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We want your nominations for the 2017
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ICON OF THE YEAR
- someone who deserves to be recognized for their contributions to the Southside community.



Please email nominations to news@southsidetimes. com no later than Dec. 10 with why this person should be chosen, who we can speak with about them and contact information.

Shh... this is a surprise for the chosen PERSON!

# **ICONIC**image



From left, Lancer + Bee Architect Mark Beebe, Superintendent Rich Arkanoff and Center Grove Community School Corporation Board Member Rob Daniels celebrate the groundbreaking on Walnut Grove Elemenatary. The two-story school, designed by Lancer + Beebe, LLC, will be constructed on the 57.5-acre property on N. 450 West, approximately one mile north of State Road 144 in Bargersville. "We're excited to move forward on this project," Arkanoff said at the groundbreaking. "Our White River Township community is growing and thriving. With that growth comes students. As of today, we are full in all of our elementaries except for one classroom. We have portables around two of our schools, so as you can imagine, August of 2019 cannot get here soon enough." (Photo by Nicole Davis)

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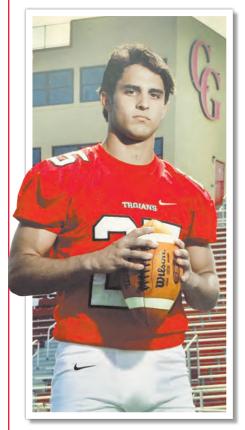
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Jonah Hays.

Submitted photo

# **THE HAYS FILE**

NAME: Jonah Hays

YEAR:

Senior

Football (is also a varsity wrestler)

POSITION **Outside linebacker** 

6-foot, 185 pounds

**FAVORITE TV SHOW:** 

How I Met Your Mother

**FAVORITE MOVIE:** 

**Step Brothers** 

**COLLEGE PLANS:** 

Has applied to the IUPUI School of Nursing

PARENTS:

Jamie & Shayna Hays

# Bot Rohiman's INDY Athlete of the Month HONDA Jonah Hays

### **By Rick Morwick**

Jonah Hays acknowledges the Center Grove High School football team didn't have the type of regular season players expected.

But all the same, taking a 4-5 record into the postseason isn't without its advantages. Especially when you're a traditional Class 6A power that plays one of the state's toughest schedules.

When that's the case, looks can be deceiving.

"A lot of teams look at us and think, OK, we're 4-5 this year, so they're thinking this is one of the weaker Center Grove teams," said Havs, a senior outside linebacker. "Obviously, we do have a tough schedule, so I think that's one thing that might actually be an advantage. Teams we've never met think we're just some team that won't be too good.

"It's just an advantage we have with the schedule to prepare us for the playoffs."

Center Grove, which competes in the elite Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference, took full advantage of its scheduling edge in the Oct. 27 sectional opener at Franklin Central.

On paper, the host Flashes were 8-1 and heavy favorites. On the scoreboard, the Trojans dominated 35-3 and proved - despite their record - that they are capable of another lengthy postseason run.

They were state champions in 2015 and were state runners-up last season.

"As a team, obviously we didn't have the (regular) season we wanted to, but we did have about three losses that were within a score or so," said Hays, a leader of the Trojans' defense. "Our record doesn't show exactly what we can do. If we are hitting on all cylinders, we can definitely do a lot of damage to other teams."

A two-year varsity player and first-year

starter, Hays is a major reason why the Trojans are starting to hit on all cylinders on defense. A former cornerback, the 6-foot, 185-pound player moved to outside linebacker this season because of his ability to cover receivers like a defensive back and deliver hits like a linebacker.

"Jonah is physical enough to play linebacker and is a good enough athlete to play in the defensive secondary,"Trojans head coach Eric Moore said. "With as much as teams pass now, it's great to have a linebacker who can cover like a defensive back and tackle like a linebacker."

But that's not the only reason Moore values Haves, who is also a standout wrestler and a defending IHSAA State Meet qualifier.

"Jonah is a true student-athlete," Moore said. "He does a great job in the classroom and is a rare two-sport athlete. Best of all is Jonah Hays' huge smile when you see him in the hallway. A lot of high school athletes avoid coaches and conversation throughout the day with coaches or adults, in general. Not Jonah. He is always smiling and saying hello. He generally cares for all of the students at Center Grove.

"He's just a a wonderful young man. It's been really fun to watch him grow athletically as well as becoming a great young man."

Hays plans to attend college but isn't sure if he'll play sports. He's drawn the attention of a number of programs but has applied to the IUPUI School of Nursing.

In the meantime, his focus is on the Trojans and their pursuit of a state championship.

"Once we get rolling, we're usually hard to stop," Hays said. "A lot of us have matured and we've learned the game and we know how to compete now. It's definitely gotten a lot tougher to stop us. It's a big difference now."

# **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!

Pack Away Hunger is preparing for its largest after-Thanksgiving day event yet, titled what?

☐ A. Give Friday

☐ B. Pack Friday

☐ C. Hungry for the Holidays

D. Black Pack

Center Grove Athlete of the Month Jonah Hays has helped the football team grow this year. What position does he play?

A. Runingback

☐ B. Quarterback

☐ C. Outside linebacker

D. Offensive Line

What Center Grove area business is offering "Sweetness in a Sack," with special candy treats this holiday season?

☐ A. Ella's Frozen Yogurt & Candy Shop

■ B. Craft + Cork

☐ C. Strange Brew

☐ D. Hampton's Market

Center Grove High School's Center Grove Figures : keynote speaker for its Veteran's Day service, Vice Admiral Mike Bucchi, used to be an instructor for what military school?

A. Atterbury

☐ B. Culver Military Academy

☐ C. Red Flag

D. Top Gun

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Executive Director Tandy Shuck was encouraged to apply for her job while she was doing what?

☐ A. Unemployed and searching for work

☐ B. Still in college

☐ C. Going through LJC's Signature Program

**D.** An executive director of a competing nonprofit

**ANSWERS ON PAGE 27** 





# ONE MEAL AT A TIME

Pack Away Hunger Executive Director Larry Moore prepares for the nonprofit's largest Pack Friday event to date



Executive Diretor Larry Moore started Pack Away Hunger in 2010 with a goal to help eliminate malnutrition across the globe. (Photos by Nicole Davis)

# PACK FRIDAY

**WHAT:** Help pack 50,000 meals for local food pantries. Each volunteer packs 200 meals and can fundraise to support this free event.

WHEN: Friday, Nov. 24. Three shifts available: 9 a.m., 11 a.m. or 1 p.m.

WHERE: La Quinta Inn, 5120 Victory Dr., Indianapolis.

INFO: packawayhunger.org

# **COVER STORY**

**By Nicole Davis** 

Eliminate malnutrition.
That's the long-term goal for Pack Away Hunger's
Executive Director Larry Moore. While the nonprofit hasn't been able to do that yet, they have
created more than 2 million meals this year for
families, both domestically and internationally.

"That's a lot of people that in some cases would not have gotten any food, or if they're getting a nutritious meal instead of chips and soda, that's a huge win in my book, too," Moore said.

Moore started Pack Away Hunger in 2010. Having grown up in the Kansas City area, he and his family were living in San Antonio, Texas when his company relocated its head-quarters to Indianapolis in 2004. Moore and his wife, Mary, and three children, now adults, moved to the Center Grove area so Moore could continue his 30-year career in the promotional products industry.

Approximately 10 years ago, Moore's boss asked him to check out a meal-packing event.

"It was a love at first sight discovery of this activity where people of all ages were creat-

"Since the recession.

almost 10 years ago now,

unemployment has gone

down, yet you talk to every

food pantry in the city and

need has gone up."

- LARRY MOORE

ing these nutritious meal packs," he said. "There was music playing. They were laughing and having fun. It was an eye opener: here's something lots of generations of family can do together."

Moore volunteered for awhile before deciding to leave his career to start his own organization, Pack Away Hunger, on the Southside of Indianapolis and work there on a fulltime basis in May of 2010.

Pack Away Hunger operates out of 5230 Park Emerson Dr., Suite A, Indianapolis. Businesses, churches or individuals can sponsor events, packing Nutri-Plenty meals in an assembly-line fashion. Each meal costs 27 cents each. Locally, half of the meals are distributed to Midwest Food Bank and Gleaners. The other half is shipped internationally, to Haiti and Guatemala. This year, meals have also been sent to Texas, Florida and Puerto Rico as hurricane relief.

"I know without a doubt, I was really ignorant about hunger issues before I started doing this," he said. "I was learning more and more. There are lots of demographic pockets that have a lot of challenges, in different parts of Indiana: senior citizens, kids, military veterans...

The sad news, we just read the poverty rate in Marion County has almost doubled in 15 years. Since the recession, almost 10 years ago now, unemployment has gone down, yet you talk to every food pantry in the city and need has gone up. They might say everything is wonderful and unemployment is low but if it's not

a decent full-time wage, they can't feed their family. They're looking for some extra help. Sometimes they say there's too much month at the end of the paycheck. They need help for those days money has run out."

Moore has received the opportunity to visit Haiti and Guatemala and see the impact of the meals there firsthand. He tries to visit one of these countries once a year if his schedule permits.

"What always comes to mind first, the kids are really happy, and they have nothing," Moore said. "It's a pleasant surprise that they don't need material things to be happy. They're just joyous when they play... We also talk to the teachers in these schools. They describe the kids before they started getting nutritious lunches, then fast forward a couple weeks and how much more energy they have, how much happier they are. They can stay awake and pay attention in class and learn something because their mind isn't constantly thinking of food. Talking to the teachers, we realize this group of kids would not be learning nearly as much or in some cases not at all because the families would tend to keep the kids at home certain times of year to help in the field.

