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State Representative Delivers Proclamation to Honor Indiana Law Enforcement Officials



Plainfield Police Chief Kyle Prewitt recognition. (submitted photo)

State Rep. Craig Haggard (R-Mooresville) (left) displays his proclamation recognizing Indiana law enforcement officials for National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day with Plainfield Police Chief Kyle Prewitt (right) Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2024 in the House Chamber at the Statehouse in Indianapolis. National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day was established in 2015 to express gratitude for the sacrifice, service, and selflessness exemplified by law enforcement officers across the country.



Plainfield Police Chief Kyle Prewitt recognition. (submitted photo)

State Rep. Craig Haggard (R-Mooresville) (left) talks with Plainfield Police Chief Kyle Prewitt (center) and Dubois County Sheriff Tom Kleinhelter (right) after presenting his proclamation recognizing Indiana law enforcement officials for National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day on Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2024 in the House Chamber at the Statehouse in Indianapolis. Representatives from the Indiana Sheriff's Association and the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police also attended the presentation.

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The Hendricks County Chambers hosted the Public Policy Legislative Breakfast

The Hendricks County Chambers hosted the Public Policy Legislative Breakfast on Jan. 19 at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds. Business owners and members of the Chambers had the opportunity to learn about the upcoming legislative session and issues affecting not only businesses, but our community as well. **The next legislative breakfast will be held on Jan. 29. Reach out to your local chamber to register.**

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Brownsburg Community School Corporation to take over Town of Brownsburg Parks' B.A.S.E. Program in 2024-2025 School Year

The Brownsburg Community School Corporation will take over the Town of Brownsburg Parks before and after school program, BASE, beginning July 31, 2024, for the 2024-2025 school year.

The program, available to all elementary school students, has experienced tremendous success and growth, exceeding the Parks Department's capacity to manage it effectively. The Town of Brownsburg and the Brownsburg Community School Corporation are working closely to ensure the transition is smooth and successful for the existing BASE staff and families.

"Although we have enjoyed serving families and supporting our school system, we recognize that the youth services programs have outgrown our capacity and resources," said Brownsburg Town Council President Travis Tschaenn. "Our Brownsburg School system is the best in the state, and the transition will expand the program's reach further, providing more resources and opportunities for our incredible and dedicated staff and the community."

The Brownsburg Community School Corporation plans to rename the before and after school program to BOOST, Bulldogs Out of School Time, and transition as many BASE staff members as possible to support the new program.

"Brownsburg Schools is grateful to the hardworking BASE staff for caring for our students before and after school," said Assistant Superintendent Kat Jessup. "As we launch BOOST with the 24-25 school year, we hope that many of them will join us as we continue to offer this option to families through Brownsburg Schools."

The Parks Department will maintain the program through the end of the 2023-2024 school year and will still offer summer camp. More details about the transition will be announced by the Brownsburg Community School Corporation in the coming months.



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EDITOR'S NOTE

By Kate Anderson

I don't know about you, but I think a sense of humor is one of the most valuable attributes that one can possess. There is truly an art to looking at the glass half-full, instead of half-empty and laughing when that glass tips over and spills all over the counter and on to the floor. It takes a strong person to look past the big and little annoyances and mishaps in our lives. The low tire pressure light that appears on your dashboard, the wobbly wheel on your cart at the grocery store, or the detour you are forced to take when driving to work and you are already late. These inconveniences can really grate on your nerves and make your day such a chore. The trick is to look beyond all of this and see the hilarity in these experiences. When I have these things happen in my own life (and I have experienced these more than once!), I have to chuckle and say to myself, "Yep, that's about right". This might sound negative, but this is the way that luck and life goes sometimes. I can either choose to lose my mind in the middle of Kroger or let the wobbly wheel teach me a lesson of patience

and afford me the opportunity to rise above and embrace the nuisance to my day. Every day each of us wakes up not knowing fully what the day will hold. The future is unknown. Are you a glass half-full or half-empty kind of person? Do you embrace the small and large detours that life takes you on every day? The truth is that detours are going to happen no matter what. I don't know about you, but I strive to not let the little things and petty annoyances ruin my day. I want to walk through life with a lighter load than what life hands me at times. As the song goes, "You gotta accentuate the positive. Eliminate the negative. Latch on to the affirmative. Don't mess with Mr. In-Between." We get the choice of how our days go. What if YOU made the choice to let the big and little things float right past you and chuckle at life's little quirks? Think about how this would improve both your mindset and your day. So, the next time your day is just not going your way, maybe throw your hands up in the air and laugh. Don't let the proverbial wobbly wheel get you down. Sometimes laughter is the best medicine for a tough day.



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Five Grants Awarded For 2024 Solar Eclipse Experience in Hendricks County

Five Hendricks County organizations were awarded more than \$10,000 in grant money recently through the one-time Visit Hendricks County's Total Solar Eclipse Grant Program.

On April 8, 2024, Hendricks County will experience its first total solar eclipse since 1869 with the path of totality passing through our county for more than three minutes. Locals and visitors will be searching for things to do and places to experience this astronomical phenomenon. In part, through these matching grants, Hendricks County will have plenty of opportunities to celebrate this historic event.

The program awarded grant recipients up to \$2,500 in 1:1 matching funds per activity or event. Eight applications were received. All proposals were reviewed by a grant selection committee who recommended funding these five submissions:

- **Beasley's Orchard** – To help fund a Total Solar Eclipse Viewing Party ticketed event and include food vendors, live music, educational components about the eclipse, games, family entertainment activities, and an open space for families to view the total solar eclipse, \$2,500.
- **Brownsburg Public Library** – To help with a series of educational and entertaining programs in the months leading up to the eclipse and culminating with one main event on the day of the solar eclipse, \$2,500.
- **Hendricks Live!** – To help with expenses for an Experience the Hendricks Eclipse LIVE! ticketed event that will include a total solar eclipse family-friendly viewing party that will take place in the arts center event space and the adjoining outdoor terrace, \$2,500.
- **Ms. B's Teas** – To assist in funding their TotaliTEA Solar Eclipse Viewing Tea Party. The ticketed event will allow attendees to view the solar eclipse while dining on eclipse-themed tea party foods, \$700.
- **The Shops at Perry Crossing** – To purchase a long-term asset for use during the week-long public celebration including a viewing day during the solar eclipse, \$2,500.

"It was so encouraging to see these creative events and ideas come to light to celebrate the eclipse in our county," said Jaime Bohler Smith, Visit Hendricks County's Executive Director/CEO. "I'm excited to have these added to the signature event planned at Indianapolis Raceway Park, and we are glad that our investment will be used to create opportunities for residents and visitors of Hendricks County."

More details for the county's signature eclipse event, Race to the Eclipse, hosted by Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park and supported by the Town of Brownsburg and Visit Hendricks County, can be found by visiting our website at www.VisitHendricksCounty.com/Eclipse. As April 8 nears, that page will be updated with all the local activities and information surrounding the eclipse.

The Hendricks County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Inc., d/b/a Visit Hendricks County attracts visitors to the county by promoting and developing tourism, which stimulates economic growth and enhances quality of life. For more information, visit our website at VisitHendricksCounty.com or call **317-718-8750**.

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Pittsboro United Methodist Church to Host Night to Shine Prom for People with Special Needs

On Feb. 9, Pittsboro United Methodist Church will host the 2024 Night to Shine, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation. The unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, celebrating people with special needs, will be held by host churches around the world simultaneously on the same day. Pittsboro United Methodist Church is excited to be a part of this worldwide movement that God is using as a catalyst to change how cultures embrace people with disabilities and to rally the church worldwide to honor their local community of people with special needs, ensuring they know they are valued and loved.

Night to Shine is a complimentary event and while each event is a little different, some activities include a red carpet entrance complete with a warm welcome from a crowd, hair and makeup stations, limousine rides, corsages and boutonnieres, a catered dinner, dancing, karaoke, gifts, a respite room for parents and caregivers, a sensory room, and a crowning ceremony where every honored guest receives a crown or tiara.

"I'm so excited that we will celebrate 10 years of Night to Shine this coming year! All around the world, people with special needs are going to be cheered for on the red carpet, dance the night away with their friends, be crowned a king or a queen of the prom... but most importantly, they're going to hear that they are loved by the God of this universe. We continue to be in awe of all God has done over the past nine years, but we believe He has even more in store. Every town, every village, every nation needs Night to Shine because we want every person with special needs to know that they are one of one, created in love, by love and for love," said Tim Tebow, founder of the Tim Tebow Foundation.

As sponsor of Night to Shine, the Tim Tebow Foundation provides each host church with the official 2024 Night to Shine Planning Manual, personalized guidance and support from a Tim Tebow Foundation staff member, the opportunity to apply for a financial grant, and access to planning resources that will assist them in creating an unforgettable night for their honored guests. The foundation also provides access to ongoing disability ministry resources through Shine On, a ministry that equips the Church with faith-based resources to embrace people living with disabilities as part of their church community.

Over the years, Night to Shine, through hundreds of churches from 56 different countries, has provided over half a million guest experiences, and this year marks the 10th anniversary of Night to Shine. For additional information on the Night to Shine hosted by Pittsboro United Methodist Church, please visit: www.pittsboroumc.org. For more information on the worldwide movement of Night to Shine, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation, please visit www.timtebowfoundation.org/night-to-shine.

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Hendricks County ICON of the Week

Jenna Harris

By Julie Brackemyre

Jenna Harris is the Communication and Annual Giving Officer at Sheltering Wings. Sheltering Wings is a domestic violence shelter and service provider right here in Hendricks County. Jenna manages the communication and marketing for Sheltering Wings, including social media, advertisements, website, printed mail, and more. Jenna works in the field of communication because she believes that through strategic, open-minded, and intentional communication, we can break down barriers and build community within our organizations, communities, and the world. Born and raised in Albany, Ohio, Jenna's first move was to attend college at Indiana Wesleyan University where she earned degrees in Marketing and Strategic Communication. Jenna and her husband, Javon, love living in central Indiana, and they have a labradoodle puppy named River. Jenna is passionate about public speaking and teaching people how to take their thoughts captive so that they can experience hope, joy, and optimism.

1. What do you consider your greatest virtue?

I consider my greatest virtue to be my love for others. I am passionate about people – everything in me desires to extend kindness, warmth, and joy to those around me.

2. What do you most deplore in others?

Dishonesty

3. What do you like most about working in Hendricks County?

I love the people! Hendricks County is full of caring, passionate, and friendly people who truly care about their community. It's a joy to work in a county filled with such wonderful people.

4. If you had to live anywhere else, where would it be?

I love central Indiana! But if I had to live somewhere else, I would choose Franklin, Tennessee. It's a lovely little town, and it's right in the middle of my parents' home and my husband's parents' home.

5. If you could begin life over, what would you change?

I would take more risks and wholeheartedly chase my dreams earlier in life. I recently found the courage to pursue my goals about five years ago, and I truly wish I'd started that journey at a younger age.

6. If money weren't an issue, where would you spend it?

Well, for starters, I'd pay off my student loans and my mortgage! Haha! But after those necessities were taken care of, I would LOVE to travel to Greece. So if money weren't an issue, I'd plan a thrilling trip to Greece.

7. What makes you happiest?

Oh, so many things! I always feel so happy and at peace when I'm spending time with my husband and our puppy. I also LOVE connecting with others! As an extrovert, getting to know people truly fills me and gives me joy. And... I'm not going to lie... a good meal definitely brings me joy, too!

8. What is your favorite vacation spot?

The ocean! My husband and I enjoy going on tropical vacations, and we love to switch it up each year! We'll travel to new beaches and coastal areas – it's like a new adventure each year!

9. What do you do with your idle time?

I enjoy knitting and embroidery! I'm not that great at either one, but I have fun with it! And, I'm writing a book about the "what if" questions that so often plague our minds. So when I have idle time, I'll often open my laptop and continue writing.



10. What is it that makes you angry?

Witnessing the injustice that happens in our world. I am passionate about people. So when I see or hear about an injustice happening, I feel it deep within me. I pray for justice, a sense of community, and a heart that grieves with those who are hurting.

11. What do you do to escape from reality?

I don't want to escape from reality. Reality, the here and now, is where I can make a difference. It's where I can show the love of Jesus to those around me. Reality, right now, is when I can advocate for a brighter future.

