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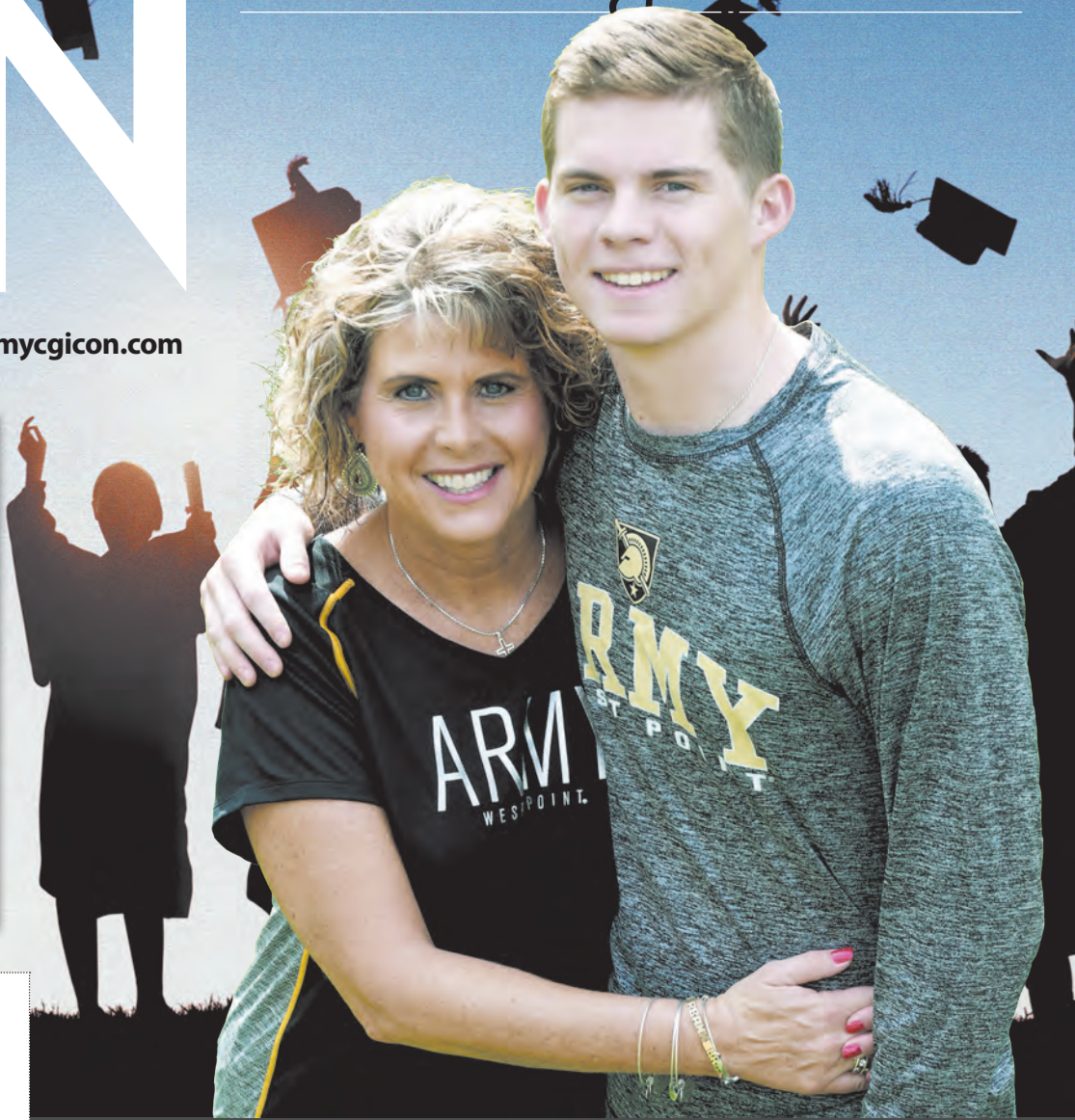
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Arts - Center Grove High School Choirs performed their annual Spring Spectacular concert on May 10 - 11. The performance featured numbers from the musical Chicago and about the city of Chicago. Performers included Sh'Boom, Sarah Anderson, Hayley Burgh, Victor Gichina, Morganne Keller, Alie Kryder, Grace Long, Kennedy Payne, Madeleine Russell, Glen Swaney, and Alayna Whitis. Center Grove choirs are directed by Jennifer Dice, Jared Norman and Greg Sanders and choreographed by Andy Haines, Anne Beck, Brandon Comer, Kennedy Payne and Jarad Voss. The concert was held in the Center Grove High school auditorium in the Hall of Excellence. Center Grove choirs are directed by Jennifer Dice, Jared Norman, and Greg Sanders, and choreographed by Andy Haines, Anne Beck, Brandon Comer, Kennedy Payne, and Jarad Voss. (Photo courtesy of Center Grove Schools)

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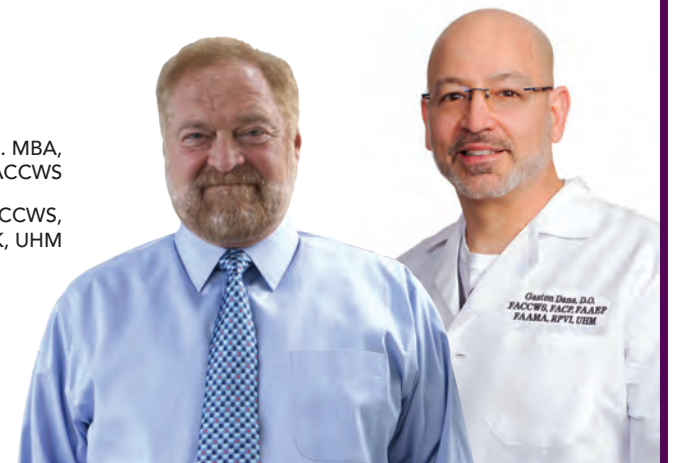
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Eugene and Revae Morris are Bargersville residents who have given so much back to their community. (Photo by Jeff Beck)

HISTORY & ARCHITECTURE

Meet the Morris family

By Jeff Beck

Eugene and Revae (Hilderbrand) Morris are residents of Bargersville who have given back much to the community. The Morris's have raised three daughters and one son, all graduates of Center Grove High School. Sadly, son Reggie died as a young man; the daughters continue to live in White River Township near the home they were raised. Revae also graduated from CGHS and is known as an active alumni member attending every alumni celebration since graduation. Eugene graduated from Union High School. Eugene served in the military and was fortunate to travel to our nation's capital with Indy Honor Flight. Check out indyhonorflight.org for information about a proud group of veterans and volunteers.

There are many memories of Eugene and Revae involved with their church. The Morris's attended Bluff Creek Christian Church, which is the same church my family attended. Eugene was a Bargersville farmer and one noted in the community as very progressive – he had good equipment and knowledgeable of modern farm techniques. Eugene served on the board of a local insurance agency, Farmers Mutual of Franklin Indiana; in addition, he served on the Bargersville Building of Loan Association.

Friends in need

My wife, Sharon and I lost our home on March 10, 1986 to a category 3 tornado. Eugene arrived at our destroyed home within hours. Eugene gave Sharon and I a check for \$5,000 to help with expenses. Our friend also found us a home the next day where we could live until the owners returned from Florida. I recall filling out an insurance form regarding items lost in the tornado. One item was for a sofa; we wrote down the value as \$500.00. Eugene added a one in front of the five. The reason, he stated, was because as time goes on we would ask, "what happened to our lamp/drill/shirt," etc. Cars lined both sides of our rural road in Bargersville;

people helped, encouragement and prayer. Eugene was our insurance agent but more importantly, a friend.

Revae was the Avon lady in our community. I recall many visits when Revae would stop by our home to talk with Sharon as a friend and offer opportunities to purchase Avon makeup and accessories, followed by a brief description of the products with no sales pressure. The visits were not long but friendly, enjoyable and most likely, productive. Revae enjoys family events and continues to help her family and enjoy the fellowship. Revae always had a large garden and extra sweet corn that she would happily share with family and friends.

Honest and fair

The swimming pool was also a draw for family and friends to enjoy. Revae, being a farm wife, helped Eugene with farm decisions and was the primary record keeper of the farm and insurance. Eugene and Revae are known as an honest, hard-working and fair couple in our community. The Morris's named their farm QUAD R, honoring their children. Revae is always a good source of community history. I recall that Revae's parents, Grace and Don, would allow JD Lorber and myself to walk their woods and play as young boys. Don would place a sign on a gate, sharing that cattle were having calves and that it was best for us not to play in the woods and creek... danger was minimal, but Don was always cautious about our safety.

I'm proud to call the Morris family Christian friends and neighbors. They are parents a little older and part of the senior group of WRT residents while still being active in family and community events. The couple has lived life well and are proud assets to our community.



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

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Bob Rohrman's **INDY HONDA** Athlete of the Month
Isabella Schoolcraft

By Rick Morwick

Senior Isabella Schoolcraft plays No. 1 singles for the Center Grove girls' tennis team. She has played it her entire high school career.

Well, almost. Asked to play No. 1 doubles at the midpoint of last season to benefit the team, she cheerfully made the switch and finished the year with no regrets.

That's because she was a state champion. "It was awesome," said Schoolcraft, who, with partner Cassidy Hardin, won the IHSAA Girls Doubles State Championship in June 2017. The state title was the first of any kind for the school's girls tennis program.

"We worked really hard the second half of the season," said Schoolcraft, who finished 14-0 at doubles.

