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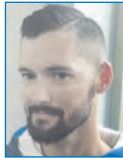
Q: June is Alzheimer's Awareness Month.

How has Alzheimer's touched your life?

"My aunt and my grandmother both had it. My aunt lived with it for a long time and my grandmother in the last year or so before her death.

Really truly feels like when it sets in that you've already lost them. It is harder on us than them because they don't even know that it is happening."

Rob Nichols of Bargersville



"My Great Grandmother had Alzheimer's. Back then they called it senility. She was as happy as she could be. I also have a friend who is going through Alzheimer's right now and I know he gets so frustrated from time to time. It's tough on him to be going through this, though in many cases it's harder on the people around the person with Alzheimer's than it is on the person who has it."

Barbara Middleton of Greenwood

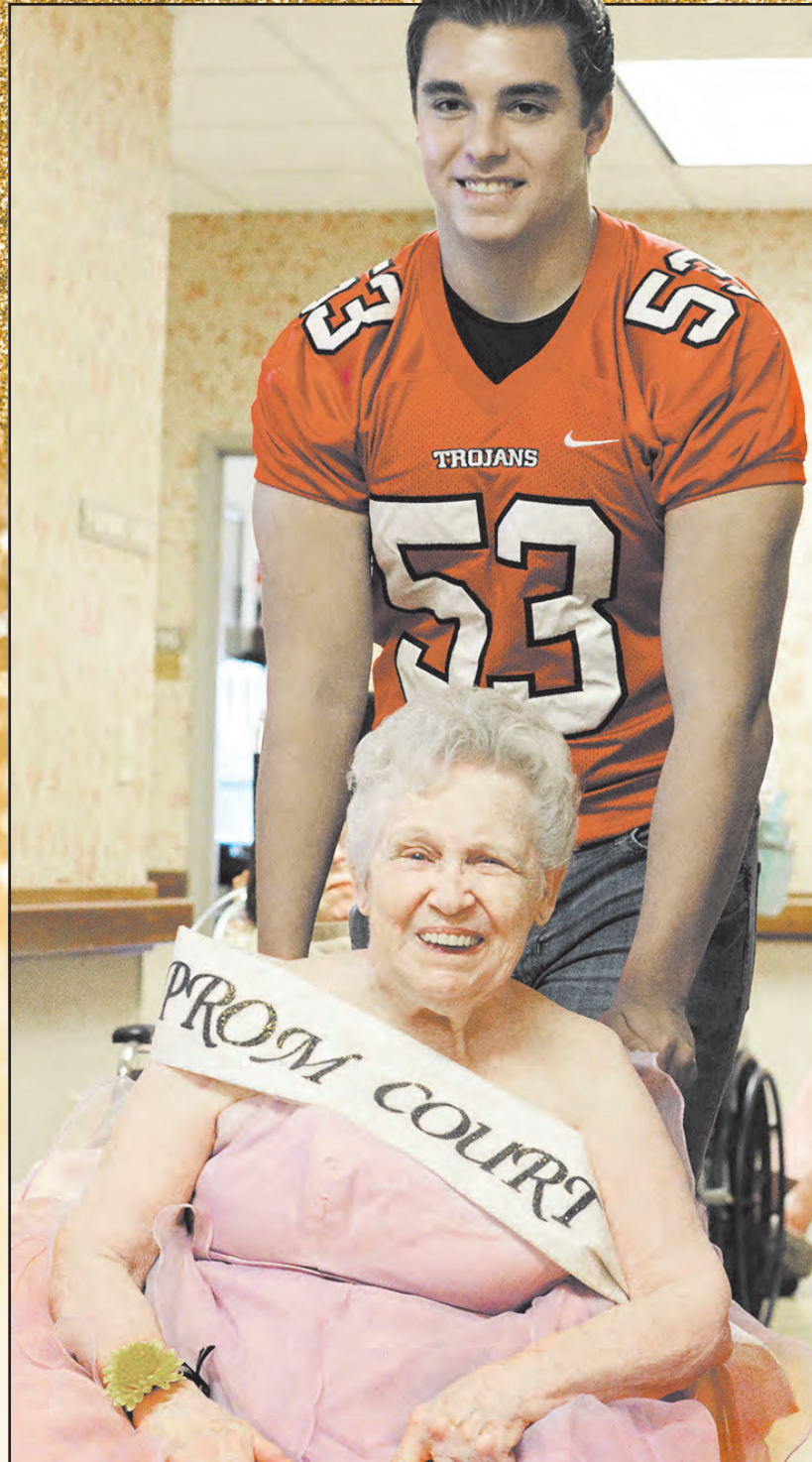


"It touches my life nearly every single day seeing the impact it has on not only the residents, but the families, and staff that have to care for them on a daily basis and the struggles that come from it. I think it is very important to build awareness so that other people know what work is being done to try to help people in that situation, especially caregivers, whether it be staff or family members themselves."

Mark Emerson of Greenwood and Senior Executive Director of Aspen Trace



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Athletic escort - Members of the Center Grove High School football team volunteered their time on May 16 to attend prom with Greenwood senior citizens. The Greenwood Meadows' Senior Prom offered live music, a prom court and crowned a prom king and queen in both the Greenwood Meadows facility and, separately, in its Auguste's Cottage Memory Care side. Pictured, A.J. Snow escorts soon-to-be Greenwood Meadows prom queen Betty Howell into the event.

Photo by Nicole Davis

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Nick Coy.

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THE COY FILE

NAME: Nick Coy	COLLEGE PLANS: Will continue baseball career at Indiana Wesleyan University
HIGH SCHOOL: Center Grove	MAJOR: Accounting
YEAR: Senior (2017 graduate)	FAVORITE TV SHOW: SportsCenter
POSITION: Catcher	FAVORITE MOVIE: Remember the Titans
VARSITY EXPERIENCE: Two-year starter	PARENTS: Greg and Jennifer Coy

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

HONDA Nick Coy

By Rick Morwick

Nick Coy had all the skills a year ago to be the Center Grove High School baseball team's starting catcher.

But there was a problem. The state-power Trojans had a gifted senior who already anchored the position.

Consequently, Coy didn't get to start behind the plate.

Instead, he got to start in the outfield. He was simply too talented to sit on the bench.

"Coach thought I needed to be in the lineup, so he found a position for me in left field," Coy said. "And now this year, it's best for the team for me to be back behind the plate."

Coy spent his entire senior season behind the plate for the Trojans, whose 2017 campaign ended last month in a first-round Class 4A sectional loss against Johnson County rival Whiteland.

Coy welcomed his return to catcher. Although he enjoyed playing in the outfield, catcher is his natural position. He played it throughout youth leagues and

most of high school.

And it's the position he'll play next spring at Indiana Wesleyan University, where he'll continue his baseball career on scholarship while majoring in accounting. "I've caught pretty much my whole life," Coy said. "That's my main position."

A multi-skilled player with a high baseball IQ, Coy was one of the Trojans' top performers during his two seasons as a varsity starter.

Last season, with his glove and his bat, he helped lead Center Grove to sectional and regional championships. The Trojans lost an 8-5 heartbreaker against eventual state champion Roncalli in the semistate.

This season, upon returning to catcher, he was again proficient with his glove and bat. He committed no errors and was again among the Trojans' top sluggers.

"Nick's best quality is his attention to detail, both as a catcher and a hitter," Center Grove head coach Keith Hatfield said. "He has come a long way in his development, physically and mentally, and that's because

he is always looking at the finer aspects, mechanically, on ways to improve."

One of only a few returning starters from the regional championship team, Coy was instrumental in helping the Trojans regroup from a rough start to the 2017 season. Center Grove lost six of its first eight games but won 14 of its final 15 — a stretch that included a 10-game winning streak — to conclude the regular season.

Center Grove finished the year 18-9.

"Nick has been nothing but the best for our program," Hatfield said. "He was not always the most vocal on the field, but I could always count on him to lead by example, and his teammates followed that."

"He will be greatly missed, both as a person and a player at Center Grove."

For Coy, who hit .298 and scored a team-high 25 runs this season, the feeling is mutual.

"Honestly, just everything about Center Grove athletics is probably one of the greatest experiences I ever had, just because of the winning attitude everybody has," Coy said. "It's been a lot of fun."

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 PortalUnlimited opened in Bargsville with a grand opening on June 3. What is this new business?

- A. Art Studio
 B. Technical Support
 C. Cemetery
 D. Brewery

2 Athlete of the Month Nick Coy returned to which position in baseball this year?

- A. Pitcher
 B. Outfield
 C. Catcher
 D. Umpire



3 2003 Center Grove graduate Mary Margaret Moffett has always wanted to live in which place?

- A. Bargsville
 B. California
 C. Japan
 D. England

4 Center Grove salutatorian Max Newport advises to underclassman that colleges look for someone who has what?

- A. Top grades
 B. A clear focus
 C. Athletic capabilities
 D. High SAT scores

5 Which Center Grove group hosted Tea with the Princesses to raise funds?

- A. Choir
 B. Football
 C. Tennis
 D. Robotics

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Bob Rohrman's **INDY**

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From top left, Aaron Johnson with his wife, Jennifer, and daughters, Chloe and Kyla.



Aaron has won many titles in wrestling, Jiu-Jitsu and grappling. Submitted photos

GETTING TO KNOW AARON ...

- I like watching my kids. That's probably my favorite thing to do. My kids cheer. They have practice every day. I try to get done training, so I can go watch them. I want to see them achieve their goals.
- I'm looking at someday I'd like to start my own winery. I'm a wine connoisseur. I try to find unique wines. My wife is getting into it now. I'm not much of a drinker, but I do enjoy a glass of wine.
- Because I'm in the military, I like to shoot. I like to go out and blow stuff up in my free time when I get the opportunity.

GOALS ON GUARD

Center Grove resident and National Guard Staff Sgt. Aaron Johnson sets his sights on a world title with the USA Grappling Team

Photo by
Nicole Davis



COVER STORY

By Nicole Davis

Don't let anyone tell you that you can't do something, says Center Grove resident Aaron Johnson. Set your goals high and go after them. It's a principle he lives by.

As a staff sergeant for the Indiana National Guard, Johnson spends six days a week outside of his military career training in Jiu-Jitsu. He has his sights set on winning a title at the World Championships in October. There, he will represent Team USA in grappling, a hand-to-hand sport which Johnson describes as a mixture of Jiu-Jitsu and wrestling.

