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Center Grove High School graduated 620 students on June 3 in the high school's Vandermeer Gymnasium. Jeff Henderson, principal of CGHS, stated that he is proud of the exceptional accomplishments of the class. Collectively, the students earned \$5.3 million in academic and athletic scholarships to continue their education. "We are humbled by those who have chosen to serve our country. We wish all of them the best as they take the next steps in their lives," Henderson said. (Photo courtesy of Center Grove High School)

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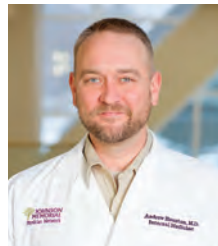
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Center Grove News Quiz

How well do you know your Center Grove community? Test your current event knowledge each month with a little Q&A!

1 What was the name of the pharmacy where Jeff Beck went to get ice cream and candy when he was growing up on 450 West?

- A. Revco
 B. Rite-Aid
 C. Eckerd
 D. Weddle's

2 Jennifer Parker's son, Alex, will be helping his mom at her new boutique, The Hope Gallery, opening soon. What will his role be?

- A. Greeter
 B. Official Pet Cuddler
 C. Cashier
 D. Sales associate



3 Which celebrity does Alison McDaniel admire most?

- A. Betty White
 B. Justin Bieber
 C. Liam Neeson
 D. Oprah

4 There will be a sports tournament held at the end of this month for the Brian Freeman Foundation. Which sport?

- A. Softball
 B. Bowling
 C. Volleyball
 D. Golf



5 Curtis Honeycutt lives in an old home. What year was it built?

- A. 1925
 B. 1953
 C. 1890
 D. 1999

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Matt Fleener. (Submitted photo)

THE FLEENER FILE

NAME: Matt Fleener
AGE: 18
YEAR: Senior (2018 graduate)
COLLEGE PLANS: Uncommitted; still mulling college options
FAVORITE TV SHOW: Dexter
FAVORITE MOVIE: Full Metal Jacket
PARENTS: Virgil & Michelle Fleener
VARSIY EXPERIENCE: Track and field: 400-meter run, 1,600-meter relay
INTERESTS OUTSIDE OF TRACK & FIELD: Playing video games, spending time with friends

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Athlete of the Month

Matt Fleener

By Rick Morwick

Matt Fleener had any number of reasons for feeling good about his chances for a top-flight finish at the IHSAA Boys Track and Field Meet.

First, he is a four-year varsity standout. Second, he is a state meet veteran. Third, he is a Johnson County, sectional and regional champion.

And finally, the 2018 Center Grove High School graduate is in the best shape of his career.

"I feel great. My body's probably in the greatest shape it's been all year," Fleener said. "I'm feeling pretty good."

Proof was in the results of the June 2 state finals at Indiana University.

Fleener raced to a sixth-place finish in his individual event, the 400-meter dash and ran the second leg of the Trojans' seventh-place 1,600-meter relay. His prolific day in his final high school meet capped an outstanding career in which he led the Trojans in more ways than one.

"His leadership has been great," long-time Center Grove coach Eric Moore said. "His on-track work ethic doesn't allow for any young athlete to think they are too good for the workout of the day. He has given us such depth and strength in the mid-sprint events. His smile is contagious and he is always nice to all teammates."

A versatile runner who can – and has – competed in sprints outside his specialty events when the Trojans needed points, Fleener is a dedicated track ath-

lete who gave up varsity football after his junior season to concentrate solely on his No. 1 sport.

"I decided I'd be better off just to focus on track, because that's what I'm good at and I knew I wasn't going to get any (college) looks for football," said Fleener, who played wide receiver. "Plus, I didn't want to get injured or anything. You never know what can happen."

Fleener plans to continue track as a career in college and is still sorting his options. He has received offers from a few small programs but is confident of receiving offers from some larger schools in the wake of the state meet.

"I've got a couple of small schools looking at me but I'm just waiting for after the state to see if I get any bigger offers," Fleener said. "I'm hoping for IU. I've talked to them a little bit."

Moore expects Fleener to be a valuable addition to any college program.

"Matt has a great practice work ethic," Moore said. "Because he runs and trains the 400 so intensely, he can also run the 100, 200, 400 and all of the relays."

Fleener credits his four years in Center Grove's state-power track and field program for the opportunity that awaits him in college, wherever that might be.

"I've never experienced anything like it," Fleener said. "Being around coach Moore himself and (assistant) coach (Brad) Timmons has taught me a lot about life and made me who I am today. I own them a lot."

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Jeff Beck's childhood home was on 450 West. The location is on the first road west of Bargersville off State Road 144. (Submitted photo)

Growing up on 450 West

By Jeff Beck

My parents married late in life, thus I was raised as an only child in a small country farm home. The road, 450 West, is the first road west of Bargersville off State Road 144. Attending Bluff Creek Sunday School allowed time to play. I recall many hours riding a 24-inch western flyer bicycle to the end of the road south (300 N) turning around and starting over again. Playing basketball by myself was also an activity enjoyed. Living on a farm provided time to hunt rabbits and squirrels, trap for muskrats, ride our horse (named Lady) or shoot crows with a 410-gauge shotgun from Montgomery Ward. Fishing in the pond behind our home, owned by the Allen family, provided fun and oftentimes supper. Mr. Allen was a CGHS teacher, if my memory serves correct. Dad took me to Bargersville Farm Bureau Coop for grinding the corn into feed for the hogs. Dad always gave me 25 cents to spend at Weddle's Pharmacy on candy or ice cream. A sack of candy from Weddle's and coming home to watch Roy Rogers, Sky King and other westerns made Saturday mornings enjoyable. Learning to drive a three-speed manual shift Jeep was fun, driving many hours around my grandmother's long driveway with a circle in front of the house. I have a vivid memory of the brakes failing and I drove into the hog lot; sorry, the gate did not survive.

Happier days were coming to 450 West. Frank and Velma Thomas sold two home building lots to families named Horton and Whitmore. Playmates my age were coming to 450 West. Basil and Glenna Briggs lived on 450 West, my grandmother and aunt in another, with the last home occupying the Mann brothers. Whitmore's had opened the field south

of their home location and made it into a baseball field and there were often lawn mower races on 450 West. Did you know an Allis-Chalmers rear engine lawn mower goes faster backwards than a one rear tire mower owned by the Whitmore's going forward? Horton's home sat on the hill, thus there were many enjoyable hours sledding down, then the tough task of walking up, then down again we went. Mrs. Horton always welcomed the neighborhood kids inside with hot chocolate; then we went back out again enjoying the winter fun. I recall walking to Parker's market to get bread/milk during the aftermath of a blizzard in the late 1960s.

The dam failed on the pond behind our home during a very heavy rain storm; the pond was gone, allowing excellent fishing in the small creek north of our home for a few years. Walnut Woods Elementary is our newest resident on 450 West. My childhood home sold to a neighbor whose children would often come over to visit and help with outside tasks.

Memories of 450 West, I believe, have helped guide my life. I enjoy times of solitude, walking in the woods or spending a little time fishing. But I also enjoy time spent with family and friends and especially with my grandchildren. Having senior neighbors as friends growing up helped provide the love to those seniors my age. Visits to retirement and nursing homes continue to fill many hours of my retirement life, part of church ministry and my enjoyment. Yes, sharing my memories and learning those of new and former friends continue to provide great memories. It's good to listen to those memories

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Getting to know Jen Parker

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY IS YOUR GREATEST ACCOMPLISHMENT?

My greatest accomplishment is my marriage. Andy and I have had many, many challenges, obstacles and difficulties from the moment we got married. Statistically, there is no chance that we should still be married. In fact, we would have a better chance of winning the lottery – the big lottery. Our life is messy, it hasn't been easy and we make mistakes along the way but we are in this together. Throughout our marriage – even during the craziest times, we have been very intentional about taking time for each other and that has made all the difference.

WHO IS YOUR GREATEST INSPIRATION?

My greatest inspiration is Jesus Christ. I want to see people like He sees them: love people like He does and make this world a better place for all people – especially those that are hurting and whose lives are messy.

IF YOU HAD TO LISTEN TO ONLY ONE ALBUM FOR A YEAR, WHAT WOULD YOU CHOOSE?

Well, I have been listening to one CD for a year – but not by choice. Hope and Alex both like one kids' songs CD that makes me want to lose my mind. It continually plays in my car. It may have to become broken soon.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO YOUNG PARENTS?

Take care of your marriage first – kids second. Even when the kids are critically ill, chronically ill, making poor choices, etc.

WHAT WOULD BE YOUR PERFECT DAY?

I have stopped dreaming about my perfect day. Instead, I have been making a conscious effort to focus on the blessings throughout each day. Quite a few years ago I began keeping a journal of one different thing I was thankful for each day. It has genuinely helped me become more thankful for all that I do have, even when my child is in the Intensive Care Unit. I have had a lot of difficult, dark days but I have realized that there is truly always something to be thankful for.

Meet the artist: Jimmy Kiefel

Jimmy Kiefel is one of the artists on the autism spectrum that The Hope Gallery will feature in their boutique. He is 18 years old and has lived in Indiana since 2011. The young artist works with felt tip pens and acrylic paints on paper, creating collages with the use of hand-made stencils, monoprint and block printing methods. Kiefel enjoyed selling his artwork at his booth during the 2017 and 2018 Autism Society of Indiana Expo at the Indiana State Fairgrounds. A resident of Carmel, he travels to Fishers each day to participate in a life-skills program while working three days a week at Connor Prairie performing data entry. The gifted artist also works with Agape Therapeutic Horse-riding in Cicero and enjoys reading, journal writing, trains and music from the 70s and 80s.