But the payoff was for only one season. Schoolcraft is back at No. 1 singles and as a result, won't defend the doubles title she won with fellow senior Hardin, a Purdue basketball recruit who did not return to the team this season. But Schoolcraft is not disappointed.

Rather, she is driven to enjoy the same postseason success in singles she had in doubles. Not surprisingly, her objective is to add a singles title to her championship collection.

"I feel pretty good," said Schoolcraft, whose two losses thus far are against opponents from top-ranked Carmel and No. 5 Terre Haute South. "I think I could have similar results in the singles bracket this year as I did last year in doubles, so that's kind of my goal."

Center Grove coach Debby Burton is confident in Schoolcraft's ability to contend for the singles championship.

"Isabella's greatest strength is her pas-

sion for the sport of tennis," Burton said. "She loves the game, sets high goals for herself and is always striving to achieve those goals."

Because she has played No. 1 singles throughout her career with the exception of 14 matches last season, Schoolcraft has had little trouble readjusting to her familiar role.

"I believe her transition to doubles last spring was more challenging than transitioning back to singles," Burton said. "She has played a lot of singles in her life and plays a lot of singles in the offseason. Her success in doubles last spring definitely boosted her confidence, and I believe has helped her excel even more in singles."

Schoolcraft, who will continue her tennis career on scholarship at Valparaiso University, agrees.

"Going from singles to doubles, I had to work a lot with my partner," Schoolcraft said. "When you're playing doubles, you're doing a lot more volley but it was definitely a much harder transition going from doubles to singles because in doubles you're moving around a lot but you're not moving nearly as much as when you're on the tennis court playing singles. So, over this past year I really had to train hard to get myself back into singles shape. It's a lot more baseline. I'm hitting a lot more ground strokes than I am volleys."

Ranked No. 6 in the state poll, Center Grove is also bidding for the team state title. The Trojans have reached the state quarterfinals the past two seasons and are working for a breakthrough to the finals this season.

"It's going really well. We're doing really well," Schoolcraft said. "The whole team's been working really hard. Everyone's confident. We're all having a really good year. We're all feeling confident about where we're at and how far we can go."

Isabella Schoolcraft. (Photo courtesy of stadiumprographics.com)

THE SCHOOLCRAFT FILE

NAME:
Isabella Schoolcraft

YEAR: Senior

VARSI EXPERIENCE:
Four-year starter at No. 1 singles; played 14 matches last season at No. 1 doubles and won state championship with partner Cassidy Hardin.

INTERESTS OUTSIDE OF TENNIS:
Is active in her church and enjoys spending time with friends.

COLLEGE PLANS:
Will continue her tennis career at Valparaiso University and major in biology

FAVORITE TV SHOW:
Grey's Anatomy

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Center Grove News Quiz

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

1 What will Brett Boswell, the senior from Center Grove High School who was accepted into three military academies, study at West Point?

- A. History
- B. Teaching
- C. Economics
- D. Spanish

2 Where did the first Greek's Pizzeria open in Indiana?

- A. Muncie
- B. Greencastle
- C. Chesterton
- D. Valparaiso

3 What is Mark Landis' favorite restaurant for breakfast on the south side?

- A. Denny's
- B. Long's Bakery
- C. Yiayia's House of Pancakes
- D. Rise 'n Roll

4 What did the Morris family name their farm, according to Jeff Beck?

- A. Green Acres
- B. Quad R
- C. Windswept Acres
- D. Running Horses

5 What musical name inspired Center Grove High School's annual Spring Spectacular concert?

- A. West Side Story
- B. Chicago
- C. Singin' in the Rain
- D. The Lion King



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Left, Mom, Renee, with Brett. (Photo by Rick Myers) | Center, the Boswell family has been big on together time, including Center Grove football, church and spending summers at Lake Cumberland in Kentucky. | Right, twin differences: Brett and his fraternal brother, Brad, pictured here in middle school. Despite being twins, Brett was significantly smaller. So many people thought he was several years younger. (Submitted photos)

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Center Grove's Brett Boswell accepted into three military service academies and says his upbringing gave him the foundation to do it

COVER STORY

By Lindsay Doty

Ask Center Grove senior Brett Boswell a question and you'll get a "yes, ma'am" or "yes, sir" response. It's a conversation formality that was ingrained in the 18-year-old since he was a toddler, thanks to his mom, Renee. The hands-on mother of four (including twins) wanted to teach her kids to be respectful when they spoke to adults.

"Early on, from the time they could talk I really enforced manners. It wasn't just sometimes. It was all the time. 'Yes, ma'am.' 'No, ma'am,'" Renee Boswell. "I think my family thought I was a little weird because I would even have them say it to me because I was the person they were around the most. I figured if they learned to do it with me, then it would bleed over into other areas of their life."

For her son Brett, it has had an impact,

and that's a good thing because he will soon pack his new military-issued bag to begin life as a Cadet at the United States Military Academy this summer.

While going to West Point is a notable achievement, it's not Brett's only one. He is a member of an elite "triple admission" club of young men and women who also received appointments to the U. S. Naval Academy and the U.S Air Force Academy. He chose West Point after falling in love with the famed campus along the Hudson River.

Getting into just one military service academy is challenging (each one carries anywhere between a nine to 12 percentage acceptance rate, according to admission statistics). Getting into three? Yes, sir, that's rare and impressive. He's the only student from Center Grove to do it, and all three letters are proudly framed and displayed inside the Boswell kitchen at their Greenwood home.

"We were all very humbled," said Renee Boswell. "He said, 'I want to apply to all three of the academies because it's really hard to get in and very few people get into all three. I'm not boasting, but I am very proud of that,'" she said.

Brett is everything you would expect a promising cadet to be: smart, athletic and polite and he credits the solid values from his upbringing for getting him here.

"I would say it was strict, honestly. My parents always instilled in us to not mess with the bad things and keep your head on straight," said the aspiring military officer.

It's homework before play, with an expectation of A's. Church is every Sunday and family values are always at the forefront. His father, Jim, has a career in sales and coached the kids' various teams through the years on the weekends. Meanwhile, mom ran the day-to-day operations

at home. Both parents have been active in the Center Grove football scene with two boys (Brett and his fraternal twin brother, Brad) on varsity. Every Friday morning for breakfast, her kitchen was packed with a swarm of hungry Trojan football players.

Through the years, Renee provided that support and played the role of cheerleader, all while remaining tough on discipline. When they were young, she says a spanking was sometimes in order.

"Even some of the (football) coaches call me the wooden spoon mama because I have been a pretty strict parent," she said.

You could say she was tough on trouble but she big on love. Renee cherishes the child-rearing memories packed with giggles and snuggles. "I would just get down

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on the floor with them and love 'em and play with 'em, read at night, say prayers, tuck them in," said Boswell, tearing up over her digital photo frame rotating images from the years gone by.

The memories stick with Brett too, as do his mom's lessons, especially on the topic of sibling smack-downs.

"She would get mad at us and tells us 'you guys can't be fighting, you are brothers you need to love each other. You need to play together, not against each other,'" he said. "I think that quote 'play together not against each other' is a huge thing that has impacted my life," explained Brett.

The dream of attending a military academy was not a spur-of-the-moment thing for Boswell. In his freshman year, Brett was inspired after seeing friends of his older sister get accepted to service academies. He had no relatives who had served but was intrigued by the lifestyle. From that moment on, he has been consumed with the grueling admissions process, handling most of it on his own (with support of mom and dad) while balancing football and school. It's a process that

requires physical testing (football helped — he can do 20 pull-ups no problem), strong academics, volunteering, networking, academy summer camps and nominations from members of Congress.

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— RENEE BOSWELL

"When I started the process I didn't think I would get in. I saw other kids and thought, 'wow this kid is smarter than me, that kid is more athletic, this kid has a better shot. This kid is the president of this club and that club,'" he recalls.

But he's used to being an underdog. As a young kid, Brett was significantly smaller than his teammates and his

fraternal twin brother who is described as a football natural. While schoolwork came easily to Brett, sports did not.

"Brett has always had to fight for things. Everybody told him, 'well you aren't good enough to play football,'" remembers his mother.

After putting in extra time after practice and in the weight room, Brett proved the naysayers wrong. By the time he was a senior, he was a starting defensive back on the Center Grove varsity. He would apply that same perseverance to getting into a military academy.

"He's just always been one of those kids: if he wants to do something he is determined," said Renee.

Graduation is coming quick and then Brett will head to West Point in July where he will begin Beast Barracks - six weeks of rigorous training for new cadets. He plans to study economics and pursue a career as a military officer. Tuition is free in exchange for five years of military service. There's always a possible deployment overseas.

"I definitely think about being deployed, I mean that's why I want to do this," he said. "I want to fight for my country and our freedoms."



Renee Boswell. (Photo by Rick Myers)

Questions with mother Renee Boswell:

Best parenting advice you've ever received?

Not everyone thinks your kids are as cute as you think they are. You just want to raise them to be kids other people want to be around and tolerate.

Best parenting advice you can give?

Slow down and enjoy it because it goes by too fast.

Modern parenting pet peeve?

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Mount Pleasant Christian Church helps combat hunger in Cuba

By **Johnette Cruz**, communications director of Mount Pleasant Christian Church

Serving others is a core value of Greenwood-based Mount Pleasant Christian Church. Recently, members put that value into action by hosting a meal packing event to combat hunger in Cuba. The church partnered with hunger relief agency Pack Away Hunger to pack 400,000 Nutri-Plenty® Meals in a one-day event. The Nutri-Plenty® Meal is a highly nutritious blend of rice, soy, vegetables and 21 vitamins and minerals scientifically proven to offset the effects of malnutrition.

