportunity to visit with Santa and have their photo taken with him. We will make the necessary adjustments to the environment to support the sensory, physical and other developmental needs of children of all abilities for this special event. Caring Santa will be held during private mall hours. | When: Dec. 1, 8:30-10 a.m. | Where: Greenwood Park Mall, 1251 U.S. 31 N., Greenwood. | Info: (317) 887-8601; simon.com/mall/greenwood-park-mall.

Pet photos with Santa • Bring your furry friend for photos with Santa. | When: Dec. 1, 6:30-8 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Park Mall, 1251 U.S. Highway 31 N., Greenwood. | Info: (317) 887-8601; greenwoodparkmallpet-photo.splashthat.com.

DEC. 6

"A Christmas Story" • In the 1940s, a young boy named Ralphie attempts to convince his parents, his teacher and Santa that a Red Ryder BB gun is really the perfect Christmas gift. | When: Friday, Dec. 6-Sunday, Dec. 8; Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Sunday, 2 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. | Where: Artcraft Theatre, 57 N. Main St., Franklin. | Info: (317) 736-6823; historicartcrafttheatre.org.

DEC. 7

Storytime, cookies and crafts with Mrs. Claus • Visit Mutual Savings Bank for stories, crafts, shop the Friends Holiday Book Sale and check out the cookies made for the contest. Bring your cameras and have your photo taken with Mrs. Claus. The contest is part of the Franklin Holiday Tree Lighting festivities! The registration

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deadline is Dec. 5. The cookie contest is divided into three age divisions: children, ages 12 and under; teens, ages 13-17; and adults, ages 18 and older. The winners in each division will be awarded \$50. 3-4:30 p.m.: Cookie entries accepted; 3-7 p.m.: Friends of JCPL Holiday Book Sale; 4:30-5 p.m.: Holiday Singers; 6-7 p.m.: Craft time with Mrs. Claus and all cookies displayed. Mutual Savings Bank, Friends of Johnson County Public Library and Johnson County Public Library sponsor the annual Cookie Contest. Cookies are judged by Purdue Extension Services, Johnson County. | When: Dec. 7, 3-7 p.m. | Where: Mutual Savings Bank, 80 E. Jefferson St., Franklin. | Info: pageafterpage.org/2019-cookie-contest.

DEC. 8

Holiday Sip & Shop • Sip, Shop & Be Merry with Bourbon Women Indy! Get a head start on your holiday shopping at our annual Holiday Sip & Shop event at Payless Liquors. Guests will enjoy Four Roses Bourbon tastings and more! Everyone is welcome – sip, shop and be merry with Bourbon Women and our wonderful sponsor, Four Roses! Admission is free. Please register in advance. Must be 21 to participate. Please sip responsibly. | When: Dec. 8, 2-4 p.m. | Where:

Payless Liquors, 1266 N. Madison Ave. | Info: bourbonwomen.org/eventbrite-event/bourbon-women-annual-holiday-sip-shop-greenwood-in.

DEC. 13

Joyful Sound • Joyful Sound is a professional handbell choir based out of Greenwood and has been performing and educating the community since 1999. All concerts are family-friendly and open to the public. Admission is free, though a donation to Joyful Sound is welcome! | When: Dec. 13, 7 p.m. | Where: First Baptist Church of Greenwood, 99 W. Main St. | Info: joyful-sound.info/upcoming-concerts.

DEC. 15

Greater Greenwood Community Band Christmas Concert • Join us for the most festive concerts of the year! With our concert band playing your Christmas favorites under the spotlights, this will get you into the spirit of the season with live music and a special visit from jolly man in the red suit. Kids from 1 to 92 will enjoy this musical experience. Generous donations to help support the band are greatly appreciated, but, as always, admission is free! | When: Dec. 15, 2-3:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood High School, 615 W. Smith Valley Road, Greenwood. | Info: greenwoodband.org.



