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Promenade - Jake Johnson and Abby Johnson, both of Center Grove, spend some time together on the dance floor at the 3rd annual Night To Shine at Mount Pleasant Christian Church (MPCC). MPCC was one of more than 500 churches around the world in hosting this event, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, simultaneously on Feb. 9. Night to Shine is a faith-filled prom experience for people with special needs, ages 14 and older. With the help of 800 volunteers, MPCC hosted 316 honored quests and more than 350 caretakers on Feb. 9. (**Photo by Nicole Davis**)





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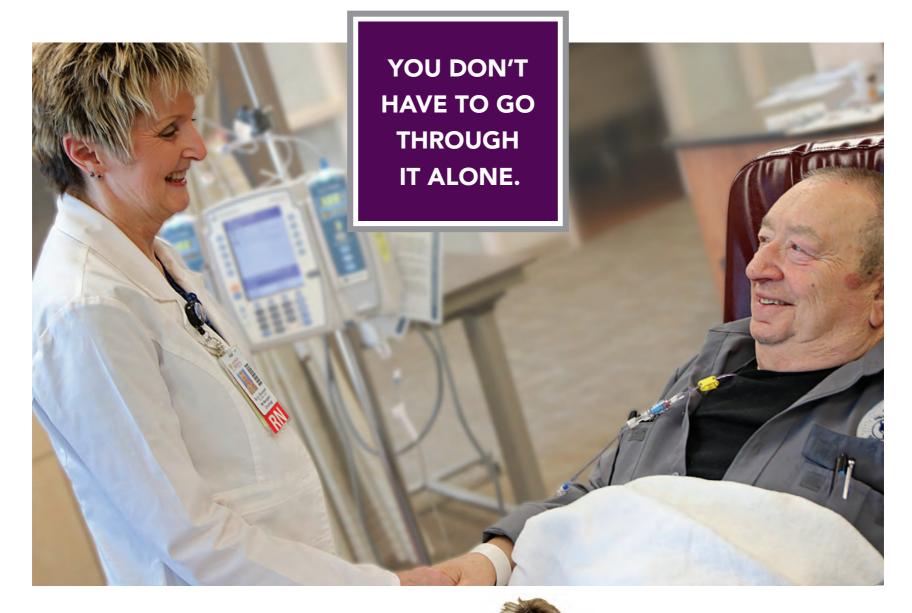
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HISTORY & ARCHITECTURE



No one has shared exactly how Smokey Row Road recieved it's name. (Photo by Jeff Beck)

The smokey past of Smokey Row Road

By Jeff Beck

A family buying a home in the Somerset housing addition on Smokey Row Road asked me where the road obtained its name - I had no answer. Searching history is enjoyable for me, especially Bargersville, Center Grove and the White River Community. The Johnson County Historical Atlas did not provide any leads or answer to this question, thus I made a call into the Indiana Historical Society. IHS provided a couple of suggestions, obtained from the book titled Indiana Place Names.

Readers, remember our community in earlier times: forests, wildlife, folks striving to survive as rural life was tough. Homeowners used wood for cooking and heating their home. Preserving meat by smoking was also a common practice; ham and bacon were family meat staples along with vegetables from the garden, preserved mainly for winter use.

I have a memory of my father talking about a "smoke house" on the farm. It was a small building, similar to many yard barns in our community. The smoke house my father referenced had an underground storage area which was used for fruit and vegetables storage. The upper level of the family smoke house had a small wood stove, providing a source of smoke/low heat for curing and preserving the meat. Fruit and vegetables were harvested by families who were storing items for winter use. An abundance of harvested items provided the opportunity to share with those whose need was great. That sharing could be called the early food pantry.

General stores were located throughout our community, but families normally did not have money to purchase items, thus the harvest and storage of produce was

required for survival. I recall my mother canning green beans on stove, a large pot designed to hold six quart-sized jars at a time. Mother would always say to listen for the "jars to pop." Pop meant jars were sealed, ready for storage and future use. Hours and hours of vegetable harvest and preparation for the canning process was required. Parents and children would sit at kitchen table to clean and break green beans into pieces to fill the jars. Mother often said canned or processed fruit and vegetables purchased were the cause of one of our greatest health problems.

Smokey Row Road, west of SR 135, was home to many White River Township families, Smith (Somerset), Brown (Shadow Woods) Newhouse (Woodland Streams) and Grose/Kunz (Cavanaugh), to name a few. The Smokey Row Road naming comments by Indiana Historical Society suggests smoke houses or dense fog a reason for the road naming; I vote for smoke houses. Names referenced above were longtime farmers and landowners with homes on a one-and-a-half mile stretch of the road. The land is rolling with valley north of Smokey Row Road, a great place for smoke to be visible and remain.

Checking with residents, children and grandchildren of landowners in the area, no one knows how Smokey Row Road obtained its name. Smoke makes sense to me. Please share information of any other potential reasons for road naming.



Jeff Beck is a lifelong Bargersville resident who has a passion for the history of the Center Grove area. He has authored the books, Bargersville and Center Grove: Unveiling the Past.



Joey Klaasen. (Submitted photo)

THE KLAASEN FILE

NAME

Joey Klaasen

HIGH SCHOOL: Center Grove

YEAR:

Senior

SPORTS: Basketball

6-foot-4

POSITION: Small forward

COLLEGE PLANS:

Is unsure about playing in college but plans to study pre-med wherever he enrolls

FAVORITE ATHLETE: Ray Lewis

FAVORITE TV SHOW: The Office

FAVORITE MOVIE

Good Will Hunting

PARENTS:

Bob and Karen Klaasen

Bob Rohiman's INDY Athlete of the Month

Bv Rick Morwick

Joey Klaasen isn't the leading scorer. top rebounder or 'go-to' guy on the Center Grove boys basketball team.

But he is, in many ways, the glue that holds the Trojans together.

"Joey is the epitome of a team player," Center Grove coach Zach Hahn said. "He has played multiple roles and done each to the best of his ability. His work ethic and effort on the basketball floor and in the classroom are second to none.

"He is the perfect example of a role model and a player we know that many future Trojans look up to."

Apart from leadership qualities, Klaasen is a multi-talented player who brings plenty of athletic gifts to the court.

A 6-foot-4 senior forward, Klaasen averages 9.5 points and 4.4 rebounds per game and is one of the Trojans' top field goal shooters. He shoots a blistering 77.9 percent from two-point range and 38.9 percent on three-point attempts.

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He also averages 1.4 assists per game and is one of the Trojans' top defenders.

Perhaps above all, he is a tone-setter who is as much a source of inspiration as he is production.

"I'm trying to bring an emotional leadership I haven't brought in the past," said Klaasen, a two-year starter. "I'm trying to maybe be a little more offensive aggressively where I either drive and finish or drive and kick to open shooters."

Although he has dabbled in other sports, basketball has always been Klaasen's main sport. It's his only high school sport, and many - if not most - of his teammates are lifelong friends. They grew up playing together and are now pursuing conference and postseason championships together.

"I definitely like the togetherness that we have as a team," Klaasen said. "Being able to play with my really good friends, in front of the whole Center Grove community, it just feels great."

In the midst of a highly successful sea-

son, the Trojans are bidding for the Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference title and a second straight Class 4A sectional championship. They began the month of February with a 12-4 record and have been ranked in the Top 20 of the state poll.

Klaasen is a major reason why.

"Joey's strengths as a player are his work ethic, versatility and ability to finish around the rim as well as shoot," said Hahn, who's in his fourth season at Center Grove. "He's as good of a teammate and effort player that I have ever been around.

"Joey has drastically improved his ball handling, shooting and finishing around the rim. His one-on-one defense has also gotten better each year in his development."

An honors student, Klaasen maintains a 4.2 GPA on a weighted 4.0 scale. Although he has drawn attention from a host of small-college programs, he is unsure about continuing his basketball career at the next level.

He does, however, plan to study premed in college.

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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!

Center Grove High Schoolers Olivia Wright and Emma Jones are organizing the second annual Jasper_____ event, benefitting Jasper Lenglade's family while he undergoes treatment for cancer.

- A. Junction
- ☐ B. Playoffs
- ☐ C. Strong
- D. Shots

ICON of the Month Danny Anderson serves as the lead pastor for which local church?

- ☐ A. Center Grove
- ☐ B. Emmanuel
- ☐ C. Honey Creek
- D. New Hope

What is one hypothesis that local historian Jeff Beck thinks is why Smokey Row Road got its name?

- ☐ A. The row of "smokey" grey houses first built there
- ☐ B. The Smokeys, a family who resided there
- ☐ C. The amount of smoke houses back in that day
- D. A fire that took down the street

February's Athlete of the Month, Joey Klaasen, boys basketball player, is described as "the epitome of," what?

A. A leading scorer

☐ B. A champion C. A team player

D. An athlete

Mount Pleasant Chirocal
Church hosted the 3rd annual Mount Pleasant Christian Night to _____ event, a prom for ages 14 and up who have special needs, on Feb. 9.