Left and center, in 2014, the Parkers, Center Grove residents, formed the Alex & Ali Foundation, a 501C3 with a mission of empowering and enhancing the lives of young adults with autism and other developmental disabilities by providing opportunities for job skill development, vocational activities and meaningful community involvement. (Photos by Jeremy Dunn) | Right, Alex Parker and Ali Callahan, the long-time best friends and heart of the Alex & Ali Foundation, paint the walls at the Hope Gallery in preparation for its June opening. (Submitted Photo)

Hope inspired by love

A Center Grove mother looks to empower and enhance the lives of young adults with autism and other developmental disabilities by opening a unique boutique

COVER STORY

By Jeremy Dunn

When Jennifer Parker's son, Alex, was 18 months old, he was diagnosed with autism. Wanting to better understand her son's diagnosis and raise awareness to (what was at the time) this little known disorder, Parker founded Autism Advocates of Indiana. The Center Grove mother of five recalled, "Twenty years ago, there was little knowledge about autism. My only reference was the movie Rain Man. Now everyone knows about autism and most likely has someone that they love affected by it."

The organization Autism Speaks defines autism spectrum disorder as a "range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication, as well as by unique strengths and differences." For the '92 Butler graduate and her husband, Andrew, this meant finding the best ways to support, raise and guide Alex as he lived with this disorder. While difficult at times, the couple embraced the challenge. However, nothing could prepare them for the next chapter as parents.

The miracle of Hope

More than 11 years ago, the Parkers added a daughter, fittingly named Hope, to their family but this blessing did not come without adversity. Hope was born with a severe congenital heart defect, a hypoplastic left ventricle. In essence, she was born

with half of a heart and a terrifyingly grim prognosis. Jennifer and Andrew could only pray as their daughter endured 17 surgeries (four of them being open heart procedures), was a failure to thrive, became the victim of an assault, was nearly strangled by her oxygen tubing and had a stroke. Among the nightmare of challenges she faced, Hope has miraculously survived but is unable to speak or use sign language.

Even with communication struggles, the Parkers quickly noticed their daughter's love for interacting with others. "She is full of hope. She is crazy about living life and insists that we interact with everyone we see. She loves life. Even when it is hard, difficult and incredibly frustrating for her," Jennifer said. Inspired by her daughter, the loving mother even wrote a book about Hope's journey, entitled *Messy Blessings*.

Forming a future

Four years ago, as Alex was reaching the conclusion of his teenage years, Jennifer and Andrew quickly realized the hardships that their son and others with various disabilities are set to face as adults. "My husband and I realized that once these kids graduate from high school, there are very few resources available for them. The reality for many young adults with developmental disabilities after they age out is that they have nowhere to go, nothing to do and very little interaction with their community. Their days are filled with TV,

computer and video games," Jennifer said.

In 2014, wanting to give more opportunities to their son and his best friend, Ali Callahan, the Parkers formed the Alex & Ali Foundation, a lovingly-named 501C3 with a mission of empowering and enhancing the lives of young adults with autism and other developmental disabilities by providing opportunities for job skill development, vocational activities and meaningful community involvement. Jennifer added, "Alex and Ali represent a population of young adults that have much to offer our community if they have a safe and supportive venue and training. These young adults want to work, volunteer and interact within their community. They have value."

Building "Hope"

The vision of the Alex & Ali Foundation will soon become a reality, as the group prepares to open The Hope Gallery later this month in downtown Bargersville. This boutique-style venue, fitting named after their daughter, will allow Alex, Ali and several other young adults with autism and other developmental disabilities the opportunity to assist in running a business with help from respite workers, buddies, volunteers and job coaches. These youth will have valuable job skills such as sales, customer interaction, transaction process-

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Left and top right, the Hope Gallery is set to open later this month in downtown Bargersville. This boutique-style venue, named after their daughter, will allow Alex, Ali and several other young adults with autism and other developmental disabilities the opportunity to assist in running a business with help from respite workers, buddies, volunteers and job coaches. | Bottom right, the Hope Gallery will feature works from Jimmy Kiefel, an artist on the autism spectrum. Jimmy is 18 years old and has lived in Indiana since 2011. The young artist works with felt tip pens and acrylic paints on paper, creating collages with the use of hand-made stencils, monoprint and block printing methods. (Photos by Jeremy Dunn)

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ing, maintenance and stocking shelves.

Using the tagline "Wonderfully Made/ Perfectly Unique," the foundation hopes to cosign art, pottery, glass, jewelry, home and bath products, pet items, specialty food items and clothing from individuals and companies across the country, giving special attention to those that have autism or employ individuals with autism or other disabilities. They also hope to partner with the community to provide training for these individuals to learn IT skills, refinishing furniture, mosaic tile art and other vocational skills.

Most importantly, Alex Parker will serve as the Official Pet Cuddler at The Hope Gallery. Ensuring his passion for animals provides a pet-friendly environment and that all pets receive a warm welcome.

A full heart

The Parker family is no stranger to heartbreaking adversity. Through all the challenges, this family stood firm in their faith and found a way to make the best of each day by constantly striving to love others. Striving to provide opportunities

of hope for others, the Parkers are a bright beacon of love in what can be a very dark place. Nothing sums this up better than what visitors to The Hope Gallery will see upon visiting, a prayer box. "The Hope Gallery will have a prayer box where people can drop in prayer requests," Jennifer said. "There are many things that Hope cannot do, but Hope has asked to pray for others, something she does continually throughout the day. Hope has taught us to make the most of every day that we have here on Earth." Without a doubt, the Parker family is making the most of each day... not just for themselves, but with a full heart for others.

Interested in volunteering with The Hope Gallery?

- Contact andrewparker6@comcast.net.
- For more information about the Alex & Ali Foundation, check out alexandali-foundation.com.
- The Hope Gallery: 74 N. Main St., Bargersville.
- Opens June 20 (with a grand opening in late July).
- STORE HOURS: Wednesdays, noon – 7 p.m., Thursday/Friday/Saturday, noon – 6 p.m.

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and sharing them if asked. While driving on Whiteland Road near Mallow Run Winery, maybe you have passed our old tools and wood carvings. This is the site we call Praise Acres; my family has been blessed in many ways. Praise Acres provides a home for wildlife and an occasional walk among the trees and creek. We have placed Praise Acres in a classified forest program, thus no more rabbit / squirrel hunting, preserving safety for wildlife. Signs at Praise Acres share its history; stop and read them sometime when you have a chance.

Dad always said there was a store, post office and community called Cincinnati just south of our home. I cannot find records of such a community, readers; do you have any memory or information? Don't forget to date and sign the photos and letters.



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*.

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Left, Brian, Kelli and their parents, Donna and David Freeman, taken on Easter in 1999. | Top right, Brian's dad, David Freeman, and grandmother, Wanda Pear attended last year's golf tournament. | Bottom right, Brian Freeman, a Center Grove resident, was just 16 when he died. He had a gift for knowing when people were feeling outcast or alone and always found ways to comfort them, according to his sister, Kelli. (Photos courtesy of Kelli Sponsel)

The Brian Freeman Memorial Foundation honors a Center Grove teenager by spreading kindness

By Jeremy Dunn

FEATURE

Several year ago, Donna Freeman was out running errands with her teenage son, Brian. As many growing boys do, the Center Grove student asked his mother for some money to grab a snack. He then encountered an elderly woman using a wheelchair that was alone at the store. Brian was hoping that he could sit and talk with the woman, keeping her company for a bit, while his mother finished her shopping. This was Brian Freeman.

Brian was a typical 16-year-old boy that loved mischief, girls and cheeseburgers. However, this young man's capacity for kindness exceeded far beyond the scope of that day shopping with his mother. He had a gift for knowing when people were feeling outcast or alone and always found ways to comfort them. His sister, Kelli Sponsel, recalls a time in which their mother informed them a young woman at the school she was working at did not have a date for prom.

"When my brother found out that she didn't have a prom date, he asked her if she would if she would like to go with him," she said. "He shined up the car, treated her to dinner and made her feel like a princess that night."

A tragic twist of fate

On July 8, 1999, Brian briefly returned home from church camp to attend the fu-

neral of his pastor's daughter with his family. After a moving service and time with his family, Brian returned to church camp with a calling in his heart. That evening, he knelt at an altar feeling drawn to be more of a leader in his youth group and at Center Grove High School, and in that moment, Brian recommitted his life to Christ.

The next day, Brian returned home from church camp and needed to pick up his paycheck from a local car dealership that he was working for that summer. There had been some intense thunderstorms throughout the day, leaving it very humid outside. Since his car did not have air conditioning, the teenager asked to take Donna's red Pontiac Grand Am. He left to run his errand and his parents headed out for dinner with friends.

After hours had passed without being able to reach their son, the Freemans decide to return home. Turning the corner onto their street, the couple was faced with the fear that no parent ever wants to encounter. An Indiana State Trooper was parked in their driveway waiting for them. Brian had been involved in a car accident on Curry Road where he had hit high water left from the heavy rains. He was not speeding and was wearing his seatbelt, but once the car began to hydroplane, Brian no longer had control of the vehicle as it crashed into a tree and the Center Grove teenager was killed instantly.

Challenging a community

The viewing was held at the family's small church but everyone was moved by how many came to pay their respects. More than 1,500 people came to honor Brian, with hundreds of them being teenagers. People spent more than seven hours in line as the family was showered with stories of their young man's undeniable impact on others. Due to the expected number at the funeral, the family moved the service to the Community Church of Greenwood. With hundreds of teenagers in attendance once again, Donna Freeman offered a testimony of Brian's faith and the importance of valuing each moment with Christ.

Being a leader

Among the pain of their loss, the Freeman family still sought out a way to honor Brian and his love for others. In 2001, the Brian Freeman Memorial Foundation was established with a motto being "to encourage the spirit of fellowship, kindness and integrity that was Brian Freeman." From 2001 to 2005, the foundation hosted two events: a run/walk event at Center Grove Middle School and a golf outing.