> But if they know their kid will get a nutritious meal at school, then he'll go."

In 2016, Pack Away Hunger packed 2.3 million meals and Moore said they'll pack roughly 2.2 million in 2017. Soon, they will sponsor an event that will pack 50,000 of those meals: Pack Friday.

"Before we started doing Pack Friday, it seems all we heard the Thanksgiving before that, is people

talking about how, 'oh I hate that Thanksgiving has become so commercial," Moore said. "Thanksgiving used to be, as the name implied, an opportunity for people to be together and express thanks. All it is now is fighting over a parking spot and scrambling to buy some electronic toy. We realized we can offer an alternative. We can open up the Friday after Thanksgiving, what retailers call Black Friday, and give people what they're asking for, give them an opportunity to help other people."

This year, the 5th annual Pack Friday is Nov. 24, with three shifts currently available. As shifts fill up, Pack Away Hunger will consider adding more. The event has become so popular, they no longer have the space at their facility. This will be the first year hosting it at La Quinta Inn, 5120 Victory Dr., Indianapolis, just off of I-465 and Emerson Avenue. There is no fee to join this event. Pack Away Hunger will ask for donations. Those interested can register up until the day of at packawayhunger.org.

"People have been over-the-top generous and helpful," Moore said.

# **HISTORY & ARCHITECTURE**

# **Changing of Center Grove colors**

# By Jeff Beck

Season change brings fall colors of brown and reds to mind. Colors of Center Grove School also changed many years ago. Why? Good question. The reason for the change is not found in research, but a discussion with former Center Grove students and photos of letter sweaters gives us a clue.

During a discussion at a recent Center Grove Alumni and Friends meeting, the subject of school colors came up. Committee members shared

a memory of Carl Kegley wearing a blue and gray CG letter sweater. Talking with Marianna (Kegley) Richards, she provided a photo of the letter sweater worn by her father with Sister Nancy still being in possession of the blue/gray letter sweater.

ing the community, Carl was elected White River Township Trustee from 1964-72. Carl and his wife Nellie raised three children: Pressley, Marianna and Nancy, all CGHS graduates.

Two brothers named Kinder came from Virginia to Johnson County and settled in the community, naming Kinder after themselves. Brown County Historical Society board member shared information with me from her Kinder family research regarding the brothers.

Alumni and I have spoken about how we feel colors were blue/gray until they changed to red and white during or near the time Coach Swede

Chambers coached basketball at CGHS. **Coach Chambers** named the basketball team the "Swedes," which makes one feel he would have also changed colors to red and white. The name changed to Trojans in 1939 after Swede Chambers was released from Center

Grove employment. History states Swede was no longer employed by CGS due to unfair play and character. Norm Hyatt, CGHS '53, recalled CGS colors were from University of Southern California, although their school colors were scarlet and gold.

I would be very interested in knowing information on changing of CGS colors. Please contact the Center Grove ICON to leave contact information. Color change is an important part of school history; thanks for sharing your memories.



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.



Carl Kegley is a name known to many of the residents of White River Township. Carl lived in Kinder community, a small area in southern White River Township located at the intersection of Morgantown Road and State Road 144. Carl played basketball for Center Grove, was a community leader for many years and a master carpenter well known for his honest and quality work. Numerous homes were built by Carl and building partner Vane Houpt in the community. Carl and Vane worked for themselves and also Utterback Homes of Bargersville. Serv-





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CG Singers will perform in Festival of Carols on Dec. 3, amidst its busy holiday season. (**Photo courtesy of Chris Williams**)

# **Brightest and Best**

CG Singers joins Indianapolis Symphonic Choir for Festival of Carols on Dec. 3

FEATURE

**By Nicole Davis** 

CG Singers will soon have the opportunity to perform alongside adult professionals with the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir at this year's Festival of Carols.

Festival of Carols, a sell-out holiday concert, features five shows through the first half of December. Center Grove High School's chosen choir will join the 200-voice Indianapolis Symphonic Choir on Dec. 3, 7 p.m. at the Howard L. Schrott Center for the Arts at Butler University. The collaboration is part of the Symphonic Choir's Spotlight Choir Series, working to benefit high school choral music programs and achieve a balanced, complete education for young people. Tickets range from \$21-\$46 and may be purchased at indychoir.org. Student tickets are available for \$15.

CG Singers will perform two individual pieces at Festival of Carols, *Brightest and Best* and *Snow*, from *White Christmas*. Alongside the symphonic choir, they will sing *Hallelujah* and *The Dream Isajah Saw*.

"I don't think they're quite sure what they're getting into at this point," CGHS Choral Director Jennifer Dice said. "Being the top choral ensemble they have a lot of requirements of them and high expectations. They really like a push. To be singing with the symphonic choir singers, that's a big deal to them and they will gain musician skills along the way. I think it'll be a really cool opportunity for them as singers to see adult singers. Some of them will go on and perform by trade but a lot of them will not so it's an opportunity for them to be exposed to an opportunity in the community, to stay involved in that way."

CG Singers is Center Grove's top choral ensemble, consisting of 35 singers, Dice said. Festival of Carols comes amidst its already busy holiday season. CG Singers produces its own large production for Christmas, performing Nov. 30, 7 p.m.; Dec 1, 7 p.m.; and Dec. 2, 2 p.m. in the high school auditorium. They will also open for Broadway and Emmy award-winning actress Jane Lynch at The Cabaret in Indianapolis. Her show is Dec. 8 and 9. They will move on in the spring to their competitive season.

Festival of Carols will continue its shows on Dec. 15, 8 p.m.; Dec. 16, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m.; and Dec. 17, 3 p.m. at the Palladium at the Center for Performing Arts in Carmel. Tony Awardwinner Alice Ripley will join the 2017 lineup at all five performances as a special guest soloist.

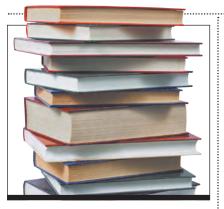
# **ICONIC**briefs



Wisdom Builders, a Home School Group from Pittsboro Ind. shows off their certificates received from PRPNC Robert Melson of the Fleet Reserve Association for participation in the 2016/2017 FRA National Essay Contest. Students in grades 7 through 12 are eligible to submit a 350-word or less essay about "What Patriotism meant to me" by the deadline of Dec. 1. For more information, visit fra.org/essay.

# **Entrants sought for** national essay contest

Patriotism - The Fleet Reserve Association through its branch 130 in Greenwood is seeking entrants for the organizations 2017-2018 Americanism Essay Contest. The Grand Prize is \$5,000 plus 18 National Awards and Regional/Local Prizes.



# **Johnson County** public library Thanksgiving closings

Holiday - All Johnson County Public Library branches will close at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 22 and will remain closed through Thursday, Nov. 23 for the Thanksgiving holiday. All branches will reopen at their regular hours Friday, Nov. 24. The library may be closed but our Virtual Branch is always open. All you need is a library card to access our digital collections such as e-books, e-audiobooks, comic books, music, movies and more.



**Development - The Greenwood Rede**velopment Commission (RDC) closed on the purchase of a former strip mall located at 1265 N. Madison Avenue located adjacent to the Greenwood Park Mall on Nov. 6. Formerly home to The Patriot's Table restaurant, the property has no current tenants and an assessed value nearly cut in half since 2012. The eight acre property is being considered for new park space, green infrastructure and improved overall aesthetics to enhance one of the city's most-visited areas. The city will seek community input before finalizing plans for the property. Demolition of the existing structures on the site is expected no later than early 2019. Madison Avenue streetscape improvements between Pearl Street and Noble Street are expected to begin in Spring 2019.



# **ICON**ography

# The Flag still stands for freedom

# Center Grove High School celebrates Veterans Day with a speech from Vice Admiral Mike Bucchi

### By Nicole Davis

Schools across the Center Grove School system honored veterans on Nov. 10 in recognition on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. At Center Grove High School, Vice Admiral Mike Bucchi spoke to students about his service as a Naval Operator and instructor at Top Gun, the Navy Fighter Weapons School.

"Who are the veterans we want to honor today?" he said, "I would tell you that we come from all walks of life. We're fathers, mothers, brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles. Many are still active duty. Many like myself no longer wear the uniform but are still on the sidelines being cheerleaders, praying rooting and supporting those that continue to stand the watch for this great nation of ours. We are businessmen and women, farmers, teachers, engineers, you name it, we are society. Although we wore different uniforms, we all did one thing in common and that is each and every one of us at one point in time raised our right hand, we took that oath... so that we might be able to defend the freedoms that we enjoy today and preserve that freedoms for future generations. In doing this, some gave more than others but all gave some."

Bucchi continued to speak about the importance of recognizing veterans for their service and sacrifice and explained to students the importance of the American flag and for which it stands.

"If I could have one request as a veteran, and I think here I speak for all veterans, I would ask you to respect the flag," he said. "Because the flag stands for freedom and it stands for sacrifice."

Bucchi's wife, Marilyn, concluded the program by singing Lee Greenwood's *Proud to be an American*. The high school treated veteran guests and their families to lunch following the program.