- A. Shine
- ☐ B. Shimmer
- C. Sparkle
- D. Shimmy

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A POP OF MUSICAL THEATER

Center Grove Debtones 'push the boundaries' during this year's show for its competition season

COVER STORY

By Nicole Davis

The Center Grove Choral Department has kicked off its competition season, already faring well in 2018. The Debtones, a varsity, unisex show choir, is trying something a little different this year.

"We come out as witch hunters and get a spell cast on us so we turn into witches," said Rachel Taylor, a junior. "It's a super cool, entertaining show. Mr. Norman (a director) has developed it to be amazing."

The Debtones performed at the Fishers Silver Spotlight Show Choir Invitational and won Grand Champion on Jan. 27, earning awards for best vocals, choreography and instrumental. The show was tweaked before its Feb. 10 competition at Pike Music Fest, where Debtones were second runner-up in the Tier 1 Unisex division.

"We usually do heavily musical theater stuff and while it does have that aspect to it, it does push the boundaries between musical theater and pop music," said Abigail Plummer, senior. "I find it's a good fit for the group this year. We started off with a really good show. We hit a rough patch in our first competition but we pulled through."

The choirs will compete through February and March, ending the season with the Heart of America competition in Orlando, Fla. For more information on each of the Center Grove choirs and the schedules, visit centergrovechoirs.org.

In recognition of this year's competition season, here the Center Grove ICON features a couple of the personalities that make up the 53-member Debtones show choir. >>>









Left two, Abigail Plummer serves as company manager for the Debtones. | Right two, Rachel Taylor is a soloist in this year's Debtones show. (Submitted photos)

Abigail Plumer

You become a member of The Debtones and you're part of it for life, said Abigail Plummer.

Plummer grew up hearing about the Center Grove Choral Department from her aunt, who had been a member of Debtones.

"She always talked about how the choir was a family and would say I am a performer," Plummer said, "She'd talk about how I would find my place in Debtones. I definitely did. It clicks. I always say each of the choirs has their own personality. I gravitated toward Debtones because of the personality of the people in it and the personality you have on stage. I'm a very sassy, sarcastic kind of person. Debtones performs as that sassy, extrovert type of girl."

Plummer, now a senior, began her Center Grove Community School experience at North Grove Elementary before moving to Center Grove Elementary. She joined the choir in middle school. This is her third year in Debtones, and she is also a member of CG Singers, the top vocal ensemble at CGHS.

Plummer serves as The Debtones' company manager, completing tasks such as taking attendance during class, organizing shifts for the car wash fundraiser and organizing rooms for their trip to Orlando this year. She had volunteered for the position and had to compete to earn it.

"A lot of people tell me this is what I was meant to do," she said. "Off the bat, my sophomore year, Debtones was my life. I make sure I'm at as many practices I can be. I would volunteer for things. I like being in that atmosphere and being able to plan things, being the person people go to, to know information."

The choir program at Center Grove

has had such an impact on Plummer that she intends to continue pursuing music after she graduates. She has auditioned for the music education program at the University of Indianapolis, with a goal to become a choir director at a high school one day.

"I would love to share my experience at Center Grove by being a choral director at a high school," she said. "I'm hoping to revamp a choir program somewhere. The (Center Grove) choir program has been very influential in my life. It's mainly student run, students set up everything. Being able to learn all of that, take that with me, I can show (another school) that this is how a larger school does it, how a larger company does it. To be able to know all the ins and outs and not, 'it's just my job to sing,' that is very cool to me."

Rachel Taylor

Nearly all of Rachel Taylor's interests and activities in and out of school revolve around music. She plays clarinet in the advanced concert band. Her dad and brother play the guitar, so they enjoy doing music as a family. Currently, she's focusing on perfecting her performance for The Debtones and looking forward to the 2018 season.

Taylor, a junior, has attended Center Grove Community Schools all of her life. It was in middle school that her friends encouraged her to join the choir after hearing her talent for singing in drama and band. So, her freshman year of high school, she joined Accents, a non-auditioned female choral ensemble. She became a member of Debtones her sophomore year. She is also a member of the student council.

"Getting to sing and perform is fun, but it's the environment, the people

that make it enjoyable," Taylor said. "We're all best friends. Everyone loves each other and encourages each other."

Her favorite memory, so far, happened last year. At every competition, a star performer from each choir is named. She earned that title of Outstanding Performer.

"It was one of the best feelings ever, knowing all my hard work paid off" she said. "They called my name and I had to go up on stage. I can remember everyone in the auditorium started clapping."

This year, Taylor has a leadership position as a alto section leader/soloist.

"Last year, we had section leaders but there never was outside commitments," Taylor said. "It was during class or practice, to go over something. This year, it's been more of a authoritative figure. We speak in front of the class. We can hold sessions outside of class if we need to.

I like being an example for people to follow, especially since it's singing and choir, that Mr. Norman trusts me in that position to teach them the right things and encourage them in the right way."

This season, Taylor said has been harder as The Debtones are encouraged to work harder to put on a more theatrical show.

"The directors push us hard, we work hard and we do everything we can to be successful," she said.

BEST OF THE MIDWEST

WHAT: The biggest fundraiser for the CGHS Choral Department features competitive choir programs from Indiana.

WHEN: Feb. 17, 9:30 a.m., all day.

WHERE: Center Grove High School, 2717 Morgantown Rd.

COST: \$12 for an all-day pass

INFO: centergrovechoirs.org



Olivia Wright, Jasper, Jon and Jennifer Lenglade at the April, 2017 Jasperstrong event. (Photo by Nicole Davis)

Upping the goal

Two Center Grove seniors organize the second annual Jasper Strong Shootout Cancer 3V3 Tournament

FEATURE

By Nicole Davis

Last year's Jasper Strong Shootout Cancer 3V3 Tournament went beyond event coordinator Olivia Wright's expectations. Starting with a goal of \$2,500, she quickly upped that to \$10,000 due to the immense amount of community support she received. It was a goal they exceeded, bringing in \$12,000.

This year, the Center Grove High School senior is upping the goal to \$20,000. She and her friend Emma Jones, also a senior, are co-coordingating the second annual Jasper Strong basketball tournament, taking place Feb. 23 and 24 at Emmanuel Church in the Fieldhouse.

"We're working together to make it even better than last year," Wright said.

The cost to play is \$50 per team, from first grade to adult leagues. Those interested were able to purchase a T-shirt, hoodie or long-sleeve shirt or even a customized team T-shirt.

"I am excited to see if we're going to

get the same or bigger turnout," Wright said. "It's been really good so far. A lot of people are super excited and wanting to be part of it, even more so than last year."

The event started as a project for Wright's English composition class last year, where she was assigned to create a research project. Her brother's friend, then-sixth grader Jasper Lenglade, had been diagnosed with leukemia the year before. He is still undergoing treatment at Riley Hospital for Children. Proceeds of the event go to helping the family through this time.

Wright and Jones have been asking for sponsors for the event to reach this year's goal of \$20,000 and have received strong support from companies such as Chic-fil-A in Greenwood. They are promoting the event through Facebook, Twitter and their Website, jasperstong3v3.weebly.com. A list of business/personal sponsors can be found on the Facebook page. Those interested in sponsorship ay email jasperstrong3v3@gmail.com.

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DONE DEAL: TAX BILL TAKES EFFECT

Ed Mills, Washington Policy Analyst, breaks down the major components of the new tax legislation

The tax bill lowering the corporate tax rate and making a number of adjustments to the in-dividual tax code was signed into law on December 22, 2017. The final tax bill sets a corpo-rate tax rate of 21% starting January 1, 2018, and makes a number of changes to individual tax rates (including lowering the top individual to 37%). Key changes on the individual side include doubling the standard deduction (\$12,000 for individuals and \$24,000 for joint filers) but the bill reduces and/or removes many existing deductions. On the corporate side of the bill, businesses will have the benefit of 100% depreciation of qualified capital expenditures for the next five years, repeal of the corporate AMT, and a shift towards a territorial tax system (from a worldwide tax system). The bill also repeals the individual mandate of the Affordable Care Act (ACA). In this report, we review the changes to the corporate and individual tax code and cover next steps on tax legislation in 2018.

INDIVIDUAL CHANGES

Seven tax brackets are retained, but the bill provides tax relief by changing the income thresholds and tax rate for most taxpayers. The bill also lowers the top rate to 37% (starting at \$600,000 for joint filers). The standard deduction is doubled to \$12,000 for individuals and \$24,000 for joint filers. Personal exemptions are eliminated, and SALT deductions are capped at \$10,000. Mortgage interest deductions are capped interest on loans below \$750,000, but grandfathers existing loans at \$1 million. The individual AMT is retained, but narrowed with a raised phase-out threshold at \$1 million.