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Holiday in the Arts District
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Holiday PorchFest
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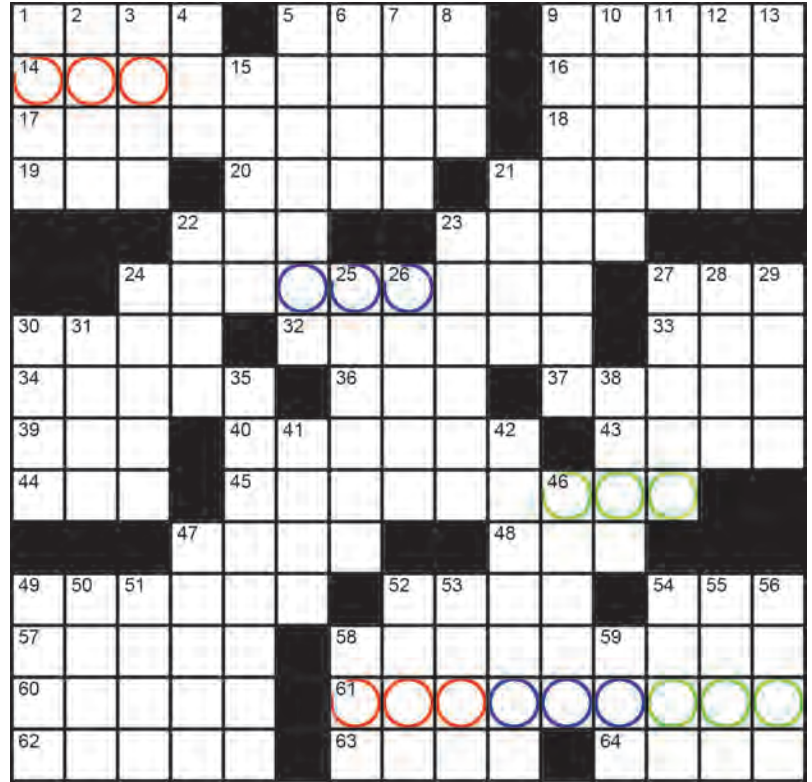
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ACROSS

1. House in a CGHS Spanish class
5. "Legal" prefix
9. Licorice flavoring
14. 1970s White House gal
16. Plunders
17. Taxable
18. Carryalls
19. Nickname of 44-Across
20. "In that case..."
21. Rodric Bray's state legislative group
22. Selective Seconds' fancy neckwear
23. Emerald Isle
24. Harvard's city
27. "For shame!"
30. ___ Grey tea
32. Keeping for future use
33. Charged atom
34. Distress
36. Penpoint
37. Pal of Kukla and Fran
39. "Ready, ___, fire!"
40. Persuade a customer to buy more
43. *Vogue* rival
44. JFK predecessor
45. Zeros
47. Heartland ___ Festival
48. As well
49. White River waders
52. Similar
54. "Evil Women" band, to fans
57. Garlicky sauce at Stone Creek
58. Phony
60. Channel 4 net.
61. Johnson County official
62. *Steppenwolf* author
63. Where to buy shares of LLY
64. Mexican moolah

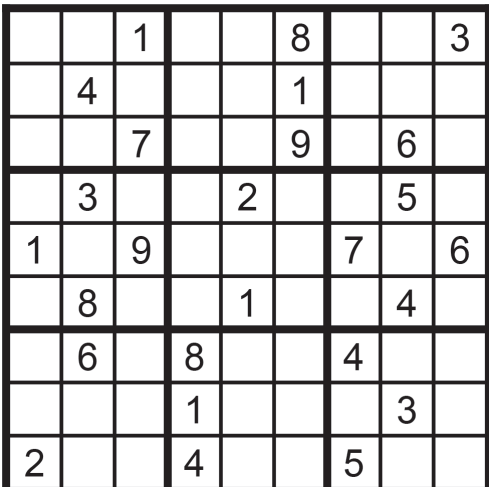
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1. Kid's plea
2. In a frenzy
3. "Auld Lang ___"
4. Indianapolis Bridge Center card
5. Modular homes
6. PNC Bank machines
7. Seized auto
8. Teal Canary studio display
9. A different you
10. Nary a soul
11. IU frat letter
12. *ICON* editor's mark
13. Latin I verb



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| 15. Bit of wisdom | 30. "Yikes!" | 51. <i>Friends</i> character |
| 21. US 31 marker | 31. Parched | 52. ___-Navy store |
| 22. Hay bundle | 35. Escapee, e.g. | 53. Mayor's ceremonial gifts |
| 23. Fit to eat | 38. Toy block brand | 54. Barely beat |
| 24. Greenwood Police concern | 41. Indiana Statehouse VIPs | 55. Stocking stuffers |
| 25. Kidnapper's demand | 42. Beatles hit | 56. Approximately |
| 26. Yale, Penn, etc. | 46. Lost cause | 58. Revery cooking utensil |
| 27. Cash drawers | 47. Some hats | 59. Barely beat |
| 28. Garden dirt | 49. Apiece | |
| 29. Joint for jerks? | 50. Taunt | |

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 - 1 dash orange bitters
 - 1 oz. ginger beer
 - Cinnamon sugar
 - Apple wedge

Rim glass with cinnamon sugar.

