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on the WEB

Plainfield Police Department hosts canine emergency trauma care training



Dr. Lisa Booth teaches two-day trauma training course to Plainfield PD. (submitted photo)

Plainfield Police Department hosted almost 30 canine teams from across Indiana, Kentucky, Illinois, and Missouri to attend a two-day trauma training course taught by Dr. Lisa Booth. Booth has over 20 years of experience in cutting edge working dog trauma training. Dr. Booth operates a nonprofit organization called "kits4k9s," where she instructs canine handlers in emergency trauma care. She further provides each officer with a k9 trauma bag to take with them. Officers learned and practiced skills such as intubating, starting IV's, controlling bleeding, CPR, trauma wound treatment, accidental overdoses, and health conditions. These are skills we hope to never have to use on our four-legged officers, but are grateful for Dr. Booth and her passion for working dogs, and training our paws with jaws enforcing laws.

ICONIC brief

Avon- Washington Township Fire Department rescues person and dog

On Feb. 25, the Avon-Washington Township Fire Department and Avon Police Department responded to a call in the Prestwick Neighborhood. A dog ran into a ravine and a person went down to retrieve it. After retrieving the dog, they both fell farther into the ravine and became stuck. Crews were called to perform a ropes rescue. E143, L141, BC140, and Car 1402, along with Avon Police Department Units, were at the scene. Crews were able to retrieve the dog and then go back down to help the person back up to safety. No injuries were reported and no EMS transports were needed.

Thank you to Fireman Brandon Funk for repelling down to rescue all involved, and a sincere thank you to the entire Ladder 141-A and Engine 143-A shift for their hard work and kindness. Both the ICON and the person with whom you rescued thank you very much and are grateful for your service!



ICONIC brief

Plainfield Lions Club turn \$1,000 donation into \$2,000 donation for Childhood Cancer Research

The Plainfield Lions Club recently donated \$1,000 to the Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana to support pediatric cancer research at Riley Hospital for Children. Their donation will be matched by the Walther Cancer Foundation dollar for dollar through a partnership the Indiana Lions have with the Walther Cancer Foundation to raise matching funds for childhood cancer research. The goal is to raise \$200,000 over two years with a matching grant from the Walther Cancer Foundation, for a total donation of \$400,000. All proceeds from this event directly benefit Riley Hospital for Children and the Wells Center for Pediatric Research. Riley Hospital for Children is Indiana’s only comprehensive children’s research hospital.

Childhood Cancer is a global service project of Lions Clubs International. 10.6 million children with cancer and families have been helped by the Lions. Globally 400,000 children will be diagnosed with cancer this year with nine out of 10 children living in low to middle income countries. The survival rate is less than 30 percent for those diagnosed and living in low to middle income countries vs. 80 percent for those living in high income countries. On average, from 2013 to 2017, 375 cases of cancer and 57 cancer deaths occurred each year among Indiana children aged zero to 19 years. In general, childhood cancer trends in Indiana are similar to what is seen nationwide. For most cases of childhood cancer, the cause is unknown. Although uncommon, cancer is the second leading cause of death among children aged one to 14 years.

Children’s cancer treatments fall far short of what our children deserve. We must accelerate research into new, more effective, and less toxic treatments that not only cure more children, but preserve their quality of life. The Walther Cancer Foundation supports and promotes interdisciplinary and inter-institutional cancer research with the goal to help build cancer programs that provide tangible benefits by expanding the world’s scientific knowledge by saving lives and by offering hope to patients and their families. The Plainfield Lions encourage you to support this incredible cause and make a donation at: <http://give.rileykids.org/LionsCCF> or by check. Checks should be made out to the Lions Cancer Control Fund of Indiana with Riley Hospital for Children written in the memo field and mailed to Plainfield Lions Club, 1000 Creekside Lane, Plainfield, IN 46168.



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Letter from the Editor

"Life isn't fair, it's true, but you still have to deal with it. Whining about it and telling everyone how you were wronged rarely levels the playing field. Learning how to rise above it all with class is the ultimate reward."

By Kate Anderson

When I take a good look back at my life thus far, I think of all the times I have been (or felt like I had been) wronged. I also think about all the times when I was younger and a parent or older relative would pat me on the shoulder and remind me, to my dismay, that "sometimes life just isn't fair kiddo". I would roll my eyes and walk away even more frustrated than I was before. As a sensitive child, it really bothered me that someone was getting away with hurting someone else. The idea that you don't always get to exact justice on someone that hurt or wronged you seemed so maddening. It was a tough pill to swallow. I wanted to tell everyone what happened, hoping someone would help me figure out how to get that person or people to realize that what they did was so hurtful. It took me a long time to realize that whining and letting everyone know about it was not only a fruitless effort, but it made me look ridiculous. Sure, there were people that believed me and took my side, but most looked at me like I was a complainer.

As I got older and I gained more life experience, I realized that unfortunately this was a lesson I had to learn yet again. Life knocks you down and people can hurt you in so many ways,

but you find a way to pick yourself up, brush off the dust and move on. There is still that urge to let others know how you've been wronged, but the grown-up thing to do is keep that to yourself. I realized that most people are too busy adulting and don't have the bandwidth to listen to what could be perceived as whining and complaining. Those that do listen are most often the gossipers and sensationalists. They thrive on chaos and love talking about things that aren't their business. Rising above it all with class is something that comes with grace and maturity. Some people have that gift and some really don't. Now I am the adult, patting the younger generation on the shoulder and teaching them the hard lesson that "sometimes life just isn't fair, kiddo." Just like I did in my past, I receive some eye rolling and apparent frustration, but this is a lesson we must all learn in this life. Life is a blessing, and we must go through it with our heads held high, knowing that if we do the right things, "the truth will out" and we will level the playing field just by our attitude and actions. It would be great if everyone joined us on the upper level. Let's rise above, everyone. We can get through this life much easier if we work together and though life isn't fair, the ultimate reward is out there for all of us.

ICONIC brief

Town of Plainfield Department of Public Works employee celebrates retirement

At the beginning of February, Department of Public Works (DPW) employee Dave Nemeth, known as "Turtle," celebrated his retirement after 19 years of working for the Town of Plainfield's Water Department and Street Department.

At his celebration, Dave was gifted photographs, signs, a new hat, and other memorabilia from his time at DPW. A fellow coworker even wrote and performed a song about his leadership and expertise.

Dave is looking forward to spending more time at home with his family. The Town of Plainfield thanks Dave for his years of service.

Congratulations Dave and enjoy your retirement!



Dave Nemeth celebrates retirement. (submitted photo)



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Meet YOUR NEIGHBOR

By Julie Brackemyre

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

We live in a little area of unincorporated Hendricks County. Our city is Plainfield, our school district is Avon, and our township is Washington.

2. Describe your immediate family to us.

a. Married to Terri since 1996. Terri currently enjoys being part of leadership staff at the Plainfield Chamber. She is our family compass.

b. First child Kate is a Masters in Occupational Therapy Student at Tennessee State (Nashville) completing her final semester of coursework before summer and fall rotations. She graduated from Plainfield High School in 2018.

c. Second child Megan is a senior at Indiana University studying Interior Design. She graduated from Plainfield High School in 2020.

d. Third child, and favorite son, Ben is a sophomore, also at Indiana University, pursuing a degree in Environmental Health with a minor in Forestry. He graduated from Plainfield High School in 2022.

e. Adopted Canine child four year old "Winigan" - he is half Corgi, half Dachshund, and our "Covid Dog."

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

We were married in the Catholic Church and all of our children went through confirmation while attending St. Susanna Elementary and Middle School. With them all out of the house, Terri and I have found a place to worship at "The Branches" here in Plainfield. The biggest thing about

what Alex Hershey does every Sunday is Communion. The tradition of The Body and Blood every week is very important to Terri and myself. Our children still practice their faith at their respective locations individually. Every now and then, our family enjoys attending a Catholic Mass, as 'The Church' will always have a special place in our hearts.

4. Describe your perfect family outing.

Now that the children are adults, this has changed. When we are all together, we enjoy hiking as a group. We relish the dynamic of the three siblings taking shots at each other and the family joking. After a hike or an outdoor event, visiting a winery, distillery, or brewery for nourishment and refreshments is always a possibility.

5. What is your favorite family tradition?

Outside of the individual traditions Terri and I have with each of the children, our favorite 'family tradition' is making homemade sushi for Christmas Dinner. Taking a page out of "The Christmas Story," Ben decided around five or six years ago that we should make sushi for Christmas dinner. Since then, we have enjoyed custom rolls and other side dishes to celebrate St. Nick and Christ's birth.

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

Comfortable, Welcoming, Energetic

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

Terri, "Bart is forever positive. A glass half-full optimist who is always ready for the next challenge."

Kate, "Dad is intentional, loyal, and authentically himself. His smiles are warm and his laugh is loud. I'm so thankful to have such a man as my father."

Bart Fisher

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ICONIC brief

Rushing Award W.P. Woods Fellowship Award

The Plainfield Lions Club recently awarded Lion Alex Rushing with a W.P. Woods Fellowship from the Indiana Lions Foundation, Inc. This is the highest award to be bestowed on an Indiana Lion member for their dedicated service to their club. Dr. W.P. Woods was a physician from Evansville. On Aug. 18, 1911, he along with four other signatories legally formed a new organization called the Royal Order of Lions, which would later become International Lions Club. W.P. Woods became the first president of the Lions Club. Their purpose was in part to perform deeds to charity within its membership and community. Today's Lions Clubs still strive to do those exact things.

Rushing, who is currently serving as club marketing chairperson and is also a board member, received his W.P. Woods Fellowship and lapel pin from Club President Tom Iles. Rushing's name will also be engraved on a special plaque at the Indian Lions state office recognizing W.P. Woods Fellows. Rushing was cited specifically for his involvement with the Operation KidSight preschool screenings, a global service project with Lions Club International. Club President Tom Iles stated without his help, the Plainfield Lions Club could not have screened over 548 preschoolers and placed the club third in the most number of preschoolers screened in the state of Indiana.





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From microgreens to radical hospitality: making an impact on their community, one sprout at a time

By Kate Anderson



Tucked back in the quiet and rural part of Avon, surrounded by fields and trees, lies a quiet and unassuming business on the verge of vast growth, quite literally. Heubel Hydro Farms is working hard to prove that Aquaculture, Regenerative Farming, Aquaponic, and Hydroponics are all sustainable and attainable. With its quiet and humble footprint, you'd never know that it was a bursting business with potential for amazing opportunities. At Heubel Hydro Farms, their mission is clear: to provide locally grown, nutritional, healthy, and environmentally-friendly food products. They believe in supporting their community and the ministries they are passionate about, and as a team, they are well on their way to achieving their goal.

When Ken and Anne Huebel purchased their home and the surrounding 13.38 acres of land, it was massively overgrown and weed-ridden, and they knew that they had their work cut out for them. With faith in their hearts and excitement in their eyes, they set out on the large project to clear their land, concentrating on the green spaces. To their surprise, they ended up discovering over 40 types of trees and bushes. They looked around and their cherry and pecan trees, grape arbor, maple trees filled with the promise of syrup, and more elderberry, blueberry, and blackberry bushes than they could count and realized that they were sitting on a treasure trove of nature's riches. So, as lovers of nature, they decided to foster these treasures and harness their power to not only nourish themselves but to feed and nourish others. This has been the cornerstone of their mission since 2019. At the time, Ken had a regular nine to five job with Epsom America in Plainfield. After twenty years, he made the decision to trade in his full-time job, for an even fuller schedule of manual labor on his farm. He got his time back and now has the opportunity to do what he truly loves. Anne, a successful businesswoman in her own right, was happy to spend more time with her husband and see him enjoying his life in a whole different way. "To see him do what he wants to do is so amazing, so rewarding," said Anne.

They began with the simple notion to start slowly with somewhat of a small crop, so they dove headfirst into the world of Microgreens. With their quick growth time, on average, nine to ten days from seed to harvest, it seemed like the perfect way to get their feet wet. Turns out they had an affinity for the process and by the popularity of their product, they were on the right track and what they thought was a

small operation turned into so much more. For a time, they had the thought to raise and harvest both shrimp and tilapia in an aquaculture environment on their farm. After some time and lots of research, Ken and Anne, both self-taught and learning as they went, decided that this wasn't what was in their hearts to do at that time. So, they pivoted, keeping the tilapia they had and began the process of harnessing the power of Hydroponics and Aquaponics. Aquaponics is the principle of a sustainable method of raising both fish and vegetables and letting each element reap the benefits of the other. Alternatively, Hydroponics is a growing method that requires no soil and not only maximizes space, but conserves water by its closed-loop watering process. To allow for both processes, they outfitted one of their three barns into a "four season room", making it an ideal place to make all the good things grow. As a team, they started out small, experimenting with different vegetables at various levels of success. At present, their favorite vegetables to grow within these systems are kale, kohlrabi, Swiss chard, and Bok choy, to name just a few. The process has been a great deal of trial and error, but as Ken says, "you can LEARN how to do things from webinars, and books, but you have to DO IT to make it a practice." How right he was. He would be the first to tell you that the journey thus far has been a mixture of laughter, a bit of frustration, fun, a love of the process, and lots of trials by fire. At present, they have customers for both their Aquaponic-raised vegetables and their Microgreens. They supply Microgreens to a few upscale restaurants in downtown Indianapolis and in Hendricks County, and the word continues to get out that the greens they grow are far superior to those found in your general produce aisle at the grocery store.

In the warmer months and going into fall, when they aren't working in the "Four Seasons Room", they observe the practice of regenerative farming, which places an emphasis on the ecosystem as a whole. They love working hard outside in their garden plots, growing vegetables, herbs, berries, and fruits, nurturing their beloved bees and their wildflower preserve, fostering nature's gifts and doing what they do best, FEED PEOPLE. From the beginning, there has continued to be a lot of rethinking the vision for their property, and while this process is ever evolving, they have learned to roll with it and let the process come naturally, no pun intended. For the past few years, they have had such success with their gardens that they have grown a "give away" garden and the contents are donated to a local food pantry. This is just one way that they give back to their community. This amazing and faith-filled couple believe in the concept of what they term "radical hospitality". The belief behind this concept is inviting those who want to embrace and commune with nature, whether it be for education of children, stress relief or otherwise, to their land and find peace and happiness. "We love to see people enjoying our property. We love to invite people out and open it up to our friends and family. That is truly what it's all about," said Anne.

Ken and Anne, who have been married for 40 years, were high school sweethearts. When asked how it was to work with her spouse, Anne simply said, "well, he's the love of my life, so it's a dream come true. I love being with him." Ken had a few words about Anne as well. "We work in harmony. We have been together for so long that we are generally on the same wavelength, and this makes us a good team," he said. As they look towards the future of farming both their land and growing their Hydroponic and Aquaponic systems, they plan to expand their efforts to the adjoining barn and form a "three seasons room", where they can house even more fish, and grow more vegetables, such as mushrooms. Outdoors, they plan to keep tending to their land and help others in every way that they can. As a couple, they feel blessed that they can share their love of nature and shower those around them with that radical hospitality that they do so well. "We love what we do, and we will continue to do the Lord's work every chance we get," said Anne. What more can be said?



Microgreens. (submitted photo)



Ken & Anne Heubel. (submitted photo)

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ICONIC brief

Avon - Washington Township Fire Department holds annual banquet and awards ceremony

Recently the Avon-Washington Township Fire Department honored their outstanding and hard-working employees at their annual banquet and awards ceremony. This year the department celebrated this lovely evening of camaradery, great company, and laughter with a dinner held at the Washington Township Park Pavilion. Comedian and Motivational Speaker Danny Adams served as emcee with his trademark topic, "Laughter is Medicine," and kept the party going with hilarious anecdotes, songs, laughter, and fun had by all attendees.

Among the events of the evening:

- Fire Inspector/Investigator Anthony Smith was pinned and took his oath.
- Paramedics Garrett Seymour and Cecilia Mencias received their badges and took their oaths.

The 2023 Award Winners and Unit Commendations were:

Award of Merit:

Deputy Chief Robert Phipps

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EMT Provider of the Year:

FF Monica Bills

Eric Linerode Paramedic of the Year Award:

Paramedic Kendall Reimer

Firefighter of the Year:

Chauffeur DJ Wilson

Officer of the Year:

Lieutenant Joe Coffman

Special Recognition by Local 4406:

Paramedic Nic White

**Congratulations to all of the awardees
for a job well done!**



ICONIC brief

Two Avon High School grads are Indy 500 Festival Princesses

Two Avon High School graduates, Briana Begeman and Michaela Di Palmo, have been chosen to serve as Indy 500 Festival Princesses for the months leading up to the 108th running of the Indianapolis 500 this Memorial Day weekend. Begeman, a sophomore at Indiana University, and Di Palmo, a senior at IUPUI, will join 31 other young women from across the Hoosier state. They were selected, along with all of the other princesses, for this prestigious role based upon their leadership and academic skills. This will certainly be a memorable spring as together they contribute more than 1,500 community service hours across the state.

**CONGRATULATIONS BRIANA
AND MICHAELA!**



Hendricks County ICON of the Week

Tom Downard

By Julie Brackemyre

Tom is the Executive Director of the Avon Chamber of Commerce, and has been in this role for 24 years. The Chamber office is in the heart of Avon in the HRH medical office building. His goal is to promote business within the Avon community and Hendricks County, and he tries and encourages everyone to shop and buy local when possible. Tom obtained a bachelor's degree from Indiana Central (University of Indianapolis) in 1987. Tom and his wife Bev live in Avon, and have been an Avon resident for over 35 years. They have two awesome kids Alex (26) and Abby (24). Abby has blessed them with a two-and-a-half-year-old grandson (Jax). Tom played college basketball and was a high school girls' basketball coach for eight years.

1. What do you consider your greatest virtue?

Friendships

2. What do you most deplore in others?

People who are fake

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

The people. Even though Avon has grown quite a bit over the last 20 years, it still has that small town vibe. People volunteer and get things done for the community.

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

The older I get, the more warmer weather climates appeal to me.

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

I would have played golf sooner.

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

I would create a foundation that would benefit this community. And referring back to the warmer weather, I would probably buy a condo on the beach.

7. What makes you happiest?

Friends

8. What is your favorite vacation spot?

Fort Myers, FL

9. What do you do with your idle time?

Enjoy time with my wife, friends, and kids



10. What is it that makes you angry?

Refer back to Question #2 (People who are fake)

11. What do you do to escape from reality?

I enjoy playing golf.

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

Honesty

13. What is your greatest extravagance?

Occasional bourbon/cigars

14. What is your favorite restaurant?

Mesh

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

I have had several influential people in my life, but most importantly, my parents and my coaches.

