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What a way to start the competition season for Center Grove Choirs! The energy and talent that is cultivated by the hard-working directors, choreographers, student leaders, voice teachers, band, costume volunteers, tech team, hair team and every student in the Center Grove Choir program is inspiring. From the spot-on vocal talent, choreographed fancy footwork, facial expressions that bring the show to life, the audience is taken on a journey and entertained. Each choir received a standing ovation from their supporters and competitors! All five of the competition choirs competed at 2024 Fishers Spotlight competition on Feb. 3. Awards received include: CG Singers (Varsity Concert Choir): Grand Champions; Accents (JV Univoice Choir): Best Visuals & Best Vocals = Grand Champions; Outstanding Performer: Ava Wright; Debtone (Varsity Univoice Choir): Best Visuals & Best Vocals = Grand Champions; Outstanding Performer: Signe Ring; Surround Sound (JV Mixed Choir): 3rd Runner Up; Outstanding Performer: Vanlal Chhalthleng; Sound System (Varsity Mixed Choir): Best Visuals & Best Vocals = Grand Champions; Outstanding Performer: Cooper Peters; CG Choirs: Best Tech Crew; Rachel Gagnon & Meredith Nguyen: 1st Place Duet Comp. Over the next month, these choirs will be competing in regional competitions ending the season at the Grand Ole Opry for the HOA National competition in March. The Debtone and Sound System are the reigning National Champions 2023. The next competition will be The Carroll Classic on Feb. 10 and Debtone and Sound System will be competing. (Submitted photo)

## Roncalli senior awarded the Youth Virtues, Valor and Vision Award

On Monday, Jan. 29, Roncalli senior Juliana Riddle was recognized as the National Catholic Education Association's (NCEA) Youth Virtues, Valor and Vision Award winner. This award was presented by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Superintendent Dr. Brian Disney joined by Assistant Superintendent Joe Hansen and Assistant Superintendent Sarah Watson. This award recognizes students in elementary and secondary schools across the nation, who through selfless service, determination, innovation and ideals are changing the world while bearing witness to their Catholic faith. These community champions are students who go above and beyond their daily routines to exemplify a missionary discipleship in service to others. The recipient of this award receives national recognition through NCEA and a Chromebook from Archangel Education and Technology. Juliana has completed over 700 service hours during her time as a Roncalli student. She currently serves on Roncalli's Campus Ministry Student Leadership Team, volunteers at St. Vincent de Paul and mentors hundreds of youth while leading retreats and youth ministry activities at her parish, St. Jude.



Pictured, from left to right: Fr. Peter Marshall, Assistant Superintendent Sarah Watson, Juliana's parents, Richard and Megan Riddle and Stacy and Kris Chaney, Juliana Riddle, Superintendent Dr. Brian Disney, Roncalli President Chuck Weisenbach and Assistant Superintendent Joe Hansen. (Submitted photo)

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## Little music makers

### Miss Polly's Music Class helps infants and toddlers develop motor, language and social skills

By Sherri Coner

Once the pint-size music makers were seated with parents or grandparents, Miss Polly officially started class by using each little person's name in a song.

Based on the attention spans of her students, ranging from infants to age 4, activities changed often.

Reasons for bringing his son Liam Lecher, 3, to the class have changed over time, said Luke Lecher of Indianapolis.

He and his wife initially enrolled Liam because he was born prematurely.

Miss Polly's Music Class, where children clap, sing and dance would help Liam's gross

motor and fine motor skill development.

"Now we want to keep him in the class so he can interact with others," Lecher said. "Also, being here will make the transition easier when he goes to preschool."

Everett Woodworth, 3, son of Ben and Lauren Woodworth of Franklin sat smiling happily on the lap of his grandmother, Lynn Woodworth of Trafalgar.

"Everett loves it here and Miss Polly is just wonderful," Woodworth said of the class her grandson has attended since he was a year old.

With several egg-shaped noise makers within reach, Leo Paris, 19 months, son of Jason and Jennifer Paris of Franklin concentrated on how many "shakers" fit in his chubby little hands.

"He loves it," Jennifer Paris said. "We have brought Leo to Miss Polly since he was 5 months old. It's so good for socialization and he's learning more words. He sings and dances at home."

After earning a bachelor's degree in music education and voice and a master's degree in Ed admin from Butler University, Polly Martin Jones initially worked in the school system.

More than 16 years ago, she launched Miss Polly's Music Class for early education learning.

Five years ago, Jones and her husband, Andrew moved to Franklin with their son and daughter, who are now teenagers.

Her colorful classroom, located on the third floor of Alva Neal Community Office Building on East Jefferson Street is a joy-filled space filled with excited children, fun music and Miss Polly's cheerful, relaxed manner.

Still new to the class, Colton Berkery, 2, son of Mike and Chelsea Berkery of Bargersville spent the first couple of classes in complete silence on Daddy's lap.

This week, Colton slid from Dad's lap to the carpet beside him.

That was definitely progress, Mike Berkery said with a grin.

When Colton could not resist grabbing a couple of drums, one for himself and another one for his best buddy, Dad, again, Mike saw his son's growing comfort level.

"Colton loves music," he said. "The class also gives him a greater appreciation for music."

Along with learning

to follow a beat, students learn to follow instructions while developing confidence and social skills, concentration, cooperation and patience.

Early childhood education also stimulates language development which leads to positive social interactions and an excitement for learning.

When parents and grandparents participate with Miss Polly, children also take risks and try new activities.

Jennifer Vandivier of Franklin said she and her husband Jake believe Miss Polly's class helps their daughter Jordyn, 2, add new words to her vocabulary. Also, Jordyn is exposed to different types of music and all kinds of fun activities.

While singing about a little duck, Miss Polly asked each child to mimic the pitch of "quack, quack."

To encourage shy little Elena Brown, 2, daughter of Brandon and Courtney Brown of Franklin, Miss Polly gently asked her to sing along.

Elena quietly responded with a firm 'no.'

That humorous moment with a toddler was a reminder that magic happens with this age group but so does stubbornness.

And both are perfectly fine.

After class, Colton Berkery shyly smiled and softly said, "I had fun. I played with the shakers and stuff."



Miss Polly's Music Class.  
(Submitted photos)

## Living (and singing) the dream

### Greenwood Community High School senior performs at Carnegie Hall

## COVER STORY

Compiled by Jeremy Nicholas and Nancy Hammerstrom

What do iconic performers like Duke Ellington, Judy Garland and Billie Holiday have in common with Greenwood student Emma Koehl?

They have all performed at the prestigious Carnegie Hall.

Koehl was selected to perform on Feb. 10 as part of the annual High School Honors Performance Series under the direction of Dr. Jeffrey L. Ames and sang as a soprano in the Honors Concert Choir.

The Honors Performance Series was created to showcase accomplished individual student performers on an international level by allowing them to study under master conductors and perform in world renowned venues. The Honors Performance Series is presented by WorldStrides, the nation's leading educational travel organization.

Out of approximately 1,500 students to audition for the Honors Performance Series, 500 students were chosen, and just 179 were selected for the Honors Concert Choir.

"We processed nearly 10,000 nominations this year and have selected the most talented student performers from around the world," stated Marion Gomez, music director for the Honors Performance Series. "Working with these conductors and performing at these renowned music halls is a once-in-a-lifetime experience that these musicians will never forget."

Koehl, who has studied music for 10 years, has performed in multiple GCSC choirs, was an Indiana Vocal Jazz Ensemble State Finalist; has received dozens of Gold ratings including perfect scores at District and State ISSMA competitions in both voice and clarinet; sang as a Master Class Vocalist at DePauw University under Dr. Janani Sridhar, where she also performed in ensemble under the direction of Z. Randall Stroope in October 2023.

Greenwood Community School Corporation Director of Choirs Daniel Watson has worked with Koehl since 2020.

"My hope for Emma is that she realizes and enjoys that 'music takes you places,'" said Watson. "It takes you places socially with people; emotionally with the text; spiritually with your worldview; intellectually with thought, and physically with the community. Her trip to Carnegie Hall marks a milestone at the end of her high school career and the start of her next chapter. I look forward to continuing to support Emma on her musical journey!"

In August 2023, Koehl began voice lessons with Bradley Lieto in preparation for the audition and for entering the University of Indianapolis's Music Education Degree Program in the fall of 2024. Koehl will focus on High School Choral Direction. After she receives her bachelor's degree in music education, she hopes to receive her master's degree and eventually a doctorate degree.

To view Koehl's performance of "Sebben, Crudele" from Antonio Caldara's 1710 opera *La costanza in amor vince l'inganno* from the Master Class, go to [youtu.be/4pSiAwIECWw](https://youtu.be/4pSiAwIECWw).

#### Q&A with Emma Koehl:

##### How did you feel when you were selected to sing?

I felt really excited and proud of myself when I heard that I got into the program. Much of my previous vocal success has been with ensembles at school, but being chosen to participate through a solo audition has helped to validate my own abilities. This is a huge opportunity for me, as I pursue my goal of directing vocal music one day. I am honored to get to do something of this magnitude so early in my life, and being selected has greatly boosted my confidence in my own talent. Much of my previous

vocal success has been through choral ensembles at school, but being chosen to participate through a solo audition has validated my own ability and talent.