Combine first five ingredients; shake and pour into 12-ounce glass. Add ginger beer.

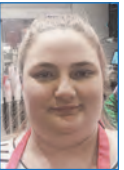
Garnish with apple wedge.



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Small Biz Saturday • It's time to #shops-small with the whole Greenwood community for #SmallBizSat. Your purchases make a huge difference to us, and we really appreciated your business! The first 25 people that sign in at the door will receive a special gift we know you'll love! Sign in sheet will be posted on the door at 8:30 a.m. Warm up with a hot chocolate or coffee. Small Biz Selfie Contest! 1.) Simply take a photo of yourself with an item(s) from our shop on #SmallBusinessSaturday. 2.) Post it to

3.) Tag us or check in on that post (Bay 7 Vintage). 4.) We'll select the most creative post to win a special prize afterward (to be announced). | When: Nov. 30, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. | Where: Bay 7 Vintage Greenwood Oak Business Center, 500 Polk St. Ste. 7 | Info: Carrie Ballard at (317) 797-5864; info@bay7vintage.com.

Terrific Twos Storytime • Enjoy books, songs, rhymes and more at this fun early literacy storytime each week. Designed for toddlers (2-year-olds) and their caregivers. Child's caregiver required. | When: Dec. 2 & 3, 10:15-10:45 a.m. | Where: White River Branch of JCPL, 1664 Library Blvd. | Info: (317) 885-1330; pageafterpage.org.

Bids 4 Kids Luncheon Auction • Greenwood Rotary Club is excited once again to share our annual event to benefit children in the Greater Greenwood area, "Bids 4 Kids." We invite your partnership in this exciting opportunity. Proceeds will benefit Greenwood Rotary projects that serve kids in the Greater Greenwood community. | When: Dec. 7, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St. | Info: greenwoodrotarybids4kids.eventbrite.com or Greenwood Rotary Club.

TeenHQ: Elf Interactive Movie • Join other cotton-headed ninny muggings for an interactive screening of the holiday classic Elf! You're invited to shout, sing and snack along as Buddy the Elf travels from Santa's Workshop in the North Pole to New York in search of his real father, who happens to be (gasp!) on the Naughty List! Enjoy a goody bag full of surprises and snuggle up with some hot chocolate. Registration required. TeenHQ programs are for teens only in grades 6-21 and ages 11-18. We ask that no parents or younger siblings attend TeenHQ events. Please contact us ahead of time if you have any special requirements. | When: Dec. 11, 4-6 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, Teen Room, 310 S. Meridian St. | Info: (317) 881-1953; greenwoodlibrary.evanced.info/signup/calendar.

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PERSONNEL MATTERS

Do you know the key to growth in 2020?

By Mike Heffner

There is no secret that it's important to find ways to retain top talent and in 2020, this will continue to be a challenge. Training, recognition and leadership: These are all keys to retaining and building a cohesive team, but I don't think anything is more important than building trust. An employee's relationship with his or her supervisor and team are the most critical factors in creating a work environment that encourages productivity, employee engagement and company loyalty. Without a strong sense of mutual respect, the people you lead will always be looking for other opportunities.

Trust isn't just your feeling of assurance that someone will do a task correctly or will behave in a certain way. The type of trust that is needed starts with vulnerability. This allows everyone to be open and transparent. This isn't easy to develop, but it starts with the leader. When teams

allow themselves to become vulnerable, then they can confidently ask others to do the same. One of my favorite quotes by Patrick Lencioni is: "At the heart of vulnerability lies the willingness of people to abandon their pride and their fear, to sacrifice their egos for the collective good of the team." Trust creates a comfortability for open conversations. Here are two team exercises that start building foundational trust.