As a church, our main focus is to not only serve others, but make a lasting impact here locally and globally. Through our partnership with Pack Away Hunger, we're able to show the love of Christ with mission partner New Pines Seminary as they train church leaders and grow faith communities across the country. These meals will be a huge blessing to those in and around Cuba as they will be distributed to areas of need.

"We're proud to come alongside Mount Pleasant Christian Church in their efforts to support their partner church in Cuba. Proper nutrition is a critical part of the success of any community," said Pack Away Hunger Executive Director Larry Moore. "This event will allow congregation members and the public to engage in hands-on community service, and that leaves a lasting impact far beyond the meals that are created."



Mount Pleasant Christian Church members hosted a meal packing event to combat hunger in Cuba. The church partnered with Pack Away Hunger to pack 400,000 meals in a one-day event. (Photos by Kate Kerr)

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EVENTS calendar



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Symphonic jazz and pops outdoor concert • Greater Greenwood Community Band performs a symphonic jazz and Pops outdoor concert. The 80+ piece band takes the stage with a classic collection of symphonic jazz and pops music packed with nostalgia, rich rhythms, and beautiful blues. Your donations to help support the band are greatly appreciated, but, as always, admission is free! No tickets required. | When: May 20, 7 -8:30 p.m. | Greenwood amphitheater in Surina Square Park, 100 Surina Way, Greenwood. | Info: greenwoodchamber.com.

May Big Social at Mashcraft Greenwood • Join Big Brothers Big Sisters Of Central Indiana for drinks and socializing at MashCraft's Greenwood Location. Your first beer is on us! Bigs and BBBSCI supporters, 21 years and older are invited to mingle with other volunteers, share experiences and discuss ideas to build stronger relationship with their Littles. This is a fun, casual way to learn about BBBSCI's mission, meet other mentors in the program and network. Please note this is not a Match Activity. Please feel encouraged to bring friends or coworkers who might be interested in learning more about Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana and how to get involved! | When: May 22, 6 - 8 p.m. | Mashcraft, 1140 IN-135, Greenwood. | Info: Register at greenwoodchamber.com.

Outdoor jazz & pops concert • Greenwood Community Band performs a symphonic jazz and pops outdoor concert. Featuring special guests and vocalists, concert selections include "Harlem Nocturne," "A Salute to American Jazz," "Indiana," "A Scott Joplin Retrospective," "Buenaventura," "Embraceable You," "But Not for Me," "Someone to Watch Over Me" and "Star Dust." Refreshments will be provided by our sponsors. Bring a lawn chair, friends, neighbors,

kids and grandkids and maybe even a pet for a fun musical evening concert in Greenwood's newly renovated amphitheater at Surina Square Park. Your donations to help support the band are greatly appreciated, but, as always, admission is free! No tickets required. | When: May 30, 7 - 8:30 p.m. | Greenwood Amphitheater, Surina Square Park, Greenwood. | Info: Andrew Angle at (317) 496-4022 or greenwoodbandpr@gmail.com.

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THE TRAINING THAT COULD SAVE YOUR LIFE

Greenwood Detective Jason Grable is sharing a message that you need to hear

By Jeremy Dunn

On any given day, educators are performing balancing acts of monumental proportions. This takes countless hours of evaluating data, determining needs and lesson planning to create engaging and meaningful instruction for a diverse population of students, ranging in a variety of needs. Include the additional hours for professional development and extra-curricular activities and one can begin to realize that teachers



are displaying a talent that would amaze the most gifted of jugglers. Beneath it all lies one constant driving force: teachers love their students.

Changing times

Throughout education, this love for students is continually on display. Each school year hugs are given, tears are wiped and words of encouragement are shared on infinite levels. These meaningful actions prove that protecting students and providing a safe environment is a top priority for teachers. Unfortunately, protecting students is no longer limited to what to do if there is a scrapped knee, bloody nose, or unexpected illness. Educators now must consider how to protect students in the face of growing violent, terrifying and unpredictable threats including active shooters. Teachers that have spent their lives preparing to teach others how to find the answers are now seeking the answer to a very important question: How do we prepare for the unknown? One Greenwood detective may have the answer.

Developing a strategy

Detective Jason Grable shares teachers' priorities of protecting students and providing a safe environment for learning. A portion of his 21 years with the Greenwood Police Department has included serving as a school resource officer for Greenwood schools. As active shooters and other threats became a growing reality for more schools, workplaces and public areas, Grable had the opportunity to participate in a training geared toward providing law enforcement strategies to rapidly respond to public threats. Appropriately named ALERRT (Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training), the Texas State University program researches active shooter events to help create and establish the best practices for law enforcement and first responders to implement in the face of these growing threats.

During his ALERRT training, Grable was exposed to a variety of recent active shooter situations, including how they were handled and hearing from

those that directly dealt with them. "I was impressed by the trainings," Grable said, highlighting the importance of evaluating previous events to create strategies to improve law enforcement response. "These are constantly evolving trainings. No two active shooter events are alike. We always have to ask how we can get better. I am a student as well and always learning."

Educating others

While ALERRT provides law enforcement officers with best practices to respond to threats, it also noted the need for a response protocol for civilians and created CRASE (Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events) training. Grable was fortunate enough to participate in this and bring it back to Greenwood. "There is not a lot of training for civilians. Based on recent research, this is the best protocol and is specifically geared for civilians," he said. The Greenwood police detective is now preparing community members to respond to threats such as active shooter events.

CRASE training consists of a 75-minute presentation that outlines research-based strategies for active threat situations. The program focuses on the "Avoid, Deny, Defend" mentality, urging participants to evaluate their options and react accordingly based on a given threat. "Primarily, we want civilians to get out and avoid the threat when at all possible," Grable said. During the "Avoid" portion of his presentation, he urges participants to attempt to leave the area in danger as soon as possible, be aware of all possible exits and call 911. If avoidance is not possible, individuals should focus on denying an active shooter or threat access to them. This could be accomplished by locking doors, turning out lights, and finding a location out of the view of a threat. If no other options remain, civilians are instructed to be prepared to defend themselves and fight for their lives.

Grable gives high praise to the CRASE protocol. "It gives options," he said. "This response works with any type of disaster event as well." However, he feels the training's greatest strength is the 20-30 minutes of exposure it provides civil-

ians to the psychological responses associated with active shooter events. "It is phenomenal," Grable said. He went on to stress the importance of understanding the body and mind's responses to threats so that participants can be prepared if ever faced with an active shooter event.

A growing need

After recent events in Las Vegas and Florida, communities are starting to take note and value the importance of training opportunities such as CRASE. "When I first started, I was teaching this program five or six times a month," Grable said. "Now, on average, I am sharing these trainings 20 to 25 times a month." Many Johnson County schools, including all Greenwood community schools, Central Nine Career Center, Clark Pleasant Elementary and middle schools and Greenwood Christian Academy have participated in CRASE training with Grable. Several churches, libraries, and businesses have followed suit and asked for training sessions with the Greenwood detective as well.

Better prepared

The juggling act, driven by a love for their students, continues in classrooms throughout the United States. Teachers will work tirelessly to do what is best for students and provide them with a safe environment to learn. Fortunately, thanks to Grable's efforts, many Johnson County educators will be better prepared to uphold these expectations and protect the students they love so dearly if ever faced by threat.

For more information on Avoid, Deny, Defend, please visit avoiddenydefend.org.

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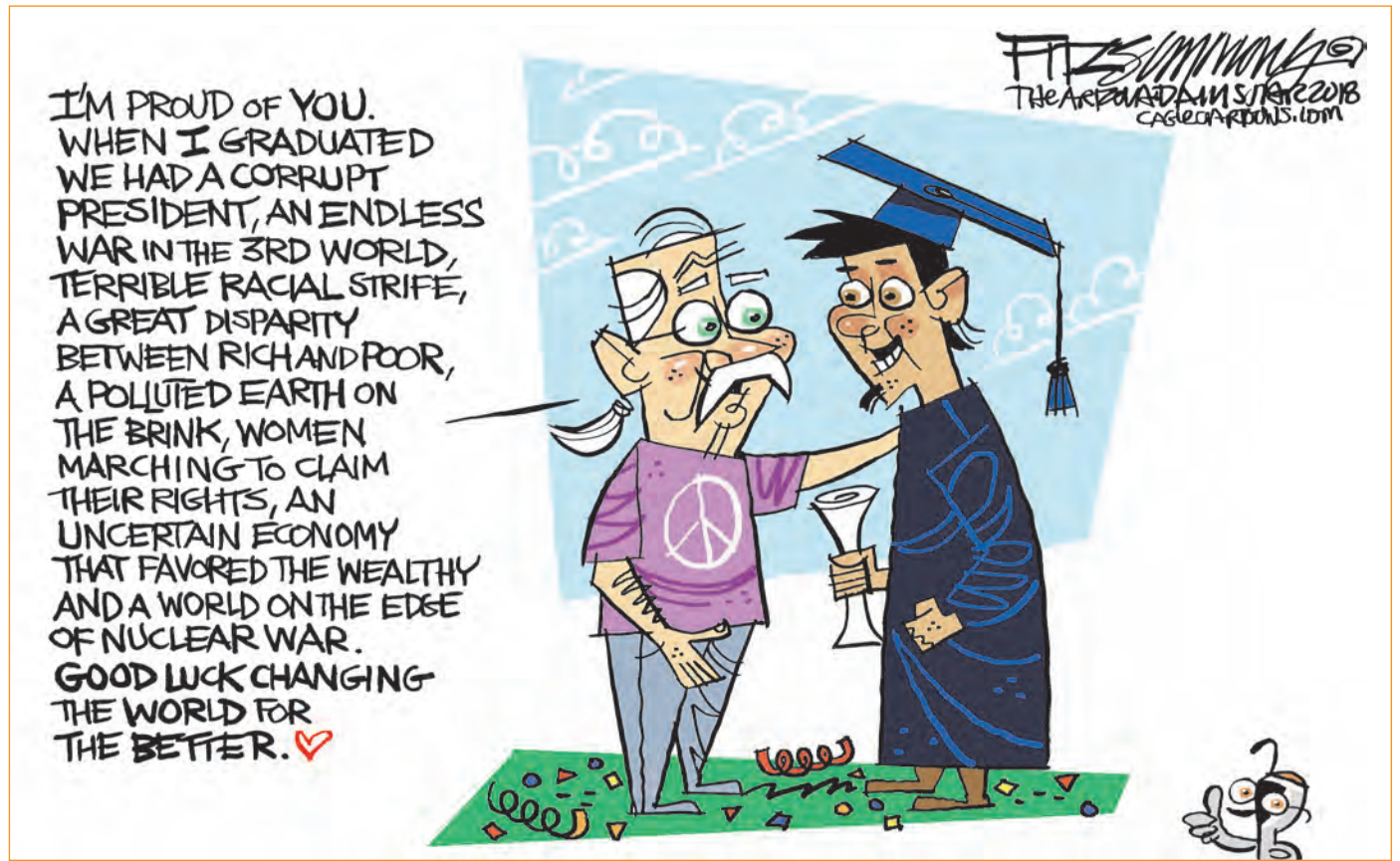
Raising kids in today's world