"There are a lot of people who have told me that I shouldn't do this anymore, or that I'm too old," he said. "I am not willing to accept the negative. I want everything to be positive. I set my goals. Once I achieve a goal, I set another one. I just keep going. When I feel like I've achieved my final goal, I'll step back."

At 40 years old, Johnson has wrestled for 36 years, beginning at age 4. Growing up in Philadelphia and moving to Indianapolis when he was a junior in high school, he said he has gotten to train all across the nation. He attended University of Indianapolis and wrestled there for a couple of years. He completed his degree at Indiana University in 2004. He has coached wrestling at Pike High School, University of Indianapolis and Decatur Central High School.

Johnson and his family moved to the Center Grove area in 2007. He and his wife, Jennifer, have two daughters, Kyla and Chloe, who attend Center Grove schools. Shortly after coming to the area, nine years ago, he joined the Indiana Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu Academy (IBJJA) located at 1140 N. State

Rd. 135, where his now an instructor.

"I love to teach," Johnson said. "For me, wrestling and Jiu-Jitsu is a journey. I want to help grow the sport and someone else's journey. My journey is still going. That's a thing we talk about in Jiu-Jitsu. It's not about winning or losing. It's how you get to your end point. That's what motivates me, to continue to strive to reach another goal. I'll probably do it until I can't walk because I love it."

For those new to the sport, Johnson recommends researching an organization before joining, and to get into it for the right reasons.

"Don't just get into it for self defense or competition," he said. "Get into it to better your overall life: your health, your wellbeing, your diet, your mental health. There are a lot of things that go into Jiu-Jitsu that help you, not just your cardiovascular. We work a lot with soldiers that struggle with PTSD. Jiu-Jitsu helps them manage that. For anybody that's struggling with depression or mental issues, it helps them focus on a goal and it keeps them on track."

Having always wanted to be in the military, Johnson decided to join the Guard in 2009.

He served in a chemical and biological, homeland security unit for the first six years. He is now a mechanic, working full time since 2013.

Johnson spends six days a week after work training in Jiu-Jitsu and does strength and conditioning every day. Though he has had his successes in his sports - such as winning the Army Combatives Tournament in 2011 - it hasn't come without its difficulties. Johnson has had two pulmonary embolisms, a blockage in the arteries in his lungs, in the past eight years.

"I have overcome some stuff that a lot

of people would be done with the sport," he said. "The second embolism was two years ago. I take medicine and found ways to treat myself. In 2015, I won a world title, about seven months after I had one."

A USA Grappling Team, unitedworldwrestlin.org, developed last year and after trying out, Johnson made it. He competed in the Grappling World Championships in Belarus, losing in the round before the bronze medal match. The Guard got word of what he was achieving in the sport and profiled him online at youtube.com/watch?v=8n_N7lml8ho.

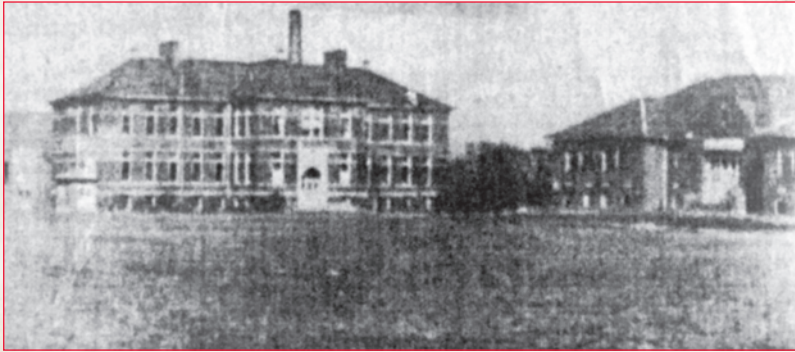
Johnson tried out for Team USA and was accepted again this year at the end of April. The World Championship in Azerbaijan is at the end of October. He is currently looking for sponsorships to help fund the trip. Those interested can email him at aaron.r.johnson1.mil@mail.mil.

"If I don't win it, I may come back and give it a try," he said. "I said I would keep going until someone beat me and I wasn't on the team anymore."

Also in April, Johnson earned his blackbelt. He will compete in his first blackbelt competition in August, in Chicago. He will compete in the Pan American Championships in New York, in grappling, after that. Then it's Worlds.

Outside of competing, Johnson continues to offer instruction through the IBJJA, and is planning to coach wrestling at Center Grove High School this year. As he plans for the future, the thought of deployment is in the back of his mind. Two potential deployments have been cancelled, but he has been told that he will be sent somewhere in the next six months to a year. In the meantime, he is working on improving his Jiu-Jitsu skill-sets.

HISTORY & ARCHITECTURE



Pictured is Center Grove High School in the 1930s. The high school burned down on Halloween night in 1952 as a result of an accident. **Submitted photo**

Respect due to ultimate fan of Center Grove, Nevlyn Parker

By Jeff Beck

The Ultimate Fan of Center Grove Sports teams is without a doubt, Nevlyn Lucile (Robinson) Parker, wife of Louis Parker and mother of Joe Parker. Nevlyn graduated from Center Grove High School with class of 1933. Joe Parker graduated with class of 1958; no listing of Louis is in the Center Grove directory.

Nevlyn and Louis are best known for the operation of the grocery in downtown Bargersville, Parker's Regal Market. This was a small grocery in middle of downtown Bargersville with three aisles and a custom meat counter in the back next to the soda. Enter the grocery on Baldwin Street where eight shopping carts were immediately on the left. Standard staple items were available for purchase, along with fresh meat and deli items. For those low on money, Parkers would extend credit until payday. Families would often send their children to buy milk and bread, placing the total on the family tab which was expected to be paid promptly upon receiving their pay check. Rosie Kephart was an employee of Parkers for many years; I can recall no other employees.

Nevlyn loved Center Grove sports, especially girls' basket-

ball. A former cheerleader, Nevlyn never missed opportunity to praise all student athletics. While hospitalized, Nevlyn was said to ask if her team played their best. Winning was important, but doing your best was a statement Nevlyn shared often.

Nevlyn enjoyed her Bargersville home, often sitting outside her home with the girls, catching up on local news and sports. She was a member of Bargersville Church and had been named Grand Marshall of the Bargersville Fall Festival in years past. The Parker home was on West Street until the death of Louis when she moved to smaller home on Carlisle Street. Her son, Joe, lived in Florida until his death.

Center Grove Adult Athletic Booster Club presented Nevlyn Parker with the BIG HEART AWARD in 1989. The award was given annually to a female athlete at Center Grove. The Center Grove community is proud of Nevlyn Parker, a graduate, cheerleader and loyal fan.



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*.

TWEET of the MONTH



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Pampering the princesses

Center Grove High School choir sells out at 4th annual Princess Tea

By Nicole Davis

Little princesses filled into a Center Grove High School choir room on June 5, 6 and 7 for the annual Princess Tea.

This is the fourth year the choir has hosted this fundraiser, selling out three sessions with 30 girls each. Children came in their best princess or tea clothes and were treated to pampering with student volunteers doing nails and hair. They then sat down at their tables where they awaited their favorite princesses to come around and sign autographs. After tea and snacks, the little princesses were read to by Belle, got to dance with Moana and more.

"It's been another great year," said Jared Norman, choir director. "Seeing the little girls when they come dressed as a specific princess then them getting to meet that specific princess, the joy and excitement on their faces is unmatched. It's cool to see a big Snow White sitting with a little baby Snow White on her lap."



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1. Belle, Adrianna Goss, reads to the little princesses. 2. Everyone learns a dance from Moana. 3. Volunteers pamper the princesses. 4. Addison Fox. 5. Princesses sign autographs. 6. Audrey Baker with Rapunzel, played by Sarah Conners. 7. Magdalena Roberts dresses like Moana, played by Maria Rose.

Photos by Nicole Davis



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Simons, right, with Mr. Schuessler from his senior year at Center Grove, Spring 2002. Right, David Simons.

Submitted photos

Experiencing the next level

Center Grove alumnus David Simons carries on his passion for music education as board member for Music for All

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

By Nicole Davis

Participating in the music program at Center Grove High School had an influence on David Simons' life. It taught him time management, a drive for excellence and many other values that have carried over into adulthood.

"Back when I was in Center Grove, the music program was one of the best in the entire nation," he said. "I was really lucky to be a part of it when it was at such a high level. You get to learn what it was like to work at and achieve at the highest level you can achieve. That was a valuable experience and thing to learn while you were at high school and get you ready for college and life after college."

Although he chose to go into a more technical career, his interests in music continue. In May, he was named to the Board of Directors for Music for All, an organization which mission states that it looks to ensure that every child across America has the opportunity "to participate in active music-making in his or her scholastic environment."

Simons came to the Center Grove area from Southern Indianapolis in fourth grade and graduated from Center Grove in 2002. He played varsity golf and played french horn in the

marching band program from 1998 to 2001. The band won the state championship in 1999, and were runner-up in the nation that same year.

"The whole music program at Center Grove really helped to solidify my passion for music and education in the arts for students," Simons said. "I'm always going to events where I can support the activity, but also to stay in contact with people in the industry to see where I can help. Every student should be able to have an arts education available to them. It's one of the best things any student can do and we need to provide that from an education perspective."

After high school, Simons earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from DPauw University in economics and computer science.

He currently resides in Denver, Colo., where he is a software developer for Bertram Labs. His role is to advise in the operations of companies which specialize in business services, health care or other consumer industries, to help them build a portfolio.

Simons had a friend who served on the board of Music for All when he heard of a need for the nonprofit to find someone with technology experience.

"I jumped at the opportunity," Simons said. "Music for All, their tagline is to create, provide and expand positive and

life-changing experiences but their ultimate goal is music education for every student. Their primary goal is to try to present opportunities to school districts who might be considering going away from their curriculum, those who don't have it, or who are looking to get it. They are trying to get information out to the people who make those decisions."

Music for All is based out of Indianapolis. Simons returns to Indiana a few times a year and said he will come back for two board meetings this year in June and December, along with its championship programs through the year.

"I'm really excited about the technology opportunity Music for All has," he said. "They're a gold standard in the music education field as far as festivals and competitions go. They touch a lot of people, a lot of students and band parents. The opportunity we have from a technology standpoint is how can we better connect to our students, our teachers, our band parents? How can we better provide resources for them? How can we communicate the best practices to them to help foster and facilitate building incredible music programs so that students have a phenomenal experience with music education and performing arts? I'm excited about getting to that next level to serve student and band parents, and direct even better."