CORPORATE CHANGES

Lowering the corporate tax rate to 21% and moving to territorial taxation are the key parts of the corporate tax changes. The corporate alternative minimum tax (AMT) is eliminated. Repatriated earnings will be subject to a 15.5% tax on liquid assets and 8% on other earnings and profits with an eight-year repayment window. Net interest deduction is limited to 30% of adjusted taxable income, and net operating loss deductions are capped at 80% of taxable income. Capital expenditures see full depreciation and are 100% deductible for five years. For small businesses, the capital investment deduction limit under Section 179 is increased from \$500,000 to \$1 million.

NEXT STEPS

Guidance and interpretations are expected from the IRS over the course of the year. House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Kevin Brady (R-TX) anticipates work will continue on tax legislation with corrections to streamline and clarify provisions in the final bill expected this year. Congressional Republicans may attempt to work with Democrats on fixes that require 60 votes to pass the Senate, but have also signaled that the budget reconciliation measure used to pass tax reform with a 51 majority vote may be used again on issues where bipartisan compromise cannot be reached. This will usher in a new round of debates about which provisions could see further revision (including a potential SALT fix).

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STAFF VS. STUDENTS

Saints Francis & Clare Catholic School ends Catholic Schools Week with a volleyball match

By Nicole Davis

After a close match, the staff came out victorious at Saints Francis & Clare Catholic School's (SSFC) annual volleyball tournament against the eighth grade students.

The tournament is an annual celebration, marking the end of Catholic Schools Week, a week of festivities centered around Catholic education in the United States. The entire SSFC school body gathered in the gym near the end of the day on Friday, Feb. 2 to cheer on their favorite team. Some students held signs, stating 'Go Staff,' or "Go 8th Grade!' With a lot of back-and-forth on the scoring, it came down to the final minutes as the staff pulled off the win.









1. Saints Francis & Clare eighth graders celebrate points scored against the teachers.
2. The winning team includes, from left, Abby Roach, Steve Imel, Susanna Phillips, Bradley Doherty, Sarah Eckhart, Jerry Cecil, Pam Wells, and Rebecca Stone.
3. Hali Tichenor dances and cheers on the staff during the staff vs. students volleyball game.
4. Susanna Phillips serves the ball during the first half of the volleyball tournament.
5. The eighth grade team put up a tough match against the staff.
6. SSFC's Wolf mascot dances and cheers on the teams, spreading the school spirit. (Photos by Nicole Davis)

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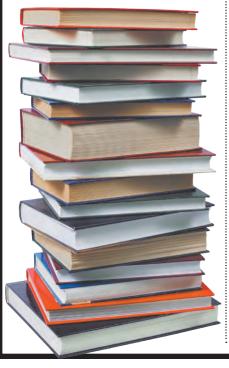
Siner chosen to be next principal of North **Grove Elementary**

Leadership - Ron Siner will become the new principal of North Grove El-

ementary School in July 2018. Mr. Siner's hiring was approved by the Center Grove Board of School Trustees at its Feb. 8, 2018 meeting. Mr. Siner is currently the assistant principal of Sugar Ron Siner Grove Elementary, a po-



sition he has held since June 2017. He started his teaching career in July 2001 as a third grade teacher at Sugar Grove Elementary. He has also served as an assistant principal at Maple Grove Elementary, North Grove Elementary, and Center Grove Elementary. Siner holds a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Indiana State University and a master's degree in Educational Administration from Butler University. He and his wife, Kara, have two children and live in the Center Grove area. Siner will replace Brian Proctor at North Grove, who will become principal of the new Walnut Grove Elementary in July 2018. The search for a new assistant principal at Sugar Grove Elementary will begin later this spring.



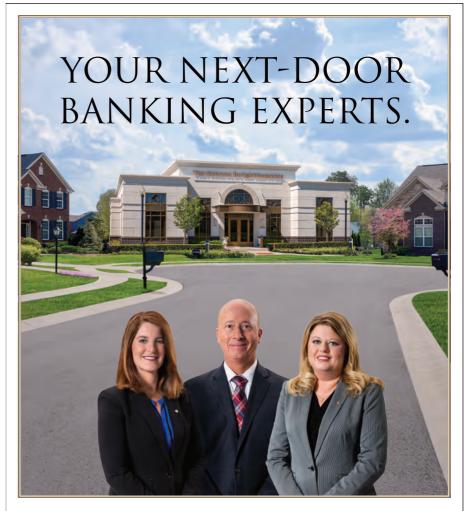
Friends of JCPL seek new volunteers

Library - The Friends of Johnson County Public Library are currently seeking volunteers to help move boxes of books four times a year for the quarterly used book sales. The Friends transport about a hundred boxes of books from the storage facility at our Franklin branch to each of the other branches for the Friends Used Book Sales. They are seeking volunteers to help load and unload the boxes before the sales. Those interested in volunteering should contact the marketing department by phone at (317) 738-2957 or email at marketingandcommunicationsdepartment@jcplin.org. For more information, contact Monica Harvey at (317) 738-2957 or mharvey@jcplin.org visit pageafterpage.org. Learn more about the friends at pageafterpage. org/friends-of-thelibrary.



Demaree Crossing celebrates ribbon cutting

Now open - The Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce celebrated the grand opening of the Demaree Crossing Assisted Living and Memory Care with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Feb. 8 at 1255 Demaree Rd., Greenwood. The new assisted living facility aims to help "residents age with dignity while infusing every day with joy and purpose."



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OUR VIEW

Hang up and try again

You may know the message by heart at this point:

"We are calling about your credit card account. There are no problems with your account..."

When members of our staff signed up for the Do Not Call list last year, they thought the telemarketing and scam phone calls to their cell phones would cease. This was not the case and, if anything, they've gotten worse. We counted six calls in one day from different companies recently.

According to robocallindex.com, 2.8 billion robocalls were placed nationwide in December 2017, equaling approximately 8.6 calls per person affected.

Unfortunately, the Do Not Call list only applies to legitimate telemarketing companies. Scammers will not abide by the law - surprised? While the Federal Trade Commission tries to stop these callers, there are simply too many. There are steps they recommend we take: simply hang up, consider blocking the call, file a complaint with DoNotCall.gov. If you get the same call multiple times, ask for your number to be blocked. Never say 'yes,' as they could be recording your voice to verify fraudulent charges at a later date. Seems like a lot of work with no real solution.

While we're probably going to keep getting inundated with these scams, it is possible to take comfort in that you are not alone.



To Jason Baker of Greenwood for returning military dog tags he found in an old suitcase purchased at a Goodwill store to their owner. Roger Kelty served in the Army, Army Reserve and Air National guard and has had these tags since 1974!

To the attempted robbers who broke two windows at separate daycare centers in White River Township on Feb. 12. Nothing was taken in either theft. "This activity usually means that a group known as the "Felony Lane Gang" is in town," stated the Johnson County Sheriff's Office in a press release. "They will steal purses and utilize ID's and checks for financial gain and then disappear out of town. Please do not leave purses, wallets or other valuables in your vehicle while unattended. Even for short amounts of time."

To the Pacers for hosting its school fundraising program, with Center Grove Community Schools receiving a donation from the event!

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Amazon: We love you! Adopt us!

HUMOR

By Gus Pearcy

What a great time to be living in Central Indiana. We were recently named a finalist in the Amazon HQII Sweepstakes. We are giddy with trepidation.

Amazon, as you might know, is looking for a place to set up a second headquarters outside of the first one in Seattle. This could bring the lucky community up to 50,000 jobs, many with six-figure salaries.

But, like the chasing, barking dog who wouldn't know what to do with the car, we have no clue what we would do if we actually captured Amazon HQII. We would collectively cheer and then panic.

I mean a deep, heart-stopping panic would register slowly as we began to calculate the change to our area.

Here are some unsolicited ideas for econ. dev. professionals (that's what we call each other at euchre gatherings).

Sell the Colts and give Amazon Lucas Oil Stadium. It's time another metropolitan area to enjoy and suffer the Colts. Plus, there is already a taxing mechanism in place for funding the massive perks promised by our secret bid. I have it on good authority that

the bid included a song written by John Mellencamp and sung by Larry Bird, and Peyton Manning offering a free site and unlimited popcorn for all senior officials.

Another problem to solve will be workforce. Who has an extra 50,000 people? We can if we start smuggling Canadians now.

What about transportation? We lack an area-wide mass transit system needed to haul employees. Could our streets handle this influx of cars?

Here's where we really have to get creative. Jet packs. Yup, we should clear our skies and offer jet packs and passenger drones to Amazon. Delivery drones delivering employees is a cutting-edge solution.

All in all, this is a great opportunity for Central Indiana. Just being named one of the top 20 contenders will grant us swag. We are ready for you, Amazon.



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QUOTE

"Keep your face always towards the sunshine - and shadows will fall behind you."

- Walt Whitman, Poet

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

In New Mexico, state officials ordered 400 words of "sexually explicit material" to be cut from Romeo and Juliet.