Over time, the family phased out the

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run/walk event as they were realizing the golf outing was growing in popularity and was consistently raising money for the foundation.

"We raise right around \$12,000 with each outing. We have been able to bless countless people over the last 17 years," she said.

These blessings have included building wells for fresh drinking water in Haiti, funding a custom shower for an amputee, providing multiple college scholarships, assisting with mission work in Africa, supporting a ministry for deaf children, helping a family with medical expenses after a firefighter lost his leg, purchasing motorcycles for pastors in India to travel more effectively, and covering funeral costs for a family who could not afford to bury their daughter.

Golfing to make a difference

The Brian Freeman Memorial Foundation golf tournament will be held June 28 at Dye's Walk Country Club in Greenwood and will mark the organization's 18th outing. A \$100 entry cost will enter golfers into a four-person Florida scramble that includes a golf cart, range balls, a memento ball, soft drinks, lunch and door prizes.

A lasting testimony

While Brian Freeman is no longer with us, his legacy continues to leaving a lasting mark on others. "We often say that he affected more lives in 16 years than many people do in an entire lifetime," Sponsel added. Through the work of the Brian Freeman Foundation, the Center Grove teenager is still brightening the darkest of rooms and hearts but now can help take a hold of others and help them out of the deep waters in their own lives.



From top, Brian Freeman died in July 1999 after being killed in an auto accident. A cross, flowers and balloons were placed as a memorial at the scene of the accident. | The Brian Freeman Memorial Foundation was established in 2001. (Photos courtesy of Kelli Sponsel) | Kelli Sponsel, with her daughters, Maddi and Paige at Dye's Walk Country Club in Greenwood, where the Brian Freeman Memorial Foundation golf tournament will be held on June 28. (Photos by Jeremy Dunn)

Interested in participating in or sponsoring the Brian Freeman Memorial Foundation golf outing?

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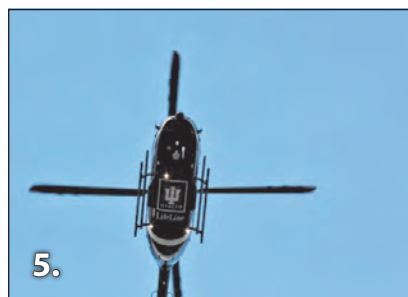
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Strawberry festival features safety demos and entertainment

By Nancy Price

The 26th Annual White River Township's Strawberry Festival included two days of entertainment; from an antique car show and RE/MAX balloon rides to shooting targets with a fire house and an extrication demonstration with a Lifeline helicopter before concluding with fireworks.

The festival, held June 8 & 9 at Sugar Grove Elementary School in Greenwood, also featured live rock/country music from the Kendell/Purdy Project, a dance academy performance, face painting, a bounce house, food from Gather A 'Round BBQ and a bike rodeo.

As well, members of the Mid-State Amateur Radio Club were on-hand with an amateur radio demonstration station.

Emergency demonstrations were provided courtesy of IU Health, LifeLine and the White River Township Fire Department. The Shriners and Special Olympics provided balloon animals.

1. Fireworks concluded the festival, which included balloon rides, an antique car show, a fire apparatus display, live music, dancing and a bike rodeo. 2. Greg and Kellie Werner, with their daughter, Eva, 5, relaxed and waited for the fireworks to begin at the 26th annual strawberry festival, held at Sugar Grove Elementary last weekend. 3-7. Highlights from the festival included a vehicle extrication demonstration by the White River Township Fire Department and a mock airlift of the victims by the Indiana University Health LifeLine helicopter. (Photos by Brandon Hargis)

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Center Grove seniors honored

Awards - Center Grove High School honored 122 seniors for earning college degrees or certificates through the school's Early College program on

May 22. This is the largest group in the program's history. Through the EC program, students can take courses that earn credit toward both high school and college at the same time. Center Grove High School's commencement ceremony was held on June 3 in the CGHS Vandermeer Gymnasium.

Southside RE/MAX associates honored for 2017 achievements

Sales - RE/MAX Results recently recognized more than 100 associates for 2017 achievements. Awards for the southside include Greenwood office top individual Edwina Withers; Greenwood office top team, The Rob Campbell Team; top commercial agent in closed sales, Keith Turnbull, Greenwood.

Drake named to president's list

Academics - Rachel Drake of Greenwood was named to the president's list at Capital University. Capital has three lists denoting academic distinction among full-time, degree-seeking students: the president's list, provost's list, and dean's list. The president's list indicates the highest level of academic distinction. To be named to the president's list, students must have achieved a grade point average of at least 3.85.

Dishman & Hopson named to Bellarmine University's dean's list

Academics - Shelbi Dishman and Jerod Hopson of Center Grove High School have been named to Bellarmine University's dean's list for the spring semester. Bellarmine's dean's list recognizes students who receive a grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Bellarmine University is an independent Catholic university in Louisville, preparing students for lives of leadership and service to others. Bellarmine offers more than 60 majors, as well as graduate and doctoral degrees. Forbes Magazine, the Princeton Review and U.S. News and World Report rank Bellarmine among the nation's best colleges. For more information, visit bellarmine.edu.



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OUR VIEW

Seek help for mental illness

Last week, designer Kate Spade and travel documentation/television personality Anthony Bourdain both lost their lives to suicide. Both were successful, popular and had young daughters; why would they choose to end their lives?

Mental illness is a widespread condition that does not discriminate. Celebrities, war veterans, old or young, rich or poor can all suffer from depression, anxiety and other mental disorders. Since 1999, U.S. suicides have increased by 25 to 30 percent. Only half the people who died were diagnosed with a mental health condition, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Relationship problems, substance abuse and financial troubles contribute toward rising trends. And despite prevalent bullying among teenagers, middle-aged adults have been the most vulnerable population.

Lack of immediate access to mental health centers may be another reason for the upward trend. Waiting to get appointments for psychiatric care and then waiting for medications to take effect only prolong an individual's suffering.

If you or someone you know is suffering from suicidal thoughts, please do not delay. Mental health resources in Greenwood include Valle Vista Guidance Center at (317) 887-2121 and Columbus Behavioral Center at (317) 376-1711.

For immediate help for suicidal thoughts, contact the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at (800) 273-8255.



👍 to the White River Township Fire Department in Greenwood; firefighters held the 26th Annual Strawberry Festival last weekend, which tied fun and safety together during National Safety Month.

👍 to all dads who spend positive time and energy with their kids. *Happy Father's Day!*

👍 to our recent National Flag Day and the patriotism and dedication from our veterans and those currently serving in the military.

👍 to Adopt a Shelter Cat Month. Find your purr-fect friend today at your local animal shelter.

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Fair packaging, for mom

HUMOR

By Gus Pearcy

My mother died three years ago and we came across a folder that we did not know about. In it was a story she wrote about me when I was 12.

In this period between the parental holidays, I submit this article as a tribute to my mom and dad and as thanks for all they did for me. I love you both.

The title of the article is "Fair Packaging."

We talk a lot about 'fair packaging.' People like to know what they are getting before they get stuck with it.

I've thought a lot about how I could merchandise my son, Gus.

He cannot fold a newspaper after he has read it, hear a phone ring unless it's for him, put a cap on a bottle or tube or carry on a conversation unless his mouth is full.

He hangs his clothes on a chair (sometimes), has three months' supply of snacks hidden in his desk drawer and makes his bed by smoothing it over with a coat hanger once a week.

Unless he changes drastically, he will be impossible to live with. He insists on hav-

ing his own window in the car, calls for seconds before he sits down to the table and once he confessed to a friend that he does not brush his teeth until school starts in September.

I would be a traitor to my own sex if I did not put a tag around his neck reading: Boy, 12 years old, made in the U.S.A., net weight 90 pounds (excluding packaging), natural coloring, light brown in summer, washed out in winter. Capacity: Eight meals a day. Contains 3,500 calories at all times. Artificially sweetened. Unaffected by sun, rain and mud. Standard ingredients: 80 percent charm, 19 percent goldbricking and 1 percent energy.

Read label carefully. Take boy with tongue in cheek, grain of salt and frequent check-up."



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QUOTE

"As long as I live, I will never forget that day 21 years ago when I raised my hand and took the oath of citizenship.

Do you know how proud I was? I was so proud that I walked around with an American glad around my shoulders all day long."

— Arnold Schwarzenegger

BELIEVE IT!

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

In South Dakota, it is illegal to lie down and fall asleep in a cheese factory.

SOURCE: dumblaws.com

NIGHT & DAY LOCAL ENTERTAINING

EVENTS calendar

Greenwood Summer Concert Series: Flying Toasters • Greenwood's downtown is experiencing significant momentum and city officials expect another year of record crowds for the city's Summer Concert Series. Nearly every Saturday evening between June and September, Greenwood residents, visitors and their families will gather with lawn chairs, blankets and snack-filled coolers to enjoy live performances spanning a variety of musical genres. | When: June 16, 7 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Amphitheater in Craig Park, 300 S. Washington St. | Info: (317) 881-4545.

Smart Start Storytime • Smart Start storytimes are designed to help your child be ready for kindergarten by focusing on kindergarten readiness goals including phonological awareness, fine motor skills, executive processing and crossing the midline. | When: June 19, 6:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, Community Room C, 310 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. | Info: (317) 885-5035; greenwoodlibrary.us.

Jump Start Baby & Toddler Storytime • Stories, music and movement! This storytime program is filled with songs, stories and fun designed to engage your child and support their physical and mental development including social, gross motor and executive processing skills. | When: June 19, 6:35 - 7 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. | Info: (317) 885-5035; greenwoodlibrary.us.