Parenting is a lot harder in today's world than it's ever been. When a teen would retreat to their room, a parent's worst worry would be that they may be watching TV instead of doing their homework. Now kids are glued to their I-phones and laptops. Social media dominates their time. Parents do not know who or what they are texting from behind closed doors. Who are they corresponding with online? Another innocent teen or a 40-year-old child molester whose "picture" and language indicate that they are the same age? How can you guarantee that your child will grow up to have a healthy self-esteem, respect for others and have the drive to be successful?

Good parents can tell you. Those who spend time with their kids, from teaching them manners, ensuring that homework comes first, bringing them to church each Sunday and spending time together on a camping trip or inviting their kid's sports team over for a meal.

Kids who have involved parents will have the skills needed to succeed in life. Congratulations to all seniors graduating this spring!

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Last man on earth hired

HUMOR By Gus Pearcy

Unemployment is reaching an all-time low, like 50-year low. The struggle to find a reliable employee grows every day. Yet, if you're looking for a job and haven't found anything, scratch that, been offered anything, it can really shake your confidence.

That's the place I found myself a few months ago. I believed I was doing all the right things: targeting resumes, composing upbeat cover letters, asking network friends for help and constantly surveying the market for open positions. Nothing. It drew nothing.

The most damaging aspect of marketing yourself is the investment. You must invest yourself in the possibility of getting a specific position. That's the only way you can convince the powers that be you are qualified and want the position. This entails daydreaming, imagining what you can bring to the table and, of course, the compensation package you need to bring it all together. When you get the "we chose to go another way" letter (if they even bother to send you that) it waylays your ego, let alone confidence.

Worse is when you get a nibble, perhaps even score an in-person interview, and you know you are a finalist. Not only do you

spend all that time researching the company, practicing your answers to questions like "tell us about yourself," or remembering the lofty accomplishments listed on your resume and cover letter, but you always feel like this could be the one. You can't help but visualize life after the job offer. When you don't get it, well ...

I love the terminology of the turndown. "We went another direction." Other direction? What? You're running away from me? I was so bad that you are seeking a diametrically opposed direction? I'm so glad I could warn you against hiring me. How did that happen?

As with anything, technology is supposed to help you winnow down the losers into a much smaller, manageable group of losers. Applicant tracking systems, the digital way to dispose of applicants without the right words in their resume, are the worst. How can you make a decision based on a computer analysis when the pool of applicants is getting smaller day by day?

Oh, and whoever thought applying digitally was better should be shot into an unemployment line.

What's the idea of creating a resume if the company requires you to rewrite everything

in their little boxes? And why ask how much money I want to make? Offer me a position and let me dicker with you. Why automatically discount me as a human if I want to make a salary I can live with?

These are the frustrations of career changers, the downsized, the replaced-by-technology hacks who just need a little recognition of their humanity.

It's a hard thing looking for a job, asking others for help. Even once you get a job, you start to wonder how desperate they are, if they hire an out-of-work-longer-than-a-year applicant like me?

Luckily, I was offered a good position and I'm working hard at keeping it. But there are many others like me who need your support, even if you can't help directly; just an encouraging word about knowing them as good people, can go a long way.



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QUOTE

"Lighten up, just enjoy life, smile more, laugh more, and don't get so worked up about things."

– Kenneth Branagh

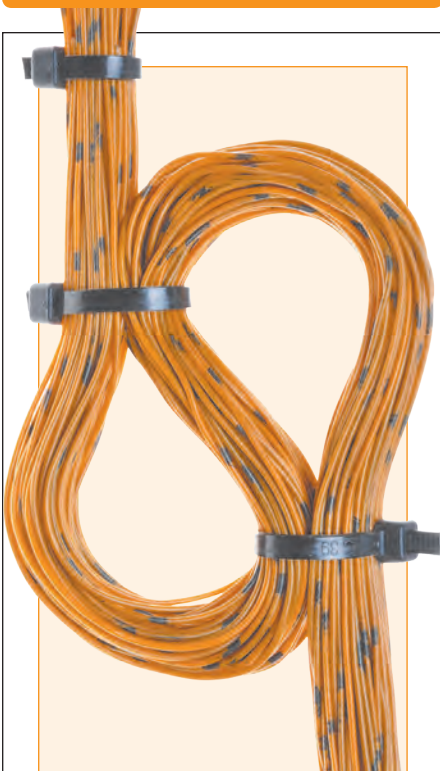
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Our nation has all sorts of arcane, nonsensical laws on the books. Each issue, we'll share one with you ...

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READERS' WRITES



Reduction requested in rate increase

As most have heard, the Indianapolis Power and Light Company have petitioned the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission (IURC) for an increase in the fees it charges all of us for the production and delivery of electricity.

Earlier this week, I sent a letter to the Indiana Utility Regulatory Service in my official capacity as mayor asking that consideration be given to reducing the requested rate hike.

My concern is for all citizens of Beech Grove, but especially those who rely on social security payments as their only source of income, and those who cannot work due to a disability and are on a fixed income.

Struggles to make ends meet can be very detrimental to the well being of us all. I ask the IURC to take in consideration those who are most vulnerable, the ones who may have to make choices as to what gets paid each month.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dennis B. Buckley
Mayor, City of Beech Grove

ICONICbriefs

Local optometrist named president of IOA

Leaders - Greenwood Optometrist Dr. Christopher Browning has been elected as president of the Indiana Optometric Association. Browning and other officers were inducted at the 121st Annual Convention of the Indiana Optometric Association at The Westin in Indianapolis. He has also served in other leadership positions within the organization, including president of the Central Indiana Optometric Society and as a trustee. Browning is a graduate of the Indiana University School of Optometry. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce and is an active Roncalli alumni and youth coach. Browning has overseen the Perry Township School District's kindergarten vision screening program for the past 10 years with the help of other south-side optometrists. Dr. Browning practices at VisionQuest EyeCare in Greenwood. The Indiana Optometric Association was founded in 1897 and is the only statewide organization representing the interests of optometrists. Doctors of Optometry are primary health care providers for the eye. ODS diagnose and treat diseases, injuries and disorders of the visual system, associated structures and systemic conditions involving the eye.



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Getting to know Tony Ardizzone...

- My favorite sports team is Notre Dame football. I like watching all sports, especially when my grandkids compete.
- I love to dine out with my wife, Judy, who I recently shared a 50th anniversary. It allows conversation we rarely have time for otherwise.
- I love to fish and hunt on a strip pit or a woods away from the hustle and bustle of city life.

How did he do it?

BEST ADVICE:

Give 100 percent in everything you do: work, sports, relationships, everything.

KEEP IN MIND:

I have been a coach my entire adult life: wrestling from 1965-2012; baseball from 1965-2016; from t-ball to college. Needless to say I use a lot of quotes. Teddy Roosevelt's Man in the Arena applies more than about any other: "The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena; whose face is marred by the dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly... who, at worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly; so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who know neither victory or defeat."

WHY I OWN A GYM:

My friend and partner Dick Nalley was an Indiana Hall of Fame football player and Olympic athlete. I had coached for several years so we thought we really had something to offer to the young athlete. We both enjoyed weight training so it was a natural fit.

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Continuing a legacy

Southside gym celebrates 40 years as single ownership

By Mark Ambrogi

In the fitness world dominated by Planet Fitness and LA Fitness, Ardizzone & Nalley Gym is a unique Southside fixture.

"Single-owner gyms like us are pretty much all gone," co-founder Tony Ardizzone said.

However, his Indianapolis gym, located at 8057 Madison Avenue, will start its 40th year in May.