Marilyn Bucchi sings Lee Greenwood's 'Proud to be an American" to conclude the program. To her left Assistant Superintendent Bill Long and Mike Bucchi.
 Veterans and their families treated to lunch.
 From left, Mark Brunette, Gabby Lowry and Shela Brunette.
 From left, Andrew Eads, a junior at Center Grove High School, Bob Hall of Mooresville and Jerold Ryan of Center Grove.

# **ICONIC**rewind



# Home values rise in Center Grove

Real estate - Sellers in Center Grove are seeing their home values rise and come off the market faster. According to F.C. Tucker, the average sale price for homes sold in Center Grove in September 2017 was \$263,044 at \$115.12 per square foot. This sale price represented a 10.1 percent increase from September 2016. In addition, homes in the city sold in 59 days, 12 days faster than this time last year.



# Center Grove's Maristela named to Newman Catholic Campus at Ashland Univ.

Ministry - Sabrina Maristela, of Greenwood, is a member of the Newman Catholic Campus Ministry at Ashland University. Maristela is majoring in political science. She is a 2016 graduate of Center Grove High School. The Newman Catholic Campus Ministry of Ashland University is a faith community rooted in the Catholic tradition.



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# Center Grove ICON **TURNS 5!**

### By Nicole Davis

It's been five years since the first issue of the Center Grove ICON was mailed to homes across White River Township in November 2012. In celebration of this milestone anniversary, we would like to thank all of our readers and advertisers for their support through the last half-decade. It's been a journey! We've gotten to know so many wonderful people in our Center Grove - area community and hope to continue building even more relationships as time goes on.

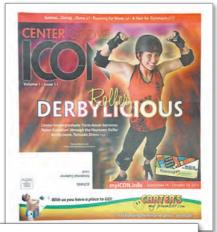
Reflecting back on the last five years, we thought it would be fun to share our top five favorite cover stories. Enjoy!



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# A Calling for Carla, Debut Issue

It's a favorite because it's the first - the issue that started it all. Gracing the debut cover was Carla Johnson, who served as executive director of the Center Grove Education Foundation from 2012 until 2016. She took on that position around the same time the ICON started. While we were sad to see her leave, she has a great successor in Jennifor Rakow. And there's no doubt Johnson helped to grow the education foundation, sparking new excitement in fundraising for the benefit of Center Grove teachers and students.









SEPT. 14 - OCT. 18, 2013

# **Roller Derbylicious**

We love the color on this cover. Some features are just fun - to design, to write, to reflect back on. Center Grove's Tricia Bauer struck the perfect post for a fun look on the front page. We can remember attending that Naptown Roller Derby, team Tornado Sirens, practice, our first real look at the sport in action. Those women are inspirational!

JAN. 18 - FEB. 14, 2014

# Price: The People's Rep

We ventured through a snowstorm to meet up with then State Representative John Price at Strange Brew back in 2014. The legislative session had just begun and Price shared his thoughts on some hot topics for that year. Price was an inspiration to many in his community, operating under the statement of doing what's best for his community and not what's best for himself. Statements from community leaders backed up that assertion.

OCT. 18 - NOV. 14, 2014

# **Evicting Evil Spirits**

Father Vince Lampert served as the priest at Saints Francis & Clare Catholic Church from 2003 until 2015. In a casual conversation with him, it would not be realized that he was appointed as an exorcist in 2005. With a unique vocation, Father Lampert remains humble about his job of helping troubled people come to see the face of God in their lives, quoting a scripture that states "we are worthless servants; we have done nothing more than what we are commanded to do."

DEC. 19 - JAN. 15, 2016

# 'Mr. Center Grove'

We had for years heard the name of Jeff Beck around the Center Grove community. That's why he was chosen as the ICON of the Year in 2015. Known as the historian of Center Grove, he has written two historical books on Center Grove and Bargersville. Though he graduated from Center Grove High School in 1967, he has remained an active member of the community through the alumni association, Bargersville Main Street, and helping with the area's history in any way he can. After this article came out, we asked Beck to write our history & architecture column and he was so eager to help that he sent a year's worth of columns in the first month!



# Thanksgiving is not just for one day

Like many holidays, we forget the original intent. We get caught up in a sporting event or family time or a large meal, while we turn our focus to Christmas. But we're missing an opportunity to remember how we got here. It's been 400 years since the colonists landed. We all know the story and yet we are too far removed for it to have meaning. So we spend our time on Facebook posting our thanks for this or that, then we return to the hustle and bustle of our lives. But we have so much to be thankful for every day. Our lives could be richer for just stopping to remember what we have.

It's easy to get stressed about the orange barrels lining the highways and byways of our daily commutes, but without the proper care, the streets cannot get us to our destinations.

What about advances in healthcare? Sure it costs a pretty penny, but we're alive to complain.

Food is another thing we take for granted. We don't have to forage for a meal; spend the day preparing and the growing season toiling.

We are blessed. Live in the moment. Eleanor Roosevelt was once quoted saying. "The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience." Carry that throughout your days and it will make a difference in your attitude.

# **BELIEVE IT!**

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

In Louisiana, law was passed with the specific intent of stating the punishment for stealing crawfish.

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**ICONtoon** 



# An unfortunate stream

HUMOR

**By Gus Pearcy** 

Nothing makes sense anymore. I can't form a coherent column because all these bits and pieces are flowing through my head. I must release them. What follows is a stream of unfortunate consciousness. My thoughts are my own and I'm sorry:

# Shut up about the NFL! The things we get upset about kills me. Instead of complaining about the protest, read about the issue. Yes, we still have a racism issue, and we don't have a clue how we can fix it. Kneeling is giving up on the U.S. NFL players kneel when they don't want to play or get hit. If any country can figure out how to squelch racism, it's us. Stand up to be counted as a believer that ours is the most likely form of government to solve this issue.

# Mindhunters on Netflix is fascinating. The subject matter (getting inside the head of serial killers) is stomach-turning, however. Those with delicate sensibilities should avoid this show.

# Nostalgia. At times, you should go back over music or events in your life and compare how you felt then to now. It can be enlightening. Hopefully, you've grown a bit.

# Me too. It's heartbreaking the number of women, and men, who have posted this on social media to indicate they are a victim of sexual harassment or assault of some kind. Another indicator of the broken world we live in. Hopefully, something positive will result. I won't hold my breath.

# Asking questions. This dovetails from the previous point. We are quickly approaching a society that is afraid of talking for fear of offending and then being skewered on the Internet. Seek to understand is a philosophy key to changing attitudes. We don't do that. I'm not sure we ever did. My only real skill is asking questions. If I offend you, please take the time to explain without condescending. We all want to be treated with respect.

# Automatic flushes. Robots are flushing our toilets in many public restrooms. If you have charge of a public restroom, be sure to also install sensors at the sinks. Many times, I've stood waiting for the sink to automatically turn on. When nothing happens, I feel stupid. Go all manual or all automatic. Don't half-ass your restrooms. Side note: The Dyson Air Blade hand dryers blow so hard that my hand skin flaps everywhere. It makes me feel old and I don't like it.



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# THUMBS UP THUMBS DOWN

To the Center Grove High School Band for its third place finish at the ISSMA State Finals on Nov. 4.

To Greenwood's Street Department employees for their leaf pick up efforts! As a reminder, free leaf and limb pick up is provided as part of your trash service with the city.

To the Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce on another successful Taste of the Southside event held Nov. 5. The food was excellent, with a wonderful representation of local businesses!

To Center Grove Middle School North for earning the designation as an A school!



To Center Grove High School football player Tyler Watson for being selected as a Center Grove High School representative of the DAR Good Citizen Award.

To Ellen LeMasters for earning a spot on the 2017 IHSVCA 4A 2nd Team All State in volleyball!

# QUOTE

"Duty, Honor, Country. Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be."

> - Douglas MacArthur American five-star general

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A very happy holidays to you and yours from the Center Grove ICON! The holidays are a busy time of year for many people, and it can be difficult to keep up with everything going on during this season. Take some time for you and your family by participating in old traditions and let yourself be inspired by our ideas for new traditions.

This Gift Guide is our present to you this holiday season. Our suggestions are intended to make your holiday easier, inspiring you with locally-crafted gifts and small-business activities for the whole family to enjoy. Explore the selection of unique merchandise available for your family and support your neighbors by shopping local this year. There will be more, last-minute ideas, in our December issue!

Here's to a joyous holiday season of fun and friends, and remember to spend time with your family this year. Snow may fade, but a happy holiday memory is forever.







### **Holiday Gift Baskets**

Adrian Orchards 500 W. Epler Ave., Indianapolis

INFO: adrianorchards.com

**PRICE:** \$10 - \$400

GIFT IDEA: Show your friends and family love by helping them to stay well and avoid some of the sugary treats during the holidays by giving them a healthy, nutritious and delicious holiday gift basket. Make the trip out and you can sit by the fire and enjoy hot cider before you head back into the cold. Adrian Orchards is now taking orders for Holiday Gift Baskets for later pick up. Also, they are now shopping via UPS.



# **American Girl books** & Mini Dolls

**Book Rack** Greenwood Corner **Shopping Center** 1930 E. Stop 13 Rd., Indianapolis

INFO: 1 /pg/Book-Rack-Indy-92595043527

**PRICE:** \$8-\$20

**GIFT IDEA:** The very popular American Girl doll series is more than a toy. It is also a line of historical fiction books. While reading a great story, girls also learn about American history through the eyes of girls their age. Choose from several different titles and also pick up one or more mini dolls at the Book Rack.