12. What/who is the greatest love of your life?

Oh, this question is easy! My husband, Javon. We met in college at Indiana Wesleyan University, and then ended up getting married right here in Hendricks County at Avon Gardens! Our two-year wedding anniversary will be in May!

13. What is the quality you most like in a person?

I love getting to know people. And when I see passion and imagination inside of a person, it truly excites me.

14. What is your greatest extravagance?

Date nights with my husband! We try to go on two dates each month. Sometimes it's an activity like roller skating, sometimes we'll do a traditional date of dinner and a movie, sometimes it's just a nice dinner and conversation – we like to mix it up!

15. What is your favorite restaurant?

Ooooo I love to eat! There are SO many delicious restaurants around central Indiana that it's hard to pick just one! But if I have to... I think I'll pick Modita in downtown Indianapolis! It has great food, and that restaurant has a special memory attached with it. Ask me about it sometime!

16. Who is the most influential person in your life?

My parents are the most influential people in my life. I see the way that my mom interacts with people. She's unabashedly outgoing, speaks her mind, and isn't afraid to chase her dreams. My dad is steady, level-headed, and truly cares about people. He's always ready to help anyone who needs it. They're the best role models I could imagine.

17. What are your fears/phobias?

I am 24 years old and scared of the dark! I've been afraid of the dark for as long as I can remember. I still sleep with a nightlight (shhh... don't tell anyone).

18. Which talent would you most like to possess?

I would LOVE to be able to paint!

19. What do you most value in your friends?

Honesty. I want friends who are willing and able to tell me the truth, even when it's hard. Honest friends are the kind that will push you further and challenge you to reach your greatest potential.

20. Who is your favorite historical figure?

Susan B. Anthony. She was an activist for racial and social justice, women's rights, and courageously spoke her mind.

21. What is your greatest regret?

My greatest regret is not learning how to control my thoughts from a younger age. I let my mind run wild with all kinds of negative "what if" thoughts, and those thoughts stopped me from being the person I wanted to be. Now, I'm working on taking my thoughts captive and stopping the downward spiral of thoughts. I'm not perfect at it, but I'm getting better each day. I'd absolutely love to talk with you about this! Next time you see me, ask me about it!

22. What tenet do you live by?

As a follower of Jesus, I actively live out my Christian beliefs. I live by the tenets of the Christian faith. I believe that Jesus died on the cross for the forgiveness of my sins, and that if I follow his ways, I'll live forever with Him in Heaven. I do my best to show the love of Jesus to the people I meet so that everyone can experience the love and freedom found in Christ.



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NOTICE

The Hendricks County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is Sponsoring Crisis Response Training

The Hendricks County Crisis Response Team (HCCRT) will conduct crisis response training on March 13, 14, and 15 at the County's Work Release Center located at 355 South Washington Street in Danville. The purpose of the HCCRT is to provide trauma mitigation and education in the aftermath of a critical traumatic event, such as a shooting, a life-threatening accident, or a drug overdose. This training, established by the National Organization of Victim Advocacy, will enable students to join the Hendricks County CRT and be part of the broader I-CART (Indiana-Crisis Assistance Response Team) call out process as well. The 24 hours of intensive training will be led by NOVA-Certified Crisis Response Trainers Bridgette Collins-George and Kim Walton, MSN, APRN. Educational material will be shared in lecture and group discussion formats. Seating is limited. For more information and a registration form, contact Tom Stempson at stempson@gmail.com.

Duke Energy Dollars - and Volunteer Power - are Combating Food Insecurity

On MLK Day, Indiana employees often volunteer at local food pantries, which work together to meet a growing need in the community

In Hendricks County, an army of food pantries is working to support families experiencing food insecurity. More than 12,000 people in the county west of Indianapolis are food insecure, and over 3,400 are children, said Kristi Kerr, executive director of the Mary Lee Maier Community Food Pantry (MLM), which serves Avon Community School Corporation families and employees out of Avon Intermediate School East. The nonprofit is one of almost 20 food pantries in the Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition, which shares resources, buys in bulk, and distributes the food. The county is home to Duke Energy Indiana's Regional Headquarters.

Families experiencing food insecurity are growing, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In 2022, 44.2 million people, including 13 million children, were living in food-insecure households, an increase from 10.2 percent in 2021 to 12.8 percent. "We don't want any child going to bed hungry," said Jean Renk, Duke Energy Government and Community Relations Manager.

That's why supporting hunger relief efforts is part of the Duke Energy Foundation's work to lift people out of poverty and aid in their upward mobility. The Duke Energy Foundation in 2023 donated \$200,000 to battle food insecurity in Indiana. "These are pressing times, and we've seen demand for food assistance increase," said Kim Vogelgesang, Duke Energy Foundation Manager. "Supporting food insecurity is a focus area for us and we continue to look for ways to

help our local communities."

"One of the most basic needs is food, and we look for ways to support communities we've served for more than a century," said Duke Energy Indiana President Stan Pinegar. "We depend on organizations such as the Hendricks County Food Pantry Coalition to help us deliver support to those who need it most." Duke Energy employees also support the food pantries by volunteering. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. famously said, "Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?"

On this year's MLK Day, as many as 25 Duke Energy Indiana volunteers spread out across the coalition's food pantries - as they have for several years - to assemble hygiene bags with shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, and soap, paint and make repairs, stock shelves, and clean out refrigerators.

Renk will volunteer again this year with her husband and 11-year-old son. "We always have kids there, which I think is fantastic," she said. "We don't ask them to stay the entire day; we recognize it's a day off. But when you're working collectively, a few hours can have a huge impact." Kids and teens often volunteer at MLM, and Kerr welcomes them. "We explain what we do and tell them there might be kids in their own classroom who don't have enough to eat at home," Kerr said. "Kids are very compassionate and want to do what they can to help."

The numbers of people experiencing food insecurity are higher than pandemic levels, Renk said. And the demographics may surprise you. "The people who shop

at food pantries aren't homeless and out of work," Renk said. "They're our neighbors. They've had to make a trade-off and are relying on food banks to provide groceries so they can pay their rent, transportation costs, and medical bills."

The MLM Food Pantries client base has grown from 36 families a week in 2019 to 104 families by the end of 2023. If you walked into MLM, you'd probably mistake it for a grocery store. "The best compliment I ever receive is when someone says our pantry looks just like a grocery store," Kerr said. "That's our goal. This is a safe space, and we want our families to be treated with dignity and always made to feel welcome."

Volunteers make it all happen. Renk considers it an honor to support not just the families relying on food pantries, but the hard-working volunteers who keep the doors open. "It's so gratifying to support the volunteers who do this daily," she said. "They're in the trenches. Most of these food pantries are 'staffed' by unpaid volunteers. They do it because they feel a calling." Volunteering is always humbling for Renk: "It's bittersweet, honestly. It brings you an awareness of the struggles people in our community face."

This is a struggle that can be overcome. Kerr and volunteers celebrate with a family when they no longer need the pantry's support. "We always tell them to make sure they're fully back on their feet before they stop coming," she said. "And we tell them we'll always be here to help."



(left-right) Tammy Roberts, Ann Froderman, Mary Maier Food Pantry board member), Dan Rhodes, McKenzie Barbknecht (Communications Manager), Marvin Blade, Jean Renk, Jim Hummel (Regulatory Affairs Manager, Plainfield Resident) Tina Hemmelgarn (Executive Assistant, Plainfield Resident), Melvin Morris, Kristi Kerr, Director Mary Maier Food Pantry (submitted photo)



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The Willow Center Launches Scholarship Program in Partnership with Town of Brownsburg to Support Substance Use Prevention and Treatment for Youth

The Willow Center, a certified outpatient substance use treatment and mental health counseling center, has launched a scholarship program in partnership with the Town of Brownsburg to support prevention and treatment for substance use among Brownsburg youth. The scholarship funds will be provided to The Willow Center from the Town of Brownsburg through state opioid settlement funds over the next 15 years.

Substance use is a growing problem in Hendricks County, claiming 46 lives in 2022. Substance use behaviors are also high among youth, with 221 Hendricks County students referred to probation in 2022 for substance use. According to the Indiana Youth Survey, 39.5 percent of Central Indiana high school students report monthly cannabis use, 53.5 percent alcohol use, and 5.5 percent prescription drug use. The impact of substance abuse also stretches into public safety, as the Hendricks County Prosecutor's Office reported over 800 drug-related offenses in 2022.

"Supporting youth addiction prevention and treatment is crucial to help young people overcome addiction and achieve their full potential," said Brownsburg Chief of Police Joe Grimes. "Early intervention is essential to prevent addiction from escalating and reduce the likelihood of future addiction and related issues. It also helps build healthier communities and a brighter future for society."

Through this partnership, The Willow Center will provide scholarships to qualified Brownsburg residents ages 13-17 who require substance use treatment. Approximately 7 percent, or 12,000 Hendricks County residents, do not have health insurance. The scholarships will cover all or part of the expenses related to individualized substance use treatment. The program will also offer support to the families of these individuals during the treatment process.

"We understand the seriousness of addiction and its impact on individuals and families," said Brownsburg Town Council President Travis Tschaenn. "The scholarship program will help remove financial barriers to treatment, which can be a significant obstacle for many families. With the state settlement funding, we will continue building a safer and healthier community for younger generations."

The Willow Center has been providing addiction treatment services in the region for over 11 years and is a leading provider of evidence-based treatment programs. "Every person's journey towards recovery is unique, and we believe in providing personalized support tailored to their needs," said The Willow Center CEO Ashley English. "We aim to create a safe and nurturing environment where our clients can heal, grow, and rediscover their true potential."

For more information about The Willow Center Adolescent Treatment Scholarship, eligibility requirements, and the application process, visit thewillowcenter.com/youth-scholarship.

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THE WILLOW CENTER

ICONIC brief

Hendricks County Community Foundation Announces 2024 Lilly Endowment Community Scholars

*Recipients: Tiba Altower, Plainfield High School | Aahan Bajpai,
Brownsburg High School | Haydan Gabbard, Cascade High School*

Tiba Altower is the daughter of Alhadi Altower and Amna Omar. She is the student body president, co-editor-in-chief of the school newspaper, and co-president of the Muslim Student Association. Tiba enjoys literature and mathematics, and she plans to study computer science and journalism in college. She also hopes to give back to the community through volunteering and involvement, both during and after university.

Aahan Bajpai is the son of Piyush and Kashish Bajpai. He is the president of Brownsburg High School's National Honor Society and HOSA chapters, a scout, and part of the speech and debate team. Aahan hopes to attend Purdue University or the University of Notre Dame to study biology as a pre-medical student. He aspires to open his own clinic in the future, allowing him to give back to the community that shaped him.

Haydan Gabbard is the daughter of Jason and Isabella Gabbard, and is a class officer at Cascade High School. She just ended her final varsity golf season and will be starting her 15th year of recreational league softball. Additionally, she has a keen interest in both local and national politics and had the opportunity to represent Hendricks County at the ALA Hoosier Girl State Program this past summer. Haydan is looking forward to studying secondary education with a special interest in Spanish and Political Science at Butler University this fall.

Lilly Endowment Community Scholars are known for their community involvement, academic achievement, character, and leadership. Each Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship provides for full tuition, required fees, and a special allocation of up to \$900 per year for required books and required equipment for four years. The scholarship is for full-time undergraduate students leading to a baccalaureate degree at any eligible Indiana public or private nonprofit college or university. Lilly Endowment Community Scholars may also participate in the Lilly Scholars Network (LSN), which connects both current scholars and alumni with resources and opportunities to be active leaders on their campuses and in their communities. Both the scholarship program and LSN are supported by grants from Lilly Endowment to Independent Colleges of Indiana (ICI) and Indiana Humanities.

Lilly Endowment created the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship Program for the 1998-99 school year and has supported the program every year since with grants totaling in excess of \$505 million. More than 5,200 Indiana students have received the Lilly Endowment Community Scholarship since the program's inception.

For more information, call 317-268-6240 or visit www.hendrickscountycf.org.



Haydan Gabbard (submitted photo)



Aahan Bajpai (submitted photo)

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ICONIC brief

Brownsburg Superintendent Announces Retirement

Dr. Jim Snapp, Superintendent of the Brownsburg Community School Corporation, announced his retirement, effective Monday, Jan. 15. For the past several months, the Brownsburg Community School Corporation Board has been working to address issues relating to administrative concerns in his role as superintendent. The Board and Dr. Snapp met to discuss these concerns and Dr. Snapp made the decision to retire.