1. **Take 15 minutes and have everyone share something personal.** Structure it with a few questions that allow people to talk about themselves. The key is for each person to share something that others may not know about themselves and something that they struggle with.
2. **Use some type of profiling tool to help your team discover their strengths and understand their weaknesses.** I personally like to use tools like DISC and

StrengthFinders. Then, have each person share their top strength or dominate communication style and discuss how they use their strength and style each day.

If you're looking for ways to grow and retain your team in 2020, a great place to start is by building trust. A team that has a high level of transparency and vulnerability can handle conflict, keep commitments, hold each other accountable and ultimately reach goals. This type of a team will create job satisfaction and employee engagement, resulting in retention of the top talent at your company.



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PLANNER OF NOTE

Upcoming chamber meetings and events

November 2019

30 – Small Biz Saturday. It's time to #shopsmall with the whole Greenwood community for #SmallBizSat. Your purchases make a huge difference to us, and we really appreciated your business! The first 25 people that sign in at the door will receive a special gift we know you'll love! Sign in sheet will be posted on the door at 8:30 a.m. Warm up with a hot chocolate or coffee. Small Biz Selfie Contest! 1.) Simply take a photo of yourself with an item(s) from our shop on #SmallBusinessSaturday. 2.) Post it to Facebook or Instagram. 3.) Tag us or check in on that post (Bay 7 Vintage). 4.) We'll select the most creative post to win a special prize afterward (to be announced). Nov. 30, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Bay 7 Vintage at Greenwood Oaks Business Center, 500 Polk St., Ste. 7, Greenwood. Contact Carrie Ballard with questions at (317) 797-5864, or email info@bay7vintage.com.

December 2019

5 – Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting – Residence Inn by Marriott Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting. Please join the Greater Greenwood Chamber staff, board and ambassadors for Residence Inn by Marriott's grand opening ribbon cutting! Dec. 5, 4:30-5:30 p.m. Residence Inn by Marriott, 5250 Noggie Way, Indianapolis. Greenwoodchamber.com.

11 – 2019 Joint Chamber and Johnson County Development Corp Holiday Celebration for Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce members. We are thankful for the opportunity to serve such a dynamic, vibrant and growing business community. We are also thankful for the resources members, investors and volunteers share to support our mission. Your contributions of time, talent and treasure allows us to advance a supportive, health business environment in the Johnson County area. Thank you! The Johnson County Development Corporation and Greater Greenwood Chamber Boards of Directors and staff, along with the Aspire Johnson County Steering Committee, Chamber Ambassador Committee and Chamber partners invite you to celebrate the closing of this historic year with plenty of holiday cheer! Cash bar available and complimentary heavy hors d'oeuvres provided. Please join us! This is a 21 and over event. Advance registration for this event closes on Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 5 p.m. Otherwise, please register at the door. Dec. 11, 4-6 p.m. Barn at Bay Horse Inn, 1468 W. Stones Crossing Road, Greenwood. Greenwoodchamber.com.

12 – Aspire Growth and Planning. Our mission is to convene and connect resources within our community to advocate for excellence in the economic growth and planning of Johnson County. Open to anyone to attend. Dec. 12, 3:30-5 p.m. 26 E. Jefferson St., Franklin, the elevator (second floor). Greenwoodchamber.com.

Indiana Members Foundation provides 5,000 backpacks to students

Donation – Indiana Members Foundation, the charitable arm of Indiana Members Credit Union (IMCU), provided 5,000 backpacks to local community organizations to help provide assistance to underserved children in central Indiana for the 2019 school year. Since 2006, Indiana Members Foundation has donated over 54,000 backpacks and 957,000 school supplies to students in need in the communities served by Indiana Members Credit Union. Indiana Members Foundation partnered with the following Southside organizations for its 2019 backpack donation: Beech Grove City Schools, Franklin Township Schools, Johnson County Fast Track, Indy Backpack Attack, Christel House South and the Chin Community of Indiana.



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How to get the next-to-last word

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

If a potato can become vodka, then you can become a bonafide word nerd. The tools and tips I give you are meant to be used for good; please don't gloat your grammar greatness over anyone, rather use it to lift everyone up. I'm about to share a word with you that will make everyone at the white-tie optional gala assume you're the king or queen of some distant, exotic land. Use this word and upper-crusters will begin consulting with you before they order their newest monocle. They'll picture you eating peeled champagne grapes while you brush the golden mane of your award-winning miniature pony named Lord Anponio.