16. What are your fears/phobias?

Snakes would rank up there

17. Which talent would you most like to possess?

Playing a musical instrument

18. What do you most value in your friends?

Loyalty

19. Who is your favorite historical figure?

Jesus

FORtheRECORD - HC OBITUARIES

AVON

James David “Jimmy” Connor II

James David “Jimmy” Connor, II, 56, Avon, passed away on Feb. 23. He was born on Aug. 2, 1967. A Celebration of Jimmy’s life will be held at a later date. In keeping with Jimmy’s love of animals, memorial contributions are encouraged to be made in Jimmy’s memory to the Hendricks Humane Society, 3033 E. Main St., Danville, www.hendrickshumane.org.

Louise Ann Strahl

Louise Ann Strahl, 91, Avon, passed away on Feb. 16. She was born on Sept. 11, 1932. Services were held on Feb. 20 at the Bousley Funeral Home in Coatesville.

BROWNSBURG

Betty L. Bush

Betty L. Bush, 76, Bainbridge, formerly Brownsburg, passed away on Feb. 16. She was born on June 28, 1947. Services were held on Feb. 25 at Lifespring Church in Bainbridge. In lieu of flowers, Betty would have encouraged everyone to just always pay it forward in life to help others whenever given an opportunity. Bousley Funeral Home has been entrusted with Betty’s care.

John M. “Jack” Kline

U.S. Air Force veteran John M. “Jack” Kline, 84, Brownsburg, passed away on Feb. 18. He was born on Nov. 14, 1939. Services were held on Feb. 23 at Matthews Mortuary in Brownsburg.

Jacquelyn H. McClung

Jacquelyn H. McClung, 89, Brownsburg, formerly of Pittsboro, passed away on Feb. 27. She was born on Aug. 6, 1934. Arrangements are entrusted to Eric M.D. Bell Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Pittsboro.

Nancy Mae Ritter

Nancy Mae Ritter, 77, Brownsburg, passed away on Feb. 19. She was born on Feb. 5, 1947. Services were held on Feb. 26 at Carlisle Branson Funeral Service & Crematory. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are encouraged to be made in Nancy’s memory to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 7023, Merrifield, VA 22116-7023, <https://diabetes.org/> or to the American Cancer Society, 5635 W. 96th St. Suite 100, Indianapolis, www.cancer.org.

Patricia G. Tynes

Patricia G. Tynes, 74, Brownsburg, passed away on Feb. 20. She was born on Sept. 19, 1949. Services were held on Feb. 26 at Matthews Mortuary in Brownsburg.

Eleanor L. (Kaup) Williams

Eleanor L. (Kaup) Williams, 91, Brownsburg, passed away on Feb. 29. She was born on Sept. 29, 1932. Arrangements are currently pending in the care of Eric M.D. Bell Funeral Home.

DANVILLE

Roy Clark

Roy Clark, 70, Indianapolis, formerly Danville, passed away on Feb. 19. He was born on Dec. 13, 1953. Services were held on Feb. 22 at Eric M.D. Bell Funeral Home in Pittsboro.

Stefanie R. Smith

Stefanie R. Smith, 41, Danville, passed away on Feb. 28. She was born on Nov. 24, 1982. Arrangements are currently pending in the care of Eric M.D. Bell Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Pittsboro.

JAMESTOWN

Ben W. Bennington

Ben W. Bennington, 88, Jamestown, passed away on Feb. 19. He was born on Oct. 25, 1935. Services were held on March 5 at Porter and Hunt Funeral Home in Jamestown. Memorials may be made in Ben’s memory to the Jackson Township Historical Society, PO Box 297, Jamestown.

LIZTON

Ronald Goodwin

Ronald Goodwin, 78, Lizton, passed away on Feb. 27. He was born on March 27, 1945. Arrangements are pending for the Celebration of Life Service which will be held at Corinth Church in Brownsburg. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hendricks County Humane Society in loving memory of Ronald.

PITTSBORO

Judy (Griggs) Berkey

Judy (Griggs) Berkey, 85, Pittsboro, passed away on Feb. 16. She was born on June 18, 1938. Services were held on Feb. 21 at Colonial Hills Baptist Church in Indianapolis. Services were entrusted by Eric M.D. Bell Funeral Home in Pittsboro.

PLAINFIELD

Shirley Jean Buis

Shirley Jean Buis, 85, Plainfield, passed away on Feb. 21. She was born on June 21, 1938. Funeral services were held on March 1 at Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home.

Priscilla E. Dillow

Priscilla E. Dillow, 80, Plainfield, passed away on Feb. 19. She was born on July 1, 1943. A Celebration of Life remembering the life of Priscilla E. Dillow will take place in the gymnasium at Ben Davis High School on April 14 at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Ben Davis High School Athletic Department are strongly encouraged. Envelopes will be available at the service. Carlisle –

Branson Funeral Service & Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the family.

William “Bill” Fouty

William “Bill” Fouty, 84, Plainfield, passed away on Feb. 21. He was born on June 19, 1939. Services were held on Feb. 28 at First Baptist Church in Plainfield. In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to the First Baptist Church Plainfield (1012 Stafford Road, Plainfield).

Carla J. (Sparks) Kattman

Carla J. (Sparks) Kattman, 77, Plainfield, passed away on Feb. 18. She was born on Nov. 29, 1946. Memorial visitation will be held on March 23 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon at Hall-Baker Funeral Home in Plainfield. A reception will be held immediately after the visitation; time and place to be determined.

Ronald Alan Reynolds

Ronald Alan Reynolds, 80, Plainfield, passed away on Feb. 24. He was born on Aug. 20, 1943. Private graveside services will be held at a later date. Hall-Baker Funeral Home in Plainfield is handling the arrangements. The family requested that donations be made to Meals on Wheels of Hendricks County (www.hcmealsonwheels.org).

Rosemond Eileen McNelley Smith

Rosemond Eileen McNelley Smith, 90, Plainfield, passed away on Feb. 22. She was born on July 9, 1933. Services were held on Feb. 29 at Hall-Baker Funeral Home in Plainfield. Donations, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the Naomi Rebekah Lodge #115, c/o Marcia Sutherlin, 705 S. County Road 625 E., Filmore.

Rick E. Wade

Rick E. Wade, 56, Plainfield, passed away on Feb. 19. He was born on April 4, 1967. Funeral services were held on Feb. 26 at Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home.

Brian A. Wagner

Brian A. Wagner, 43, Plainfield, passed away on Feb. 23. He was born on Aug. 22, 1980. Services were held on March 5 at the First Baptist Church in Plainfield. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the First Baptist Church Plainfield (1012 Stafford Road, Plainfield).

STILESVILLE

Pattie Lou Jagers Patrum

Pattie Lou Jagers Patrum, 90, Stilesville, passed away on Feb. 27. She was born on May 20, 1933. Services were held on March 2 at Carlisle – Branson Funeral Service & Crematory. Contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to the Franciscan Hospice House or the Eminence Baptist Church in Pattie’s memory.

SELF UNAWARENESS

By Dick Wolfsie

After I finished a game of pickleball the other day, a woman approached me and asked if she could give me a hug. I glanced at her husband who nodded approval of her intended gesture.

"What's that for?" I asked. "I read your column every week and I just think you are the most self-deprecating guy in the world." "Thanks," I said, cautiously. I assumed and hoped that was a compliment. She went on to say—and rightly so—that the best humor is when you make fun of yourself. Of course, I also skewer my wife, but most of the barbs I write are directed at me. I thanked her for reading my column, not realizing that my ability to self-deprecate would soon be put to the ultimate test.

Last night I was trying to figure out how to download podcasts. That way, I wouldn't have to pay for data if I listened to them while out jogging. My sister, who is very patient with me, had already spent about 20 minutes on the phone the previous week explaining the process, but I had forgotten everything she told me. I had no clue how to do it. Linda's son, Barry, is a computer wiz, so I assumed that some of his savvy had rubbed off on her. Of course, the rubbing should go in the other direction: your kids don't rub off on you, you are supposed to rub off on them. In any case, compared to her son, Linda was out of her league when it came to computers. Nevertheless, she proceeded to explain everything to me again. She suggested I take notes this time, to lessen the chances I'd pester her a third time during her California vacation with the family.

Half an hour later I finally had the process down pat. "Thanks, Linda," I said,

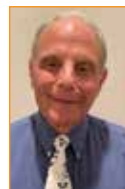
and I shut off the phone. Or so I thought. And my sister made the identical mistake. I could still hear her talking to her son and daughter-in-law. "How's Uncle Dick?" asked Barry.

"Oh, he's fine. But let me tell you something: if you ever want to stop feeling stupid, talk to someone stupider."

Yes, that's what she said. My own flesh and blood...whom I love dearly, and thought she cared for and respected me. I wasn't going to take this lying down. But I did. I fell on the floor laughing. I understood exactly what she meant. I also knew this had potential for a column and I remembered what that woman said to me at the pickleball courts. Self-deprecation! Self-deprecation!

How would I respond to this moment? Well, first I called Linda back and told her that I heard exactly what she said to Barry. At that point Linda began laughing hysterically. I guess that was her way of apologizing. After we hung up, I realized I wasn't finished milking this situation, so I sent her this text: "Linda, like you, I would like to feel smarter by talking to someone dumber than me. The problem is that right now I can't think of anyone I could call."

Be warned, dear reader: if you ever see my name on your caller ID, consider why I might be trying to reach you.



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.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The flowers of late winter and early spring occupy places in our hearts well out of proportion to their size."

— Gertrude S. Wister

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THE CATELLIER FAMILY!

Lindsey and Jason Catellier are both teachers in the Brownsburg school corporation. They both support BEF through the payroll deduction program, which sponsors scholarships for graduating seniors. Additionally, Lindsey is a member of the board and she has chaired/chairs various committees during her board tenure. Jason is the club sponsor of the BHS Fishing Club, and Jason and the club give of their time each of the last two summers to teach fishing to the students who attend BEF Pioneer Camp. Their children Logan, who is a freshman at Brownsburg High School and Alli, who is a 6th grader at Brownsburg West Middle School, also volunteer for BEF! Logan is part of the fishing club, so he has helped with that the last two summers as well as helped fellow Boy Scout members complete their Eagle Projects at the cabin. Alli has helped count supplies for our Apples for Excellence program and has volunteered for Community Day at the cabin. Thank you to The Cattelier Family who helps BEF in ways that are meaningful to them!



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TIPS FOR STAYING SAFE BEFORE AND AFTER A STORM HITS.

Keep your phone charged and consider getting an external battery.

Prepare an emergency kit and create a family communication plan.

If someone in your home uses a life-sustaining medical device that requires electricity, alert your electric cooperative now. Plan to have a battery or emergency generation on hand before an outage occurs.

Use flashlights, not candles, to inspect your home during a power outage to prevent fire risks.

Don't touch or drive over downed power lines or anything in contact with them. Call 911, as they could still be energized.

If a power line falls on your vehicle, stay inside, call 911, and exit only if your life is in immediate danger. Then shuffle away keeping your feet together at all times.



GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

I'm going to confess to a murder, acknowledging there probably aren't any statutes of limitations on this kind of thing. Growing up, my sister and I sprinkled salt on our fair share of slugs. While I'm not proud of my salty slug serial killing spree, exploring under big rocks in the backyard was a great way to learn about the creepy-crawly world around me.

Let's turn over the next big rock. It's the one next to the shed. Once you get enough leverage to hoist the rock from its resting place, you see several things scurry around — some squirming worms, a truly terrifying millipede, and a host of bugs that roll into little balls.

What are those balled-up bugs called? If you grew up in Oklahoma, you'd refer to them as roly polies. These land-lubber crustaceans hail from the family "armadillidiidae," which makes me happy. If you look at one, it's essentially the bug version of an armadillo. One time, I chased an armadillo on a dirt road at night on foot, but that's a story for another day.

What I love about roly polies is that they have dozens of regional and colloquial names. I can't think of a thing that has more naming variations. For instance, you may refer to them as potato bugs, pill bugs,

or doodlebugs. Or perhaps you call them butchy boys or wood shrimp. These examples are just from the U.S.

As the armadillidium family can be found in many areas of the world, each area has its own naming convention. In the UK, these cute bugs are called cheesy bugs, cheeselogs, Parson's pigs, chiggy pigs, hardbacks, carpet shrimp, or gramersows, depending on from where you hail.

While in Australia, you may call them slater bugs or butcher boys, but in Denmark, roly polies are called bench biters. Likewise, in Germany, people say cellar bugs, while in areas of South America, the locals refer to the armadillidium family of insects as little pigs.

If I were rebranding a minor league baseball team in 2024, I think I would change the name of the team based on the area of the country the team visited. The team logo would stay the same, but the word on the front of the jersey would shift. If anyone decides to try this idea, I'd like a 10 percent cut of merchandise sales.



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

In Idaho, residents may not fish from a giraffe's back.

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ICONic Athlete of Hendricks County

MIDDLE INFIELDER READY TO START A MEMORABLE CAMPAIGN

Senior star has BIG goals for himself and for the team

By Josh George

Thankful and humble-those are the two words that immediately pop in my head from talking with Miguel Correa Jr., his parents, Miguel and Jennifer, and Coach Drosche. Through email and text repeatedly, many thanks were sent my way before I even began writing this article. This spring season has high expectations for the Avon Orioles baseball team. Miguel and Coach Drosche both have big goals in mind and believe a beefed-up schedule is going to best prepare the Orioles for the post season tourney. The ICON had a Q&A with Miguel, his parents, and Coach Drosche recently to get some insight on Miguel and the Orioles upcoming season:

Q&A with Miguel Correa Jr.

ICON: When did you first start playing baseball?

Miguel: Four years old

ICON: Do you play any other sports? If so, what sport and at what level?

Miguel: I played baseball, football, basketball, and ran track all the way up to freshman year of high school. The last three years I have focused on baseball and basketball. I play varsity in both baseball and basketball. I attended Avon Schools from K-12, and have succeeded with high academic achievements along with being successful for the Avon sports teams.

ICON: What position do you play?

Miguel: MIF (middle infield) which means second base or shortstop.

ICON: Please provide some stats from the spring of 2023.

Miguel: Batting AVG-.278 Hits-27 EXBH-12 RBI's-25

ICON: Who have been your most influential coaches and why?

Miguel: Indiana Bulls and Avon High School Coaches-Troy Drosche, Ryan East, Mathew Kinney (all believed in me and



pushed me to my potential). My parents also have developed and coached me from the beginning.

ICON: How have your parents supported you through the years with your goals in baseball?

Miguel: Taking me to practices and games. Paying for me to play on teams, showcases, and development camps. Pushing me to be the best I can be. Thankful for my parents always supporting me and my sister being at every event for 11 years.

ICON: Describe your baseball journey through the years. Some highs and lows.

Miguel: From a young age, I showed a natural gift and love for baseball. I spent countless hours practicing swings, throws, and fielding. Throughout

my elementary and middle school years, I excelled in youth baseball leagues. Coaches and teammates recognizing my talent and potential has been a blessing. By the time I reached high school, my hard work and time had paid off into me starting varsity sophomore, junior, and senior years while

getting recognition from colleges. I faced periods of performance slumps and setbacks. Whether it was struggling at the plate, making errors in the field, or facing tough competition, these challenges tested my resilience and determination. I found it challenging to balance the demands of academics and athletics. There were times when I felt stressed trying to balance schoolwork with practices, games, and travel for tournaments.

ICON: What are some individual goals and team goals you have for this upcoming

season?

Miguel: Individual-All State Award, .330+ batting avg by end of year, MVP award at banquet. Team Goals-win sectionals. Prove people wrong. Build more team chemistry.

ICON: What makes playing baseball at Avon High School special?

Miguel: Being able to play a sport I love, with teammates I grew up with and competing with, and top competition around the state every day makes playing baseball special for Avon High School.

ICON: What are some areas for you to improve on? What are your biggest strengths?

Miguel: Areas to improve-being more vocal on the field, more consistency at the plate, and encouraging teammates more. Biggest strengths-leading by example, defense, and being able to play more than one position on the field.

ICON: How has Avon baseball and the coaches helped you as a student athlete and person?

Miguel: My high school baseball coaches understood the demands of academics and athletics and helped me develop effective time management skills, also helping me set athletic and academic goals. My coaches have been valuable resources in the college recruitment process. They provided guidance on contacting college coaches, creating highlight videos, attending showcases, and navigating the recruiting landscape to help me achieve my athletic goals.

Q&A with Coach Troy Drosche

ICON: How long have you known Miguel and tell us a little about his baseball journey?

Coach Drosche: I have known Miguel for many years, but been on his baseball





journey with him for the last four years. I also coach the Indiana Bulls 17u team and I had him on that team all last summer. So last year we were together a lot on the baseball diamond.

ICON: What makes Miguel a special baseball player?

Coach Drosche: Miguel practices and plays the game the right way. The mental part of the game is so crucial to be successful in baseball and Miguel does not get too high or too low. He is steady and smooth in all his actions on the field. If the game is on the line and Miguel is up to bat, I like our chances of winning the game. He has put in a lot of work in the weight room and I know it is going to pay off with big results this spring.

ICON: Describe Miguel as a leader.

Coach Drosche: Miguel leads by example. Our challenge for him this season is to be more of a vocal leader and I am confident that he will help lead us to a very successful season.

ICON: What are your expectations for the team this season?

Coach Drosche: We are going down to Tennessee over spring break to play four games, going to Kentucky one weekend to play Louisville Trinity, have games vs. Center Grove, Carmel, McCutcheon, and obviously the HCC where we play each team twice. Won 18 games last year, very challenging and upgraded schedule this year, but we expect to have a very good season this year. We won sectionals in 2016, 2017, and 2019

(went to semi-state) and hoping to get back to those times!

Miguel's parents, Miguel and Jennifer, also had this to add on what makes Miguel and special player and person:

Mom: "Natural talent and natural fundamentals along with Miguel's intense work ethic has made him the player he is today; he zeroes in on being the best in every sport he plays. Miguel Jr. has instilled good

values as a person and strives to make right choices, which has given him great friendships along the way

and a foundation to succeed in life. He has been an "unchallenged" son to raise."

Dad: "Miguel Jr. showed interest in sports at a very young age. All sports seemed to come naturally to him, and he excelled at all of them, with baseball being the sport he seemed to excel at the most. Through sports, hard work, determination, dedication, and understanding what it takes to not only be successful in sports but also in life, has allowed him to flourish into the athlete, friend, and respectful young man he is today. Miguel Jr. is a son any parent would be proud of, and I am so thankful that he is my son."

Congratulations to Hendricks Regional Health's ICONic Athlete of the Week, Miguel Correa Jr. and best of luck to the Avon Orioles Baseball Program in their spring campaign!



