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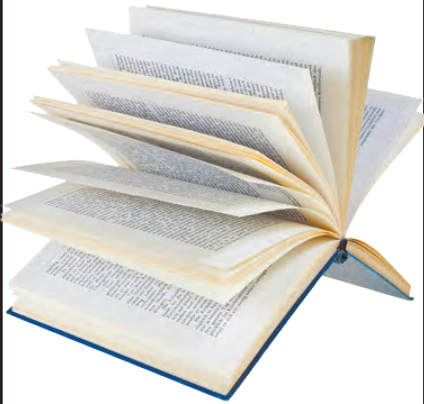
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Sibling pride - Henry Kappes gives his sister, Alana, a first grader, a hug after she got her hair cut as part of Saints Francis & Clare Catholic School's Faith in Action event. The Donate-A-Thon, in partnership with Pantene Beautiful Lengths, encourages participants with at least 8 inches of hair to donate to the American Cancer Society to create wigs.

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Jordyn Rudd.

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THE RUDD FILE

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| NAME: Jordyn Rudd | gymnastics and track and field but gave up those sports to focus on softball |
| HIGH SCHOOL: Words words | COLLEGE PLANS: Verbally committed to continue softball career at Northwestern University |
| YEAR: Junior | FAVORITE TV SHOW: Grey's Anatomy |
| SPORT: Softball | FAVORITE MOVIE: Benchwarmers |
| POSITION: Catcher | PARENTS: James & Michele Rudd |
| EXPERIENCE: Three-year varsity starter | |
| ATHLETIC BACKGROUND: Begin playing softball at age 9; formerly competed in | |

Bob Rohrman's **INDY** **HONDA** **Athlete of the Month**
Jordyn Rudd

By Rick Morwick

Some teams talk about state championships, and others dream about them.

Not so for the Center Grove softball team. The Trojans neither talk nor dream about state titles.

They expect them.

"Our goal every year is for state," said Jordyn Rudd, a junior catcher who speaks from experience.

One of the state's, if not the nation's, top high school players, Rudd helped lead the Trojans to their IHSAA state-record sixth state championship in 2015. She was only a freshman.

Today, Rudd is a junior and well-steeped in the Trojans' sterling state championship tradition. And if they accomplish their mission of winning a seventh this spring, suffice it to say Rudd will be a major reason why.

A three-year starter who put up stunning stats her first two seasons, she is producing Star Wars numbers this campaign.

The top slugger in a lineup packed with firepower, she is hitting an astonishing .696 with team-high totals of 10 home runs and 29 RBIs. She also has two doubles and, as a result of her dynamic junior season, has a career batting average above 500 and 20 career home runs.

A Northwestern University recruit who verbally committed as a freshman, Rudd attributes her production to a simple source: dedication.

"I work a lot outside of practice and with the team," she said. "I work a lot on my technique, and it's paying off. My goal is just to go out there and hit the ball and move runners around for my team, we all take part in that, too... We all work on our hitting just to be better for the team."

Collectively, the Trojans are hitting a staggering .433 and have scored 150 runs in 14 games. Little wonder they are, again, poised for a run for the Class 4A state championship. They are ranked No. 3 in the 4A state poll and have set the winning

state championship as their sole objective.

"We've got a good chance of reaching state, and I think we can do it as long as we keep working," Rudd said. "Our confidence level is high right now. We just want to keep working and getting better. That's our goal right now.

"We believe we can win every game as long as we all work together and just keep the confidence up and our energy up."

Center Grove has been to the state finals an IHSAA-record 12 times and reached the championship game a record 10 times. Of their six championships, five have come under the leadership of 26th-year head coach Russ Milligan, the winningest softball coach state history.

In light of that legacy, it's easy to understand why the Trojans don't talk about championships. They go about the business of winning them.

"That's our goal every year," Rudd said. "Milligan wants to win state, but we also want to. We're doing it for our whole team."

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 Tried & True Alehouse owner Laura Gladish said it had been her husband's dream for more than 30 years to own, a what?

- A. Brew pub
 B. Restaurant
 C. Cleaning Business
 D. Greenhouse

2 Center Grove Middle School Central teacher Andrea McCoy was named Teacher of the Year by the corporation. What does she teach?

- A. English
 B. Science
 C. Special Education
 D. Physical Education

3 How many meals did Mount Pleasant Christian Church intend to pack during its Change the World meal packing event?

- A. 500
 B. 3,000
 C. 400,000
 D. 1 million

4 The Jasperstrong Shootout Cancer basketball event held in April was to benefit 6th grader Jasper Lenglade. Who did Jasper say he was excited to watch play in the tournament?

- A. The high school principal
 B. The Chick-fil-A cow
 C. Organizer Olivia Wright
 D. His dad

5 VFW and American Legion Posts of Johnson County will host a Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast on Memorial Day, 7:30 - 10:30 a.m., to benefit the Johnson County Community _____ Fund.

- A. Veterans
 B. Van
 C. Senior
 D. Access

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Provide a ride

Johnson County VFWs, Legions raise money with Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast, for disabled veteran transportation

FEATURE

By Nicole Davis

For 12 years now, VFW and American Legion Posts of Johnson County have partnered to provide a Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast, in support of a cause that helps disabled veterans in Johnson County stay healthy.

This year's breakfast, on Memorial weekend, May 27, 7:30 - 10:30 a.m. at the New Whiteland VFW Post #6978, will accept donations of \$3 to \$5 per meal. This will benefit the Johnson County Community Van Fund at the Johnson County Community Foundation, which provides transportation to local veterans.

"For 12 years now, (the Greenwood) Bob Evans has been donating the biscuits & gravy," said Virgil Kappes, coordinator for the county van service. "Brenda Irwin, the manager, has supported us the last 12 years. The money we raise for our vans, we can't thank the service organizations enough: three American Legions, two VFWs, plus Eagles and Elks."

The Disabled Veterans Transportation Fund began 15 years ago, in partnership with Access Johnson County, transporting disabled veterans to VA clinics. Veterans must call 24 hours in advance of their appointment and Access Johnson County will pick them up at their home and take them to and from the VA clinic. This fund has taken more than 15,700 patients to the VA since its inception.

"Over the years, we found out we were running into a problem of veterans not going to the VA, not having transportation, too old to drive," Kappes said. "So we started the Johnson County Veterans Van Fund. This was started by Access. We will pick them up and take them to the stores, banks, any medical needs. The biggest need we found our veterans have is when their spouse is in the nursing home. They aren't driving and don't know how to get there."

Kappes said the Johnson County Community Van Fund began a year ago last

May, with funds managed by the Johnson County Community Foundation. Veterans can request transport to the grocery store, pharmacy, doctor's office, Johnson County Memorial Hospital, Community South Hospital or a nursing home. They must call Access Johnson County, (317) 738-5523, 48 hours in advance. The van service is available Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Last quarter, the program helped take 91 people to different appointments.

"The western part of Johnson County, the vets in Center Grove, Bargersville, Ninevah, we have a harder time reaching those people," Kappes said. "All veterans in Johnson County need to realize we have services for them... Our motto is veterans helping veterans. We're just trying to help them maintain a good standard of medical healthcare."

Kappes said he encourages anyone with interest in the program to join them on Memorial Day and learn how it benefits the community.

"It's the thanks you get from the veterans," he said. "There's a veteran in Bargersville. I pick him up to take him to meetings. He's living alone. He has cancer in the throat. No one is there to monitor him. One day I won't be able to drive and someone will have to help me out."

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HISTORY & ARCHITECTURE



Students gather at the Center Grove High School library in the early 2000s. Could they be discussing a senior prank?
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Waterfall of a senior prank

By Jeff Beck

Center Grove senior boys always seemed to have some type of prank near graduation: from a live rooster which was turned loose in the office of the high school principal who was said to be afraid of chickens, to the story I am sharing.

The town of Waterloo is located south of Center Grove High School, one mile on Morgantown Road. Residents probably know the area best as the former Don's Garage at the intersection of Smokey Row Road and Morgantown Road. Don's Garage was purchased from Joe Duncan with its original owner being the Pennington family.

The business still operates, serving the community.

South of the intersection used to be an old water tower owned by Bargersville Utilities. This water tower has since been razed.

The Bargersville town marshal was responsible for turning on the water pump each evening near Smith Valley Road and State Road 37 to fill the tower. Town marshal, Chelsea Doty, was said to park her police vehicle under the water tower overflow pipe, taking a short nap while the tower was filled. Once filled, the water came out, overflowing on the police car. The marshal returned promptly to the Smith Valley Road pumping station to turn off the pump power.

Bargersville seniors decided as a prank to connect garden hoses and attach them to the water outlet of a home near the tower. Seniors waited until the marshal fell asleep, turned on the water and created an upward stream falling on marshal's vehicle simulating the tower being full. The marshal as protocol hurriedly returned to Smith Valley to shut off the pump.

Town residents were complaining of no water or very little pressure for two days to the town of Bargersville officials. The prank was finally discovered when the seniors' parents came to Selch's hardware store to buy garden hoses as theirs had disappeared. The seniors went on to graduate, as no harm was done to the school or its property.

I have no knowledge of how community received name of "Waterloo." Talking with senior members of the community, they cannot recall this information. I would happy to learn how the community obtained its name; let me know if you can help. Please remember to date and sign back of your photos, family and history buffs will appreciate your kindness.



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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Dave Bowers shows off the trophies that were awarded at the 2016 Midwest Battle of the Champions in April. Right, Bethany and Dave Bowers.

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JUST KEEP BUILDING

Center Grove bodybuilder Dave Bowers to host NPC's Indiana State Championship

COVER STORY

By Nicole Davis

When you make short-term goals in the fitness realm, they just keep growing. For Center Grove resident Dave Bowers, it started with a goal to win a city bodybuilding show.

Then he figured he was good enough for a state show, then regional, then national. He has gotten to the top five at the NPC Junior USA national competition. He started judging these shows professionally, still competes, and now he's hosting and promoting his own shows, too.