### **Paint your Pet**

Craft + Cork 3115 Meridian Parke Dr., G, Greenwood

INFO: craftandcork.com. (317) 300-1277

**PRICE:** Paint Your Pet series, \$55

**GIFT IDEA:** Craft + Cork's most popular project is Paint Your Pet series (\$55). This particular painting includes a 16x20 hand-sketched canvas of your pet by a Craft + Cork artist. An artists will teach you how to paint in a monochromatic, realistic, or pop art style. They also offer adult (\$35) and child (\$20) painting sessions, glass painting (\$35), wood projects, jewelry making, decor and wreaths, and cardmaking. Gift cards are available.



# Sweetness in a Sack

Ella's Frozen Yogurt & Candy Shop 520 N. State Rd. 135 Ste. A. Greenwood

INFO:

ellasfrozenyogurt.com (317) 985-3232

**PRICE:** \$10

GIFT IDEA: Back by popular demand are Ella's Custom Candy Bags. The shop's most popular one, Sweetness in a Sack, includes a bag of Gourmet Popcorn, a Holiday Chocolate Dipped Krispie Treat, Hot Chocolate on a Spoon and some Abbott's Caramels. Of course, it's all topped off with a festive Christmas Bow! Ella's will deliver large orders.



# uPaint your gift

uPaint 3113 Smith Valley Rd. D, Greenwood

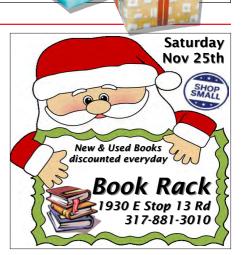
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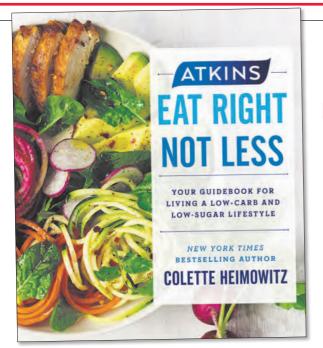
**PRICE:** Platters – range in price from \$34-\$57

GIFT IDEA: Anyone who enjoys entertaining loves a pretty platter. Serve Christmas cookies on a platter designed by you. Or give the gift of personalized coffee mugs or Christmas ornaments!









# Happier, Healthier Holidays

FAMILY FEATURE

The holidays are filled with temptations and

opportunities to over-indulge, and if you're managing your health and weight, the season can feel anything but merry.

Depriving yourself of your favorite holiday treats isn't only unpleasant, it's also unnecessary. Many experts recommend that instead, you focus on building a healthier lifestyle through a well-balanced, longterm eating plan. For example, Atkins offers a balanced approach with foods containing fiber-rich and nutrient-dense carbohydrates, as well as good fats and proteins, while focusing on reduced levels of refined carbohydrates and added sugars. When preparing your holiday menu, look for recipes that contain adequate protein, healthy fats and high-fiber carbohydrates, and you'll be able to enjoy the flavors of the season without quilt.

Learn more about the benefits of a balanced, low-carb approach to eating at Atkins.com.



# **Sweet Potato-Pumpkin Puree**

Recipe courtesy of Atkins.com Cook time: 1 hour, 20 minutes

# **Ingredients**

- 3 large egg whites
- 5 tablespoons sugar substitute, divided
- 1/2 cup half pecans

- 1 1/2 pounds sweet potatoes, peeled
- 1/4 cup unsalted butter stick
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 15 ounces pumpkin (without salt, drained, cooked and boiled)

### Directions

- Heat oven to 250 F. Lightly butter baking sheet.
- In medium mixing bowl, beat egg whites with electric mixer at high speed until foamy. Gradually add 3 tablespoons sugar substitute and continue mixing until soft peaks form. Spoon onto prepared baking sheet and spread with spatula to 1/4inch thickness. Bake 35 minutes. Turn oven off; let meringue stand in oven 45 minutes. Crush meringue and place in bowl. Add pecans and toss gently to combine. Set aside.
- While meringue is resting, place sweet potatoes in medium saucepan. Cover with water to 2 inches above potatoes and bring to boil. Cook until tender, about 20 minutes, and drain. Return saucepan to medium-high heat. Add potatoes, butter, cream, remaining sugar substitute, salt, cinnamon, pumpkin pie spice and pumpkin puree. Stir to combine. Mash with potato masher until smooth. Heat through, about 1 minute.
- Transfer potato mixture to serving dish and cover with meringue topping.



# **Garlic Rosemary Pork Loin**

Recipe courtesy of Atkins: Eat Right, Not Less Cook time: 1 hour | Servings: 4

# Ingredients

- 1 pound boneless pork loin olive oil cooking spray
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 tablespoons fresh rosemary, thinly sliced

### Directions

- Heat oven to 350 F.
- In small skillet over medium heat, cook pork loin, fatty-side down, 4-5 minutes to brown top and render some fat.
- · Coat 7-by-11-inch baking dish with cooking spray. Place pork loin in dish.
- In small bowl, combine mustard, garlic and rosemary; stir well. Spoon mixture over pork. Transfer to oven and bake 45 minutes-1 hour, until loin is cooked through but still slightly pink in center.
- When pork is cooked, let rest 5 minutes before slicing. Slice and serve immediately.



# **Salted Caramel Cheesecake Bites**

Recipe courtesy of Atkins: Eat Right, Not Less Cook time: 1 hour, 10 minutes

# **Ingredients**

- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1/3 cup plain protein powder
- 2 tablespoons stevia

- 6 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature
- 1/3 cup chopped almonds or macadamia nuts
- 1 tablespoon sugar-free caramel syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/8 teaspoon xanthan gum (optional)
- 1/4 teaspoon sea salt or sea salt flakes

# **Directions**

• In large mixing bowl, combine heavy cream with protein powder and stevia. Whisk until smooth. Add cream cheese, almonds or macadamia nuts, caramel syrup and vanilla extract; blend until smooth. If cream cheese clumps slightly, mix with rubber spatula, breaking up bits of cream cheese against side of bowl.

Sprinkle mixture with xanthan gum, if desired, and mix about 30 seconds. Mixture will thicken slightly.

- Cover tray that will fit into freezer with sheet of wax paper. Using soup spoon, scoop mixture onto tray, making 18 mounds. Alternatively, use two silicone candy molds or empty ice cube tray coated with olive oil spray and press cheesecake mixture into 18 molds. Sprinkle with sea salt.
- Freeze at least one hour before serving.

**NOTE:** Can be stored in freezer up to 1 month.

# ENTERTAINING

# **EVENTS**calendar

**Grief Share: Surviving the Holidays** • Join for an encouraging seminar that will help attendees survive the holidays and discover new reasons to enjoy them again. All are welcome to this free event. | When: Nov. 18, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Where: Southland Community Church, 5800 W. Smith Valley Rd., Greenwood. | Info: Mary Gerlach, gerlach@yahooo.com, griefshare.org.

**Greenwood Aglow** • The Greenwood Public Library will present this year's annual holiday celebration. Carriage rides are free of charge as well as the live animal shows featuring Silly Safaris and their real live reindeer! Photos with Santa are only \$1 per photo! There will be a family-friendly craft, coloring, Christmas caroling, food to purchase from the Kiwanis Club of Greenwood, and a photo booth. | When: Nov. 18, 4 - 7 p.m. Tree lighting, 5 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. | Info: (317) 885-5036.

**52nd Vietnam War Celebration •** Any Vietnam veteran, or veteran from another war, whether a member or not, is invited to attend. This year, Vietnam veterans who arrived in country in 1967 or left Vietnam in 1967 will celebrate 50 years and will be honored. | When: Nov. 18, 6 p.m. | Where: 333 S. Washington St., Greenwood. | Info: (317) 888-2488.

Holiday Craft & Gift Show • Join for homemade gifts, home decor, baked goods, jewelry, scentsy, LulaRoe and more, presented by CarDon & Associates Inc.| When: Nov. 18, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Community High School, 615 W. Smith Valley Rd. | Cost:\$1 admission, ages 12 and younger are free. | Info: ashley@thesocialofgreenwood.org.

The Annual Turkey Burn • This Thanksgiving Day Fun Run/Walk is in memory of Jamie Sue Ramey, with proceeds going towards her children's trust fund. Choose 1.5 miles, 5K or 10K.Find a Turkey, win a prize! | When: Nov. 23, 9 a.m. run, 9:05 walk. Packet pick-up, 7:30-8:30 a.m. at the Ampitheater | Where: Craig Park, Greenwood. | Info: 17 Turkey-Burn, racemaker.org/event/turkeyburn.

**Messy Art: Scratch and Sniff Art** • Explore the world of art through new creations each month. Dress for a mess. | When: Nov. 27, 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org.

Robot Petting Zoo •Adults can learn about the most popular tech toys on the market just in time for the holidays. Staff will teach about Little Bits, Dash, LEGO WeDo, Sphero, and more. Then, get hands-on experience trying them out during a robot petting zoo. | When: Nov. 27, 6:30 - 8 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org.

Santa Train • The Town of Bargersville will hold its annual festive event where Santa and his friends come to town via train! | When: Dec. 1, 3 - 7 p.m. | Where: Town Hall, 24 N. Main St., Bargersville. | Info: townofbargersville.org.

**Choral Concerts** • Franklin College's choral concerts will feature all three college choirs: The FC Singers, the Women's Chorus and the Men's Chorus. All events are free and open to the public. | When: Dec. 1, 7 p.m. and Dec. 2, 2 p.m. | Where: Clarence E. & Inez R. Custer Theatre in Old Main, Franklin. | Info: (317) 738-8185.