Notables

Compiled by Josh George

Girls Basketball

Plainfield – 34 | Lawrence Central – 48

Berkeley Williams – 12 Points
Hannah Menser – 10 Points

Danville – 54 | Bishop Chatard – 44

Addison Davis – 12 Points
Emma Ancelet – 17 Points

Danville – 48 | Gibson Southern – 63

Addison Davis – 11 Points
Emma Ancelet – 19 Points
Maddy Wethington – 11 Points

Congrats to Danville Girls Basketball on a Historic Season making it to the Semi-State Final!

Boys Basketball

Plainfield – 93 | Danville – 72

Eli Ellis – 28 Points
Collin Schmidt – 15 Points

Tri-West – 62 | Cardinal Ritter – 59

Drew Miller – 24 Points
Max Robertson – 15 Points

Cascade – 52 | Western Boone – 51

Toby Savini – 24 Points
Connor Sanders – 11 Points

Congrats to Gavin Coggan who qualified for state in the 200 yard and 500 yard freestyle!

Congrats to Mason Gilliam who qualified for state in the 500 yard freestyle!

Boys Basketball Sectional 12 - Terre Haute South

Round One

Brownsburg – 65 | Plainfield – 53

Round Two: Semi-Finals

Avon – 65 | Terre Haute South – 45
Brownsburg – 53 | Terre Haute North – 61

Round Three: Sectional Championship

Terre Haute North – 41 | Avon – 49



Congratulations to the Avon Orioles Basketball team on their Sectional Championship!

Boys Basketball Sectional 25 - Lebanon

Round One

Danville – 75 | Western Boone – 34
Tri-West – 68 | Monrovia – 48

Round Two: Semi-Finals

Danville – 65 | Crawfordsville – 53
Tri-West – 46 | Lebanon – 38

Round Three: Sectional Championship

Danville – 57 | Tri-West – 49



Congratulations to the Danville Warriors Basketball team on their Sectional Championship!

Hendricks County Spring Sports Preview 2024 - Baseball, Softball, Boys Track and Field

By Josh George

Hendricks County spring sports had an abundance of success last spring with conference and state tournament championships! Not only was there a great deal of TEAM success, but there was much success from many student-athletes on an individual level as well as many coaching honors! The Hendricks County ICON is happy to bring to you a spring sports preview for each sport for the schools around the county. This edition will focus on baseball, softball, and boys track and field with girls track and field, boys golf, girls tennis, and unified track and field to follow in the next edition.

Baseball

Avon

Head Coach: Troy Drosche

2023 Record and Accomplishments: 18-12

Key Player Losses: Nate Simpson, Gerry Baltierra, Kyle Riley, Griffin Schabel, Josh Heitert, Matt Ritter

Key Players that are Returning: Miguel Correa Jr., Cannon Vandever, Carson Foxen, Kade Tislow, Carter Beck, Wyatt Pennington

Coach Drosche's Thoughts on the Upcoming Season: Even with losing 11 seniors to graduation, we have several experienced players back from last season. Miguel Correa Jr, Carson Foxen, Cannon Vandever, and Wyatt Pennington will be counted on at the top of the lineup for the Orioles. Kade Tislow and Carter Beck will lead a very talented and deep pitching staff that has 10-12 quality arms that will be used throughout the season. We look forward to a trip to Tennessee over spring break and then coming back to compete in the HCC.

Brownsburg

Head Coach: Dan Roman

2023 Record and Accomplishments: 16-13, 2023 Sectional and Regional Champions

Key Player Losses: Coulter Hamilton, Walker Brodt, Alec Murphy, Mason Tibbs

Key Players that are Returning: Colin McNeer, PJ Fry, Caden Dougherty, Jake Hoover, Jackson Wagner, Drew Bostic, Drew Jennings, Ty Jarvis

Coach Roman's Thoughts on the Upcoming Season: I anticipate an exciting season for the baseball Bulldogs. Trying to build off last season's postseason run will be challenging. We will be replacing our pitching staff with mostly unproven talent. But we have had a fantastic off season and many strides have been made to improve. Offensively, we return many bats from a team that consistently improved over the course of the season. Of course, competing in the always rock-solid HCC will again be a daunting task, but the Bulldogs will be up for the challenge.

Cascade

Head Coach: Ty Foster

2023 Record and Accomplishments: 20-8, ICC Conference Champions, Finish #9 in 2A IHSBCA coaches poll, 6 all-conference players, 1 player named to first team all-state

Key Player Losses: N/A

Key Players that are Returning: Logan Gibbs, Evan Lanphier, Jonas Johnson, Carson Bassett, Tony Savini, Noah Dasgupta, Logan Howard, Garrett Bassett, Zak Kelley, Braxton Lewis

Coach Foster's Thoughts on the Upcoming Season: We have a very experienced group of players who have fallen to teams who made it to state in back-to-back seasons (Centerville 2022, Covenant Christian 2023). So, seeing how close we were to making that run ourselves gives our guys some confidence and shows them that it is not an impossible task. We have a great core of guys who really want to get better and love playing the game. It is going to come down to how consistent we can be throughout the season and keep improving from day one. With a good mix of experienced seniors and a very athletic group of underclassmen, this should be a very exciting year for our program and the community.

Danville

Head Coach: Canton Terry

2023 Record and Accomplishments: 15-13

Key Player Losses: Ethan Walls, Landon Skinner, Will Woolsey, Chase Copeland, Chris DiBenedetto

Key Players that are Returning: Kole Miller, Noah Origer, Jack Warner, Garrett Groce, Ryan Wenzel

Coach Terry's Thoughts on the Upcoming Season: In hopes of having a great start to my coaching career, I have high expectations for this upcoming season for my team. I have several standout juniors and seniors that will play a key role in our success for this reason. Working with the team in the off season, I believe we are in the making of starting the expectation that Danville baseball is a winning program and a competitor for each game and for the tournament at the end of the season. I look forward to this season, and my expectations are very high for this group of ballplayers.

Plainfield

Head Coach: Steve Mirizzi

2023 Record and Accomplishments: 10-17-1

Key Player Losses: Cooper Martin, Noah Hessong, Bryce Pax, Maddox Holsclaw, Travis Bernhardt, Garret Irwin

Key Players that are Returning: Nathan Holowka, Carter Orner, Grady Broughton, Gavin Lykins, Gabe Hansen, Alex Holsclaw, Max Mantooth

Coach Mirizzi's Thoughts on the Upcoming Season: Our expectations are to have a winning season and compete for a sectional title. Tough loss last year after giving up two runs in the seventh with two outs and two strikes losing to Brownsburg 2-1. We have the potential to have a good season with some young talent stepping up around our returners.

Tri-West

Head Coach: Nick Spence

2023 Record and Accomplishments: 23-7, Sagamore Conference Champions, Sectional Champions, Regional Champions

Key Player Losses: N/A

Key Players that are Returning: Jr. Jack Catt, Chase Hardman, Isaac Pierson, Chase Holland, Brady White, Kohen Bear

Coach Spence's Thoughts on the Upcoming Season: The Bruins have high hopes this season as they return seven out of nine starters and have everyone back on the mound. This year's team can win a bunch of different ways. Pitching will be a strong suit of the Bruins who return all their pitchers from a 23-win season a year ago. The offense will be led by Jr. Jack Catt and Jr. Chase Hardman in the leadoff spot. Along with the ability to pitch and hit, the Bruins will look to keep their near perfect fielding percentage in tact with great defense as well. The Bruins are ranked fourth in the Indiana High School Baseball poll and hope to keep moving forward with their tough schedule. The Bruins welcome some of the toughest competition this season that includes: Lawrence North, West Vigo, Brownsburg, Indian Creek, Mooresville, Brebeuf, Whiteland, and an always tough Sagamore Conference schedule as well. We are excited about the culture that is being instilled here at Tri-West. Doing things the right way and leaning on each other with a blue-collar work ethic is what we stand for. Hopefully we can attract fans to our games who love the game of baseball and a team that plays the game the right way.

Softball

Avon

Head Coach: Kiah Ferrell

2023 Record and Accomplishments: 24-7, Conference Champions-HCC, Sectional Champions, Team 4.32 GPA

Key Player Losses: Anna Bracey, Mandy Lauth, and Amanda Logeais

Key Players that are Returning: Hannah Sutton, Karly Anderson, Jaylee Fansler, Madeline Herman, Emma Stopperich, Lylah Farrell, Madison Pappas, Kelsey Babinec, Addie Forst, Lilly Heath, Natalie Mace, Lylah DeArmond

Coach Ferrell's Thoughts on the Upcoming Season: Even as a first-year head coach, I have high aspirations for this team. We return a solid group of varsity players with a talented underclassmen group that will compliment them well. I look for the large group of seniors to be leaders on and off the field and continue to build on the solid foundation of Avon softball. They have set the standard here at Avon and I know they are ready to leave it all out on the field one last year together. As a collective group, our main focus this season will be in improving our mental game and doing the little things right. I believe if we can do that you will see this team soar to new heights. We have a tough schedule ahead of us, but I believe this group thrives in that environment and is ready to face some adversity in order to learn and grow. The challenges of playing in the HCC will only better prepare us to be successful in late May (postseason). I look forward to all there is to come for this group of girls!

Brownsburg

Head Coach: Cherise Hiss

2023 Record and Accomplishments: 16-11

Key Player Losses: Addy Neal

Key Players that are Returning: Hailey Thompson, Izzy Neal, Avery Toole, Lexi Gordon, AG Pogue-seven starters from last year's team returning

Coach Hiss' Thoughts on the Upcoming Season: This season we return a lot of valuable players from our 2023 roster. We are a bit more seasoned and experienced this year, so I have high expectations for my team, especially my older leaders. If we can keep the mental errors to a minimum, we will have a very successful year! We've got a great opportunity to make a deep postseason run with this group of girls!

Cascade**Head Coach:** Brett Taber

2023 Record and Accomplishments: 24-5, Sectional Champ, Regional Champ, Conference Champs

Key Player Losses: Ruby Gray, Megan Walker, Rylie Lambert

Key Players that are Returning: Vayla Mansfield, Ava Allen, Tara Gruca, Macie Pugh, Adie Paschal, Amberlyn Culp

Coach Taber's Thoughts on the Upcoming Season: We have high expectations of returning to semi-state and taking the next step. Athletic Director Scott Stevens has helped us beef up our season with better teams. This should help us prepare for the postseason.

Danville**Head Coach:** Greg Glaser

2023 Record and Accomplishments: 12-7

Key Player Losses: Tori Rinehart, Marley Gearld, Lilian Beller, Grace Wambach, Aria Williams, LaRie Harmless

Key Players that are Returning: Lily Sharrett, Evey Cromer, Allie Gunter, Cassie Thompson, Autumn Muncy

Coach Glaser's Thoughts on the Upcoming Season: We graduated six starting seniors from last year and lost another starter to injury for this upcoming season. This will be a rebuilding year for Danville softball with several new players in the line up as freshmen, but they are a very talented group and will just need some field time together as a team.

Plainfield**Head Coach:** Brad Beaman

2023 Record and Accomplishments: 17-11

Key Player Losses: Emily Marks, Lilly Homan

Key Returning Players: Baleigh Adams, Kimber Madison, Riley Swanson, Kami Arnett, Sidney Parks, Sydney Sauri, Ava Broyles, Kylie Fish, Ayva Mayes

Coach Beaman's Thoughts on the Upcoming Season: This season we want to strive to get better every game! Improve our record while WINNING Conference and Sectionals! Be a better TEAM, with every player doing their jobs!

Tri-West**Head Coach:** Mike Miller

2023 Record and Accomplishments: 27-6 record, Sagamore Conference Champions, 3A State Finalist

Key Player Losses: Ava Sullivan, McKenzie Walters, Nicole Mathews, Kendall Williams, Lainey Price
Key Players that are Returning: Audrey Lowry, Emma Frye, Taylor Bennett, Michelle Wildman, Danica James

Coach Miller's Thoughts on the Upcoming Season: We are excited to launch the 2024 season. We have a very tough 3A schedule playing top teams from around the state. While we graduated several last year, we still have players with varsity experience. Those include Audrey Lowry, Emma Frye, Taylor Bennett, Michelle Wildman, Natalie Tharp, Maddie Pierson, Danica James, and Giannna Shaver. We believe we can create a strong lineup with these players and some others ready for the varsity challenge and compete in 2024. The last two years we have set our expectations high and that continues we want to be the best we can be. The ladies are ready.

Boys Track and Field**Avon****Head Coach:** Colin Rinne

2023 Record and Accomplishments: 6th HCC outdoors, 4th Sectional outdoors, 14th at Regional, 39th at State, 4x1 State qualifiers and an individual 6th place finish in the 100m

Key Player Losses: Layton Moore and Noah Jakresky

Key Players that are Returning: Marcus Townsend, Zach Risner, Kaleb Rasheed, Keyton Jones

Coach Rinne's Thoughts on the Upcoming Season: Avon boy's track and field pursues excellence in all things we do. We seek to not only improve athletic performance but also personal character: creating lifelong learners and driven young men. We leverage our sport's athletic opportunities to instill the skills and desire to begin a lifetime of persevering to improve ourselves and help others do the same. 2024 is no different: as important as results are, my staff and I want the results to reflect our values at practice, and we expect every member of our team to be working hard and chasing improvement in every little thing we do, no matter their role on the team. As such, I'd like to improve our placement at every meet this year with an emphasis on the postseason: HCCs, Sectionals, Regionals, and the State Finals.

Brownsburg**Head Coach:** Casey Popenfoose

2023 Record and Accomplishments: Undeclared varsity record, HCC Conference Champions, IHSAA Sectional, Regional, and State Champions

Key Player Losses: Scotty Tienda, Jalen Larkey, Freddy Hawthorne, Isaiah Smith, Bryce Patterson, Mario Walkine

Key Players that are Returning: Dominic Calhoun, Josh Handy, Ian Baker, Tyler Kerzee, Deandre Cooper, Alex Eyasu, Jaylen Walcott

Coach Popenfoose's Thoughts on the Upcoming Season: I am excited to get going with this

group. We must replace several vital pieces from last year's track team. Our 2024 senior class was a special group that cared on another level from any group prior. We are fortunate in that we return some of the best athletes in the state of Indiana. I'm looking forward to finding the next group of kids that decide to step up and compete at a high level for our program. I believe if we can stay healthy, we could have another monster year as a track and field program.

Cascade**Head Coach:** Greg Williams

2023 Record and Accomplishments: Our boys varsity team won three meets, the biggest meet being the Joe Schott Invitational hosted at Decatur Central. The Cadets had two athletes named Academic All-State and 13 named Academic All-Conference. In addition to that, our boys 4x800 relay and returning High Jumper Gavin Weakley, Pole Vaulter Will Thompson, were ICC Champions. Returning Pole Vaulter Claire Austin was the girls Pole Vault ICC Runner Up. Key Player Losses: We had six seniors graduate last year. The biggest impact from this was to our 4x800 relay team.

Key Players that are Returning: Gavin Weakley, Chad Newgent, Claire Austin, Credence Chittenden, Jadon Fisher, Wyatt Nohren, Joel Semski, Courtney Shostrand, Mara Starika, Lucas Sullivan, Cason VonEhrenkrook

Coach Williams' Thoughts on the Upcoming Season: The 2024 season is already in full swing with our first indoor meet Saturday, March 2 at Indiana State University. As the winter sports are coming to an end, we are looking to end the indoor season at full speed with all our athletes back at the track. We are looking to our seniors to step up and lead our team this year, as we have a lot of first year track and field athletes in 2024. The Cadets will continue to build on last year's successes and hope to have even more athletes advance out of sectionals this year. Be on the lookout for senior Gavin Weakley to make a push again to advance out of regionals to the outdoor State meet.

Danville**Head Coach:** Rosie Fakes

2023 Record and Accomplishments: 5 - 1, Sagamore Conference Champions

Key Player Losses: Luke Messinger, Lucas Steward, BJ Wuest

Key Players that are Returning: Caden Collins, Dakoda Greci, Jack Hearld, Evan Lawrence, Andrew Smith, Teke Tanksley, Grayson Wilson

Coach Fakes' Thoughts on the Upcoming Season: Our coaching staff always has the best interest of our athletes in the forefront. We want to help each of them set and achieve their goals. If we can do that, the team will be successful. We have a good group of boys who are pushing each other in practice. They understand that they are competing for a spot in an event. That is always a great thing to see, as a coach. We have a solid group for field events, distance, and sprints. The coaching staff has some work to do to figure out what events will be best for each athlete.

Plainfield**Head Coach:** Brian Pelkey

2023 Record and Accomplishments: 8-2, 1st Mid-State Conference, 2nd Sectional, 3rd Regional, 3rd IHSAA State Meet

Key Player Losses: Nayir Newash Campbell, Bode Gilkerson, Troy Larrison, Harrison Hrbek, Isaac Masquelier

Key Players that are Returning: Evan Ellis, Julian Greer, Nolan Birke, Alan Vargas, Collin Schmidt, Isaiah Miller, Ethan Ellis, Ryan Evans

Coach Pelkey's Thoughts on the Upcoming Season: The boys track and field team is very young and will continue to work to get better every day. Evan Ellis and Julian Greer are two potential state qualifiers. We have several freshmen that are working very hard, and they will contribute to helping this team improve.

Tri-West**Head Coach:** Friederich Rademacher

2023 Record and Accomplishments: 4th Place Team Finish at SAC Championships, New School Records: Brock DeBello - 200m

Key Player Losses: Bennet Schirmer, Alex Ziats, Nick Merrion

Key Players that are Returning: Logan Anderson, Kaleb Pfeifer, Brock DeBello, Brody Saylor, Landon Waling, Malachi Walden, Noah Lien, Bison Lowe

Coach Rademacher's Thoughts on the Upcoming Season: "Excited" would not come close to describing how our coaching staff feels rolling into the 2024 track and field season. We are returning most of our squad from last year and have added a volume of talented Freshmen and first year upperclassmen. Our indoor season is about to get underway, and we are eager to start tracking strength, speed, and development. We are poised to make a solid challenge for the Sagamore Athletic Conference Championship in 2024, but our focus will be on being healthy, tapered, and fully prepared for the IHSAA State Tournament rounds. In 2023, we advanced three athletes to the ISHAA Regional Championship. This year we hope to double the number of our IHSAA Regional qualifiers, all of which should be in position to advance to the IHSAA State Track & Field Championships.

We hope you enjoyed the first portion of the Spring Sports Preview, and we look forward to bringing you Girls Track and Field, Girls Tennis, Boys Golf, and Unified Track and Field in our next edition!

Brownsburg wrestling wins first state championship since 2017

Brownsburg Wrestling took home the TEAM State Championship on Feb. 17 in front of thousands of fans at the Ford Center in Evansville. After four top three finishes in state the previous five years, it was bittersweet for the Bulldogs and Coach Darrick Snyder taking home the state championship, his second in the nine seasons he has been at the helm for Brownsburg. ICON recently had a Q&A with Coach Snyder to talk about the Bulldogs historic season!