Ardizzone, a life-long Southside Indianapolis resident, is in the process of retiring and turning over the reins to his youngest child, Joe.

"He's pretty much running it now," said Ardizzone, whose sister, Roxann, has helped him manage the gym for 30 years.

Partnership with Winter Olympics athlete

Ardizzone started his venture with Dick Nalley, who died in 2002 at age 47. Nalley, an Indiana Football Hall of Fame member, was a standout running back at Roncalli High School and the University of Indianapolis (then Indiana Central). He was a member of the 1980 U.S. Winter Olympic bobsledding two-man team.

Nalley started the gym with Ardizzone a year after graduating from college in 1977. Ardizzone, who was 11 years older than Nalley, was Nalley's coach in grade school.

Ardizzone's four children had turns working in the business.

"The gym has been a nice vehicle to make a little spending money, how to deal with people and learning responsibility," Ardizzone said. "But Joe is the only one that wants to pursue it and take it up a notch."



Left, Tony Ardizzone, co-founder of Ardizzone & Nalley Gym, has operated his facility for the past 40 years. Ardizzone is retiring and transferring ownership to his son, Joe. (Photo by Rick Myers) | Above, from left, original business partner, Dick Nalley, with Ardizzone. Nalley, an Indiana Football Hall of Fame member, was a standout running back at Roncalli High School and the University of Indianapolis (then Indiana Central). (Submitted photos)

The gym, in its current location for the past 25 years, is 4,000 square feet, more than double what it had at its first location, which was nearby.

Primitive start

"When we started we didn't even allow women, if you can believe that," Ardizzone said. "Our first treadmill was a manual one on rollers and a belt. We still have some of the same dumbbells."

With little sleep, the partners put the gym together in one weekend.

"It was pretty primitive to start," Ardizzone said. "Neither one of us was a businessman. We started with our own money and we didn't buy something unless we had the money to pay for it."

Ardizzone continued to teach and coach wrestling and baseball, first at Cardinal Ritter, then Cathedral and Ben Davis, when the gym started. He retired as a teacher in 2001. Nalley worked in the gym full time before becoming an Indianapolis firefighter.

The partners operated a second gym on the west side of Indianapolis, but it closed after Nalley died.

Ardizzone said the gym's emphasis was getting young athletes in the gym in the beginning, but then schools began using their own strength coaches.

"It's tough shedding that old image of a sweatshop," Ardizzone said. "Now we want a place that is comfortable for kids and women, for old and young. Some people have been with us the whole time."

All in the family

One of Ardizzone's sons, Michael, married Nalley's daughter, Megan. Ardizzone and his wife Judy's other children are Angie and Toni.

Joe is running Silver Sneakers classes for senior members.

"I'm thinking about starting a boot camp class," Joe said.

Joe, who has started a personal training business at the gym, has been working in the gym since he was 14.

"I'm trying to keep the legacy going," Joe said.

Joe said he knows his father is pleased he wants to run the gym.

"I care about our members," Joe said. "It sounds cliché but it's like a family in here."

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Second quarter job outlook

By Mike Heffner

As a small business owner of an employment agency I spend a lot of time talking to other businesses about the hiring trends. I wanted to share some of the results and my thoughts from a recent national Job Insights survey by Express Employment Professionals that tracks quarterly hiring trends. Express surveyed business owners, decision makers, and human resource professionals about the overall hiring trends in their markets and how they impact their hiring decisions.

First quarter 2018 optimism carries over into the second quarter

Optimism for 2018 remains steady with 91 percent of respondents who expect either an upward trend in hiring needs or to at least maintain current levels during the second quarter. Only 8 percent expect employment activity to trend down. In fact, 93 percent of companies represented in the survey do not plan to eliminate any positions in the surveyed segments during second quarter. Locally, with unemployment in most areas under 3 percent, businesses are seeing increased turnover and long delays in filling open positions.

The top segments hiring in the second quarter include general industrial labor, advanced manufacturing, administrative/office clerical and accounting/finance. Additionally, the segments creating the most new positions include engineering, marketing, IT, accounting and finance and skilled labor.

Talent with the right mix of experience and expertise is at a premium

A recurring theme across the past four quarters — access to skilled workers — continues to plague businesses. In a job seekers' market, businesses must go the extra mile and be more creative in the way they recruit top talent. Only 18 percent of respondents said that all of their positions are filled. Additionally, since the second quarter of 2017, the number of businesses that say it is "somewhat" or "very" difficult to fill positions has increased from 65 to 75 percent.

Survey respondents noted that the top reasons their jobs go unfilled include:

1. Lack of applicants in general (3 percent)
2. Lack of applicants with experience (36 percent)

3. Lack of applicants with hard skills (24 percent)

As the challenge of finding skilled workers continues to become more difficult, as a community we must continue to address the ever-widening skills gap. If this problem isn't solved, the forward momentum will slow our economy and I fear could slow growth, create inflation and force many businesses to fold.

Economic indicators show signs of improvement for stagnant wages

Despite the improving health of the economy during the past several years, wages for most segments of the workforce remained stagnant. This has recently changed. The tighter labor market, economic confidence and lower taxes are now driving up higher wages for many workers.

Over the next three months, 40 percent of business leaders expect wages to go up, an 8 percent increase over the second quarter 2017 and 59 percent expect wages to stay the same. Only 1 percent of companies expect wages to decrease over the next three months.

Many of the local business leaders I speak with have already taken steps to engage, retain and train the internal talent they have and think differently about how to recruit and find the best talent they need to grow. I am concerned about the businesses that are slow to respond to the necessary changes. Today's workers have choices and they are moving to the employers that offer the environment, leadership and competitive wages that they want to see.



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Facebook Privacy

By Andrew Angle

Having Mark Zuckerberg endure questions from a Senate hearing committee of lawmakers that have never wasted a single minute on the time vampire known as Facebook gave new meaning to the term "a nation at risk". You, I, and each of Facebook's other two billion users should be aware of the basics of online privacy. It's unfortunate that the opportunity to clarify the privacy risks of using what is arguably the greatest public exposé of your existence was squandered on such bad questions. The senators didn't know what to ask. The gazillionaire CEO did his best to answer.

One of three things should have been done differently. First, to alleviate the lawmakers' obvious lack of contact with all things digital, the hearing should have opened with Zuckerberg giving the senators a 30-minute on-screen demo showing what Facebook is. He could have explained how their billions of dollars are generated from micro-targeting billions of users. He could have shown users how to take control of their privacy. Second, the committee should have allowed Zuckerberg access to a keyboard

and mouse throughout the entire grilling. You can't just describe an on-screen app. You need to see it! Third, the lawmakers should have recruited digitally connected individuals to serve as panel surrogates.



What you should know about Facebook:

1. The Cambridge Analytica scandal is not about the company "hacking" Facebook. It's mainly a case where Facebook told someone to not misuse information they have access to but could not guarantee that they would use it ethically.
2. You CAN control your privacy settings. It's quite intuitive once you open the Settings/Privacy options page.
3. You can delete your Facebook profile.
4. Deleting your profile does not guarantee that things you publicly post will completely disappear. Facebook won't show it anymore, but you don't know who else might have seen it or copied it while it was shared.

Who scored the most points from the public spectacle? At the end of the hearings, Zuckerberg's net worth climbed by \$2B. You decide.

If you would like to know more about protecting your online privacy, go to southsidetimes.com/privacy-resources



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PEER TO PEER

A process by any other name is chaos

By Howard Hubler

My last column told a story about two Jewish deli owners who wanted to increase their business gross profit with no additional cost to them. They invented two words to be uttered upon handing the order of cold cuts or cheese to the customer. After some experimenting, the two words that emerged were these: "What else?" Asking this simple question to the customer at the right time drove daily receipts up by a half... and with no additional costs of sale!

I have gone to a submarine sandwich chain for years for lunch. There is nothing wrong with this place except that to make custom sandwiches one at a time to the customer's liking takes too much time for me at peak periods. As a process freak, I have stood in line over the years and put together a repeatable process in my head. Lo and behold, I went to a new brand of sub sandwich franchise for lunch, only to discover that they had stolen my idea, even before I ever uttered a word about it! "No fair" as they say.

Was this a coincidence? No, it was just that obvious that it had to happen; it was just a matter of when. The irony is that the new franchise will capitalize on this idea, and that idea should have rightfully belonged to the older franchise. Missed opportunity, as they say. Well, is this the end of the story? Nope, nope, and nope.

Well, by and by, I went back to this new sub sandwich shop. They are the process

freaks; they developed the new ordering process, right? Yes and no. As I walk in the shop, I see my speedy ordering idea placed on the wall of the store. You grab a bag off the wall and write your custom order on it and turn it in, streamlining the production process. I immediately knew what it was all about. However, not everyone is a policy wonk like me. Again, I was there at peak Saturday lunchtime hours. People would walk into the store making no visible note of the ordering process on the wall, and with no clerk available near the front door, they all just milled about, frustrated. Eventually, customers walked to the back of the store to ask the cashier, "What is the deal, buddy?" They would then be prompted to go back to the front of the store and see the "ordering wall". By now, there was a small crowd, all creating chaos. The net result was a time-consuming mess. Excellent idea, poor execution.



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24 – Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours: May 24, 4 – 6 p.m., 1255 Demaree Road, Greenwood. Info: greenwoodchamber.com.

June

6 – Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce Ascension Family Chiropractic's Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting: June 5, 11 a.m. – noon, Ascension Family Chiropractic, 181 S. Madison Ave., Greenwood. Info: greenwoodchamber.com.