##### What did you perform?

We performed seven pieces of various genres and languages. A few of the pieces are "Gloria Fanfare" by our own conductor, Dr. Jeffery L. Ames; "Rytmus" by Ivan Hursovsky; "Svjati Boze" by Lisa Milena Simikic; and "I Wanna Be Ready" arranged by Dr. Brandon Boyd.

##### What have been a few challenges you've encountered along the way as a performer and how did you work through them?

As a performer, I have found myself lacking drive or passion throughout my time as a musician. To overcome this I remind myself how much effort I have already put into my music, and I seek guidance from experienced musicians around me.

#### Q&A with Emma's mom, Nita Koehl

##### How was the performance on Saturday?

"The music performed by the students

was simply superb, and they incorporated the use of piano, electric guitar, bongos, hand bells, and a glass harmonica choir to accompany the students," said Emma's mother, Nita Koehl. "Hearing such talent in a space specifically designed to envelop its audience in sound was otherworldly. And to top off the weekend, Emma returned home to an email from Ulndy, welcoming her into their School of Music next year!"

##### When did you first notice Emma's interest and potential as a singer?

Emma's first "star" moment for singing was at a church worship night when she was 5. I had been practicing a song in the car during our daily drives for a couple of weeks. The night of the performance, Emma asked if she could join me on stage. I said, "Absolutely!" She got her own mic, and when I was not able to sing because her baby brother unexpectedly joined us, Emma continued singing the song alone through the end like she had been doing it her whole life!

##### How has she grown as a performer through the years?

Emma's confidence and resolute drive have increased immensely as she's matured as a performer. She has been devoted to advancing her skills, and she works continually to figure out and hone the type of musician she wants to be. She's been blessed with a great amount of natural talent and passion for music, but her work ethic and drive to be her best is what has ultimately ensured her success. This has included many hours of practice, seeking out advanced instruction and truly absorbing and adapting to critique when it's been received.

##### What potential do you see for her in the future?

Emma will accomplish anything she puts her mind to, because she has natural talent and passion inspiring her and the work ethic and drive to succeed. I am sure this is not the last time we will see her on such a prestigious stage!



GCSC senior Emma Koehl. (Photo by Charlene Dudenhoeffer)

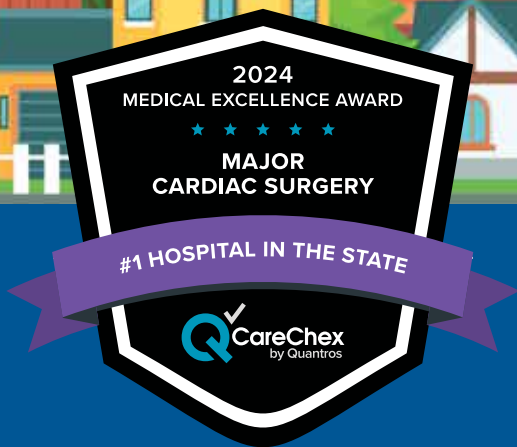


The official Playbill for the performance. (Submitted photo)

(Cover Top) Honors Performance Series Concert Choir. One hundred and seventy-nine students from 44 states, Puerto Rico, Guam and New Zealand. Emma is in the second row, nearly perfectly centered in the photo. | (Cover Bottom) At DePauw ChoralFest last October. Koehl (pictured fourth from left) sang a solo in their Master Class and was directed by renowned composer Z. Randall Stroope. (Submitted photos)

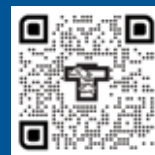
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# 2024 SUMMER CAMP DIRECTORY

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[girlsrockindy.org/  
programs/#summercamp](https://girlsrockindy.org/programs/#summercamp)

Girls Rock! Indy camp is a day camp for girls, non-binary, and trans youth ages 9-16. Campers attend a week-long crash course in instrument instruction, songwriting, and musical collaboration as well as interactive workshops and lessons focused on building confidence, personal empowerment, and leadership skills through the lens of music education.

Camp culminates with a Saturday Showcase where campers perform the original songs that they created throughout the week. Campers do not need to have any prior music experience, and instruments will be provided. This year we will also be offering an audio production track. It is open to campers entering 7th grade (or older).

For 2024, we are changing camp up a bit. Our new camp structure and offerings are as follows:

Camp Week 1 (July 8-12) will be our regular Full Day Camp programming for 9- to 16-year-olds with the same number of campers that would attend both weeks combined.

Camp Week 2 (July 15-19) we are kicking off a 6-8-year-old Half Day Camp, a Full Day Instrument Intensive Camp AND a Full Day DJ/Production Camp.

Camp tuition for 6-8-year-old (half-day) is \$300 per camper. Intensive Instrument tuition is \$375 for one camper to attend one week of camp. And new this year, if you have multiple campers in your family or your camper would like to attend both weeks, we're offering a multiple camper discount where one camper attending two weeks or two different campers attending two separate weeks is \$650.

The application for camp closes on March 18. There is no application fee. Financial aid, with a sliding scale, is available; more information can be found in the application. The minimum payment for that scale is \$50. Tuition will be billed after acceptance letters are sent out and will be due by May 31. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to email us directly at [campdirector@girlsrockindy.org](mailto:campdirector@girlsrockindy.org).

## CAMP INVENTION

Multiple locations

(800) 968-4332

[Campinvention.org](https://Campinvention.org)

Curious kids entering grades K-6 can join this confidence-boosting STEM summer camp where kids build creative inventions and lasting friendships. Led by certified local educators, the camps offer new and exciting hands-on activities every year. Pricing for this weeklong STEM summer camp,

complete with take-home materials. See each local camp for exact pricing.

Discover our new 2024 Camp Invention program, Illuminate. This year's brand-new program will illuminate imaginations, inspire curiosity and help kids build essential STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) skills through collaboration and problem solving. Campers explore hands-on challenges and open-ended adventures designed to unlock creativity and help them shine their brightest!



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[eclife.org/camps](https://eclife.org/camps)

Emmanuel offers five camp environments for grades K-12.

**High School camp:** High School camp is an overnight camp for students entering grade 9 through graduating senior. The camp runs June 10-13. Emmanuel Church staff and adult volunteers will lead the camp, hosted at Hanging Rock Christian Camp in West Lebanon, Ind. Early bird pricing of \$250 for everyone that registers by April 1, price will increase to \$300 on April 2.

**Middle School camp:** Middle School camp is an overnight camp for students entering grades 7 and 8. The camp runs June 3-6. Emmanuel Church staff and adult volunteers will lead the camp, hosted at Hanging Rock Christian Camp in West Lebanon, Ind. Early bird pricing of \$250 for everyone that registers by April 1, price will increase to \$300 on April 2.

**Kids and 56 camp – Banta/Garfield Park/Martinsville:** Kids camp is a day camp for kids entering grades 1-4 that

runs Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Fifth and sixth grade students will attend this camp, but have an overnight component on Wednesday night, along with a pool party at the Franklin pool. Food is not provided, so campers should bring lunch, though dinner will be provided for fifth and sixth graders for the sleepover. More details will be sent to registrants prior to the start of camp. Camp runs July 8-11 and the cost is \$150.00.

**Kids camp -Greenwood/Franklin:** Kids camp is a day camp for kids entering grades 1-4 that runs Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Drop off begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Greenwood campus. Food is not provided, so campers should bring lunch. More details will be sent to registrants prior to the start of camp. Camp runs June 24-27 and the cost is \$150.00.

**56 Camp – Greenwood/Franklin:** 56 camp is a day camp for kids entering grades 5 or 6 that runs Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. There is an overnight component on Wednesday night, along with a pool party at the Franklin pool. Drop off begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Greenwood campus. Lunch is not provided. More details will be sent to registrants prior to the start of camp. Camp runs July 8-11 and the cost is \$150.00.

## Roncalli hosts a variety of summer sports camps

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[roncalli.org/fine-arts/theatre/junior-royal-theatre-camp](http://roncalli.org/fine-arts/theatre/junior-royal-theatre-camp)

The 18th Annual Summer Camp is open to all students who have just completed second through eighth grades. There are two camp dates to choose from: June 3 through June 27, 9 a.m. to noon (because of moratorium week, this camp ends on Thursday); July 8 through July 26, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost of the camp is \$250. There is a \$50 discount for siblings attending the same camp. Camps will meet at 2 p.m. on the last day with two performances at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Registration begins March 1!

Please contact Miki Lewinski if you have questions at 317-787-8277, ext. 249.

#### Academic Camp

Potential non-athletic camp offerings will include beginning and advanced coding, beginning and advanced ukulele, baking, young authors, leadership and more!