The Social's first amateur Scrabble tournament • Join us for this friendly, fun opportunity to spend time with other Scrabble lovers. Tournament rules will be reviewed prior to play. Lunch will be provided; registration is required. Participants must register at the receptionist's desk to participate. | When: June 21, 10 a.m. | Where: The Social, 550 Polk St., Greenwood. | Info: (317) 882-4810; info@thesocialofgreenwood.org.

10th Annual Ray Skillman Summer Concert Series: Parrots of the Caribbean • Fans of Jimmy Buffett will love this band. Free admission. | When: June 21, 6:30 p.m. | Greenwood Park Mall, near the outdoor fountain on the mall's north side, Greenwood. | Info: shopgreenwoodparkmall.com.

Dungeons and Dragons • Spend the afternoon and evening immersed in the classic tabletop role-playing game Dungeons and Dragons! Newbies and experts are all invited. You are welcome to bring snacks (for yourself and everyone) and pizza will be provided around 5 p.m. Registration and permission slip is required. Please email Miss Jessica or visit TeenHQ to register. Grades 6 - 12 | When: June 22, 1 - 8 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, Community Room A & B, 310 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. | Info: (317) 885-5036; ext. 1207; jsmith@greenwoodlibrary.us.

Greenwood Freedom Festival concert • The Greater Greenwood Community Band will play "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "The Stars and

Stripes Forever" in addition to the band's playlist. Concert is free | When: June 29, 7 - 9 p.m. | Where: The Greenwood Amphitheater (Surina Square Park), 100 Surina Way, Greenwood. | Info: (317) 881-4545; greenwoodband.org.

One-artist show by Indiana artist, Karen Stanley • Guest artist, Karen Stanley, will be exhibiting impressionistic landscapes and still life subjects in oil. Most of her paintings will be for sale. To see more of her artwork, visit her website: KarenStanley.com | When: Wednesdays - Saturdays through June 30, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Where: Southside Art League Off Broadway Gallery, 299 E. Broadway St., Greenwood. | Info: (317) 882-5562; southsideartleague.org.

OMS Freedom Park 5K Run/Walk • A new summer tradition on the south side of Indianapolis. The 5K run/walk will hold its inaugural event. The timed event features a flat and smooth course that creates an amazing opportunity for a new personal record for experienced runners or provides the perfect course to challenge yourself to complete your first 5K. (Walkers are also encouraged to participate in this community

event!) Benefiting One Mission Society, the OMS FREEDOM PARK RUN will raise funds for Freedom to Read, the child and adult literacy programs that One Mission Society conducts globally. This includes Bridge to Reading Literacy, English Camps, and other Literacy Projects that reach refugees and Diaspora populations learning English as a second language. One Mission Society is excited to start a new family tradition in Greenwood that highlights the growth of this vibrant community! Whether you want to add to your medal or t-shirt collection, or just want to have a fun time, this new event is designed for you. Be sure to share this with your family and friends! | When: June 30, 8 - 9 a.m. | Where: Freedom Park, 850 W. Stop 18 Road, Greenwood. | Info: greenwoodchamber.com/events; OMSFreedomParkRun@gmail.com.

Lemon Wheel at Fireside Brewhouse • Disco, rock, classic rock, pop and country top 40 hits; Lemon Wheel is a crowd favorite at Fireside. | When: June 30, 9 p.m. | Where: Fireside Brewhouse, 997 E. County Line Road, Ste. B, Greenwood. | Info: (317) 859-9505; firesidebrewhouse.com.





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Getting to know Ryan...

- I've played guitar since I was 10.
- I absolutely love reading. A few times a year the library near Ivy Tech does a sale where you can buy a whole bag of books for \$7. I make sure we go to every single sale.
- I love yard sales and flea markets. It's fun to find some of the cool things that other people aren't interested in anymore.

How did Ryan do it?

BEST ADVICE:

I've actually gotten the same advice from a number of different people over the years: As long as you provide a good product or service, you never have to apologize for not being the cheapest.

KEEP IN MIND:

You always have to keep in mind that everyone has their own feelings or opinions. Especially in this day and age, it seems like a lot of people don't remember that when they communicate with others (and) it makes it more difficult to have a relationship with anybody whether it's a friendship or business relationship. It's important to keep in mind everyone feels their own thing.

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Left, one of the meeting locations for a networking organization that the Henrys created late last year, Open In Indiana, is at the Southside Business Initiative, a co-working building at 6825 Madison Ave. | Right, Ryan and Carly are south side residents who own Henry Marketing Group, a free business networking organization. (Photos by Brandon Hargis)



Open In Indiana

Henry promotes networking sessions to help small businesses

By Mark Ambrogio

Ryan Henry's mission is to help other small business flourish.

"One of the ways we've worked to help small businesses get the word out about themselves is we created a networking organization late last year called Open In Indiana," said Henry, a south side Indianapolis resident who co-owns Henry Marketing Group with his wife, Carly. "It's a free small business networking organization. We currently have seven different meetings throughout central Indiana."

One of those meeting locations is at the Southside Business Initiative, co-working building at 6825 Madison Ave, where the Henrys are members. Those meetings are held the first and third Friday every month. Henry serves as leader of those along with downtown Indianapolis and Carmel.

"Networking with Open In Indiana benefits members by creating an environment where new members feel welcome and where all members can connect, find support, and learn new techniques to help them build their own brand," Carly said.

Diane Smith, a Crestwood Village South resident, leads a weekly Open In Indiana meeting in Crestwood.

"What I get from hosting a network group is it gives all of us an opportunity to come together on one accord and bounce ideas each other about how we can improve in our business endeavors," Smith said. "I just enjoy hosting a network group. Ryan Henry is such an awesome leader. It's been a very important person in my journey."

There will be another south side meeting,

starting June 20, once a month, run by Carly, at The Healthy Food Cafe. There are meetings in Carmel and Fishers, which launched June 11. All the meetings are free to attend.

"All the groups operate as non-industry specific meetings, meaning we don't just want one web guy, we don't just want one insurance rep," Henry said. "Each business has unique niche it works best with. For example, since I have an IT (Information Technology) background I do a lot of connecting with IT guys who have since become members. We have two different IT professionals that have pretty much come to every meeting; you normally think they're in competition but one of them does the physical repair of the system in-house. The second IT member only does Cloud computing implementation. He doesn't do anything as far as the monitoring and repair of the system. So they are able to work together even though they are technically in the same industry."

Each meeting leader chooses an activity or topic.

"Most of it is top-level overview of components of business marketing tools," Henry said. "Those topics are available for our meeting leaders to use. The meeting leaders can also choose an activity, like an icebreaker game that gets everybody active and participating in the group."

Henry said he recently opened up the sessions to guest speakers.

Members are also encouraged to join the OpenInIndiana.com online directory and forum, Carly said.

"We share these business listings, events, and promotions from OpenInIndiana.com on social media and at networking events,

to help connect our members with our community," Carly said.

Henry said they continually share on social media all the information members share on the website.

"We have some networks that target consumers, which is us promoting our members' content to the general public," Henry said. "It doesn't matter whether or not you become a customer of Henry Marketing Group or not, this membership is free and open to the public. It's not contingent on purchasing anything from us. It doesn't matter what industry you come from or how big your company is."

The Southside Business Initiative is part of the Indiana Co-Working Passport.

"What that means is one day every month I can use my membership to access any of the other affiliated co-working spaces in the state of Indiana," he said. "That means when I do have to travel out of Indianapolis, as long as it's part of the co-working passport, I can request access."

Henry previously was running an IT company, which focused on small businesses.

"Most of our clients weren't asking us to do IT-related things for them," Henry said.

"They were asking us to do things like build their website, manage their social media and otherwise use some of the other tools that are out there to get word out about your business. We decided to close the IT group and start Henry Marketing Group (in 2017) because it more accurately described what our clients were looking for. All the expertise we learned for Henry Marketing Group was what we learned ourselves from starting the IT company and trying to build that up."

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PERSONNEL MATTERS

How is your garden this summer? Are you growing leaders or followers?

By Mike Heffner

One of the toughest things to do as a leader is to cultivate and grow future leaders. It's easy to find yourself surrounded by a good group of effective and efficient people but then realize there isn't anyone being developed into the next leader. In order to make sure that happens you have to make sure you are planting the seeds and then providing the guidance as the fertilizer to produce the future leader needed. If the business is built around getting all the direction and input from one person, this will limit the growth and can create burnout of both the leader and the followers. If your goal is to groom others to become leaders, then below are some things to think about:

1. Look to mentor others – most likely you've looked up to someone, make sure you are doing the same for others. Think about how that leader made you feel special.
2. How you make decisions matter – the way you carry yourself as you lead and gain input from your team will shape and groom how others make decisions when given the chance.
3. Don't look to get the credit – look to give the credit to others. Leaders who only look for the personal win and don't share the success will likely not empower others.
4. Failure is what allows others to grow – the fear of making a mistake won't allow the risks that are needed to learn and win. You won't reap what you don't sow.

5. Take time to listen - you hired individuals with ideas. Take time to hear them. Ask questions and dig into the ideas. Future leaders need to learn how to peel back the onion to uncover the hidden thinking.

6. Individualize – like every plant, every individual grows and is motivated in a different way. Find what motivates others and utilize their strengths to help them grow and fill the leadership voids that exist.

I have received the greatest joy seeing individuals grow and a team succeed through the leadership of others. I also have had some of my greatest frustrations when members of a team don't accept or step up to fill the challenge or leadership gap. I have found when that frustration comes along, I have to step back and evaluate my leadership style and make sure it's working for those on the team. No different than a gardener who creates great produce because it was carefully cared for; when we focus our energy on helping others succeed it's amazing how we are the ones that end up with the blessings.