"The decision to retire at this time in my life has been an extremely difficult one – but I am confident this is the right time for me to step down," Snapp said. "I thank the Board of Trustees for their support over the last 14 years. It has been the joy of my professional life to lead the school corporation that did so much for me as a student many years ago. I have had the distinct privilege of serving alongside the most incredible, dedicated people I have known – doing remarkable things for our students – which is more than I ever could have imagined when I started in this profession nearly 40 years ago. While I will miss the daily interactions with our incredible students and staff, I wish them the utmost continued success."

Under the leadership of Dr. Snapp and the Brownsburg School Board, the district has seen unprecedented success, including:

- Brownsburg became the highest achieving school corporation in the state of Indiana based on state standardized assessment, a status the school corporation has held for seven consecutive years
- Five Brownsburg schools have been named National Blue Ribbon Schools in the past eight years
- The Brownsburg High School Class of 2023 had a graduation rate of 99 percent

- Fine arts and athletic programs have been among the highest achieving in the state
- In 2022, the Brownsburg Community School Corporation was the fastest-growing school corporation in the state and has grown more than 600 students in the past two years
- Enrollment growth has been managed while decreasing the school tax rate for the last 12 years, an accomplishment no other school corporation in the state has accomplished

"As a Board, we remain fully committed to putting our students at the center of all decision making and continue the academic excellence that is the hallmark of Brownsburg Schools," said the Brownsburg Community School Corporation Board. Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction Dr. Kat Jessup and Assistant Superintendent for Operations Shane Hacker have been named acting superintendents.



MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

By Julie Brackemyre

1. In what town do you live, and how long have you lived in Hendricks County?

My husband David and I moved from Greencastle to Plainfield in December 2020. I retired from teaching at Greencastle High School (GHS) in May 2019 after a 35-year career, the last 19 of those years at GHS.

2. Describe your immediate family to us.

David and I married in July 2009. We have three adult children: My son Jake Girton is 30 and lives in Chicago, and my daughter Cecily Girton is 26 and lives in Fishers. My stepdaughter, Ragan Bax, is 24 and lives in Plainfield.

3. Does your family identify with a certain faith, and if so, can you tell us more about the traditions in your faith?

David and I attend the Branches Church in Plainfield.

4. If you do not identify with a certain faith, what inspires you?

My passion for serving others is what inspires me. This is why I became a teacher in 1984 and never considered leaving the profession despite the low pay. I absolutely loved working with high school students, especially since I got to teach them my favorite subjects: speech communication, theater, and English. I also directed the high school plays and musicals during most of those years. Our condo is filled with memorabilia from those special times! So, when I retired, I knew I still wanted to serve which is why my husband and I started Bax Wellness and I became a Certified Health Coach. In this capacity, I still get to teach and do lesson plans which makes me very happy.

5. Describe your perfect family outing.

When our kids were still at home with us in Greencastle, our favorite outing was going to the Putnam Inn Restaurant every Sunday after church. This was our weekly time to catch up with our kids. Now that they are out doing their own things, David and I have date night every Saturday. We enjoy visiting the many restaurants available to us in Hendricks County.

6. What is your favorite family tradition?

Thanksgiving has always been my favorite holiday, and now it's even more special since it's the only time all of the kids and our extended family can get together. We lost both of my parents in 2023, so time with family is even more precious to me now. Life goes by too quickly.

7. What are three words to describe the reasons you choose to live in Hendricks County?

Community, Convenience, and Diversity – Since David still works full time as a chiropractor with two busy offices—one on the westside of Indianapolis and one in Greenwood—we were looking to move closer to Indy to shorten his commute time. Plainfield seemed like the perfect in-between place. After we moved and I started my business, I attended a Main Street Plainfield event and was immediately welcomed to the community by some amazing people that I am still good friends with today. They also got me involved in Plainfield Kiwanis, Plainfield Chamber of Commerce, and Hendricks County Professional Women. They also asked me to help with the Hendricks County International Festival, and now I am a volunteer coordinator for that event. We absolutely love this diverse, welcoming community!

8. Ask your youngest child (or spouse or sibling) to describe you.

This is from my daughter Cecily: "My mom is someone who has the biggest heart. She is open-minded and welcoming to every person she meets, regardless of who they are and where they come from. She has inspired me throughout my entire life to be kind, forgiving, and compassionate in every interaction. This is one of the many reasons I love her!"

Beth Bax



ICONIC brief

THE SHOPS AT

Perry Crossing

Enjoy Sweet Memories This Winter with a Self-Guided Cocoa Crawl at The Shops At Perry Crossing

The Shops at Perry Crossing is hosting a self-guided Cocoa Crawl event now through Thursday, Feb. 29. The pay-as-you-go tour allows guests to visit select stores to enjoy a unique sweet treat experience at each location. The Cocoa Crawl is sponsored by Encore 55+ Boutique Apartments. "Our Cocoa Crawl is a fun and interactive way for shopping center guests to indulge in a variety of themed treats with friends and family to kick off the New Year in style," said Mandy Bishop, marketing manager for The Shops at Perry Crossing. "Our tenants are committed to curating moments that will enhance the shopping experience for our local community in 2024, starting with a variety of unique offerings in the Cocoa Crawl." Guests can start at their favorite store to pick and choose their treats or enjoy all offerings in the Cocoa Crawl for the full experience at select locations. Those who participate are encouraged to tag @ShopPerryCrossing to show off their goodies as they peruse through the center.

ICONIC brief

Hendricks Live! in Plainfield Set to Make Major Regional Impact with Spring '24 Opening

Hendricks Live! and the Town of Plainfield celebrate the new year with the beginning of its roll out of plans, preview concerts, and open houses for the brand new performing arts center that is set to start hosting performances this March. A grand opening celebration is planned for May with additional details on that to be announced soon. "We are eagerly anticipating the debut of this exceptional venue, poised to become a community treasure. Back in 2017, the Town of Plainfield embraced a Conceptual Downtown Redevelopment Plan, placing entertainment at the forefront for both residents and visitors. This development signifies a monumental chapter in Plainfield's cultural journey, one that promises to shape our community's identity for years to come," expressed Robin Brandgard, President of the Town Council.

Hendricks County is already home to great schools, affordable housing, excellent health care, shopping, and outdoor recreation opportunities. Adding convenient, high-caliber art and entertainment will enhance an already exceptional quality of life while fostering community pride, driving tourism, and serving as an incubator of the region's creative economy. "After nearly six years of planning and building, Hendricks Live!'s inaugural season is both a grand finale and a new beginning. I am pleased to know our community arts partners throughout Hendricks County will have a brand-new, world-class home in the Plainfield Civic Center, and I am confident in Hendricks Live!'s ability to bring exciting programming to west central Indiana," shared Dan Bridget, a member of the original steering committee for this project who now serves as Chair of the Hendricks Live! Board of Directors.

Located in the heart of one of the fastest growing communities in the region, Hendricks Live! features a world-class proscenium theater, a multipurpose event space, and a visual art showcase. It will be the premier art and entertainment venue in west central Indiana with year-round exhibits and performances for all ages and interests. The 600-capacity seated venue is located at 200 W. Main Street in historic downtown Plainfield. "This venue is going to be a source of pride for the community and a great resource for local and regional talent plus national touring shows in a truly unique, intimate setting," said Chris Petrelli, Executive Director of Hendricks Live!. "We can't wait for the public to see all of the hard work in action."

Hendricks Live! is grateful for the generous support of The Hagerman Group as the title sponsor for the Hendricks Live! Grand Opening, which includes upcoming open houses, preview concerts, and an opening night celebration in May. Over the next several weeks and months moving forward, Hendricks Live! will be consistently announcing shows and events.

Hendricks Live! recently announced:

- **Community Open Houses** – March 8, 9, 15, 16, at 11 a.m., 12 p.m., 1 p.m., and 2 p.m. Hendricks Live! will host a series of guided tours of its new state-of-the-art, world-class venue for arts and entertainment. Take advantage of the opportunity to go "behind the scenes" as the tours will include an opportunity to stand on the stage itself!
- **Pre-Season \$10 Teaser Concert featuring My Yellow Rickshaw** – March 9 at 8 p.m.
 - Known as Indy's "Self-Proclaimed #1 Pop, Rock, Bluegrass, R&B Cover Band!" - this rotating group of friends, neighbors, and musicians have been entertaining folks around Indianapolis with humor, variety, and seamless covers since 2009.
- **Pre-Season \$10 Teaser Concert featuring Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra** – March 17 at 3 p.m. Founded in 1984 and celebrating their 40th anniversary, the mission of the Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra is to advance and promote music composed for the small orchestra through professional concert performances and education programs.
- **Five for Fighting with String Quartet** – April 5 at 8 p.m.

As part of the Spring 2024 season presented by Hendricks County Bank and Trust and supported by Hendricks Regional Health, Five for Fighting with String Quartet will open the brand-new Hendricks Live! Presents Series. The show will feature John Ondrasik — the songwriter and performer known as the platinum-selling, Grammy-nominated, Five For Fighting. To date, Five For Fighting has released six studio LPs, including the platinum certified America Town and The Battle for Everything; and the top-10 charting Two Lights, along with an EP and live albums.

TICKETS: Tickets went on sale Jan. 19 at 9 a.m., and are available at hendrickslive.org/events. For questions about purchasing tickets, please email customerservice@hendrickslive.org.



Hendricks County ICONIC Athlete

TRIPLE THREAT ATHLETE DOING WHAT IT TAKES TO WIN

Cascade Star excelling in three sports as well as the classroom

By Josh George

Notables

Compiled by Josh George

Girls Basketball

Brownsburg – 85 | Pike – 53

**Avery Gordon Scores her
1,000th Career Point**

Avon – 54 | Upper Arlington – 61

**Aniah Smith Scores her
1,000th Career Point**

Tri-West – 64 | IATHAS – 40

**Lauren Bear – 20 Points
Atta Garnett – 13 Points**

Boys Basketball

Danville – 74 | West Lafayette – 64

Evan Lawrence – 13 Points, 13 Rebounds

**Jace Scrafton – 27 Points
Zachary Waits – 18 Points**

Tri-West – 65 | Lebanon – 55

**Max Robertson – 19 Points
Drew Miller – 15 Points
Ryan Miller – 10 Points**

Plainfield – 76 | Northview – 44

**Noah Smith – 18 Points
Collin Schmidt – 16 Points
Eli Ellis – 13 Points**

Danville Wrestling

Victorious against Pike, 42-40

Brownsburg Wrestling

*Wins 10th Consecutive Conference
Championship*

Creedance Chittenden is a high school kid that is wise beyond her years. From talking with her, her coaches, and her parents, you can tell that she is a team player that does whatever is needed to help her team excel. Balance is a key word in her vocabulary as she plays in the attack for the soccer team, is a combo guard for the basketball team, and runs in whatever events are needed from her in track. She talked openly about the balance that she tries to establish between playing three sports, maintaining a 4.2 GPA, and her personal life. We are going to look at Creedance's journey through the three sports she plays and how she has grown as a leader throughout her high school career.



Creedance first started playing soccer at the age of three. Her dad was one of her coaches growing up in a small, local league and she loved every minute of her dad coaching her. She said, "It was an amazing bonding moment for me and my dad, but he also pushed me harder than ever. He expected great things out of me and always wanted to help build the programs he was a part of. He knows how to keep people motivated in trying to get better." Not just

in soccer, but in all three sports, Creedance credits her parents support through the years and the sacrifices they have made so that she can pursue her dreams. The Cascade soccer team was going through some rebuilding years when she came in, but Creedance and her class soon changed that, and the Cadets and her personally have had much success in her four years for the soccer team. As a team they have won conference titles, sectional titles, and have had some great seasons in her time there. Creedance has been a captain, got put on an All-State team, All-Conference, and earned Team MVP. She has also surpassed 100 points in high school soccer, which is not an easy feat. Her high school coach, Coach Franklin, has known her for many years, and said she is one of the hardest working athletes he has ever known. Coach Franklin also said, "Creedance was an excellent team leader. She was always very vocal with the team during practice and was always communicating positive encouragement during activities and competitions." He also talked about her unselfishness in doing anything the girls soccer team needed her to do to find team success. He credits her for being one of the main reasons that Cascade has turned around the girls' soccer program.