#### Summer Sports Camp

Summer Sports Camp Registration information starts on March 1

[athletics.roncalli.org/summer-sports-camps](http://athletics.roncalli.org/summer-sports-camps)

During the months of May, June and July, Roncalli offers many sports camps. Campers learn the values of dedication, perseverance and commitment to teamwork, while meeting new friends and having fun. All camps are led by the coaching staff at Roncalli and are

directed to the ability level of each child. Visit [roncalli.org/athletics/summer-sports-camps](http://roncalli.org/athletics/summer-sports-camps) to see the dates and ages for the following camps: Football, Boys Lacrosse, Girls Lacrosse, Girls Volleyball, Girls Basketball, Gymnastics, Boys Basketball, Bowling, Cheerleading, Boys Football, Girls Softball, Baseball, Tennis, Swimming and Diving (please contact the Athletic Department or head coach at [swimmingdiving@roncalli.org](mailto:swimmingdiving@roncalli.org) regarding the Roncalli Summer Swim Club), Wrestling (please contact the Athletic Department or head coach at [wrestling@roncalli.org](mailto:wrestling@roncalli.org) regarding the wrestling camp, Boys Soccer, Girls Soccer, Golf Sixth through Ninth Grade Boys and Girls, Boys Volleyball, Distance Running Development and Speed Development Sixth through Ninth Grade Boys and Girls.

For more information, please contact the Athletic Office at 317-788-4094 or email [Regan Getz, rgetz@roncalli.org](mailto:Regan.Getz@roncalli.org).



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### Trine University student completes degree

Trine University student Jasmine Miller of Greenwood completed a degree in Master of Physician Assistant Studies at the end of the fall 2023 semester.

### Local students make president's list at Miami University

Miami University students ranked in the top three percent of undergraduate students within each division for the fall 2023 semester have been named to the President's List recognizing academic excellence. Students from the Southside include: Anne Ameis of Greenwood; Lauren Pagel of Greenwood; Emily McWilliams of Greenwood; Matthew Furnee of Greenwood; and Camryn Lansdell of Greenwood.

**KIDS EXPLORE ROBOTICS****Knightsbridge Academy, 1674 W Smith Valley Road, Greenwood**

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summercamps

Kids Explore Robotics will be offering weekly summer camps during the week of June 3.

We will offer:

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We will have sessions over multiple weeks in the Greenwood area, so families can choose a specific week that works best for their schedule. The specific weeks we plan to have camps are:

**Session 1:** June 3 - June 6**Session 2:** June 10- June 13**Session 3:** June 17- June 20**Session 4:** June 24 - June 27**Session 5:** July 8 - July 11**Session 6:** July 15 - July 18**Session 7:** July 22 - July 25

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\* Backed by an experienced engineer dad

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For more information, call (317) 607-2324 or email daycamp@indymca.org

Enroll at indymca.org/  
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Discover Camp: Located at schools or churches, campers (ages 5 to 12) enjoy STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) activities along with opportunities for optional enrichment and sports clinics during the camp day. Weekly camps available from June 3 through July 19 (no camp June 19 and July 4).

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Spring is just around the corner, which means it's time to think about summer camp registration. This year, Marian University is making it easy for families to register their K-12 students for summer camps at the inaugural "Summer at

Marian" summer camps fair. Summer at Marian is a free, community-wide event that makes it convenient and easy to register students for Marian University's most popular summer camps – while also enjoying an afternoon of fun, family-friendly activities.

The Summer at Marian event will take place from 3 to 6 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 24, at Marian University's Alumni Hall located at 3200 Cold Spring Road, Indianapolis. The event will be more than a fair; it'll be a gateway to a transformative summer experience including two guided tours of Marian's historic campus at 2 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Those who attend the 2 p.m. campus tour will receive a free Chick-fil-A meal voucher, additional food vouchers, special Marian University promotional items and more!

**Summer at Marian will feature:**

- Activity stations for Marian's K-12 summer camps.
- On-site Marian University summer camp registration.
- Free Chick-fil-A food vouchers for the

first 100 guests.

- Scholarship giveaways.
- A D.J.
- Double-Dutch and bounce houses.
- Free tickets to the Marian University double-header basketball games at 1 and 3 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 24, by emailing camps@marian.edu after registering to attend the event.

**Marian University offers a wide variety of summer camps, including:**

- Innovation Through Engineering Camp
- Healthcare Camp
- Klipsch Educators College Leadership Institute

Families can register for the free Summer at Marian event and register online for all of Marian University's summer camps at marian.edu/conference-and-events/camps-and-conferences

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**Dawson Smith named to  
 MSOE dean's list for fall  
 2023 semester with high  
 honors**

Dawson Smith, from Greenwood, was named to the Milwaukee School of Engineering's dean's list with high honors for the 2023 fall semester. Smith is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering. Students taking undergraduate courses who have earned at least 12 credits in residence at MSOE, are in good academic standing, and have a cumulative GPA of 3.20 or higher are on the dean's list. Students on that list who have maintained a 3.70 or higher receive "high honors." Students with a term GPA of 3.20 or higher, who are not on the dean's list, are on the honors list.



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PERSONNEL MATTERS

If you want to solve a problem, get to the root

By Mike Heffner

Last year, I took down a dying tree. We cut it down at the base, but we didn't grind up the roots. Guess what? The tree started producing shoots from the stump. It was not dead; we just cut it back and it kept growing. Most issues or problems are similar. We tend to address symptoms instead of getting to the root cause. Below are a few ways I have found that help solve issues as we do business.

**Are the right people at the table?** Bring everyone together that participates in the issue. This avoids drama and mystification. If you want to figure it out and build trust, everyone has to be on the same page and be a part of the solution.

**Why is the issue even happening?** One of my favorite authors is Simon Sinek who authored the book 'Start with Why.' He says that you have to start with Why before you can get to What and How. That's because if you take a need and start to ask the Why questions, you can normally start to figure out the real What.

**Are we dealing with the real issue?** Don't confuse the symptoms with the issue. They are just the things on the surface. We often want

quick fixes, and we treat the symptoms, only to have them resurface with a vengeance. Ask the question when a symptom arises – what is causing that? The goal is to figure out the true need.

**Do we have any facts?** We tend to try and solve problems with hearsay, gut instincts and untruths. Data, context and actual proof help to see what is actually going on. You will find when you look back, you can see movement, trends or drifting that has occurred. I have found, even 5 degrees off over time can have us miles off course. I have also found that data can tell us a story.

**What will prevent the issue from happening?** If you lose weight, then go right back to what put the weight on, you'll be in a vicious cycle. If you don't look at how to prevent things, they will just reoccur. Forest Gump said, "stupid is as stupid does." Stop doing the things causing the problem.

**What do we want to see happen now?** Now you know the issue, so now what? What are the next steps to move forward and where do we really want to go now that we know the true situation? Does what we found alter the course? What are the steps to where we want to go?

**How do we do that?** We now know the issue and know what we want to do, but one of the biggest mistakes is that no one puts the plan and timeline together to get things done. What are the action steps that need to happen? Who needs to do what? By when?

If your company is like ours, this past year had us frustrated as the market changed multiple times and things are happening faster than ever before. We worked our tails off but were not as efficient or profitable as in years past. We started looking at how we were doing business. But backed up and started with our Why, then moved to What and How so we could Thrive. I hope this helps provide a fresh perspective and practical solutions for overcoming your obstacles in 2024.



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Devin Trammell named to fall 2023 chancellor's list at UA Little Rock

Devin Trammell, a Center Grove graduate of Greenwood, has been named to the fall 2023 chancellor's list at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. UA Little Rock recognizes superior academic performance at the end of each semester. To be named to the UA Little Rock chancellor's list, a student must have completed at least nine credit hours with a 3.9 GPA or higher. More than 630 UA Little Rock students were named to the chancellor's list for the fall 2023 semester.

PEER TO PEER

Giving my two cents on the debate about tipping

By Howard Hubler

We are noticing in a few places in Indy, and several places around the country, there is a note card on the table suggesting that there is a minimum of an 18% gratuity. Some even suggest on that card that you cannot hire people anymore to work on a roulette wheel of chance as to what you get by way of a tip. However, by the same token, if the restaurant owner wanted to pay his staff more, he has to drive up his menu items to cover it. This way, at 18% everybody pays what most people would pay anyway. If you're a tightwad, and offended, go to Denny's.

I don't complain, because as an employer of a fairly large staff of people, I understand why people are doing it. I also understand there are two tensions in the marketplace today. One is to dine at an inexpensive family restaurant, juxtaposed with the opportunity to have a great meal at a steakhouse. I believe this trend will not go away. If you fast forward five or six years and there is no recession, and there is no inflation and life is

good and everyone is happy, I believe that 18% is here to stay. It's the only way for a highly intensive industry, the hospitality industry has the opportunity give the kind of service that only some people are willing to provide. My hats off to these bold restauranteurs that know it may cost them business, but this is a way to get the quality people that he wants to provide the service that he feels that his owners demand.

In closing, there will be restaurants down the street that don't do this. Their staff concludes that their net tip that they compute at the end of the evening is only say 15% of the bill.

They may jump ship to an 18% restaurant. At 18-20% I believe a larger group of diners will jump up 2 more percent and you'll pretty much get 20% across-the-board. if that's what it takes to hire people today, then, so be it.



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## Give the gift of peace this Valentine's Day

By Jeff Binkley

Valentine's Day is around the corner, and what will you give your SweetUms this year?

May I make a suggestion? How about some peace of mind?

My role as an investment counselor, clairvoyant and coach often leads me to talk about some difficult things with the people I care about: my clients. And sometimes those conversations can be uncomfortable. That's my job ... to have those difficult conversations.