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

BUSINESS

Five Points Kennels adds space for dogs & cats

Business – Five Points Kennels, Inc., located in southeast Indianapolis, just opened an expanded boarding, day-care, training and grooming practice in its original 15-year-old building on Five Points Road. Owners Ann and Kevin Stickford nearly doubled Five Points' size by adding 12,000 square feet of space. Five Points Kennels can now accommodate



150 dogs and 60 cats overnight, over 50 dogs in daycare and 25 dogs for grooming. Part of the expansion also includes a lobby and prep kitchen. Twenty people are employed at Five Points Kennels. Ann Stickford anticipates Five Points will add 8-12 employees in the next several months. The Stickfords financed the remodeling construction and bought new equipment with a loan from the U.S. Small Business Administration 504 program through Star Financial Bank and Indiana Statewide Certified Development Corporation.



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Upcoming chamber meetings and events

21 - Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce June Membership 101: June 21, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m., 65 Airport Parkway, Ste. 140, Greenwood. Info: greenwoodchamber.com.

26 - Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce Connections: June 26, 7:30 - 9:30 a.m., The Nest Events, Inc., 400 Byrd Way, Greenwood. Info: greenwoodchamber.com.

26 - St. Vincent Neighborhood Hospital, Indianapolis South Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting: June 26, 2 - 3 p.m. St. Vincent Neighborhood Hospital, Indianapolis South, 8451 S. Emerson Ave., Indianapolis. Info: greenwoodchamber.com.

JULY

26 - Greenwood Chamber of Commerce 2018 Chamber Golf Classic: July 26, 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Dye's Walk Country Club, 2080 S. State Road 135, Greenwood. Info and to register: greenwoodchamber.com.

BIZ WEB

How to get fined For GDPR violations

By Andrew Angle

Recent waves of identity theft, data breaches and congressional hearings about Facebook are driving media attention toward data privacy topics. Right now the European Union's new 200+ page legal framework known as the General Data Protection Regulation that took effect in May is striking fear among Web marketers worldwide.

Fines for GDPR non-compliance can reach €20 million Euros (\$23 million) or 4 percent of revenue, whichever is greater. Not only does the law apply to electronic communications from Europe but even from Europeans who happen to be traveling. Becoming GDPR compliant offers benefits beyond avoiding fines, since it spells out some best practices in handling online visitor data.

Have you noticed sites now showing pop-ups asking you to click an "Accept" button to acknowledge that you read and agree with the site's privacy policy and the use of cookies to personalize your visit? That and

the many privacy policy updates filling your inbox are motivated by the GDPR.

I'm not a lawyer, so don't take this as legal advice. Blogs on the subject lean toward suggesting that a business would have to seriously abuse common sense to actually get fined.

From designspace.co/gdpr, here's my paraphrased list of how to get busted for GDPR violations:

1. Abuse your European contact list to royally tick off lots of Europeans.
2. Sell visitors' names and email addresses to slimy spammers peddling everything from filthy links and Nigerian prince scams.
3. Not only omit a privacy policy from your site but bypass reasonable privacy policy practices, such as letting your contacts unsubscribe to your obnoxious emails and texts.
4. Ignore direct requests to be removed from your email list.
5. Demonstrate that you have no intention of abiding by any part of the GDPR rule.

In the wake of learning about said GDPR rule and with insufficient time or budget to rewrite clients' privacy policies, we took the "sledgehammer to a thumbtack" approach of blocking all traffic from outside of the USA. That took 15 minutes. These local sites don't serve Europe anyway. Besides, this could eliminate nearly all data scraping and hacking attempts, since all of them I have seen originated beyond U.S. borders. After revising our privacy policy and opt-ins, we might lift the foreign traffic ban. Or maybe not. Either way, it seems more likely that abusing your contact list will cost you more from lost customers than from fines imposed by a foreign government.



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PEER TO PEER

Success breeds success: Here is where you spend your time

By Howard Hubler

From time to time I extend my extensive resume to public speaking. I am all for free speech; that is the only kind that I get. Well, that is where I found myself at the abnormally early time of 7:30 at Ruth's Chris Steak House a few weeks ago. I was the unpaid attraction for a group of high achieving men and women from all around central Indiana. With the notable exception of my minor league endeavor, the past speakers read like a Who's Who of Indiana business leadership.

While most of central Indiana executives were home just waking up or brushing their teeth, this room was chocked full of people that simply wanted to be the best of their craft. They were there to listen to all of the wisdom that highly skilled local business leaders could offer. The speakers had two tasks: give their personal story of how they achieved their measure of success and offer some pearls of wisdom in the process. My story was my story; my pearl of wisdom was what I had written about over the last couple of months, "process management".

Many people use this term in a business context but they really do not know the working definition. The definition as I understand it is a follows. It is a repeatable activity with a better than average predictable outcome. Imagine a store with five employ-

ees all handling production or customers or phones all in a way that they feel most comfortable with, but no two people doing their tasks the same. To the experienced observer there were bits and pieces of "best practices" accomplished by each of the staff, but none had all of the pieces put together.

Imagine this: that you were at this company for a day as a paid consultant and you want to make a marked improvement on your visit. You gathered everyone together for lunch for what was to be a working lunch comprised of ice tea and submarine sandwiches. You found the room with the white board and markers and started your drill. "OK, what do you guys think are the various steps to your tasks?" Who here feels that there are some unique steps to your particular approach; who has a style worth copying? What are the, as they call it, "best practices" that you have experienced or observed here that if all adopted, we would get a superior outcome?"

Once your white board was full, you go to the next step. "If we were to change the pay plan, what kind of a compensation matrix could we devise to reward increased productivity using the steps that we just listed? We will afford a bonus program through increased productivity. Our goal was to do that task faster with a greater level of qual-

ity. We want to have an improved quality of work life and a better customer experience score here at work."

Well, well, well; you have just had your first best practice meeting and you only invested one day. Now comes the hard part: maintaining the integrity of the program, keeping the process alive and the staff committed to it. If the pay plan is responsive, it will go a long way in keeping the interest of the staff to keep their commitment to the program. A responsive matrix bonus plan will allow the staff to gauge their success on a daily basis.

There may be a plan out there for your business; all you have to do is reach out and do a little study, then just assemble it with some staff help. They will be surprisingly candid. You only have increased profits and an improved quality of life to gain. In a world full of vocational complications, embarking on a meaningful new and improved process makes just good old fashion sense. Just reach out and grab it. What are you waiting for?



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OPEN 4 BUSINESS



Brenda Kyle, of KPK Ventures LLC, is excited to add to the already rich history of Harvey's Tavern in Beech Grove. (Photos by Jeremy Dunn)

A wonderful little hole in the wall

Kevin and Brenda Kyle hope to create a cozy atmosphere for customers on Main Street

By Jeremy Dunn

"I got a wonderful review on Google the other day. It said, 'This place is a wonderful little hole in the wall.' And I thought, 'It can't get any better than that for a tavern.'" Brenda Kyle, of KPK Ventures LLC, recently shared. She truly believes that is the ultimate compliment for a bar undergoing changes while trying to embrace a near 70-year history in Beech Grove.

On Feb. 1, Brenda and her husband Kevin "Brick" Kyle, a veteran Black Hawk pilot, took ownership of Main Street's historic Harvey's Tavern. The couple quickly realized a need to implement a cozy and welcoming environment for patrons and remind people that Harvey's Tavern was still open for business. Brenda stated, "When I took the black film off the front windows, people came in and said, 'I didn't even know this place was open and that it was here.' The Beech Grove police came in and thanked us because they could see in here now." However, making Harvey's Tavern visible again was just the beginning.

Building a culture

Hard work is nothing new to Brenda, a for-

mer language arts teacher, and Kevin, who did a tour in Kuwait in 2001 followed by three tours in Iraq (earning him the "Sagamore of the Wabash" from Vice President of the United States, Mike Pence, at his 2016 retirement ceremony as governor of Indiana), and the duo immediately began rebuilding the tavern's décor, menu and entertainment options. The Kyles masterfully found a way to honor Harvey's history, keeping the original logo, signage and framed pictures, while adding more color and sharing their own history, with Brenda painting a Black Hawk helicopter on the bar's front wall and surrounding it with photographs from Kyle's military career.

Next, the couple started making tweaks to the menu, adding a few specialties, such as Brenda's mother's tenderloin recipe, a classic club sandwich dubbed "Jack's" and walleye on Fridays. According to Brenda, the community has responded favorably to the changes. "Two guys walked in the other day and said, 'I heard you guys have good food. That is the word on the street.' So the word on the street is that we have good food," she said.

Finally, KPK Ventures wanted to revive the entertainment offered at Harvey's Tavern. Upon purchasing the bar, the Kyles learned

that a previous owner had taken a trip to Florida and was introduced to karaoke and was so amazed by its popularity that he brought it back to Harvey's Tavern, making it one of the first bars in the Indianapolis area to offer karaoke. After becoming aware of this, the pair knew they wanted to rebrand the tavern's slogan, "Where Good Friends Meet," by offering more evening events. From Wednesday through Saturday, the tavern offers an open stage night for songwriters, "Geeks Who Drink" trivia, karaoke, dancing and live music.

Adding their own chapter

Thanks to the Kyle family, Harvey's Tavern will have the opportunity to continue writing chapters in its long-standing Beech Grove history. As Brenda completes the Black Hawk painting on the wall, this duo looks to pen their own additions to Harvey's legacy. Brenda summed up this transition, stating, "It was very much a dive tavern, and we have now escalated it to a wonderful little hole in the wall place."

And if you ask the Kyles, you could not ask for a better recognition.

Why did you open this business?

It was part of the commercial building purchase.

What did you do to prepare for opening your business?

The owners had been looking for three years for a place to open a wine bar and happened upon this chance to turn a 'dive' tavern into a wonderful little 'hole-in-the-wall' hangout and food place.

Who is your ideal customer?