"I feel like I owe this sport everything," he said. "The discipline the sport gives you, you pull that into other realms of your life: family and business. I wouldn't be as successful as I am today if it wasn't for bodybuilding."

Dave grew up in Cincinnati, Ohio, en-

tering into the Marine Corps at 17 years old. There, he had a commanding officer who was a bodybuilder.

"I picked up lifting, wanting to emulate him, with zero thought of being a bodybuilder," Dave said.

Once he was out of the Marines, returning home to Cincinnati, he met some bodybuilders at the gym. One of the men invited him to a bodybuilding show. Dave at first said no, but eventually went to watch the Mr. Ohio show, and left thinking he would give it a try. He prepped for a year before competing in Mr. Cincinnati.

"I won every class I was in: novice, overall junior and overall competitor," he said. "A week later, I did a regional show and got whooped. The Cincinnati show was a high school show with small, tiny feel. The Beverly International show was big-time

feel, big stage, big lights. There were 37 guys in my class. I got 12th. From there, it dug into me, passion wise."

His goal was to return to that regional show, Beverly International in Kentucky, and win. He did just that in 2011. Since he started his competitive bodybuilding journey in 2005, he has won 13 class and overall titles, including being named Mr. Indiana in 2016.

Working full-time as a sales manager RVP for Road Runner Freight, serving the company's eastern U.S. sales territory, Dave spends much of his time traveling.

Dave competes every other year. He's in an off season currently, still training five days a week. He trains six to seven days a week during competition season. With his busy schedule, it's not the physical training that's tough. It's dietary. He preps all of his food. While traveling for work, the hotels need to have a kitchen so he can cook. He says his family is supportive and helps him with the meal prep, packing and more. He and his wife of 15 years, Bethany, have four children.

Dave has served as a judge for the National Physique Committee (NPC) in Indiana for nearly five years now. Last year, he decided to become a promoter, hosting two of NPC's nine shows in Indiana: Midwest Battle of the Champions and the Indiana State Championships. These shows are national qualifiers. The first show he promoted was in April of 2016.

As a promoter, Dave said he likes to use his own history and experiences and incorporate the best parts into the shows.

"I'm building the show I've always dreamed of being involved in, taking segments of my previous bodybuilding competitions to make it special for the athletes," he said. "I have specialty awards:

best poser, best conditioning, most muscular and best new competitor award."

The first Midwest Battle of the Champions that Dave hosted had 112 athletes participate. This April, the show had 153 athletes.

"The talent was insane," Dave said.

The show is structured into three parts: judging in the morning, an evening show and then finals, where the participants show off for the audience and the awards are presented. Dave said his family comes from Cincinnati to help with the event, supporting his efforts by wearing 'Team Bowers' shirts.

The next show, the 2017 NPC Indiana State Championships, will take place Aug. 12 at the Egyptian Room in the Murat Theater. There will be a free posing clinic for competitors on Aug. 5. Those interested can find the registration form at davebowersproductions.com.

Recently, Dave announced that Indiana will have its own International Federation of Bodybuilding and Fitness (IFBB) Indy Pro show next year, March 31, 2018. The show, a worldwide qualifier, will have Men's Open Bodybuilding class, 212 Bodybuilding and Bikini class and will continue to add other divisions as the show grows. This makes Dave the seventh North American promoter for open bodybuilding and 212 body building.

As for his own competitive side, Dave will compete again in 2018. He intends to go to the 2018 AAU North American competition. At his own fall show, he plans to guest pose.

"I'm looking to amp it up next year," he said, later continuing: "But at the end of the day, if I was to quit this sport of bodybuilding which will never happen, I'm happy."



Brooke Van Paris won the Figure Class B at her first-ever bodybuilding show.

Submitted photos

Another day, another challenge

Center Grove alumnus Brooke Van Paris competes in her first-ever bodybuilding show

WHERE ARE THEY NOW

By Nicole Davis

If the challenge is calling, Center Grove resident Brooke Van Paris will step up to it. This time, that challenge was personal - her first bodybuilding competition. She competed in the Midwest Battle of the Champions in April and won in her Figure class.

Van Paris is a Center Grove High School graduate. On Oct. 29, 2009, her sophomore year at IU, she was leaving class and was involved in a head-on car accident. Her car spun around twice, with the engine coming through the car, trapping her inside. Van Paris wore a cast going from her fingertips to her elbows, on both arms, for two years. She still graduated college in four and a half years.

She ran her first obstacle course race in October of 2014, an easy three-mile course with homemade obstacles. Through the next 12 months, Van Paris ran 48 obstacle course races. She represented the U.S., for her first time, at the Obstacle Course Racing World Championships in October 2015.

In 2016, Van Paris was chosen out of 6,500 applicants for the Fox TV show, American Grit. Athletes were chosen for this reality competition for their "never give up attitude." The 10-week season began in April 2016. Van Paris was eliminated in the second episode, due to hypothermia.

That didn't stop her. She competed again in the OCR World Championships in 2016, and will again this year.

In the meantime, she had been prepping for her first bodybuilding competition. Van Paris spent part of 2016 residing in Texas, but couldn't stay away from home for too long.

She returned to Center Grove at the end of January, 2017. She had begun training for her first-ever bodybuilding show after the OCR World Championship in October.

Training for a show takes a lot of time and dedication, Van Paris explained, carefully monitoring what you eat, how you eat, which exercises to do and when, and learning how to pose for once she finally got on stage.

"A lot of people don't realize what goes into it. It gets tough. You're the person who keeps yourself accountable. It's very mental," she said. "One of the hardest parts for me, as a female, is when you get a certain body fat percentage. I started at 137 pounds, 17 percent body fat. When I hit stage, I was 148 pounds and seven percent body fat. For women, your essential fats, the lowest women should be is 10-13 percent. So when you get under that, things start happening to your body that are under your control. Your hormone levels are out of whack. You get emotional all the time. I started having hot flashes. When I would go to take my dogs out, I would have three sweatshirts, two coats, three pairs of sweatpants. But the most motivating part, every morning, you wake up and see different muscles and things."

Her hard work paid off, and Van Paris said the day of the show was one of the best days of her life.

"Stage day, I felt like I had already won," Van Paris said. "Not comparing myself to other people, but for my own personal journey, to know that I made it and didn't shortcut anything. I had accomplished something for myself. Before I stepped on stage, I was in a great mood. The hard work is over with. It's time to just show everyone where we got."

Van Paris competed in both the open and novice class - class B for anyone taller than 5'7.

"My group of girls was awesome," she said. "Everyone was there to have fun and support each other."

Between shows, Van Paris went with her family to Scotty's Brewhouse, where she could finally order anything off the menu that she desired, and recalls the best burger on a pretzel bun that she will never forget. After, they returned to the Murat Theater where the show was being held.

"Every person in the novice group, you go out by yourself, do your turns and line up on the side," Van Paris said. "They call the top five back out. They call fifth, fourth, third and I'm standing there like please don't call my number yet. They call second place and it was overwhelming because they hadn't called my number. I realized I had won the show for the novice Class B division. I had so many tears. All of my hard work, blood, sweat, tears, early mornings and hardships from the last eight months had all been acknowledged. It was a good feeling."

Van Paris came in second in the Open Figure Class B.

"My family and I got together after that and hit up IHOP," Van Paris said. "I got a chicken fajita egg white omelet and a stack of three birthday cake pancakes, mozzarella sticks and a diet coke. That was my meal I had been dreaming of. Now I'm on a reverse diet. In order to prevent massive weight gain, you have to gradually reintroduce foods over the next two months."

Van Paris will take a year off from bodybuilding, but she's already looking to compete in 2018.

Getting to know Brooke ...

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

Stay young and don't grow up too quickly. Enjoy the journey. Make mistakes but learn from them. Appreciate the little moments. Smile and find something positive to reflect on every single day. Happiness is a choice. Live with no regrets. Follow your dreams and let no one stop you. Your dreams and passions are Your calling. Never ever give up. If you never give up- you can never be beaten. Get out of your comfort zone. Try something new. Allow yourself to grow, evolve, transform. You have one chance at this thing called life. Get the most out of it.

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

My dad. My dad always wanted a boy and well, by the third girl... my parents were pretty much done. So, I did all the sports. Dad coached me in softball and basketball for eight years! I definitely was the tomboy of the sisters! When I was in fourth grade, my dad was diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma Stage 2B and it was wrapped around his Aorta. At a young age, I learned how quickly you can lose someone you love and I got lucky - my dad was a fighter. Dad owned - and still owns his own business. He is a CPA and even during his chemo treatments he continued to work 16 hour days to provide for our family. And he beat cancer! That fight in him taught me how to fight. My mental fortitude- comes from him.

What do you do in your free time?

In my free time from work, bodybuilding, obstacle course racing - I love to hike and take my dogs on walks. I love trail running. I pretty much live at the gym and should probably put in for my change of address soon so my mail goes there! I faithfully am there 7 days a week, sometimes two times a day. I really love biking the Cultural Trail and Monon Trail. I run the Canal Downtown a lot and train by running the stairs at the War Memorial. I really enjoy reading and doing puzzles (yes I'm 27 going on 70). Live music is a huge love of mine- any and all types.

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

September 2017 I am representing Indiana at the United States OCR Championships. October 2017 I am representing the USA for the 3rd time at the OCR World Championships. After that, in 2018 I would love nothing more to get my Pro Card in Figure Bodybuilding. I try to not plan too far ahead because nothing I plan ever really works out exactly the way I intend. I just kind of "blow with the wind" and let my passions lead me wherever they may.

ICONography

Surpassing the goal

Center Grove community comes together for Jasperstrong Shootout Cancer event hosted by high school junior Wright

By Nicole Davis

The Center Grove Middle School North gymnasium was filled with area families as 50 teams of three competed for a fundraiser on April 14 and 15 that would benefit a Center Grove family.