We are all going to die. I'm not trying to be morbid. If you know me, I'm a pretty optimistic guy. Heck, in this job I have to be, especially in 2022. (Rough year in the market.) No, I'm not trying to bring anyone's spirits down for the big day for loving couples. My intent is to give you a "gift" idea to go along with the big box of chocolates and dozen roses, or that bottle of bourbon and rib dinner you're going to give each other.

If you haven't done it already, or it's been years since you did, consider giving each other the peace of mind that comes with establishing or updating your wills.

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- *Your heirs will have a faster and easier time getting access to your assets.*
- *You can plan to save your estate money on taxes. You can also give gifts and charitable donations, which can help offset the estate tax.*

You can write your will yourself. There are many templates available online that are free and easy to complete, print, sign and file. And they are perfectly legal. An hour or two of gathering information, then filling out the template is all it may

take ... if your situation is pretty simple.

Whose situation is pretty simple these days? That's a rhetorical question. Maybe yours is. But please remember, the things that truly get us into trouble are the things we don't know we don't know. It's OK if you have to read that again. The things we don't know we don't know, or the truly unexpected, are the things that cause us the most stress, trouble and often the most money. That's where consulting with an estate attorney may pay rewards far in excess of their fees.

What a blessed, loving gift it would be to provide peace of mind to your Valentine for an event, hopefully far in the future, that will be a time of sadness, stress and fear. A will can help make that time easier. Think about it.



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## ICONic briefs

### Carter Reynolds of Greenwood participating in UA's Cooperative Education Program

University of Alabama student Carter Reynolds of Greenwood is participating in UA's Cooperative Education Program during the spring 2024 semester. Reynolds is working for Ascend Performance Materials LLC. In the Cooperative Education Program, students alternate periods of full-time study with periods of full-time employment. This program offers work related to the academic major or career interests of each student. While in school, students carry regular course schedules. While on co-op, they work with professionals in their fields who supervise their training and work. At work, co-op students earn competitive salaries and may receive benefit packages in addition to valuable job experience. Participants maintain their full-time student status while at work and have priority registration status each semester through graduation.

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## 'Rebecca, Not Becky'

### A fast-paced and thought-provoking novel about motherhood, friendship and race relations

#### BOOK REVIEW

By Stefanie Davis

February is Black History Month. In this fast-paced and thought-provoking novel with relatable characters, the author weaves an intricate story of motherhood, friendship and race relations. "Rebecca, Not Becky" by Christine Platt and Catherine Wigginton Greene is told from two different viewpoints: De'Andrea Whitman, a successful lawyer turned stay-at-home mother who has recently moved to the "upper-crust white suburb of Rolling Hills, Va., and Rebecca Myland, a white stay-at-home mother who is head of the Parent Diversity Committee at the mostly white, upper-class Magnoli Country Day School. De'Andrea's therapist challenges her to make a white friend in their new neighborhood. While she is less than excited about this challenge, she decides to try. Soon, her daughter Nina who has just started kindergarten has become

best friends with a white girl in her class. De'Andrea later finds common interest with Rebecca Myland, the mother of her daughter's new friend. They find a common interest in supporting diversity efforts and working to take down a Confederate statue in town. However, soon De'Andrea will discover that she has more in common than she ever thought she could with the two white women who are closest to her. If you enjoy this book, you may also enjoy "Such a Fun Age" by Kiley Reid, "We Are Not Like Them" by Christine Pride and Jo Piazza, "My Name is Iris" by Brando Skyhorse and "A Good Neighborhood" by Therese Fowler.



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#### ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS:

##### Adult:

"A Love Song for Ricki Wilde: a novel" by Tia Williams

"The Worst Best Man" by Lucy Score

"The Tigerbelles: Olympic Legends from Tennessee State" by Aime Alley Card

"The Predictable Heartbreaks of Imogen Finch: A Novel" by Jacqueline Firkins

##### Young Adult:

"Black Girl You are Atlas" by Renée Watson

"Okay, Cupid" by Mason Deaver

"Bright Red Fruit" by Safia Elhillo

"The Encanto's Daughter" by Melissa De la Cruz

##### Children:

"Forever and Always" by Brittany Thurman

"Claudie Finds Her Talent" by Bria Alston

"Courtesy of Cupid" by Nashae Jones

"Fighting With Love: The Legacy of John Lewis" by Lesa Cline-Ransome

## Oh no, it's almost spring break and I haven't planned anything!



#### TRAVEL

By Amy Maharas

Have you experienced that moment of panic when you suddenly realize it's February and you haven't booked anything for Spring Break? Don't fret; I have some ideas for you!

First of all, consider whether you want to fly or drive to your destination. If you want to fly, then airline prices to various locations will help you narrow down options. I like to use Travelocity.com to check flight prices from Indy, then book directly with the airlines. Just keep in mind that Southwest Airlines is not on Travelocity, so you'll need to check their website separately.

Once you've determined your destination, consider whether you prefer a hotel or vacation rental. Do you just need the basics, or do you want luxury? Sites like Booking.com and TripAdvisor.com can be helpful for reading reviews, but you can often get an even better price booking directly with the hotel. My family has stayed in lots of VRBO and AirBnB rentals and never had issues but be sure the rental has plenty of recent reviews.

Looking for a last-minute deal? These are hard to come by with everyone itching to travel, but they do exist. Be cautious of booking what appears to be a "deal" on sites like Expedia. Reach out to a local travel planner to see what they can offer. We often have access to last-minute rates on cruises and all-inclusive resorts, and we can help guide you through discounts on places like Disney and Universal parks.

If your budget won't allow much travel right now, plan ahead for a summer or fall vacation to help you get through the dreary winter!



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## A guide to patriarchal prefixes

#### GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

Mr. Bean. Mr. T.  
Mr. Pibb. Mr. Mister.

These four "misters" didn't keep the produce section at the grocery store moist — they were indicative of men.

That's right — men. A sister is not a mister, and a brother is unlike any other. A female is referred to as a Ms., Miss or Mrs. That sounds needlessly confusing, doesn't it? Today, we'll stick to the much easier-to-understand "Mr."

We get the manly prefix "Mr." from the old term "Master." In the Middle Ages, "Master" was a term of respect used for men with authority or expertise, like knights, craftsmen or guild leaders. According to the Oxford English Dictionary, the first written example of "mister" came in 1642 to distinguish men of expertise from generic respectable men.

The reason for this split of master and mister comes from saying "master" quickly or carelessly. Gradually, "master"

became "mister," and the "master" term was reserved for more specific meanings, like teacher or owner. Most mused the term because they couldn't muster the effort to murmur "master."

The origin of master comes from the Latin word "magister," meaning teacher or master. This term was adopted directly into Old English as "magister," while in Anglo-Norman, it became "maistre" and "mastre." From "magister," we get the words magistrate and maestro, among others.

Today in the U.K., a boy is referred to as "master" (often "young master") until around age 12, at which point he can be considered "mister." Interestingly, in the U.S., we add a period after the abbreviated "Mr." while in the UK, they prefer the dotless "Mr" title.

The abbreviation "Messrs." comes from the plural form of the French "Monsieur." This term refers to multiple men, especially in business contexts.

Modern applications of the term master can still be found. My son has

a green belt from Master Yoo's World-Class Taekwondo. An artist can produce a masterpiece. A person can serve as a headmaster, a postmaster or a taskmaster.

A ringmaster, the person who introduced a performer into the circus ring, was referred to as the "master of ceremonies." This was shortened to "MC" or "emcee."

Be careful not to see "Mr." and say (aloud or in your head) "myrrh." To this day, most people do not know what myrrh is, nor do I care for its disturbing, vowelless spelling.

Next time, I'll tread into the murky mess of "Miss," "Mrs." and "Ms.," but until then, may you masterfully use the term "mister."



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## What are Bromeliads, and how do you care for them?

### GARDENING

By John Chapin

Anyone who has vacationed in Florida, Hawaii or other subtropical or tropical areas will have noticed the many varieties of colorful bromeliads that are used extensively in both residential and commercial landscaping. In colder areas, they make great houseplants and are becoming increasingly available at plant shops, big box stores and even grocery stores. Favorites are those that have colorful leaves growing tightly together to form what is called a tank. The cup-shaped tank holds water, so caring for these epiphytes basically consists of keeping water in the tank. (Epiphytes are not parasitic, but rather get all the nutrients they need from dust, leaves and debris that they collect; natural compost, if you will.) These plants are sold potted but



Colorful Bromeliads

remember that the roots do not feed on nutrients in the soil and will rot in soil that stays too wet, so keep barely moist. They can even be mounted on a branch or piece of cork for an attractive display, with sphagnum moss around the roots to keep them moist.

These varieties of bromeliads have tough, very colorful leaves that can be solid, speckled, or with stripes of red, pink, yellow, purple, cream and/or green. Brightly colored bracts, some leaf-like and others with exotic, even bizarre forms from which the smaller "true" flowers emerge, last for many weeks. After flowering, the mother plant will die, but fortunately, it will have "pupped," and you'll end up with new plants.

Bromeliad care is easy. Place where they will get at least a few hours of bright light, avoiding midday sunlight. The more colorful the leaves, the more light they like. It's important that they are watered with rainwater or filtered water, never tap water. For feeding, use quarter-strength African Violet fertilizer, sprayed on the leaves once a month, year-round. Note: The only terrestrial bromeliad gardeners are likely to come across for sale is the primitive-looking "Earth Star" of the *Cryptanthus* genus, which do need to be potted and watered like other houseplants.