ICON: Describe your off-season workouts. Was there something about this group that gave you a good feeling that this was a special group that could compete for a state championship?

COACH SNYDER: We train nearly year-round. We knew this was a very talented group, but it's our culture that makes this group and season special. They care about each other, train consistently the right way, and make good decisions. They all consistently got better. There were a couple key moments during the season that backed up that feeling about this group - that they could win a state championship! I think the best example of the character of this group can be seen the Monday after we lost in the Dual State Championship. There were no heads down or feeling sorry for themselves. They came in firing off and focused on winning IHSAA State.

ICON: Can you highlight some of the individual accomplishments from this past season from your wrestlers?

COACH SNYDER: We had nine state qualifiers and eight state placers. Revin Dickman, who is a sophomore, won his second state title. Jake Hockaday, who is a junior, won his third state title. Next year, Jake will attempt to become the first four time state champion in school history. I think there have only been 11 four time state champions in Indiana wrestling history.

ICON: Can you highlight some of the team accomplishments from this past season?

COACH SNYDER: We were Conference, Sectional, Regional, Semi-State, and State Champions.

ICON: Who were the individuals that qualified for the state championship weekend, and what was their weight class and overall state finish?

COACH SNYDER: 113, Revin Dickman, 1st - 126, Braylon Reynolds, 3rd - 132, Jake Hockaday, 1st - 138, Brady Ison, 3rd - 144, Parker Reynolds, 6th - 157, Mason Day, State Qualifier - 165, Jesse Derringer, 8th - 190, Gunner Henry, 3rd - 215, Caden Brewer, 4th

ICON: How do you and your staff get the wrestlers ready for such a big moment as a state championship?

COACH SNYDER: We prepare year-round for state. Leading up to it, we just remind them of their preparation and taking it one match at a time. "Score the next point." "Focus on what you can control."

ICON: Describe the moment you realized that you had won state. What type of feelings, and emotions, were going through yourself, your staff, and all the other wrestlers?

COACH SNYDER: Crown Points 138-pound wrestler lost in the finals. That meant no one could score enough points to beat us. It was pandemonium! Our wrestlers, coaches, and wrestlers exploded in celebration! It was awesome!

Brownsburg Wrestling has had an incredible amount of success under Coach Darrick Snyder and his coaching staff, with six top three finishes in state in the nine years he has been at Brownsburg. He gives a ton of credit to his coaching staff and his wrestlers in the success they have had over the years. Coach Snyder added, "It was a total team effort. None of the guys who placed got there without their teammates helping them." Congratulations to the 2024 IHSAA Wrestling Team State Champs, the Brownsburg Bulldogs!

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A photograph of three women standing in a workshop or studio. The woman on the left is wearing a white textured sweater and dark jeans. The woman in the middle is wearing a tan ribbed sweater and black pants. The woman on the right is wearing a brown ribbed sweater and blue jeans. In the background, there is a sign that says "you're so golden" and various workshop items like shelves, a desk, and tools.

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BUSINESS LEADERS

Are You Burned Out?

Last year, a dear friend of mine shared that he thought he was in burnout. As we were having the conversation, I was engaged with him and empathetic to what he was going through. I have had this conversation with others over the last few years, so it wasn't an unusual conversation. Yet, after the conversation, my mind kept ping-ponging back to the definition he used for burnout. I'd heard it before, yet I had this intense "need" to find it and read it again.

The definition was from Emily and Amelia Nagoski's book, "Burnout." They define burnout as having three components:

- Emotional exhaustion: the fatigue that comes from caring too much for too long
- Depersonalization: the depletion of empathy, caring, and compassion
- Decreased sense of accomplishment: the unconquerable sense of futility, feeling that nothing you do makes any difference

I reread the definition, watched their TEDTalk, listened to a Brene Brown podcast with them, and reread the definition again. My brain went to slow motion. I could literally, and I do mean literally, FEEL it was true.

I
am
in
burnout.

I let it sink in a bit. I am in burnout. Remember I said I could FEEL it was true? Emotions are involuntary neurological responses. The Nagoskis explain it this way: "Just about every system in your body responds to the chemical and electrical

cascade activated by emotion. Emotion is automatic, instantaneous, it happens everywhere, and it affects everything."

People really want to believe that we are cognitive rational (thinking) beings who on occasion feel. Yet, we know, because the neuroscience and PET imaging for the last decade prove it, **we are emotional beings who on occasion think.**

So, I sat in it for a bit. I let the feelings, and thoughts behind them, come. Most of it was head trash. Yet, some of it was useful for understanding how I got there.

And then, I asked myself one of my most powerful coaching questions: What's my goal?

I was right where many of you are or have been. What got me there, isn't enough to get me to my goal to get out of burnout and manage my stress in a healthy and effective way.

What I had been doing helped me survive and, in many ways, thrive. Yet, I had a choice whether I wanted to do what it takes to reach my new goal or stay where I am.

I chose to do the work because I truly LOVE my family, my friends, my clients, and the work I am privileged to do every day. Yet, I needed to be honest with myself that life (work and personal) has taken a toll on me over the last few years and what I had been doing wasn't enough anymore.

Do you need to make the choice to address something in your life?



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Planner of Note



13 – Danville Chamber of Commerce: Wednesday, March 13, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds, Danville. For more information, call 317-745-0670.

19 – Plainfield Chamber of Commerce: Tuesday, March 19, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Richard A. Carlucci Recreation and Aquatic Center, Plainfield. For more information, call 317-839-3800.

Brownsburg Chamber of Commerce:
NO MEETING THIS MONTH. For more information, call 317-852-7885.

26 – Avon Chamber of Commerce: Tuesday, March 26, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Avon American Legion. For more information, call 317-272-4333.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Hendricks County Bank and Trust Announces Promotion



Hendricks County Bank President, Jerry P. Orem, along with Directors and Officers of Hendricks County Bank and Trust Company, announce the promotion of Kenzith Andrew to an officer of the bank.

Kenzith Andrew serves as a Loan Officer, originating and managing both consumer and commercial loans, and has completed the Indiana Banking Association's consumer lending course. He joined the bank in 2021 and operated out of the Main branch but recently located to the Northfield Drive location in Brownsburg.

Kenzith is a 2021 graduate of Butler University, with a Bachelors degree in Marketing. Kenzith is a current resident of Speedway. He grew up in Brownsburg and attended Heritage Christian School on the northeast side of Indianapolis. He is involved with the Rotary Club of Brownsburg, where he serves as Public Relations Director. He is active with the Brownsburg Chamber and is working towards being an ambassador for the group. Kenzith enjoys watching soccer, NBA, and Formula 1. One of his goals is to travel to Europe and visit different soccer stadiums in those countries.

"I couldn't have asked for a better place to start my career. Everyone I work with is amazing, the people within the community I have met are amazing, and I enjoy the opportunity I have to go out and do my part in helping the community through my work and volunteering with clubs," Kenzith replied when asked about his time at the bank. He went on to mention one of his achievements is "being moved to my own branch at our Northfield location. Thanks to the team here and everyone else, I transitioned smoothly, and I couldn't have done it without their help."

"Kenzith has been an asset to our lending program, as he has embraced learning the aspects of relationship banking, including engaging with people to learn how he can best meet their needs with our innovative products and services," said Orem. He added "We are excited to offer this opportunity for Kenzith to continue his career path within Hendricks County Bank."

Founded in 1908, Hendricks County Bank and Trust Company has been locally owned and operated for 116 years. With five locations in the county, Hendricks County Bank provides outstanding customer service along with the latest technology and innovative products. The bank's employees from the President and Board Members to the customer service representatives are engaged in Hendricks County so they understand the local economy and the areas that are served. Visit the bank's website at HendricksCountyBank.com for more details.

Greater Brownsburg Chamber of Commerce Personnel Announcement



After four years of service as the Executive Director, Rhonda Wiles and the Greater Brownsburg Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors have decided to separate.

The Chamber Board is grateful for Rhonda's hard work, and the ways in which she contributed to the growth of the Chamber throughout her time as Executive Director. In particular, we applaud her successes in fundraising and membership growth. Please join the Chamber Board in wishing her the very best in her next endeavors.

Over the coming weeks, Chamber Board Members and the Chamber's administrative assistant will assume all responsibilities for the ongoing management and operation of the Chamber. All currently scheduled events will continue as planned. We encourage Chamber members and the general public to utilize the chamber@brownsburg.com email address as the point-of-contact for general inquiries. For all other questions or concerns, please contact Chamber Board President, Sam Lowe, at brownsburgchamberboard@gmail.com.

Information regarding the open Executive Director position, including a job description and how interested candidates can apply, will be forthcoming. Please stay tuned to the Chamber's website and social media profiles for that news as it is released.

The Chamber Board is very excited about the Chamber's future, and the new direction the Chamber is heading in 2024 as we continue to fulfill and expand upon our mission of Engaging, Educating, and Empowering local businesses in the greater Brownsburg area.

Sincerely,
The Greater Brownsburg Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors



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Local Business Spotlight

Ella Mae's Boutique

By Julie Brackemyre

Name: Abby McKinney

CHECK OUT THE BUSINESS

1. How many years has Ella Mae's Boutique been in business, and what inspired you to start/purchase/work with this business?

I started online in 2014. My kids were nine, six, four, and two at the time. I wanted comfortable, yet trendy clothes and always had to go out of town so I wanted to offer something local.

2. Are you the original owner?

Yes.

3. Describe your typical work day.

Now, I spend most of my time buying for the store, styling photo shoots every week, creating content, scheduling content, and analyzing data. In the beginning, I spent 17-18 hours doing everything. I now have a staff of 12 that helps with customer service, inventory processing, and scheduling.

4. What inspires your work, and what sets you apart from everyone else?

Local women inspire me. I want to provide what they want. It's important to find comfortable, flattering apparel.

5. If you could go back to the beginning knowing what you know now, what would you have done differently?

Probably find a good accountant from the start. Everything else I'm glad I've experienced. It has all made me a better business owner.

6. What's your best advice for someone who wants to start their own business?

Don't let the hard days define you. Go for it. Be original and know there will be highs and lows.

CHECK OUT THE OWNER

1. How long have you worked with Ella Mae's Boutique? Tell me a little about your background and how you developed your skill set.

Former teacher, mom to four. All the skills I've used I learned from being a teacher and a mom.

2. What has been your biggest success to date, and what has been your biggest challenge?

Biggest success? Creating a community of supportive women. Biggest challenge? Taxes.

3. What inspires you to hit the ground running each morning?

This community and my kids.

4. Tell me some of your hobbies, outside of working for Ella Mae's Boutique.

I love to travel with my family, be with my kids, read, listen to podcasts, walk, and create cooking videos.

5. What's an interesting fact about your business that most people don't know?

As an autism mom, I'm really big into functional medicine. It has healed my son and keeps my kids healthy.

Ella Mae's
Boutique



COVER STORY

A GOLDEN EYE FOR TRENDS AND TRADITIONS

Going Golden Engraves Their Business in Brownsburg Community

By Kate Anderson



Picture with me a sun-streaked, peaceful studio filled with sparkling pieces of gold and silver lining the walls and tables. Smiles on the faces of the friendly, energetic, and helpful staff members welcome you into the space

and make you feel at home to shop, imagine, and get creative without the pressure to make hasty decisions. This studio is more than meets the eye. Going Golden, a custom jewelry boutique located in Brownsburg, sets the bar for quality and unique pieces that cater to all individuals and tastes. Built from humble beginnings, the business started with the name “Tag, You’re It Jewelry” in 2009 by long-time Brownsburg residents, sisters Brodi and Kelsey, who were in search of personalized jewelry with their young children’s names. “At that time, there really wasn’t anything like that out there and it was something we really wanted for ourselves,” said Brodi. So, what did the sisters do? They decided to take matters into their own hands and craft the pieces they desired for themselves. “We thought to ourselves that we could do this as a business. We had the creativity and desire to take the chance and see what happened. We knew that if we wanted this kind of jewelry, so would other moms,” said Brodi. What could be the worst that happened? They started an online business on the Etsy website, traveled to trunk and craft shows, and began creating small, hand-stamped stackable rings and custom pieces in earnest. Turns out their hunch was dead on. What started out as slight expectations morphed into a very popular and quite busy e-business that kept them busier than they ever imagined it would. Given the growth of their business, they added custom engraved jewelry, rings, and much more to their already busy roster. The business soon became more than they could handle on their own.

The decision to make their ever-growing business a family affair was easy. Along with their mom and dad, they added their sister-in-law Brittini as their partner in the business to keep up with the volume of their orders. Their business was bursting at the seams, so the next natural step was to not only move their business to a larger workspace. With their growing popularity came the need for a storefront, so they added a small space at the front of their warehouse to accommodate local shoppers. In March of 2023,



Going Golden Owners (L to R) Brittini, Kelsi, Brodi. (Submitted photo)



Going Golden Permanent Jewelry Studio. (Submitted photo)



Going Golden's Indy Now TV Spot. (Submitted photo)

the ladies made the decision to rebrand to the aptly named “Going Golden”. Their first foray into the storefront side of their business saw them featuring the newly popular permanent jewelry trend. Turns out, the “trend” was not a fleeting one. Word spread amongst jewelry lovers in Hendricks County and beyond and soon every appointment they offered was filled. Like with all their jewelry, their specialty is 14-karat gold-filled pieces that are thoughtfully priced to ensure they don’t break the bank. What else could be better?

With their massive growth in popularity, the ladies made the decision to make the move to an even larger work retail and workspace. In October of 2023, they celebrated the grand opening of their new storefront in the Brownsburg community. Their new digs now accommodate not only a larger space and more stations for the ever-popular permanent jewelry, but for individual customization consultation, more personalized attention to their customers, general shopping, and events. The best part is, no appointment is necessary! Come on out and shop to your delight!

Though the cornerstone of their business is personalization, individualism, and customer service, the owners of Going Golden hold strong to their successful business model, and their exceptional success is proof of this. The theory that customers truly come first sets them apart from other small boutique jewelry businesses. In August 2023, the sister/sister-in-law team were featured on Fox59 during the Indy Now segment. It just goes to show how their popularity has grown by leaps and bounds since 2009. In late 2023, the Indianapolis and Hendricks County community spoke up and they were one of The Indy Star’s Community Choice Award Winners. Anyone who visits their boutique would say that this award was well deserved. When I asked the owners what the future looked like for them, the word that came to mind was “growth.” “We see great things for Going Golden. We want to grow into this space even more and have a few plans up our sleeves to bring our community bigger and better experiences,” said Brodi. With their feet planted firmly on the ground, their arms reaching for the sky and heads held high, there is no telling where they can go from here.

TECH TALK

WHO HOLDS THE KEYS TO YOUR WEBSITE KINGDOM?

By Chet Cromer

Your website is the front door to your business. It's the first impression people get when looking up your business hours, the virtual shop buyers visit in the middle of the night to place an online order, and the central hub for resources your customers need access to. We'd all agree that a good online presence can be a tremendous asset, but if your website is truly the front door, do you know who holds the keys?

I was chatting with a friend earlier this week about starting to care for their website needs as they faced mounting struggles with their current provider, and the conversation slowly turned to a big question: What if they won't let me out? Can they hold my website hostage?

The truth is that many business owners have accidentally given the "keys to the kingdom" to their website provider, marketing team, or IT provider without even knowing what they've done. While it is natural to give these providers access to the resources they need to manage your technology needs, it's important to know who has what, what they're doing with it, and what your options are if you choose to go another direction.

For any given website, there are three primary keys you should be aware of.

Domain Registration

Your domain registration is the master key. It's the registration of your "dot com" address that gives you the ability to route web traffic, email, and other internet services wherever you choose. Many domain registrations have accidentally found their way into being owned by the marketing agency or IT provider without any actual business acknowledgement, and if a relationship breaks down, wrestling control of your registration can become a burdensome and expensive endeavor.

DNS Records

Second to your domain registration, knowing who controls the records comprising your Domain Name System (DNS) is vital to your online presence. DNS records tell computers on the internet where to go to find your website, where to route your email, and what sites are authorized to act on your domain's behalf. These records often are stored alongside the domain registration, but they don't have to be. If your marketing provider, web host, or IT provider wants to move these to their control, be aware that while you're making everyone's life easier in the moment, you're also giving away a bit more control.

Website Hosting

The final key to your website kingdom is the actual hosting of your site. Somewhere in this world is a server with a folder containing files that make your website function. It could be in a server farm operated by Google, a local data center managed by your IT provider, or the bedroom closet of "that friend who makes websites." Where your website lives is obviously important when it comes to security and scalability, but you should also know who has rights and access to the content, data, plugins, and services that reside on it.

These three components of your website – domain registration, DNS, and hosting – are each a key to the proper management of your online presence. Each level provides a different level of authority and control over your business' online presence, and I'd encourage you to take 15 minutes to chat with your provider about who owns each one of them and your rights to them should you ever need to make changes.

As always, if you'd like any help in this endeavor or advice about your online properties, we'd love to hear from you.

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Can you save too much for a rainy day?

"Save for a rainy day" is an old piece of advice — and a good one. But is it possible to save too much?

What sort of events could qualify as a rainy day? It could be any number of things — a temporary loss of employment, a major home or car repair, a large medical bill, and so on.

If you didn't have the money available to meet these expenses, you might have to dip into your 401(k) or other retirement account, incurring taxes and possible penalties. That's why it's a good idea to keep up to six months' worth of total expenses in a liquid, low risk account.

But many people put too much money into their emergency funds. While this isn't the worst financial move to make, it could result in missed opportunities.

For one thing, while your emergency fund will likely protect your principal, it won't provide much, if any, growth. So, you might consider adding any excess money to your growth-oriented investments for increased growth potential.

In any case, if you decide your rainy-day fund is abundant, use any "overflow" in a way that can help you keep moving toward your financial goals.

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HEALTH MATTERS

Celebrate National Nutrition Month

By Christine Arvin, RDN, LD

Did you know that March is National Nutrition Month? This is the perfect time to work on improving nutritional habits. This year's theme is "Beyond the Table." It encourages us to brainstorm ways to improve our nutritional habits away from the dinner table. Making healthy snack choices and rethinking lunches at the office are two great ways to impact your nutrition intake positively. Let's take a closer look at each of these.

Snacking can be a terrific way to add a nutritional punch to your day and manage hunger. When choosing a snack, aim to include two different food groups from the MyPlate eating plan (see picture below). According to The Dietary Guidelines for Healthy Americans, most of us are not meeting the recommended servings of fruit, vegetables, calcium-rich foods or whole grains. Snacking can be a wonderful way to "fill in" nutrition gaps. Taking time to pack a nutrient-dense snack and surrounding yourself with healthy snack options will set you up for success.