Basketball has always been Creedance's love. She enjoys competing in general, but basketball has always been the sport that she plays year-round, playing AAU and putting in the extra work in sessions, combines, and showcases. Her high school basketball career has been one of change. She has had to play a new role for her team each season, as well as go through a coaching change this season. Throughout, she has continued to be positive and be a leader in doing whatever it takes to help her team succeed. Coach Mills expressed that



she is "a pleasure to coach in addition to having tremendous grit and determination as well as being very skilled. She is a leader with her effort and attitude, and is a great example for her teammates to follow." Creedance, this year, is the team's leading scorer and leads the team in many statistical categories. Cascade has had a tougher schedule than in the past in preparation for a deep state tournament run, and Coach Mills believes the schedule will help them when wins count the most. Creedance is verbally committed to play collegiately at Greenville University in Illinois for basketball and is excited to play for Coach Dothager and Coach Mo.

In track, Creedance again does whatever is needed of her. "She has battled some injuries and her workload has had to be balanced, but she never wants to quit. She is one of the most encouraging members of our team. When she is not competing in her events, she can be seen all over the track cheering on her teammates." These are the words of her high school coach, Coach Williams, who has coached her since seventh grade. Creedance says Coach Williams has been there for her through some highs and lows in her running career.

She said, "He has helped teach me to use my battles in everyday life to motivate me in my athletics. For example, my seventh grade year he trained me to be able to break multiple school records, win county, and go to state by using "mental blocks" to motivate me to test my "limits." Creedance loves all the people she has met through track, calling them some of the nicest people she has met. For track, her and her coach, expressed that they hope she can stay healthy and have a great senior track season, maybe even expanding some of her events.



As mentioned before, Creedance credits her family for their support through her athletic career. She is very close to her mom and dad, as well as her two sisters. Creedance's mother had this to say about her, "Creedance is a special kid. She is humble, kind, and works so hard

academically and athletically. Being a three-sport athlete with a 4.2 GPA is not for the weak. Soccer, basketball, and track have been such a joy to watch over the past four years. Watching her grow from that scrawny freshman to the strong leader she is today has been so awesome to witness. Creedance is one of the most unselfish players I know, sometimes to a fault, but watching her grow this year into the leader her team needed makes us a couple of proud parents. Growing up in a small town and school has given her opportunities to give back to the community. She is also a teacher's assistant for our local elementary school. She helps with our Indy Hoops program and is also coaching a U6 soccer team in the spring. She decided she wanted to become a teacher and coach because of all the wonderful teachers and coaches she has had through the Mill Creek School system. One day she hopes to come back to coach and teach to the future Cadets! We are forever proud of our #14."

Creedance is a competitor. She is a leader. She is a good teammate. These are all things that are echoed by her coaches and parents. The ability for her to be a three-sport athlete while maintaining a 4.2 GPA is no easy task, but as we have learned, Creedance takes on any challenge and does it full force. Best of the luck the rest of the basketball season, the track season, and good luck with your future collegiate career!

Congrats on being selected as the Hendricks County ICON Athlete of the Week!



ICONIC brief

Men needed for local elementary school reading to prevent abuse

"MEN, you are needed. You have a unique role to play in the prevention of abuse. We are asking YOU to read a book to students at a local elementary school on Thursday, March 14, 2024. You can help the next generation establish itself upon a foundation of trust, honor, and mutual respect. Visit www.ShelteringWings.org/MenRead to register and learn more!"

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Plainfield Town Council

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The Plainfield Town Council met on Jan. 8. The Town Council meets every second and fourth Monday of the month at the Plainfield Civic Building, 206 West Main Street at 7 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is on Jan. 22.

WHAT HAPPENED: Judge Mark Smith installed the following individuals to serve on the 2024 Plainfield Town Council: Robin Brandgard, Dan Bridget, and Gary Everling.

WHAT IT MEANS: Robin Brandgard will be the President of the Council for 2024 and represents District 4. Bill Kirchoff is the Vice President and represents District 3, Dan Bridget represents District 5, Lance Angle represents District 2, and Gary Everling represents District 1 (replacing Kent McPhail upon his retirement).

WHAT HAPPENED: The Town Council approved 15 items on the consent agenda which included minutes of meetings, expenditures, work orders, and changes.

WHAT IT MEANS: Contracts were approved for Parks and Recreation promotion, the repair of the middle school dry detention pond, the purchase of an armored vehicle for the police, testing for public safety, utility extension for East CR 750 South, construction of the Vandalia Trail Extension, general engineering services, site inspection services, and additional work on the Government and Fine Arts Center.

WHAT HAPPENED: The Town Council authorized the controller to encumber funds from 2023.

WHAT IT MEANS: Town funds from last year that were approved for ongoing projects and programs were moved into 2024 spending and the Treasurer was authorized to pay those invoices.

WHAT HAPPENED: The Town Council approved Ordinance No. 01-2024 (the Quaker Rezone) requested by Scott Holtgrave and Richard Holtgrave.

WHAT IT MEANS: Rezoning was necessary to operate an event center at the corner of North Center Street and West Krewson Avenue. The center, a remodeled historic church, will have event spaces on the main and lower levels, allowing people to host weddings, birthday parties, baby showers, bridal showers, corporate events, community events, and more.

WHAT HAPPENED: The Town Council approved Ordinance No. 02-2024 (Omnibus 2023).

WHAT IT MEANS: The Plainfield Town Zoning Ordinances have been updated to become more current and standardized. This is an ongoing effort to improve the zoning ordinances of the town.

Brownsburg Town Council

Compiled by Ronald Hera

The Brownsburg Town Council met Jan. 9. Meetings can be viewed at <https://www.brownsburg.org>. The council meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Thursday of every month at Brownsburg Town Hall, 61 North Green Street. The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 25.

WHAT HAPPENED: Amber Lane, Director of Parks, summarized the Parks Report.

WHAT IT MEANS: Williams Park will receive a complete update. The BASE program will be discontinued and replaced by the BOOST program, which is consistent with state of Indiana requirements. The Summer Camp Program will continue.

WHAT HAPPENED: The Council approved Resolution 2024-01 (Year end transfer of appropriations within the 2023 budget) and Resolution 2024-02 (encumbered appropriations to be carried into budget year 2024.)

WHAT IT MEANS: Town funds from last year that were approved for ongoing projects and programs will be moved into the 2024 Budget, and the Treasurer is authorized to pay any unpaid invoices from previous years.

WHAT HAPPENED: A representative from Nelson and Frankenberger presented plans for a zoning map change from AG to a combination of C2 and M3 zoning for further development.

WHAT IT MEANS: This was the first reading of plans to create a combination of businesses, apartments, and homes on a plot of land west of Ronald Reagan Parkway and south of CR 300 North. After some discussion, the Council recommended some changes to the plan and recommended a second reading take place after Nelson and Frankenberger consider the council's recommendations.

WHAT HAPPENED: Clay Jackson, Financial Analyst, presented Resolution 2024-03 to reset the annual Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) payment made by the Town's Public Water and Wastewater Facilities to the General Fund. The resolution was passed by the Council.

WHAT IT MEANS: The Town of Brownsburg will be compensated for the town's services regarding wastewater treatment by transferring money to the General Fund from the Wastewater Fund.

Danville Town Council

Compiled by Ronald Hera

The Danville Town Council met on Jan. 10. These meetings can be viewed on the town's YouTube channel. The council meets at 7 p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Danville Town Hall, 49 North Wayne Street. The next scheduled meeting is Jan. 24.

WHAT HAPPENED: The Town Council organized for 2024

WHAT IT MEANS: The Danville Town Council consists of the following: Chris Gerald, President; Michael Chatham, Vice President; Dave Potter, Greg Irby, and Bret Doub.

WHAT HAPPENED: Fire Chief Rick Duncan conducted the promotion of Dustin Strahl to Chief of Administration.

WHAT IT MEANS: As the Chief of Administration, Dustin will fulfill the administrative duties of the Department.

WHAT HAPPENED: The Town Council made board appointments for 14 separate boards including Planning, Redevelopment, Parks, Police, EMS, Economic Development, Recycling, Communications, Water, Tree, Citizens Advisory, a Chamber of Commerce Representative, Downtown Danville Partnership, and the Citizens Advisory Board.

WHAT IT MEANS: The Council is obliged to provide representation and leadership on various boards related to the town. Now all board representatives are appointed and ready to begin.

WHAT HAPPENED: The council approved two cleaning contracts for government buildings awarding one contract to AWR Cleaning Services, LLC, and another to BL3, LLC after competitive bidding.

WHAT IT MEANS: The cleaning services are in place for all Danville government buildings for 2024 at a reasonable cost.

WHAT HAPPENED: The Council approved expanding the Police Investigations Division facilities.

WHAT IT MEANS: The CSI and the evidence rooms will be next to each other, and the work done by those in the areas will be more efficient, communication will be improved, and the work of the department will be more effective.

Avon Town Council

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The Avon Town Council met Jan. 11. Meetings can be viewed at avonindiana.gov/livestream. The council will meet at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at Avon Town Hall, 6570 East US HWY 36. The next scheduled meeting is Jan. 25.

WHAT HAPPENED: The floor was opened for public comment.

WHAT IT MEANS: Jeremy Eglen thanked Kathy Selch and others that helped with the Avon Town Court last year. Jonathan DeArmond welcomed Jayson Puckett and asked to be on the Parks & Recreation Beautification Committee again.

WHAT HAPPENED: Steve Moore, Public Works Director, presented his department report.

WHAT IT MEANS: Steve praised the good work of his staff, specifically new employee Eli Scott. 2023 CCMG (Community Crossing Matching Grant) was completed in December. There is some warranty work to be done by the library on two potholes, and the town will keep those filled until the contractor can fix those in the spring. The 2024 CCMG application is due at the end of January. There are 34 roads on the 2024 list. The department installed flashing pedestrian signals on 200 North at the Bicentennial Trail and also at 625 for the White Lick Trail. The updates made on Ronald Reagan near Portillos are working well and Mr. Moore is happy with those. Co. Rd. 100 North Raceway roundabout is ongoing with property acquisition at this point and 900 East (Costco) roundabouts should be going to bid in February. Dan Jones Widening-Phase I is all but complete and Phase II (from 100 S to 150 S) will begin shortly. Tree clearings are done and the three homes have been demolished. The winner of the Dan Jones Widening Phase II project is White Construction out of Clinton, IN. A funding request for Dan Jones Road Widening Phase IV (north of Oriole Way to Bradford) was submitted to the MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization). Another request was submitted to the MPO for HSIP (Highway Safety Improvement Projects) for \$1M for preemption. Preemption is where the emergency signals are tripped by emergency vehicles so they get a green light. The Public Works department is working with the Avon Police Department, Washington Township Fire Department, and Hendricks County on this project to ensure all signals in town have preemption and upgrade those that have old software. This project will allow for safer and faster response times. Stormwater utility just accepted the bid from SLB for the Avon Heights drainage project for \$685,000.

WHAT HAPPENED: Ian Loera, Senior Planner, presents the department report for the Planning Department.

WHAT IT MEANS: There was one item on the Jan. 16 agenda for the Board of Zoning Appeals. Bruster's Ice Cream was seeking a special exception for a drive thru. There are three petitions on the agenda for the Jan. 22 Plan Commission meeting:

1. Village Place Townhomes - going to primary plat
2. 1137 Avon Avenue - Convenience store and gas station that is proposed to go into the old Super Wash site
3. Harper Estates (Dan Jones between 36 and 100 North) - asked for a continuance until February to coordinate with Dan Jones widening project

The Planning department is also hearing internally applications for Avon Intermediate School East and West transition as well as expansion of Avon Middle School North. Additionally, the department has received the following applications for the Feb. 20 planning commission meeting:

1. Mission Foods - Two lots on 100 South just west of Ronald Regean. Seeking to rezone from R1 to I3 so that Mission Foods can construct an industrial accessory

for their tortilla manufacturing to the west.

2. Property east of Murphy Park - Seeking to annex and are proposing 45 single family residential lots.
3. Bellwood Section III - 51 lots
4. Avon South Middle School - proposing eight tennis courts on their property

WHAT HAPPENED: Shelby Pride, Parks Director, presented the Parks Department report.