For interesting, beautiful, easy-care houseplants, add some bromeliads to your collection.

Happy Gardening!



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## Dissing the discount!

By Dick Wolfsie

### HUMOR

**Dissing the discount!**  
Like most of you, I still receive little packets of coupons in the mail. I don't need my deck painted or my ducts cleaned out, but I am on the lookout for a good restaurant deal.

Not because I am cheap ... OK that's part of it, but mainly because for the first time I want to feel like I actually saved money using one of these offers. Most of the coupons just sit in the kitchen drawer. I either forget them when we leave for dinner or they're for a restaurant 25 miles from the house. And it hardly seems worth the effort for a free Bloomin' Onion. (Excuse my Australian.)

Typically, coupons give you several options, requiring some crafty figuring in order to know how to use them most efficiently, which is why we brought along our adult son who has a year of college calculus under his belt. I just wasn't sure how much stayed in his head.

"It looks to me," began my wife, eyeing the coupons, "that we can get a free burger as long as someone else also orders a burger, two for one."

"Great," I said. "Brett and I will each have a burger."

"Hold it, Dad. I don't want a burger. I eat them all the time. I thought you didn't want me to eat so much red meat?"

"Look, we just have to work together as a family. OK, Mary Ellen, how about this? If one of us gets an Asian salad, the other gets a salad at half price, as long as the second salad is the same or a lesser value. Which salad do you want?"

"I don't like the salads here. I want the fish and chips dinner."

"You can't have a fish and chips dinner, Mary Ellen. There's no discount for a fish and chips dinner."

"Why are we eating out if we can't get something we like?"

"Because once, just once, I want to show these restaurants that I am not a fool. They are NOT going to snare me into their trap. WE WILL SAVE MONEY. I don't care if we hate every morsel."

"Hey, Dad, if Mom gets the \$14.95 Cobb salad, this coupon says we get a free appetizer."

"No, that's exactly what they want us to do. That won't save us a penny because we never order an appetizer. So, we don't gain anything."

"OK, Dad. Here's a coupon for a 99-cent draft beer. But you have to order the John Wayne Sirloin for 39.95."

I was tempted; I sensed growing dissension around the table.

"Here, Dick," said Mary Ellen, "this part of the coupon says we can get \$10 off the check if we spend at least \$50. Then we can order what we want. And what a concept — you know, enjoying what you eat."

"No, that would make the final bill \$40, and I want to keep dinner under \$40."

"Why?"

"I have no idea. It's just a personal goal I set."

Twenty minutes later, the waitress finally dared approach.

"We'll have two spinach salads, one of which one is free. And a tenderloin for my son, who was a consultant on this project."

"You know, Dick," said Mary Ellen, "I changed my mind. I think I'll have the fish tacos."

The bill was \$62. I didn't speak to Mary Ellen the rest of the evening. But I can't blame the expensive dinner on her. The coupon had expired.



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## ICONic briefs

### Indiana State Department of Health awards local community a deficiency-free rating

Senior care community Rosegate has received their second consecutive deficiency-free annual state inspection. A perfect, deficiency-free rating is the best state survey score a senior care community can receive, a stellar achievement seldom accomplished.

Operated by American Senior Communities at 7510 Rosegate Drive in Indianapolis, this senior care community offers short-term rehabilitation, memory care, long-term care, respite care, hospice care along with outpatient therapy. The Indiana State Department of Health inspects such communities to assess compliance with state standards of care, such as adequacy of staffing, quality of care and cleanliness of the community.

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Excellence are the core values for American Senior Communities. "Our CARE values serve as the guiding principles that lead us every day as we serve our residents, families and employees," said ASC's CEO, Steve Van Camp. "We are incredibly proud of our team at Rosegate for exemplifying these values for a second consecutive year," Van Camp said. "An honor like a deficiency-free survey is only possible when a team is highly aligned in their level of dedication and commitment."

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Bob Rohman's **INDY** Athlete of the Month  
**HONDA** Drew Kegerreis

By Ken Severson

Hard work and practice are usually recipes for success.

Roncalli senior basketball player Drew Kegerreis would agree.

"A lot of people are surprised. But I'm a real hard worker, and it's good to see it starting to pay off," Kegerreis said.

Splitting time this year as both a shooting and point guard, Kegerreis pretty much started in basketball the way many other Hoosier boys and girls started, in grade school, progressing throughout the years and enjoying the game despite not being the biggest or best player.

Kegerreis grew up playing soccer and basketball with his brother, but as the years went on chose basketball.

When he began his high school career at Roncalli as a freshman, Kegerreis continued playing freshman and junior varsity.

The practice he put in earned him a starting spot as a junior and he continues in that role for the Royals.

"I was a late developer, and I was never close to being the best player on my team," Kegerreis said. "But I spent a lot of time in the gym with Grandfather Steve Hurrle, who has a great basketball mind. He took me to the gym and helped with my shots."

Kegerreis said he would get up early in the morning and go to the gym with his grandfather to practice on his shots, free throws and jump shots.

A familiar story in the Kegerreis home

as his mother, Sarah, played basketball in college at Butler and Western Michigan.

"(Hurrle) was a big part of mom's and my basketball journey," Kegerreis said.

"He cheers me on in the stands at every game."

And there's been a lot to cheer for.

Currently, Roncalli stands at 10-7 with some tough opposition with Heritage Christian, Lafayette Central Catholic and Brebeuf left on the schedule.

Kegerreis thinks the record might be better except for a few hiccups during the season. Turnovers and poor shooting and an injury to him during the Franklin Central game contributed to the losses.

Roncalli has a well-known and regarded reputation in other sports like football, wrestling, baseball and softball, but for boys' basketball, it's been a task.

"Right now, I feel good about where we are and, on any night, we can beat anyone," Kegerreis said.

Roncalli's last sectional title was in 2011, and for the past five years, the Royals have been eliminated in the first round of sectionals. It's also been five years since Roncalli has posted a winning record.

That's something Kegerreis is hoping to change.

"We've struggled the last couple of seasons. It has been a bit of a struggle but this year we have been doing well," Kegerreis said. "I'm taking on a leadership role. I want to be a good example. We've got a young group and hopefully after I'm gone, they can keep things going."

"We're trying to get a name and build

something. We're going in the right direction."

So is Kegerreis.

At 6-4, Kegerreis is averaging an impressive 17.2 points per game and 4.5 rebounds per game. He also leads the Royals in steals and of course, leadership. He's also on pace to break the school record for 3-pointers made in a season.

This compared to last season when he had 14 points a game.

"Drew is a huge piece to our team and a leader on a young team," Roncalli boys' basketball coach Jamin Wenke said. "He is constantly encouraging and helping his younger teammates. Drew is a tireless worker who has earned everything he's accomplished in the game of basketball. He will just keep getting better and better."

Kegerreis has been happy at Roncalli, calling it a special place to be.

"At Roncalli, they make it easy, and they make it great," Kegerreis said.



Roncalli's Drew Kegerreis prepares to sink another free throw during a recent game. Kegerreis has been a mainstay and leader for the Royals for the past two years. (Submitted photo)