Packing lunch can save money and improve the quality of your nutrition. It indeed takes time to prepare and pack a lunch, but running through a drive-through or going to a sit-down restaurant is also time-consuming. Packed lunches do not have to be perfect to be good, and you don't have to eat salad daily. Remember My Plate when packing your lunch. Try to include all the food groups, however, if you miss one or two, you can save those for snacks. Utilize those leftovers for a quick and easy option that has the added benefit of reducing food waste.

To celebrate National Nutrition Month, take steps to elevate your nutrition by including healthy snacks and lunches prepared at home. Developing this habit will help your body and mind perform at its best and will save you time and money.



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Congratulations to Elisha Anderson as she celebrates the grand opening of her new business E & Co. Hair Salon in Pittsboro. Elisha has been a stylist in the salon industry for 24 years and has helped train and develop the careers of over 55 stylists in the span of those years. She genuinely loves the relationships she develops with her clients, and one of her passions is solving her clients hair problems and working with them to come up with solutions. While she has an established clientele list from years of being behind the chair, she is excited to welcome new clients to her salon. Congratulations on your accomplishments, Elisha!



THE VELVET PAW SPA CELEBRATES GRAND OPENING

On Saturday, March 2, The Velvet Paw Spa officially opened their doors for business! They have expanded their business from mobile services to a brick-and-mortar location in Avon's Prestwick Neighborhood's Shopping Center off of US 36. The salon is focused on not only providing excellent customer service and high-quality grooming, but also ensuring the safety, comfort, and relaxation of your pet during their experience. The Velvet Spa also carries a variety of special, homemade treats for purchase as well. Treat your pet to a little reward for being a good boy or girl at their appointment! Owner and Primary Groomer, Alyssa Brandon, is welcoming new clients and looks forward to "beautifying" your beloved pet. Check out her Facebook page for more information. We at the ICON wish The Velvet Paw great success in their new location!



WHAT LEADERSHIP MEANS

Creating a legacy of service and leadership for her community through experience and hard work



By Kate Anderson

Leadership, service, community, forward-thinking. These are all words that describe Brownsburg Town Manager, Debbie Cook. It can also be said that she is a history-maker. She is the first and only female Town Manager of Brownsburg and all of Hendricks County in its history. Cook marks this as not only a great personal achievement, but a step in the right direction for others in public service to move past the old norms. Looking back at her long career in public management

thus far began with her schooling. Deb holds a bachelor of science in management from Indiana Wesleyan University and a master's in public management from Indiana University. Cook has also served as an adjunct professor for nine years at Indiana University-Kokomo, teaching grant writing to undergraduate and graduate students. Before she came to Brownsburg, Cook had a 19-year career in public service as City Planner/Community Specialist, Manager of Development and ultimately as Economic Development Director. Then, to cap off her career with the City of Kokomo, she was named the CEO of Kokomo's Housing Authority in 2012. This was a job that she loved, but comments that it was a hard and heartbreaking job in so many ways. "I worked diligently to make housing and the community as a whole, a safer and better place for families in need. I wanted to make a difference in the lives around me," said Cook.

Fast forward to 2020, Cook and her husband made the decision to leave the Kokomo area and seek out a change for themselves and their family. They relocated to Brownsburg where Cook first took on the role of Economic Development Director and eventually stepped up into the role of Town Manager after a unanimous vote by the Town Council. At her appointment of this new role, the Town Council President Travis Tschaenn gave a comment to the Town of Brownsburg. "Deb is a proven leader, and the Council was impressed by her extensive knowledge and background in a variety of municipal government fields, from development to public works to quality-of-life-services. She's an excellent communicator and a true professional who I feel confident will lead our town in the right direction," he said. This has been Cook's goal and vision from the outset. "I have a love and passion for work in the public sector. It is a calling I have always had, and I will always be service-minded and work to help the community from the inside. I love to see the growth of our town," said Cook. She commented that this position is not without its challenges, though. Being in the public eye lends itself to scrutiny. "Over the years of public service, I have had to develop a pretty thick skin, rise above, and move on," said Cook. In her role as Town Manager, she looks to not only be a champion for the community she serves, but also support and uphold the Town Council and its decisions. "There is a great relationship between myself and the Council. I support them and they offer support for me. As a team, we have gotten things done. There are definitely those that oppose our actions and would like things to remain the same, but none of us are going to be here forever. We have to make things work for the next generation," said Cook.

While the development and well-being of the town are paramount to her time as Town Manager, she looks toward the future by developing the skills of her staff. She has a great passion for mentoring and building on the skills of the people around her. "I have great people working all around me. I want to foster their individual talents so when it comes time for a change of the guard, they are equipped for the challenge. In my past, I had individuals mentor me and I want to pay it forward and give to those around me. I want everyone to have success in this life," said Cook. One of her personal mottos is "never stop learning, don't close your mind, and always be adaptable to change." She lives and works by this tenant and encourages those around her to do the same.

On a daily basis she has an open-door policy and encourages her staff and others to feel comfortable discussing the issues with her at any time. She has an inordinately busy schedule but will always make time for others. It can be said that she is truly a leader that actually LEADS. As for the future on the horizon for the town of Brownsburg, Cook commented, "there are exciting things happening in our town. I am thrilled for the future and can't wait to see what happens next." It could be said that the future is unwritten, but it sure sounds like a sunny and bright outcome is on the horizon.

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MONEY MATTERS

Get ready for an E-ticket ride

By Jeff Binkley

Back in 1977, when I was a weelad of 11, we visited the Magic Kingdom at Walt Disney World. It was Spring Break. Gas was \$.62 a gallon. Station wagons were everywhere, the minivan yet to be invented. And Disney World cost \$6 to get in. \$6 you say?! Yes, it was a different time.

But Disney World was different then as well. Your entry into the park cost \$6. But you also had to buy books of tickets to use on the rides you wanted to ride. Tickets had a face value and could be used for different rides. An "A" ticket was worth \$0.10, "B" \$0.15, "C" \$0.25, "D" \$0.50, and "E", \$0.85. So of course, different rides "cost" more in regards to what ticket you needed to ride it.

An "A" ticket ride was what we'd now call a "kiddie" ride, like Cinderella's Golden Carousel. "B" and "C" tickets were for rides like The Mad Tea Party, It's a Small World, and Peter Pan's Flight. The "D" tickets would get you on the Tomorrowland Speedway or the Skyway.

But the "E" ticket...that's the ticket! The "E" ticket would get you on Mission to Mars, 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea, Big Thunder Mountain Railroad, and the pièce de résistance, SPACE MOUNTAIN!

Now that was an E-ticket ride! I can still remember watching a kid who had obviously eaten too many

M&M's before getting on the ride. And as he exited....well that's a story for another time. But an E-ticket ride was what you dreamed about and remembered long after you left the park.

Why am I writing about an e-ticket ride in March of 2024? Because I believe that's what we need to prepare ourselves for the remainder of the year. In the markets, in geopolitical stability, in the presidential election. I hope I'm wrong, but I think we need to mentally prepare for some ups, downs, twists, turns, sudden starts, and just as many sudden stops and a whole lot of flashing lights ahead.

Stay calm, breathe, hang on, keep your wits about you, and let's all keep our M&M's down rather than spread out in a puddle at our feet.

Stay frosty my friends.*

*(Not 1977. The Frosty was introduced in 1969.)



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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Hendricks Live! hosts Women's Connect Event

On Wednesday, Feb. 28, the Plainfield Chamber of Commerce hosted the quarterly Hendricks County Women's Connect Event at Hendricks Live! in Plainfield, sponsored by Hendricks County Bank and Trust and Kemper CPA Group. To everyone's excitement, the attendees were treated to a tour of the new and long-awaited performing arts venue. Once completed, Hendricks Live! has many scheduled performances including music concerts, symphonic performances, plays, and hosting ballet performances by The Children's Ballet here in Hendricks County and so much more! From 5 - 7:30 p.m., attendees enjoyed light appetizers, wonderful conversation, laughter, and great opportunities for swapping business cards and networking. There was also a wonderful and informative presentation by EveMarie Bessenbach, Director of Development and Communications, describing all of the wonderful and exciting amenities and community engagement opportunities Hendricks Live! will afford the Hendricks County community.

The next Women's Connect will be hosted by the Danville Chamber of Commerce on April 24 in the Cartlidge Barn at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds in Danville.



LET'S DO LUNCH

Dining at Bru Burger Bar

By Bradley Smith

There are few meals in the American diet that are as recognizable as the hamburger. In the words of Bru Burger Bar, it "is the people's sandwich, everyman's food," and Bru's chefs are dedicated to crafting a perfect burger to suit your cravings.

Looking through the menu, you'll find a wide variety of specialty burgers, including the "Melt Your Face" burger topped with habanero hot sauce and jalapenos, and the "Black and Bleu Bison" topped with Cajun seasoning, bacon, and gorgonzola. My personal favorite was the "Garlic Three-Cheese" burger, which, as the name suggests, was topped with three types of cheese, roasted garlic, and truffle aioli. Additionally, you can pair any of these delicious sandwiches with a hand-dipped milkshake for dessert or a draught beer to wash it down. Whatever you are craving, be it spicy or sweet, savory or hearty, Bru is sure to deliver.

There are Bru locations across Indiana, as well as Ohio and Kentucky, so be sure to visit a Bru Burger Bar nearest to you, either at 2499 Perry Crossing Way in Plainfield, or 5724 N. Green St. in Brownsburg.



Plainfield High School Graduate David W. Craig named in Top 50: 2024 Indiana Super Lawyers List



Craig, Kelley, & Faultless is proud to announce that David W. Craig, a nationally recognized truck accident attorney and the managing partner of Craig, Kelley & Faultless, has once again been named among the Top 50: 2024 Indiana Super Lawyers List. David graduated from Plainfield High School in 1978.

Each year, Indiana Super Lawyers recognizes the top lawyers in Indiana via a patented multiphase selection process involving peer nomination, independent research, and peer evaluation. The highest point totals during this selection process are then recognized among Indiana Super Lawyers Top Lists. Only 5 of the attorneys in Indiana become Super Lawyers each year. Of these, the Top 50 are further recognized for having the highest points at the end of this rigorous selection process.

When asked about the award, David said, "I am honored and humbled to once again be named on the list of the top Indiana Super Lawyers. My success is largely a result of who I have surrounded myself with my entire career including my family, my partners, attorneys, paralegals, and the entire staff of the law firm.

David Craig's law firm, Craig, Kelley & Faultless, have built their practice to successfully battle dangerous trucking companies, reckless drivers, unsafe businesses, and unreasonable insurance companies. They limit their practice to representing people who have been seriously injured or killed by the carelessness of others. The firm handles cases involving semi-trucks, wrongful death, and other catastrophic injury cases throughout the United States.

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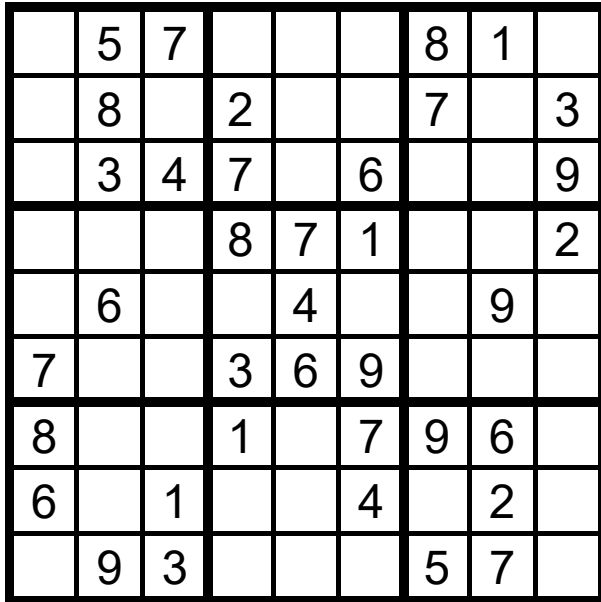
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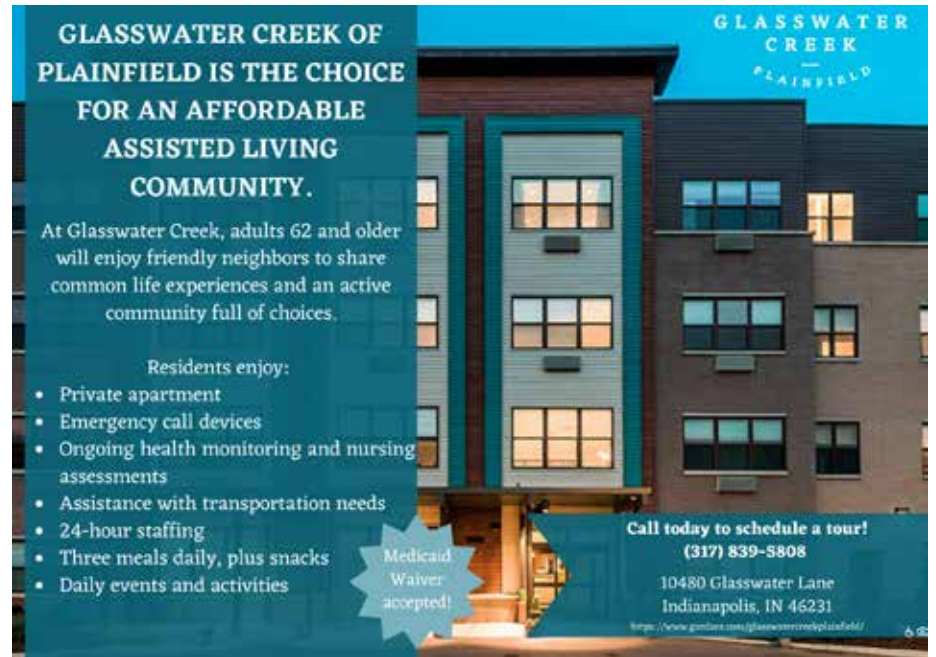
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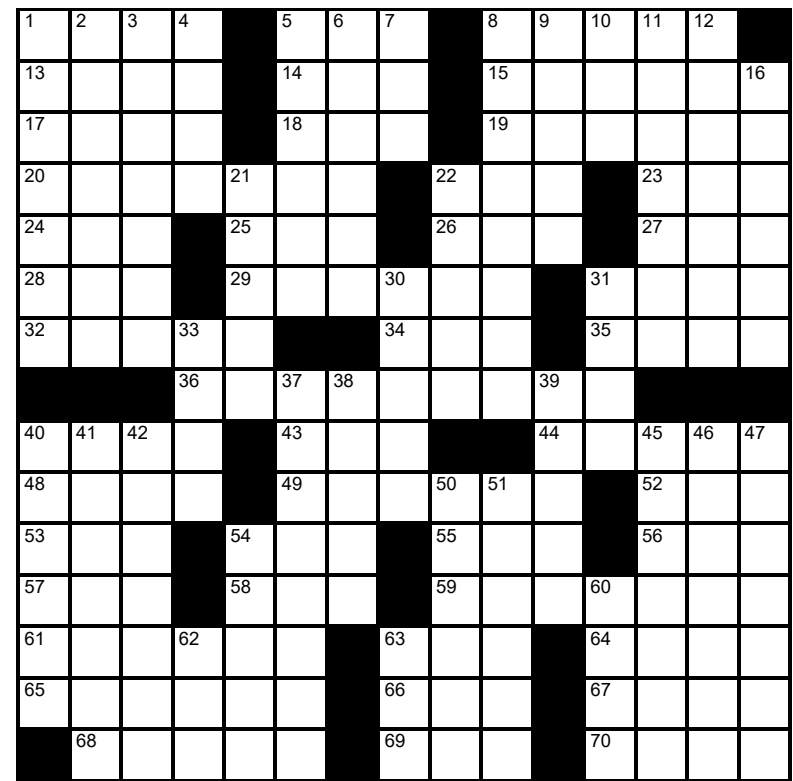
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SOLAR ECLIPSE GUIDE

By Dr. Shane Hubbard, Research Scientist, Space Science and Engineering Center, University of Wisconsin



On April 8, central Indiana will witness a celestial event that has not occurred in over 800 years, and it will not occur again for more than 200 years. A total solar eclipse's path of totality will envelop the central part of the state and bring observers a view of the moon completely covering the sun for the first time since 1205 AD. There have been other eclipses in the state (e.g., 1869), but those did not bring the path of totality over central

Indiana. Even more rare, this eclipse will have one of the widest paths and last longer than previous eclipses to intersect the area. The moon will begin to cover the sun from the bottom right and as it moves, the sunlight will lessen. The first change you will feel is a gradual temperature drop that will speed up in the minutes leading up to totality. During the last eclipse in 2017, a weather station in Alabama recorded a 10° temperature drop! The darkness will confuse some wildlife and you may see or hear some insects and other animals that you may not normally expect during the day due to their perception that it is now evening. As the temperature continues to cool, another common occurrence is the formation of fog. All of these events collectively bring the magic to a total solar eclipse.

The challenge will be having a clear view of the eclipse. April 8 has historically been cloudy; in fact, 60 - 70 percent of the time it has been cloudy at some point during the day over Indiana. Those are not great odds, but consider these factors when deciding if you are going to make plans to view the eclipse. An eclipse can be viewed in partly cloudy skies, especially if the clouds clear by 3:07 p.m. (maximum totality) over the area. Additionally, in previous eclipses, partly cloudy skies have disappeared as the eclipse begins. Clouds form in a variety of processes, but one of the most common processes is the formation from the sun's energy. When the sun is covered by the moon, the amount of sunlight will be reduced and provide less energy for cloud formation. This was noted in several places across the Midwest in 2017. For most of us in central Indiana, your view will not be obstructed by buildings unless you

are in a downtown area. At the beginning of the eclipse, the sun and moon will be directly south. At totality, the eclipse will be in the southwest sky and will appear around halfway up from the horizon. There are a couple of common methods for viewing the eclipse. Staring at the sun without any protection can result in eye damage if you stare at the sun too long. Purchasing eyewear that is certified to protect your eyes is the best approach. Make sure the glasses are ISO certified; fake glasses were reported in 2017 and have been reported already in 2024. You can also create a pinhole camera that will allow you to watch the light from the sun. Cell phone cameras will be able to capture the eclipse, but higher quality cameras (e.g., digital SLR) on a tripod will capture the best images and videos.

While central Indiana will not have another total solar eclipse (with totality) for 200 plus years, there will be a total solar eclipse in northern Indiana in 2099. Most of us will not be around then, so make the most of the opportunity and view this once-in-a-lifetime event.