WHAT IT MEANS: All events have been scheduled for the year and the department has some fun and exciting events planned. Basketball season is in full swing and spring registrations are open. The staff has been to Project Lifesaver training, first municipality in Hendricks County to receive dementia training, Tac Med Kit training, Tree Steward training, and one employee became a certified playground safety equipment inspector.

WHAT HAPPENED: Sean Stoops, Chief of Police, gave the Avon Police Department report.

WHAT IT MEANS: APD has begun their 2024 hiring process. Go to the website for more information on how to apply. Officer Monica Childers has reported to the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy for training. Final interviews for the Intelligence Analyst position are scheduled. It is down to three candidates. The town court is now closed. They have begun preparations for renovations to turn it into a training/meeting room. The number of traffic stops for December was well above average because the department had received the CARS grant and officers were catching up on hours allotted to them.

WHAT HAPPENED: Election of 2024 Officers.

WHAT IT MEANS: Greg Zusan was elected as the Town Council President and Dawn Lowden was elected as Vice President.

WHAT HAPPENED: Committee Appointments.

WHAT IT MEANS: The following appointments were made:

- Plan Commission: Paul Guckenberger, Kathryn Ransburg, Dave Kauffman, Bill Reed
- Redevelopment Commission: Jason Tuttle, Bob Culler, Dave Kauffman, Bill Reed, Jason Wyen, Jennifer Spencer (back up).
- Board of Zoning Appeals: Kathryn Ransburg, Dave Kauffman (back up).
- Stormwater Board: Jan Reder, Drew Wilson (back up).
- Economic Development Committee: Matt Isbell
- Parks & Recreation Beautification Committee: Deena Albin, Steve Schaecher, Jonathan DeArmond, Nick Stefani, Sarah Osmundsen and Will Richardson (back ups).
- Fire Appeals Board: John Lazaro

ICONIC brief

Avon Town Council Board Member Resigns

Tim Roberts (Republican Party), Avon Town Council Board Member, Ward 3, was elected into office on Nov. 8, 2022 and began his term on Jan. 1, 2023. Roberts resigned his position on Tuesday, Jan. 16, 2024 by way of a letter of resignation. Anne Engelhardt, County Chair, said, "For many years Tim has served our community in various ways as a philanthropist, volunteer, and community advocate who has been extremely dedicated to our community. We will miss his community minded approach and wish him the very best in his next endeavor." Chairman Engelhardt has scheduled a caucus to fill the vacant seat for Feb. 2 at Avon Town Hall at 6:30 p.m.



ICONIC brief

Rep. Greg Steuerwald Receives Plaque for Signing U.S. Term Limits Pledge

Indiana state Rep. Greg Steuerwald (District 40) was recently recognized for supporting Term Limits for Congress by signing the U.S. Term Limits Pledge, which states that “as a member of the state legislature, I will cosponsor, vote for, and defend the resolution applying for an Article V convention for the sole purpose of enacting term limits on Congress.”

U.S. Term Limits presented Representative Steuerwald the “Champion of Term Limits” plaque, which reads, “In recognition of a steadfast commitment to restore citizen government through term limits.” The U.S. Term Limits Article V convention application is limited to proposing an amendment to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the U.S. House and Senate. The Article V convention application does not specify the number of terms as that will be determined by the commissioners appointed to the convention by the state legislatures.

Many fellow legislators have pledged their support for the application, indicating that constituents want term limits on Congress. According to the latest RMG Research poll, 76 percent of likely voters in Indiana support term limits for Congress, with strong support among Republicans, Democrats, and Independents alike.

It is important to note that once an amendment is proposed by Congress or by the state legislatures at the convention, it must be ratified by three-fourths (38) of the states to be added as an amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Rep. Steuerwald’s support, along with that of other members of the House, demonstrates that the push for term limits for Congress is gaining momentum in Indiana.

U.S. Term Limits is the largest nonpartisan, nonprofit organization advocating solely on term limits. Our mission is to improve the quality of government with a citizen legislature that closely reflects its constituency and is responsive to the needs of the people it serves. USTL does not require a self-limit on individuals. Our aim is to limit the terms of all members of Congress as an institution. Find out more at termlimits.org.

*U.S. Term Limits does not endorse candidates. Candidates who sign the pledge endorse term limits.



ICONIC brief

Workshops Explore Starting a Business at Age 50+

Purdue Extension will teach a series of interactive workshops to help individuals in the 50+ age range discover their inner entrepreneur and the initial steps needed to launch a business. The workshops explore entrepreneurial thinking and application and include the following eight sessions: Introduction to Entrepreneurship; What is Entrepreneurial Thinking and Acting; Decoding Your Entrepreneurial History; Anatomy of an Idea; Building Your Brain Trust; Branding that Brings Results; Finance: Common Sense and Cents; Entrepreneurship is a Verb, not a Business Plan – Just Start!

In addition to the workshops, you will receive coaching from the Small Business Development Center after completion if you choose to move forward with your business idea.

The workshops are held on Zoom from 4 - 5 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in Feb.: 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29. Register by Jan. 30 at <https://cvent.me/3wba1l>. The cost of the workshop series is \$99 and is payable when you register.

Contact Kristi Whitacre at kwhitacr@purdue.edu or 812-462-3371 if you have questions about the workshops. We hope to see you there!



ICONIC brief

Hendricks County Judges Forum

On Saturday, Jan. 20, the Young Republicans hosted a forum for all judges that will be on the Republican ticket for the May primary. The forum was held at the Brownsburg Public Library. There are two seats open for this upcoming election, one for Superior Court 1 and the other for Superior Court 3. The four candidates running for Superior Court 1 include Magistrate Josh Adair, Jeremy Eglon, the Hon. Judge Scott Knierim, and Kate Kuehn. The candidates for Superior Court 3 include the incumbent, the Hon. Judge Ryan Tanselle, Brad Casselman, and Travis Crane. The forum was moderated by Will Shroyer, chair of the Young Republicans.





HENDRICKS REGIONAL HEALTH CELEBRATES THE UNSTOPPABLE SPIRIT OF TOMORROW'S LEADERS

A feature in the Hendricks County ICON highlighting leaders of tomorrow.

Building Leadership Skills through Commitment to Scouting

By Kate Anderson

It can be said that Sam Thomas is an overcomer. A young man who has worked hard to become the person he wants to be. Sam, 16, a sophomore at Brownsburg High School, has a drive for personal growth and leadership. He has been scouting with Boy Scout Troop 396 since he was in first grade and after 10 years and with only a few steps left, he will soon become an Eagle Scout. Sam takes his commitment to scouting very seriously and always has. "It's not hard to commit to something that is so rewarding and so fun," says Sam. Not only has it been fun, but it's been somewhat life-changing for him. It has helped him overcome overwhelming social anxiety, gain leadership skills, and boost his overall self-confidence, to name a few. Through a scouting program called the National Youth Leadership Training (NYLT) program, Sam has pushed himself to do more than he ever thought he could. The NYLT is a program designed to provide scouts with leadership skills and experiences that they can use to lead themselves and others throughout their lives. They learn what a leader must BE, must KNOW, and must DO. To put it simply, he is setting himself up to be a leader of tomorrow. To prepare for his upcoming Eagle Scout advancement, he became part of the Firecrafter program. Founded in 1920, this organization teaches scouts how to be better members of their troop and emphasizes the ideals of leadership, service, and friendship. To complete the program, you must maintain self-discipline through a series of challenges and skills, such as fire-building, which Sam is eager to master. Although he is equal to

the task in every way, for Sam, sometimes planning for such things takes a little more thought.

You see, Sam was born without his right hand. As a child, his mother and father worried that this would be a hindrance to him. In preschool, his parents were told that to attend, he needed to be able to zip his own coat. They worried that he wouldn't be able to perform this task, so his mom had him practice over and over to prepare him. After a few weeks of being in school, his parents asked if there were any issues and the teacher simply said, "Not at all. In fact, he's helping the other kids with their coats." They took a deep sigh of relief. In grade school, the same type of "stumbling block" came up. He would need to know how to open his own milk at lunch. His mom directly went out and purchased a bunch of lunch milk cartons and had him practice over and over. When parent-teacher meetings came around, they asked the same question, "any concerns?" The teacher again said, "No. In fact, he's helping all of the other kids with their milk cartons." Then and there, they decided that he would always be bound and determined to

rise above his limb difference and figure it out on his own. "I like to remind him that although

he has overcome obstacles, he was born this way, so it just comes naturally to him," said his dad, Eric. Recently, after being on the waitlist for three years, he was fitted with a 3D printed forearm and hand. Sam had to go through a series of therapy sessions to learn how to use the device. "It was definitely worth the wait. There is a bit of a learning curve, but it has been really helpful," said Sam. Though he doesn't wear it all the time, he wears it when he wants to and he uses it for certain exercises to keep his bodily muscle tone and arm strength symmetrical, as well as carrying things efficiently. Even with this new and technologically advanced device, there are still challenges that present themselves, but he always rises above and never has the expectation of being treated any differently than others. In fact, he loves the challenge. He never shies away from figuring out how to make things work for him and sometimes work better than they would normally.

It is this spirit of perseverance and determination that makes him who he is. One of his more recent challenges with regards to scouting was a 12-day hiking trip at the Philmont



Scout Ranch in New Mexico. This is an intense hiking adventure that consists of all the skills needed to "rough it" in the wilderness and in high elevations. This camp is for the utmost adventure lover, and you know what, he loved every minute of it. So much so that he hopes to travel there to work at the camp this summer, helping other troops in their adventures. This is Sam's true spirit, shining through. He is a leader, a helper, and a doer. When I asked him what his plans were after he completed his rank of Eagle Scout, he said that he wanted to remain in scouting. "I hope to use my leadership skills to help my troop, but most of all I just want to help in whatever way that I can," said Sam.

Because of his leadership, scouting experiences, and determination, Sam was asked to speak at the Governor's Luncheon for Scouting, held at Lucas Oil Stadium this past December. As a result of his experience with the National Youth Leadership Training program, he felt completely confident and prepared. While roughly 2,000 people listened, he spoke about how scouting has influenced his life and its trajectory. "Being around people that let me be me has really helped me go on and gain confidence. All these experiences such as the Governor's Luncheon, and being interviewed by the ICON have really helped me see what I want for the future," said Sam. Scouting has been the influencing force behind his transformation and growth and will continue to take him a long way. With his love for leadership and teamwork, he is going to go far in this life.

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Living Life to a “Tea”

Lauren Heller

By Kate Anderson

Tea. It's a pretty big deal. Especially to Lauren Heller and her family, who joke that “tea is their life”. There is a strong chance that you have heard of her, and she is affectionately called “the tea lady” around town. Heller, her husband and four children, have been residents of Danville since 2014. What started out as a casual hobby, became a humble home-based business in 2006 that has turned into so much more. To tell her story, you must go back to the beginning. Though both Heller and her husband are from this area, they had a yearning for warmer weather and had a thought to move out west at one point. Her husband, who is in law enforcement, was offered a job in California. “We thought, why not give it a go,” said Heller. During this time, Lauren was pregnant with their first child. As a couple, they started traveling back and forth from the west coast on a mission to find a home, and while there they discovered a little tea shop that caught her attention. “Back then, tea just wasn't a huge thing in the Midwest,” said Heller. In their travels, they started bringing back loads of tea to share with friends, family, and neighbors. “We became the people that brought ‘the good tea’ to get-togethers,” said Heller. While on these trips back and forth from the coast, they continued to speak with tea purveyors and their interest in the industry grew. At one point it occurred to them that their interest in tea had gone past an interest and had turned into a passion. “It became more and more obvious to us that we should turn this into something,” said Heller. They continued their preparations for the move, but at the last moment Lauren gave birth to her son and they quickly realized that this just wasn't the time to pick up and move. It was time to plant their roots here in Hendricks County and watch them grow. Their family continued to expand over the years, all the while she quietly continued her research into the fascinating world of tea. Her priority was being a mother, though. She felt a strong conviction to homeschool her children and continues to do so to this day. “I really feel like the Lord led me to this decision. I feel very strongly about investing in my children's education and their lives,” said Heller.