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Understand changes in the tax code legislation

By David Winters
Director of Tax-Simons Bitzer & Associates

In December, both houses of congress passed their version of tax reform, quite



arguably the largest since the Tax Reform Act of 1986 passed during the Reagan Administration. On December 22, President Trump signed the version of the new law, knowns as the Tax Cust

and Jobs Act ("TCJA"), that came out of conference committee a week earlier.

Republicans contend that this piece of legislation simplifies the tax code, and consequently the tax filing process for millions of Americans. Democrats dispute that by arguing that was nothing more than a tax cut for the wealthiest Americans. So, who really benefits from this tax overhaul? In my opinion, businesses and individuals.

There are still seven tax brackets for individual taxpayers. However, all but two of those brackets were lowered in the final bill with the top rate being reduced from 39.6% down to 37%. The amount of income that is taxed at which rate depends on the filing status (single, married filing joint, etc.) In theory, this means that almost everyone who pays tax will see a decrease in their tax liability, and thus, have more money in their pocket.

Another benefit for individual taxpayers is that the standard deduction nearly doubles to \$12,000 for individual filers and \$24,000 who are married and filing joint tax returns.

Additionally, the tax reform law increased the child tax credit ("CTC") from \$1,000 per qualified dependent child to \$2,000. This law also increases the refundable portion of the CTC to \$1,400.

Other significant changes in the law that

impact individuals include limiting mortgage interest deduction to interest paid on the first \$750,000 of new debt, generally, a disallowance of deduction for interest paid on home equity loans, and limiting the State and Local Tax deduction, often referred to as the SALT deduction, to just \$10,000. The SALT change may impact some Hoosiers but taxpayers in states with high income tax rates such as New York, Connecticut and California, will suffer most under this provision. The SALT change is probably one of the most unpopular provisions in this new bill and has been met with scrutiny at all levels.

Businesses will see a number of positive changes as well. Businesses that are organized as C Corporations prior to the new law were taxed using a graduated tax system with the lowest rate of 15% and the highest rate of 35%. These businesses are now taxed at a flat rate of 21%. This change was made to make US companies more competitive on the world state. According to the Tax Foundation, the average worldwide corporate tax rate was 22.5%, as of 2016. The change in the US rate allows businesses at home to be more competitive on the worldwide stage.

There is also a new 20% deduction of Qualified Business Income from pass-through entities. This deduction is taken at the shareholder level (i.e. on their 1040) subject to certain other limitations. This part of the legislation was intended to equate the tax cut for C Corporations to owners of S Corporations. This is a more complex calculation that cannot be adequately discussed in this article.

For more information on how you might be affected by TCJA, whether business or individual, we highly recommend that you seek advice from a tax professional. Call our office to schedule an appointment. (317) 782-3070.

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CGHS art students receive 97 Scholastic Art awards

Competition - Center Grove High School (CGHS) continued its tradition of excellence in art with 56 students receiving 97 Scholastic Art Awards in the 9th annual competition. Fourteen CGHS students received prestigious Gold Key awards. Twenty-nine students earned Silver Key awards. Gold and Silver Key award winners advance to national competition. Fifty-four CGHS students received Honorable Mention awards. The Gold and Silver Kev winning art will be on display at Clowes Hall on the Butler University campus from Jan. 30 through March 18. Students who earn a Gold Medal at the national competition will have their art displayed in New York City and be invited to the exhibit and award ceremony that is annually held at Carnegie Hall.



SSFC Teacher Pam Wells finalist in educational award

Excellence - Pam Wells, Saints Francis &

Clare's Middle School Social Studies teacher, was named one of five finalists for this year's Saint Theodora Guérin Excellence in Education Award, the highest honor for Catholic educators in the archdiocese. Pictured from left, Betty Popp, Principal at SSFC; Mr. Rob Rash, Office of Catholic Education (OCE); Mrs. Pam Wells, Teacher at SSFC; Mrs. Gina Fleming, Office of Catholic Education (OCE); Mrs. Mary McCoy, Office of

Catholic Education (OCE): Mr. Ben Potts, Of-

fice of Catholic Education (OCE).

Johnson County Community Foundation elects new leadership

Nonprofit - The Johnson County Community Foundation (JCCF) has elected the following officers and new board members for 2018: Chair, Seth Perigo, Huntington Bank; Vice Chair, Virginia Davis, Retired, Community Volunteer; Secretary, Marcia Grossnickle, Retired, Community Volunteer; Treasurer, Bob Romack, ROAR Consulting LLC; Immediate Past Chair, Erin Smith, Spotlight Strategies. New board members include: Bob Heuchan, Retired, Community Volunteer and Stephanie Wagner, First Merchants Bank. For more information, contact Gail Richards at (317) 738-2213, gailr@jccf.org, or visit jccf.org.

Center Grove housing market makes a shift

Real estate - The housing market in Center Grove has taken a slight shift towards the buyer's favor. According to F.C. Tucker, the average sale price for homes sold in Center Grove in December 2017 was \$254,808 at \$110.51 per square foot, a 1.4 percent sale price decrease from December 2016. In addition, homes in the city remained on the market a few days longer, selling in 75 days compared to 70 days this time last year.

Center Grove's Reising joins Ashland Univ. **Honors Society**

Program - Matthew Reising of Greenwood, is a member of Ashland University's Honors Society, Reising, a 2016 Center Grove High School graduate, is majoring in history. The Honors Society is a student-run organization that plans a variety of social, educational and service events for Honors Program students, thereby strengthening the learning community by building friendships outside the classroom. Ashland University is a mid-sized, private university conveniently located a short distance from Akron, Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio.





Valentine's Day Meal and Entertainment The event will be a dinner-dance with a limited number of T-Bone steaks and plenty of N.Y. Strip Steak. The meal will include baked potato, vegetable, salad, roll and butter. Entertainment will be by the "Still Doin' Time" Country Band. Tickets for the meal is \$15 per person. There will also be a raffle and a 50/50 drawing. | When: Feb. 16, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood VFW Post 5864, 333 S. Washington St., Greenwood. | Info: (317) 888-2488.

How to Build a Robot • Create a robot using LEGO WeDo and other library materials. Different stations will allow exploration of how to design and control various kinds of robots. | When: Feb. 20, 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. Info: pageafterpage.org.

Grief Support Group • Join this weekly support group for help and encouragement after the death of a spouse, child, family member or friend. | When: Feb. 21 - May 16, Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11 a.m. | Where: Southland Community Church, 5800 W. Smith Valley Rd., Greenwood. Info: (317) 513-9203 or (3177) 340-3284.

Matilda Jane Trunkshow • Shop for the spring collection of baby, girls, tween and women's clothing, home items and accessories at this fundraiser benefitting Saints Francis & Clare School. Matilda Jane will donate up to 20 percent of the show total. | When: Feb. 22, 3 - 6 p.m. Where: ECM Activity Room, 5901 Olive Branch Rd., Greenwood. | Info: matildajaneclothing/ni-

Read and Bleed @ Your Library: American Red Cross Blood Drive • All blood types are urgently needed, ages 17 and up. To schedule an appointment, call (800) 733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org. | When: Feb. 23, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org.

Jasper Strong Shootout Cancer • Center Grove High School seniors Olivia Wright and Emma Jones are organizing this 2nd annual 3v3 basketball event to benefit the family of Jasper Lenglade, a 7th grader at Center Grove Middle School North who is undergoing treatment for leukemia. Sponsors are needed. | When: Feb. 23 - 24. | Where: Emmanuel Church Fieldhouse, 1640 Stones Crossing Rd. West, Greenwood. | Info: Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @Jasperstrong Shootout Cancer or jasperstrong3v3@gmail.com.

Major Library Gamers: Hour of Code! • Gamers, celebrate Teen Tech Week by playing Code Combat! Ipads and Laptops are available on a limited basis, or bring your own device. | When: March 6, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. Info: pageafterpage.org.

Couch Potato to 5K • Join the library's Couch Potato to 5K program. Over 6 weeks, meet every other Wednesday beginning on March 7, 7 p.m. Starting with the second meeting, anyone who wants to can go for a short walk/run at the end. Local experts will talk about stretching, safety and more. All are welcome, whether new to fitness or experienced runners. | When: March 7, 7 - 8 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org.

Pi Day at the Library • Honor Pi Day on 3.14 by eating pie and creating a pi-related craft. Attendee must be between the ages of 12 Years and 18 Years old. | When: March 14, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org.

Craft Night: Paper Cutting Art • Make a paper cutout art piece to celebrate Earth Day next month. | When: March 15, 6 - 7:30 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org.



Spring Lawn Care Class • Topics to be covered, by Dick Huber, master gardener of White River Township, are: best mowing techniques, proper timing for pre-emergent crabgrass herbicide, broadleaf weed control, aeration, establishing a fertilizing schedule and more. No registration fee, registration is encouraged, handouts available. | When: March 15, 6 - 7:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. | Info: Greenwoodlibrary.us.



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Getting to know Brent and Mike...