Chocolate Extravaganza • This Christmas shopping holiday bazaar features 38 local vendors with a wide variety of items. There will be a raffle, tables with chocolate desserts and more! The event will help raise funds for Biglife Ministries and Haven Women's Ministry. | When: Dec. 2, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Where: The Barn at Bay Horse Inn, 1468 W. Stones Crossing Rd, Greenwood. | Info: ■: Chocolate Extravaganza.

Christmas Bazaar • Shop for the Christmas season! | When: Dec. 3, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. | Where: Saints Francis & Clare Catholic Church, St. Clare Hall, 5901 Olive Branch Rd., Greenwood. | Info: rstone@ss-fc.org.

Craft Night Drop In: Embossed Holiday Cards

• Stop in and emboss cards or gift tags with special glitter and a heat gun. All materials provided in this adult-teen program. | When: Dec. 4, 6:30 - 8 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org.

**MLG (Major League Gamers!)** • Gamers, play Minecraft, Roblox and more. Attendee must be between the grades of 5 and 12. | When: Dec. 5, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org.

**Silly Safaris' Reindeer Reserve** • Join for Silly Safaris' Reindeer Reserve starring one of Santa's Elves with a live baby reindeer and other animals from the North Pole! | When: Dec. 6, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org.

**Star Wars Release Party** • Celebrate the upcoming release of the newest Star Wars movie with cosplay, games, and crafts. | When: Dec. 12, 6 - 8 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org.

**Preschool Yoga Storytime** • Build muscles and mind while combining simple yoga poses and gentle stretching with stories and rhymes to make an interactive, movement-filled storytime experience. | When: Dec. 15, 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. | Where: White River Branch library 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org.

**Joyful Sound Christmas Concert** • Joyful Sound, a handbell group out of Greenwood, will perform its concert series. | When: Dec. 15, 7 p.m. | Where: First Baptist Church of Greenwood, 99 W. Main St., Greenwood. | Info: joyfulsound.info.

**Joyful Sound Christmas Concert** • Joyful Sound, a handbell group out of Greenwood, will perform its concert series. | When: Dec. 18, 7 p.m. | Where: Greenwood United Methodist Church, 525 N. Madison Ave., Greenwood. | Info: joyfulsound.info.









Top left, Lauren Casey, Emcee. | Top right, Jacqueline Bowman Ponder, Board Chair. | Bottom, featured art piece, created by Beacon of Hope client. Amy McInerny.

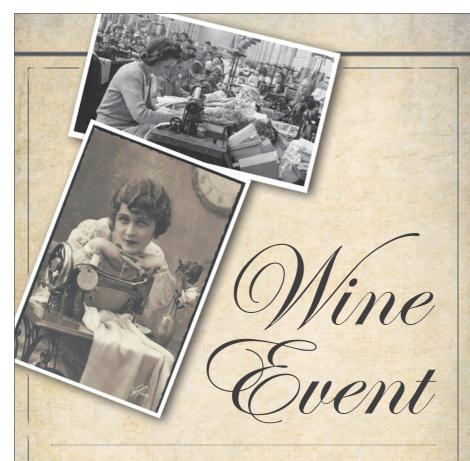
# Give Abuse the Boot raises \$33K for Beacon of Hope

Crisis Center - The first annual Give Abuse The Boot gala raised \$33,000 dollars for Beacon of Hope Crisis Center held Oct. 5 during Domestic Violence Awareness Month. The event included a dinner and auction at Barn at Bay Horse Inn for 250 participants. The top raffle item, raising \$2,100, was an amazing golf package consisting of a Solar Sources Golf Hat and Golf Polo, Golf Balls, Golf Towel, Ping 400 Custom Driver donated by Bunker Run Golf Course, and a \$400 Value Course Play at Hillcrest Country Club Golf Course with Golf Carts included.

Beacon of Hope's Board Chair, Jackie Bowman Ponder, of Center Grove, entertained the crowd and auctioned off a one-week Pensacola Florida Condo getaway donated by Mike McKinnon, David Yurman earrings donated by Reis Nichols-Greenwood and a Pacers package with winners choice of game night!

The Give Abuse The Boot Gala hosted more than 250 guests and featured emcee Lauren Casey, Good Morning Indiana Anchor at RTV6. Guests were entertained by "Tastes Like Chicken" Dance Band's "Chicken Bone" performing acoustic pop rock in the saloon. The highlight of the evening was, Amy McInerny, a survivor who spoke about her featured art sculpture which she created as a part of her healing journey receiving services as a client at Beacon of Hope Crisis Center.

"We are truly blessed. The generosity of our guests is so appreciated. The support of all of our sponsors and the dedication of all our board members and volunteers is what made this first initial event such a success," said Sandra Ziebold – CEO, Beacon of Hope Crisis Center. "We feel fortunate to be able to have these funds to better serve victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in our community. The funds will assist us with our focused advocacy services and growth in our Teen Talk Program for our Central Indiana youth; including increased collaborative work with college campus partners."



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Lee Supply has served the Southside for over six decades at 3025 Madison Ave. and has recently expanded its showroom to include name brand appliances and lighting making it the place to go for homeowners, designers, builders and contractors. (Photos by Brian Ruckle)









The Southside Lee Supply team at 3025 Madison Ave.: Rick Ferguson, appliance consultant; Kurt Hamblen, appliance consultant; Chris Kuhn appliance consultant; Don Prout, branch manager; and Alicia Von Tobel, showroom manager. (Photos by Brian Ruckle)

# Lee Supply showroom now features appliances, and lighting

By Lee Supply

Lee Supply, a cornerstone Southside business for over six decades, has expand-



ed their showroom at 3025 Madison Ave. and now features name brand appliances and lighting that will fit every budget! When you tie that together with all

their PHVAC equipment and supplies, they are truly a one-stop shop for homeowners, designers, builders and contractors.

"While our Madison Avenue location has always had a Kitchen & Bath Showroom, we saw the addition of appliances and lighting a sound decision in response to all the new construction and the rehabbing of so many of those really great older homes in the area," said Jennifer Lee.

Jennifer added, "Historically, the Southside of Indianapolis has always supported Lee Supply. We believe adding major appliance brands, and well-known lines of lighting, will give our neighbors more reasons to stay in love with Lee Supply."

The family owned business began in 1949 when Herb Lee opened a store front at 948 N. Alabama and started selling plumbing supplies to contractors. As a result of continued growth, just a few years later Lee Supply relocated to their current Madison Avenue location.

"Respect our customers, employees, and suppliers. Always conduct business fairly and honestly, offer quality products and services priced competitively and we will succeed" was his philosophy then and it serves us today just as it did in 1949.

The philosophy has lead Lee Supply from a store front in downtown Indianapolis to a multi-branch distributor with branches in Indianapolis, Carmel, Bloomington, Lafayette, Columbus, New Albany, Richmond, Ft Wayne, South Bend, Martinsville, Merrillville and Archbold, Ohio.

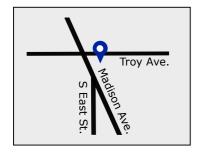
Today, Herb's son Bob and his two sons, Bill and Chip, are leading Lee Supply into a bright future along with another generation of Lees by their sides.

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# Getting to know Jared...

- Favorite coffee drink: espresso, iced with almond milk and our handcrafted vanilla.
- Faith is obviously a huge part of our life. ... My wife and I currently mentor to young married couples. My wife teaches a mentoring class to seniors at our Christian school and is part of writing a curriculum to allow other Christian schools to bring this same program into their class that really prepares students for life beyond high school.
- Brickhouse is family-owned. It's myself and my wife who manage it. Our 18-year-old is one of our top baristas. Our 12-year-old will do what she can.
- We really don't have names for our drinks. We make off-menu names for our drinks too. One is The Marshall. The fire marshall came in for inspections and I made him a drink. He really wasn't a coffee drinker. We have a vanilla soft-serve cream that I used with two shots of espresso over ice and blended it together. He loved it. Because of that he became a coffee drinker. We called it The Marshall because of him.

# How did Jared do it?

### BEST ADVICE:

Take the path that leads to peace.

### **WORST ADVICE:**

Hasn't happened yet.

# BEST BUSINESS DECISION:

Follow the best business advice I've been given.

# **SECRET TO SUCCESS:**

Show up. Persevere. Repeat. You're either going to build your dream or someone else's.

### IN 5 YEARS...

Keep pursuing the dream and the vision that The Lord has given.

# **Brickhouse Coffee Co.**

100 Byrd Way Greenwood, IN 46143

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WJared Stayton co-owns Brickhouse Coffee Co. crafting coffee into the community. (Photo by Nicole Davis)

# Bringing craft to the coffeehouse

Stayton family roasts and serves coffee at Brickhouse Coffee Co. in Greenwood to grow community and support mission work

# **By Nicole Davis**

The Stayton family has brought a new type of coffee-drinking experience to the Southside. It's more than than the smell of freshlymade coffee a customer can expect when they walk through the door or the hot (or cold) cup o' joe they'll receive upon ordering.

Brickhouse Coffee Co. at 100 Byrd Way, Greenwood has used the same concept as a craft brewery business but with coffee as its product. The beans are roasted in-house, allowing customers to experience roasting and production first-hand.

"Coffee is our means, our tool to develop community," said Brickhouse co-owner, Jared Stayton. "Crafting. Coffee. Community. became one of our slogans. We're artisans. Community is what we want to craft, now only within our coffee shop, but in our surrounding communities. And we want to train others how to do the same thing."