Tea was always in the forefront of her mind, though. She studied and researched for two years before she decided to delve into it and really make it a business. She started out slowly and opened an e-commerce business in her home, named Our SpecialTEA. She developed relationships with growers, farmers, and suppliers overseas and with her vast education, began

packaging and inventing her own blends of tea to sell to the public. After a few years, her business grew and so did her name in the community. She was approached by a business that wanted to both sell her tea in their retail space and use her teas in their restaurant. She was elated and her confidence in the business grew. This led her to open the wholesale



Lauren Heller. (submitted photo)

“Without my faith, this wouldn't be possible. Without my walk with the Lord, I wouldn't be where I am today.”

side of her business. She is now featured in eight businesses in the Indy area and more locations out of state as well. As the popularity of her business progressed, she began dreaming of owning a café and retail space to further showcase her wares. The Lord had other plans, though.

In 2009, it was discovered that Lauren had a brain tumor and was rushed into emergency surgery. Several complications accompanied this serious illness and she fought very hard to come back from it. “I felt very lucky that the Lord blessed me with NOT having a retail store front during this time. When you have a business, you are sort of married to it and I could not have sustained it during my illness,” said Heller. Lauren continued to heal herself and because of her illness, she really started to take an interest in her health and how tea blends could possibly bring her relief and act as an alternative to traditional medicine. She began wandering around her garden and experimenting with many dried herbs like mint, etc., to see what benefits it might have for her and possibly others. This curiosity began her interest in Phyto-Therapy. “I realized that my garden held so many possibilities. There were so many options that could help various aspects of our overall health,” said Heller.

Fast forward to 2020 and the Pandemic. Lauren's business continued to thrive and her interests in holistic health and remedies not only grew personally, but were highly sought after due to the rising number of respiratory illnesses that were occurring. She started being approached by long-time and new clients with questions about certain teas to help alleviate symptoms and side effects of COVID. Her business was busier than ever, and she felt that this was a great opportunity to educate her customers on the benefits of the nature that is all around us, many of which have various health benefits they are seeking. As Lauren simply puts it, “We have medicine in our own backyards”. When so many businesses were shutting down, her business was just ramping up. “The Pandemic didn't hurt my business. It was just the opposite. I was already established as an e-commerce business, so I just kept plugging away,” said Heller.

She continues to work hard at bringing a great product to her customers and also educates her customers every chance she gets. Her business moved out of her home and now has been blessed with an office above the Courthouse Grounds Café in Danville, which also features her teas. While her dream of having a retail space and café of her own still thrives, she is waiting for the right moment to make that change. “I am not one to chase a dollar, as they say. I trust that the Lord will lead me to the right place when timing is right,” says Heller. This month



marks Our SpecialTEA's 18th anniversary. At present, Lauren stocks over 100 varieties of tea, ranging from black and herbal tea to green and white and beyond. While the e-commerce side of her business is thriving and she is happy to mail your items to you, she also offers local pick-up options as well. As many would say, there are so many benefits to living in a small community and features like this are one of them. Supporting small businesses in our community is what makes Hendricks County such a special place.

A huge proponent of education, Lauren feels blessed and grateful that she has been able to do what she loves and use her knowledge and life experience to both educate and inspire others. As her children have grown, she has been given more and more opportunities to invest in her church home and support other wives of law enforcement officers. "Without my faith, this wouldn't be possible. Without my walk with the Lord, I wouldn't be where I am today," said Heller. It can be said that Lauren's "cup is filled" with promise and excitement for the future.

For more info or to order, visit:
Instagram: @our_specialtea
www.ourspecialtea.shop
Text 'ilovetea' to 844.511.0447

ICONIC brief

From the Newsroom

In response to the recent police activity in Avon, Deputy Chief of Police Brian Nugent for the Avon Police Department provided the following statement:

On Jan. 11 at approximately 7:35 p.m., officers were notified of a shooting in the Park Place neighborhood. Upon the arrival of responding officers, two individuals on scene were found to have sustained gunshot wounds. One individual, later identified as 20-year old Plainfield resident Samuel Oliver, was pronounced dead at the scene. The second individual, identified as 20-year old Avon resident Patrick Day, was transported from the scene and later pronounced dead at IU West Hospital. During the course of the investigation, officers and investigators determined that both individuals shot were the only two individuals involved in the incident. Based upon the information gathered during the course of the investigation, investigators believe that Day and Oliver had intended to meet up to complete a drug transaction in the Park Place neighborhood. During their encounter, Day drew a firearm and shot Oliver as Oliver returned fire, striking Day. Security camera footage captured a portion of the incident on video, which became a critical piece of evidence in the investigation.

Brian J. Nugent
Deputy Chief of Police
Avon Police Department

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Creations: COMB, HIVE, HONEY, WAX;
Heads: HAIR, LETTUCE, STATE;
Counties: ADAMS, ALLEN; City: CARMEL

NIGHT & day LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT ENTERTAINING

EVENTS calendar

JANUARY

26 Friday

Ms. B's Teas Downton Abbey Themed Tea Party

6 – 8 p.m., Ms. B's Teas Restaurant, 4883 Iowa Street, Clayton. Experience an evening of timeless tradition and etiquette at our Downtown Abbey inspired tea party. Edwardian-1920's costumes encouraged. Price is \$35.

27 Saturday

Hoosier State Instigators at Indiana Lyons

5 – 8 p.m., Bosstick Gymnasium/ Danville Town Hall, 49 North Wayne Street, Danville. Your 2022-23 ABA Champion Indiana Lyons host the Hoosier State Instigators. Tipoff at 5 p.m., doors open at 4 p.m. Join us in the Lyons Den for inexpensive, family-friendly, high-scoring, fast-paced basketball action. Tickets sold at the door, \$10/person. \$5 per child ages 6-17, seniors 55+, active military, military veterans, and first responders. Children ages 5 and under are free.

27 Saturday

Valentine's Day Craft Fair

9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Washington Township Park Pavilion Center, 435 Whipple Lane, Avon. Whether you're seeking a unique gift for your special someone or hoping to treat yourself, our vendors are sure to have handcrafted treasures to capture your heart. Free to attend.

27 Saturday

Teen Certified Babysitter's Course

9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Brownsburg Public Library, 450 South Jefferson Street, Brownsburg. Looking to make extra money babysitting but nervous about the responsibility? This certification

course will teach you how to care for yourself and others and walk through various safety scenarios. This program provides lunch and Red Cross certification in babysitting and pediatric first aid for ages 11-17.

28 Sunday

Bingo Night

5 – 7 p.m., Books & Brews, 1551 North Green Street, Brownsburg. Come join us at Books & Brews in Brownsburg for a night of Bingo. Free to attend.

29 Monday

Trivia Night

7 p.m., Nigh Brewing, 2067 Hadley Road, Plainfield. Nigh Brewing hosts trivia night every Monday at 7 p.m. Free to attend.

30 Tuesday

Tuesday Trivia

6:30 – 8:30 p.m., The Prewitt Restaurant, 121 West Main Street, Plainfield. Bring your friends, enjoy \$4 draft beers, and put your knowledge to the test. The game will begin at 7 p.m. and the winning team will receive a \$50 gift card.

FEBRUARY

1 Thursday

Gentle Slow Flow Yoga

9:15 – 10:15 a.m., Brownsburg Public Library, 450 South Jefferson Street, Brownsburg. A 60-minute class that incorporates conscious breathwork along with a sequence of dynamic and energetic poses designed to increase strength, flexibility, and balance in the body, mind, and spirit. The teacher will provide modifications of the different poses to meet the varying skills among the students in the class. Props will be provided but please bring your own mat. Cost per class is \$10 and paid

at the door. Scholarships available, if needed.

1 Thursday

Chair Yoga

10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Brownsburg Public Library, 450 South Jefferson Street, Brownsburg. Find your center and get grounded in body, mind and spirit in this gentle class. Chair yoga is practiced either sitting or using chairs for support in various postures and is designed to mindfully increase range of motion while meeting students where they are. We will work on stretching, range of motion, balance, breathing, and overall a sense of wellbeing. This class is ideal for students with limited mobility or healing from injury. Appropriate for students of all levels. Cost is \$10 per class and paid at the door. Scholarships available, if needed.

2 Friday

Critter Feeding

12 – 1 p.m., Pecar Nature Park, 5203 East County Road, 150 North, Avon. Join our Pecar Park naturalist and delve into the fascinating world of our resident creatures at the nature center. Our interactive sessions offer a unique opportunity for both education and hands-on engagement. Program fee is \$5 per child and goes directly to support the cost of food and medical care for our animal residents.

2 Friday

Groundhog's Day Hike at Pock Woods

4:30 – 5:30 p.m., Pecar Nature Park, 5203 East County Road, 150 North, Avon. Join our knowledgeable naturalist for an exploration into the world of groundhogs. Learn about these fascinating creatures, the significance of Groundhog's Day, and discover where to spot them during a

hike through Pock Woods. \$3 per adult or child, and preregistration is required.

3 Saturday

Goat Yoga

1 – 2 p.m., Oinking Acres Farm Rescue & Sanctuary, 8420 North County Road 650 East, Brownsburg. This class will take place in our beautiful loft. Please note the loft is not heated; however, we will have heaters going. This will be an intimate, smaller class with a very limited number of tickets. Please bring your own mat. After the hour-long yoga session, guests are encouraged to take a tour of the sanctuary and meet all the animals that call Oinking Acres home. Price is \$20.

3 Saturday – 4 Sunday

Indiana Fishing Expo

9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday, Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds & Conference Complex, 1900 East Main Street, Danville. Jump into the exciting world of fishing at the Indiana Fishing Expo 2024 – the go-to event for all things fishing in the region. With more than 35 vendors, interesting speakers, and educational sessions, this expo is the place to be for fishing fans. Check out fishing gear, learn about many different species of fish, and speak to local guides and outfitters about various waters. Whether you're a pro or just starting out, this event offers a fantastic journey into the fishing scene. \$6 for adults, kids 12 and under are free. Free parking. Find more information at www.indianafishingexpo.com.

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6 Tuesday

Galentine's Day Wreath Workshop
6:30 – 8 p.m., Mokey's on the Square, 134 South Washington Street, Danville. Grab a bestie and meet us for a night celebrating Galentine's Day. Tickets include a charcuterie cup for one, a specialty cocktail, and all materials needed to create an adorable heart shaped wreath. This includes ribbon, gold heart shaped wreath frame, and dried flowers. Join us for a night of cocktails, girlfriends, wreaths, and charcuterie! Price is \$65.

6 Tuesday

Indiana Lyons vs. Shizuoka Gymrats
7 – 9 p.m., Bosstick Gymnasium/ Danville Town Hall, 49 North Wayne Street, Danville. *SPECIAL DAY AND TIME! SPECIAL OPPONENT!!* Your 2022-23 ABA Champion Indiana Lyons host the Shizuoka Gymrats, all the way from Japan! Tipoff at 7 p.m. for this TUESDAY NIGHT game. Doors open at 6 p.m. ET. Join us in the Lyons Den for inexpensive, family-friendly, high-scoring, fast-paced basketball action. Tickets sold at the door, \$10/person. \$5 per child ages 6-17, seniors 55+, active military, military veterans, and first responders. Children ages 5 and are free.

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9:15 – 10:15 a.m., Brownsburg Public Library, 450 South Jefferson Street, Brownsburg. A 60-minute class that incorporates conscious breathwork along with a sequence of dynamic and energetic poses designed to increase

strength, flexibility, and balance in the body, mind, and spirit. The teacher will provide modifications of the different poses to meet the varying skills among the students in the class. Props will be provided but please bring your own mat. Cost per class is \$10 and paid at the door. Scholarships available, if needed.

8 Thursday

Chair Yoga
10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Brownsburg Public Library, 450 South Jefferson Street, Brownsburg. Find your center and get grounded in body, mind and spirit in this gentle class. Chair yoga is practiced either sitting or using chairs for support in various postures and is designed to mindfully increase range of motion while meeting students where they are. We will work on stretching, range of motion, balance, breathing, and overall a sense of wellbeing. This class is ideal for students with limited mobility or healing from injury. Appropriate for students of all levels. Cost is \$10 per class and paid at the door. Scholarships available, if needed.