- "I play Hurdy-gurdy, a european folk instrument. I play and teach that at the only Hurdy-gurdy workshop in the states which is here in Indiana." MIKE
- "My hobbies these days are based around (the business). I've been learning how to use photoshop. I've been playing a lot of guitar... I used to play in my own band, for a very long time: Gwen Stacy. We actually toured and earned a name from it." - BRENT

How did Brent and Mike do it?

BEST ADVICE:

Don't fall in love with your inventory. Try to have a good balance of stuff that is appealing to us but also have a broad spectrum of things. Some of the best advice I've received is home runs don't win games. It's the small sales that you make everyday that run your business as far as success goes.

WORST ADVICE:

People might expect you to do things a certain way but you have to try and do things your own way. I don't feel there's any terrible advice that's been given. Everyone pretty much wants everyone to succeed.

BEST BUSINESS DECISION:

Moving out of Southport. For so many reasons, in that building we were at a disadvantage. It's such a big improvement.

SECRET TO SUCCESS:

Trying not to get too far ahead of ourselves. Take each day as they come. Then, broadening our services and diversification is a big help for revenue stream. I want to drive more business to folk instrument stuff. We have more to offer than to just the guitar players.

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Indy String Theory owners Brent Schindler and Mike Opp are pictured with an Eastman E200M and hammer dulcimer, White River Dulcimer, respectively. (Photo by Nicole Davis)

From theory to business practice

Indy String Theory owners Brent Schindler and Mike Opp settle into their Fountain Square location

By Nicole Davis

When Mike Opp proposed purchasing a hammer dulcimer company to Brent Schindler, the idea was intriguing.

The hammer dulcimer, a percussion-stringed instrument, was something Schindler didn't know a lot about at first. As he learned of the range of music played on it, from "fiddle tunes to church music," and the communal experience that can take place when players come together, it was an opportunity the two couldn't pass up. The two friends combined their talents to form Indy String Theory, building hammer dulcimers, along with selling and repairing other stringed instruments.

"There are so many people out there trying to make guitars and that's cool, they do awesome work, but this is something different," Opp said. "Also there is an aging population upon the makers of the hammer dulcimers, so we've given ourselves a head start there."

Schindler is from Martinsville, having moved to Indianapolis in 2005. He spent two years at school in Minnesota, where he met Opp. Opp is from Jamestown, N.D., studying audio recording and later instrument repair in college. They went their separate ways, but a year after they graduated, Opp called Schindler with that business opportunity.

They opened Indy String Theory in the Southport area in May, 2016. That business quickly transformed to include a repair and retail side as well building hammer dulcimers.

"Southport was cool for a little while," Schindler said. "It was nice to have a place to work, a place that handled the wood shop stuff fairly well. The building we were in was in disrepair. The retail side was doing better and we needed more space."

"...we're trying to set ourselves apart that way by carrying some things that other people don't..."

- Brent Schindler

Just as they were searching for a new location, the spot at 1354 Shelby St., Ste A, Indianapolis, became available. Indy String Theory reopened at that 4,000 square-foot Fountain Square location in April 2017.

"It's improved, as far as foot traffic. Being around other businesses and venues has helped out," Schindler said. "We're in

a more centralized area as well, which helps to draw from around the city."

Opp and Schindler, both Perry Township residents, are still building instruments, as has been the goal since the beginning. It's the repair and sales side of the business that has grown the most - guitars, violins, hammar dulcimers, anything with strings.

"We try to do as much single-man operation stuff as we can," Schindler said. "There isn't anybody that I know of in the city that's really trying to push that stuff. It's usually the name brand. We have some name brands, too, but we're trying to set ourselves apart that way by carrying some things that other people don't, like the Nechville Banjos, a brand we've been carrying since the beginning that's made in Minnesota."

Settling into the neighborhood, Opp and Schindler said they are trying to become a part of the Fountain Square area as much as possible. They are members of the Fountain Square Merchants Association, as well as the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM). They are looking to not only continue to grow the company, but to continue adding more instruments that they can build to their repertoire.

Indy String Theory is open Tuesdays through Saturdays, noon to 7 p.m. For more information, visit indystringtheory.com.

PEER TO PEER

The taxman cometh and he cuttith the bill

and billionaire

neighbors are

combined

61 billion dollar cut!

Those rascals!"

By Howard Hubler

I remember the cold sultry night some years ago in December when the Washington RINO'S caved and accepted Obamas 39 percent maximum tax margin in exchange for a few gold coins. This was going to save the American dream as we knew it. Gross Domestic Product was going to rise, employment was going to jump up, and Blacks and Latinos were going to finally going to get their shot at the American dream! Black teen unemployment levels were a national disgrace, and someone thought that if we arbitrarily raised the minimum wage, businesses were going to go out in legions to be the first to higher these folks. I can live on a greater tax margin if all of these wonderful things would only come true.

Wake up now - it is "Well, your millionaire a few years later, 2018. That economic desert at 1.7 percent GDP growth has miraculously disapgetting a pugnacious peared over night. Now the country has a new president that many do not even like and in the face of all of the "anti Trump media crap," we as a nation are experiencing tremendous economic

growth despite ourselves. GDP is tickling 4 percent, almost double from Obama, we are as close to 100 percent employment as we have ever been. The stock market is at all time records. Black and Latino employment rates are at all time records! And all the naysayers can say is the margins gave "tax cuts to the rich." You would think that even they would be insulted by this wornout default line.

So, you be the judge. According to National Review Magazine tax charts, this is not the case at all. They took the total taxable impact at every income level and compared them to Obama levels. People that made less than 40k that properly filed for exemptions paid no federal income tax. Those properly filing in the 40-50k range saw their obligation go down from 11.9 billion to a 6.7 billion cut, a 56 percent decline! Those in the 75k-100k margin dropped from 123 billion to a 22.4 billion cut, a savings of 18 percent. The 500k-1 million level went from a tax of 205 billion to a cut of 23.9 billion, a 11.6 percent reduction. Finally, the hooligans that are the scourge of CNN that had the gall to make over a million dollars got a cut from 579 billion and saw their obligation trimmed 37 billion, or just 6.4 percent. I just cited just some of the tables due to space limitations, but there you have the gist of it, sports fans.

Well, your millionaire and billionaire neighbors are getting a pugnacious combined 61 billion dollar cut! Those rascals! Yet, those wage earners paid in 786 billion! Yes, this amount was divided up by less than 10 percent of American households. Yes, while it may be a goodly

> sum, they paid in all of the money! However, the tens of millions of Americans that paid in only 223 billion mathematically will get a greater percentage cut, but a lesser actual dollar pay out.

In closing, recall that these 500k+ annual income earners are the engine that makes this whole thing work. If you do not work in govern-

ment or in a stock market company, you probably work for one of these folks. If you want to stimulate job growth, go to the job creators. If Obama had only learned this some years ago, our nation would be better off for it today. High margins just cost years of 1.7 percent economic misery. Back to the beginning of the article, no matter how it is spun, those at the bottom of the chart paid NO federal taxes, or got reductions of 56 percent, 25.5 percent and 18 percent over Obama's plan. Those at the top got only 6.4 percent reduction.



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- 22 Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce (Connections!); Feb. 22, 2 -4:30 p.m., The Nest Events, Inc., 400 Byrd Way, Greenwood. For more information, visit greenwoodchamber.com.
- 28 Greater Southside Business Alliance (Annual Taste of Perry); Feb. 28, 6 - 8 p.m., German American Klub, 8602 S Meridian St., Indianapolis. For more information, visit gsbaweb.org.
- 1 Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce (Women Leaders Workshop); March 1, 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Barn at Bay Horse Inn, 1468 W. Stones Crossing Rd., Greenwood. For more information, visit greenwoodchamber.com.
- **9** Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce (Legislation Matters Luncheon); March 9, 11:30 - 1 p.m., Valle Vista Golf & Conference Center, 755 E. Main St., Greenwood. For more information, visit greenwoodchamber.com.
- 10 Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce (Community Fair); March 10, Beech Grove Middle School. For more information, visit beechgrovechamber.org.
- 15 Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce (Business After Hours); March 15, 4 - 6 p.m., Sam's Club, 1101 Windhorst Way, Greenwood. For more information, visit greenwoodchamber.com.

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Dealing With Form SPAM

By Andrew Angle

I don't recall that I have ever tasted Spam, the mysterious yet edible meat in a blue can. As for the online variety, I have had my fill. My Inbox now contains around 25,000 unread messages, plus plenty more in my spam folder. Today's improved spam filters have made life easier for email users. Business owners have a tougher time. Those who need to not only use email, but send email messages that get read, have a different type of challenge.

Everyone encounters the traditional email spam; website owners contend with another type that gets submitted through online forms. Form spam can be particularly troublesome to business owners who care about tracking visitor behavior and monitoring how well your site is meeting visitor's needs. Filling out a form gets counted as a goal "conversion" - a critical

metric. You want your numbers to be accurate so that you can make decisions for site improvement.