ECLIPSE SCHEDULE

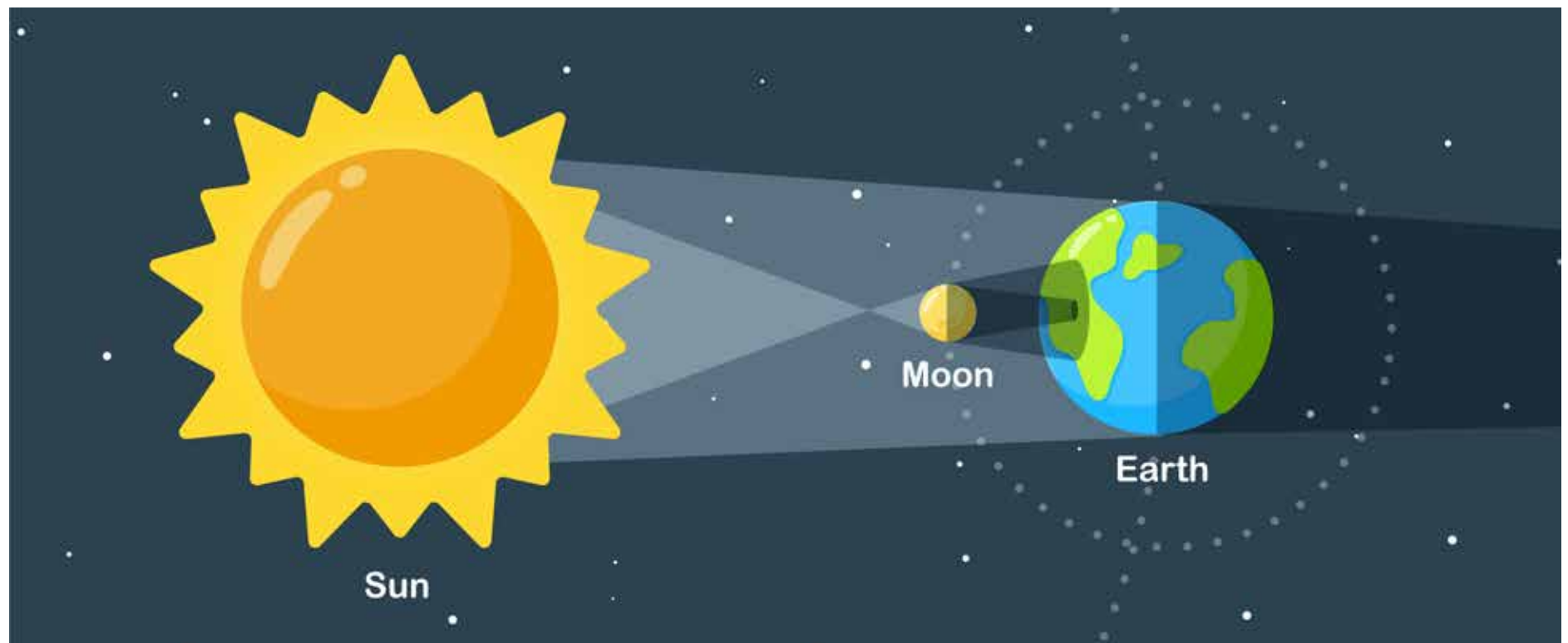
Hendricks County is in the eclipse path of totality! Immerse yourself in the magic of the total solar eclipse.

- Partial Eclipse Begins: 1:50 p.m.
- Full Eclipse Begins: 3:06 p.m.
- Total Eclipse Ends: 3:09 p.m.
- Partial Eclipse Ends: 4:23 p.m.

FOR UP-TO-DATE NEWS ON THE ECLIPSE EVENT

The Town of Plainfield, operating the Hendricks County Communication Center, is offering up-to-date information on the eclipse leading up to April 8.

- **Text: HENDRICKS ECLIPSE to 67283 for more information**



RACE TO THE ECLIPSE AT LUCAS OIL INDIANAPOLIS RACEWAY PARK



Don't miss this unforgettable celebration on Monday, April 8 as excitement takes over the town of Brownsburg during the Race to the Eclipse event at Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park. This event is being done in partnership with the Town of Brownsburg and Visit Hendricks County.

- Date: April 8
- Location: Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park, Brownsburg
- Time: 1 – 5 p.m.
- Price: FREE

Camping - \$25

You may purchase a \$25 camping pass that allows access in the Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park Campground area on Sunday, April 7 at 12 p.m. Campers will need to vacate the facility by 12 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9. Camping is primitive (no hookups) so please plan accordingly. Showers will be open to camping guests on the west side. Golf carts are NOT permitted for use inside the facility. *To purchase tickets for camping, visit <https://raceirp.com/race-to-the-eclipse/>.*

5K Fun Run

Energize your morning with a 5K fun run (details and registration info coming soon). By registering for this once in a lifetime family-friendly 5k run/walk, you will receive:

- * One of a kind Race to the Eclipse finisher medal
- * Commemorative Race to the Eclipse bib
- * Chance to race down the drag strip and around the oval at

Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park

- * Mylaps bibtag timing with live results
- * Award eligibility
- * Comfy commemorative t-shirt available (add on)

Event Details:

Registration Time: TBD
Start Time: 12 p.m.

For more questions or to register, visit: <https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/Indianapolis/RacetothEclipse5k>

Main Event

Starting at 1 p.m., attendees will enjoy:

- Live Music & Food: Groove to the rhythm of live music while indulging in a mouthwatering array of local flavors. GrooveSmash, a popular local cover band, will be performing at the event.
- Family-Friendly Activities: Bring your family and enjoy a range of activities designed for all ages.
- Eclipse Dragstrip Race: Witness the exhilarating spectacle of cars racing down the dragstrip during the eclipse – a true sight to behold.

For further information please call Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park at 317-969-8600.

SENIOR CENTER: IN ITS ENTIRETY, THE SOLAR ECLIPSE

Join our naturalists at the Senior Center in Danville at 12:30 pm, for a FREE nature-themed program. A Hendricks County park naturalist will explain the science behind the phenomena, activities around central Indiana for this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, and how to safely view the eclipse. These programs take place during lunch at the Senior Center, and donations are accepted for lunch. The Senior Center partners with the Central Indiana Council on Aging (CICOA) to provide the meals. CICOA's paperwork must be completed upon your first visit. Lunch is prepared by Hendricks Regional Health Hospital.

To make a lunch reservation, please call 317-910-5356 by 11 a.m. on the day before the program.

Presented by: Hendricks County Parks and Recreation

- Date: March 27
- Location: Hendricks County Senior Services, 1201 Sycamore Lane, Danville
- Time: 12:30 p.m.
- Price: FREE

ECLIPSE AT THE BROWNSBURG PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join us for an out of this world experience, sponsored in part by Visit Hendricks County and the Friends of the Brownsburg Public Library. **Featured events are:**

- * Live stream of the eclipse in our planetarium
- * School age STEM activities
- * Special eclipse in the bricks LEGO drop-in
- * Face painting
- * Music by T-Bone disc jockey
- * Prime hillside viewing space available for \$30, including glasses and a custom blanket. Food available for purchase from HotBox Pizza, BrewLab Canteen, Gumption Chef, and Baire's Burgers

- Date: April 8
- Location: Brownsburg Public Library, 450 S. Jefferson St., Brownsburg
- Time: 10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- Price: FREE

ECLIPSE VIEWING PARTY AT MURPHY AQUATIC PARK

Join us for a stylish viewing of the solar eclipse with Washington Township Parks and Recreation. Your registration includes access to our diverse range of bounce houses and interactive activities from Eclipse Party Rental, live music presented by local band The Strays, on-site food trucks, and eclipse glasses certified by ISO and CE standards. *Register now at <https://wtp.recdesk.com/>.* Presented by Washington Township Parks and Recreation

- Date: April 8
- Location: Murphy Aquatic Park, 753 S. CR 625 E., Avon
- Time: 1 – 5 p.m.
- Price: \$5/person

EXPERIENCE THE ECLIPSE LIVE!

Where were you 819 years ago during the last total solar eclipse? Join us at central Indiana's newest premier venue to experience a once-in-a-lifetime event. Participate in a family-friendly viewing party that will take place in the arts center event space and adjoining outdoor terrace. Enjoy artistic and educational activities

about the historic total solar eclipse for children and adults of all ages.

Socialize, learn, and witness the world's reaction to this extraordinary happening from this extraordinary venue, while tv monitors around our venue will be live streaming. Entertainment, snacks, and family-friendly drinks will be provided. A cash bar will be available. *For more information, visit: www.hendrickslive.org.*

- Date: April 8
- Location: Hendricks Live, 200 W. Main St., Plainfield
- Time: 12 p.m.
- Price: \$25

EXPERIENCE THE SOLAR ECLIPSE AT HENDRICKS COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS

Join us for an all-day education experience for the children of Hendricks County. Activities will include STEM-related activities. Interested in camping? Camping at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Complex is available. Eclipse glasses will be provided to all members of the group. Camping with full hookups (electric, water, sewer) is \$25 per night. Primitive camping (no hookups) is \$10 per night/per space. *For more information, visit: www.4hcomplex.org.*

- Date: April 8
- Location: Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds & Conference Complex, 1900 E. Main St., Danville
- Time: 9 a.m.

MS. B'S TOTALITEA

While Ms. B's is typically closed on Mondays, we will open especially for this spectacular TotaliTEA Solar Eclipse Viewing Tea Party. This is a ticketed event in which attendees can view the solar eclipse while dining on eclipse-themed tea party foods. The tearoom and tables will be adorned with eclipse-themed decorations. We will offer both outdoor and indoor seating. At each table will be solar eclipse educational information to serve as conversation starters. As typical afternoon tea parties last about two hours, the seating for the viewing party will begin at 2 p.m., with the viewing around 3 p.m., and ending at 4 p.m. Guests will be provided with NASA approved glasses to view the solar eclipse. All service will halt during the eclipse, so all staff and guests have the opportunity to view the eclipse. Those with indoor seating will have the opportunity to go outside for the viewing and then return to their tables indoors and service will resume. Our desire is to provide a fun and educational venue for this once-in-a-lifetime event.

- Date: April 8
- Location: Ms. B's Teas, 4883 Iowa St., Clayton
- Time: 2 – 4 p.m.
- Price: \$45 per person

SOLAR ECLIPSE VIEWING

Presented by Montrose Farms Alpaca Ranch, join us in viewing the total solar eclipse, and meet the alpacas while you're here. Glasses will be provided.

- Date: April 8
- Location: Montrose Farms Alpaca Ranch, 3750 N. CR 950 E., Brownsburg
- Time: 2 – 4 p.m.
- Price: \$5

SOLAR ECLIPSE 2024: MILITARY TRIBUTE

Save the date and join us for a memorable experience. Our friends at the local military branches will be collaborating with us for a moment to remember. Free, family-

friendly event - no ticket required. *For more information, visit: www.perry-crossing.com/events/solar-eclipse-2024/.*

- Date: April 8
- Location: The Shops at Perry Crossing, 2499 Perry Crossing Rd., Plainfield
- Time: 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Price: FREE

TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE PARK!

As the excitement for this spring's total solar eclipse builds, Guilford Township's Hummel Park has joined with NASA Educator Jean Trusedell and Indiana Connections Academy to present "Total Eclipse of the Park," featuring an entertaining and educational convocation at the Hummel Park Performing Arts Center. In addition, activity stations for all ages will provide hands-on projects for children through adults. This event will begin at 1 p.m., but guests are invited to be in the park from dawn to dusk. The programs and activities will conclude at 3 p.m., just prior to the 3:05 p.m. totality of the eclipse. Totality is expected to last about four minutes. There will be limited food trucks available for guests to purchase food, snacks and drink items starting at noon. This family-friendly educational event is free of charge, and free solar filter glasses will be available while supplies last. Bring your family, friends, a picnic, lawn chairs, and join us at 1 p.m. *For more information, visit: www.guilfordtownship.com.*

- Date: April 8
- Location: Guilford Township Hummel Park, 5373 S. Sugar Grove Rd., Plainfield
- Time: 1 – 4 p.m.
- Price: FREE

LUNACY! SOLAR ECLIPSE FESTIVAL

White River State Park is the best place in Indy to see the eclipse, with multiple viewing locations available and a full slate of activities to help you make the most of your day. Free solar eclipse glasses will be provided by IU Indianapolis and can be picked up at the park's visitor center. These glasses are first come, first serve. Visitors can check out the Old Washington Street Bridge for lunch and drinks. With over 20 food trucks and a signature food competition, you'll have ample opportunities to fuel up and get ready for the main event. Yoga and Tabata classes will be led by NIFS at 12 and 12:30 pm in Celebration Plaza Amphitheater, and are the perfect opportunity to get your blood flowing. The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra will have a brass quintet performance at 2:30 pm. Guests that want to enjoy the river and view the eclipse from the water can set up a reservation with Frank's Paddlesport Livery, who will be on site renting out canoes and kayaks and leading tours of the river. These reservations are paid opportunities. The perfect spot for viewing the eclipse, the greenspaces at White River State Park will have a weekend full of activities. Looking to just relax in the park? Look no further than our chill zone, Naptown! Full of chairs and hammocks to lounge in, this will be the perfect place for you to take in the day in a calm atmosphere.

- Date: April 8
- Location: White River State Park, 801 W. Washington St., Indianapolis
- Time: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE AT BEASLEY'S ORCHARD

Purchase your admission tickets today to join us in viewing this once-in-a-lifetime phenomenon. Bring blankets, lawn chairs, family, and friends to spend the day at the farm to watch the total solar eclipse.

- Spread out in our acres of open field and enjoy games, music, food trucks, and more while we anxiously await the viewing of the eclipse
- Purchase a t-shirt to remember this historic event. T-shirts are available for pre-order only when purchasing admission.

- All guests will receive a pair of complementary eclipse glasses

Eclipse information to keep in mind when planning your visit:

- Partial Eclipse Time: 1:50 p.m. - 4:23 p.m.
- Total Eclipse Begins: 3:06 p.m. (Duration: 3 minutes 46 seconds)
- All guests will receive a pair of complementary eclipse glasses

PLEASE NOTE:

- Admission is only available online. There will be no admission sales on the day of the event. Admission is non-refundable. Ages two and under are free. When purchasing admission, you will not receive a physical ticket. You will not need to provide a ticket upon arrival. Upon purchase, your name will be added into our system. Upon arrival, simply tell us your name and we will check you in.
- Date: April 8
- Location: Beasley's Orchard, 2304 E. Main St., Danville
- Time: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Price: \$7

TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE 2024 AT W.S. GIBBS MEMORIAL PARK

Presented by Hendricks County Parks and Recreation, we will be celebrating with a special program at W.S. Gibbs Memorial Park on April 8 at 2 p.m., and then we welcome everyone to stay to watch the eclipse with us. Find your favorite spot in the park and enjoy the show. We will even have free certified eye protection glasses for the first 750 park guests that day.

- Date: April 8
- Location: W.S. Gibbs Memorial Park, 4521 Gibbs Rd., Avon
- Time: 2 – 4 p.m.
- Price: FREE

INDIANA STATE MUSEUM - TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE CELEBRATION

Join space and astronomy enthusiasts for out-of-this-world fun. Learn about the total solar eclipse, how to safely view this phenomenon, and enjoy the sun, earth and moon hands-on activities and demonstrations throughout the day. Find your spot on the front lawn for viewing the solar eclipse, weather dependent. Live streaming of the eclipse will take place in the museum's auditorium. For more information, visit: www.indianamuseum.org.

- Date: April 8
- Location: Indiana State Museum located at White River State Park, 650 W. Washington St., Indianapolis
- Time: Festivities start at 10 a.m.
- Price: Fee included with admission

NASA AT THE INDIANAPOLIS MOTOR SPEEDWAY

It's a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and there's no better place to enjoy it than at the Racing Capital of the World. Join the Indianapolis Motor Speedway (IMS) and NASA on April 8 for the total solar eclipse that will cross North America. NASA has accepted our invitation to broadcast live from our facility, and NASA experts will be on-hand to answer questions about the scientific phenomenon that is a total solar eclipse. Educational STEM opportunities, exclusive merchandise, and programming centered around racing and space discovery will be available throughout the day. General admission tickets include gate admission April 8, infield parking, and a pair of limited-edition solar eclipse glasses – "The Greatest Spectacles." Kids 18 and under are admitted free with a paying adult and will receive a pair of limited-edition solar eclipse glasses. Three-day camping packages

(April 6-9) in Lot 2 are available starting at \$125. April 6 marks 50 days until the 108th Indianapolis 500 presented by Gainbridge, so fans can enjoy a countdown weekend at IMS while gearing up for a full day of racing and space fun. For more information and to buy tickets, visit: www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com.

- Date: April 8
- Location: Indianapolis Motor Speedway, 4790 W. 16th St. Indianapolis
- Price: \$20 and up

INDIANA STATE FAIRGROUNDS: SOLAR ECLIPSE 2024

Join the fairgrounds with partners from WTHR to witness this historic event. All guests will receive a pair of complimentary eclipse glasses. The Sunrise news team will be on site, and more WTHR team members will be running family activities. In addition, a stage will host live music, a bar will serve drinks, and local food trucks (eclipse-themed) will serve in all parking areas. For more information, visit: www.statefair.com/events/2024/eclipse-2024.

Schedule:

- 9 a.m. - Gates open
- 1:40 p.m. - Partial eclipse begins
- 3:07 p.m. - Maximum eclipse
- 4:23 p.m. - Partial eclipse ends

Reserve your campsite today to witness the Great American Eclipse of 2024. We have two different types of campsites to choose from. Purchase primitive RV camping or full hook-up camping.

RV Campgrounds Full Hook-up Information:

For more information and to reserve your full hook-up campsite, visit: www.campspot.com/book/indiana-state-fairground

2024 Solar Eclipse Primitive RV Camping:

This Primitive RV Camping admits one RV (11ft 1in height clearance) with up to six people. No utilities, this is primitive RV camping only. General admission is \$100.

2024 Solar Eclipse Day of Parking:

Day of parking admits one vehicle with up to five people. Parking is first come, first serve for location within the fairgrounds. General admission is \$25.

- Date: April 8
- Location: Indiana State Fairgrounds and Event Center, 1202 E. 38th St. Indianapolis
- Time: Festivities start at 9 a.m.
- Price: \$25-\$200

NEWFIELDS: TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE ART

Newfields won't be shadowed by any other venue in the path of totality for the solar eclipse. Spend the day shining bright, celebrating this once-in-a-lifetime experience with films, food, and festivities in a historic and memorable locale. At 3:08 p.m., bask in the moon's shadow for three and a half minutes, while toasting with champagne. Newfields is the best destination to experience the Total Eclipse of the Art. For more information, visit: <https://discovernewfields.org/calendar/total-eclipse-art-newfields>.