Getting to know David ...

What's some advice you wish someone had given you when you were younger?

Be humble. Looking back, I can see I was an arrogant teenager and young adult. If not outwardly so, most definitely inwardly in my thoughts and opinions. This led to embarrassing moments and mistakes early in my young career. Humility, which I define as thinking rightly of yourself and having an honest assessment of who you are and what you can do, is a necessary and critical virtue. For it is a key trait to persevering through inevitable failures and shortcomings in life, as well as nourishing a heart to serve and love others unconditionally.

In your school-age years, is there a person who had a significant impact on you? Who and why?

Mr. Schuessler, the band director at Center Grove. During my time he was assistant for the first three years and head my senior year. He had exhibited incredible passion for music and leading the music program that was contagious. It rubbed off on me. I took lessons from Mr. Schuessler because he played french horn himself. He was very influential, especially from a passion perspective.

What do you do in your free time?

Being in Colorado, I love hiking, especially love hiking 14ers, a mountain over 14,000 feet. I love camping, backpacking and hiking. Generally, I run, serve my church community group, stay active, skiing in the winter months. I'm a huge golf enthusiast. I was on the varsity golf team at Center Grove and still love to do that today.

What are some goals you'd like to accomplish in the coming years?

I am in the early stages of a few business ventures and am hopeful they will begin to find traction and add what I believe can be great, ongoing value to customers. Two big travel adventures next on my list are a backpacking trip through New Zealand and a golfing tour through Scotland. In general, a continuation of three main areas: 1. deepening my roots and growing in my Christian faith; 2. learning from the wisdom of others through reading and listening; and 3. increasing my circle of relationships to include view points and experiences different from my own.



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Dad's Day, Dad's Way

Gift ideas sure to bring a smile

FAMILY FEATURE

Finding the perfect gift for dear ol' dad may be easier than you think. Show that you've paid attention all these years and know what it takes to make him smile. From gifts that make practical tasks easier to accessories for his favorite pleasure pursuits, these ideas take the stress out of showing your dad how much he means. Add a simple "thank you" and a big hug, and he's sure to feel the love this Father's Day.

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Gear Up for a Good Time

Whether it's the thrill of the catch or the peaceful solitude that draws him, fishing is a pastime many dads enjoy. A true fisherman can never have too much fishing gear, so it's hard to go wrong. If you're uncertain about the specifications of items like rods and reels, focus on accessories instead. An assortment of lures, a new tackle box or a GPS device created specifically for fishing are all ideas sure to earn your dad's appreciation.

Get the Job Done

If one of dad's favorite places to spend time is the garage, a new set of tools might be just what he's looking for to finish up his project list. When a little home maintenance is required, helpful items – as simple as hammers, screwdrivers and tape measurers or more job-specific items like ladders, saws and power tools – can really come in handy. Or, if he's already got the tools he needs, consider a tool chest or work bench for optimal garage organization.

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HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

Father's Day, June 18, is an opportunity to show our appreciation for the advice dads give every day, even if we don't always follow it. It can also be a time to appreciate the skills they have and share. Students were asked to answer the questions, "What is one special skill your dad has? Why is this special? What are some examples of them using this skill?" Here, read some of our favorite submissions.

Wish the dads in your life a Happy Father's Day on June 18th!

Dear dad,

I really love when you draw for me. I appreciate when you draw for me because you teach me how to draw and I love spending time with you. I think it is special that you teach me how to draw because it shows that you care for me.

I think it is so amazing that you have an art major. I think it is so amazing because I know that I'm learning from a great and awesome artist! Another reason why having an art major is so great is because you can help me with any of my school projects that require art. Finally, having an art major is so wonderful because I can be proud of having an artist in my family. I also really love when you play "Luck of the draw" with our family. I like that because our family, you, and me are together. Also, playing Luck of the Draw with you is fun because doing art and having fun with my family is a great combo. Especially when you are playing. Finally, playing Luck of the Draw with you is so amazing because I get to see what you art is like while playing the game.

Lizzie
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Dear dad,

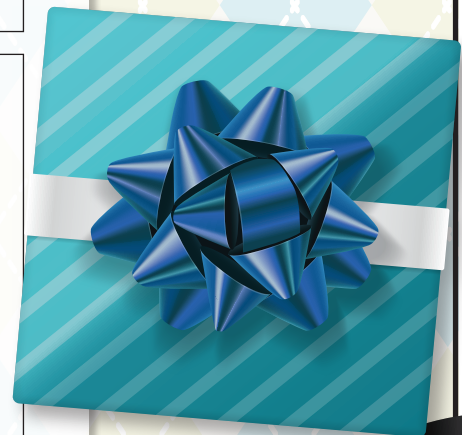
I really love when you build for me. I love your build play toys. Your treehouse is so much fun. I appreciate your building talent because you give happiness to me. You help me with making thing. But my most favorite thing is the treehouse. You built toys. That's your talent.

Nicholas
GRADE 4
Saints Francis & Clare
Catholic School

Dear dad,

I really love when you take me to the pond to go fishing. I appreciate you take me because it's fun. I think it's special that we go fishing because so I can get fresh air. I love when you catch a fish. Once you caught a wahoo and you hung it on the wall. Once you caught two fish. You all most caught 6 pound fish. I love when you help me when my pole gets stuck and when I need help catching a fish. When pole got stuck in a rock, you helped me. You taught me to fish using a rod. Your the best dad ever!

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Frizzell: Local students receive first-ever educator scholarship

Legislation - Local students planning to pursue a career in education are among the recipients of this year's Next Generation Hoosier Educator Scholarship, according to State Rep. Dave Frizzell (R-Indianapolis). Frizzell supported legislation last year to help incentivize top-performing students to pursue a career teaching in Hoosier classrooms. According to Frizzell, the Next Generation Hoosier Educator Scholarship pays \$7,500 per year for up to four years to students who obtain their teaching license and commit to teaching in Indiana for five consecutive years. The scholarship is available to 200 high-achieving high school and college students each year who either graduate in the top 20 percent of their class or earn a score in the top 20th percentile on the SAT or ACT. Recipients from Johnson county includes: Kara Nussbaum, Center Grove High School, Indiana Wesleyan University and Emma Wolf, Center Grove High School, University of Indianapolis. The 2018-2019 application will be available beginning in the fall. Visit LearnMoreIndiana.org/nextteacher for more information.

Greenwood hires Daniel Johnston as City Engineer

Development - The City of Greenwood announced the hiring of former HNTB project manager Daniel Johnston as the city's new engineer and director of community development services. In his new role, Johnston will build upon more than 17 years of experience working on federally-funded transportation projects to oversee the administration and operation of the city's Department of Community Development Services. Johnston will be responsible for planning, designing and monitoring Greenwood's infrastructure, as well as directing the inspection and oversight of city construction projects.



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1. Department personnel Brittney Thomas helps Gabriel Smola aim the water hose. 2. Residents enjoy the food while watching the Dance Academy Performing Co. performances. 3. Michaela Spoonamore tries on fire equipment. 4. The Indianapolis RC South gives remote control flying lessons.

Photos by Beth Wade

Fiery festival The 25th Annual WRTFD Strawberry Festival brings Center Grove community together

FEATURE

By Beth Wade

Many Center Grove and Greenwood residents came out to support the White River Township Fire Department at the 25th Annual Strawberry Festival on June 9 and 10. The money raised at the festival goes towards the department's Christmas Angel fund.

The local fire department hosted activities and games for the kids as well as fire extinguisher practice for the adults.

"It's always nice to come out and support our fire department," said resident Brent Michaels. "My kids love it, and it also gives them the opportunity to learn a lot about fire safety. They have a greater appreciation for the fire department because of it."

For others, the festival gave them the opportunity to see old and new fire emergency vehicles up close and see all of the gadgets and instruments the department uses to keep the community safe.

Center Grove High School graduates 582 students

FEATURE

Center Grove High School (CGHS) graduated 582 students on June 4 in the high school's Vandermeer Gymnasium.

One graduate, Parker Ferguson, plans to enter the US Air Force Academy. Another, Vanessa Kuechler, will attend Indiana University on an ROTC scholarship. Thirteen students have also shared plans to enlist in the military following graduation.

"This class has earned \$6 million in academic and athletic scholarships to continue their educations, which is exceptional," said Doug Bird, principal. "We are proud of the accomplishments of those who will be continuing their academic careers in colleges and universities in Indiana and around the country. We also take pride in those who have chosen to serve their country in the military after graduation. They all have bright futures ahead of them."



Among the graduates, 253 seniors received Core 40 with Academic Honors diplomas. To qualify for Academic Honors, students must meet additional requirements beyond the state mandates for a Core 40 diploma, including a GPA of a B or better, along with additional math, world language, and fine arts credits.

Twenty-nine seniors have received an associate degree in General Studies from Vincennes University, along with their high school diploma, through the CGHS Early College program. Forty-nine students received a 30-hour General Education Core Certificate, which means they met all requirements for general education courses at all state universities in Indiana.

Learn more about Valedictorian Ashley Varney, and Salutatorian Max Newport:

CENTER GROVE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL



Ashley Varney, Valedictorian

GPA: 4.864

FUTURE EDUCATION: Purdue University Honors College

INTENDED MAJOR: Biochemistry, pharmacy, or chemical engineering



Max Newport, Salutatorian

GPA: 4.821

FUTURE EDUCATION: Stanford University

INTENDED MAJOR: Engineering Physics

WHAT PIECE OF ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE UNDERCLASSMEN?

No matter what, put your interests first when it comes to coursework selection. Don't pick classes because they're weighted; take a class because it's something you're interested in. You'll get so much more out of a class you're passionate or curious about than a class you just took to help pad your grade. Colleges don't want to see all weighted

WHAT PIECE OF ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE UNDERCLASSMEN?

Walk with a purpose in the halls, and it is ok to not do your homework. Just be sure it doesn't become a habit.

WHO HAS GUIDED YOU THE MOST THROUGH YOUR HIGH SCHOOL JOURNEY?

I have had several inspiring teachers, including Mr. Lawson and Mr. Kominowski, who have helped me develop my time management skills, writing abilities, and love for chemistry.

IN 50 YEARS, SUPPOSE YOU WERE TO WRITE A BOOK. WHAT WOULD THE TITLE BE?