Nearly every contact form on the web will eventually be found by web crawlers, aka: "bots" and will be hit with automatic messages containing ridiculous offers from the seedy underworld of snake oil Internet marketing, The software to send thousands of spam messages through forms is prolific. Forms can be somewhat protected by using a "captcha" to require the visitor to read and solve a simple math problem or click a checkbox in a way that only a human is likely to figure out how to do. People don't like to type into forms anyway. The little quizzy thing is just one more action to think about.

Last year I decided to remove the captcha from some forms that I wanted to streamline for site visitors. I actually went a few months without seeing any form spam. But, suddenly, there it was. After the first message went through, the spam bots recognized the form as being left without spam protection. Almost immediately we got messages offering everything from Russian brides to treasures of Nigerian princes, all of which messed up our conversion data.

Google's "reCaptcha" is probably the best out there, although it's not pretty. Others offer more options to fit in with your design. Just make sure your forms have this layer of spam protection.



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PERSONNEL MATTERS

The power of beliefs OR using your beliefs to create change

By Mike Heffner

Last month, I shared my optimism around 2018. Shortly after my column published, I listened to Danny Anderson, Pastor of Emmanuel Church in Greenwood, talk about having a break through this year. He said one of the key factors to having one was to change our "limiting beliefs" and replace them with "liberating truths." He mentioned a book titled Your Best Year Ever by Michael Hyatt and I quickly ordered it. The book, along with Danny's message, reassured me that what was stirring in me wasn't crazy.

In the first week of the New Year, I challenged my Express team to find a way to make a real difference. Our theme was going to be The Best Year Ever. I laid out all the "bests" we have achieved and shared that I believe we could exceed all of them. I shared that we were good but not great. I challenged the team that we can do more to make a difference. I asked them to challenge the status quo of their thoughts and find ways to make an even bigger impact. In our business, we have the ability to change lives. But like any job, you can lose track of what you are doing and become focused on the grind. I challenged the team to have a true servant mentality, to want more and to have a sense of urgency

as we serve.

It was liberating to think this way. As I listened to Danny's message, I realized our limiting beliefs is truly what holds us back and that we have to work hard to find liberating truths. Then I read the book. As I read, Michael laid out a 3 step Action Plan to reaching your goals:

1) RECOGNIZE THE POWER OF YOUR BELIEFS

– The things you say to yourself have a powerful impact on your thoughts. Change your thoughts and you can change your beliefs.

2) CONFRONT YOUR LIMITING BELIEFS -

The biggest reason we don't reach our goals is we doubt we can achieve them. To accomplish goals, we have to believe we are capable.

3) **UPGRADE YOUR BELIEFS** – Reorient your thinking around a new liberating belief and start living from that perspective. Commit to living as if they are true.

Danny hit the nail on the head. In order to have a break through, we need to change our thinking. But how often do we allow our thoughts to tell us we can't do something? So simple, yet we don't

really do what Michael laid out. We may recognize what needs to change but we don't stick with it long enough to set new habits. The liberating truth is that we can upgrade our beliefs and allow experience to affirm them.

To make this The Best Year Ever, Danny and Michael both shared one simple thing- your beliefs shape your reality. If you don't believe in the positive outcome, then you will never move from your current place. Our habits and what we say to ourselves determine our thinking. Write down what is in your way. What things do you need to stop thinking and what do you need to choose to believe? Find a way around the obstacles and excuses. Each change you make can allow you to make a huge difference. My grandpa used to say, "Can't is a four letter word and grandma doesn't like us to say four letter words." I look forward to hearing about your best year ever!



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Don Caraway began cutting meat in 1968, still using methods he learned through his three-year apprenticeship to become a journeyman. (Photo by Nicole Davis)

Meat meets quality

Don Caraway returns to old-fashioned methods of meat cutting with Don's Butcher Shop

Compiled by Nicole Davis

Don Caraway went through a three-year apprenticeship to begin his career as a meat cutter in 1968, learning the best ways to cut all types of meat for optimal quality and freshness. Seeing the way the industry has changed throughout the years, he decided it was time to open his own butcher shop and return to those proven methods.

Caraway, a Franklin Township resident, started cutting meat in 1968 with Kroger Co., where he worked for 31 years. His wife was a nurse, and Caraway eventually decided to go into that field himself. He worked as a nurse

for 15 years before returning to cutting meat at a few different companies, always having wanted to open his own shop.

Don's Butcher Shop opened on Nov. 9 at 8028 S. Emerson Ave., in the plaza across the street from Franciscan Health. The shop offers 100-percent fresh, grain-fed beef, pork, amish chicken and fish. The meat is cut fresh every morning. Anything remaining at the end of the day gets discounted and put in the freezer, or donated to Gleaners Food Bank.

"We try to get everything processed minimally," Caraway said. "We hand-cut all of the chicken. We try to do everything like we

did in the past. With all the things I did with anatomy and nursing, cutting meat, bodybuilding some, I learned the muscles and where they're located. A lot of meat cutters don't know where a brisket is located or sirloin tip. With experience in all three things, I know where that muscle is to get the best cut and right angle at cutting meat."

Caraway said by summer they hope to offer beer and wine that pair with the meats. He's also working on adding more varieties of meat, such as goat, lamb and fresh seafood. He will offer specialty cheese and fresh produce from local farmers and some additional grocery supplies.

Why did you open this business?

I was in the business about 40 years cutting meat. What I see out in the community right now, it's changed so much and is not agreeable to a customer. I wanted to open my own business to service the customer because customer service is the main thing. We only sell choice beef which is the best and I've cut for 40 years. We try to cater to the customers with any cut they might want. I started with hanging beef, so I can break beef and know where everything comes from. Customer satisfaction is the main reason I left nursing and opened a meat shop. It's not for the money, but I make a living and the customer is usually pretty happy.

What did you do to prepare for opening your business?

I had to find a site first and remodel it, get the board of health in here to inspect everything. They gave me state and county no problems at all with cleanliness, sanitation. I worked since February last year until November to get the place ready to go, then ordered the meat from a company called Ideal Choice Beef. It's a real good company

with choice beef and pork that has not has the salt water added to it.

Who is your ideal customer/client? Anyone.

How do you plan to be successful?

Customer service is the only way to be successful. Try to give what the customer wants and have a friendly atmosphere.

What would we be surprised to learn about you or your company?

If I would be out of something, I have a oneday window to get it in.

BUSINESS

Franciscan Health Central Indiana selects chief nursing officer

Leadership – Agnes Therady, RN, MBA, has been appointed vice president and chief

nursing officer for Franciscan Health Central Indiana. She oversees all nursing-related operations at Franciscan Health and leads a corps of nearly 1,500 nurses at hospital campuses in Indianapolis, Mooresville and Carmel.



She succeeds Susan McRoberts, who retired in December 2017. Board-certified by the American College of Healthcare Executives, she has worked at several other medical institutions in Chicago land and New York throughout her career.



Kyle Vaughn, customer, Bob Curl and Chief of Police Thomas Vaughn.



Rick McKim, Dawn Asbury, Charlotte Swanson, Joey Jacobs and Todd Craighead.

Southport PD enjoys free meals at O'Charley's

Service - The Southport O'Charley's, 6930 S. Emerson Ave., thanked officers for their service on Jan. 22 and 23 by providing a meal off of the \$9.99 menu, free of charge. "The Southport Police Department is a staple in our community ensuring our friends and family are safe," stated the company in an email. All Southport officers who dine in with O'Charley's while on duty will now be treated to a 50 percent off discount.



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Do the brussels hustle

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

In 2014, kale was all the rage at the local farm-

ers' market. 2016 brought us an avocado fad which elevated toast prices among the hipster millennial community. As a professional grammarian and amateur vegetable trend forecaster, take this hot tip: you're going to want to put all your summer stock in Brussels sprouts.

Before you object to this up-and-coming veggie trend based on how your mom used to make Brussels sprouts (boiled to oblivion), I'm told there are now more interesting and tasty ways to prepare these cute little cabbages (roasted with sea salt and olive oil, for one).

And it's spelled Brussels sprouts, not brussel sprouts. You could theoretically have one Brussels sprout, I suppose. Even though they originated in the Mediterranean region, Brussels sprouts gained popularity across Europe, especially in Belgium, where they received their geographical moniker. And — yes — I capitalized the "b" in Brussels sprouts.

For that matter, what about the "f" in French toast? French fries certainly don't always get the capital treatment. In the United Nations of foods, there's not much capitalization consistency. Will the delegation from Switzerland be offended if Swiss cheese isn't capitalized?

One argument against capitalizing any

noun phrase containing a place word is that you should call Brussels sprouts "Brussels sprouts" with a capital "b" if (and only if) they did, indeed, originate from the city of Brussels. If they didn't actually hail from the geographical region, argues the Chicago Manual of Style, you don't need to capitalize them.