- Date: April 8
- Location: Newfields - A Place for Nature and the Arts, 4000 N. Michigan Rd. Indianapolis
- Time: Festivities start at 11 a.m.
- Price: \$29 and up

CONNER PRAIRIE - TOTAL ECLIPSE 2024

On April 8, our festival grounds will transform into a haven of wonder and delight. Indulge your senses as you take in live performances from musical acts, dance companies, and enlightened talks from renowned experts who will shed light on the science behind this mesmerizing event. The festival experiences all build up to the breathtaking convergence of nature's most awe-inspiring spectacle – the total eclipse. Our expansive grounds guarantee each guest will have an uninhibited view of this special moment in time. An event like no other, this festival offers experiences for everyone in the family as we experience history in the making together. Learn about what life was like living and working in space from our Hoosier astronaut Mark Brown. Brown has enjoyed a career as an Air Force fighter pilot, engineer, NASA astronaut, NASA manager, and corporate manager. After his 20 plus years in the Air Force, he flew in two space shuttle missions in 1984 and 1989. He also served on the Challenger Accident Investigation team and was the senior astronaut on the International Space Station program until he retired in 1993. Enjoy a day hosted by Rick Crosslin, district scientist-in-residence at MSD Wayne Township, as he excites the crowd and teaches fun facts about the eclipse. Experience a specialized dance performance created to reflect the theme light and shadow from the dance group UZIMA. Bust a move with Stella Luna & the Satellites as they create a buzz with today's current hits, crowd favorites, and timeless classics from many different styles of music that provide a variety of exciting sounds. Stop by the educational hub to learn about light and shadow through hands-on activities and exploration. *For more information, visit: www.connorprairie.org.*

- Date: April 8
- Location: Conner Prairie - 13400 Allisonville Rd., Fishers
- Time: Festivities start at 10 a.m.
- Price: \$40 and up

THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF INDIANAPOLIS ECLIPSE EXTRAVAGANZA

Experience this once-in-a-millennium solar phenomenon at The Children's Museum. Join us for giveaways, activities, and festivities to celebrate the historic event. Solar viewing glasses will be available—limit one per person while supplies last. *For more information, visit: www.childrensmuseum.org.*

- Date: April 8
- Location: The Children's Museum of Indianapolis, 3000 North Meridian Street, Indianapolis
- Time: Festivities start at 10 a.m.
- Price: Included with general admission

MOON SHADOW CAMPING

There is no eclipsing the fun you'll have when you come to Waterman's Family Farm for an unobstructed view of the rare solar eclipse. The grounds will be open April 5 - 8 for camping. For those camping in tents, RVs, or even camper vans, potable water and port-a-lets are available on site. No electric or sewer hookups on site. Spots are level and many are on gravel or paved. Spot is 30x40 and is allotted one camping unit and 4 persons per spot. Price is \$100 a night or \$300 for all 4 nights. Two or more spots booked together qualifies for a \$50 discount. Price includes festival grounds, games, and midway. *For more information, visit: www.watermansfamilyfarm.com.*

- Dates: April 5 - April 8
- Location: Waterman's Family Farm, 7010 E. Raymond St., Indianapolis
- Price: \$100 - \$300

OMNI SEVERIN SOLAR-BRATION PACKAGE

Witness the eclipse through Omni solar glasses and receive early check-in, late checkout, and an eclipse-themed treat. Book by March 28. *For more information,*

visit: www.omnihotels.com/hotels/indianapolis-severin/specials/solarbration.

- Dates: April 5 - April 8
- Location: Omni Severin Hotel, 40 West Jackson Place, Indianapolis

BLACKOUT AT THE BIERGARTEN

Visit the Biergarten for an unforgettable Great American Eclipse party. Enjoy live music, food, and drinks as we gather under the open sky and toast this celestial event of a lifetime with a special beer crafted by Sun King Brewery, The Path of Totality. This is truly a breathtaking sight you won't want to miss—spend the day with us to see the Sun's corona, while you stand in the shadow of the moon. General admission tickets include your own pair of eclipse glasses and a commemorative beer glass. All ages are welcome, student tickets also include a pair of eclipse glasses. Limited tickets are available, so secure your spot now for an afternoon filled with cosmic wonders, great company, and memories that transcend the ordinary. Let's eclipse together! *For more information, visit: www.athenaeum.org.*

- Date: April 8
- Location: Athenaeum, 401 E. Michigan St., Indianapolis
- Time: Festivities start at 11 a.m.
- Price: \$10 – 15

ECLIPSE 2024 AT THE HOTEL INDY

Gather your friends, family, or community for a mesmerizing celestial celebration as you witness the beauty of a solar eclipse.

Agenda: 1-5 p.m. - CannonBall Lounge - Rooftop Experience

Elevate your eclipse experience at CannonBall Rooftop Lounge. Join us for a luxurious afternoon of celestial wonder against the city skyline. Sip handcrafted cocktails, savor gourmet bites, and witness the sun's dance with the moon from our panoramic rooftop. Immerse yourself in the magic surrounded by Cannon Ball's chic ambiance. Where sophistication meets the sky, elevate your eclipse celebration. Purchase of ticket includes: house selected beer, wine, spirits, and a small bites buffet!

1-5 p.m. - The Hulman

Extend your eclipse celebration at Hulman Restaurant, where exquisite dining meets the celestial dance. Nestled in our establishment's heart, enjoy front-row seats to the cosmic ballet with a curated celestial-themed menu. Immerse yourself in Hulman's warm ambiance, crafted to perfection. *For more information, visit: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/eclipse-2024-at-hotel-indy-tickets-808102174357>.*

- Date: April 8
- Location: Hotel Indy, 141 E. Washington St., Indianapolis
- Time: Festivities start at 1 p.m.
- Price: \$300

ECLIPSE FEST AT MALLOW RUN WINERY

Live music, food trucks, cash bar, and a total eclipse viewing party at The Sycamore at Mallow Run. Entertainment 12:30 - 3:30 p.m. by The Doo. Spend the day celebrating the Great North American Eclipse with a stellar lineup of festivities at one of the best viewing locations in Johnson County.

Tickets | \$75 per parking spot

Your ticket grants admission to Eclipse Fest including live music from The Doo!, food truck eats from The Lonely Monkey, refreshments from The Sycamore Bar, and up to four viewing glasses. One ticket grants one spot of parking. \$75 early bird admission tickets are available now. Get your tickets early and reserve your spot in history. For more information, visit: www.mallowrun.com.

Eclipse Fest is a rain or shine event, tickets are non-refundable. If the event is canceled due to any unforeseeable circumstance, ticket purchasers will be contacted with further information.

- Date: April 8

- Location: Mallow Run Winery, 6964 W. Whiteland Rd, Bargersville
- Time: Gates open 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Price: \$75 per parking spot

GLOW & FLOW SUNRISE YOGA AT ADMIRAL RAYMOND SPRUANCE MEMORIAL BASIN

Rise and Align: Awaken Your Inner Sun! Join us as we greet the sunrise on the morning of the total solar eclipse with a free energizing yoga class at the scenic Downtown Canal. During this one-hour session, we'll embrace the darkness with luminous orbs, glow sticks, and a warming, beginner-friendly flow. Together, we'll celebrate the emerging light over the city skyline with radiant poses as we harmonize with the day's celestial energy. All ages and skill levels are welcome to this unique class, but registration is required. A limited number of mats and towels will be available, so participants are encouraged to bring their own mat if possible. Glowsticks and all other materials will be provided. Glow and Flow Sunrise Yoga is offered through a partnership with the Indianapolis Cultural Trail, Inc. and Pure Soul Paddle Board Yoga with support from the Indianapolis Department of Metropolitan Development. *For more information and to register, visit: www.indycultural.org/calendar/glow-and-flow-sunrise-yoga/.*

Presented by: Indianapolis Cultural Trail

- Date: April 8
- Location: North End of Upper Canal, 401 W. 11th Street, Indianapolis
- Time: 6 a.m.
- Price: Free

TEAM EDWARD VS. TEAM JACOB ECLIPSE SILENT DISCO PARTY AT THE VOGUE

Where the hell have you been, locas?! Calling all werewolves and vampires! Meet us under the disco ball at Twilight and sparkle all evening long. Howl as loud as you want without anyone hearing you — we'll all have our headphones on with music in our ears during this DJ battle dance night. Come dressed in your capes or in your ears. We'll have the Twilight saga playing in the background, photo opps, interactive activities, drink specials, contests, and more! You better hold on tight, spider monkeys — because it's all fangs and claws OUT. Let's dance, Indy! Must be 21 or older. *For more information, visit: www.thevogue.com.*

- Date: April 8
- Location: The Vogue in Broad Ripple, 6259 N. College Ave., Indianapolis
- Time: Festivities start at 8 p.m.
- Price: \$10-\$20

PARKSIDE OF THE MOON AT COOL CREEK PARK

Cool Creek Park will host an event around the viewing of the total solar eclipse. Guests can tailgate around their vehicles and/or stroll the grounds of Cool Creek Park. Live entertainment will occur on the pavilion stage and include live educational speakers throughout the spectacle. Crafts and activities will be provided at our educational displays throughout the outdoor event space and inside the educational trailer and nature center to inform guests about this unique celestial event. Food will be available for purchase, sponsors and vendors will be available to interact with guests, and a free kid zone activity area will be available. All registered attendees will receive approved eclipse-viewing safety glasses. *For more information and to register, visit: www.hamilton.in.gov.*

- Date: April 8
- Location: Cool Creek Park, 2000-1 E. 151st St., Carmel
- Time: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Price: \$10-\$15

SUN KING INDY TOTAL ECLIPSE VIEWING PARTY

Join Sun King Brewery for the celestial event of a lifetime. Sun King joined The Simons Foundation along with 12 other breweries to bring you a special beer, and is a celebration of this cosmic occurrence, The Path of Totality. Featuring the Sun King beer cart, eclipse activities, all-ages welcome. *For more information, visit: www.sunkingbrewing.com.*

- Date: April 8
- Location: Sun King Brewing Indy, 135 N. College Ave., Indianapolis
- Time: Festivities start at 11 a.m.
- Price: no entrance fee

VIRTUAL COMPANION SCHOOLS TO HOST "TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE HEART" AT HUMMEL PARK

Hummel Park, in Plainfield, in collaboration with Indiana Connections Academy, and companion school Indiana Connections Career Academy, will host a "Total Eclipse of the Heart," a viewing event to celebrate the occasion. Students, families, and community members are invited to gather and witness what is being called the "Great North American Solar Eclipse." During the event, Jean Trusdell, NASA educator from Purdue University, will share her knowledge and expertise on eclipses. Attendees are encouraged to bring picnic gear and lawn chairs. Food trucks will be available starting at noon. From 1-3 p.m. guests have the opportunity to participate in hands-on activities before the totality of the eclipse. Free solar filter glasses will be available while supplies last. The total eclipse is at 3:05 p.m. and is expected to last approximately four minutes.

- Date: April 8
- Location: Hummel Park, 1500 S. Center St., Plainfield
- Time: Festivities start at 12 p.m.
- Price: Free to attend, food truck prices vary



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Plainfield Town Council

PLAINFIELD TOWN COUNCIL APPROVES SECOND READING OF ORDINANCE TO FIX SALARIES

Compiled by Amanda Babinec

The Plainfield Town Council met on Feb. 26. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Boy Scout Troop 308. The council meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of every month at the Plainfield Civic Center (206 W. Main St.) in the Council Chambers. The next scheduled meeting is on March 11.

WHAT HAPPENED: The Town Council approved the consent agenda.

WHAT IT MEANS: The Town Council approved 18 items needed for town operation. The following is a non-inclusive list of items that were approved as a part of the Consent Agenda.

1. Approval of Accounts Payable Docket of Expenditures and the Affidavit(s) of Payroll, per Controller's Report
2. Approval of the Human Resources Report dated Feb. 22, 2024
3. Approval for Taft Law to file a complaint on behalf of the Town of Plainfield to recover costs necessary to address the impact of PFAS per the Town Manager's Report
4. Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Plainfield Community Development Corporation for the Plainfield Parking Structure at 125 N. Center St. per the Town Manager's Report.
5. Approval to add the role of Director of Risk Management and begin recruitment, per the Administrative Services Report (Funded from multiple department funds)
6. Approval to increase Property and Inland Marine insurance deductibles to \$50,000 per occurrence and renew liability insurance agreements through EPIC Insurance Midwest, per the Administrative Services Report (Funded by multiple department funds)
7. Approval of the updated fee schedule to the agreement with CSG Forte, for credit card transaction fees, per the Administrative Services Report (Funded from multiple department funds)
8. Approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to the 2023/2024 contract for Professional Services with Whitaker Engineering for General Engineering Services, per the Development Services Report
9. Approval of Supplemental Amendment No. 6 with Banning Engineering, in an amount not to exceed \$59,350, to provide Construction Inspection Services for the Northwest Perimeter Parkway Project, per the Development Services Report (Funded from Northwest EDA TIF Funds)
10. Approval of a Build Operate Transfer Agreement with Kokosing Industrial, at the guaranteed maximum price of \$3,949,695, for construction of the Quaker Blvd interceptor sewer, subject to legal review, per the Development Services Report (Funded from SR 267 TIF)
11. Approval of a contract with Sign Solutions, for \$28,698, for upgrades to the LED Message Center at the Al and Jan Barker Sports Complex per the Community Services Report (Funded from Food and Beverage)
12. Approval of a contract with National Water, in the amount not to exceed \$64,460, to clean wells 3 and 7 per the Community Services Report (Funded from the Water Source Fund)
13. Approval of a contract with Davey Resource Group for Consulting and Arborist Services for 2024, in the amount not to exceed \$58,400, per the Community Services Report (Funded from Stormwater Fund)
14. Approval of a contract with Bowen Engineering, in the amount not to exceed \$49,460, to replace the plug valves inside the lift station vaults per the Community Services Report (Funded from Sewer Collection Fund)
15. Approval of proposal for Leach and Russel, in the amount not to exceed \$30,650, to install new HVAC units on well houses 7 and 9 per the Community Services Report (Funded from Water Source Fund)
16. Approval of a contract with D&S Tree Service, in the amount not to exceed \$49,975, for the 2024 tree removal program per the Community Services Report (Funded from Stormwater Fund)
17. Approval of a contract with AERZEN, in an amount not to exceed \$29,300, for the delivery and startup of a blower rental unit, and \$22,500 per month thereafter as needed per the Community Services Report (Funded from Sewer Collection)

WHAT HAPPENED: Bids were opened for the Northwest Perimeter Parkway - Stage 2

WHAT IT MEANS: The Northwest Perimeter Parkway is a highway around the northwest side of Plainfield. Two bids were opened, and determined to be proper, one for \$3,267,000

and another for \$3,572,075. A committee will review the bids and make recommendations to the Town Council.

WHAT HAPPENED: The Cash Rent Farm Lease bid was reviewed and approved by the Town Council

WHAT IT MEANS: The bid from Mike Ellis of Bargersville to farm town-owned land was approved at \$266 per acre for a total of \$22,940 per year.

WHAT HAPPENED: The Town Council conducted a public hearing regarding the voluntary annexation of the Anderson Farm.

WHAT IT MEANS: This land is zoned as agriculture (AG) and is located at 5080 E CR 350 S. Any rezoning or development of this land will require public hearings. The Town Council approved the annexation. As a result of the public hearing, the Town Council asked Town Manager Andrew Klinger to write an amendment to elaborate on the meaning of any annexation letter sent to notify neighbors.

WHAT HAPPENED: The Town Council conducted a public hearing regarding the appropriations for a Rainy Day Fund and Worker Compensation Insurance.

WHAT IT MEANS: There were no public comments, and the Town Council approved the appropriations. The Rainy Day Fund set aside \$1 million. The Worker Compensation Insurance Policy cost is \$500,000.

WHAT HAPPENED: Amy Western was appointed Executive Assistant to the Town Manager.

WHAT IT MEANS: Amy Western was appointed by the Town Council to be the Executive Assistant to the Town Manager Andrew Klinger. This is not a new position.

WHAT HAPPENED: The Town Council passed Resolution No. 2024-06 A resolution adopting a written fiscal plan and establishing a policy for the provision of town services to the annexed area, 5080 W County Rd 350 S.

WHAT IT MEANS: Passing this resolution was necessary to provide town services to newly annexed areas, specifically the Anderson farm.

WHAT HAPPENED: The Town Council approved Resolution No. 2024-07 A resolution approving the Town of Plainfield Title VI No-Discrimination Plan.

WHAT IT MEANS: The Town Council approved a non-discrimination plan for the Town of Plainfield. Equal opportunity is defined as permitting equal participation and choice in employment and other areas regardless of race, religion, sex, age, or mental or physical disability if otherwise qualified.

WHAT HAPPENED: The Town Council approved the second of three readings of Ordinance No. 03-2024 – An ordinance fixing the compensation of elected officials, officers, board and commission members, and employees of the Town of Plainfield, Indiana.

WHAT IT MEANS: The Town Council approved the second reading of a list of salaries for Plainfield employees and elected officials. There are 439 Plainfield Town employees in addition to elected officials. The salary list is available at: <https://www.townofplainfield.com/DocumentCenter/View/6088/Ordinance-03-2024-Salary-Ordinance-2024>.

Danville Town Council

HAROLD VINSON PINNED DEPUTY CHIEF OF FIRE OPERATIONS

Compiled by Ronald Hera

The Danville Town Council met on Feb. 21. 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 N. Wayne St. The next scheduled meeting is March 6.

WHAT HAPPENED: Harold Vinson was pinned Deputy Chief of Operations for the Fire Department.

WHAT IT MEANS: The Deputy Chief of Operations provides operational direction and leadership for all Danville Fire and Emergency Medical Service (E.M.S.) functions and personnel through the supervision of personnel and a review of their activities.

WHAT HAPPENED: The Town Council moved to proceed with a proposal to improve the traffic flow in Danville.

WHAT IT MEANS: Assistant Town Manager Will Lacey presented a third draft of a preliminary and improved layout of Danville to the Town Council in a Work Study Meeting just before the Town Council Meeting. This study outlined the problems of traffic flow in Danville and some solutions. The Town Council approved proceeding to develop a more detailed proposal using a consulting firm. The estimated cost of the proposal is \$275,000.

WHAT HAPPENED: The Town Council adopted Ordinance 4-2024: Ordinance to Adopt I.C. 5-4-1 18 to purchase crime insurance in lieu of blanket bonds.

WHAT IT MEANS: The town has purchased bonds for each of the town employees for town financial protection. In the future, a crime insurance policy will cover employees, contractors, and anyone working on behalf of the town (with a few exceptions).

WHAT HAPPENED: The Town Council approved Resolution 2-2024; a resolution declaring certain personal property of the Town of Danville as surplus property.