Friends, Family, and Faith: Things that Actually Matter - this is the most important lesson I've learned in high school, and I'm sure in fifty years I will still have the same view of life.

courses- they want to see someone who has clear focus and verifiable interest in their schoolwork.

WHO HAS GUIDED YOU THE MOST THROUGH YOUR HIGH SCHOOL JOURNEY?

My parents have been the most supportive people for me. I've never been the kind of kid that asks for help with homework, and my parents often let me handle academic work independently- when I have problems, I am the one that deals with them. But they instilled me with the confidence to be independent, and gave me the outlook towards life that fuels my dedication. They're both fantastic role models, and if I can be half the person that my parents are, I'll know that I've succeeded in life.

IN 50 YEARS, SUPPOSE YOU WERE TO WRITE A BOOK. WHAT WOULD THE TITLE BE?

I Know Nothing: The Guide to Knowing Everything

5 Tips for Active Summer Families

FAMILY FEATURE

Summer is perfect for staying active and spending time outdoors with loved ones, but the frantic pace of the season and overload of activities can take a toll on the entire family.

With a little care and pampering, you can enjoy summer to the fullest while still keeping your family rejuvenated.

EAT WELL. Food is fuel, and it's necessary to keep the entire family energized. During warmer weather, cravings often lean toward lighter foods, making it the perfect time to add extra servings of seasonal fruits or vegetables to the family table each night. Also remember to ensure family members are drinking plenty of water as extended time in the sun can lead to dehydration and dry skin if fluids aren't frequently replenished.

MAKE SLEEP A PRIORITY. Sleep is as important to your body as nutrition and exercise, and making it a priority

can be beneficial, especially when your family's calendar is packed with events. Sufficient, high-quality sleep contributes to a healthy immune system and helps repair damage done throughout the day. It also positively impacts metabolism and overall function while contributing to emotional and mental well-being. Most doctors recommend 6-8 hours per night for adults, and kids of all ages typically require even more, so work on getting into a nightly routine to ensure all members of the family are getting the rest they need.

PAMPER YOURSELF AT HOME. Once you've completed chores in the heat or spent time enjoying family activities in the sun, some simple pampering can be done at home to rejuvenate skin. Start with your hands, which are at the center of everything you do and often the first point of contact with an activity, whether it's cooking, gardening, crafting or aiding friends and family. The unique formula of Softsoap Hand Wash Plus Lotion liquid hand soap is

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TAKE TIME TO EXERCISE. Even a little activity can have a huge impact. The American Heart Association recommends at least 30 minutes of moderate-intensity activity at least five days a week. Taking time out of your family's busy summer schedule to go for a walk, ride bikes around the park or neighborhood, or play a game outside together can contribute to maintaining a healthy weight and feeling more energized.

SLOW DOWN. It's easy to spread yourself too thin, especially in the summer when there are often more activities requiring your attention and attendance. When you get caught up in



Submitted photo

trying to make the most out of every second of every day, it can take a toll on both your family's physical and emotional well-being. Slow down and take that well-deserved personal time - even just an hour a day - to do something you enjoy with the ones you love. Remember to take small breaks during activities to stretch or take a short walk to help relieve potential stress on your body.

Find more tips to make your family's summer a happy, healthy and stress-free one at softsoap.com.

OUR VIEW



Good news for grocery shoppers

Those who work and shop at Marsh in Greenwood may be breathing a sigh of relief this month. Topvalco, a subsidiary of Kroger, agreed to purchase 11 March locations, including the one at 2904 S. State Rd. 135, Greenwood.

It's always sad to see businesses go, and losing a company that has existed in Indiana for so many decades, since 1931, has been a bit upsetting. The Indiana-based chain that once had hundreds of stores under its operation, including Village Pantry and O'Malia Food Markets, is now down to 44. It has filed for bankruptcy and stated that it would close the remaining stores if it could not find a buyer. O'Malia's in Indianapolis, close to our White River Township border, already shut its doors.

In total, 26 Marsh stores have now been purchased by two companies. Good news!

While there is no information of what Kroger intends to do with the Greenwood Marsh location, there is now hope. Although there are many grocery stores along State Road 135, we believe that this particular Marsh is in a prime location, far enough away from large chains to potentially stay open. Until we know for sure, we'll await the news to see if this supermarket will remain in Greenwood.

Happy shopping!

BELIEVE IT!

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

In Washington, no person may walk about in public if he or she has the common cold. **SOURCE: dumblaws.com**

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Pig in a poke lets cat out of the bag

HUMOR

By Gus Pearcy

Do you know what it means to buy a pig in a poke? If you said paying more for something than it's worth, you can have a lollipop.

While studying my craft of writing (I know: when am I going to learn something?), I came across a warning of sorts. The advice was to avoid using clichés because they are a mark of a "lazy" writer.

That hurt.

My use of clichés is an attempt to connect with you, the reader, on a conversational level. Of course, there is no place for clichés in formal writing. I would tread lightly with clichés in marketing, but sometimes they just work.

Pig in a poke is a favorite of mine because of its backstory. In the days of King Arthur, con artists were common. With no cell phones or Google, these confident men (and women) would sell things that were not as great as described. (Think used car salesman.) A meat shortage drove people to do stupid stuff, like buy a bag (or a poke) of pig meat that was really the neighborhood tabby cat.

That's right, the shysters would sell a bag of meat with "PIG" clearly implied. Stupid commoners would buy the meat without looking in the bag. That's right, they didn't bother with verifying the

claims. Around the world, the phrase is translated as "to buy a cat in a sack." It's a secret, see. If the conned would have opened the sack, they would've have let the "cat out of the bag." Isn't that sweet?

All this to encourage business owners to be honest in their dealings. Build a reputation of trust and don't flame out by selling your version of a pig in a poke.

Nah, I just think it's a cool story.

Also, clichés are colorful and stand the test of time. My 10-year-old daughter referred to a "broken record" correctly, in spite of the fact that I doubt she's actually seen a record player or a vinyl album. These clichés have a way of sticking. I'll admit that meanings can sometimes be confusing, but the joy of connecting on another level is marvelous. Imagine learning a casual acquaintance had the same reverence for your favorite book. This would prove that you can't "judge a book by its cover."

Cliché on, I say.



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THUMBS UP THUMBS DOWN

To the three Center Grove Baseball players that won first at the All-Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference: Mike Wyman (First Base, Junior), Chris Foote (Pitcher, Senior) and Ryan Sauter (3rd Base, Junior).



To Isabelle Schoolcraft and Cassidy Hardin who were tennis doubles state champions!

To Sydney Clute, former center grove pole vaulter, who placed fourth in the nation on June 8!

To the Center Grove Bands on a great job during the "fundraising blitz" on June 10. Students washed cars and sold flags and mattresses to raise money.

To the number-one ranked Center Grove Boys Golf Regional Champs at Champions Pointe. CG shot a Regional team record 278 (-10). CG's Jean and Shepherd each shot 68 (-4).

To Express Employment Professionals of Indy South for its donation of \$5,000 to JobsReadyVets for winning Express' Impact Project Award.

To the Center Grove High School Class of 2017. Five hundred eighty-two students completed the school year, earning their diploma at the end and are off to whatever their futures may hold.

QUOTE

"All we have of freedom, all we use or know — This our fathers bought for us long and long ago."

– Rudyard Kipling
The Old Issue, 1899



Survey seeks Johnson County residents' opinions on transit

Input - Indy Connect's new online survey asks Johnson County residents their opinions about transit for their county. The input will guide community conversations this fall.

The survey is part of the transit planning process for Indy Connect - the partnership of the Central Indiana Regional Transportation Authority, Indianapolis Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and IndyGo.

Under Indiana law, Johnson County has the opportunity to put on either the 2018 or 2020 ballot a referendum regarding funding for a better transportation system within the county or in a specific township.

"We know it can be tough for people

to come out to public meetings to share their

opinions, so we're using this online interactive tool to make it convenient for residents to provide input whenever they want," said Anna Gremling, executive director of the MPO. "The best plans incorporate a lot of community input. We feel the survey will help us reach a wider variety of people in the community than those who are able to attend public meetings."

Street teams will be at various locations in Johnson County helping people take the survey this summer. Street team members will wear blue "Ask me about Transit" shirts and will be at shopping malls, libraries and festivals.

The survey can be found at talktransit-johnson.metroquest.com.



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- Drop the shot into the pint glass and drink.



EVENTS

Calendar


Father's Day Rose Ceremony Remembrance

• The free community event will incorporate an inspirational talking about the significance of rose colors, an artist illustrating a beautiful rose during the event, and each guest will receive a long stem rose. | Where: June 18, 4 - 5 p.m. | Where: Forest Lawn Funeral Home -Chapel 1977 South S.R. 135 Greenwood. | Info: (317) 535-9003.

Pork Loin Roast • The Greenwood VFW will serve pork loin roast, two sides, salad and roll for \$12 at the door. Afterwards is a Sock Hop with the Reunion Band. | When: June 23, 6 - 8 p.m. | Where: 333 S. Washington St., Greenwood. | Info: greenwoodvfw.com.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover • What do stuffed animals do at night while you are sleeping? Bring a favorite stuffed animal for storytime and then leave them for a sleepover to find out! | When: June 20, 6 - 7 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library ,1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org.

Cardboard Creations • Those in grades 5 to 12 can create a fort, creature or costume using cardboard. All supplies provided. | When: June 22, 3:30 - 5 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library ,1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org.

Freedom Festival • Festivities include a parade, local food, beer and craft vendors, and a kids zone. A fireworks show concludes the evening. | When: June 24, 12 - 10 p.m. | Where: Craig Park, 10 E. Smith Valley Rd., Greenwood. | Info: /greenwoodparks.

Hairbangers Ball • 80's Hair Rock Tribute Band. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 day of the show. Children 12 and under free. | When: June 24, 7 p.m. | Where: Mallow Run Winery, 6964 W. Whiteland Rd., Bargersville. | Info: mallowrun.com.

Landfill Cookie • Discover what goes into the landfills each day with guests, Recycle Johnson County. | When: June 27, 2 - 3 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library ,1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org.

Popsicle Stick Engineering • Grades 2 to 5 can test engineering skills by crafting a siege engine and a cork shooter out of popsicle sticks. | When: June 28, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. | Where: White River Branch library ,1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org.