I'm going to have to disagree with the "never capitalize" camp. I've never seen baked Alaska with a lowercase "a," even though the flambéd dessert most likely wasn't sourced and shipped from our 49th state. The same rule applies to Swiss chard, Dijon mustard, Gorgonzola cheese, Canadian bacon and the Cuban sandwich.

I guess that makes me an all-or-nothing capitalizer; so be it. Either capitalize proper nouns contained in common phrases or don't. One thing I can guarantee is that Brussels sprouts are 2018's kale; so if you pride yourself as the first among your friends to find the latest veggie trends, jump on the bandwagon before it gets too crowded.



Curtis Honeycutt is a freelance humor writer. Have a grammar question? Connect with him on Twitter @ curtishoneycutt or at curtishoneycutt.com.

Make parental controls work for you

TECH SAVVY

By Regina Miller

I turned on Parental Controls through our wireless carrier and I am finding that my son is still able to download apps that he's not allowed to and even use the phone to contact people that we've forbidden. Do parental controls even work?

A common mistake I see when using parental controls is completing the job. In addition to turning on parental controls with the carrier and configuring them correctly, you should also turn on parental controls the child's phone and tablet too. If you don't, the child can easily turn on off the carrier parental controls and even turn on parental controls for the device itself, in essence, locking you out from making changes. The next layer of parental controls comes into play on your home network. Many routers have parental controls so you can configure even farther. This is an important step since many children are very adept at selecting wireless or cellular signal to skirt whatever restrictions are in place. I would suggest even if you have en-

abled parental controls, you check your child's device and make sure the PIN that you think unlocks it actually does. I have seen kids show their parents that yes, the parental controls are in place, but then discover the kid themselves set it so they could undo whatever the parent has set up. While no parental controls work 100 percent, you will do better to at least have them enabled on your carrier, your child's devices, and your home network. Just as important as enabling them is configuring them properly. If you aren't sure what all that entails, hire a professional to help you out. In addition configured parental controls, I strongly suggest password audits for your minor child's phones AND accounts. I know many people argue that children need to have a phone for safety reasons these days but there are still a lot of options that are not smartphones.



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Sabrina Maristela Member of 1girl at Ashland University

Leadership - Sabrina Maristela of Greenwood, is a member of Ashland University's 1girl. Maristela is a 2016 graduate of Center Grove High School, majoring in political science. 1girl is open to all Ashland University female students with a desire to develop their own leadership skills while enhancing the lives of middle school girls through mentor relationships. 1girl seeks to work with middle school girls with the highest need from low income areas and who are at risk for delinquency. They accomplish this goal through after school programs that use lessons centered on developing critical thinking, public speaking, problem solving, conflict resolution, and goal setting skills.

Sarah Morrow joins the Human Trafficking Awareness Group

University - Sarah Morrow of Greenwood, is a member of Ashland University's Human Trafficking Awareness Group. Morrow, a 2017 Center Grove High School graduate, is majoring in political science. Over the last two years, the Human Trafficking Awareness Group (HTAG) has raised awareness on human trafficking and supported a local shelter called Gracehaven House that works to restore victims in Ohio. Human trafficking is a massive criminal industry that occurs across the globe. This group focuses on bringing hope to victims of human trafficking through educating peers, professors, family and community on this horrific crime.

Fire station chili chefs compete in Greenwood Kiwanis cook-off

Fundraiser - The 8th Annual Greenwood Kiwanis Chili Cook-off on Feb. 2 featured the concoctions of chili chefs from several local fire stations, raised almost \$1,900 for the Riley Hospital for Children and other child-related programs the club supports. In all, more than 1,100 cups of the soups were served to some 160 chili connoisseurs gathered in the Greenwood United Methodist Church. Toni Wampler and Joe Kipfer, representing the Bargersville Fire Department, emerged victorious. Other competitors included Dale Saucier of the New Whiteland Fire Department (second place), Matthew Oakley of the Whiteland Fire Department (third place), Logan Chaszar and Daniel Wingham of the Greenwood Fire Department, and Erik Toler of the Whiteland Fire Department.

Kipfer, a firefighter, and Wampler, an emergency medical technician who is



From left, Bargersville firefighter Joe Kipfer his stepson, Colin Norris, and EMT Toni Wampler accept the First Place trophy from Greenwood Kiwanis President Mary Kay Anthony.

known around the department as a "culinary genius," created a black bean and sausage chili with a secret "fire in the hole" sauce.

Complementing the chili cook-off was a silent auction which raised more than \$1,600 for the club's Bill and Sharlene Mellencamp Scholarship Fund. Each year, the club awards scholarships to students at Center Grove, Franklin Central and Greenwood high schools, where it sponsors Key Clubs. Key Clubbers from Franklin Central and Greenwood high schools volunteered.





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- 5. Wedding site
- 11. Start of a Memorial Stadium cheer: "Gimme ___!"
- 14. Purina competitor
- 15. Eagle Creek Park nests
- 16. Johnson County Commissioner West
- 17. Indianapolis Indians position
- 19. The A-Team star
- 20. Saints Francis & Clare Catholic Church part
- 21. Notre __
- 22. La Rosa Mexican Restaurant farewell
- 26. Islamic fast
- 29. 22nd and 24th president
- 33. Pro
- 34. French water
- 35. A Manning
- 36. Pacers' former org.
- 37. Victory Field flag
- 39. Terre Haute coll.
- 42. Bummed
- 43. PC "brain"
- 44. WTTV military drama, initially
- 45. Fluorescent markers
- 50. Go along with
- 51. Johnson County Court call
- 52. Regretted
- 53. Prepare for surgery at Community Hospital
- 57. Bumped into
- 58. Class texts
- 64. Greenwood-to-Cincy dir.
- 65. Tarzan, e.g.
- 66. Reason to call Carter's My Plumber
- 67. High-speed internet inits.
- 68. Canal site
- 69. Whirlpool

DOWN

1. Kings on a Bankers Life Fieldhouse scoreboard

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2. Bullfight cheer

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- 3. IU Health ICU worker
- 4. Part of Holiday World's web site address
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- 6. Bulk

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- 18. Lighten up
- 21. "The Judgement of Paris" painter at IMA
- 22. Taj Mahal site
- 23. Ho-hum
- 24. Purdue frat letter
- 25. Midwest Fertility stock
- 27. Emerson or Madison add-on
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- 31. Lucas Oil container
- 32. Meal at Tried & True Alehouse

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- 39. Like some tea
- 40. Trig function
- 41. The Beatles' "Back in the __
- 42. Tool building
- 44. WFYI news affiliate
- 45. Impaired
- 46. "If you say so"
- 47. Hansel's sister
- 48. Elkhart County seat
- 49. Local meteorologist Ellis
- 54. Deep sleep
- 55. Wander Indiana
- 56. Arm bone
- 58. Hoosier National Forest tree juice
- 59. Katz, Sapper & Miller pro, briefly
- 60. Indiana Poet Laureate words of praise
- 61. Chicago destination from IND
- 62. Little butter in a Johnson County Fair barn
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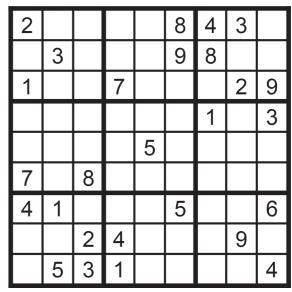
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Puzzle Tíme

Find the items in the puzzle going up, down, sideways or diagonally and list them. Each letter is used no more than once. В

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OBITUARIES

CENTER GROVE

June Marie Behrens

June Marie Behrens, 83, of Greenwood, died on Monday, Jan. 8, 2018. June worked as a teachers aide at IPS # 34. She was an active longtime member of Friedens United Church of Christ. Funeral service was Jan. 12 at G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, 1605 S. State Rd. 135. She will be laid to rest at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

Richard A. Bond

Richard A. Bond, 84, of Greenwood, died Jan. 15, 2018. Funeral service was Jan. 19 at Simplicity Funeral & Cremation Care, 7520 Madison Ave., Indianapolis. Richard will be laid to rest in New Crown Cemetery.

Charles Eugene Gearhardt

Charles Eugene Gearhardt, 90, of Greenwood, died on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018. He served his country in the United States Navy during WWII. He worked for General Motors, Allison Division for over 35 years as a tool and die maker before retiring in 1985. Funeral services were Jan. 15 at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service and Crematory, Greenwood Chapel. Entombment followed at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Donald L. Gouldsberry

Donald L. Gouldsberry, 95, Greenwood, died on Jan. 12, 2018. Don served in the United States

Army Air Corps during World War II and was a graduate of the Illinois Insitute of Technology. He retired from Motorola after 38 years. Arrangements were entrusted to G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home at The Gardens at Olive Branch.