Center Grove High School Junior Olivia Wright came up with the idea and chose to organize the Jasperstrong Shootout Cancer event as part of her advanced English Composition class project, in which students were asked to do an action project in the community. Her brother's friend, sixth grader Jasper Lenglade, had been diagnosed with leukemia a year ago and is currently undergoing treatment.

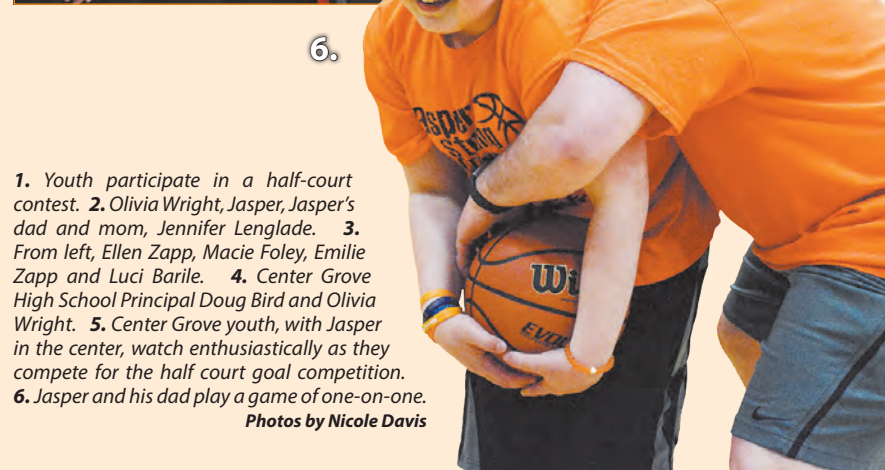
"It's fun to watch everyone play and to think that they all came here to raise money for me is awesome," Jasper said.

Jasper was looking forward to watching his dad compete in a basketball tournament. It didn't disappoint.

"I saw one of my dad's games that wasn't a tournament game," he said. "They got slaughtered... The team my dad played was really good."

Olivia's original goal was to raise \$2,500. Before the event even took place, she surpassed that and raised it to \$10,000. Local businesses from around the community offered to sponsor the event, including primary sponsor Chick-fil-A in Greenwood.

"Olivia has done a great job," said Center Grove High School Principal Doug Bird. "Hopefully this fundraiser will help the family take a little comfort in the support they're getting financially and in regards to the amount of people that are reaching out, wanting to be a part of this. It reinforces what a great community Center Grove is, reinforces that sense of community and the importance of supporting people in need. Olivia is setting a fantastic example for other students at the high school for what can be done when you set your mind to it."



1. Youth participate in a half-court contest. 2. Olivia Wright, Jasper, Jasper's dad and mom, Jennifer Lenglade. 3. From left, Ellen Zapp, Macie Foley, Emilie Zapp and Luci Barile. 4. Center Grove High School Principal Doug Bird and Olivia Wright. 5. Center Grove youth, with Jasper in the center, watch enthusiastically as they compete for the half court goal competition. 6. Jasper and his dad play a game of one-on-one.

Photos by Nicole Davis

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Maria Dampier and her husband, Bill.

Submitted photo

Greenwood school bus driver named CICOA Caregiver of the Year

Health - Maria Dampier of Greenwood received the CICOA Caregiver of the Year Award during the nonprofit's eighth annual Signature Breakfast recently. The award honors a personal caregiver in Central Indiana who models courage, sacrifice, strength and creativity while caring for another.

Maria Dampier, a bus driver of 48 years, cares for her husband Bill Dampier, 80, who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's about seven years ago. Things took a turn in December 2015, when he fell and broke his hip and femur. When he woke up from the surgery, he was a different person. He no longer could walk or talk. After 100 days in rehab, he showed no signs of improving. Maria made the difficult decision to place her husband in a nursing home.

Nearly every day since, Maria, drives her morning bus route, then heads over to Forest Creek Village to care for Bill. He smiles when she walks into the room.

Greenwood's Wong makes Dean's List in Seattle

Winter - Lauren J. Wong of Greenwood made the Seattle Pacific University 2017 Winter Quarter Dean's List. Students on the Dean's List have completed at least 12 credits and attained a 3.50 or higher grade point average. SPU is the only private university in the Pacific Northwest to make the 2017 U.S. News & World Report Best National Universities list.

Hallmark Home Mortgage recognizes Pam Heck as April Top Producer

Lending - Pam Heck, Mortgage Loan Originator at Hallmark Home Mortgage, has been named the top producer in the Greenwood office for April 2017. Hallmark Home Mortgage, based in Fort Wayne, Ind., was established in 2007 by President and CEO Deborah Sturges.

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1. 5k runners take off. 2. A Capella group Sh'Boom performs the National Anthem. 3. Center Grove residents Holly, Sue, and William and dogs Bentley and Mercades prepare for the 5k. 4. Runners release balloons in honor of Kara's Project Hope.

Photos by Beth Wade

RUNNING FOR A CAUSE

**Rock the Block Run
supports local
nonprofits through
block party,
10k and 5k run**

By Beth Wade

Fifteen hundred Center Grove and surrounding area residents gathered at Center Grove High School for the second Rock the Block Run on April 22.

The Block Party opened with booths on "Main Street" supporting local organizations and offering free spins on the prize wheel. The cold April morning did not deter residents from coming out and supporting their local organizations.

"That was a cold 45 degrees," said resident Barney Woods. "I still had a great time, and got my best time this season!"

Those who attended enjoyed live entertainment from Trent Line, Alex Milligan, Isaac Taylor and Rachel Taylor, and the a Capella group, Sh'Boom; all students at Center Grove High School. It was announced at the conclusion of the event that the 2018 Rock the Block Run will take place on April 21, 2018. Proceeds will be divided between the 26 local nonprofits. More than \$25,000 was donated this year.

"Despite the frigid temperatures, it went off without a hitch," said organizer, Erin Smith. "Everyone seemed to have a good time and we're ready to go for next year."





Packing for the hungry

Mount Pleasant Christian Church changes the world through meal-packing event

By Beth Wade

On Saturday, April 23 Mount Pleasant Christian Church (MPCC) partnered with local organization Pack Away Hunger to assemble meals for the hungry in Cuba. The packing event was a part of Mount Pleasant's 2017 Go Change the World events. "This is something that is fun to do," says MPCC member Mary. "It's easy, anyone could do it."

Pack Away Hunger's mission is to "Greatly improve the lives of children and others who suffer from hunger and malnutrition in the United States and developing nations." Mount Pleasant Christian Church worked together with Pack Away Hunger to meet this mission by packing 400,000 meals for the hungry in Cuba. The community worked in three shifts throughout the morning and afternoon to meet their 400,000 goal.

1. Many stations worked to package food for Cuba. 2. Destiny and Sophia Woolslayer seal and line up packages to be boxed. 3. Volunteers Mary, Cindy, Jenn, Gloria Ruth, Maddie, Elizabeth, and Mark work together to fill packets. 4. Halle Lane and Emma Foley fill empty packages with rice. 5. Carolyn Prosser and Saju Joseph chat while they work. 6. Linda Meyers and Carol Mcliner funnel rice into bags.

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Mother's DAY



Rose Eckhart

WE ASKED:

"What is one special skill your mom has?"

"Why is this special?"

"What are some examples of her using this skill?"

Dear mom,
I really like it when you teach. I appreciate it because you are educating kids. I think it's special because kids walk in with a frown and out with a smile.

I like when you teach English. Even though I'm not in middle school yet, and that's what you teach, I see the kids when I walk in to tell you about my grades.

I also like when you teach middle school. I like it because you make the last few years of grade school very special! Nobody could have a better teacher than you!

Rose Eckhart

GRADE 4

Saints Francis & Clare Catholic School

1ST PLACE

Any day of the year is a great opportunity to tell your mother that you appreciate her and value her guidance. So while this may be a tad bit late, it's always timely. *Center Grove ICON's* sister publication, *The Southside Times*, asked students from area schools to write essays about a special skill their mother has and why they value that skill. Congratulations to our winner Rose Eckhart of Saints Francis & Clare Catholic School. As we read these students' letter, we hope it inspires others to think about what their own mother, or mother figure, does best.

As we look to June, there is still time for students to write about a special skill their father has. Submit essays to ndavis@icon-times.com no later than June 1.

My mother is good at caring about other people. She cleans the house really well, so if we have a party, everyone feels welcome. She has dedicated her life to working with children, and making sure they're well taken care of. She loves kids. She helps me make the right decisions. She also loves cooking. She is so generous, she loves to cook things to share with friends and church members. She pays for my field trips and other things I need. She plans fun vacations for our family, and pays for other family members to go so they can have fun, too! If everyone leaves me alone, she will always be the one who is there to stay with me. She is the world's best mom, not only because of how much she loves me, but because of how much she loves everybody.

Cierra Morton

AGE 11 • GRADE 5
Indianapolis Southside Christian Academy

Dear mom,
I really love when you help people. It makes me happy. I appreciate your job because I may work there. I think it is special that you're an owner of a store. It seems really cool and you help your friends and family.

I like when we play together at the store. You always make me laugh, and I make you laugh. When we get something to eat, you always steal some of my food at the store. I love when you meet new people. Some people you meet new people and they are very nice. Some people make you laugh, and that makes me smile.

I love you to the moon and back.

Dominic

GRADE 4
Saints Francis & Clare

Dear mom,
I really love when you knit. I appreciate that you have this special skill. When you knit, you make it tight. All of your hard work on this skill that you put into it you always put love into your work. I love when you make stuff for our household. This is awesome because I use the knitted gloves. They are useful. YOUR knitted wash cloths are so useful. When you knit, you knit beautiful. You have made stuff for other people! When you made that for Aunt Gena's newborn baby, I was not surprised. Why? Because you have made cool stuff that like that before! You are amazing!

Sophia

GRADE 4
Saints Francis & Clare

Dear mom,
I really love that you help other people. I appreciate this because being a dentist is important. You are special because you help people with their teeth. You are keeping people's teeth healthy. This is important because their teeth won't hurt. People can eat. People want their teeth. You help me with my homework. You help me figure out math problems. You always check the work with me.