Kevin Gregory's Weather Camp • RTV6 Storm-team 6 Chief Meteorologist Kevin Gregory will share about Indiana weather and the energy of storms. Geared towards students 3rd to 6th Grade. | When: June 29, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library ,1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org.

Welcome to Summer Dinner • Join the Social of Greenwood for an evening of entertainment and meal including salmon or chicken, rice, vegetables, salad, roll and dessert. | When: June 29, 6 p.m. | Where: 550 Polk St., Greenwood. |

Cost: \$20. | Info: thesocialofgreenwood.org.

July 4th Crafts • Celebrate America with patriotic crafts. | When: July 3, 3 - 4 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library ,1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org.

Lego WeDo Building Challenge • Ages 8 to 18: Take LEGOs to the next level with the LEGO WeDo 2.0 building challenge. Come ready to build and code your creation! This program is part of the Robot Tinker Tote. | When: July 6, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library ,1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org.

Space Lab: Drones • Ages 8 to 18: Explore your "Inner Astronaut" by engaging in experiments, projects and launches that are fun and educational. | When: July 8, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library ,1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org.

Teen Mystery Dinner • Unmask the villain during a dinner filled with murder, suspects, and clues. Registration is limited, so sign up early. | When: July 12, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library ,1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org.

Silver Star Scholarship 6th Annual Golf Scramble • The golf scramble benefits a scholarship program which supports a graduate of Whiteland High School each year who intends to enlist in the armed services, or is a child or grandchild of a current or past veteran. Cost per golfer is \$75, and four-person teams with sponsorship start at \$500. | When: Aug. 7, check-in begins at 11:30 a.m. with shotgun start at 1 p.m. | Where: Valle Vista Golf Club, Greenwood. | Info: Registration is open now until July 18, 2017, silverstarscholarship.org.



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On June 2, the Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce celebrated the relocation of South Grove Eye Care to its new location at 373 Meridian Parke Lane, Suite E.

New Art Gallery/ Art studio opens in Bargersville

Creativity - Local artist Dianna Porter, of PortalUnlimited, opened the doors of a new gallery/art studio space at 10 Plummer St. in downtown Bargsville. Grand opening was June 3. Art will be available in all price ranges, from \$10-\$2,500. Digital art prints and original art will be for sale as well as the work of other area 3-D artists. Dianna specializes in commissioned custom art and keeps her calendar full. Pricing for custom art

is available upon request in the gallery. Other creative products will also be for sale. Classes will be offered on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Monday will be a drawing class, "So You Think You Can Draw" and Tuesdays, a watercolor class, "Watercolor, Controlled Chaos". Go to portalunlimited.com to get more information. Classes will begin the week of June 12th. Dianna is an illustrator, fine artist, portrait artist, costume designer, and worked several years as an event designer. Her teaching experience has been in community enrichment classes at Garfield Park Arts Center, The Indianapolis Art Center, The Southside Art League and Michaels Stores.

Jordan Lewis joins Greenwood's Tomorrow Realty

New hire - Judy Hoeping, president, announced the addition of Jordan



Lewis to the Tomorrow Realty team. Jordan is a member of the Indianapolis Board of REALTORS, the National Association of REALTORS and the Indiana

Association of REALTORS. Jordan worked in banking for the past six years. He graduated from IU in 2015 with a degree in business finance. He is excited to serve and excel in real estate. His office is located at 441 W. Main St., Greenwood. Give him a call at (317) 881-6407.

Center Grove High School Principal announces departure

Opening - Center Grove High School Principal Dr. Doug Bird announced plans to leave his post. Dr. Bird will assume the role of Director of Summer Schools and Camps at Culver Academies. A search for a new principal is now underway. The hiring process for a new principal will include three phases: two rounds of interviews with administrators and a committee interview with staff, students, and parents. A job description, qualifications, and a job application are available at centergrove.k12.in.us/employment. Applications were due by June 4.

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From left, Brittany Shellist, Greenwood High School; Molly Jacobs, Greenwood High School; Molly Roller, Whiteland High School; and Sarah Eder, Rotary Club of Greenwood pose for a photograph after the students were each awarded \$1500 Rotary scholarships during its weekly luncheon at Crestwood Village South June 5. Jacobs will attend IUPUI, Roller will study at Butler and Shellist will attend IU, Bloomington

Photo by Rick Myers



JCPL Introduces Enchroma Glasses

Color enhancement - Did you know that as many as 1 in 12 men and 1 in 200 women struggle to identify colors? The Johnson County Public Library now offers Enchroma glasses. These glasses are designed to enhance color to aid those struggling with color blindness. For more information, visit pageafterpage.org.

Silver Star Scholarship announces charity golf scramble

Scholarships - On Aug. 7, Silver Star Scholarship will host its 6th annual golf scramble to benefit a scholarship program which supports a graduate of Whiteland High School each year who intends to enlist in the armed services, or is a child or grandchild of a current or past veteran. This event will take place at Valle Vista Golf Club in Greenwood. Check-in begins at 11:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Registration is open now until July 18, via Facebook and on Silver Star Scholarship's web site, silverstarscholarship.org. The cost per golfer is \$75, and four-person teams with sponsorship start at \$500. Silver Star Scholarship, Inc., is a non-profit organization, founded by SGT Joseph E. Proctor's Whiteland Community High School classmates, that seeks to promote both higher education and service to our country.

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At Lifetime Weight Loss Centers of Center Grove, we follow the Lifetime Metabolic Program for fat loss. Additionally, as part of this program we utilize **Genetic Testing** to determine the right plan for you. A well-known clinical study was performed by one of America's top universities, Stanford University, to determine if DNA testing was effective to assist in helping people to lose weight. When compared to other well-established and effective weight loss programs, those people that were on a meal plan that was specific to their genetic profile lost 2.5 times more weight than those that were not on an individualized plan. The science clearly speaks for itself. This is the reason why we utilize genetic testing to identify the best plan for you. This allows us to put the control back in your hands! For the rest of your life, you will know how to eat and to be as healthy as possible. The test is completely painless, non-invasive, and an imperative part of your focused lifestyle change.

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- I love watching basketball, especially IU and Notre Dame.

How did David do it?

BEST ADVICE:

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WORST ADVICE:

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COVER STORY

By Marianne Coil

As a poverty-level youngster in Evansville, Ind., David Wolf worked for some of the wealthiest people in the city.

He said he used to think, "When I grow up, I just want a small portion of what they have."

He began working for Helfrich Vending in the sixth grade. He cleaned and repaired parts and eventually drove a truck on company routes. He marvels that the owner trusted him to handle bank deposits of as much as \$40,000 in loose coins and currency.

Wolf said he even drove a truck before he had a license. "It was a long time ago – a different world."

Wolf's father died when Wolf was in high school, and his mother supported four boys on her wages as a payroll supervisor for a factory.

He couldn't afford tuition to Catholic schools, but he was the beneficiary of donors. "I don't know who the people were," he said. He graduated from Mater Dei High School and attended Indiana State University at Evansville, now the University of Southern Indiana.

During his undergraduate years, Wolf lived at home and continued working for the vendor. He also mowed lawns and painted and wallpapered.

As an eighth-grader, he'd decided to study dentistry. "I liked working with my hands and I admired my dentist," whom Wolf called easy-going, friendly, and involved in the community.

After college, the biology major completed his dental studies at the Indiana University School of Dentistry. Along the way, he met Anne Klausmeier, a Purdue-educated chemical engineer who worked at Eli Lilly & Co. After they married, she continued at Lilly for 11 years until she remained at home



Backed by faith

Greenwood dentist Dr. David Wolf works to benefit the global family



Above, In his role as a tube of toothpaste, Dr. David Wolf explains the functions of different teeth in the human jaw. Below, Dr. Wolf and Cathy Williams, dental hygienist, using the "Brushing Bear" to show the correct way to brush teeth. Photos courtesy of Perry Township Schools

with the children.

Wolf bought a fledgling dental practice that had about 150 patients, and when they moved to Greenwood, "I didn't know a soul," he said. By volunteering for many organizations, he enhanced the community's awareness of his practice.

First attending St. Barnabas, he helped to found the church of Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi to serve the expanding suburbs. At present, Wolf is on the board of directors of Roncalli High School and is instrumental in raising money.

When he reflects on the way he was helped as an impoverished youth, he expresses a need to give back.

"No Christ walks the earth now," he said. "It's up to each of us to fill those shoes."

Later this month, he will leave for Romania for two weeks on his 12th dental mission sponsored by Remember the Children. The location is in western Romania across the border from Budapest.

He learned of the mission through an acquaintance who brought critically-ill children to the US for medical procedures that required a preliminary dental exam to rule out infections.

Over the years, Wolf has made "hit-or-miss" visits to state-run orphanages he describes as "military barracks" with rows of children in beds. The typical treatments are extractions to eliminate pain.

However, on each Romanian trip he visits Christian foster homes, where he's able to implement preventive treatments and follow up on the next trip.

In addition, Wolf has gone on missions to Haiti and Ecuador. Stateside, his volunteer work includes seeing patients at the Wheeler Mission and the Gennesaret Clinic.

Wolf's contribution to health education in school systems is perpetual. In May he visited Glens Valley Elementary School to make a presentation assisted by a hygienist who works in his office. Dressed as a tube of toothpaste, he tells the children not to squeeze him because the toothpaste will come out of his ears.

Wolf uses a skull to describe the functions of different teeth in the human mouth. He also shows animal skulls and generates the most excitement with an alligator skull.

First, he asks the students what they think alligators like to eat, and the children suggest frogs and fish. And then Wolf says, "First-grade teachers."

Despite what could be an unforgiving schedule, Wolf takes his family to South Carolina for vacations, where he "totally vegs out," reading, riding his bike, and cooking fresh seafood. He said bringing in an associate for the office, Dr. Amanda Miller, has afforded him more free time.

His middle child, Joe, graduated recently from Notre Dame and will attend medical school. The youngest, Adam, is still at Roncalli, and the oldest, Andrea, recently married and teaches math and science.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Uncertain times require leaders to challenge status quo

EDITORIAL

By Mike Heffner

It's almost impossible to be in business today without feeling some uncertainty and things changing almost daily. I recently read Andy Stanley's Next Generation Leader and it helped remind me about a few things as I look to lead my team through uncertainty. One of the best chapters focused on acting boldly and with courage. I wanted to encourage others in the current environment to do the same. It also reminded me of the quote from Wayne Gretzky, "You will miss 100 percent of the shots you don't take."