10 Saturday

Friends of the Danville Library Annual Meeting
10 a.m., Danville Public Library, 101 South Indiana Street, Danville. The annual meeting of the Friends of the Danville Library will be held at the library on Saturday, Feb. 10 at 10 a.m. At this meeting, the Friends elect officers for the coming year, report on finances, and plan for future projects to benefit our Library. Members are invited, and the public is also welcome to attend.

13 Tuesday

Hendricks County Winter Farmers Market
4 - 7 p.m., Hendricks County Fairgrounds, 1900 East Main Street, Danville. The Hendricks County Winters Farmers Market continues, with 20 plus local vendors including produce,

honey, farm raised meats, baked goods, soap, crafts, and more. The next date is March 26.

13 Tuesday

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Cook-Off
5:30 – 7 p.m., Messiah Lutheran Church, 801 South Green Street, Brownsburg. Free pancake dinner - all are welcome. More info can be found on www.messiahelca.com.

23 Friday – 24 Saturday

Plainfield Parks Daddy-Daughter Dance
Various Times (See below). Registration is now open! Richard A. Carlucci Recreation & Aquatic Center, 651 Vestal Road, Plainfield. Dance the night away with your little princess! Enjoy engaging activities and games. Light and delectable refreshments will be served. This dance is not limited to fathers; other male role-models (grandfathers, uncles, etc.) are welcome to join in the fun! \$30 per participant. Dates and time slots available are:
Friday, Feb 23: 6 - 8 p.m.
(Activity Code: 10004-01)
Saturday, Feb. 24: 2 - 4 p.m.
(Activity Code: 10004-02)
Saturday, Feb. 24: 6 - 8 p.m.
(Activity Code: 10004-03)
Secure your spot by pre-registering. Visit: <https://register1.vermontsystems.com/wbWSC/inplainfield.wsc/splash.html>.

24 Saturday

A Night in the Stacks
7 - 10 p.m., Brownsburg Public Library, 450 South Jefferson Street, Brownsburg. Join us as we transform our building into one giant ball of fun activities including bounce house, board games, movie in a dome, cornhole, life-sized games, cash bar, trivia, and more. A Night in the Stacks is \$15 per person and is a 21 and older event. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library. This is a 21 and older event. Special thanks to our friends at

Books & Brew and Valkyrie's Vault for their assistance with the event. Register here: <https://bpljobs.wufoo.com/forms/zkxsrrx0ezcc2q/>.

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9 Saturday**Father Daughter Dance**

5 - 9 p.m., Washington Township Park Pavilion, 115 South Road 575 East, Avon. Rock the Red Carpet for Project A.N.G.E.L. Music, dinner, dessert, dancing, and fun. Proceeds will help fund the 2024 Christmas Assistance Program. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit projectangelofhendrickscounty.com.

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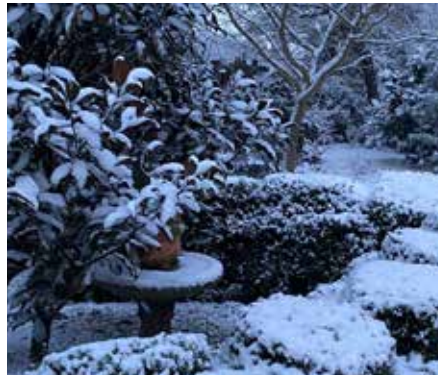
The Christmas Rose

GARDENING By John Chapin

After many years of failed New Year's resolutions, I now prefer to make gardening goals, which are more realistic and definitely more rewarding! This year's goals include grubbing out the last of the invasive Amur Honeysuckles, as well as adding a small meadow of native perennials to support pollinators in a neglected, but sunny, area of our property. I'm certainly more motivated to accomplish these goals!

Especially during the winter months, when I can't get my hands dirty digging in the garden, I find that keeping in contact with like-minded gardeners on Facebook gardening groups is not only educational, but provides support and encouragement in so many areas of gardening and landscaping. There are groups for most any topic of interest one could imagine, and members can be anywhere in the world. Two great local gardening Facebook groups are "Central Indiana Garden Exchange" and "Indianapolis Gardening".

For more personal interaction with like-minded gardeners, belonging to local garden clubs or local and/or national garden societies can be immensely rewarding for both novice and experienced gardeners. Name an interest, and there's most likely a local group or national society dedicated to advancing knowledge about that plant. All local clubs and state or regional groups of national societies have regular meetings, excellent speakers, and sometimes workshops, as well as annual garden tours of private gardens. National societies have large annual conferences and shows where one can meet very knowledgeable people, buy unusual plants at great prices, and tour private gardens. Luckily for area gardeners, Indianapolis has local



chapters of national groups, and each county has good garden clubs. Note: Each county also has an active Master Gardener program, whose members meet monthly, during, or after completing the educational requirements to qualify as a Master Gardener.

Make your New Year's resolution to join and get involved with a garden club and/or a special interest society. I can guarantee that you will meet like-minded gardeners who will help and support you with your gardening adventures.

Happy Gardening!



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Travel in Europe

TRAVEL By Amy Maharas

Always wanted to visit Europe but nervous about planning the trip? You have options!

Ocean Cruise: Many cruise lines offer European cruises throughout the Mediterranean, in the British Isles, and to Scandinavia; some cruise lines also sail to Iceland and Greenland. Ocean cruises are a great option to get a glimpse into multiple countries without having to unpack and repack. Summer from May through September is the cruise season in Europe.

River Cruise: If you prefer to visit more interior countries in Europe, river cruises are the way to go. Whether you sail on the Danube, Seine, Rhone, or other river, you will encounter beautiful views along the way. Some river cruises are family-friendly like those through Adventures by Disney, whereas others are adults-only such as Viking. Summer from May through September is when most cruises are offered, although some cruise lines continue to sail through October and even December for Christmas markets.

Small Group Tour: Booking a tour that

includes a guide, transportation, and lodging can be a fantastic way to travel through Europe. Companies like National Geographic and Adventures by Disney offer high-end tours that include all activities and most meals, whereas those like G Adventures offer more budget-friendly options with optional activities and limited meals.

Do it Yourself: If you'd like to visit places during a time of year not offered by cruises or tours, then planning a "do it yourself" trip through Europe is the way to go. Travel advisors can often assist with putting together a plan with transportation and lodging.

No matter how you travel through Europe, be sure to take time to enjoy the culture and food!



Amy Maharas is an Avon resident and travel planner with Hi Ho Vacations. Contact her at Amy@HiHoVacations.com

Deep roots and circuitous routes

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

The Beatles' 1970 album "Let It Be"

features the band "getting back" to their roots — jamming on the roof and finally releasing a version of "One After 909." However, there are a few notable exceptions to this "roots" style.

For instance, the overproduced "Long and Winding Road" tells the story of a complicated route back to a former lover. Its instrumentation is dubbed and overdubbed by the infamous producer Phil Spector. I prefer the "Let It Be... Naked" album version, as the mix gets stripped down to only the Fab Four's backing instruments.

I like to shoehorn The Beatles into columns as often as possible, and this time is no different. Just as I contrasted the "roots rock" of the "Let It Be" album with the complicated route described in the schmaltzy "Long and Winding Road" song, it's time to break down "root," "route," and other similar words.

"Root" has several definitions, and I'm going to cover the most common usage of the word. In botany, a root is the underground part of a plant that absorbs soil, water, and nutrients. A plant's roots also help stabilize the plant in the ground so it can better withstand wind. Root is also used in mathematics to refer to a number that — when multiplied by itself a certain number of times — equals

another number. Sorry about adding math into a grammar column.

A "route," on the other hand, is a path from one place to another. When I use my phone's mapping software, it tends to be reliable until the last few turns. At that point, the robotic navigator tends to direct me into the nearest lake. Additionally, a route can be the name of a specific highway, like "Route 66." One time, I found this great shoe store between Chicago and L.A.; now, I get all my kicks on Route 66.

Now it's time for the lightning round — I'm rooting for you! A rutabaga is a root vegetable in the turnip and cabbage family. A rut is a groove in the ground caused by a vehicle taking the same route over and over again. The Rutles are a fictional band that spoofed The Beatles in the 1978 film "The Rutles."

My final wisdom for you, reader, is to plant some roots. Find somewhere that feels like home and create deep relationships that will keep you stable in tumultuous seasons of life. A community like this can make any long and winding road feel like a raucous road trip with great friends.



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DUMB LAW

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

In North Dakota, beer and pretzels cannot be served at the same time in any bar or restaurant.

Source: dumblaws.com



Several factors affect your risk for heart disease

Dr. Omar Batal, Cardiologist at IU Health West Hospital

We are approaching February, American Heart Month, a time when people should focus on their cardiovascular health. Heart disease is the leading cause of death in the United States, causing about one in four deaths. Factors such as health conditions, lifestyle, and family history can increase the risk for heart disease. However, people can greatly reduce their risk through lifestyle changes and, in some cases, medicine.

Some health conditions increase the risk for heart disease. High blood pressure (130/80 or higher), unhealthy blood cholesterol levels, and diabetes increase the risk for heart disease. High blood pressure is a medical condition that happens when the pressure of the blood in the arteries and other blood vessels is too high. If not controlled, it can affect the heart and other major organs in the body. Cholesterol is a fat-like substance made by the liver and found in certain foods. If people take in more cholesterol than the body can use, the excess can build up in arterial walls. This leads to narrowing of the arteries and can decrease blood flow to the heart and other vital organs. Health care teams can do a simple blood test to determine if a patient has high cholesterol levels and advise on lifestyle and medical therapies. Diabetes causes sugar (glucose) to build up in the blood. The risk of death from heart disease for adults with heart disease is higher than for those who do not have diabetes. Meanwhile, obesity is linked to all three health conditions. Doctors can help patients reduce weight to a healthy level and impact overall health favorably.

Certain behaviors can also increase your risk level. Diet and lifestyle can increase or decrease your health risk. Eating processed foods that are often high in saturated fat, trans fat, cholesterol, sugar, and sodium has been linked to heart disease. Too much salt may raise blood pressure. Not getting enough physical activity can increase the chance of developing conditions that lead to heart disease, such as obesity, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and diabetes. Drinking too much alcohol, tobacco use, and other products (check label) increase the risk as well. On the other hand, regular physical activity and a healthy diet and lifestyle can lower a patient's risk.

Genetics, family history, and age are risk factors. Genetics play a role in heart disease. However, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it is also likely that people with a family history of heart disease share common environments and other factors that may increase their risk. If a patient has heart disease in their family history, they should consult with their physician. As far as age, heart disease can happen to anyone at any point in their life, but the risk does go up as people get older.

To learn more about heart disease and treatment options, visit iuhealth.org/heart.



Expert: Dr. Omar Batal, Cardiologist at IU Health West Hospital

Tips from Bax Wellness

Why Diets Don't Work



By Beth Bax, Certified Health Coach

Diets are like shoes that don't quite fit right. They're uncomfortable, restrictive, and not conducive to long-term wear. However, letting go of the diet mentality is extremely hard for many people. It's often ingrained in us or viewed as a distraction from other challenges, obstacles, and ongoing struggles in various aspects of our lives. Dieting means restricting food intake, usually in an attempt to lose weight or fat. But, as studies show, it's not as simple as the "calories in, calories out" equation that many people focus on.

Dieting and emotional eating have numerous things in common—and they can perpetuate each other, leading to unhelpful eating cycles. Emotional eating can feel out of control, so we might turn to diets as a way of feeling in control. This doesn't work, so we eat to cope with the frustration.

When it comes to eating, it's important to find what works for you: What nourishes your body and your emotions, and what satisfies you. Finding a middle ground means trying out different ways of eating in order to figure out what's helpful and sustainable for you. So here are some strategies for discovering your personal eating style:

- 1. Do your own research.** Read books and articles, and look for common eating approaches that might work for you. Meet with an accountability partner such as a family member, friend, or health coach to continually check in and modify as needed.
- 2. Keep it simple.** Choose one behavior-based goal at a time, and try to stick to it for two weeks. Whatever you think you can manage in terms of habit changes, take it one step back from that. For example, if your habit change is to eat more vegetables, a tiny habit to begin with might be to place a fist-size portion of veggies on your plate at dinner time. If you are not a veggie-eater, you might want to go even smaller than that and just buy one vegetable to try for the week.
- 3. Focus on intention and attention.** Eat without distractions, and slow down when you eat.
- 4. Crowd out.** Choose a 90/10 or 80/20 approach that leaves plenty of room for your favorite foods. This means 80 to 90 percent of healthy whole foods and 10 to 20 percent of something you really enjoy. This will keep you from feeling deprived.
- 5. Balance the pendulum.** Eat a little of everything that is served. Pay attention to basic portions: approximately one fist of veggies, one palm of protein, one cupped hand of whole grains, and one thumb of healthy fats.
- 6. Eat like an animal.** Honor your physical hunger, and trust your instincts. Stay warm and hydrated with regular, consistent meals. Animals enjoy eating for nourishment as well as the experience.
- 7. Create room for pleasure.** Mindfully enjoy foods considered more indulgent, if you choose. Get creative about food choices. Life is too short to see food as the enemy! Incorporate these simple tips, and you will be well on your way to a healthier mindset that includes the joy of eating.