The idea was born on the mission field. Having grown up on the Eastside of Indianapolis, Jared tried his hand at university before looking for a career. He worked in the fitness industry, mortgage business in Greenwood, network marketing, roofing and remodeling, before feeling called to attend Bible college. He, his wife Lora, and two daughters moved onto the Bible college campus, where the desire came to go on a mission trip to Southern Spain. The family spent a year and a half, from 2010 to 2012, working in a community center.

"We struggled financially," Jared said. "We wanted to find an alternative means to support ourselves as opposed to relying 100 per-

cent on friends, family and churches for our support. Looking for jobs within the community would only take away opportunities for locals to have jobs. We started looking at doing business as a mission. Coffee seemed to be this international phenomenon. No matter where you go in the world, there are people drinking coffee and tea."

Jared had gone to a barista school prior to leaving for Spain and had also developed a passion for coffee. The family decided to put together a business model that would allow them to sustain as missionaries and teach others how to do the same.

# "Our heart is to be a vocational training facility for mission work."

- Jared Stayton

They began roasting coffee four years ago, knowing that the business would need to start as a roastery, selling fresh, direct-trade beans to churches, coffee shops and individuals. From there, they started a catering service with a mobile espresso bar. The next part of their plan was to open a retail center.

The family brought in a business partner in December, and were able to purchase a new production roaster built in Carson City, Nev.

Then they started looking at locations on the Northeast side of Indianapolis. They received a call from developer, Randy Faulkner, who had purchased the former Jonathan Byrd's Cafeteria building in Greenwood.

"From the moment we walked in, we knew this is where we were supposed to be," Jared said. "We met with a designer and knew exactly what we wanted in a coffee shop. We didn't brand it as a coffee shop; we branded it as a crafthouse. We are very much handson. We do it all ourselves, as much as we can."

After four to five months of building, Brickhouse opened its retail location in August. A grand opening was celebrated on Oct. 21.

The interior, Jared describes as vintage industrial with a little bit of farmhouse.

Brickhouse works with an import partner in Kansas City, obtaining its direct-trade beans from Brazil, Columbia, Ethiopia and Indonesia. There aren't necessarily names for the drinks on the menu. Customers can craft their own drink by choosing the type of brew, hot, cold or frozen, type of milk and if they want a flavoring. The syrups are made in house, with no preservatives.

It doesn't end in Greenwood. Jared said they plan to build multiple locations, from the Southside to Northside to downtown. Greenwood will be the only roastery/production site. Ultimately, though, their goal is to return to Southern Spain with Brickhouse.

"Our heart is to be a vocational training facility for mission work," he said. "At some point, we hope to take this back to Spain, develop a world-class company."

# PERSONNEL MATTERS

# 2017 4Q Hiring Trends Show Signs of Optimism and Challenges

### By Mike Heffner

This summer and early fall, the demand for talent has been very high on the Southside of Indianapolis and surrounding area. The unemployment rate in the area is around 3 percent as of September, down from 3.4 percent in August. This is the lowest it has been in years. I have been getting lots of questions asking about what I am seeing as we move into 2018. I thought I would share some insight from the recent national Express Employment Professionals Job Insights Survey for the 4Q. The report leaves me optimistic about the future but also nervous as it seems to be a constant battle for local employers to find good people.

# Optimistic about the economy

Business is growing and demand seems high. The majority of respondents reported that they expect to see an upward trend in hiring, or at least maintain the status quo. Only 11 percent of businesses expect their employment activity to trend downward in the 4Q of 2017.

Up slightly since the beginning of 2017, 45 percent of respondents said they expect business to trend up, followed by 44 percent who believe their hiring activity will stay on par with current levels. In fact, these statistics have remained relatively consistent throughout 2017.

The most robust hiring activity this year has been in the "general labor" segment, followed by skilled labor (industrial), and administrative/office clerical. And perhaps the most optimistic statistic heading into 2018, 92 percent of respondents did not plan to eliminate positions in the 4Q—which is up from 86 percent in 4Q 2016.

# Despite optimism, qualified candidate pools continue to dry

Across most industries, there are jobs to

be found. However, candidates with the skills to fill in-demand positions are becoming fewer and far between. Attracting and retaining top performers continues to be one of the highest priorities for businesses.

The Job Insights Survey revealed that more than 70 percent of businesses say it is "somewhat" or "very" difficult to recruit for and fill positions, with the top three reasons jobs go unfilled including lack of applicants with experience, lack of applicants in general, and lack of applicants with hard skills.

# Some wage growth locally but still slow

Wage growth is often a barometer for the health of the overall economy. Locally as the labor market has tightened, I have seen the average wage grow 7 percent over the same time last year with local clients. I see this trend continuing as employers are seeing the need to increase wages to hold on to and attract the talent they need.

The challenges that come with a strong economy and tight talent market can be maddening at times. I have been fearful that the difficulty in finding good people for businesses would really slow the economy but so far the growth has continued even as the labor market tightens. I have also been pleased to see companies that are taking steps to improve the engagement and retention efforts to help make their workplace as attractive as possible.



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

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# **BUSINESS**

# The Wine Market opens in Fountain Square

Market – The Wine Market at Fountain Square opened its doors on Oct. 12 at 1031 Virginia Ave., in a building that once housed Skip's Market and has been fully renovated for its second life. The iconic corner building at Virginia and Woodlawn Avenues has been reimagined to provide casual comfortable café style seating along with an intimate private event room on the second level. Both residents of Fountain Square, Partners Kris Bowers and Zachary

Davis chose the bustling location because of the neighborhood's eclectic mix of independent restaurants, bars, breweries and shops and their desire to share their love of wine with their neighbors. The Wine Market will offer a wide variety of wines from virtually every wine producing region of the world with a rotating selection of by-the-glass options. For more information, visit winemarketatfountainsquare.com.



# BIZ WEB

# **Coworking comes to Greenwood**

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me their newest

member."

### **By Andrew Angle**

When your business is one that enables you to get work done by merely having a reliable computer with Internet access, it's feasible to either work from the comfort of home or the local coffee shop. When I mention to others that I have been working from home for most of the past 20 years, the response is typically, "Wow! I wish I could do that!"

Although the work-from-home life has

its advantages, I have found that coffee shops are too noisy. Being at home can be either too noisy or too quiet. Either place can be isolating while lacking an air of professionalism.

Having seen the co-working spaces in Broad Ripple, Fishers, and some sprouting downtown, I was disappoint-

ed at the lack of such places in Johnson County. Co-working would be great, but not great enough to welcome a long commute. Based upon the local demand, I even pondered the possibility of launching a co-working space, but concluded that it would be more work than I could responsibly accept. I did, however, find a private office on Madison Avenue in Greenwood, just north of Winchester Place. Shared Office Leasing was surprisingly affordable. It was a relief to finally get a real business address and plenty of storage for my business junk. Upon moving in, a fellow tenant in that converted residence soon became my new

client. The deal paid my rent. Yay! Had I stayed home, this business wouldn't have happened and Google Maps would still be showing a balloon over my house. The virtually silent private office is nice, but I was still wishing it provided more of a co-working element.

This October a co-working space finally launched in Greenwood. "Greenhouse JoCo" was born from the collective efforts of its founder, Laura Kennedy, plus the City

of Greenwood, Mayor Mark Myers, the Greenwood Chamber, and the essential donation of floor space in the Tilson building by I-65. Co-working space is about more than "square footage." Greenhouse JoCo is a co-working space that provides freelancers, entrepreneurs, startups, and groups with coworkers, connec-

tions, and unforeseen business opportunities. With this news, you can consider me their newest member.

Get more info at facebook.com/pg/green-housejoco.



Andrew Angle. of Greenwood, is the owner of NetGain Associates, Inc. He can be reached at 317.534.2382.

# PEER TO PEER

# You Build it They Will Come

"To my dismay,

the line was from the

front door all the way

to the area where

you would normally

start the line."

## **By Howard Hubler**

So, from time to time, I go to the Chick-fil-A on the Southside at Southport Road and 65. Typically, I'll pick up a couple of meals, take them to my mom's house and talk about the state of the world. Unfortunately, it was closed the last few months as it was down for con-

struction. One day it was there, the next day there was a giant crater where a Chick-fil-A used to be. I came back a month or so later and there was a brand new Chick-fil-A that was twice the size of the old one.

Well, the big day approached where I was going to give it a try. The other one was plagued with long waits and this new was so large I could not imagine a wait. After walking quite a ways

down the frontage road, I walked in the front door. To my dismay, the line was from the front door all the way to the area where you would normally start the line. However, next to every fourth or fifth person in line was a person with a vest on and a headset. They would ask you your name and what you wanted to eat. When it was my turn, it was painless. The line was as fast as any line you've ever experienced. Everyone simply went to the nearest cash register of which there were several and stated your name. As quickly as that, they handed you your meal, you paid and walked out the door. I noticed the

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lanes for the drive-through were three lanes wide. Again, young, smiling, happy people with vests and two-way radios were greeting drivers. I presume the same drill, "Name, and what would you like to eat?" Those lines were going as fast as an interstate tollbooth. Eisenhower brought the first tollbooth back from World War II along with the interstate as the only idea

that we copied from Europe. We're still trying to figure out trains. Anyway 70-some years later we've finally figured out the magic for making a tollbooth flow. I guess Chick-fil-A just took a page out of their best practices manual.