People who like a cozy atmosphere and very selective and great menu. Also, people who like to listen to acoustic guitar and so-

cialize with good friends.

How do you plan to be successful?

We are rebranding the slogan, "Where Good Friends Meet" and attracting the non-smoking customers that like to relax with a cocktail or two after work or on a weekend afternoon.

What would we be surprised to learn about your restaurant?

According to previous owners, Harvey's Tavern (formally known as the 19th Hole) was one of the first bars in Indianapolis to have karaoke. It has been around for almost 70

years and is now owned by a great retired veteran. He (Kevin Kyle) is a Black Hawk pilot and instructor out of the Indiana National Guard Aviation Armory in Fairland.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

WEDNESDAYS FROM 7 - 10 P.M. - Open Stage Night for original songwriters

THURSDAYS FROM 7:30 - 9:30 P.M. - "Geeks Who Drink" trivia

FRIDAYS FROM 8:30 - 11:30 P.M. - Karaoke and dancing

SATURDAY NIGHTS FROM 9 P.M. - MIDNIGHT - Live music

JUNE 30 - Hitlocker performs live at Harvey's Tavern

IN OUR SCHOOLS



Beech Grove students presented with scholarships

Scholarships – Ethan Smiley and Daniel Newton were awarded advisory board scholarships at the FFA Awards Banquet. The scholarships are funded through the personal donations of our Agri-Science Advisory Council members. The scholarships were presented by Mr. Bruce Bye, Chair of the Agri-Science Advisory Council and Mrs. Kim Barkman, FFA advisor. Congratulations to Ethan and Daniel! Three honorary chapter members were named for their outstanding contributions to our FFA chapter: Mrs. Christa Smiley, parent and BGCS School Board President; Mr. Aaron Lamb, parent and BGCS School Board member; and Mrs. Elizabeth Walters, BGHS Principal.



From left. Superintendent Pat Mapes, Principal John Ralston, ToY Craig Hendrick, Associate Superintendent Bob Bohannon, and Administrator of English Learning and Staff Development Jane Pollard.

Hendrick awarded Perry Township Teacher of the Year

Awards – Craig Hendrick has been awarded Perry Township Schools' Teacher of the Year. Mr. Hendrick is a STEM teacher at Perry Meridian 6th Grade Academy. He shows concern for his students' goals, ambitions, fears and hopes and students look forward to their daily classroom handshake. He also inspires students by using innovative practices, such as Legos, 3-D printer, model rockets, and hot wheels. He's also a regular attendee of athletic events, concerts, spell bowl and math bowl. He's the epitome of professionalism in and out of the classroom.

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Does restarting a router help protect against viruses?

TECH SAVVY

By Regina Miller

I have heard recently on the news that people should restart their router to help protect against malware. Should I do this? Does this protect against viruses?

Yes, you should restart your router. Restarting does reportedly help with this kind of attack but not against general computer or network infections. One reason restarting helps is because many updates, especially firmware updates like routers use, require restarting the router so the update takes effect. Otherwise it's just sitting in the queue until there is a restart. People who own their own modem or router rather than renting from the Internet service provider should actively seek out firmware updates from the manufacturer from time to time as many routers do not do this on their own. These means that as hackers discover vulnerabil-

ities, you remain at risk until you apply the update the manufacturer creates to close it. While generally I am a fan of owning my own modem and router, I will say that one advantage to renting one from your Internet service provider is they "push" updates to it automatically so you don't have to worry about that aspect of maintenance. You do still have to restart though. Keep in mind that these sorts of updates are not protection from the run of the mill infections you typically see on computers, they are just meant to help protect from threats aimed at capturing and possibly redirecting Internet traffic of users.



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Life in the past lane

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

I'm nostalgic for the past. I collect vinyl records and listen to them on my vintage turntable. I live in a house that was built in 1890. I write a newspaper column, which is something at this point I'll have to explain to my grandkids from our colony on Mars. I'm a thirty-something with the soul of an octogenarian. I have a hard time admitting the past has passed.

The words "past" and "passed" are easier to get mixed up than a set of identical twins on school picture day. Their meanings are related, and we don't want to look dumb by confusing the two.

Past can be an adjective, noun, adverb and a preposition. Its meaning almost always refers to something that happened before the present time. For example: In the past, MTV played actual music videos. Over the past 12 months, an entire year has gone by. The time is a quarter past four. These uses of past all point to a time that happened prior to the present.

Passed is a verb that is the past participle of the word "pass." It means to move ahead or proceed. For example: In his career, Peyton Manning passed for 539 touchdowns, an NFL record. Congress passed no legislation last week. You get the idea.

Here's where things get confusing. You could correctly write "I somehow passed the elephant without seeing him." You could also correctly write "I somehow walked past the elephant without seeing him." The only difference in these two sentences is the word "walked." As a rule of thumb, use "past" whenever your sentence already includes an active verb like "walked."

Sometimes "passed" trips us up when it's not used as an active verb. For instance: Time has passed since we last met. He passed away. The local taco restaurant has finally passed its health inspection. Passed doesn't always indicate literal movement.

Past almost always deals with time. Passed almost always deals with movement. The easiest way to remember this is that past is a shorter word than passed and time is a shorter word than movement. I just need to make sure I don't get completely left in the past.



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Puzzle Time

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

G
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D F T P T A O U F F G V C
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6 Famous Authors

5 Soft Drinks

4 YMCA Classes

3 Local Burger Joints

2 Nearby "B" Towns

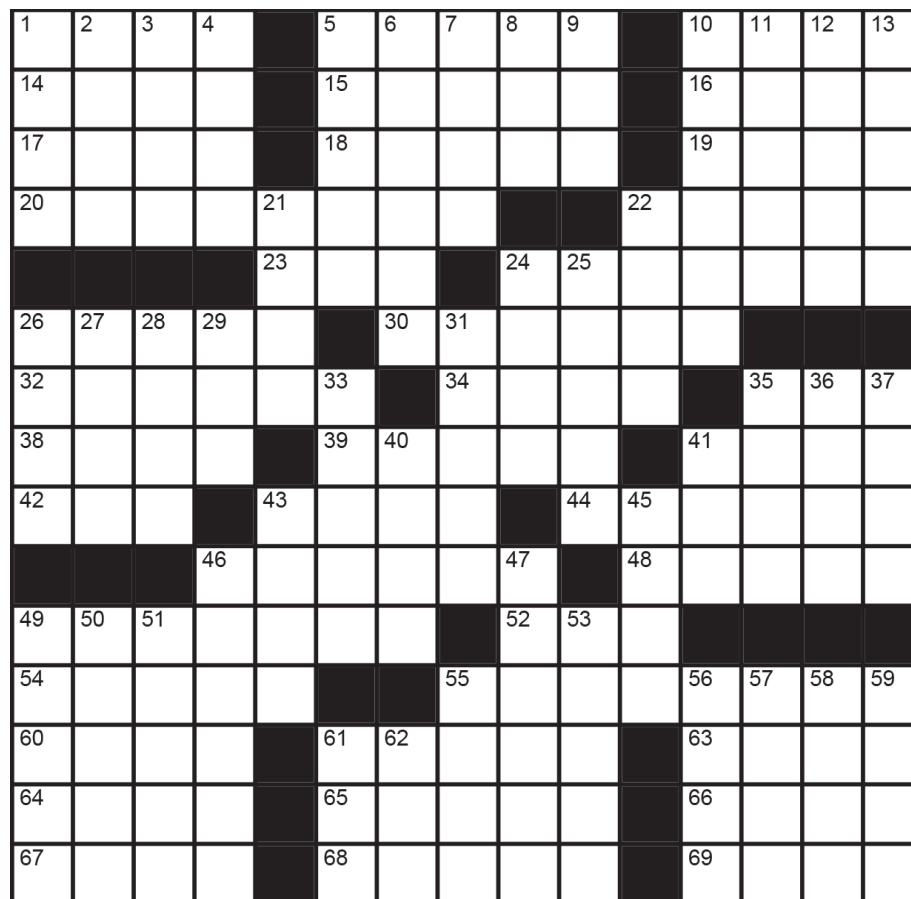
1 Center Grove Schools Superintendent

ACROSS

1. Bit of wind
5. Hidden supply
10. Prepare frantically for Franklin College finals
14. Indianapolis Opera solo
15. Grammatically dissect
16. Powerful auto engine
17. Ain't right?
18. White River frolicker
19. Territory in Risk
20. Local bank
22. Eat grass
23. Ind. neighbor
24. Local partner of Buchanan
26. Five Star Dance Studio steps
30. Inbox fillers
32. "Yo!"
34. Beliefs
35. Clean-N-Shine tool
38. One-named Deco notable
39. Local cleaners
41. Johnson County Fair barn bleats
42. Play-___ (kids' clay)
43. "Chiquitita" quartet
44. Valle Vista Golf Club wear
46. Watching closely
48. Luxury boat
49. Local plumber
52. Half Price Books CD section
54. Baldwin and Guinness
55. Local CPAs
60. Domesticate
61. Center Grove Middle School Central phonetic symbol
63. Shoot Point Blank buy
64. Discharge
65. Cheers for the Trojans
66. Wander Indiana
67. Purdue mil. grp.
68. Some UIndy students
69. Denny's breakfast staple