Erich E. Rensner

Erich E. Rensner, 88, of Greenwood, formerly of Park Ridge, Ill., died on Jan. 29, 2018. Erich proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict. He received the German Occupational Medal. He worked as a general engineer for a dumbwaiter elevator company for over 30 years. Funeral services will be Feb. 2, 11 a.m. at Calvary Lutheran Church, 6111 Shelby St., Indianapolis. He will be laid to rest in Concordia Cemetery.

Marcia Ruth Riley

Marcia Ruth Riley, 68, of Greenwood, died Jan. 13, 2018. There are no services scheduled at this time. Arrangements were entrusted to Simplicity Funeral & Cremation Care.

Robert C. Stebbe

Robert C. "Bob" Stebbe, 89, of Greenwood, died on Feb. 5, 2018. He was a U.S. Army veteran. Funeral services were Feb. 8 at Calvary Lutheran Church, 6111 Shelby St., Indianapolis. Visitation was Feb. 7 at G.H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home, 5141 Madison Ave., Indianapolis. He will be laid to rest in Concordia Cemetery.

Center Grove obituaries are printed free of charge and published once a month. Funeral directors are encouraged to send obituaries and photos to news@myicon.info.



Center Grove Debtones named Grand Champion at Fishers Invitational

Music - The Center Grove varsity show choirs had a strong showing at Fishers Silver Spotlight Show Choir Invitational at Fishers High School in Fishers, Ind. on Jan. 27. The Debtones won Grand Champion in the Unisex Division and Sound System on placing First Runner Up in the Mixed

Division. The Debtones collected awards for Best Vocals, Best Choreography, and Best Instrumental. Sound System received awards for Best Vocals and Best Instrumental. Center Grove Varsity Choirs Sound System, The Debtones, and CG Singers will perform at Pike MusicFest on Feb. 10. Center Grove choirs are directed by Jennifer Dice, Jared Norman, and Greg Sanders, and choreographed by Andy Haines, Anne Beck, and Brandon Comer. Visit centergrovechoirs.org for more information.



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Danny Anderson

Senior pastor aims to transform the human heart, reaching as many people as possible through the growth of Emmanuel Church

Compiled by Nicole Davis

There's nothing better to Danny Anderson than seeing people's lives change, seeing marriages healed and people finding joy and peace in a relationship with Christ. As the senior pastor of Emmanuel Church, he has seen that transformation happen in thousands of people throughout the years.

"Our congregation has grown from 3,500 to almost 5,000 people," Danny said. "In part, it's because we really try to trust God and rely upon God to guide us and lead us. I really believe God is giving us success in reaching people. We have an incredible team that works really well together to execute every week. My role is very small. I preach the sermon. Behind the scenes, there are dozens and dozens of staff members and volunteers that create the success."

Danny grew up in New York, attending New York University before transferring to Liberty University where he earned a degree in communication with a specialization in speech. It was there, he met his wife-to-be, Jackie, a native "Center Grover." The two married in 1999 at Emmanuel Church in Greenwood.

In 2001, Danny received a call asking him to consider applying for the youth pastor position. While he hadn't considered ministry as his career of choice, he said he followed the door that God had opened for him. He served five years in the youth ministry before transitioning into the senior pastor role in 2006.

Since that time, under Danny's leadership, the church transitioned from a traditional Sunday service style to more of a "culturally relevant" church, Danny said, with changes in music style, dress and atmosphere. Emmanuel Church - Greenwood remodeled its auditorium, the pews, everything to bring it up-to-date with modern design and updated its programming.

Emmanuel also launched its first multisite campus at Banta Road and Harding Street in Perry Township, Indianapolis. The campus serves as a fully-functional church, with a screen that comes down on Sundays where Danny's sermon is projected. The church launched its third campus three years ago, for which they recently broke ground on a permanent location. That facility will be complete by the end of this year.

"Within the next couple of years, I think it would be incredible to launch a few more campuses,

maybe downtown. We're searching that out right now," Danny said. "Jesus had the idea of reaching the world with the message. Eternal life and abundant life is offered to everyone. So in my heart, if Jesus said go into all of the world and make disciples, then let's go into all of the world and make disciples, let's try to reach as many people as we can with this amazing thing called eternal life. I don't think there should be a limit on how many people you try to reach. There's a lot of people out there hurting, suffering, confused and depressed and they need hope, life, joy, forgiveness and reconciliation. If we can get to them, I want to get to them."

Danny and his wife, Jackie, reside in the Center Grove area with their three children. Here, learn more about our February

ICON of the Month, Danny Anderson.

What do you consider your greatest virtue?

I feel it would be positivity.

What do you most deplore in others?

When people are hateful and unkind, it really bothers me.

What do you like most about living in Center Grove?

Faith is very accepted in this community. It is incorporated and not resisted in the community and school systems. I really appreciate that.

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

It would be here. I want to live where I do ministry, and I love the Center Grove area.

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

I would have valued learning and education earlier.

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

in the United States and homes, churches and orphanages overseas.

What makes you happiest?

Time alone with Jesus, my Bible and a cup of coffee.

What is your favorite vacation spot?

Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

What do you do with idle time?

With the little bit that I have, I try to read books and spend time with my family.

What is it that makes you angry?

Unkindness and cruelty, the evil in people's hearts.

What do you do to escape from reality?

Play basketball, go to the gym

What or who is the greatest love of your life? Jackie

Which living person in Center Grove do you most admire?

Rick Johnson, owner of Chick-fil-A on SR 135. His commitment to his family, his faith and honoring God with his job and to advance God's kingdom is absolutely incredible.

What is the quality you like most in a man?

Tenderness

What is the quality you like most in a woman?

Modesty

What is your greatest extravagance?

Money spent on coffee

What are your fears/phobias?

Fear - Not reaching my potential. My phobia is heights

What has been the happiest time of your life?

When I am on vacation with my wife.

Which talent would you most like to possess?

Play in the NBA.

What do you most value in your friends?

Loyalty

Which historical figure do you most admire?

Ben Franklin

What is your greatest regret?

Not having more humility in certain situations/pride.

What tenet do you live by?

God is overcoming evil with good by transforming human hearts.

What does love look like?

DEVOTIONAL

By Pastor **Chris Philbeck**

In a May 2017, Huffington Post article, Brittany Wong writes about "How Kids Describe Love to an Illustrator" (And It's Pretty Darn Adorable). Here's an excerpt: It can be difficult to find words that properly articulate the rush of feelings and emotions that accompany being in love - for adults, at least. Hi Ho, a children's film producer, recently released a video where kids were asked to describe what love looks and feels like to a professional illustrator, who then would attempt to draw the concepts on paper. Some of the kid's responses were as hesitant or bashful as some adults responses might be, while several others proved to be profound in ways that only children could provide. To some children, love looks like: hugs, bubbles, and "a burger and fries." To others, love is "scary... aren't you scared of love?" My favorite response to what love looks like was, "Sprite... because it makes me tingle." What does love look like? That's an appropriate question for a February devotion. I can sum it up with a single word that can be illustrated it countless ways - faithfulness. Love looks like faithfulness. On Feb. 20, my wife, Sandy, and I will have been married for 36 years. We were 23 and 20 when we married, we've served three churches in three states, have two children and three grandchildren. I can honestly say that, for us (and I think she would agree), marriage has not been hard, life has been hard. But no matter what the difficulty or hardship, a commitment to faithfulness has not just kept us together, it's made our love grow stronger and deeper. Back in the early part of 2012, when I was diagnosed with cancer and went through weekly chemotherapy and daily radiation for eight weeks, Sandy faithfully cared for me with no regard for herself. In fact, I don't think she slept for the entire eight weeks. And each night, no matter how bad the day had been, she would kiss me and say, "I love you so much." Not, "I love you less because this is not what I signed up for" or "I'm not sure I can keep loving you because this is exhausting," the words were always the same, "I love you so much." That's the power of faithfulness. I love these words from Song of Solomon 8:7: *Many waters cannot quench* love; rivers cannot wash it away. Love looks like faithfulness. I hope that's an encouragement and challenge to everyone reading.



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CG Singers named **Grand Champion at Pike Music Fest**

Competition - The Center Grove varsity choirs competed at Pike Music Fest at Pike High School in Indianapolis on Feb. 10. CG Singers took home honors for Best Soprano Section, Best Alto Section, Best Tenor Section, and Grand Champion in the Concert Choir Division! Other choirs receiving awards were

the Debtones as 2nd Runner-up in the Tier 1 Unisex division, and Sound System as 2nd Runner-up in the Tier 1 Mixed division. Additionally, individual performers recognized were sophomore Lauren Wackerly, Outstanding Performer for Debtones, Alie Kryder, Outstanding Performer for Sound System, and Wilson Smith, Best Male Soloist in the Mixed Division. Center Grove Varsity Choirs Sound System, The Debtones, and CG Singers will compete at Xtreme Show Choir Showdown at Lafayette Jefferson High School in Lafayette, Ind. on Feb. 24.

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3	2	1	9	5	4	7	6	8
7	4	8	3	6	1	9	5	2
4	1	7	2	9	5	3	8	6
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