7 – Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce Women Leaders Workshop: June 7, 7:30 to 10 a.m., Valle Vista Golf & Conference Center, 755 E. Main St., Greenwood. Info: greenwoodchamber.com.



OPEN 4 BUSINESS



Lifelong southside buddies Jason Tapp and Michael Harvey recently opened Greek's Pizzeria & Tapp Room, located on Olive Park Branch Lane in Greenwood. (Photo by Brian Ruckle)

Local owners 'Tapp' into pizza and craft beer

Greek's Pizzeria & Tapp Room offers craft beer in a place where everyone knows your name

By Nancy Price

Two lifelong friends have given new life to a popular pizza chain.

Jason Tapp and Michael Harvey have opened Greek's Pizzeria and Tapp Room in Greenwood. The high school buddies, both from the south side, teamed up to combine their education and experience in business and the food industry.

Tapp and Harvey, both Indiana University graduates, were very familiar with Greek's. The chain was one of Harvey's customers, and Tapp often frequented the restaurant as well. For inspiration, they traveled to Greece, where founder Chris Karamesines' family originated.

Karamesines' first restaurant opened 49 years ago in Valparaiso when he was only 17. Since then, Greek's has become well known over the world.

What's different about the new Greenwood restaurant is the addition of a room inspired by a name. The "Tapp" Room (yes, Jason's last name) was created to offer craft beer. The concept has been readily approved by residents of Franklin, where Harvey and Tapp opened their first location.

Harvey and Tapp encourage residents to visit and relax with a cold beer, mouth-watering garlic butter breadsticks and visit with friends and family. >>>

Why did you open Greek's Pizzeria in Greenwood?

It was a natural fit for both of us. Growing up in Greenwood, attending Center Grove and Greenwood High Schools, we wanted to provide something for the community; for our friends, for our family.

What did you do to prepare for opening your business?

We meditated day and night. LOL; seriously, we first had to have the vision, so walking the space, renderings, equipment needs... all of this first had to be "seen" by us... we are a big believer in seeing a path first, then we can execute it. We also had to prepare those around us. The restaurant business isn't easy, it's early mornings, long days and longer nights. Make no mistake; it is our passion. But that takes a toll on your family and friends so we wanted to make sure they were on board too.

Who is your ideal customer?

Everyone; pizza, pasta, salad and breadsticks are still the most affordable way to feed a family. Combine that with food fresh daily and at reasonable prices... and then you add 20 taps and over 20 wines.

How do you plan to be successful?

How does anyone? I can guarantee that no one goes into business to not be successful.

Entrepreneurs are a different breed; they hate to lose, they want perfection and they will work as hard as possible to get there. No one ever plans to not be successful but the fact is that it happens. We believe in the market – if people want us here and appreciate Greek's Pizzeria and Tapp Room 2 then we will be successful; it is that simple ... so all we can do is work as hard as possible for the people – they hold our success in their hands.

What would surprise us about your restaurant?

All of the pictures in the restaurant were taken by Jason and Mike throughout their trip to Greece... you can read more about that in our menu.

How would you explain your menu and atmosphere?

Classic Greek's Pizzeria ingredients and taste... we don't stray from what has been built since 1969. We do add a few specialty salads, sandwiches and pizza as well as desserts. Our atmosphere is pretty close to the TV show "Cheers." Although it's only been a few weeks we definitely have our regulars and it just feels like home — we know that's cheesy but it's a tight-knit community and we are now serving everyone Jason and I have grown up with so chances are whoever walking in knows one of us or a friend of a friend.



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WHY MORE AND MORE RETIREES AREN'T ACTUALLY LEAVING THE WORKPLACE

The idea of retirement may conjure images of leisurely days spent reading, pursuing hobbies and traveling. Today, however, many retirement age Americans are choosing to, well, not really retire at all. According to a U.S. jobs report, almost 19% of people 65 or older were working at least part time in the second quarter of 2017 – the highest rate of employment for the age group since Social Security benefits began in the 1960s. That number is up from 13% in 2000, and is expected to increase to 32% over the next five years.

So why are so many forgoing a life of leisure? People are living longer than ever – and so must support themselves financially for longer, too. Studies show the opportunity to stay physically and mentally active by working is just as appealing as the paycheck for many who choose to work past retirement age. Instead of being a time to stop working altogether, research suggests that for many retirement has become a chance to pursue an “encore” career, where they can both earn an income and do work they find personally fulfilling. A 2014 study by Encore.

org found that 4.5 million people between the ages of 50 and 70 have such a career, often with roles in public service or education.

A 2015 study of working retirees further supports these findings. About 15% of responders said they continued working because they enjoyed their jobs and saw no reason to stop. About a quarter of survey responders sought to achieve balance by working – wanting the income but also to maintain the social and mental benefits of staying engaged in a workplace. Another 15% of workers sought to give back and make a difference through their work. Almost 30% of survey responders needed to work for the income.

Whether you choose to continue working in your current profession, try something new, or enjoy a retirement filled with the hobbies and people you love most – there are many ways to stay active in your golden years. As your income can affect things like Social Security and Medicare premiums, just be sure to keep your financial advisor up to date as you determine the retirement that works best for you.

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How to change a joint account password

TECH SAVVY

By Regina Miller

My husband recently died and the passwords that he had recorded for our joint accounts aren't working.

Typically, the fastest way to gain access to your joint account is to reset the password. Some accounts will allow you to do this by following a prompt for forgotten passwords on their login screens, which will typically email a reset link to follow and choose a new password. If you don't have access to the email address on file things can get a little trickier. Fortunately, many accounts offer, and some even require, two-step authentication. This means that when you try to log in from an unrecognized device an automated service from the site you are trying to use will trigger an additional step in which you will be given a code by being called or a text sent to the phone number on file with the associated account. Next you will have to enter that code when you prompted by the site in question. This verifies to the company in their eyes you are the

rightful owner of the account. Once you have gained access this way, you can typically go in and update the password and other settings to reflect your contact information for the joint account rather than your husband's. For this same reason, it is important to have a passcode on your smartphone because if it were to become lost or stolen someone else could follow those same steps to gain access to accounts. This would be especially easy if your email addresses to those accounts are set up on your smart phone. For example, if you get notifications to your email that your banking statement is ready a person who could check your email would then know not only where you bank, but what email address you use with that account. That would give them two vital pieces of information to start the hacking process.



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Don't be so negative

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

There's an old saying: two wrongs don't make a right. The idea is (for example) if your neighbor wrongs you by borrowing your hedge clippers and forgets to return them, it doesn't make things better to send a large, unwanted pizza delivery to his house so he has to pay for it. Those two negatives don't make a positive. Also, it kind of makes you a jerk.

In English, two negatives actually do make a positive. Most of the time people don't realize that using a double negative (also known as a negative concord) in a sentence implies the exact opposite of the speaker's intention, technically speaking.

For instance: I don't got no time for that. The person saying this probably means that they don't have time for whatever “that” is, but by using “don't” and “no” in the same sentence, these negative words cancel each other out to imply that the speaker does, in fact, have time for “that.” In the same way, saying, “He's not going nowhere” implies that he is actually going somewhere. It's kind of confusing and to be quite honest, it's bad grammar. A nice way of saying this is the usage of double negatives in speech or writing is broadly considered nonstandard English.

Now it's time to introduce some complicat-

ing factors into the mix (like when, for instance, your neighbor spots you hiding in the bushes and spying on him while he deals with the unwanted pizza delivery). In many other languages double negatives are commonly used to intensify the implied negation. The two negatives create a snowball effect in the sentence, creating an emphatic, super negative.

Not only that but certain dialects of American English employ double negatives in their vernacular to the same effect as the foreign languages I listed above. I suppose if you're with a group of people who all understand what you mean when you use a double negative, then it's acceptable, almost like special house rules in poker. However, in more formal settings, double negatives should be avoided. When it comes to more buttoned-up situations (especially in important scenarios like job interviews and reciting wedding vows), you should avoid double negatives. After all, I think we could all benefit from a healthy dose of positivity.



Curtis Honeycutt is a nationally syndicated humor columnist. Connect with him on Twitter (@curtishoneycutt) or at curtishoneycutt.com.