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<b>NAME:</b> Drew Kegerreis	<b>will attend</b>
<b>HEIGHT:</b> 6-foot-3	<b>FAVORITE SUBJECT:</b> Math and history
<b>SCHOOL:</b> Roncalli	<b>FAVORITE ATHLETE(S):</b> Devin Booker and Kyle Guy
<b>HOBBIES:</b> Lifting weights and playing video games with my brother	<b>FAVORITE VACATION:</b> My grandpa's house in Florida
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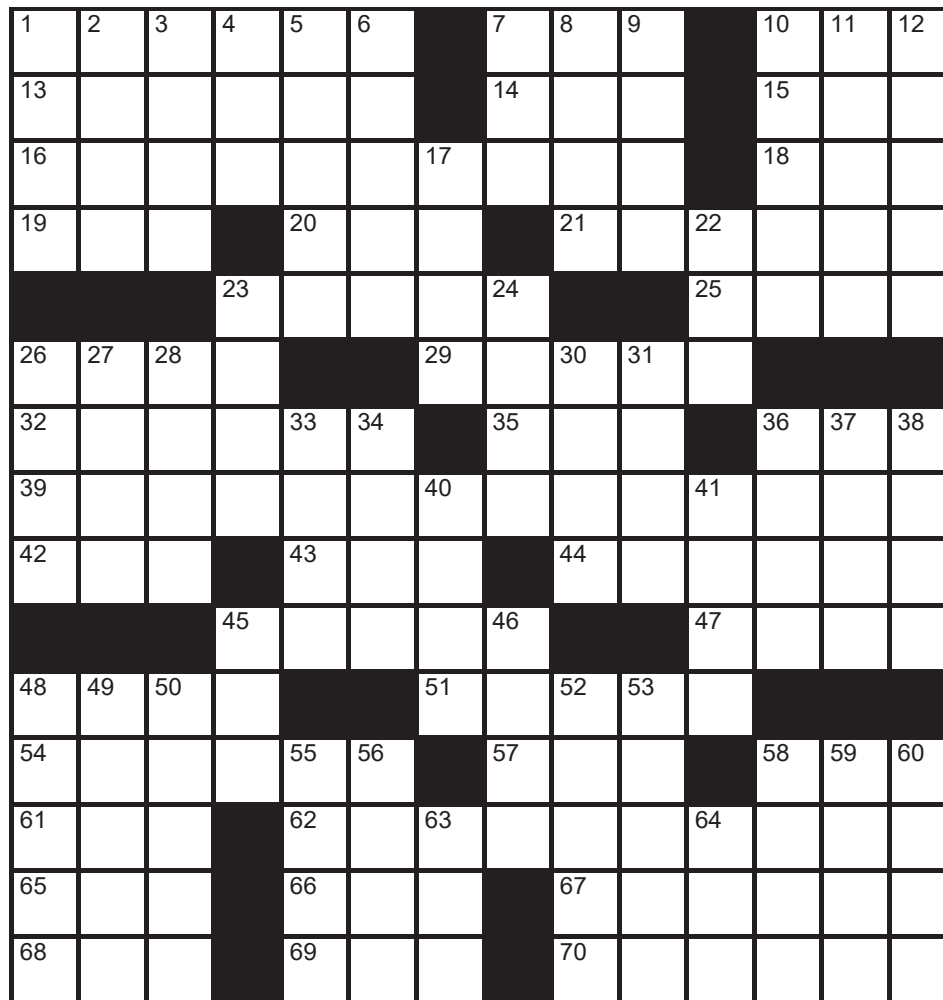
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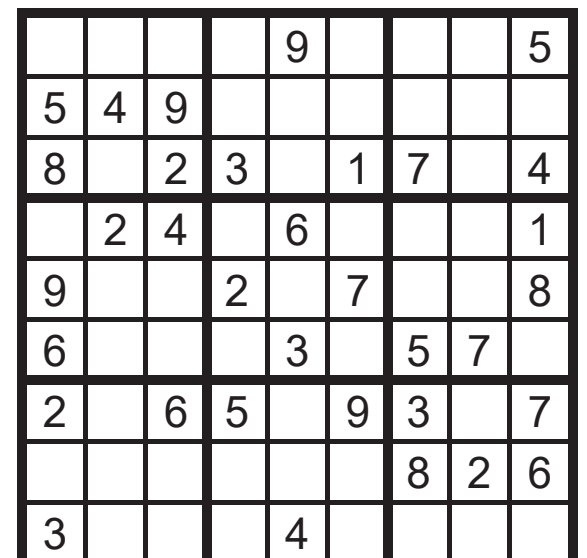
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- 3 Test choice
- 4 Magic, on Pacers scoreboards
- 5 \_\_\_ Roy, patriarch on HBO's "Succession"
- 6 Reside
- 7 White River rowboat need
- 8 Newton fruits
- 9 Pet pest
- 10 Supple
- 11 Perrier rival
- 12 TV sports awards
- 17 Mayberry boy
- 22 Letters on a red cap
- 23 Celestial bear
- 24 High-strung
- 26 "\_\_\_ Karenina"
- 27 Some Indiana Golden Gloves punches
- 28 Pronto, in memos
- 30 Unforeseen problem
- 31 Light brown
- 33 UIndy grad
- 34 Arm bone
- 36 Org. joined by the US in 1949 and Finland in 2023
- 37 Online 'zine
- 38 "American Gigolo" star
- 40 Contented sound
- 41 Part of a fish
- 45 Believer's suffix
- 46 "To \_\_\_ his own"
- 48 Vapers' buys
- 49 Select from the menu at White Castle
- 50 Zaps, in a way
- 52 Congo, formerly
- 53 Glowing coal
- 55 Boast
- 56 Fly high
- 58 Chest muscles, for short
- 59 Art Deco designer
- 60 Roudebush VA Hospital concern
- 63 Shrill bark
- 64 Johnson County Fair barn sound

*Puzzle Time*



- 6 Reds \_\_\_\_\_
- 4 ISO Instruments \_\_\_\_\_
- 3 Victory Field Equipment \_\_\_\_\_
- 5 Eye Parts \_\_\_\_\_
- 2 "Phooey!" \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 Fayette County's Largest Town \_\_\_\_\_



# NIGHT & DAY

LOCAL Entertainment ENTERTAINING

## EVENTS calendar

### BARGERSVILLE

**Resources of Hope: All In for Foster Youth Casino Night** • We are thrilled to announce Takkeem Morgan as our Keynote Speaker. Takkeem spent eight years in the foster care system. Today he is dedicated to supporting foster parents and is an established change maker within Indiana's foster care reform system. Our **ALL IN for Foster Youth Casino Night** will serve as our primary fundraiser tasked with covering a large portion of our annual operating costs, programs and anticipated growth. As we prepare our annual operating budget, we have set our goal at \$30,000. We encourage you to be a part of making that a reality as we ask for your help in supporting foster children in our community. Purchase a table of eight for \$500 or \$75 for an individual ticket. | When: Feb. 17, 6-11 p.m. | Where: The Sycamore at Mallow Run, 7070 Whiteland Road, Bargersville. | Info: resourcesofhope.org/casinonight

### CENTER GROVE

**After Words** • "Dear Martin" by Nic Stone. Discuss books in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Copies of the titles will be available at the checkout desk the month before each meeting. | When: Feb. 19, 6:30-7:30 p.m. | Where: White River Library Branch, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: jcpln.libnet.info/event/9603414 or 317-885-1330

**Hooked on Books** • "Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You" by Jason Reynolds. If you enjoy discussing books you've read, please join us. Copies of the books are available to check out the month prior. A Zoom option is available with the link sent upon request. | When: Feb. 27, 1:30-3:30 p.m. | Where: White River Library Branch, 1664 Library Blvd, Greenwood. | Info: jcpln.libnet.info/event/9602193 or 317-885-1330

### FRANKLIN

**Celebrate Black History** • During the week of Feb. 18, materials will be available in the children's department to create a collage to celebrate Black History Month. | When: Feb. 18-24, during library hours. | Where: Franklin Library Branch, 401 State St., Franklin. | Info: jcpln.libnet.info/event/9955290 or 317-783-2833

**Trivia Night 6** • Enjoy a fun trivia night. Participants need not be lodge members. | When: Feb.

21, 7-9 p.m. | Where: Franklin Elks, 56 E. Jefferson St., Franklin. | Info: 317-738-9924 or facebook.com/FranklinElks1818/events

**Children's Letters to God Play** • Enjoy a comical performance by Our Town Players based on the bestselling book, "Children's Letters to God." Check the link for confirmed times and details. | When: Feb. 23-25, 5-8 p.m. | Where: Franklin Cultural Recreation Center, 396 Branigin Blvd., Franklin. | Info: 317-736-3689 or facebook.com/ourtownplayers

**Boots, Beaus, and Beaus** • Come dance at this event and enjoy food, a photo booth and a goodie bag. Cost is \$40 per couple (adult and child). This is designed for children ages 3 to 12. Couples can include any combination of family members. Pre-registration is required and can be done at the link or at the front desk of the Recreation Center, located at 396 Branigin Blvd. in Franklin. | When: Feb. 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m. | Where: Beeson Hall, 396 Branigin Blvd., Franklin. | Info: 317-736-3689; Franklin Parks & Recreation Department: Online Registration by MyRec.com Recreation Management Software

**Annual Local Artists Show** • About 40 local artists will display original pieces of work, and many of the artists will be available to meet. There will be a 10 percent discount off art supplies at the host location during this event. There will also be a \$25 gift card giveaway. | When: Feb. 24, noon-5 p.m. | Where: Generation Art and Frame, 43 N. Main St., Franklin. | Info: 317-736-9090; facebook.com/GenerationArtAndFrame

**Experience Space Day** • Join us as we explore space and learn about the upcoming eclipse by visiting the SkyDome Planetarium, seeing NASA artifacts, experiencing space in virtual reality and more! For all ages. Join us at the National Guard Armory. | When: March 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. | Where: Johnson County Armory, 325 Minuteman Way, Franklin. | Info: pageafterpage.org/solar-eclipse or 317-783-2833

**JCPL welcomes Michael Koryta (writing as Scott Carson)** • JCPL welcomes Michael Koryta, writing as Scott Carson, the New York Times bestselling author whose work has been translated into more than 20 languages, adapted into major motion pictures and won the Los Angeles Times Book Prize. The first 100 JCPL cardholders who register and attend will receive a free copy of "Lost Man's Lane." Copies of the author's books will also be available from Wild Geese Bookshop. Registration opens Monday, Feb. 26 at 9 a.m. on Eventbrite. | When: March 27, 7 p.m. | Where: Franklin College,

Branigin Room, 253 S. Forsyth St. Franklin. | Info: 317-738-2833; jcpln.libnet.info/event/9966231

### GREENWOOD

**Southside Art League Presents: White Rose** • The featured artists this month are an exhibit by the students of Beverly S. Mathis's watercolor classes in February. The subject for the paintings is a white rose. There is no charge to enter the gallery. There will be an open house for the artists from 2-4 p.m. on Feb. 4. Light refreshments will be served. | When: Jan. 31-Feb. 29, Wednesday through Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. | Where: Southside Art League, 299 E. Broadway St., Greenwood. | Info: Please call SALI at 317-882-5562 or Beverly Mathis at 311-313-5922 to arrange for viewing or appointment at any other time.