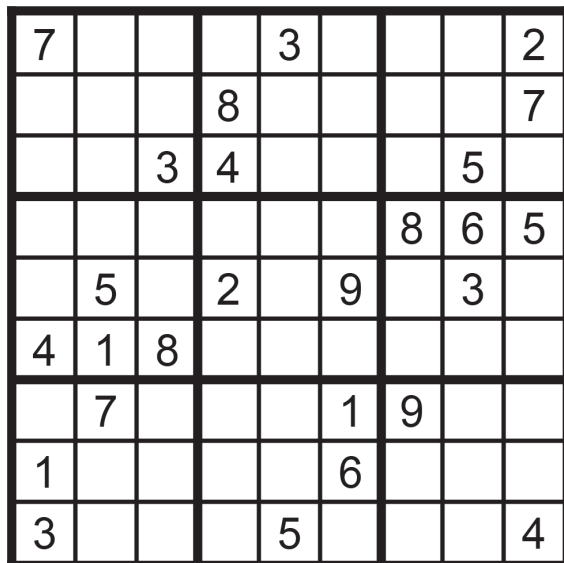
DOWN

1. Eagle Creek Park Beach bucket
2. ___ Major (constellation)
3. Snitch
4. Destiny
5. Go bad
6. Spill the beans
7. Like many Indy Film Fest indies
8. Greenwood-to-Madison dir.
9. James Taylor: "___ Town Too"
10. Makes butter at Conner Prairie
11. Showed again on WTHR
12. Flabbergast



13. Distance runner
21. "Ta-ta!" at Buca di Beppo
22. They go with guys
24. Lickety-split
25. CGHS prom night rentals
26. Backyard building
27. Sleek, like an IndyCar
28. Fable
29. IHSAA tourney pass
31. 1954 state basketball champ
33. Center Grove Elementary School Crayola color
35. IMA painter Chagall
36. Hippocratic ___
37. CGHS Library attention-getter
40. Heron cousin
41. Indianapolis Zoo constrictor
43. Indiana House votes
45. Hoopla
46. Yadda, yadda, yadda
47. Increase in size
49. Supply party food
50. Hertz rival at IND
51. Send payment to IPL
53. Accumulate
55. Greenwood Park Mall unit
56. Ruth's Chris steak order
57. I-65 visibility reducer
58. Online publication
59. Car czars O'Brien and Wood
61. CGHS 12th graders
62. Bird sound

See **Answers** on page 23.



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God never breaks His promises

DEVOTIONAL By Pastor
Chris Philbeck

One day several years ago, my wife and I were driving home with one of our nephews in the backseat of the car. His name is Kendall and he was the most precocious kid I have ever been around. He had recently visited a family who had experienced a minor "flood" on their property. He had also recently heard the story of Noah and the great flood in Sunday School. But on this day, he was having a hard time reconciling God's promise in Genesis 9:11 to never again flood the earth. *I establish my covenant with you: Never again will all life be destroyed by the waters of a flood; never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth*, with the reality that someone he knew just experienced a flood. And as he talked about it he said, "I guess God doesn't keep his promises." Now I was able to explain the difference between God's promise in Genesis 9:11 and the minor flood he'd heard about. But it also reminded me of just how easy it is, sometimes, to allow our personal circumstances to cause us to doubt the promises of God. But regardless of what might be happening in or around your life today, one thing will always remain true: God never breaks His promises. That means when God promises that He will never leave us or forsake us (Hebrews 13:5), we can count on His constant presence. That means when God promises that He can work all things for our good (Romans 8:28) we can trust Him, by faith, to use everything in our lives, ultimately, for our good and His glory. That means when God promises to provide for all our needs (Philippians 4:19), we can know that He will not leave us wanting. In Hebrews 6:13-18, we read about God's promise to Abraham when He called him back in Genesis 12. Hebrews 6:18 says, So God has given both his promise and his oath. *These two things are unchangeable because it is impossible for God to lie. Therefore, we who have fled to him for refuge can have great confidence as we hold to the hope that lies before us.* Did you catch that? Hebrews says it's impossible for God to lie. Don't let the circumstances of the moment cause you to doubt the promises of God. He is faithful and He always keeps His promises.



Express Employment donates to local nonprofit

Charity - Express Employment Professionals, located in Greenwood, has donated \$500 to Mount Pleasant Christian Church's IMPACT Center, which provides assistance to central Indiana families in need through food, clothing and physical needs. The goal of the organization is to not only help those who are in need but also to encourage them to build and strengthen their relationship with Jesus Christ. "I am honored to be involved with an organization that truly puts the community first and does so while teaching the word of Jesus Christ. The IMPACT Center is very deserving of this award and I know they will use the donation to further support those in our community," said Mike Heffner, owner of Express Employment Indy South. "Ideas for the donation have been discussed and we will be excited to share how the IMPACT Center will utilize the money once a plan is in place." To help with the IMPACT Center, there are multiple volunteer times throughout the week. For more information on specific days and times, contact Steve Saunders, IMPACT Center director at (317) 714-0371.



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OBITUARIES

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Marvin L. Baird

Marvin Baird, 81, of Greenwood, died May 16, 2018. He was born on July 14, 1936 in Oklahoma to the late Everett and Faye Baird. He is survived by his wife, Jackie Baird; son, Mark (Suzanne) Baird; stepson, Nicholas (Raquel) Stadtmiller; grandchildren, Austin Baird, Alexander Baird and Luke Baird; a step-grandchild, Matthias Stadtmiller; and a brother, Dr. David (Jane) Baird. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Sadie Baird. Marvin was a fellow of the American Hospital Association, a Distinguished Hoosier and Eagle Scout. Visitation was held May 19 at Haggard-Sefton, Hirschy & Zelt Funeral Home in Decatur and May 21 at G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home at The Gardens. Funeral services were held May 21. Burial was at The Gardens at Olive Branch.

Robert M. Bratton

Robert M. Bratton, 85, of Greenwood, died June 3, 2018. He was born on Aug. 9, 1932 in New Ross to the late Ruliff and Florence Bratton. He was a veteran of the U.S. Airforce. Bratton is survived by his wife, Vivian Bratton; daughters, Brenda (Tom) Wessling, Della Bekeleski, Pam (John) Van Brakle, Denise (David) Wilbur and Diana (Scott) Rogerson; nine grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren and one on the way. He was preceded in death by his grandson; siblings, James Bratton, Marion Gene Bratton, Mary Margaret Rader and Laura Jane Willeke. Visitation was held June 6 at G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home at The Gardens of Olive Branch. Funeral Service were conducted June. Burial was held at Mace Cemetery.

Connie J. Bray

Connie J. Bray, 65 of Greenwood, died June 3, 2018. Connie was born in Beech Grove to Thomas and Mary Reeves on Dec. 31, 1952. Connie worked for the IRS for more than 30 years. She was a member of Our Lady of Greenwood Catholic Church where she worked with Christ Renews His Parish, the Parish Festival and typed the bulletin for many years. She enjoyed spending time with her family and gardening. Connie is survived by her children, Sean T. (Amy) Bray; Kelly M. (Matthew) Smith; step-father, Charles Marqua; two brothers, Rick (Mary) Reeves and David (Andi) Marqua; grandchildren, Ian Beechler, Bruce Bray, Alexandra Smith, Luke Bray, Thomas Smith and Mary Smith; and a host of other family and friends. Connie was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Howard J. Bray; and a sister, Therese McAndrews. Visitation was held June 7 at Newcomer - Indianapolis Chapel. The Mass of Christian Burial was held June 8 at Our Lady of Greenwood Catholic Church with an hour of visitation prior to the Mass. Interment was at Forest Lawn Memory Garden.

William J. Burgard

William "Bill" J. Burgard, 76, of Greenwood, died on May 21, 2018. He was born on April 11, 1942 in Peoria, Illinois to the late Frank and Helen Burgard. He served in the United States Marine Corp. Bill enjoyed fishing, hunting and camping. He also liked his John Deere tractors, listening to country

music, taking trips to Disney World and his dogs. Bill worked for 40 years at Methodist/IU Health Hospitals as the Facility Supervisor. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Linda Kay Burgard; children, Krista (Todd) Vannatta and Gigi (Brian) Walkes; a step-son, Greg (Dollie) Gilley; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and a sister, Barbara (Bob) Patrick. Funeral services were held May 24 at G.H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home.

Timothy Lee Farr

Timothy Lee Farr, 62, of Greenwood, died on May 29, 2018. He was born on Sept. 23, 1955 in Beech Grove to the late Floyd and Dorothy Farr. He was a member of the Steamfitters #440 and "Newbreed" Charity Riders. He enjoyed riding his Harley, collecting guns and building motorcycles. Survivors include his son, Jacob Farr. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Tom Farr. Visitation was held June 1 at G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, A funeral service was conducted on June 2. He was buried at Mount Pleasant Cemetery.

Thelma Doris (Jackson) Lesniak

Thelma Doris (Jackson) Lesniak, 96, died on May 31, 2018 at Greenwood Village South in Greenwood. Thelma was born March 23, 1922 in Myrtle Creek, Oregon. She was born to Oscar and May Jackson. She married Bernard L. (Bernie) Lesniak, in 1948. Thelma is survived by her husband, Bernie; sisters, Wanda Gilbert and Loretta Tanner (Walter); three children, Karen (Dennis) Hadley, Janice (Rob Smith) Lesniak and Wayne (Vanessa) Lesniak; seven grandchildren, Scott (Cozente) Hadley, Michelle (Matthew) Burlingame, Jennifer (Ray) Chapman, Michael Lesniak, Kevin Steindorff, Christopher (Mary) Steindorff and Ashley Griffith. Thelma is also survived by several great-grandchildren. Visitation and services were held June 4 at Christ United Methodist Church. Interment was held at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens, Greenwood.

Norena Nora Beckley Hopper Niles

Norena Nora Beckley Hopper Niles, of Greenwood, died on May 22, 2018. She was born on Oct. 8, 1924 in Lynnville to Alma Schumacher Beckley and Edmond Beckley. Visitation was held on May 29 at G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home. Services were held May 30.