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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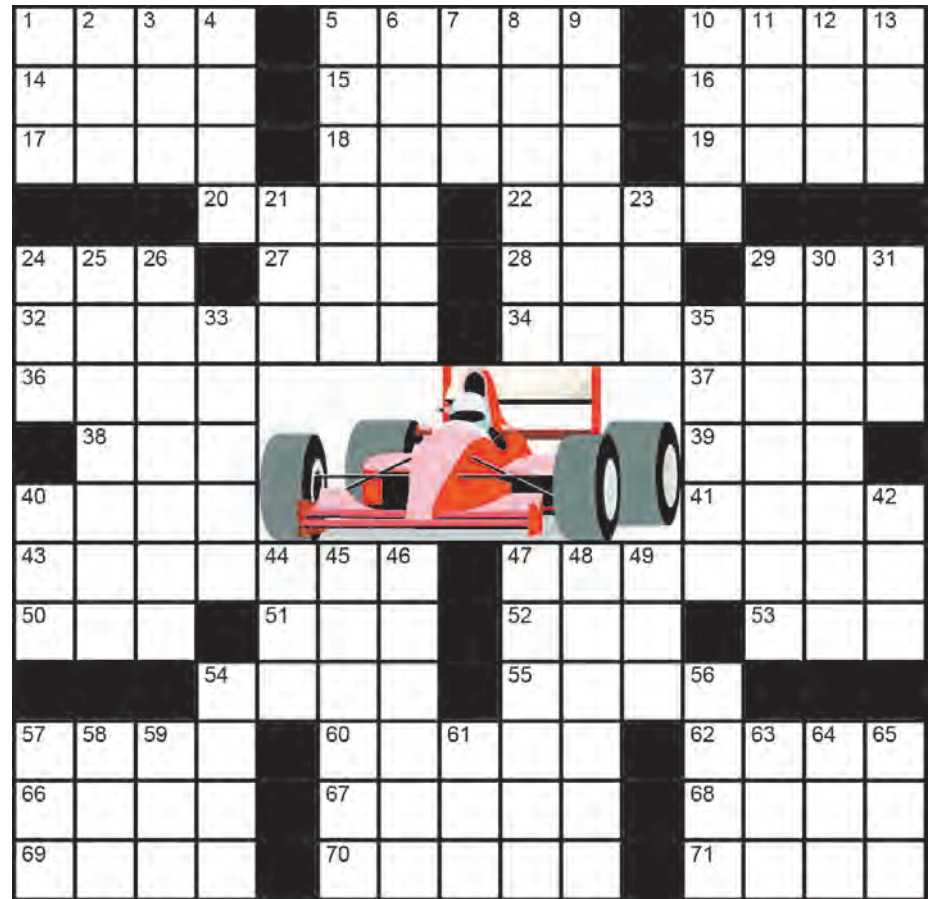
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ACROSS

1. First 4-time winner of the Indy 500
5. Family that has won the Indy 500 nine times
10. Only driver to win the Indy 500, 24 Hours of Le Mans and Formula One World Championship
14. Think tank nugget
15. Pet ____
16. Indianapolis Opera highlight
17. Tide type
18. Basic belief
19. The Bellamy Brothers: "My Indiana ____"
20. Seafood order
22. Hoosier Park racetrack fence
24. Hakky Shoe Repair tool
27. Barely manage, with "out"
28. Common Indiana National Guard address
29. Butler frat letter
32. Presided over an Indiana General Assembly committee
34. Type of gun at Conner Prairie
36. Dick's camping gear
37. Blunders
38. Soap ingredient for Indiana's Amish
39. VP Quayle
40. Colts kicker Vinatieri
41. China setting
43. Wool variety
47. Payless Liquors wine consideration
50. Center Grove HS lineman
51. In times past
52. Debtor's note
53. CGHS Library admonition
54. "Let's go!"
55. Soaks (up)
57. *The Sun* ____ Rises
60. James Whitcomb Riley's poetic feet
62. Area hotel: ____ Inn
66. McClure's Orchard fruit
67. Brown ermine fur
68. Carpet Country calculation
69. Winner of the rain-shortened 2004 Indy 500
70. Only driver to win six poles at the Indy 500
71. Winner of the 1959 and '62 Indy 500

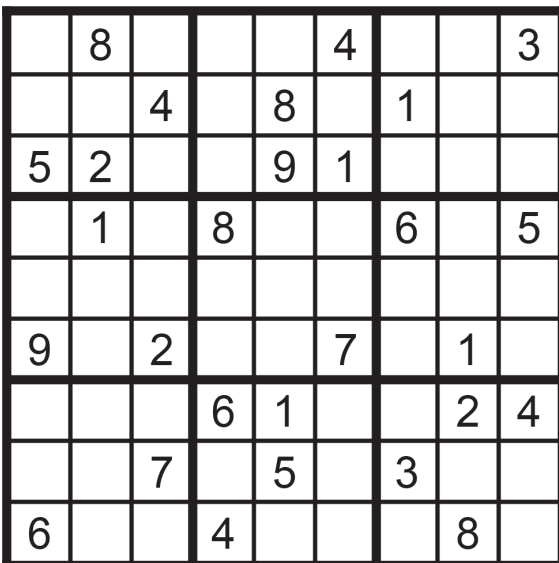
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1. Shark feature
2. "____ to Billie Joe"
3. City Council roll-call vote
4. Memorial Day solo
5. Slow on the ____ (thickheaded)
6. Vital
7. Todd Young pos.
8. Extremely
9. Keep
10. IU's Assembly ____



11. BMO Harris offering, for short
12. Pot top at Ruth's Chris
13. Put down
21. James Taylor: "____ Town Too"
23. Fury
24. Perform with the Buck Creek Players
25. 2011 Indy 500 champ
26. Cord worn around the neck to hold an Indy 500 pass
29. Expresses in words
30. 2006 Indy 500 winner who bought a 1918 motorcycle on eBay
31. Tom Carnegie: "____ a new track record!"
33. Agenda entries
35. Alternative to a convertible at Bob Rohrman's Indy Honda
40. Shock's partner
42. Indianapolis Indians bat wood
44. Scottish cap
45. It's all about me, me, me
46. Support Gleaners Food Bank
47. Prevent from practicing law
48. Fowl poles
49. "You betcha"
54. Apple leftover
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57. Indy Komen Race For the Cure mo.
58. Tiki Bob's garland
59. Greenwood subdivision feature: cul de ____
61. Extinct kin of the kiwi
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65. Singing the blues

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OBITUARIES

CENTER GROVE

Rita F. Bratcher

Rita F. Bratcher, 88, of Greenwood died April 23, 2018. Rita was born to the late Charles E. & Josephine C. (Merl) Trefry on Jan. 6, 1930 in Indianapolis. Rita was preceded in death by husband, Earl Bratcher; children, Thomas Michael Ross, Cynthia Hart, Reda Duncan; brothers, Jim Trefry and Ted Trefry. She is survived by children, Patrick (Shirley) Ross, Teresa (Tony) Saltsman, Beth (Steven) Harrigan, Thomas (Beth) Bratcher, Stephanie Ross, Tony (Martha) Bratcher, Charles (Becky) Ross; sister, Jo-Ellen (William) Warfield; 20 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. Visitation was April 27 at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory. A celebration of Rita's life was held April 28 at the funeral home. She was buried at Greenwood Cemetery.



Arthur P. Brown

Arthur P. Brown, 78, of Greenwood, died April 13, 2018. He was born on May 5, 1939 to Walter and Goldus Brown. He married Donna Brown on July 13, 1956. Art worked for Balkamp for 46 years and retired as the vice president of operations. He was the president of United Way, a board member of the Cottonlandia Museum, president of the Rotary club, a board member of Girl Scouts of America and a member of the local archaeology team. Services were held at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory. A private graveside service was held.

Margaret B. Smith

Margaret B. Smith 99, of Greenwood, died April 13, 2018. Margaret was born on Dec. 22, 1918 in Rushville to the late James & Jane (McGrath) Duffy and was a graduate of Rushville High School. She worked as a bookkeeper and later as an accountant for the IRS, from which she retired after years of service. Margaret was preceded in death by her husband of nearly 56 years, Harold A. Smith. She was also preceded in death by two brothers and four sisters. Margaret is survived by her children, Harold (Jane) Smith, Jr., Peggy (Mark) Raibley, Kathy (Ber-

nie) Weimer, Patrick (Mary) Smith and Daniel (Maria) Smith, nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Services were held April 19 at Our Lady of The Greenwood Catholic Church. Burial was held at Calvary Cemetery.

Betty L. Stewart

Betty L. Stewart, 94, of Greenwood, died May 6, 2018. She was preceded in death by husband, Robert L. Stewart. Betty is survived by children, Nancy Harper, Linda Majek, Bradley J. Stewart; three grandchildren; and one great-grandson. Visitation was May 11 at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory preceding a funeral service held May 12.

Florence DeGroot Via

Florence DeGroot Via, 91, of Greenwood died April 30, 2018. Florence started working at Indiana Bell Telephone Company after graduating Avon High School. She worked there for 38 years and retired in February 1983. Florence was preceded in death by husband, Wilton A., in 1987. She is survived by her daughter, Georgia (Joe) Bottorff; three sisters, Alberta Bradley, Pauline Stapert, Eveline DeGroot and a brother, Jacob

DeGroot; three grandchildren, Heather Bottorff, Christopher (Amber) Bottorff, Nathaniel Christian (Kim Bohnet) Bottorff; five great-grandchildren, Bailey, Brandon and Blake Scott, Seth and Gideon Bottorff. Services were held May 3 at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory. Burial was held at Mooresville Cemetery.

Virginia K. Zorman

Virginia K. Zorman, 90, of Greenwood, died April 30, 2018. She was born to the late Edward and Ernestine (Kidd) Strain on July 10, 1927 in Indianapolis. Virginia worked for Perry Townships Schools Corporation as a treasurer and was a member of Southport Presbyterian Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Zorman; and two brothers, Tommy and Ronald Strain. She is survived by her children, Richard (Teresa) Zorman, Randall (Patricia) Zorman, Jeffrey (Beth) Zorman; a brother, Edward Strain; eight granddaughters and four great-grandchildren. Visitation was held May 3 at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory preceding a celebration of Virginia's life on May 4. Burial was held at Greenwood Cemetery.