I'm talking about the word "penultimate." Although this sounds like a million-dollar word, it simply means "next-to-last" or "second to last." It's as simple as that. So, if you ate the "penultimate Oreo," that would mean you ate the next-to-last Oreo in the package. If you are reading the 19th chapter in a 20-chapter book, you are reading the book's penultimate chapter. If you use the penultimate square of toilet paper, it's time to install a new roll so the next person isn't stuck with one lonely square.

Allow me to put on my horn-rimmed grammar nerd glasses for a second. The term "penult" is a noun that means the next-to-last syllable in

a word. The penult in the word "automobile" is "mo." Now you know that!

Certainly, I'm not going to up the ante and share an even nerdier-yet-related word, am I?

Yes, I am: antepenultimate. Antepenultimate refers to the third to last item in a series, or the next-to-next-to-last thing. Going back to our 20-chapter book: If chapter 19 is the penultimate chapter, that means chapter 18 is the antepenultimate chapter. If we break down the Latin meanings for each part of the word, we'd get "before" (ante) "almost" (pen) and "last" (ultimate). Antepenultimate is the thing that comes before the almost last thing.

Drop any of these words into casual conversation and your friends will offer you the finest bottle out of their wine cellars. Horse & Hound magazine (my favorite magazine about both dogs and horses) will call to request an in-depth interview about your dressage training techniques. Yes, my friends: if the humble potato can become vodka, then you too can achieve the high status of grammar guru. I believe in you. It's time to go out there and dominate the English language.



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Doctor establishes practice with Oncology & Hematology Specialists

New staff - Nabin Khanal, MD, has joined Franciscan Physician Network Oncology & Hematology Specialists. He joins a team of physicians and advanced practice providers who care for patients at Franciscan Health Cancer Center in Indianapolis, Columbus, Franklin, Mooresville and Rushville. Dr. Khanal will see patients at Indianapolis and Rushville. Dr. Khanal most recently completed a fellowship in hematology and oncology at the Indiana University School of Medicine.



He completed residency training in internal medicine at Creighton University Medical Center, Omaha, NE. Board-certified in internal medicine, he earned his medical degree from Tribhuvan University, Institute of Medicine, Kathmandu, Nepal. Dr. Khanal is a member of the American Society of Hematology, American Society of Clinical Oncology, American Medical Association. He has past memberships with the Association of Veterans Affairs Hematology and Oncology and American College of Physicians. He has published research on a variety of topics ranging from hematology and lung cancer to colon cancer and cancer survivorship. To schedule an appointment with Dr. Khanal, call (317) 859-5252.

Thankfulness: How to lift yourself out of a rut and celebrate life

DEVOTIONAL

By Pastor
Chris Philbeck

In 2008, a young Australian woman named Hailey Bartholomew found she wasn't enjoying life (Hailey tells her story in TED Talks). She described herself as feeling lost and stuck on a treadmill. It was almost inexplicable. She was married to a man she loved and had beautiful children who held her heart. So why was she feeling so down about her life?

Hailey sought the counsel of a nun, who advised her to spend time each day reflecting on something for which she was grateful. As a result, Hailey began a project called 365grateful. And every day she took a photograph of something for which she was grateful. As a result, it changed her life by allowing her to see things she had never noticed. For example, Hailey had always thought of her husband as unromantic. But one day she took a picture of him serving up dinner, the thing she was grateful for that day. She noticed for the first time that the largest portion of pie was placed on her plate. She realized that the largest portion was always placed on her plate and that this was one small way her husband showed his love for her.

Hailey had found mothering to be a "boring job," but as she took photos of

her children holding out their hands to her, and as she played with them, she discovered how much joy and wonder there was in her world. In the end, by being grateful, Hailey found herself lifted out of her rut and celebrating life. What would happen if, from the time you read this devotion, until the end of November, you took a picture each day of something for which you were thankful? James 1:17 says, *Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights...*

With that verse as your guide, you could take a picture of any number of things. I'm typing this devotion while seated on the sofa in the den of my home. My wife, Sandy is seated with me and we've got matching "his and hers" soft, plush blankets on our laps to keep us warm. I could take a picture of the blanket as something I'm thankful for (Sandy wouldn't let me take a picture of her). Make November a genuine month of thanksgiving (all you need is your cell phone) and notice the change it will make in your life.