My bet is your organization is like ours - sometimes we can be slow to change. Change is never easy and people resist it. We like the comfort of our current processes and systems. In order to move forward and progress, we must be willing to live in uncertainty and be willing to change. Andy said, "We must become better, more relevant, more disciplined, better aligned, more strategic."

Andy pointed out that what you are doing today was someone's great idea at one point. As a leader, we may have to be willing to let go of what was considered revolutionary. We have a tendency to stay with the sta-

tus quo longer than we should and then we see declining growth. Challenging old ideas that worked great requires boldness and a leader willing to take action.

Those that know me well know I can be the one willing to say what others are whispering quietly. Obviously this needs to be done with respect and I would be the first to state that when you are being bold, it can be an art to say what needs to be said and not step on some toes. But my advice is to be willing to live in that moment. I don't advocate change for the sake of change, but I do believe it's important to peel back the onion and make sure what you are doing is still the best thing for your organization.

Leadership requires courage and the willingness to deal with uncertainty at the risk of being wrong. Someone has to take the first step, make the first move and clear the path.



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Valedictorian entrepreneurs?

EDITORIAL

By Andrew Angle

Have you heard that "A" students work for the "B" students who run the companies owned by "C" students?

As an entrepreneur, non-Valedictorian and father of two, let me expose the flip side of the mantra that successful entrepreneurs were sub-par students.

Entrepreneurs are ambitious dreamers and do tend to be non-conformists. The persistent daydreaming and pursuit of business ambitions rather than the clerical busywork and goals handed to them by a teacher does tend to interfere with their long-term grades. Honor students are less likely to pursue the creative chaos of launching bold ventures.

Here's the less-celebrated side of reason that entrepreneurs were less than stellar students. Graduates with 2.9 GPAs have a harder time getting hired into high-paying jobs. When the corporate recruiter is reviewing transcripts and resumes, the 2.9 is less likely to be called for an interview. He/she is forced to settle for a lesser role for lower pay due to a shortage of options. After working in a less competitive job for a while and eventually deciding to move on, they submit applications exposing the same low GPA as before, but also a work history deflated by an underwhelming job title.

A student credentialed as valedictorian is graced more prestigious job opportunities right out of college. When they decide to go elsewhere, their next move is made from a higher step on the ladder. They may go straight into management and command a bigger salary.

Ultimately, the valedictorians get the

"Golden Handcuffs" of a nice healthy paycheck. Diving into an untested venture is harder to risk against such financial stability.

People who leave their jobs to become entrepreneurs tend to have a harder time re-entering the corporate world. Recruiters are suspicious about candidates who have gotten used to setting their own schedules while working from home in their jammies. It's harder to judge whether they will fit with a larger group. Without a peer work history, it's harder to measure their on-the-job qualifications against others. They haven't even been given performance evaluations by management.

Entrepreneurs are great for executive positions, right? Maybe. The C-Suite needs to know more than product, processes and finance. They need to be masters of the social fabric of relationships and office politics. Without years of daily experience among superiors, subordinates and peers, and having to get things done through time-respecting meetings, their fit can be dubious.

The famous drop-outs who changed the world were not dimwits or slackers. They rightly realized a bigger opportunity outside of class and went for it.

Lesson for parents: Don't shy away from Valedictorian nurturing. At least then they have choices.



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PEER TO PEER

Dress for success

EDITORIAL

By Howard Hubler

There used to be a saying years ago in the banker world, "I would hate to be the only banker in the room wearing a blue suit and black shoes, only to look down and discover to my horror that I had accidentally worn brown shoes." That used to be a funny because the fear was true! Today it is not a joke because nobody even understands what it means. Today, my banker wears a golf shirt when he calls on me and Rick Myers, my contact at the Times-Leader Publications, wears a suit. Go figure.

Well, imagine how I felt last month when I walked in the Fuzzy Vodka Indy Room on the 9th floor of the Pagoda at the track wearing my dated, fake black-on-black Fuzzy Vodka pit crew costume from seven years ago when everybody else in the room was wearing bright blue? For corporate America, this moment in time truly is what you call the sweet spot of corporate merchandising.

Fuzzy motioned up as I was inconspicuously staring out of the 9th story window. In his usual school-boy manner he said, so as not to make me feel out of place, "Who the hell dressed you this morning in that seven-year-old black crap? You know we try to sell sports ware here, don't you?" Actually, I was too stupid to have even thought of that when I was getting dressed that morning. I just knew I had this old stuff, it had Fuzzy Vodka written all over it, and it fit; to me that was a victory!

As we looked out the window, Fuzzy pointed out a large apparel trailer below with Fuzzy Vodka painted all over it. He

said all those people standing in line aren't ashamed to wear the 2017 apparel. With my palms sweating, I excused myself and told him I was going to be back in a half hour. He was a step ahead of me. From Gasoline Ally we could see a person running through crowd dressed in flamboyant bright blue headed to the fifth wheel trailer.

Moments later and out of breath, the Fuzzy guy was standing by Fuzzy's side and presented me with my dignity, my 2017 bright Blue Fuzzy official Pit Crew Apparel. I immediately, with 100 pair of eyes watching me, went to the men's lounge and put on my new seasonal sportswear! When I rejoined Fuzzy, the room exploded in applause and laughter. Then, in military fashion, Fuzzy took his hat and removed all of his Fuzzy jewelry and then affixed it to my hat and he replaced it on my head fitting it loosely in the approved and proper manner: the room then applauded once more.

I was no longer a banker in brown shoes. Later that day, Fuzzy team driver JR Hildebrand qualified for row two. Then last of the day, Ed Carpenter went out and blistered the truck for middle of row one. I had a nice tall glass of Fuzzy Vodka and lemonade and said this is a good day. I love corporate merchandising.



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17 - Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce (10th Annual Chamber Golf Outing); June 17, 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m., Sarah Shank Golf Course, 2901 S. Keystone Ave., Indianapolis. Cost: \$85/person, \$340/foursome. For more information, visit beechgrovechamber.org.

20 - Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce (Business Matters Luncheon); June 20, 11:30 - 1 p.m., Barn at Bay Horse Inn, 1468 W. Stones Crossing Rd., Greenwood. For more information, visit

greenwoodchamber.org.

25 - Franklin Township Chamber of Commerce (Wanamaker Old Settler's Days Street Fair & Classic Car Show by the Franklin Township Lions); June 25, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Downtown Wanamaker. For more information, visit franklintwpchamber.org.

29 - Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce (June Membership 101); June 29, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m., Chamber, 65 Airport Pkwy., Suite 140, Greenwood. For more information, visit greenwoodchamber.org.

29 - Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce

(New Tourism Director Welcome Reception); June 29, 4:30 - 6 p.m., Johnson County Museum of History, 135 N. Main St., Franklin. For more information, visit greenwoodchamber.org.

JULY

12 - Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce (Eclipse Marketing & Advertising Relocation Ribbon Cutting); July 12, 4 - 5 p.m., 360 S. Madison Ave., Suite 200, Greenwood. For more information, visit greenwoodchamber.org.

27 - Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce (2017

Chamber Golf Classic); July 27, 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m., Dye's Walk Country Club, 2080 S. State Rd. 135, Greenwood. For more information, visit greenwoodchamber.org.



FEATURE



Mike Miller will direct individualized and team programs at The Basketball Company in Franklin Township.

Photo by Nicole Davis

Developmental duo

New athletic facility in Franklin Township houses The Basketball Company and The Gymnastics Company

FEATURE

By Nicole Davis

As construction concludes on the Southside's newest athletic facility, The Basketball Company is already signing up new players of all ages for its travel teams and offering a customized, developmental training program for ages 3 to 18.

Mike Miller, the director, is originally from Lafayette, Ind. He played basketball in high school and started coaching the sport out of college. He was assistant head coach at Southern Illinois University before moving to the high school level. He has spent the last 29 years as a varsity head coach, for both boys and girls, at high schools throughout Indiana and will retire this year as an educator at Greensburg High School. Through the years, he has also coached travel and AAU basketball and been involved in a number of developmental programs.

Two years ago he decided to retire from the varsity coaching and focus in individual instruction and player development, primarily on the Southeast side of Indianapolis. While doing that, he was connected with The Gymnastics Company owners, Tony and Kim Dykes.

"Tony has had The Gymnastics Company for 17 years," Miller said. "He wanted to combine his two gyms into one big gym. We started talking and decided I would give up my business and direct basketball for him."

The two businesses will share the athletic facility on Franklin Road. The Basketball Company has two full courts and will have 12 to 15 paid, professional coaches on staff. The Gymnastics Company has 25-plus instructors. The building will have a pro shop and concession. There are plans to expand once the businesses have settled into the new building and grown in clientele.

Why did you open this business?

Tony wanted to combine his two gyms into one. He wanted to host gymnastics meets here. I wanted to be involved in it because it's a chance for us to develop a, hopefully, world-class teaching facility for basketball. That's something I've always wanted to do through all of my years of coaching. I even looked at building my own gym, but it was too much. Fortunately, Tony and I got connected and here we are.

What did you do to prepare for opening your business?

Right now, we're wading through all of the things that need to happen for this building to get finished. From a basketball standpoint, we already have travel teams formed. We have about 100 clients right now and are looking to add more. We formed teams. Those teams are practicing already. We already started with the instruction part of it. I've done things to set up future tourna-

ments that we will host, instructional and developmental programs.

Who is your ideal customer/client?

Enthusiastic, wants to do what it takes to learn basketball from the ground up and anyone who has an interest or desire to see how much better they can get as a basketball player. We have all kinds of programs, a standard program and then we individualize for each kid to get them to the next level.

How do you plan to be successful?

We're going to try to be a full service basketball facility. We're going to really focus on individualizing programs, listening to and communicating with both the kids and the parents on what exactly they need and what we want to give them. Seeing results and having people recognize that we are going to be able help their son or daughter move to that next level and get better as a player. We will serve people in every aspect that we can. We will have camps, clinics, we will bring in other coaches to have a lot of perspectives for kids to learn from. We're going to have adult leagues.

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

We are eventually going to add volleyball, too. Through his gymnastics, Tony has had a lot of interest in volleyball.



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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.