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A God of provision

DEVOTIONAL

By Pastor
Chris Philbeck

One of the most well-known miracles in the Gospels is The Feeding of the 5,000 (Matthew 14:13-21). One of the great lessons or "truths" we learn from this miracle is that God is a God of provision. In Matthew's account we're told that after a full day of healing the disciples wanted to send the crowd away so they could buy food. But Jesus said in Matthew 14:16, *They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat.* The disciples protested because all they had were five loaves of bread and two fish. But Jesus took that small amount of food, gave thanks and then gave it to the disciples to distribute. In the end, not only was everyone fed, but there were 12 basketfuls of bread left over. Now there is a strong lesson here related to the provision of God. When we're faced with a need, maybe even a huge need, one of the first things we should do is identify what we have, offer it up to God and then trust Him for the provision. That may sound overly simplistic, but isn't that what happened in this story? Years ago (the 1980s) my wife and I bought our first house in Houston. It was a small house and soon when our children were born it was too small. The oil industry had gone bust and our neighborhood was filled with

abandoned homes driving the values down. We ended up selling the house at a loss which was disappointing. I wanted so badly to be able to buy another home for my family, but we were starting all over. I crunched the numbers and realized I only had \$30 a week that I could save toward a new house. Now, honestly, that doesn't sound like enough to make a difference, but I deposited that \$30 in a savings account every week, all the while praying for the opportunity to purchase a new home. Sometime later we moved to Oklahoma to serve a new church and out of the blue, God provided some extra funds in an unexpected way that when added to the amount we had saved provided enough for a down payment on a new home that we lived in and enjoyed for 10 years. And it all began with \$30 a week. God is a God of provision and when we are in need we can sometimes set that provision in motion by identifying what we have, offering it to Him and trusting Him to do the rest.



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Center Grove awards teacher of year

Schools - Center Grove Middle School Central seventh grade social studies teacher Gary Robinson is the Center Grove Community School Corporation Teacher of the Year. The top honor was announced at Center Grove's 2018 Teacher Celebration held in the Center Grove High School auditorium on May

1. Robinson has been a teacher for 40 years. The overall district Teacher of the Year is chosen by a Franklin College committee from the Teachers of the Year selected by each building. Along with the district's Teacher of the Year award, each school's Teacher of the Year winner and Legacy Award winners were also recognized. Additional information about the award winners and photos from the evening are available at centergrove.k12.in.us/teacherawards.



Puntarelli wins St. Vincent Spirit of Caring award

Awards - Roncalli High School Dean of Students, Tim Puntarelli, was the first recipient of the St. Vincent Spirit of Caring award. This annual award was established by St. Vincent Health to be presented to a current Roncalli faculty or staff member who has demonstrated St. Vincent's core values of commitment to those in need, respect and compassion for the dignity of life, integrity, wisdom, creativity and dedication while also displaying the true spirit of Roncalli High School. Puntarelli has dedicated more than 40 years of his life to all aspects of Catholic education. He has served as a religion teacher, a coach in both football and track, a longtime volunteer on the Appalachian service trip, a volunteer for many decades as a member of our Christian Awakening Retreat staff and for the past 28 years has served as the dean of students at Roncalli.



Perry Township Kiwanis awards scholarships

Academics - The Kiwanis Club of Perry Township and the Kiwanis Indiana District Foundation - Capitol Division have awarded college scholarships to two seniors from southside high schools. Both recipients are members of the National Honor Society. Ring Te was awarded \$1000 by the foundation and will attend Indiana University to pursue a career as a family physician. He was recognized for his numerous leadership roles and excellent academic record. Samantha ("Sam") Curtis was awarded \$750 by the club and is headed to Indiana University to study neuroscience. She recently graduated from Roncalli High School with Academic Honors and previously was awarded a Provost Scholarship.



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Mark Landis

Center Grove worship pastor continues work with fine arts academy for youth

Compiled by Johnette Cruz, Rebecca Bennett and Nancy Price

Mark Landis heard a calling for music at a very young age. Today, the worship and fine arts pastor has started a non-profit musical theater academy for local youth interested in singing, dancing and acting.

Landis started the Center Grove Fine Arts Academy, Inc. four years ago while serving as the worship and fine arts director at Center Grove Church. Recognizing that the southside did not offer the same opportunities for performing arts as areas such as Hamilton County, he used his education and experience with the Christian Youth Theater, previously located in Westfield, to create opportunities for children and teens that they would not have otherwise.

Landis was in the Indianapolis Children's Choir as a child growing up in Fishers. "Fishers wasn't anything like it is today – we had a rural route address because we lived out in the 'sticks' and the urban sprawl came running as I got older," he said. The ICC was where he met his wife, Katie, when he was in fifth grade.

After graduating from Hamilton Southeastern High School, Landis studied music education and worship ministry for two years before transferring to Ball State University, where he received a bachelor's degree in music education. After graduation, he was an instructional assistant with Hamilton Southeastern

Schools for five years. During that time, he started a youth center at Daleville Christian Church, where he served as youth director and worship leader. The center was a place for students to attend during the summer. Landis led contemporary worship services and Bible studies as well.

For the past eight years, Landis has served as worship ministry director at Center Grove Church. Next month, he will step down from his duties to focus on the Center Grove Fine Arts Academy full time with Katie. "We will continue to produce high-quality musical theater with students ages eight -18," Landis said. "We have students who drive from as far away as Lapel, Greenfield,

Avon, Zionsville, Shelbyville, Martinsville and Mooresville to participate in our productions."

The academy recently wrapped up production of Mary Poppins: The Broadway Musical. One day, Mark and Katie's sons may be a part of the academy. Micah and Ray are currently members of ICC's Cantate Angelis and just finished a trip with the Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra and Indianapolis Symphonic Choir in Washington DC. The apples clearly don't fall far from the tree. The Landis's also have another son, Keith.

There is no end to the passion that Landis has for fine arts and his community – he began serving on the board of directors for the Greater Greenwood Arts Council in January. "I will continue to serve on that board to bring more arts to our community," he said.

What do you consider your greatest virtue?

Relations with other people. Truly honoring and respecting people around you.

What's your favorite Southside eatery?

Hops & Fire Craft Tap House for lunch and/or dinner and Rise 'n Roll for breakfast. Best food in town for anyone and especially good for those with a gluten-free, vegetarian menu need.

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

I don't know that I would want to. I love the schools and we've seen our kids grow up here. The community is friendly and we've always felt supported, which is why we feel like now's the time to take the step of faith with the Fine Arts Academy and take it out on its own.

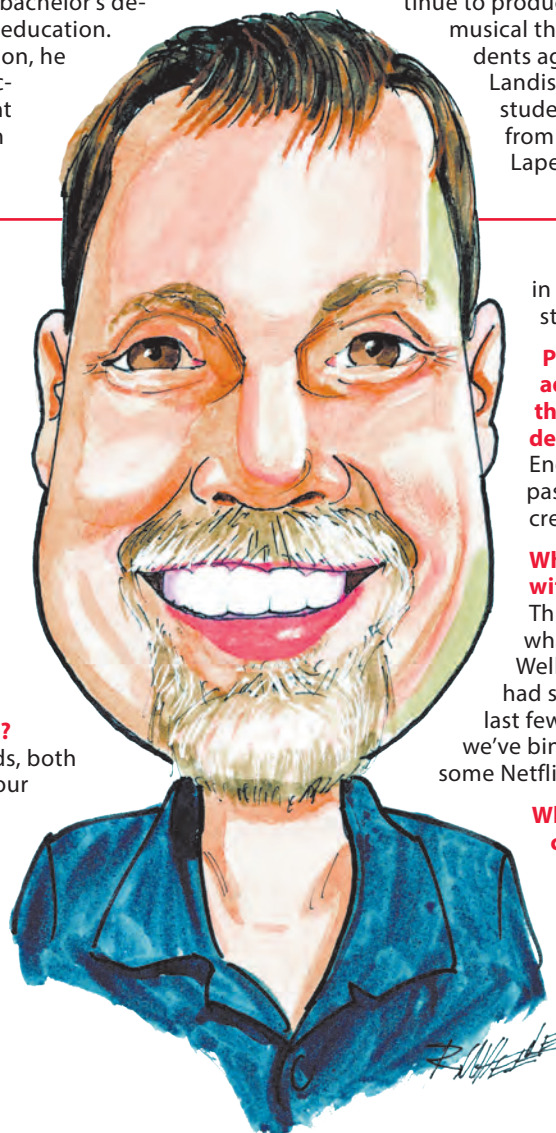
If money were no issue, how would you spend it?

I would build a space that would

house the Center Grove Fine Arts Academy, Inc., much like The Palladium Center for Performing Arts in Carmel, to continue to grow the arts here on the south side.

What makes you happiest?

Seeing our kids, both at home and our "kids" in the programs we do, grow. Witnessing them take steps to become more independent



in life and on the stage.

Pick three adjectives that best describe you.

Energetic, passionate, creative

What do you do with idle time?

This is funny... what is idle time? Well, I guess I've had some over the last few months, and we've binge-watched some Netflix.

What would you change about our culture if you could?

The idea that if you hold one view and another

person holds a different view you can't choose to "agree to disagree" but you must try to get them to your view. Instead we should learn to walk alongside each other and learn how to work with each other.

How do you escape from reality?

We like to sneak away to some of our favorite local wineries like Mallow Run and Oliver.

Which living person in Center Grove do you most admire?

I don't know that I have a Center Grove resident that I most admire. I admire Ruth Dwyer and Henry Leck, who began the Indianapolis Children's Choir and helped to form me into the musician and director that I am today.

What quality do you admire most in another person?

Authenticity, honesty and Integrity – I'd say they all go hand in hand, but I really look for those values.

What is your greatest extravagance?

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Positions: CATCHER, OUTFIELDER, PITCHER,
SHORTSTOP;

Classes: BIOLOGY, CHEMISTRY, PHYSICS;

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