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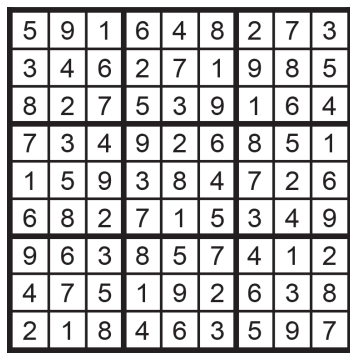
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Support for survivors of suicide

Kathleen Ratcliff helps form coalition to help those struggling with suicidal thoughts and launches event for those affected by a loss due to suicide

By Nancy Price

In 2017, Johnson County's suicide rate was 14.3 deaths per 100,000 individuals. Kathleen Ratcliff is working toward reducing those statistics by helping to form the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Johnson County. Ratcliff is a state suicide prevention coordinator for the Indiana Suicide Prevention Network Advisory Council (ISPNAAC).

The coalition, which began in May, recently hosted an event at the Franklin Branch of the Johnson County Public Library. The International Survivor of Suicide Loss Day is held at locations around the world, and this is the first year that Johnson County participated.

"The intent of the day is to help support survivors of suicide realize they are not alone," Ratcliff said. "it's meant to be right around the holidays to help individuals get through the holidays. It's meant to be a day of healing and remember those who have died to suicide and remember and support those that are still here."

For more information, questions or to donate to the Suicide Prevention Coalition of Johnson County, email Kathleen at kathleen@upstreamprevention.org.

What is your greatest virtue?

I'm hardworking and persistent. If something needs to be done, I will work and problem solve until I finish it.

What upsets you? There are so many big problems to be addressed in the world that one person cannot solve them all. It takes all of us identifying what bothers us the most and work to address it. What upsets me is that I cannot solve all the things; it takes all of us solving the things that bother us, in order to make the impact we need to change the world.

What do you like best about Center Grove? We chose our house because of the community we felt, just when we were looking at the house. Parents and kids were outside playing, garage doors were open, it was a little neighborhood family and we love the "small town" feel of the area.

What's your favorite Southside eatery? We love sleeping in on the weekends and catching a late breakfast at Yiayia's House of Pancakes!

If you had to live anywhere else in the Metro Indianapolis area, where would it be? Sometimes wish we would have started our Indiana journey in downtown Indianapolis (in Mass Ave or Broad Ripple area), but now that we've lived in Johnson County, I don't know that there is another metro area we'd want to move to!

If you could begin life over, what would you change? I believe that every decision we've made has molded us into who we are today – mistakes and all. There are multiple situations I didn't handle with much grace, but I've learned from each of them, and each of them has made me who I am today.

If money were no issue, how would you spend it? I'd set up endowments for all my favorite nonprofits and causes, so they could have a safety net

and a base of operating revenue in perpetuity. If I still had money, I'd then "retire" and become a professional volunteer and traveler!

What makes you happiest? Being in the company of people with whom I can relax, laugh and be in the moment without worrying about all the things that need to be done!

Pick three adjectives that best describe you. Responsible. Sarcastic. Nerd.

What is your favorite vacation spot? There are too many great spots to pick a favorite – I love traveling and visiting new ones every opportunity we get! However, we did just get back from St. Maarten, and it was gorgeous!

What do you do with idle time? I read – a lot! And take naps.

What would you change about our culture if you could? I wish everyone was more accepting of others and their differences. It's what makes the culture ours; we each have the right to be our own person, and I wish that was universally celebrated and accepted.

How do you escape from reality? I read. It's a great opportunity to take some time and enjoy another world.

What do you love most in life? I used to joke with my husband that my favorite person in the world was my niece. I now have four nieces and nephews, and I love them each to pieces! I don't get to spend as much time with them as I'd like, so moments and memories with them are treasured!

What quality do you admire most in another person? The ability to be honest and admit mistakes or failures. It takes a strong person to admit when they're wrong, but an even stronger person to share their mistakes with others so we can all learn from the experience.

What is your greatest extravagance? I haven't put it into action yet, but I plan on getting a cleaning company to come through and help us keep up with the house in 2020.

What is your greatest fear? Drowning – if I can't reliably touch the bottom of whatever body of water it is, I'm likely not in it!

What has been the happiest time of your life? I've had moments of personal and professional happiness and accomplishments, but I am a firm believer that happiness is enjoying the journey to get to those moments, not the individual moments themselves.





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