**Art Learning Experience for Older Adults** • Led by Greenwood paper artist Sonja Lehman, the creative program, "The Magic of the Zhen Xian Bao: Chinese Thread Box," teaches participants of the centuries-old Chinese Folk Tradition, the Zhen Xian Bao: Chinese Thread Box, Chinese women made and decorated to store their sewing tools and thread. Participants create their own ZXB with the paper boxes, trays and folders they make each week throughout the eight-week program. This sequential program lends well to engaging with peers, learning skills that build from week to week and encourages critical thinking and development of design skills. | When: Feb. 8-March 28, 1-3 p.m. every Thursday. | Where: Southside Art League, 299 E. Broadway St., Greenwood. | Info: Sonja Lehman at 317-508-2074 or email: sonjask04@yahoo.com

**Concert for a Cause** • Join Karsyn's K9 Foundation and Folds of Honor for a night of fundraising and fun. There will be live music, food, drinks, silent auctions, prizes and more. Attire is cocktail with a Western theme. An award will be given for best dressed. | When: Feb. 17, 6-10 p.m. | Where: Barn at Bay Horse Inn, 1468 W. Stones Crossing Road, Greenwood. | Info: festivalcountryindiana.com/concert-for-a-cause

**Bag or Bucks Fundraiser** • Greenwood Community High School Athletic Department presents bag or bucks bingo. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and the games start at 6:30 p.m. | When: Feb. 21, 5:30-9 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Moose Lodge, 813 W. Smith Valley Road, Greenwood. | Info: 317-889-4000 or facebook.com/greenwoodhspto

**Bourbon and Bags Bingo** • Play bingo for a chance to win bourbon and purses. Tickets cannot be purchased online and must be purchased with cash. | When: Feb. 22, 6-8 p.m. | Where: Barn at Bay Horse Inn, 1468 W. Stones Crossing Road, Greenwood. | Info: 317-868-8742 or kic-it.org/event-info/comedy-night-for-kic-it

**Spring Lawn Care Class** • Proper planning and actions this spring will help ensure a healthier lawn. Learn proper timing for fertilizing, crabgrass prevention, weeds and seeding. Registration is suggested to ensure there are enough handouts. Free. | When: April 3, 6-7:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. | Info: greenwoodlibrary.us; Dick Huber at 317-881-1953, ext. 4

**AARP Driver Safety Class** • Participants will learn valuable defensive driving strategies and a good refresher of the rules of the road. Learn about new vehicle technologies and safety features. Some insurance companies offer a discount on auto insurance. Cost - \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for non-members, cash or check payable at class. | When: April 12, noon-4 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. | Info: greenwoodlibrary.us; Dick Huber at 317-881-1953, ext. 4

### ONLINE

**Legislative Updates** • Your opportunity to ask your legislators questions about 2024 legislation and voice your concerns. | When: Saturday, Feb. 17 and March 2 from 9:30-11 a.m. | Where: On Zoom. | Info: Register at lww-bmc.org - Legislative Updates - League of Women Voters of Bloomington-Monroe County. All representatives and senators who represent Johnson, Brown and Monroe counties are invited attend. Sponsored by the Leagues of Women Voters of Johnson, Brown and Monroe Counties and Bloomington Chamber of Commerce.

### WHITELAND

**Cover to Cover Book Club** • Love to read and talk about books? This new book club meets monthly on Saturday mornings. This month's title is "Such a Fun Age" by Kiley Reid. Contact the library to obtain a copy. | When: Feb. 24, 10-11 a.m. | Where: Clark Pleasant Library Branch, 350 Clearwater Blvd., Whiteland. | Info: jcpln.libnet.info/event/9622848 or 317-535-6206



# NIGHT & DAY

LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT  
ENTERTAINING

## AN OPTION

### Court Street Café

If you grew up in a small town or visited friends or family who lived in one, you probably remember the cozy restaurant on Main Street where you're greeted with friendly smiles and conversation, served endless cups of coffee or a large mug of hot chocolate and enjoyed some of the best biscuits and gravy, banana bread and cheeseburger soup you've ever had. Welcome to Court Street Café in Franklin. "I LOVE Court Street," stated an enthusiastic reviewer. "One of my favorite little lunch spots in Franklin. They have the best creamy tomato basil soup, and I love their ultimate BLT!" Other comfort favorites include the Italian Sausage and Potato Quiche, Buffalo Chicken Soup, Chicken Toasty, Elk Burger, Meatball Stew and the Cheese-filled Blueberry Poundcake. But for those who prefer something diet-friendly, try the Daniel Salad, loaded with fruits, veggies and nuts, the meatless Kale Cobb or gluten-free bread. "Exceptional flavor, great service and reasonable prices," according to a Google review. "The fresh ingredients are top notch, and our meal was filling and delicious. It was well worth the short drive from Indianapolis."

**Hours:** Tuesday through Friday, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Saturday, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; closed Sunday and Monday. Address: 9 E Court St., Franklin. For more information, call (317) 739-0208 or go to [courtstcafe.com](http://courtstcafe.com)



Fresh strawberries and applewood smoked bacon crumbles on pancakes covered in a house made syrup. (Photo courtesy of Court Street Café)

## SPOTLIGHT

### Franklin College Theatre to present *The Poodle Trainer*

The Franklin College Theatre Department is starting off the new year with the play, *The Poodle Trainer*, written by Meghan McEnery, a Los Angeles-based writer, editor and dramaturg. The performances will take place at 8 p.m. beginning Thursday, Mar. 7, through Saturday, Mar. 9 and at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Mar. 10. All performances will take place in Théâtre Margot in the Johnson Center for Fine Arts.

Explore how transformation can happen at any unexpected turn, and the different obstacles that can hold us back. *Audience discretion is advised.*

Scott Russell, instructor of theatre at Franklin College, will direct the play. He is an Actors' Equity Association (AEA) actor, a Stage Directors and Choreographers Society (SDC) fight director, and a full instructor with Dueling Arts International. He currently serves as the resident fight director at the Phoenix Theatre of Indianapolis. Russell received his master's in fine arts in theatre from the University of Arkansas and is a graduate of The Conservatory at Act One Studios - Chicago. He holds an undergraduate degree in biology from Belmont University and spent many years as a cancer biologist. He is from Evansville, and currently lives in Indianapolis.

General admission is \$12. Admission for each performance is \$8 for students and seniors (55 and older). Franklin College students, faculty and staff receive free admission with a valid Franklin College ID. To reserve tickets, email [tickets@FranklinCollege.edu](mailto:tickets@FranklinCollege.edu) or call (317) 738-8029 or (800) 852-0232, ext. 8029. Please claim reservations 10 minutes prior to the performance. The box office opens one hour before the performance. The Johnson Center for Fine Arts is located at the corner of Branigin Boulevard and Grizzly Drive in Franklin.



Can love blossom from a huge mistake? When two people meet at the circus and decide to party with Winky the Poodle Trainer, their lives become intertwined and will change for the better... or the worse. (Image courtesy of Franklin College Theatre)

## FAITH

### Seek ways to speak God's Word into other lives

#### DEVOTIONAL

By Pastor  
Chris Philbeck

William James once said, "The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast us."

When you stop and think about it, the overwhelming majority of things we do during the day are temporary. We drive here or there, we eat, we watch television. Even when we're at work, the things we do are often more about fixing yesterday's problems and addressing today's needs than realizing tomorrow's dreams. So the question is, "How do we bring a sense of the eternal into each day?" How do we spend our lives building something that

will outlast our time here on earth?

Only two things last forever: the Word of God and people in that our souls are eternal. Jesus said in Matthew 24:35, *Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.* Ecclesiastes 12:7 says, *For then the dust will return to the earth, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.*

So, if you want to build something in your life that will last, look for ways to connect the two. Look for ways to speak God's Word into the lives of others. This involves more than quoting Bible verses — though that's part of it. It's all about bringing the presence of God into every conversation.

1 Corinthians 14:3 says, *But when you*

*proclaim his truth in everyday speech, you're letting others in on the truth so that they can grow and be strong and experience his presence with you.* You won't need a microphone or podium to accomplish this because this kind of conversation is most effective when it's done one-on-one. Here's what that looks like. In every conversation, ask yourself, "How can I help this person experience more of God's strength today?" How about, "How can I encourage this person to not become discouraged but to keep pressing on?" Another example would be, "What words can I speak to help this brother or sister feel the comfort of God's Spirit?" I'm sure you can come up with oth-

er examples on your own.

The bottom line is no matter where you go or what you do, whenever you have the opportunity, make an eternal difference in someone's life with the words you speak. Proverbs 18:21 says, *The tongue has the power of life and death...* Let's make it our everyday goal to speak words of life.



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

# Michael Potter

Local geologist enjoys the great outdoors, from running and gardening to exploring canyons

By Julie Brackemyre

Michael Potter works at Arcadis, a global engineering and architecture company. The company delivers sustainable design, engineering and consultancy services for built and natural assets. Potter specializes in identifying, characterizing and remediating chemical contamination to soil, groundwater, lakes and rivers. Additionally, Potter responds to environmental

emergencies such as the Girls School Road Indianapolis train derailment, 2008; Deepwater Horizon Gulf of Mexico, 2010; Mount Carbon, W.Va., train derailment, 2015; St. Simons Island, Ga., MV Golden Ray Salvage, 2019; and the Walmart Distribution Center fire, Avon, 2022.