Benicio

GRADE 4
Saints Francis & Clare

AROUND TOWN

**David Bedwell
promoted with
Horizon Bank**

Market President - Horizon Bank announced David Bedwell as Market President of Johnson County, Indiana. Bedwell will replace long-time Market President Steve Bechman, who retired at the end of April. Bedwell joined the Horizon team as Regional Retail Manager in 2013. He has 15 years of financial experience, with the last eight years having been focused specifically on commercial and retail banking. His leadership will continue to contribute to Horizon's retail and commercial banking growth in Johnson County. Bedwell earned a Bachelor of Business Management from Franklin College and is also a graduate of IBA Commercial Lending School. He is an active member in the Johnson County community and is a Board Member for Franklin Development Corporation (FDC).

**Johnson Memorial
Hospital Foundation
awards scholarships**

College - The Johnson Memorial Hospital Foundation announced 38 scholarships totaling \$39,000 have been awarded to aid financial costs for Johnson County residents pursuing a career in a health-related field. The 2017 recipient of the Freda P. & Millard R. Montgomery Registered Nursing Scholarship is Bailee Leathers, senior at Center Grove Community High School. Through this scholarship Bailee will receive \$1,000 per semester for the duration of nursing school not to exceed four years. The Johnson Memorial Hospital Guild High School Health Career Scholarship has awarded \$1,000 students including Bailee Leathers (Bargersville).

The Johnson Memorial Hospital Guild Continuing Education Health Field Scholarship has awarded \$1,000 to students including Elizabeth Goff (Bargersville). The Katie Robards Memorial Scholarship has awarded \$1,000 to 22 students pursuing health careers including: Lisa Estep (Bargersville), Mackenzie Estrada (Greenwood), Elizabeth Goff (Bargersville), Katie Mitchell (Bargersville) and Olivia Wetter (Greenwood). Each scholarship varies on eligibility, monetary awards, and what the scholarship may be used to support.

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- 11:44 a.m.
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 Thanks to White River Township Fire Department's partners at Old National Bank. They sponsored a cookout to raise money for Christmas Angels, and donated stuffed animals to comfort kids involved in emergencies.

 To Dan Schramm of Martinsville who won first place in the Saints Francis & Clare 5K Fun Run on May 6. Good job to every runner who participated in the day's festivities!

 To Dr. David Wolf and Steve Coffman of Greenwood! David and Steve raised more than \$32,000 for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in addition to running 26.2 miles in Boston!

 To Cornerstone Autism Center for opening the organization's fourth and newest location housed in the former Greenwood City Building located at 2 N. Madison Ave. Cornerstone specializes in one-on-one behavior analysis, serving children and young adults, from ages two to 22 years old. The new location will include programming for older children and young adults with autism who are working toward independence and the transition into adulthood.

 To the Greenwood Farmers Market which has kicked off its 10th annual season. The market takes place every Saturday, 8 a.m. to noon at 525 N. Madison Ave.

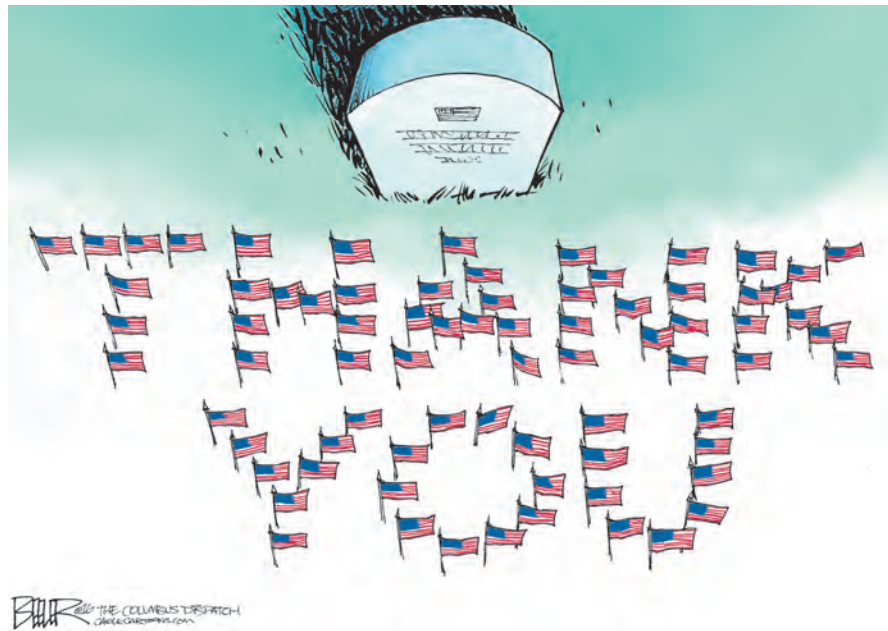


QUOTE

"My mother said to me, 'If you are a soldier, you will become a general. If you are a monk, you will become the Pope.' Instead, I was a painter, and became Picasso."

– Pablo Picasso

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Get off the phone

HUMOR By Gus Pearcy

Warning: Rant ahead. I suspect many of you will relate to my pet peeve. It might be one of yours too. When driving down the road, I sometimes marvel at the concept of driving. Almost all drivers obey a specific set of rules and a set of manners. These include driving on the proper side of the road and not swerving head-on into oncoming traffic. It's a fine balance that can easily be destroyed by a single driver with no regard for others on the road.

Lately, I've begun to see a problem with the manners part of driving, particularly when the car is stopped at a light or in a drive-through queue. Since it is illegal to be on your phone while the car is in motion, people tend to try to do all their phone biz while temporarily stopped.

The problem is they don't pay attention and stay unmoved while the rest of traffic moves through the green light and onto their destinations. Me? I'm always the guy behind the person on the phone.

I've used my horn more in the last year than in the last 20. People hate getting honked at, even when they know they are in the wrong. I attempt to honk lightly, but horns are only one sound. A staccato horn beep is the same as a long, "move your butt" beep.

Same in the drive-through. It is the responsibility of every driver to move through the line when it is their turn. Don't become engrossed on the phone and forget where you are. Everyone behind you needs to get their order as soon as possible.

I'll admit to a certain proclivity toward road

rage. So far, I've held off installing a grenade launcher to the front grill. (Not because of my undying love for humanity, but because I don't have time to wait for a cleanup.)

Here's what I'd like to see, since this will never become a MAPS (Mothers Against Phone Stragglers) type of crusade. We need a versatile auto horn system that can be gentle yet firm, perhaps even friendly cajoling to get the idiots out of my way.

Instead of just a *BEEP,* drivers would select another, less harsh tone or perhaps, even a vocal reminder.

The horn could say "Hey, you have a green light! Please proceed through the intersection. Smiley face!"

For severe stragglers you could dial in a harsher tone such as, "Move your trunk!"

Perhaps, the horn could be equipped with a statement that would interrupt use of their phone. Your horn could shout, "Hey! Siri! What time is it? Time to DRIVE!"

In drive through, the horn could just blurt out, "Your turn!" as a gentle reminder that it's time to close the gap.

Of course, like most of my rants, the worst offenders will never read this column. If that's the reason they are not paying attention, I would probably let that slide.



Gus Pearcy is a contributing columnist to the Center Grove ICON. He may be reached at (317) 403-6485 or pearcy.gus@sbcglobal.net. Gus blogs frequently at guspearcycommunications.wordpress.com.

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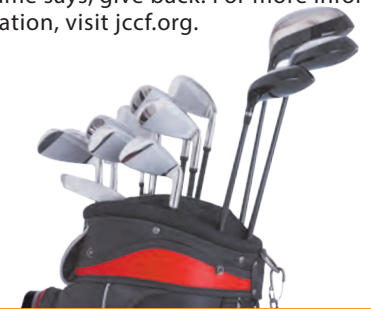


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As our students wrap up the school year, Center Grove High School Seniors will celebrate their graduation with a ceremony June 4. As they make that transition from high school life and move on to other areas, now is a time when many graduates are reflecting back on their experiences and looking forward to creating new ones. The Center Grove ICON wishes all students the best of luck in whatever the future may hold! We're already excited to report on the great things these Center Grove alumni will do with their time and talents.

Give Back Gals

Ladies - looking for a way to contribute to your community? Local women in Johnson County provide just that while offering a good time through the Give Back Gals Golf Outing. The Johnson County Community Foundation is celebrating its 8th Annual Give Back Gals Golf Outing on June 7, 1 to 5 p.m. at Hickory Stick Golf Club, 4422 Hickory Stick Blvd., Greenwood. Proceeds go to Leadership Johnson County, JCCF and Habitat for Humanity of Johnson County - great causes to get out, enjoy a (hopefully) sunny day and, as the name says, give back. For more information, visit jccf.org.



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Back it up

TECH SAVVY

By Regina Miller

I am worried about the recent outbreak of ransomware infections. What are they and what can I do to protect myself?

Ransomware is a specific type of malware that encrypts the data on a computer so it is unreadable without the key to unlock the encryption. The thieves then demand payment to give you the key to unlock your own data increasing the amount to be paid daily. In many cases, even with payment, the dirty rotten scoundrels take your money and still do not give you the encryption key to unlock your data.

Government and security officials advise that you do not pay the ransom. There are ways that you can protect yourself. First and foremost keep a back up of your data. If the only copy of your back up you keep is on an external hard drive that is always connected to your computer, I advise that you disconnect it when you are not actively doing a back up. If you must keep it connected, have another back up with a cloud-based backup service in addition to your local physical backup on the external. When shopping

for a cloud-based back up service be sure to choose one of that offers "snapshots" from previous days so you can restore files that are not encrypted should the unthinkable strike. Other precautions to take include don't open email attachments or click on links from senders with which you are not familiar. This is also true with senders that you are familiar if it is not consistent with their sending behavior to send you attachments or links. It is equally important to keep your antivirus software up to date. Keep in mind it is not uncommon for your antivirus software to have updates almost daily at times. The malware industry is a cat-and-mouse game and those frequent updates are very necessary to stay best protected. These steps combined will serve you well in guarding against many attacks and help you recover from one in case of the unthinkable.