Advertising executives can give me the name of legions of fast food companies whose names we have long since forgotten. Chickfil-A won't be one of those

companies that you need to concern yourself with anytime in the near future. Have a blessed day. (No, I did not get a 12 piece chicken nuggets in exchange for this article)



Howard Hubler can be reached at howard@

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- 29 Greater Southside Business Alliance (November Meeting); Nov. 29, noon, location to be announced. For more information, visit gsbaweb.org.
- **5** Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce (2017 Chamber Holiday Celebration); Dec. 5, 4 6 p.m., Barn at Bay Horse Inn, 1468 W. Stones Crossing Rd., Greenwood. For more information, visit greenwoodchamber.org.
- **5** Franklin Township Chamber of Commerce (December Meeting and Holiday Party); Dec. 5, 11:30 a.m. 1 p.m., Advanced Limousines. For more information, visit franklintwpchamber.org.
- 12 Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce ((Greenhouse Cowork December Meet-Up); Dec. 23, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Greenhouse @ Tilson, 1530 American Way, Greenwood. For more information, visit greenwoodchamber.com.



(Photo by Rick Myers)

# Taste of the Southside celebrates 25th year

**Food & Drink** – Taste of the Southside fans line up at Brickhouse, Greenwood, to sample some food. Jared Stayton, Brickhouse Coffee Co., Greenwood, chats with, left, Regan Loeffler and Stephanie Flanigan. The Nov. 5 event, hosted by the Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Meijer, celebrated its 25th year of offering food and drink samplings to southsiders.

# FEATURE

# Sounds of the Southside

# Mike Middleton opens Music Lessons of Indianapolis, offering instruction for all ages

### **Compiled by Nicole Davis**

Mike Middleton says he enjoys sharing his knowledge about guitar and his love for music.

With a background in ad and web design, he has also balanced his time with guitar instruction since 2004 and has played the guitar since 1980. Seeing a growing interest in lessons, he officially opened Music Lessons of Indianapolis this October.

Music Lessons of Indianapolis, at 5703 S. East Street, Suite F, Indianapolis, offers one-on-one lessons, group lessons and preschool music classes on a variety of instruments. Current lessons include drum, guitar, cello with a plan to expand into even more as the business progresses. The school, open Monday through Saturday, 1 to 9 p.m., features private teaching studios and a waiting area for parents and siblings.

"I love to see beginners get a grasp on the instrument and that moment when they realize that they can do it and they're actually playing a song," Middleton said. "That gives me a lot of personal satisfaction as a teachthroughout a long period of time, also."

sion of the Mike Middleton Guitar Academy

"One thing I'm really looking forward to is getting students involved in a group setting, so they're playing with other musicians as a group," he said. "Often students just play for their teacher, parents or family members but they don't get a lot of opportunities when they're younger to play with other musicians. I'd like to match musicians together to play and do performances, too."

# er. It's just great to watch students progress Music Lessons of Indianapolis is an expan-

which has been in business in Indianapolis since May of 2015. Middleton, a Perry Township resident, originally from Wabash, Ind., has brought in the students he was already teaching with another guitar instructor and is looking to grow that clientele.

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# Why did you open this business?

I was teaching guitar from my apartment. I have been doing that since the Spring of 2015. My schedule was full, so I had to hire another guitar teacher. We wanted to expand and get some drums and piano involved. The only way to do that is to go out an open a new business.

# What did you do to prepare for opening your business?

I did contact several teachers who taught piano, guitar, drums and try to line up some teachers. I had to buy a lot of new equipment for the place and furnish it. I wanted a comfortable setting for parents who were waiting on students.

# Who is your ideal customer/client? We teach students of all ages.

# How do you plan to be successful?

I'm doing a lot of promoting right now, just going from door to door, handing out fliers, a lot of footwork trying to let people know about us. I plan to give the best service I possibly can and provide a nice place for lessons, so hopefully people will continue to come back as they'll like the atmosphere and the service.

# What would we be surprised to learn about vou or vour company?

We have pre-school classes in the works. It

would be from ages 3 to 5. We have had some people interested in it but would still need to get a few more to form the class... We can work with preschoolers, teach them how to sing, clap and count rhythms, let them experiment with

different instruments and see what they become excited about and what instrument they may choose to pursue later.

About me personally: I was in The American Coaster Enthusiast Club (ACE) for many years. I had a bit of an obsession with roller coasters for a few years. I would try to make an amusement park trip every weekend. I have ridden hundreds of different roller coasters in dozens of different amusement parks.



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Mike Middleton of Music Lessons of Indianapolis stands in front of his new Southside storefront. (Submitted photo)

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# Print problems resolved

TECH SAVVY

By Regina Miller

We have a printer that has two trays and keep the blank paper in one tray and our company letterhead in the other tray. When we print it does not give us a choice of which tray we want to print to and always goes to the top one. How do I print to the bottom tray which is labeled Tray 2?

This can vary by model but typically you would print to the second tray by choosing print from within whichever program you are using and then going to the Print option. From there you would first confirm that the printer you want to use is the one selected, but then instead of selecting "Print" select the tab for Properties then the Print/Quality Tab and where it says Paper Source, click the drop-down and select Tray 2. The print job should then be sent to Tray 2 when vou select 2. Don't forget to change it back when you are done as most programs will remember what options you chose the last time and default to that

selection the next time. Also be sure that you are not choosing Print from a shortcut since that does a "quick print" to whatever selections are made in the default print settings without giving you an option to change. If you find yourself having to change print trays frequently, some people find it helpful to have to instances of the printer installed and name them according to their default settings. For example, having one instance called HP Tray 1 and another instance Tray 2 for which you've chosen the appropriate tray and other preferences and saved them as the default settings for each of the instances. You would still only have one physical printer of course but it may make task switching easier. Happy printing!



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





# Puzzle Tíme

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

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### **ACROSS**

- 1. Drink of the gods
- 7. Circle segments in a Center Grove HS math class
- 11. Young newt
- 14. Skiing style
- 15. Salmon type
- 16. Greenwood Park Mall map blurb: "You \_\_\_\_ here"
- 17. Busiest day for a store owner
- 19. Beachgoer's goal, often
- 20. Luger or tobogganer
- 21. Help for the stumped... it starts with H!
- 22. \_\_\_ Ten
- 25. Indianapolis Indians pitching stats
- 26. Tiny bit of salt
- 27. Full-price payers
- 29. Messes up
- 31. IMA mosaic piece
- 32. Virile, like a Colts linebacker
- 34. It makes waves
- 37. Activity on 17- and 58-Across
- 41. UFO crew
- 42. Even if, briefly
- 43. \_\_\_ good example
- 44. Unexciting
- 45. Three-legged stand
- 47. Good-looker
- 50. Give a hoot
- 52. James Whitcomb Riley's "before"
- 53. Sign of things to come
- 54. Quiznos sub choice
- 57. ISU degree for a future CEO
- 58. Busiest day for an Internet store
- 62. Suffix with auction
- 63. Indianapolis Star page
- 64. Uptight
- 65. Attempt
- 66. ISO guest cellist: \_\_\_ Ma
- 67. Lie atop

# DOWN

- 1. Apprehend
- 2. IU Health building wing
- Katz, Sapper & Miller pro, for short
- 4. Nervous twitches
- 5. Short sock
- 6. Directs (to)
- 7. Litmus reddeners in an IUPUI chem lab
- 8. Took an IndyGo bus
- 9. Burn slightly at Ruth's Chris
- 10. Indiana bean crop
- 11. Have dinner at home
- 12. Old French bread?
- 13. Victory Field's extra inning

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- 21. Towel identifier stitching
- 22. Wash oneself
- 23. Village \_\_\_
- 24. Lake Michigan shore birds
- 26. IRT stage accessory
- 28. Floral necklace
- 29. Marengo Cave sound effect
- 30. Purdue sorority letter
- 32. Item of folklore
- 33. SS. Francis & Clare Catholic Church celebration:
  - \_\_\_ Wednesday

- 34. Strainer
- 35. Sign on a door
- 36. Tiny type size in the ICON
- 38. Brickyard 400 winner:
- \_\_\_ Earnhardt
- 39. Menu phrase
- 40. Indy Tire pressure init.
- 44. Coal container
- 45. New Madrid fault aftershock
- 46. Not in its original form
- 47. One of Santa's reindeer
- 48. Brownish Crayola color

- 49. Wet-eyed
  - 50. Words to live by
  - 51. NCAA Final Four mo.
  - 54. Proof goof
- 55. Comply with the Greenwood Police
- 56. Change for a five at BMO Harris
- 58. Playing hard to get
- 59. Banned pesticide 60. "Give it \_\_\_\_!"
- 61. Japanese currency

**Answers** See Page 27



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# Church should be a place of peace and comfort

DEVOTIONAL

By Pastor Chris Philbeck

I have a confession to make in this month's devotional. I forgot to write one. Fortunately, the editors allowed me to send something late, but I completely forgot. I've got excuses. My wife and I just moved into a new house, I just returned from a 10-day trip to the Holy Land, our church is extremely busy. All of these are true, but it doesn't change the fact that I just forgot.

So, I sat down to quickly write something about being thankful. It's November, right? But I can't stop thinking about the senseless and horrific shooting that took place this past Nov. 5 at the First Baptist Church in Sutherland Springs, Texas. I can't stop thinking about the grief and sorrow of those who lost loved ones and a town now, forever marked as another place where anger and rage unleashed its fury on innocent people. But what I can't stop thinking about the most, is how much I have always loved being in church.