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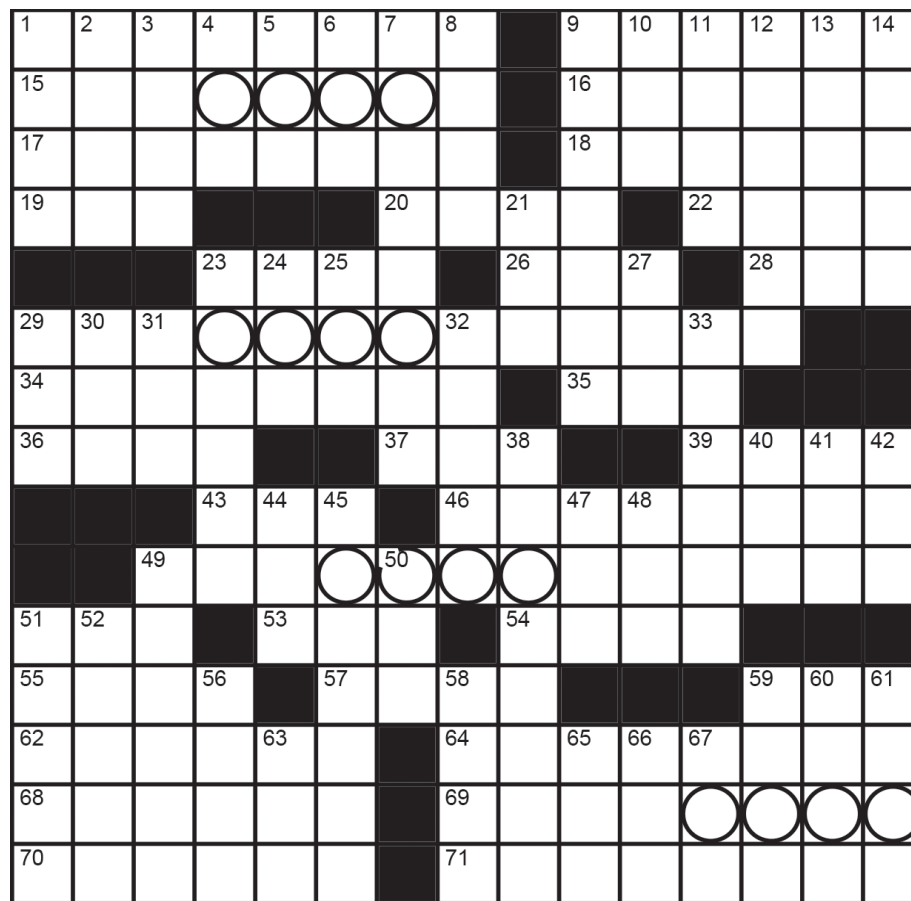
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9. Online newsgroup system
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16. Ichiban Sushi Bar robe
17. Ali superlative
18. Together
19. Stomach muscles, for short
20. I-80 payment
22. *Gone With the Wind* plantation
23. Morning host on RTV6
26. Finish Line shoe spec
28. Ex-Pacer Hibbert
29. It's known for its start-ups
34. Mexican resort
35. CPR pro
36. Johnson County shelter cry
37. Franklin BPOE member
39. "No ____, no foul"
43. Once around the Center Grove HS track
46. Downtown Indy avenue
49. Computer chip component
51. Greenwood-to-Shelbyville dir.
53. Delta destination from IND
54. Gangsters' guns
55. Big kid in an Indiana State Fair barn
57. IU-Purdue animosity
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68. Chef Lagasse
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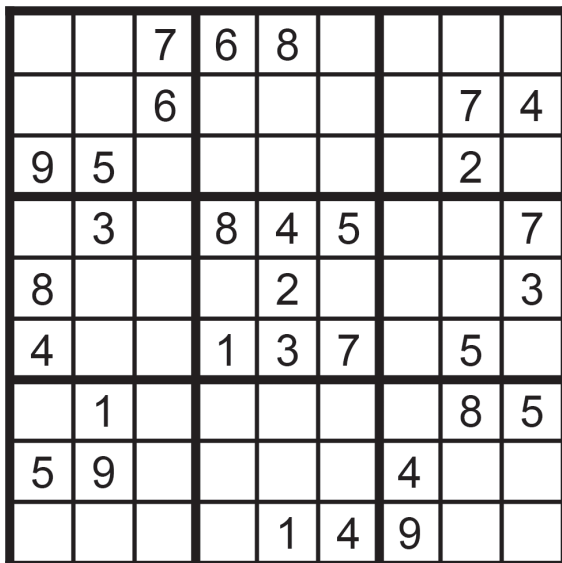
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4. Mamma ___!
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6. Fish eggs
7. Single occurrence
8. Concerning
9. Tiki Bob's instrument
10. Break a Commandment
11. Give off light, like an IU Health laser
12. Official signer
13. January, at El Rodeo Mexican Restaurant
14. WTHR morning show
21. Grazing ground
23. Broad ___
24. Post-ER place at St. Vincent Hospital



25. Holcomb or Hogsett, briefly
27. Hoosier National Forest tree
29. Utter aloud
30. Rocks, to a Tried & True Alehouse bartender
31. Lakers on a Bankers Life Fieldhouse scoreboard
32. Tom Wood brand
33. Indiana State ___ Commission
38. Regal realms
40. Independence Park picnic crasher
41. 2016 Olympics city, briefly
42. Hoosier Hysteria mo.
44. Center Grove Family Medicine physicians' org.
45. Hidden hazard
47. Nutritional inits.
48. Kind of instinct
49. Mariners
50. Browns on a Lucas Oil Stadium scoreboard
51. White heron
52. "Me, too!"
56. Sticky substances
58. Eye part
59. Nervous twitches
60. Big Red Liquors gin flavor
61. Remain unsettled
63. It's spotted at Indiana Grand Casino
65. ___ Patios Mexican Restaurant
66. Had ribs at Stone Creek Dining Company
67. "___ the season..."

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Inset left, Moffett proudly shows her acceptance letter to Hokkaido University. Photo by Erica Faunce Right, Mary and Chip relax at Ueno Park in March 2013. Submitted photo

Breaking Barriers

Center Grove alum Mary Margaret Moffett earns scholarship to top Japan university

FEATURE

By Erica Faunce

For most of her life, Mary Margaret Moffett has wanted to live in Japan. She and her husband, Chip, stayed in Tokyo for three months last year, which is the longest you're allowed to live there without a special visa. They loved it so much that they wanted to find a way to stay longer.

Moffett then discovered a bilingual program at Hokkaido University in Sapporo, Japan. Hokkaido is one of Japan's National Seven Universities, which are comparable to Ivy League schools in the U.S. Moffett has become one of only 20 students accepted into the program next year. She'll be getting a bachelor's degree in Modern Japanese Studies, which includes culture, history, society, and political economy.

"It's everything I'm interested in," Moffett said.

Her earliest experience with Japanese culture came in third grade at Center Grove Elementary School, where she and a girl named Tomoko Oshimoto were the only new students in class.

"She was my first meaningful exposure to Japanese culture and language," Moffett said. Though Oshimoto and her family moved back to Japan a few years later, she and Moffett have remained friends, and reunited in Shinjuku, Japan, in 2013.

Along with her friend Tomoko, Moffett credits her aspirations to learn about Japanese culture to Jane McMurrer, her Spanish teacher at Center Grove High School, where she graduated in 2003.

"Center Grove did have a Japanese program, but I was not able to take it," Moffett said. "She tried to encourage me to still pursue that interest. She's a really amazing woman."

McMurrer wrote the recommendation letter that Moffett submitted when applying to the Hokkaido University program.

Thanks in part to the encouragement of friends and mentors, Moffett now looks forward to the four and a half years that she and Chip will spend in Japan. On this particular trip, which will be their fourth, Moffett hopes to widen her understanding of Japan's vast and complex culture.

"I know that there's a lot that I'm missing," she said. "So to be able to have a better understanding of not only the language, but the culture, and the history behind everything, is going to be great."

However, Moffett knows that earning another bachelor's degree will be a challenge, especially since she's past typical undergraduate age. She worries that her perfectionism may become an obstacle once she begins her studies.

"Maybe these younger kids are going to be quicker at picking this up than I will be, but thankfully, I study really hard, and hopefully that'll be enough," she said.

No matter the academic hurdles, Moffett knows that her appreciation for Japan won't fade. She loves the great food, the friendly people, and the sights that you can't find in America.

Moffett encourages students of all ages to be themselves and to pursue whatever goal interests them the most. Though she spent most of her education shying away from bigger dreams and sticking with more "practical" ambitions, she now knows that Japan is what she's most passionate about.

"It sounds like kind of a cliché, but it's not too late to go for something that you're interested in," she said.

Peculiar and prevalent problems solved

TECH SAVVY

By Regina Miller

Every time I unlock my iPhone my browser launches even when I am unlocking my phone to do something else. What causes this and what can I do to keep it from happening?

This is an unusual problem. Typically updating an app resolves peculiar behavior and when it doesn't, removing the app and reinstalling it almost certainly gets things running smoothly again. In this case, I know from speaking with you it didn't resolve it. Upon investigation, the problem is really rare and not well documented, however there is a resolution. Try moving the icon somewhere else on the phones screen and see if the problem persists. You can also try entering the passcode, taking care to not linger too long on the last digit and avoid hitting it repeatedly. It seems the problem of an app automatically launching upon unlocking the phone is due to it being queued by the phone registering the phone being touched where the icon is immediately following the last digit of the passcode being entered.

them nor can I print to my printer that I could before. The other computers can still print and I do have Internet access on my Windows 10 laptop. What would cause this?

Typically the cause of this problem is because the computer in question has automatically connected to a different wireless network than is typically used. The first step is to confirm that the name of the network you are connected to by hovering over the network icon typically located in the lower right-hand corner on the system tray. Note the name of network and compare it to that on the other computers and the printer. Connect to the correct network with the Windows 10 laptop and try to access the other computers and printer again. This problem is becoming more prevalent as some Internet Service Providers have built in guest hot spots on their provided routers and many people have their computers set to automatically connect to available networks.



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I have been able to access my other computers from my Windows 10 laptop in the past, but suddenly I can't even "see"

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High School 1st place winner, Julia Dahl reads her winning essay to the audience.

Southside youth win Freedom's Heroes essay contest

Memorial - On May 16, local youth and their families gathered at the Forest Lawn Funeral Home Chapel in Greenwood for 'The True Meaning of Memorial Day' Youth Essay Contest Awards Ceremony. The awards ceremony recognized local students for their entries in the contest, which was established to create an educational awareness involving youth in Greenwood communities so that they can learn more about the service and sacrifice of their nation's veterans.