Regina Miller owns Geek in Pink. Contact her with tech questions at regina@geekinpink.com or (317) 882-1606.

BUSINESS



Amanda Cottingham (center), owner of the new Barn at Bay Horse Inn event center in Greenwood, IN, receives the Greater Greenwood Chamber's 2017 "Pride and Progress" Award for new construction. Presenting are board officers Christine Alfery (left) and Tom Vander Luitgaren (right).

Greenwood Chamber presents top awards

Business - The Greater Greenwood Chamber honored five outstanding companies and business people at its "Annual Chamber Celebration," held April 27, 2017. The Chamber presents the awards annually to acknowledge outstanding business achievement, remarkable construction, and extraordinary volunteerism. The 2017 awards and winners are: Ambassador Committee member of the Year: Cindy Tollar, Independent Associate, LegalShield; Member of the Year: Marisol Sanchez, VP and general counsel, Endress+Hauser; Pride and Progress Award for New Construction: The Barn at Bay Horse Inn; Pride and Progress Award for Renovation: Express Employment Professionals South; Salute Award: Radwell International, Indiana Branch. Citizen's Bank sponsored the 2017 awards. Franciscan Health presented the 2017 "Annual Chamber Celebration" ceremony.

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TYPE OF FOOD:

Fried North Atlantic White fish, hand breaded fresh tenderloins, fresh fried chicken.



FISH DINNER: Three pieces of fish, french fries, baked beans, cole slaw, Wheatley's tartar sauce, and a corn fritter.

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Stone Creek Dining Company

What do you like to eat there?

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What do you like about this place?

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Compiled by Brian Ruckle

Behind Bars:

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Rachel Thompson



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Ingredients and directions:

- 4 oz. Mash Craft Gold American Blonde Ale, 4 oz. New Day Meadery South Cider, 4 oz. cranberry juice, and a splash of lime juice.
- Blend well and garnish with a lime wedge.



EVENTScalendar

First Outdoor Concert of the Season • The Greater Greenwood Community Band will play a selection of old favorites and new songs to help the community celebrate the warmth of May. Free refreshments will be provided. Bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets to best enjoy the concert. | When: May 21, 7 - 9 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Amphitheater, Surina Square Park. | Info: greenwoodband.com.

Preschoolers Busy Bag Party • Get tips and ideas to help children prepare for preschool as they make Busy Bags to take home. | When: May 23, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org.

Greater Greenwood Lions Club Meeting • Visitors are welcome to this meeting. | When: May 23, meet and eat 6:30 p.m., meeting 7 p.m. | Where: Golden Coral, 160 S. Marlin Dr., Greenwood. | Info: Vickie Gilmore, (812) 603-4440.

The Chase 5k Color Run/Walk • The event benefits the Children Miracle Network Hospitals. | When: May 25, 6 - 8 p.m. Check-in begins 5 p.m. | Where: Freedom Springs Park, 850 W. Stop 18 Rd., Greenwood. | Info: thechasecolorrun.com.

12th Annual Biscuits & Gravy Breakfast • Sponsored by Greenwood Bob Evans. Donations of 3-5 dollars per breakfast will support the Johnson County Community fund which assists Veterans with their local transportation needs. World War II Veterans eat free! | When: May 27, 7:30-10:30 a.m. | Where: New Whiteland VFW Post, 215 N US 31., New Whiteland. | Info: (317) 535-4041

First Pizza and Wine Night of The Season • Kick off the 2017 Picnic Concert series with a classic Pizza & Wine night. Bring lawn chairs and picnic blankets, spread out on the lawn and enjoy great pizza by the slice with Mallow Run Wine while listening to live local music. | When: May 27, 5-9 p.m. | Where: Mallow Run Winery, 6964 W. Whiteland Rd., Bargersville. | Info: mallowrun.com.

Featured Artist: Tom Brown • The Southside Art League will feature Tom Brown of Greenwood for its June exhibit. Many of the award-winning pieces will be on display. | When: Exhibit June 2 - 29. Reception June 4, 2 - 5 p.m. | Where: 299 E. Broadway St., Greenwood. | Info: southsideartleague.org.

Strawberry Festival • Enjoy the yearly small-batch of sweet Strawberry Wine, plus the ginormous strawberry shortcakes. This event is family friendly. | When: June 3, 12-9 p.m., June 4, 12-6 p.m. | Where: Mallow Run Winery, 6964 W. Whiteland Rd., Bargersville. | Info: mallowrun.com

Greater Greenwood Community Band Preview Concert • From June 5 to 12 the Greater Greenwood Community Band has been invited to play with other community bands in Monnickendam, just outside of Amsterdam in the Netherlands, as part of a concert tour. This will be the band's first international concert tour. | When: Preview concert, June 4, 7 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Amphitheater. | Info: Support the band, GoFundMe.com/gcbtrip.

Princess Tea • The Center Grove High School Choral Department will host its annual Princess Tea. 3-year-olds through elementary ages are invited to join their favorite princess for an hour of pampering. | When: June 5, 6:30 p.m.; June 6, 5 or 6:30 p.m.; or June 7, 11:30 a.m. | Where: Cen-

ter Grove High School Choir Room, Door 10, 2717 S. Morgantown Rd., Greenwood. | Info: centergrovechoirs.org/princess.

Summer Learning Kick-off Party • Kick-off the 2017 Summer Learning Program with Magic Don in "Build a Better World...One Story at a Time!" Learn about architecture, tools and inventors through stories, comedy and magic! | When: June 6, 4 - 5 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org.

Robot Roundup: Open House • Drop in for a hands-on exploration of our herd of robots, including Spheros, Dash, Lego Wedo, Cubelets, Littlebits, and more! This program is part of the Robot Tinker Tote. | When: June 7, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org.

Bleach Tees • Bring a new black or dark colored cotton t-shirt, and create unique designs using bleach and other random objects. For grades 5 to 12. Dress for mess! | When: June 8, 3:40 - 4:30 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org.

Ronald McDonald Library Show • Ronald McDonald will perform magic tricks and talking about the importance of reading. | When: June 9, 2 - 3 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org.

25th Annual Strawberry Festival • Join the White River Township Fire Department as it raises funds for Christmas Angels. The event includes an antique car and fire apparatus display, live music, RE/MAX balloon rides, Safe Kids Bike Rodeo, demonstrations, blood mobile and more! | When: June 9, 12 - 7:30 p.m. and June 10, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. | Where: Sugar Grove Elementary School, 4135 W. Smith Valley Rd., Greenwood. | Info: wrtfd.org.

Second annual Aloha Family Fun Run • The event features a 5k course followed by a 1 mile run/walk designed for all ages, levels, and abilities. Anyone who runs the 5k is invited to join in the 1 mile event for free. | When: June 10. | Where: Baxter YMCA, 900 Shelby St., Indianapolis. | Info: indymca.org/baxter.

Martial Arts STEM Class • Martial arts instructors will engage students interested in STEM fields by discussing physical education, martial arts and STEM topics. For grades K to 5. | When: June 14, 10:30 - 11 a.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org.

Virtual Open House • Drop in and experience Virtual Reality with the HTC Vive headset. Paint with light, swim under the sea, play dodgeball with the planets, toss a stick for a virtual robot dog and more! | When: June 14, 6:30 - 8 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org.

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.



Cool Down with Patriotic Frozen Pops

The perfect treat to celebrate and escape the heat this summer

FAMILY FEATURE

By Nicole Davis

With backyard barbecues, pool parties and patriotic celebrations in full swing leading up to the Fourth of July, kids are constantly on the go with summertime activities. For long summer days in the sun, a cool treat is the perfect way to help keep kids energized for all of their summertime activities.

These homemade red, white and blueberry frozen pops are the perfect patriotic summer snack for active kids. Made with

wholesome ingredients like fruit and milk, they're a great way for moms to add quality nutrition to snack time with flavors their kids already love. Plus, with milk as an ingredient, this delicious recipe is a creative way to help the whole family get added nutrients they need, like calcium and protein.

Whether celebrating Independence Day or relaxing following an afternoon in the sun, this tasty and nutritious summertime snack is one the whole family can enjoy together. For more inspiration and recipes to serve up summer fun, visit milklife.com.

Red, White and Blueberry Frozen Pops

SERVINGS: 10

- 1/2 cup granola
- 2 teaspoons brown rice syrup
- 3/4 cup reduced fat milk
- 6 ounces fat free vanilla Greek yogurt
- 1 cup whole strawberries, tops removed water
- 1 1/4 cup blueberries, divided

- In small bowl, stir granola and brown rice syrup until combined. Using end of wooden spoon, press approximately 3/4 tablespoon granola into each frozen pop mold. Granola should be packed tightly into bottom of molds.
- In another small bowl, stir together milk and yogurt; set aside.
- Using small food processor or high-powered blender, puree strawberries until smooth. Stir water into each puree so

they are pourable, about 2 tablespoons each, more if necessary.

- Set aside 30 blueberries and puree remainder. Add water, as needed, to make pourable.
- To layer pops, start by pouring, piping or syringing 1 tablespoon milk and yogurt mixture into each mold, covering granola layer. Put each mold in freezer until firm, at least 1 hour.
- Layer 1 tablespoon strawberry puree on top of frozen yogurt layer in each mold. Cover top of molds with foil, insert sticks and freeze again until solid. Remove foil, add another layer of yogurt and freeze again.
- For final layer, add 1 tablespoon blueberry puree and 3 blueberries to each mold. Freeze until solid. Keep frozen pops in molds until ready to eat. Run each mold under lukewarm water for approximately 10 seconds to loosen and remove frozen pops. Pops can be made 1 day in advance.

TIP: For clean lines between frozen yogurt layers, use small syringe.

NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION PER SERVING: 70 calories; 2 g fat; 0.5 g saturated fat; 3 g protein; 11 g carbohydrates; 1 g fiber; 20 mg sodium; 48 mg calcium (4% of daily value). Nutrition figures based on using reduced fat milk.

Getting to know Bill...

- I like to go out to eat, anyplace with a good steak. I like Texas Roadhouse a lot. We go to Stacked Pickle: our daughter works there.
- I like grilling.
- I like watching basketball and baseball: Pacers and the Cincinnati Reds.

How did Bill do it?

BEST ADVICE:

To plan ahead and be organized. My wife is really good at that. I'm not and she's teaching me.

WORST ADVICE:

I don't know if I get bad advice because I came up through this. My dad was here. All the people we knew were in this industry.

BEST BUSINESS DECISION:

To do what we do and not go to work for anybody else. I could go to all my kids ball games when they were growing up. I have a lot more freedom. It has so many advantages. It helps having my dad here. When I need to head out, he can do things here and vice versa.

SECRET TO SUCCESS:

Heeding to advice from my dad and the other flower growers who have been doing this forever.

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From left, Bill and Sherry Heidenreich have owned the greenhouse business since 2000. Bill Arthur Heidenreich, founder of Heidenreich Greenhouses, tends to the ferns on April 25. Inset, Heidenreich ancestors first opened greenhouses in Garfield Park in 1890. Photos by Nicole Davis

Greenhouse roots

Bill Heidenreich carries on a family trade tradition through Heidenreich Greenhouses

By Nicole Davis

You can't replace the wisdom that comes from a lifetime spent in a business. Bill Heidenreich would know. As a fifth generation family member in the greenhouse industry, he uses the knowledge of those he grew up around to successfully sustain Heidenreich Greenhouses on the Southside of Indianapolis.

"I cherish talking to all of these old timers, if we're stuck and trying to figure something out," he said. "I call people all of the time to get their opinions. The industry in general, the greenhouse industry, is unique. If we have problems or need anything, we call each other and help each other. That has never changed."

Heidenreich Greenhouses was started by Bill's father, William "Bill" Arthur Heidenreich in 1956. Prior to that, starting in 1890, the Heidenreich family had a greenhouse where the Garfield Park neighborhood is now.

When the elder Bill first opened the shop, it grew and sold fresh cut flowers grown directly in the ground. In the 60s, when that market dipped, he began to transform the business into what it is today. Growing up in the shop, with his brother and four sisters, the younger Bill said made for fun times and taught him valuable lessons.

"Growing up, we could play in here, when we were little," he said. "It made for great hide-and-seek games. As you got older and started helping out, at an early

age you learn responsibility and how to do things. Nowadays, you look back and see we're carpenters, plumbers, custodians. We're jack of all trades. We do everything we can ourselves until we're in over our head then we'll call a company in to do something. You learn a lot. You have to. We do a lot of things besides manage the greenhouse here."

Bill and his wife, Sherry, have owned the business since 2000. Heidenreich Greenhouses sells a full line of bedding plants: hanging baskets, flats and pots with perennials and annuals. Geraniums are the best seller, followed by vegetable plants.

In the fall, the shop sells garden mums, asters, ornamental cabbage and kales. After Thanksgiving, it offers seven varieties of Christmas trees. With 13 greenhouses, flowers are grown for both retail and wholesale.

In its peak, mid April to mid June, the shop employees up to eight people. The busiest holiday season is Mother's Day, coming up May 14.

Business is going well, but it's not without its past struggles. Bill said 25 years ago, the Southside had nearly 15 greenhouses. Then came the big chain stores which had a strong impact on the market. He said there are now four local greenhouses that grow for retail.

"You find some niches," he said. "We expanded our wholesale. Now the retail is climbing back up. It cycles. We put out a good

product. I think that keeps people coming back."

There are many customers who prefer to shop local, and Bill said the best part of owning the business is getting to interact with his customers.

"I love to talk," he said. "That's kind of one of my downfalls. I talk too much. For me, that's what life is about, the people. Yeah, you want to make a living, but it's fun talking to these people. I look forward to every season. I love seeing the people come in. People come in here, we don't know their names, but we talk about each other's kids, our families, how we're doing."

With a perishable product, Bill said they need to spend a lot of time in the shop tending to the flowers. It can be time consuming, but gratifying.

"It's neat seeing something go from a seed to a finished plant and to go out the door," he said. "I like what I do. I like the hustle and bustle when we're busy. I like being able to leave when I want to. It's neat walking in here in the morning first thing. You open that door, you smell the smell in here. It's earthy and fresh. It's peaceful."

Heidenreich Greenhouses began growing Easter lilies last year, wholesale, and added two more greenhouses to accommodate the expansion. Bill said they could use one more greenhouse, but for now he's happy with how things are going.



PERSONNEL MATTERS

Do you have the right mindset to attract talent?

By Mike Heffner

In the 12 years I have been in the recruiting business, there have been three tales. When I started in 2005, the economy was strong and the recruitment of skilled workers was tough. Then we went through the "Great Recession" and companies shed employees, closed down their business and just struggled to survive. The current market has a tougher economy, skilled workers are again tough to find and now even unskilled workers have become hard to find. This has created another environment for business owners that no one has seen before. Some are calling it the "gig" economy.

When I am talking to business owners these days, what I hear most is how difficult it is to find talent. As of late, low unemployment and the demands for companies to stay relevant with technology and the ever changing economy, it's become difficult for companies of all sizes to recruit and retain the employees they need to be profitable.

Recently, Bob Funk, the co-owner and Founder of the Express Employment Professionals Franchise said "Unless employers raise wages, offer more opportunities for training and career advancement, or improve their work environments, its going to become harder to keep or recruit workers." I agree with Bob that the dynamics have definitely changed. Today's workers have lots of choices and often have multiple job offers in hand.

Lower wage workers are tired of stagnant pay rates and have been demanding

wage increases for several years. Many have pushed for minimum wage to be increased and I have said all along that will happen automatically when the market dictates it as the demand requires it. The blue collar worker is the heart of our economy and we are starting to see the participation rate come back (very slowly) since wages have started to increase (a little). In order for this trend to continue, employers have to be willing to give these workers a chance, pay competitive wages, be willing to train and treat them with respect. Our economy needs these workers and we need them to see hope versus sitting on the sidelines using government assistance as a means of income.

The reason so many were drawn to Trump's message of "Make America Great Again" was that so many had lost hope and wage growth was slow, even with low unemployment. The "gig" economy is upon us. The American worker is figuring out they have some leverage with potential employers. And the employers that have their act together are going to attract and retain some very motivated people that are willing to work hard to prove they belong.



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IN OUR SCHOOLS

Roncalli hires Marsh as football coach

Athletics – Roncalli High School announced that Scott Marsh has been hired as the school's head football coach. Marsh is the eighth head coach in the history of Roncalli football. He served as the defensive coordinator on last season's team that went 15-0 and won the Class 4A state title. Last season's Roncalli defense allowed just 14.6 points per game and held six opponents under 10 points. Marsh replaces Bruce Scifres, who resigned after 27 seasons to become the new executive director of the CYO (Catholic Youth Organization) for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Marsh has eight years of varsity head coaching experience, with stints at Thomas Carr Howe (2008) and Perry Meridian (2009 through 2015). Starting in August, Marsh will teach advanced physical conditioning at Roncalli. He currently teaches at Perry Meridian.



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The right questions boost ratings

By Andrew Angle

To get help with a "rewards card" offer a while back, I called the customer service number from the retailer's website.

The lady who answered sounded articulate. Unlike offshore call centers, she seemed to be an American with a Midwestern accent that could have been a neighbor. She efficiently lead me through questions to quickly arrive at an accurate answer. When the call was done, she asked a common question we hear at the end of such calls: "On a one to five scale, with one being being 'Not at all likely' and five being 'Extremely likely,' How likely are you to recommend [our store] to a friend?"

Within two seconds I said, "One".

She paused and seemed to be holding back her breath when she said, "Sir, 'One' means Extremely UNlikely." Is that what you meant? Unlikely to recommend our store to a friend?"

I said, "Yes."

She hesitated, "Why is it 'extremely unlikely' that you will recommend our store to a friend?"

I said, "Because nobody asks me about where to shop."

She let out a sigh and said, "So, your answer is 'one - extremely unlikely to recommend to a friend?'" The tension and disappointment in her voice was obvious.

I said, "Right. Everybody knows the stores around here. Nobody has ever asked for my recommendation of which store to buy stuff from. So... one."

Sometime later my sister started working in a call center for a major wireless carrier. She told me how their performance ratings are assessed. She explained that the question about how likely you are to recommend their business to a friend or family is the big question that determines the customer service agents' raises, reprimands or terminations. Upon hearing that, I told her about reporting a "one" to the CSR from the retailer. She said, "Oh, that's bad. You could have cost her a raise, or worse."

Based upon that guilt-ridden revelation, my online review requests have now been revised to read: "If asked, is [our business] one that you would recommend to family or friends?"

Read more about getting online reviews at <http://businessleader.biz/getreviews-2>.



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"If asked, is [our business] one that you would recommend to family or friends?"

PEER TO PEER

Flying the friendly skies

By Howard Hubler

Think about going on vacation this summer with your kids and think about United Airlines for a moment. To many people that are on the ball, in the next few weeks is when they're going to go ahead and buy their airline ticket. The vision that comes in your head is a video of a doctor sitting patiently on a United plane in his seat, subsequently being dragged off by two sheriffs while his broken nose bleeds from clinging hopelessly to his seat.

In politics, they say it's not the crime; it's the cover-up. In corporate America they say it's not the mistake, it's the follow-up public relations campaign. At the time this article goes to press, this activity will have played itself out in front of 300+ million Americans. The jury is still out whether United recovers or not. As I write this article a week after this video went viral, United Airlines has not done a very good job with its public relations campaign. From my perspective as a frequent flyer, I could see them offering one free ticket to any place United flies in continental United States. Since this was a public relations nightmare, United would omit the customary blackout times of Christmas, Spring break and Easter. At press time, the doctors daughter took a pass at \$4 million

and press pundits are making book at somewhere around 5 million.