Church has always been a place of peace and comfort and safety for me. I'm sure that's how the worshipers at First Baptist Sutherland Springs felt as well. Now they're left with a nightmare that will continue to play in their minds for years to come. So, instead of a devotional thought this month, how about a reminder to pray for our brothers and sisters in Sutherland Springs? How about a

reminder that, no matter what our differences are as Christians (denominational churches, independent churches, large churches, small churches...) we are still part of God's family and Romans 12:15 tells us that there are times when we "Rejoice with those who rejoice" but we also "weep with those who weep."

As a pastor, I've wept this week for the people in Sutherland Springs. I've wept for the pastor at First Baptist who was not present that Sunday, but now faces the task of shepherding a brokenhearted flock that includes his own family who are grieving the death of their 14-yearold daughter/sister. I've wept over the reminder of the profound evil present in the world today. And I've wept over the helplessness we all feel after events like this. Isaiah 41:13 says, For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, "Do not fear; I will help you." I'm praying those words for the people in Sutherland Springs, Texas today. And I'm asking you to pause from your reading, and pray as well. Do it now, put down the magazine and pray. In Jesus name, amen.



Chris Philbeck is senior pastor of Mount Pleasant Christian Church. You may email him at inquiry@mpccministry.com or call (317) 881-6727.

# **OBITUARIES**

### **CENTER GROVE**

## John (JD) F. Driscoll

John (JD) F. Driscoll, 62, died on Oct. 20, 2017. He was a longtime resident of Campbell, Calif. before recently moving back to Indiana. Per his request there will be a private burial service. A celebration of life was Nov. 4 at 2779 Saddle Club Rd., Greenwood. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to G. H. Herrmann Funeral Home in Greenwood.

### **Thomas Johnstone**

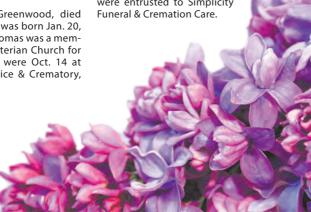
Thomas Johnstone, 78, of Greenwood, died Wednesday, Oct. 12, 2017. He was born Jan. 20, 1939 in Glasgow, Scotland. Thomas was a member of the Greenwood Presbyterian Church for over 40 years. Calling hours were Oct. 14 at Wilson St.Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory, Greenwood Chapel.

# **Betty Louise Righthouse**

Betty Louise Righthouse, 87, of Greenwood, died on Oct. 21, 2017.

# Patricia A. Ringwalt Patricia A. Ringwalt, 70, of Greenwood,

died Sept. 30, 2017. She was born June 18, 1947 in Indianapolis. There are no services scheduled at this time. Arrangements were entrusted to Simplicity Funeral & Cremation Care.



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

# Free luncheon thanks the Southside veteran community

Military - On Nov. 9 at 11:30 a.m., 60 area veterans came together for the first annual 'Champions of Freedom Appreciation Luncheon.' The event took place at Dyes Walk Country Club, 2080 S. State Rd. 135 in Greenwood. Admission was free and open to all local veterans and their families. This experience included a catered luncheon, speaking and sharing by Helping Heroes of America Founder, Jennifer Highwood; Chaplain Kenneth Hall of local VFW Post 5864; a special performance by Sharon Kirk Clifton with the Storytelling Arts of Indiana, participation by HVAF of Indiana, Inc.; Guitars for Vets, Inc. and The American Heritage Girls, door prize drawings and more. Guests were also encouraged to bring



Chaplain Kenneth Hall of local VFW Post 5864 shares inspiration at the Nov 9 Champions of Freedom Appreciation Luncheon

service memorabilia to display during the event. The Champions of Freedom Appreciation Luncheon is part of many activities and events conducted throughout the year by Forest Lawn Community Outreach, a program of Forest Lawn Funeral Home.



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# Tandy L. Shuck

# **Executive Director of Leadership Johnson County helps grow leaders across the county**

## **Compiled by Nicole Davis**

Through her time as executive director of Leadership Johnson County, Tandy L. Shuck has helped to lead the organization's growth in fundraising, workshops and participants in its Signature Program, helping to create leaders throughout her Johnson County Community.

"One of the perks of this job for me is I get to meet people who are truly passionate about leadership and making a difference in the community," she said. "It kind of reenergizes you and restores your faith that there are a lot of people out there that are really trying to make a difference."

Tandy is originally from Tipton, Ind., receiving her undergraduate degree from Hanover College before earning her Master's in Clinical Psychology from Connecticut College. She began working at Franklin College in the counseling Center in 1993.

In 2000, she went through the Leadership Johnson County (LJC) Program, a self-funded branch of Franklin College. LJC offers a Signature Program allowing for participants "to engage, develop, collaborate and grow into even better leaders." Tandy graduated from the class in May.

It was at that time that the nonprofit was looking for its first full-time paid staff position. Tandy had the experience: she had done leadership training with new student programming at Franklin College, was adjunct faculty in the psychology department, and had helped start the nonprofit organization, Dress for Success, in Indianapolis by assisting its fundraising initiatives. She was hired as executive director for LJC in August 2000.

When Tandy took on the position, she wanted to expand the programming, which they have done by adding Select Workshops, half and full-day workshops on topics per-

> taining to leadership. LJC hosts approximately 15 of these workshops throughout the

year. LJC has gone from one full-time staff person to three, and has four to five hundred people attending its workshops each year.

Next year will be LJC's 25th anniversary, and Tandy said they are excited about planning a special celebration for that milestone. Outside of LJC, Tandy is currently board president for the Franklin Chamber of Commerce, serves on the board for Franklin United Methodist Community and is an emeritus board member for Dress for Success. She resides in the Center Grove area with her husband, Michael Waddick and three children.

Here, learn more about our December ICON of the Month, Tandy L. Shuck.

# What do you consider your greatest virtue? Both my sister and my husband agreed my greatest virtue was my integrity.

# What do you most deplore in others?

I wish more people would listen to understand instead of listening to respond.

# What do you like most about living in **Center Grove?**

Center Grove is where I call home for many reasons. I love the school corporation in Center Grove, My children attended Maple Grove Elementary School and we have loved every year and now we are navigating both Center Grove Middle School Central and the High School. My husband and I believe our children are each getting a quality education. I enjoy the people in Center Grove – we care about each other, look out for one another, and come together when duty calls.

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

I am living in the place I want to live. Johnson County has been my home since 1993 and Center Grove is where I have lived for 12 years.

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

It sounds cliché, but I would not do anything differently. The things that have happened in my life have made me the person I am today. I was taught to learn from my successes as well as my failures and I believe I have used those experiences to make myself a more productive person. I think we are all a "masterpiece in progress," but I will admit I like the way I am heading!

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

Philanthropy has always been very

important to me. I believe if money was not an issue and I knew my family was taken care of, I would find ways to help the charities I am most passionate about in Johnson and Marion Counties. My passions include Leadership Johnson County, Johnson County Community Foundation, Johnson County Public Library, and Dress for Success Indianapolis.

# What makes you happiest?

I enjoy the simple things in life: a good book, a cold soda, dancing with my husband, and creating laughter with my children.

# What is your favorite vacation spot?

I know there are more exotic places but my favorite vacation spot currently is South Haven, Michigan. We love all it offers with its beaches, parks, and outdoor activities. It is only a four-hour drive from home.

# What do you do with idle time?

When I do have some free time, I enjoy making memories with family and friends and then capturing those memories in scrapbooks. I also love reading and I typically have a goal of reading around 100 books per year. I am a little behind this year as I am

currently only at 75 books!

## What is it that makes you angry?

I really don't like when people don't use turn signals.

# What do you do to escape from reality?

I believe there is no better way to escape from reality than with a good book!

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

My husband is the greatest love of my life. I feel very blessed to have him in my life. He has an incredible

> work ethic, great sense of humor, is a wonderful

father, and the best partner a person could ask for in life. My children are also incredibly important to me, but I try to remember the foundation of our family begins with the love my husband and I have for each other.

# Which living person in Center Grove do you most admire?

There are too many people I admire in Center Grove to just pick one. I will say I admire those that strive to be life-long learners, leaders and change agents. I admire people who act and try to make a difference in their communities.

### What is the quality you like most in a man or a woman?

The quality I most like in a man or woman

is a strong work ethic. My parents instilled in me a passion for doing whatever you do at 110 percent.

### What is your greatest extravagance?

I am a frugal person but I love to travel so I would say my greatest extravagance is travel!

# What are your fears/phobias?

I do not like mice, snakes, or spiders!

# What has been the happiest time of your life?

My happiest memories are the arrivals of my three children and celebrating my wedding anniversary with my husband. I also believe there are many "happiest moments" yet to come and I can't wait to see what the future holds.

# Which talent would you most like to possess?

I cannot carry a tune! I have so many friends with musical talent and beautiful voices. Lack of talent doesn't stop me from singing but I do try to limit my belting out of my favorite songs just to the privacy of my car. I love that my daughter is in show choir at Center Grove High School and that my sons are involved in band and orchestra. This helps my life be full of music!

# What do you most value in your friends?

Unconditional love is at the center of my friendships.

## Which historical figure do you most admire?

I recently returned from a trip to Italy and was fascinated by the work of Michelangelo. I was mesmerized by some of his work and I haven't spent a great deal of time learning about him so I know I will be researching him more in the very near future.

# What tenet do you live by?

"A simple life is a good life."



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