34-30 Or Fight!

By Dick Wolfsie

Have you seen my pants lately?

My 34-30-inch pants. That's my size. Yes, I have a 34-inch waist and two 30-inch legs. If you ever wondered how I measure up, now you know.

I am not proud of this. I didn't aspire to it (except when I was a 36). But I'm not unhappy with it either, although I'd rather be a 33.

Now, I ask you again. Have you seen my pants? No, not the ones I am wearing, although I'm beginning to think that they were the last 34-30s made in America. I'm looking for another pair of 34-30s. Where have all the 34-30s gone?

Every Saturday morning, I head out the door to look for pants. I'm either waddling around in a pair of 36-30s or scrunched into 32-28s.

First, I go to Kohl's to look for pants. Man, do they have pants. And they have some really great sizes: 38-33, 42-28, 30-36, 40-34, 36-28. And that's just the beginning. The entire rack of clothes is a testimony to the myriad and wonderful ways that God works. Imagine creating humans in so many shapes. I'm pretty sure that all squirrels would wear pretty much the same size pants.

But God, in his omnipotence, should have seen that creating men with 34-inch waists and 30-inch legs was unnecessarily cruel. God should have known that 34-30 men would never find pants. Men like this are destined to be naked. There's no question that Adam was a 34-30.

I look through the other sizes, hoping that some 34-30 who forgot his credit card may have hidden away his size so he could return the next day and reclaim his treasure. Maybe there's a 34-30 in between the 44-30s and the 32-28s. That's where I once hid a pair of 34-30s. No luck. Let me tell you something: You can hide some of your income from the IRS in a bank in Switzerland, but you can't hide a pair of 34-30 pants. Someone will find them.

So, what is the explanation for my problem? Humpty Dumpty was a 46-24 and the guy on stilts at the State Fair is probably 32-64. They didn't have a problem finding pants.

The truth is that 34-30 is so common stores can't keep the size in stock. I know that when I see a pair of 40-29s, they are going to be there for a while. Men who are 36-32 are probably trying to squeeze into my 34-30s. There ought to be a law. I have my rights. And that guy now has his tights.

No one cares about 34-30s. We are normal around the middle, average from crotch to cuff. There is nothing distinctive about us. Except a lot of us don't have any pants that fit.

When I had a 35-inch waist, the salesmen told me they didn't manufacture many 35-inch-waist pants because very few men were that size. I told him that to go from 34 to 36, you have to pass through 35 first.

Usually between Thanksgiving and New Year's.



Dick Wolfsie's weekly humor column is published in more than 30 newspapers. Dick has written 14 books, including *Mornings with Barney* and *Indiana Curiosities*. His newest book, *The Right Fluff*, is a compilation of his most popular humor columns. He lives in Fishers with his wife Mary Ellen and a cat who doesn't like him.

HERE ARE THE DANCERS YOU WILL SEE AT
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Also, consider health insurance. You might be able to continue your employer's coverage through the COBRA laws, though this can be expensive. As an alternative, you can check out a Marketplace plan at healthcare.gov. Once you're 65, you're eligible for Medicare.

Finally, review your Social Security plans. You can collect when you're 62, but your checks will be much bigger if you can wait until your full retirement age, which is likely between 66 and 67, depending on when you were born.

Forced early retirement can be challenging. But by exploring the financial and health insurance options available, you might find ways to help minimize the disruption to your life.

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AVON

Gloria J. Jacob

Gloria J. Jacob, 76, Avon, passed away on Jan. 7, 2024. She was born on Sept. 7, 1947. Funeral services were held on Jan. 12 at Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home in Plainfield.

David O. Carlisle

U.S. Army veteran David O. Carlisle, 79, Avon, passed away on Jan. 4. He was born on Oct. 5, 1944. Services were held on Jan. 9 at Conkle Funeral Home in Avon.

Tiffany Lynn McMannis

Tiffany Lynn McMannis, 35, Avon, passed away on Jan. 8, 2024. She was born on Feb. 5, 1988. Services were held on Jan. 12 at Conkle Funeral Home in Speedway.

Caron Elise Blair (Bender)

Caron Elise Blair (Bender), 49, Avon, passed away on Jan. 5, 2024. She was born on Aug. 4, 1974. Services were held on Jan. 18 at Conkle Funeral Home in Avon. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to an education fund for her boys in c/o Sheri Bender.

Charles Doyme Crowder

U.S. Army veteran Charles Doyme Crowder, 90, Avon, passed away on Jan. 11, 2024. He was born on Jan. 2, 1934. Services were held on Jan. 14 at Conkle Funeral Home in Avon. Contributions may be made to the Donor's Favorite Charity.

Ronald C. Volk

Ronald C. Volk, 76, died Jan. 9, 2024, in Avon, Indiana. He was born in Pennsylvania to the late Calvin and Gladys (Bryan) Volk. He graduated from Kennett High School and joined the U.S. Marine Corps where he served for six years, including a tour in Vietnam. He worked in Industrial Sales for over 45 years, even after he "retired". He was an avid fan of Penn State, the Philadelphia Eagles and Flyers, and Drum Corps. He loved to read and spend time with his family, especially watching his grandchildren perform in marching band and show choir. He was active in his church and was incredibly generous, helping everyone he could. He was preceded in death by his late wife Carol and is survived by his brother Thomas Volk and sister Barb (Mark) Underwood, of Pennsylvania; two daughters Jennifer Volk and Karen Kinnaman, and two grandchildren Konnor and Kamryn Kinnaman.

Per his request, there will be no memorial service. There will be a private burial. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Tunnel to Towers Foundation (<https://t2t.org/>).

BROWNSBURG

Wayne A. Jones

U.S. Army veteran Wayne A. Jones, 88, Brownsburg, passed away on Jan. 13, 2024. He was born on March 7, 1935. Funeral Services were held on Jan. 18, at Eric M.D. Bell Funeral Home in Pittsboro. In lieu of flowers, the family recommends that donations be made to the American Cancer Society or the Wounded Warrior Project.

John Nance Garner

John Nance Garner, 88, Brownsburg, passed away on Jan. 7, 2024. He was born on Jan. 12, 1935. Services were held on Jan. 16 at Matthews Mortuary in Brownsburg.

George Ann Fisher

George Ann Fisher, 72, Brownsburg, passed away on Jan. 4, 2024. She was born on Nov. 9, 1951. The family will entomb George Ann in a private service. In lieu of flowers or any other gestures of comfort or remembrance, the family requests donations be made to St. Malachy Catholic School, 7410 North County Road 1000 E, Brownsburg, IN 46112, in George Ann's remembrance.

Angela Nulty

U.S. Army veteran Angela Nulty, 69, Brownsburg, passed away on Jan. 12, 2024. She was born on Jan. 22, 1954. Services will be held at a later date.

Jack William Zimmerly Jr.

U.S. Marine Corps veteran Jack William Zimmerly Jr., 71, Brownsburg, passed away on Jan. 14, 2024. He was born on Feb. 18, 1952. Services were held on Jan. 18 at Matthews Mortuary in Brownsburg. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Mission Meadows Camp at www.missionmeadows.org/donate 201 New York 430, Dewittville, NY 14728 or Bethesda Christian School at www.bcpspatriots.org 7858 N. County Road 650 E. Brownsburg, IN 46112.

Charles T. Cogswell

U.S. Army veteran Charles T. Cogswell, 93, Brownsburg, passed away on Jan. 12, 2024. He was born on Sept. 9, 1930. Services will be private with burial in Grandview Memorial Gardens, Champaign, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, please donate to a local Humane Society or animal sanctuary.

Timothy A. Burdine

Timothy A. Burdine, 61, Brownsburg, passed away on Jan. 15, 2024. He was born on Dec. 25, 1962. Services will be held at a later date.

Dr. Samuel A. Guthrie

Dr. Samuel A. Guthrie, 76, Brownsburg, passed away on Jan. 15, 2024. He was born on May 21, 1947. Services were held on Jan. 23 at Matthews Mortuary in Brownsburg.

Jordan E. Boscia

Jordan E. Boscia, 12, Brownsburg, passed away on Jan. 18, 2024. He was born on Sept. 15, 2011. He was a sixth-grade student at Brownsburg East Middle School. Memorial visitation will be from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 26 at Matthews Mortuary in Brownsburg, with memorial services at 5 p.m. In lieu of flowers we ask that donations be sent to Make-A-Wish, Littlewishfoundation.org or Ronald McDonald House Charities.

CLAYTON

Wayne Mayo

Wayne Mayo, 62, Indianapolis, formerly of Clayton, passed away on Jan. 4, 2024. He was born on June 2, 1961. Memorial services were held on Jan. 11 at Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home in Plainfield.

Larry E. Penna

Larry E. Penna, 84, Clayton, passed away on Jan. 15, 2024. Services are private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be

made in Larry's memory to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, Florida 33607 or <https://donate.lovetotherescue.org/>. Final arrangements and cremation are entrusted to Carlisle Branson Funeral Service & Crematory.

DANVILLE

Joanne L. Mitchell

Joanne L. Mitchell, 74, Danville, passed away on Jan. 5, 2024. She was born on Aug. 22, 1949. Services were held on Jan. 10 at St. Susanna Catholic Church in Plainfield. Online condolences may be shared at www.conklefuneralhome.com.

Eugene Henry Trapp

U.S. Army veteran Eugene Henry Trapp, 95, Danville, passed away on Jan. 12, 2024. He was born on Dec. 25, 1928. Services were held on Jan. 17 at Baker Funeral Home in Danville. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to St. Mary's Catholic School, 417 Chestnut Street, Mt. Carmel, IL 62863.

LIZTON

Richard E. Hathaway

Richard E. Hathaway, Sr., 82, Lizton, passed away on Jan. 14, 2024. He was born on Oct. 16, 1941. Services were held on Jan. 18 at Helton & Harris Funeral Home in Danville. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

NORTH SALEM

Tyler Andrew Traut

Tyler Andrew Traut, 25, North Salem, passed away on Jan. 5, 2024. Tyler was born on Dec. 2, 1998. Services were held on Jan. 12 at Eric M.D. Bell Funeral Home in Pittsboro.

PLAINFIELD

Tina Rae Brannon

Tina Rae Brannon, 62, Plainfield, passed away on Jan. 5, 2024. She was born on Oct. 16, 1961. Services were held on Jan. 9 at Hope Community Church in Brownsburg. Bousley Funeral Home has been entrusted with services. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Fight Back Fitness, 1531 E. Northfield Dr. #800, Brownsburg, IN 46112.

Carol Romer

Carol Romer, 78, Plainfield, formerly of Clayton, passed away on Jan. 9, 2024. She was born on Oct. 28, 1945. A private funeral with family only will be held. In memory of Carol, consider donating to a charity of your choice.

Walter R. "Walt" Jarman

U.S. Navy veteran Walter R. "Walt" Jarman, 89, Plainfield, passed away on Jan. 3, 2024. He was born on Jan. 19, 1934. Services were held on Jan. 9 at Hall-Baker Funeral Home in Plainfield. Please make memorial contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN, 38105-9959.

Susan F. Walker

Susan F. Walker, 65, Plainfield, passed away on Jan. 5, 2024. She was born on Aug. 22, 1958. Services were held on Jan. 10 at Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home in Plainfield. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Lung Cancer Research Foundation.

Robert E. Hartung

Robert E. Hartung Sr., 87, Plainfield, passed away on Jan. 12, 2024. He was born on Aug. 3, 1936. Services were held on Jan. 19 at Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home in Plainfield.

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MARCH 6

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