The biggest respect that I have for the airline industry is they have some fabulous lobbyists in Washington DC. I have fought some losing customer service battles with every ounce of logic on my side but apparently without an ounce of rights to stand on. From time to time a TV celebrity is on a talk show and

just pummels an airline because that is the only reprisal they have. The airlines are equal opportunity discriminators. From the highest to the lowest citizen, every dog has their day.

I always try to wind my stories up with a teachable moment. If you're ever sitting on an airplane and two men and a windbreaker with "Sheriff" written on

the back try to pull you out of your seat, don't grab on to the armrest tightly. It may very likely result in you breaking your nose. I broke my nose once and it was quite painful. I really dread the thought of having to go through that again.

"In corporate America they say it's not the mistake, it's the follow-up public relations campaign."



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Upcoming chamber meetings and events

25 - Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce (IT Indianapolis Relocation Ribbon Cutting); May 25, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 107 N. State Rd. 135, Suite 202, Greenwood. For more information, visit greenwoodchamber.com.

31 - Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce (C-ISBDC Exporting Guide - Launch Your Own Business Workshop); May 31, 2 - 5 p.m., 65 Airport Pkwy., Greenwood. For more information, visit greenwoodchamber.com.

2 - Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce (South Grove Eye Care Relocation Ribbon Cutting);

June 2, 3 - 4 p.m., 373 Meridian Parke Lane, Suite E, Greenwood. For more information, visit greenwoodchamber.com.

6 - Franklin Township Chamber of Commerce (June Luncheon); June 6, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Franklin Road Branch library community room. Library CEO Jackie Nyles will speak. Jersey Mike's will cater. For more information, visit franklintwpchamber.org.

8 - Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce (Quickbooks-Desktop/Financial Statements Workshop); June 8, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Tilson, 1530 American Way, Suite 200, Greenwood. For more information, visit greenwoodchamber.com.

16 - Greater Beech Grove Chamber of Commerce (10th Annual Chamber Golf Outing); June 16, 8:30 a.m. shotgun start, Sarah Shank Golf Course, 2901 S. Keystone Ave., Indianapolis. Registration is open now. For more information, visit beechgrovechamber.org.

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

29 - Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce (June Membership 101); June 29, 8:30 - 9:30 a.m.,

65 Airport Pkwy., Suite 140, Greenwood. For more information, visit greenwoodchamber.com.



OPEN 4 BUSINESS



Laura Gladish and Willie Roegner.

Photo by Cleveland Dietz II

Tried and True

New Center Grove area Alehouse is a dream come true for owners John and Laura Gladish

Compiled by Cleveland Dietz II

A lifelong dream was accomplished when Tried & True Alehouse opened Jan. 9 in the Center Grove area.

Laura Gladish said it had been her husband's dream to own a restaurant for 30 years. John Gladish had worked at a Texas Roadhouse for 25 years before hearing that the former Mucky Duck Grill & Bar location, 2800 S. State Road 135, Suite 100, Greenwood, became available. Laura said it all happened quickly after that.

The two worked 12 and 14 hour days ahead of the restaurant's grand opening, cleaning, painting, preparing the menu, deciding on the décor, hiring staff and more.

They traveled to other restaurants that had similar looks and ambience to what they wanted and together, with a contractor, they came up with what Laura described as a "rustic industrial" theme. Reclaimed wood from pallets extends a few feet up the walls. They used pipes for railing. Classic rock and contemporary country plays over the speakers.

Between 85 and 90 people are on the restaurant staff, many of them students at Center Grove High School. According to Willie Roegner, operating partner at the alehouse, three of the six employees of the month selected so far have been high school students.

Laura returned to work to help her husband achieve his dream after she spent nearly 15 years as a stay-at-home mom to their three daughters.

"It has been a blast," she said. "I've loved it. Getting to know all the staff. The business has been good and successful. It's fun to watch and

be a part of my husband's dream coming true. I think we've achieved what he set out to do."

Tried & True Alehouse is open 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 11 – 12 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sundays.

Questions answered by Laura Gladish

Why did you open this business?

"It's been my husband's dream his whole life."

What did you do to prepare for opening your business?

"Through the whole process, we were in here 12, 14 hours a day. We did a lot of the work ourselves. We cleaned this place. We painted. We put together all of our—the material that we needed for the restaurant, training material. Hiring the staff was a big part of [getting started]. Getting everything set up for the business to run. Meeting with different people, food reps and things like that."

Who is your ideal customer?

"A husband, wife and their kids coming in between school and a sports practice or music lessons or anything like that. Mostly families."

How do you plan to be successful?

"It's always just going to be providing top-notch service, treating people the way we want to be treated in a restaurant. That's No. 1."

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

"It might be that people that I've met in here probably don't realize that I haven't worked for such a long time."

FEATURE



Steve Bechman chats with his friends and co-workers at his retirement party on April 28. Photo by Brian Ruckle Inset, Steve Bechman. Submitted photo

Steve Bechman celebrates retirement with Horizon Bank as Johnson County market president

Compiled by Nicole Davis and Brian Ruckle

Surrounded by his friends, family and coworkers, Steve Bechman officially retired from Horizon Bank as its Johnson County Market President on April 28.

With a 27-year career in banking with Bargersville State Bank, Bechman took a risk in 1997 when he and two friends quit their jobs to launch a new financial institution, Heartland Community Bank. He and Jeff Goen sold Heartland to Horizon in 2012.

"Steve is a wonderful person," said Carolyn Clow, former mortgage lender with Horizon for six and a half years. "Steve is an old-fashioned banker. He always has been. People come into the bank and the person they want to see is Steve Bechman. He has done

business on a handshake in the past and people remember him for that."

After selling to Horizon, he stayed on with the bank to help with its continued success. Bechman has served his Johnson County Community as board member and president for both the Franklin Chamber of Commerce and the United Way, and was also on the Johnson Memorial Health Foundation board for 16 years. He's currently serving on the board of the Franklin United Methodist Community, and has also served on the Board for the Indiana 4-H Foundation. He earned the Distinguished Hoosier Award, one of the highest tributes given out by the State of Indiana to its citizens, in 2016 from Governor Mike Pence.

As for his retirement, Bechman says he plans to take advantage of more time to be outside.



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A life of IMPACT is a powerful thing

DEVOTIONAL

By Pastor
Chris Philbeck

On a recent weekend, I preached a special message called, "A Life of IMPACT." I used a story from Acts 10 where Peter has the opportunity to tell a man named Cornelius the truth about Jesus. In verses 37-38, Peter describes Jesus to Cornelius in a way that can be summarized like this: *He went around doing good because God was with him.*

Now the Bible makes it clear that, as Christians, we're to follow the example of Jesus. 1 John 2:6 says, *Whoever claims to lie in him, must walk as Jesus did.* But thinking about following the example of Jesus can sometimes be difficult because Jesus did so many things that ordinary people like you and me will never do (think supernatural). At the same time, I don't know anyone who can't follow his example of doing good.

Recently I read the story of Patrick Greene who lived in San Antonio, Texas who has had a long history of disliking Christians. At one point Greene, an outspoken atheist, threatened to sue Henderson County over the yearly manger display at the courthouse. "My wife and I had never had a Christian do anything nice for us," Green said in a local newspaper interview.

But all of that changed in March of 2012 when the 63-year-old Greene learned that he needed surgery for a detached retina. He didn't have money to pay for the surgery, and he had to give up his job driving a cab. But when Jessica Crye, a member of Sand Springs Baptist Church, heard about Greene's situation, she told her pastor, Eric Graham, who then called Greene. Greene said, "If you really want to contribute something, we need groceries." Greene thought that if anything, he'd see \$50, or at most \$100. But a few days later, the church sent a check for \$400. More checks soon followed. The flabbergasted Greene said, "I thought I was in the Twilight Zone. These people are acting like what the Bible says a Christian does." Now, rather than try to remove the manger display, Greene said he would like to add his contribution—a star for the top of the Nativity scene. However, Greene added, "You people can figure out how to plug it in."

A simple willingness to do good for someone, whatever it might look like, can be a powerful thing. It might even make an eternal IMPACT. So do something good for someone today!



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Left, Students at Saints Francis & Clare Catholic School work on the film through the Lenten season. Submitted photo Right top, Mr. Moore's fourth and fifth grade students finished promotion of the Lego Lenten Story. Right bottom, Ori Wood and Aiden Hill. Photos by Meghan McCormick



Lego Lenten Story

Fourth and fifth grade class at Saints Francis & Clare put together 15-minute stop motion film

FEATURE

By Nicole Davis

Ori Wood started doing stop motion films with his Legos, he said, "when I was little." He wanted to make a movie so his parents introduced him to the idea.

Since then, the fifth grader has made stop motion movies for the school talent show, and even worked with classmate Aiden Hill, fourth grade, for a stop motion film for their book report. The Saints Francis & Clare Catholic School, Greenwood, student was recently able to get his entire class involved.

Response to Enrichment Teacher Sonny Moore suggested that Wood and Hill direct a Lego stop motion film with the fourth and fifth grade class about the story of Lent, from Jesus' fast for 40 days in the desert to Easter, the resurrection.

"The class took that under their wing," Moore said. "We had kids step up, to write the script, content specialists to make sure everything was accurate, design. Every student elevated to what their talents were."

The class worked together during its religion time and afternoon flex time. They chose, on their own, to take the work home, too.

After 30 to 40 hours of work and 4,000 pictures with Wood's Canon Rebel, the 15-minute film was complete. The class then promoted it like a real movie. They created a trailer that was sent out to each teacher a week before the showing. A room at SSFC was set up to resemble a movie theater, where approximately 100 people viewed the film. It is also posted online at ss-fc.org/cf_media/index.cfm?g=574.

"It exceeded my expectations," Moore said. "Everyone who has seen it said 'wow, fourth and fifth grade students did that?' They did everything."