Bryan Douglas Vaughn

Bryan Douglas Vaughn, 60, of Greenwood, died May 16, 2018. He was born on June 15, 1957, in Crossville, Tenn., to Joe E. and Edna Vaughn. He was employed by Edgewood Building Supply for more than 30 years when he retired in 2017. Survivors include his father, Joe Vaughn; his wife of 27 years, Amy; children, Jason (Emily) Brown, Jamie (Anthony) Marocco, Jodi (Joshua) Lash, Kristin (Bryan) Sauer, Amy Vaughn and Eric (Nicole) Vaughn; grandchildren, Brandon, Trent, Kyle and Tyler Sauer, Mackenna, Lilly and Dominic Marocco, Remi and Jaxon Brown, Alizabeth, Haleigh, Zoey and Norah Lash and Oliver Vaughn. He was preceded in death by his mother, Edna Vaughn. Bryan was a member of LifePoint Church. Services will be held at LifePoint Church on July 7 at 1 p.m. He will be buried in The Gardens at Olive Branch.



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TEACH YOUR CHILDREN TO TREASURE THEIR FINANCIAL LEGACY.

Most parents appreciate the importance of traditional education in their child's development considering the obvious intellectual and social benefits. Yet all too many forget that a financial education is also crucial for ensuring their offspring's long-term well-being.

The good news is it's never too early or too late to begin sharing your financial wisdom and experiences with your family. By taking the time to teach your children the value of money, you'll have the comfort of knowing they'll understand how to care for their own financial legacy when the time comes.

AN ESSENTIAL SKILL

Like reading, financial literacy is an essential skill, but unfortunately, it's not typically taught in school. Rather, it's up to parents to pass on their financial knowledge to ensure the next generation is capable of taking care of the wealth they've built.

Pre-kindergarten age is a great time to introduce the basics, including the idea that you must work to earn money in order to pay for items and services, as well as the value of different coins and bills. As they get a little older, your child can start doing chores and earning an allowance. Help them go through the motions of saving up for something they'd like to buy and deciding whether or not it's a worthwhile purchase.

With pre-teens and teenagers, there are several

other steps you can take, such as helping them open a savings account with their earnings from chores, babysitting or other jobs. Share your own tips on managing a budget and introduce them to the concept of investing and saving for retirement. Simply being transparent with your children about the realities and costs of living can go a long way in preparing them for the future.

SHARING YOUR FINANCIAL LEGACY

While products such as trusts and wills can help ensure your wishes are carried out, they can't give your heirs the true understanding of how to save, grow and spend money wisely. In fact, if your children are going to receive a sizable inheritance, they may get overwhelmed by sudden wealth without a solid foundation to rely on. It's also a good idea to introduce your children, when they're ready, to your financial advisor and other professional partners, so they'll know where to find expert guidance when dealing with money issues.

NEXT STEPS

- Write out a sample budget with your children, explaining the expenses you have each month, such as utilities and groceries
- Help them open a savings or checking account
- Schedule a time for them to join you for a meeting with your financial advisor



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Alison McDaniel

Dress shop owner enjoys giving to community

By Johnette Cruz

Alison McDaniel is no stranger to making moves not only in personal life but in business as well. A Minnesota native, McDaniel did not relocate to Greenwood until 2006. Within the span of three years she moved to a new state, got married, had her first child, Carly, followed by her son, Max and then opened RaeLynn's in 2008. (Talk about a go-getter, huh?) Prior to her move to Greenwood, McDaniel worked in a bridal/prom store for six years as the manager. RaeLynn's was established as a small formal store, opening its doors with just 272 dresses and five fitting rooms. In 2010 they expanded their

store to also carry boutique clothing, have an online presence and in-store merchandise. In 2013 their Greenwood store expanded to 18 fitting rooms with more than a thousand formal dresses in stock. During this time, RaeLynn's grew even more and opened a second location to serve their clientele in Carmel.

McDaniel started RaeLynn's because dresses was all she knew; either there was no one else doing what she did, or other stores were just concentrating on formal attire. Today RaeLynn's is known as more than a prom store; the store is now selling formal for all occasions to all ages.

RaeLynn's will be celebrating 10 years this November and through this time McDaniel and her

employees have been involved with the Riley Hospital Prom, Riley Dance Marathon, Lance Stephenson Ultimate Prom Experience and Gifted Gown, along with working alongside social workers and counselors in Indy by gifting gowns to those that would never be able to afford their own. McDaniel truly has a servant's heart and seeks opportunities to better others by taking part in speaking engagements, college business, entrepreneurship, retail management and fashion classes. McDaniel is very thankful to be a part of a community that encourages others to shop local, believes in community over competition and welcomes those who did not grow up in the Center Grove Area.

What do you consider your greatest virtue? My family.

What upsets you? Fake people. Stay true to you; the right people will embrace your mistakes and faults and continue to love you.

What do you like best about Center Grove? Not growing up in Center Grove, I feel very fortunate that people choose to shop local and shop RaeLynn's.

What's your favorite Southside eatery? Vito Provolone's – recently just took my staff there to celebrate all their accomplishments.

If you had to live anywhere else in the Metro Indianapolis area, where would it be? The New Palestine area – it would be a halfway point between my Greenwood and Carmel locations.

If you could begin life over, what would you change? To stop worrying about what other people thought of me and to stay focused on keeping my circle small and just living my best life.

If money were no issue, how would you spend it? My family loves to travel, so more traveling and just making memories with my kids.

What makes you happiest? My family & all my RaeLynn's girls together – during our crazy prom months – I love all being together loving and laughing – it really is a fun place to be.

Pick three adjectives that best describe you. Determined, ambitious and passionate.

Where is your favorite vacation spot? My family loves to travel and my kids love the west, so hiking and being outdoors. (Southern Utah has recently become our favorite.)

What do you do with idle time? I love to read and go for long walks.

What would you change about our culture if you could? Addiction to social media. I see daily how it truly influences our young youth and there is no good that comes with the struggle of always comparing yourself to others and not feeling worthy.

How do you escape from reality? When I'm home with my kids and husband I really try to just focus on us and being together.

What do you love most in life?

Everything: I love the opportunities that RaeLynn's has provided for our community, I love that I get up each morning, truly loving what I do and knowing in my heart that I am helping make a difference in our customers' lives.

Which living person in Center Grove do you most admire?

Tracy Buck, who is a teacher at Center Grove High School – she has shared several of her students with me; they have gained internship opportunities with RaeLynn's. Those that have chosen to do this at RaeLynn's have been some of the most amazing young girls I have met.

What qualities do you admire most in another person? Honesty and patience.

What is your greatest extravagance?

Surrounding myself with people who are smarter & better than me – that make me think "outside the box"; those that have believed in the vision of RaeLynn's and have helped me achieve this opportunity. RaeLynn's would never be what it is without my staff through the years and the loyalty of customers choosing to shop local.

What is your greatest fear? The everyday struggle of the work/life balance and remembering to take the time to breathe deep and just know that I am doing the best that I can.

What has been the happiest time of your life? Waking up every day knowing my kids are healthy and happy.

Is there a special talent you really wish you had? I wish I had more musical talent!

What do you most value in your friends? They keep it real and hold me accountable.

Which historical figure do you most admire? Betty White, although she is not dead. Hearing her stories and seeing her laugh; she has truly been living her best life! She has made a difference in so many.

What is your greatest regret? No regrets in this life; just mistakes made and lessons learned.

What tenet do you live by? "Laugh when you can, apologize when you should and let go of what you can't change".

What would people be surprised to learn about you? My staff has a quote board of all the random things I say.



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Curtis Honeycutt receives third place in the National Society of Newspaper Columnists' annual Pulitzer Prize-winner columnist Connie Schultz on the left. On the right is NSNC president Lisa Smith Molinari. (Submitted Photo)

Honeycutt receives award in column contest

Award - Nationally syndicated humor columnist Curtis Honeycutt won third place in the National Society of Newspaper Columnists' annual column contest in the humor category for newspapers with circulations of more than 50,000. First and second place were Joyce J. Wadler from

the New York Times and Leah Eskin from the *Chicago Tribune*. The three-day conference in Cincinnati was full of columnists, many of whom had Pulitzers and/or their own Wikipedia pages. Suzette Martinez-Strand, NSNC's president, said, "The Grammar Guy fills a unique niche and few could make it as engaging, funny and instructional as Curtis Honeycutt. Long may he run!"

Greenwood VFW to build new home

Construction - The Greenwood Board of Zoning Appeals voted to approve a use variance for the VFW to build in the Precedent South area, subject to rules and regulations of the city of Greenwood. The land is located 2.3 miles from the front door of the current VFW. To look at the land, drive east on Main Street. Go under I-65 and continue east about 200 - 300 yards. Pass the Road Ranger Truck Stop on the right, then an old road leading back to a now defunct "pay lake". The next road is Commerce Parkway Dr. W. Turn right and go south about 200 yards. The property is on the right (west) side between Mays Chemical and Dunham Rubber. Greenwood VFW Post 5864 will provide a site plan, blueprints, a time-table for construction and other information for anyone interested in bidding on any part of the overall project. According to commander Steve Milbourn, "We should be breaking ground in mid-July. That will give us six months to build the new facility and move out of the old one."



Veteran-owned brewery brings affordable craft beer to the Southside

Opening - Webster Brewing Company is dedicated to providing truly remarkable beers, with an emphasis on quality, consistency and smooth drinkability. The Greenwood-based brewery, founded by Clay Webster, currently offers the Elbridge Amber and Cream Ale, along with the Prohibition IPA. In development are seasonal fruit ales and winter spiced brews. Webster Brewing Company self-distributes to local bars, restaurants and other central Indiana establishments and plans to open a tap room in about a year. Find out where you can try Webster craft beers at websterbrewing.com.

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Joints: FIVE GUYS, FREDDY'S, STEAK 'N SHAKE;

Towns: BOGGSTOWN, BROOKLYN;

Superintendent: ARKANOFF

Center Grove Quiz

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