During the month of April, Forest Lawn Community Outreach, a program of Forest Lawn Memory Gardens and Funeral Home hosted this first annual writing contest titled, "The True Meaning of Memorial Day." Essay submissions were received April 1 through April 30, from students enrolled in Greenwood-area middle and high schools. Youth Essay Contest Awards Ceremony winners were announced as follows: In the middle school division, first place was awarded to Noelle McGill from Greenwood Christian Academy. In the high school division, Gleason Mappes from Center Grove High School was awarded second runner-up; Sophia Louthain from Roncalli High School was awarded first runner-up, and Julia Dahl from Center Grove High School was awarded first place.

Sarah Myers graduates from Grove City College

Undergrad - Sarah Myers is one of 606 seniors to earn their degree from Grove City College on May 20. Myers earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Communication Studies and is from Greenwood.

Friendships bring great blessings

DEVOTIONAL

By Pastor
Chris Philbeck

Social Scientists have long agreed that relationships are a critical component of human happiness. The importance of friends to our emotional well-being is clear. Not surprisingly, this is a truth found throughout the Bible. Psalm 133:1 says, *How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!* In John 13:35, Jesus said, *By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.* The Christian life isn't just a vertical relationship between you and God. We were made for relationships. In the early days of church history, some didn't think that way. They thought that if you really want to be spiritual, you need to live by yourself. So they would gather their books and belongings and leave town in search of a quiet cave where they could devote their days to prayer, fasting and meditation. Some didn't even bother to leave town. Ever heard the term "pillar saints"? They were called that, because they lived on pillars. Seriously. Symeon the Stylite was the first. He tried living in the desert, but crowds of people kept coming to ask him to pray for them to the point that he no longer had time for his own prayers. His response - live on a pillar. There were people around him, but it was easy to ignore them and focus on spiritual things. Sometimes he would lower a bucket on a rope, and people would put in bread and goat milk for him. He even persuaded some people to build him a bigger pillar, and eventually he was living on a stone slab 50 feet above ground level. From there he continued his daily routine of prayers and meditation. People could see him, but they couldn't bother him, because he was, literally, above it all. He lived this way for 37 years. He lived, surrounded by people, in total isolation. I don't want that kind of life and doubt you do as well. Friendships can be risky. I've been wounded deeply by people I thought were my friends more times than I want to remember. But at the end of the day, friendships are worth it because when you find friends that are real, they bring great blessing to your life. That's what the Proverb writer meant when he wrote, *A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity* (Proverbs 17:17).



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OBITUARIES

CENTER GROVE

Donald J. "Don" Bracken, 77, of Greenwood, died June 5, 2017. Don was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served in the Korean War. He was a retired truck driver for the Teamsters Local #135 and later was a school bus driver for Perry Township Schools. Arrangements were entrusted to Simplicity Funeral & Cremation Care.

Jill Annette Denny, 53, of Greenwood, died on May 28, 2017. A Mass of Christian Burial was June 3 at St. Mark Catholic Church.

James A. Meacham Sr., 85, of Greenwood, died on May 25, 2017. He was born on Aug. 30, 1931 in Marion County to the late William A. and Martha L. Meacham. He served his country in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict and was a Crew Chief of the 75th Fighter-Interceptor Squadron, 519th Air Defense Group. He was employed with Eli Lilly and retired after 33 years. He was a 50-year member of the Bargersville Lodge #679. Funeral service was May 31 at G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, 1605 S. State Rd. 135. He is entombed at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

James Edward McGee, 85 of Greenwood, died May 15, 2017. He went into the Korean War in 1952-1954 infantry. Jim spent 55 years working with Operating Engineers Local Union three as a heavy equipment operator. Memorial service was June 4 at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory, Greenwood Chapel.

Eugene "Gene" Nix, 94, of Greenwood, died on May 23, 2017. He joined the United States Army and served in the Korean War as an Army Counter Intelligence Officer. After being discharged in 1956, he began working for State Farm Insurance where he retired. Gene was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ, Green-

wood Rotary, American Legion Post #252, VFW, and Warrior's Hope. He served 10 years on the Greenwood City Planning Commission, 18 years on the Greenwood Park Board and 10 years on Indiana State Park Board. Funeral service was May 27 at St. John's United Church of Christ 7031 S. East St., Indianapolis. Burial is in Forest Lawn Memory Gardens Cemetery, Greenwood.

N. Carolyn Roth, born Oct. 13, 1922, died May 17, 2017 in Greenwood. Mrs. Roth worked for Perry Township Schools for 21 years. She was a watercolorist in the Southside Art League and a long-time member of Southport Presbyterian Church. Funeral services were May 21 at G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, 1605 S. State Rd. 135, Greenwood. Burial is at Mount Pleasant Cemetery on Morgantown Road.

Austin Lee Speece, 25, of Greenwood, died on Saturday, May 20, 2017. He was a 2010 graduate of Center Grove High School where he participated in the Greenwood Fire Department Cadet Program. Austin dedicated the next several years to Greenwood Fire Department as a firefighter and member of the GFD Honor Guard. He served as a Cadet Advisor mentoring young cadets. Funeral services were May 25 at Greenwood Christian Church, 2045 Averitt Rd. Interment followed at Greenwood Cemetery. GFD Honor Guard rendered full honors at the graveside.



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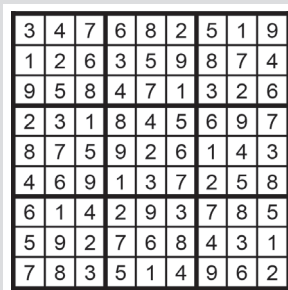
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Puzzles & Answers – SEE PAGE 22

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Jennifer Rakow

Center Grove Education Foundation Executive Director to wrap up her first year

Compiled by Nicole Davis

It's been a good year for Center Grove Education Foundation (CGEF) Executive Director Jennifer Rakow. After being hired to serve the foundation in August, she has gotten to lead the organization as it hosted its three annual fundraisers and gave away \$53,000 in grants during the 2016-17 school year: 10 professional development grants and 25 teacher grants.

"It has been a great experience," she said. "We are blessed to live in such an amazing community that is so supportive of all things Center Grove Schools."

Jennifer grew up in Owosso, Mich., graduating from Owosso High School. She finished her undergrad at Indiana University. Before having her children, she lived on the Southside of Indianapolis and worked with the National Institute for Fitness and Sport for five years. She lived in Tennessee for a couple years.

Jennifer and her husband, Derek, moved to the Center Grove area in 2003. It was a priority for them to find a good school system and purchased their house specifically so their sons, Chris, 19 and Cooper, 12, could attend the Center Grove Community School Corporation.

Jennifer worked five years at Saints Francis & Clare Catholic School in religious education and youth ministry before coming to CGEF in August 2016.

In the last year, Jennifer said CGEF has funded some interesting projects, including a 3D laser printer to be used at Center Grove Middle School Central, an incubator for a microbiology class at the high school, and supported extracurriculars such as robotics and choir. While things are going well, the board continues to

think up ways to earn more donations.

One such change will be the fall fundraiser. While the annual Toast of the Town has been a success, Jennifer said she and the board feel it has run its course. Instead, in September, the foundation will host a Casino Night. CGEF will continue its two other annual fundraisers: a Pacers Night and Gala for the Grove in the spring.

"Another focus we will probably make, while we are so thankful for the 30-plus corporate donors we had this year, I think we can do a better job at reaching out to the community. There is some untapped potential of giving from individuals in the

community... The Center Grove Scholarship Fund, a branch of the education foundation, does a phone-a-thon. We had students come

in for four evenings and had them make phone calls. We had \$28,000 pledged from individuals... That's a perfect example of the difference individual support can make."

Jennifer said they can reach more individual donors by increasing awareness of CGEF: making appearances at school functions, placing information in school newsletters and connecting with parents. CGEF will celebrate 20 years this coming school year, so Jennifer said they are looking forward to raising awareness by highlighting people that started the foundation and telling the story of how they helped CGEF get to where it is today.

Outside of work, Jennifer and her family are parishioners at Saints Francis & Clare Catholic Church. Jennifer will volunteer this summer for Habitat for Humanity of Johnson County's Women's Build.

Here, learn more about our July Center Grove ICON of the Month, Jennifer Rakow.

What do you consider your greatest virtue? My faith

What do you most deplore in others? Arrogance

What do you like most about living in Center Grove? Community support

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

If you could begin life over, what would you change? Life goes by quickly. I would take more time to enjoy the ride.

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

What makes you happiest? My family

What is your favorite vacation spot? The beach

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

What is it that makes you angry? People who think the rules do not apply to them

What do you do to escape from reality? Spending time with friends

What or who is the greatest love of your life? My husband Derek



Which living person in Center Grove do you most admire?

Erin Smith – She has an amazing love for this community and strives to give back in everything she does. She is involved in everything!

What is the quality you like most in a man? Commitment

What is the quality you like most in a woman? Strength

What is your greatest extravagance? There isn't anything that I spend a lot of money on. I consider myself to be very thrifty. My family might call me cheap.

What are your fears/phobias? Mice

What has been the happiest time of your life? Being a mom to our boys, Chris (19) and Cooper (12)

Which talent would you most like to possess? The ability to sing, as I absolutely cannot carry a tune.

What do you most value in your friends? Loyalty

Which historical figure do you most admire? Mother Teresa

What is your greatest regret? Wasting time worrying about things in which I had no control.

What tenet do you live by? Every act should be done with love.

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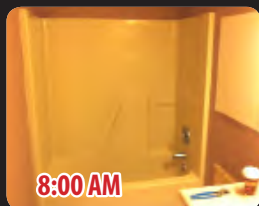


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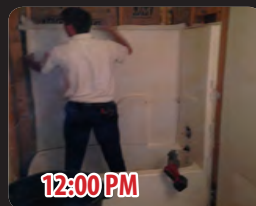
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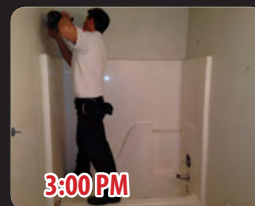
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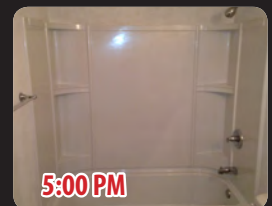
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