Moore said the class pull together to demonstrate true teamwork.

"Then the discussion that took place," Moore said. "How do you think Jesus would feel when he was carrying the cross, when he was bleeding? The animation shows Jesus carrying the cross. They chose to use red Expo marker to represent his blood, but it has a

neat effect on the movie itself. It really looks like he's bleeding as he's walking through the streets. I think they got much more out of this than just giving them something to read. They really sat and thought, what do you think it looked like when he was walking through the streets. They chose to visualize that and represent that in a Lego design."

The experience has only motivated Wood, as he plans to move away from Legos and into armature stop motion films, figures which move in a more life-like fashion.

"I liked how I felt like a real director, such as Wess Anderson or something," Wood said. "The film I will make with actual figures, I will attempt to make it an hour and 30 minutes."

Hill said that he learned a lot from Wood through the process, too.

"Ori taught us, some student thought you could raise a hand and put it back down, but you have to go little by little," Hill said. "I feel that was a great project and I should do more of this. It makes me feel better."

OBITUARIES

CENTER GROVE

Roger Ashby Jr. died on Sunday, May 7, 2017. He was born Oct. 6, 1926 in Oakland City, Ind, the only son of Roger and Edith (Tisdale) Ashby. He and his wife, Pauline "Polly" Newhouse had been married for 66 years when she passed away in 2013. They moved to Greenwood in the late 90s to be near family. Services were May 10 at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory, Greenwood Chapel, Greenwood.

Agnes Cecile Duncan, 81, of Greenwood, died on April 23, 2017. She was a 57-year member of Our Lady of the Greenwood. Services were April 27 and 28 at G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home, Greenwood. A Mass of Christian Burial was April 28 at Our Lady of the Greenwood, Greenwood. Entombment will be at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

Sandra C. Merz-Abella, 80, of Greenwood, died on Sunday, May 7, 2017. Services were May 12 at Newcomer Funeral Home - Indianapolis Chapel. Interment is at Greenlawn Cemetery.

Kenneth L. Swain, 56, of Greenwood, died April 27, 2017. Kenneth attended Center Grove High School and graduated in Honolulu, Hawaii. He owned and operated SwainCo. Crawl Space and Basement Repair in Greenwood. Services were April 30 and May 1 at Faith Community Church, Indianapolis. Celebration of life was May 1. Burial is in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Geraldine "Gerry" Thorne, 85, of Indianapolis, died May 6, 2017. Gerry was a member of Emmanuel Church of Greenwood. She retired from USA Track & Field. Services were May 13 at G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home at The Gardens at Olive Branch. Burial is at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.



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Andrea McCoy

School corporation names Center Grove Middle School educator as Teacher of the Year

Compiled by Nicole Davis

Center Grove Middle School Central 8th grade science teacher, Andrea McCoy, accepted the 2016-17 Center Grove Community School Corporation Teacher of the Year award on May 1. Two weeks later, and she says she is still overwhelmed and humbled by the honor.

"Everybody has been really supportive," she said. "I feel I work with a great school. I have

a really supportive staff. This is such a group effort... I feel I have the ability to put my best foot forward with the support I've been given."

McCoy, originally from Southern Indiana, graduated from Indiana University with a marketing major. She went through a transition to teaching program at the University of Indianapolis. She has taught at Center Grove since 2011, starting as a computer teacher. This is her fourth full year teaching science.

She describes her teaching style as engaging.

"That's always my goal, to make sure students are engaged," she said. "I work really hard to switch activities often and keep them interested in the content. My goal is to have them leave every day interested in science and wanting to learn more."

The Teacher of the Year was chosen by a Franklin College committee. McCoy will receive a \$1,000 check to spend on her classroom, and will now represent the school corporation in the Indiana Teacher of the Year competition.

As she concludes the 2016-17 school year, she said she looks forward to what the future has in store as far as her career as an educator.

"I'm always looking forward to what am I going to change for next year, how can I improve, how can I contribute in a different way," she said. "I feel I work in a great building and corporation where we're always learning new things. It excites me to try new things."

Here, learn more about our June Center Grove ICON of the Month, Andrea McCoy.

What do you consider your greatest virtue? Enthusiasm. I try to tackle challenges with a positive attitude and enthusiasm.

What do you most deplore in others? When someone is closed-minded. We can always learn new things.

What do you like most about living in Center Grove? I love the sense of community in Center Grove. The generosity from community members to our schools always amazes me. On a less serious note, I hate driving, so I like living so close to school.

If you had to live anywhere else in the Metro Indianapolis area, where would it be? I would love to live in Lockerbie next to Mass Ave. This relates back to my hate for driving, because I would enjoy being able to walk to the grocery or to dinner.

If you could begin life over, what would you change? I would love to be more spontaneous.

If money were no issue, how would you spend it? Travel the world! My list of places to visit just keeps growing!

What makes you happiest? Being with my family and friends and of course, my puppy.

What is your favorite vacation spot? I love constantly trying somewhere new – new cultures, sights, and of course, the food.

What do you do with idle time? I love to read. Embarrassingly, I really enjoy reading young adult series. I used to say I read them so that I could talk to my students about them, but I think they all know better by now.

What is it that makes you angry? When I feel that I am not being heard or things are not fair.

What do you do to escape from reality? I love to cook. It brings out my inner zen. I love trying new recipes and cookbooks.

What or who is the greatest love of your life? My husband, Grant, makes me laugh

every day and is patient with me when I am stressing about something. Can I also say our dog, Cooper? I once had a student confess that she did not even know I was married because I talked about my dog so much. So, I clearly can't leave him out.

Which living person in Center Grove do you most admire? I am constantly blown away by the dedication and caring attitude of the staff at my school. They put our students first, support one another, and always have the most creative ideas on how to engage students.

What is the quality you like most in a man? Compassion for others and the ability to not take themselves seriously

What is the quality you like most in a woman? Compassion for others and the ability to not take themselves seriously

What is your greatest extravagance? Travel

What are your fears/phobias? My family always says I have "fomo", the fear of missing out!

What has been the happiest time of your life? I love meeting new people and trying new things, so leaving home and heading to IU was a whole lot of that.

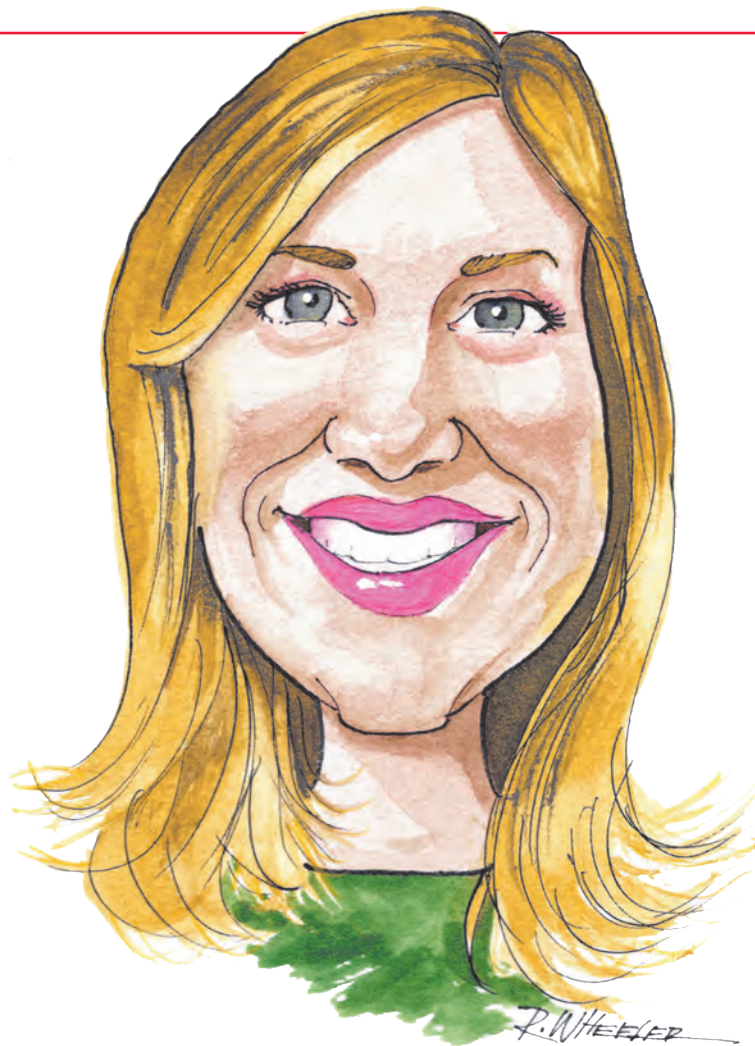
Which talent would you most like to possess? I would love to be able to sing.

What do you most value in your friends? Dependability and humor

Which historical figure do you most admire? Right now, it would be the women recognized in the book/movie Hidden Figures. (Mary Jackson, Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan) Typically, any female scientist makes my heart happy.

What is your greatest regret? I don't really believe in regrets. Even the mistakes have provided me with the opportunity to learn and grow. If I HAD to pick something, I would have another dog.

What tenet do you live by? Seek first to understand than to be understood



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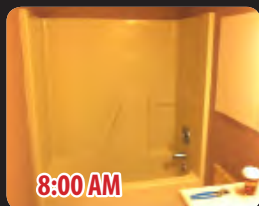


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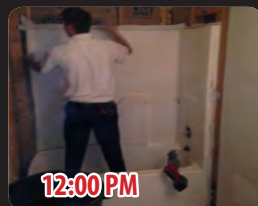
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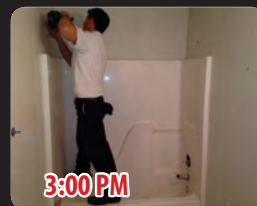
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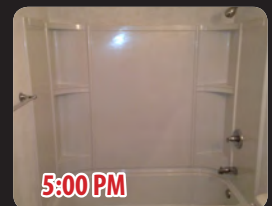
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