Potter has worked for three companies in the same industry, starting in 2001. He has worked on hundreds

of properties around Indiana (and around the country) completing soil logging, water well installation and sampling, lake and river sampling, remediation system design and installation, worker and community air monitoring, incident characterization and closure reports, human health and environmental risk assessment, field operations leader, environmental unit leader and safety officer.

**What do you consider your greatest virtue?**

Team player. No job is too small to do well.

**What do you most deplore in others?**

Being inconsiderate

**What do you like most about living in Johnson County?**

Johnson County is my comfort zone. I know my way around, many people in the county have been forced to spend time with me (K-12, sports teams, coaching, friends of friends, friends of family) over the many years. They allow me to call them friends because I have hung around the area for so long. Johnson County is also located in a good spot for access to Indianapolis and the hillier terrain of the less glaciated southern third of the state.

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

Live and work and raise a family sort of situation would probably be somewhere in the Phoenix to Flagstaff area of Arizona. Live retired, probably similar but more into the wilderness.

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

Nothing or everything. I love my current life (this is not the same as a perfect life). It would also be amazing to just start everything over and see where it goes.

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

I've thought about this many times. I would certainly work less and spend more time with friends and family creating memorable experiences. I would also spend a lot of money rehabilitating environmentally impacted properties, cities and habitats. My job is also one of my favorite hobbies.

**What makes you happiest?**

Seeing my friends and family succeed or happy – tears of joy instantly.

**What is your favorite vacation spot?**

Kanab, Utah is located equidistant from Grand Canyon NP, Zion NP and Bryce Canyon NP in southern Utah.



**What do you do with your idle time?**

Don't stay idle . . . ultimate frisbee, disc golf, running, gardening, cooking, run for political office.

**What is it that makes you angry?**

It takes a lot. I probably get angry at myself most of all for doing frustrating things like losing my keys. Also, gaslighting.

**What do you do to escape from reality?**

Usually something physical. Running (preferably trail running), CrossFit, ultimate frisbee (pretending to play sports with mostly people in their 20s is definitely not reality).

However, lately it has been quiet drives around southern Johnson County to get our daughter to nap on the weekends.

**What/who is the greatest love of your life?**

My children. Not only did I find a feeling of love that I had not previously known, I have learned to recognize that feeling in other deep family and friend connections.

**What is the quality you most like in a person?**

Good at reasoning.

**What is your greatest extravagance?**

Travel for my own rec sports still at 49. Travel for kids rec sports is the opposite of extravagance. Also, really good food.

**What is your favorite restaurant?**

My favorite of all time is Plant in Miami. My favorite local is The Tasty Plate in Morgantown.

**Who is the person most influential in your life?**

Picking one is difficult. Center Grove earth science teacher Alex Girdley. He encouraged and supported my interest in earth science which became what I did in college and my 23-year career.

**What are your fears/phobias?**

Small bugs like spiders and ticks that can get under your clothes or in a sleeping bag and cause injury.

**Which talent would you most like to possess?**

Being a musician. I've played instruments but was never really a musician and I can't sing at all.

**What do you most value in your friends?**

They are there for me in bad times, forever and always.

**Who is your favorite historical figure?**

Albert Einstein

**What is your greatest regret?**

As a teen, I fell into the trap that growing into a man meant being a tough guy and a bully. I regret how unaware I was and how I treated some people.

**What tenet do you live by?**

Do what is right, even when nobody is watching.

## Aspire introduces new board chair and directors in 2024

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Aspire Johnson County, the local economic development organization and chamber of commerce for Johnson County, introduces its 2024 board chair and new board directors. Elected as 2024 board chair is Leeanne Lollar, lead investment advisor for Donaldson Capital Management. The newly elected to Aspire's Board of Directors in 2024 are business leaders Deana Haworth, CEO of Hirons marketing and advertising, and Kyle Stiens, director of operations for NSK Americas Automotive Division.

Aspire's mission is to drive economic development and business success in Johnson County and southern Indianapolis. The board of directors is Aspire's senior governing body.

"Strong thought leadership is critical in the board room, and none more consequential than in economic development," said Christian Maslowski, Aspire president + CEO. "Aspire's board, in collaboration with our strong councils, determine policies and strategies to support economic development and business success. Local businesses, small and large, benefit from Aspire Johnson County's work."

Leeanne Lollar is serving as board chair in 2024 after previously serving as the vice chair of Economic Development.

Lollar is a lead investment advisor with Donaldson Capital Management where she works with families to become knowledgeable about their financial situations and help set their goals and articulate their priorities. She has over 10 years of wealth management and financial planning experience, including retirement planning, tax efficiency and estate preservation.

Having previously worked for Old National Bank Wealth Management, she has experience providing her planning and management services to high-net-worth families and institutions. Lollar said that she understands the value of planning and guidance for a secure financial future, which will be essential skillsets for her new leadership position on Aspire's board.

In addition to serving on Aspire's Board of Directors, she is also on the executive committee of the Central Indiana Police Foundation's Board of Directors. Lollar also has a membership with the Rotary Club of Indianapolis. And as a non-commissioned officer and veteran of the United States Army, Lollar supports many veteran-centered nonprofits.

Lollar received her Bachelor of Science in business management from the Indiana University Kelley School of Business.

Lollar also completed the Certified Financial Planner Board's requirements for certification and is a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNING™ professional.

Deana Haworth is a seasoned veteran of the public relations industry. She's been with Hirons for 23 years and is now serving as the CEO, making history as the first female in that role. She is known for her expertise in crisis communications and has received recognition for her outstanding work. She is also actively involved in various organizations and volunteers her time to train others in crisis communications. Haworth's PR skills make her an asset to Aspire's Board of Directors.

Kyle M. Stiens is the director of operations at NSK Americas, Automotive Division, overseeing three manufacturing plants and various division leadership positions. He has been with NSK since 2002, working in various roles until becoming the director in 2020.

A Purdue University graduate, he is also involved with the Manufacturers Alliance for Productivity and Innovation and serves on the advisory board for Ivy Tech, Franklin Campus. Stiens brings both his technical expertise and leadership qualities from the industrial sector to the board.

In addition to Lollar, Haworth and Stiens, the following are continuing their leadership on Aspire Johnson County's board of directors:

- Vice Chair for Economic Development, Eric Prime, Van Valer Law Firm
- Vice Chair for Business Advocacy, Greg Simons, Simons Bitzer & Associates
- Secretary, David Coffey, Mutual Savings Bank
- Treasurer, Julia Saltgaver, Quality Connection of Indiana
- Past Chair, Rob Campbell
- President + CEO, Christian Maslowski, Aspire Johnson County
- David Dunkle, M.D., Johnson Memorial Health
- Chris Hamm, HWC Engineering
- Jacque Haynes, Midland Atlantic Properties
- Lee Ann Logan, Franciscan Health
- Jamie Medlock, Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division
- Marisol Sanchez, Endress + Hauser

"Johnson County, already in a position of economic strength among Hoosier communities, is in good hands with the dynamic team assembled around our board table," added Maslowski.



Leeanne Lollar.  
(Submitted photos)



Deana Haworth.



Kyle M. Stiens.

## ICONic rewind

### LeTourneau University announces fall 2023 president's list

The following students were named to the fall 2023 president's list at LeTourneau University in Longview, Texas: Elliott Spangler, mechanical engineering, Greenwood. The president's list recognizes students who have achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average for the semester to receive this honor. LeTourneau University President Dr. Steven D. Mason said being named to the president's list is, indeed, a significant achievement and honor. "As the comprehensive Christian polytechnic institution in the country, LeTourneau University attracts students who are among our nation's best," Mason said. "I'm especially impressed with these honor roll students, and I expect them to have a significant impact on our future."

### Puzzle Time Answers – ON PAGE 15

#### Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:

**Reds:** CARDINAL, CHERRY, CRIMSON, ROSE, RUBY, SCARLET;

**Parts:** CORNEA, IRIS, LENS, LID, PUPIL;

**Instruments:** DRUM, FLUTE, OBOE, PIANO;

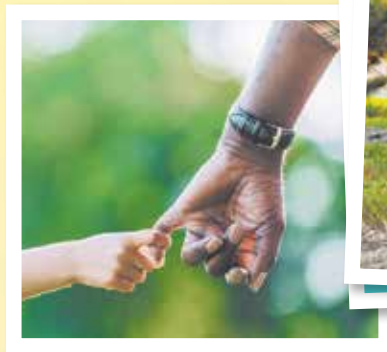
**Equipment:** BASE, BAT, GLOVE;

**Phooey:** CURSES, RATS;

**Town:** CONNERSVILLE

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# Our community. Our stories

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Every week, we aim to share the best of **Johnson County** sharing the stories of people who make a difference every day.

What **stories** in the community deserve to be told?

What community Icons deserve **recognition** for what they do for Johnson County residents and organizations?

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Forward your suggestions to  
**Nancy Hammerstrom at [nancyh@icontimes.com](mailto:nancyh@icontimes.com)**

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