WHAT IT MEANS: The Town Council approved for the Public Works Department to put two trucks, two trailers, a tank, and a roller for sale as surplus.

Brownsburg Town Council

BROWNSBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT SEEKING A DIGITAL FORENSICS ANALYST

Compiled by Ronald Hera

The Brownsburg Town Council met on Feb. 22. Meetings can be viewed at <https://www.brownsburg.org>. The Council meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall Council Room, 61 N. Green St. The next meeting will be March 14.

WHAT HAPPENED: Written reports from commissions and boards were presented to the Town Council members

WHAT IT MEANS: Here are some highlights mentioned at the meeting:
 Police Department Report: The Police Department is seeking a Digital Forensics Analyst. The deadline to submit a pre-application is March 29. For any questions regarding the application process, please contact Kimberly Shupert at kshupert@brownsburgpolice.org.
 Fire Territory: The Fire Department will soon be at full staffing. The department responded to 426 calls last year.
 Economic Development: We estimate that commercial/industrial-related businesses committed to invest around \$64.2M in Brownsburg between Jan. 2023 and Dec. 2023.
 Building Commissioner: We continue executing the Town of Brownsburg ADA Transition Plan, dated Sept. 2013, to remove barriers to disability travel.
 Grants and Finance: \$5.2M in federal expenditures benefitted Brownsburg in 2023. The town will apply for a third Community Crossings Matching Grant from INDOT later in 2024 with a maximum award of \$1.5M.
 Park Authority: The Indiana Department of Natural Resources (INDNR) requested changes in Brownsburg Park plans. The Park Authority will work to comply with the DNR's recommendations and submit plans to the Town Council later in 2024.

WHAT HAPPENED: The Town Council approved ordinance 2024-01. An ordinance to amend the official zoning map from AG to a combination of C2 and M3 zoning for future development with amendments. Proposed second reading, proposed third reading, and final adoption.

WHAT IT MEANS: Approximately 53 acres at CR300N and Ronald Reagan Parkway were zoned as Agriculture (AG). The land is now zoned as High-Intensity General Commercial (C2) and High-Density Multi-Family Residential (M3), which allows the development of

The Reserve at Ronald Reagan with amendments defining building materials, occupancy, limited storage, building heights, prohibited commercial land uses, and various other restrictions. Expected completion is in 2026.

WHAT HAPPENED: The Town Council approved Resolution 2024-10 Additional Appropriations

WHAT IT MEANS: The Town Council approved additional appropriations over the 2024 budget for the items in the 2023 budget that remained unfinished in 2023 and will be expensed in 2024. Amount: \$1,237,739.28.

WHAT HAPPENED: The Town Council approved Resolution 2024-11, which is the approval of the Brownsburg Public Library issuance of bonds.

WHAT IT MEANS: The Brownsburg Public Library needed this approval from the Brownsburg Town Council to issue bonds to finance improvements. The library (not the Town) pays for this work. The bond issue is not to exceed \$4M.

WHAT HAPPENED: CRG Residential, LLC presented an introductory proposal for conditional rezoning of property north of the intersection of CR900E and 56th Street.

WHAT IT MEANS: This was introduced in anticipation of the annexation of the land by the Town of Brownsburg. CRG Residential, LLC will present further details of a planned housing addition that potentially includes apartments, a sports court, a pool, a rental office, and a fitness center.

Avon Town Council

AVON TO ENTER INTO AGREEMENT WITH MAKE MY MOVE

Compiled by Amanda Babinec

The Avon Town Council met Feb. 22. 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 E. U.S. HWY 36. The next scheduled meeting is March 14.

WHAT HAPPENED: Town Manager Ryan Cannon presented the Comprehensive Plan Project.

WHAT IT MEANS: The Unified Development Plan (UDO) was updated two years ago. Out of that update, it came to light that there were some inconsistencies between the UDO and the Comprehensive Plan. There was a selection process and HWC was selected to complete the process of updating the Comprehensive Plan. The staff recommended that the council approve the fee of up to \$142,900 to hire HWC for this project. The project will take 12 months to complete. Town Council Member Robert Pope expressed concerns about the timeliness of this project when they are awaiting their new Planning Director to start. Mr. Cannon did not foresee this being an issue that should delay the project. Town Council Vice President Dawn Lowden expressed concerns about the 20-person steering committee that will oversee the project and the need for 20 individuals that could work well together so as not to have delays. The Town Council approved unanimously.

WHAT HAPPENED: Public Works Director Steve Moore presented the traffic signal evaluation that will take place at Lowe's Rd. and Dan Jones Rd.

WHAT IT MEANS: There is going to be a chance in traffic when the bridge is built. They are going to go from two lanes to four lanes. The town will be working on this project with INDOT to ensure traffic doesn't back up to U.S. 36, and how to improve current and future operations since the bridge won't be built for a while. The town council approved moving forward unanimously.

WHAT HAPPENED: Make My Move is an economic development opportunity to encourage remote workers to move to town.

WHAT IT MEANS: The town uses several economic development tools such as TIF districts, tax abatements, etc. Make My Move would just add another tool to their toolbox. Make My Move helps market the Avon community and attract people to the community and actually bring their jobs with them. The IEDC (Indiana Economic Development Corporation) also supports this program and will fund it at a 50 percent match. The town's portion would be paid for with EDIT (Economic Development Income Tax). The town council approved moving forward with the project at the 10 job threshold not to exceed \$78,125. The town council approved unanimously.

Growing Vegetables from Seed

GARDENING By John Chapin

For gardeners, novice and experienced alike, learning about growing plants is an ongoing experience. One very enjoyable way to learn while checking out popular plants and all things garden related is to attend a spring gardening fair. Many of Indiana county's Master Gardener groups organize these events, held at the county fairgrounds, usually with free admission. You can enjoy a garden fair almost every other Saturday from March thru May. At each, there are lots of vendors selling plants, great tools, unique garden art and decor, hand-crafted furniture, and more... but ALL garden related...no gutters, hot tub, hearing aids, or siding sales! There are educational speakers and demonstrations,

kids' activities, literature, and guidance from non-profit groups promoting gardening, birds, native plantings, and more. Food trucks or a cafe will offer tempting homemade food and deserts. Plus, there are always freebies of seeds, trees, door prizes, and more. Check them out!



Here are some of Central Indiana's spring gardening events:

March 16: "Garden Fair" hosted by the Putnam County Master Gardeners at the fairgrounds in Greencastle from 9-3. Free

April 6: "Gardenfest" hosted by the Boone County Master Gardeners at the fairgrounds in Lebanon from 9-3. Free

April 13: "Garden Fair" hosted by the Monroe County Master Gardeners at the Switchyard Park Pavilion in Bloomington from 9-4. Free

April 27: "Gardening for All Ages" hosted by the Hendricks County Masters Gardeners at the fairgrounds in Danville from 9-3. Free

May 4: "Garden Celebration" hosted by the Johnson County Garden Club at the

fairgrounds in Franklin from 9-3. \$2 admission

May 18: "Plant Sale & Iris Sale" hosted by the Hamilton County Master Gardeners at the fairgrounds in Noblesville from 8-3. Free

May 19: "Spring-Palooza Peony Festival" - Garden tours, an art fair, food/drinks, music, and more! Avon Gardens at 6259 E. 91 North, Avon from 11-5. Free
Happy Gardening!



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Tips for Flying from Indianapolis

TRAVEL By Amy Maharas



If you have flown out of the Indianapolis International Airport, you know how lucky we are to have an award-winning airport with easy access nearby. As a frequent flyer, I can tell you that not all airports are created equal. That said, here are a few things to keep in mind if you haven't flown in a while.

- TSA PreCheck - if you plan to travel at least a few times in the next five years, consider applying for TSA PreCheck. Currently, the TSA PreCheck line at the Indy Airport is only at Checkpoint A, but it's an easy walk over to Checkpoint B after passing through security. With TSA PreCheck, you don't have to remove your shoes or take electronics out of bags, and the line generally moves more quickly than the regular line.

- Baggage check - this is where you will typically find the longest lines at the airport. Be sure to arrive at the airport with plenty of time to check bags (at least two hours ahead for domestic flights or three hours ahead for international flights is advised). Have identification tags on your bags before arrival and check to be sure you aren't over the weight

limits (a handheld scale is an inexpensive purchase).

- Gate arrival - multiple times recently, I have watched passengers arrive at gates only to be told they had missed their flight. Do not cut this too close! Purchase food (I love Tinker Coffee at the airport!) and use the restroom at least half an hour before your flight.

No matter where your travels take you this spring, enjoy your flight!



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Hendricks Civic Theatre Presents:
A Few GOOD Men
Directed by: Marie Beason Performances: June 7,8,9 & 14,15,16 By Aaron Sorkin

Auditions Are Here

WHERE:
Hendricks Live!
200 E. Main St.
Plainfield, IN

WHEN
Sunday March 17
6:30 - 9:00 pm
Monday March 18
6:30 - 9:00 pm

Auditions will consist of actors reading from the script
Produced by Jerry Vornholt

A Few GOOD Men
By Aaron Sorkin

A Few Good Men is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals on behalf of Samuel French, Inc. www.concordtheatricals.com

LEADERS OF *Tomorrow*

By Kate Anderson

**ABIGAIL GADIA
SENIOR, PLAINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL**



1. What led you to participate in Distinguished Young Women (DYW)?

Many of my older friends participated in DYW, so I got exposure that way! I also did show choir with Elizabeth Taylor, DYW of Indiana 2022, so I gained a lot from her as well. I decided to go for it and see where I would end up.

2. What do you think is at the heart of DYW? What are its core values and motto?

The heart of DYW is striving to become the best version of oneself and dedication to service. More specifically, the DYW outreach program is the Be Your Best Self Program, the five pillars of which are Be Healthy, Be Ambitious, Be Involved, Be Responsible, and Be Studious. DYW empowers women to be high achievers and grants them the skills needed to become a positive force in the world.

3. Tell me about your interview. What did you speak about? How did you choose your topic?

The interviews are based on the profile that you fill out as a participant. Some portions of the profile include favorite things (song, movie, news source, etc.), career goals, and hobbies/interests. The judges will formulate questions based on this profile and extended questions based on participant responses. The interview portion provides a chance for judges to get to know the participants and evaluate the participants' clarity of values and speaking skills.

4. What categories did you win? Which did you place? What were your ranks throughout the program?

I was a preliminary winner for Fitness and Self-Expression. I do not know what I placed (they aren't released to us), but I was a top 10 finalist. The preliminary round was on Friday, and then the final round was on Saturday.

5. How was your experience? Was it fun? Nerve-wracking? Exciting?

My experience was beyond rewarding and exciting. It was nerve-wracking at first because none of us had met before besides a luncheon we had back in January. All of the girls are so talented and high achievers, so to be in a room filled with them was intimidating! It's also hard to predict what the "feel" of the group will be... competitive? Toxic? These were all questions I worried about, but I was proven wrong because they are the sweetest and most supportive girls you will ever meet. We developed a loving sisterhood, and I'm beyond grateful!

6. How did you choose your talent? What was it?

My talent was a pom dance mix. Pom is a type of dance that uses flashy pom poms and typically incorporates elements of jazz. I love pom because it is high-energy and fun for me, and I wanted to showcase the energetic and passionate side of my personality to the judges. I danced to a mashup of popular Pitbull songs.

7. Self-expression: Was this an easy or difficult category for you?

The self-expression category of DYW is when participants receive a question on stage and are graded on their public speaking and poise. Participants aim to produce a response that is coherent, confident, and concise. To be honest, this was the category I was most scared of because I like to be prepared well in advance for presentations, so I was really surprised when I won an award for it.

8. What does the scholastics category look like for each contestant?

The scholastics category takes into account your GPA, class rank, standardized testing scores, any college-level courses, and academic extracurriculars. It accounts for 25 percent of your score. I had to send the DYW academic form to my guidance counselor to fill out and attach my transcript.

9. Tell me about the physical fitness category.

Everyone learns the same fitness routine.

The DYW competition/show always follows a theme, and this year was holidays around the world! Parts of the routine included Irish, Halloween, Carnival, and Lunar New Year. The Halloween part was a fan-favorite because it used the song "This Is Halloween" from *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. Some exercises we had to do were crunches, V-sits, planks, pushups, and high knees. My dance experience helped me learn the fitness routine quickly. Having this background helped me maintain good posture, proper foot and leg technique, and strong arms, especially when we had the Lunar New Year portion. This was the individual part of the routine where all the contestants form a U-shape and contestants run up to the center where they showcase their individual fitness (also choreographed to be the same for everyone).

10. I know that you were all contestants, but did you make friends with the other young women?

ABSOLUTELY! Like I said earlier, they are so kind and supportive. I think what allowed us to connect so well was everyone's shared strive for success and big ambitions for the future. It was inspiring to be surrounded by such girls because sometimes high school can have unnecessary drama or negativity. DYW was a breath of fresh air because the environment was so welcoming. I especially connected with my roommate Ariel and also with Emma and Kelsey since we had the same driver. They're extremely funny and bubbly, and every car ride was full of genuine laughter.

11. What drove you to excel at DYW?

My community. It felt like my duty to not just represent Plainfield but represent Plainfield well and do my absolute best. I owed it to my countless supporters, including my family, friends, and former chairperson Tina Weigel. She was an excellent resource and mentor throughout the process of DYW leading up to state, and I'm extremely grateful for her.

12. Tell me about your high school career and achievements. What drives you to excel in school?

Academically, I am consistently on the academic honor roll and have a 4.87 GPA. I take and have taken many AP classes. I was named Most Outstanding AP Chemistry Student last year. In 2021, I received the Plainfield Optimist Youth of the Year award. In my extracurriculars, I was in the All-State Honor Choir in January 2023 and 2024, and I was part of the Indiana All-State Show Choir

in August 2023. I have also received several best-performer medals from show choir competitions. My parents drive me to excel. They do a lot to support me, and I want to give back to them and make them proud. I also know that education is a privilege and going to a good school isn't always possible for some people, so I don't want to waste the opportunities that have been given to me!

13. What are your extracurricular activities?

I'm on the dance team, Belles et Beaux, Femmes Fatales, National Honor Society, HOSA, and student government. Belles et Beaux (mixed voice) and Femmes Fatales (unvoiced) are the varsity show choirs at PHS. I have been a dance captain all throughout high school, and this is my second year as dance captain of Belles.

14. Do you volunteer?

I mainly volunteer through my school's HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) club by helping at local elementary schools. We typically do STEM-based projects, from creating arm casts out of tin foil, bandages, paper towels, and tape to learning about the physics of a roller coaster and constructing roller coasters from pool noodles and marbles.

15. What are your plans after high school?

I plan on getting my bachelors in biology and preparing for the MCAT.

16. Where are you going to college?

I haven't committed yet, but my likely choice is IU Bloomington.

17. What do you plan to major in?

Human biology! For whatever reason, biology has always come easy to me, and I've excelled at the sciences. My favorite classes this year are AP Biology and Project Lead The Way Biomedical Innovations class.

18. What career do you have in mind?

I have hopes of becoming a pediatrician. I have a love for learning and medicine. Through my experience volunteering at elementary schools through HOSA, I have developed an affinity for children. My patience, humor, and light-heartedness help me to connect with the younger audience.

19. What do you think your extracurriculars will be in college?

I am heavily involved in performing arts at my school (dance and show choir). I hope to join a choir and/or take dance lessons. IU has a dance program called African American Dance Company (AADC) that my friend is part of—I might try it!

EMMA HULL
SENIOR, TRI-WEST HIGH SCHOOL



1. What led you to participate in Distinguished Young Women (DYW)?

To be honest, I wasn't really expecting to participate, but one day they announced an interest meeting for DYW, and I was curious. I also knew that Madi Parker (DYW of Tri-West for 2023) had done it and won state, so I wanted to see what it was about.

2. What do you think is at the heart of DYW? What are its core values and motto?

The core values of DYW are exemplified in their "Be Your Best Self" program. There are five pillars which include: Be Healthy, Be Ambitious, Be Involved, Be Responsible, and Be Studious. The whole point of this program is to give young women an opportunity to better themselves in a way that will help them in all aspects in their lives. DYW is all about being your best self.

3. Tell me about your interview. What did you speak about? How did you choose your topic?

In my interview, the judges were beyond nice and seemed to be genuinely interested in who I was and what I stood for. They asked lots of interesting questions like "what do you think the biggest problem is in government right now?," "what would your siblings warn a future roommate about you?," "what should the state winner take with them to state?," etc. I enjoyed being able to reflect on my life and consider what my strengths and weaknesses are.

4. What categories did you win? Which did you place? What were your ranks throughout the program?

At my local level, I won self-expression, talent, fitness, and overall. At the state level,

I got top 10, and placed as third runner-up.

5. How was your experience? Was it fun? Nerve-wracking? Exciting?

Being a part of this program has been so much fun. I enjoyed almost every second of it. I enjoyed practicing and preparing the dances, fitness routine, and talent. I met so many wonderful people, and I discovered more about myself. While it was a little nerve-wracking to perform in front of judges, I got to the point where I was just excited to perform. I didn't have to prove anything; it was relieving to realize that I am a daughter of God with loving parents, friends, and family, and that is enough.

6. How did you choose your talent? What was it?

I have played piano for over a decade, and it has played a major role in who I am today. I knew that I wanted to perform a piano piece, because piano is truly part of me. The song I picked is called "March of the Dwarves" by Edvard Grieg. It is a very intense and exciting song that brings out what I love most about playing piano. I feel empowered when I can perform a piece well, because I know I put in the work to be successful.

7. Self-expression: Was this an easy or difficult category for you?

I enjoyed the self-expression portion of the program. Public speaking hasn't ever been a big problem for me because I love being able to share what I have learned/know with other people so I can help them be their best selves. I liked the spontaneity of it, as it allowed me to truly share my real thoughts without having the time to hide who I am, or what I believe in.

8. What does the scholastics category look like for each contestant?

Scholastics are pretty straight forward. I have always enjoyed learning and put my best effort into every class I have taken. While I haven't taken all the AP classes I could have, I can confidently say I put in the work to get where I am. (4.0 GPA, ranked 11).

9. Tell me about the physical fitness category.

The fitness portion definitely taught me discipline. I like to think I am a fit person, but it definitely tests your endurance and your ability to smile through the pain. But all in all, it was fun to move.

10. I know that you were all contestants, but did you make friends with the other young women?

I was pleasantly surprised by how close we all got. In the end, I didn't care if I won or lost, and I knew that their success was my success too. I came to adore and appreciate every one of those girls.

11. What drove you to excel at DYW?

At first, I wasn't sure what to expect when I got to the completion, and I was nervous that I wouldn't be good enough. However, as I got to know the girls, I realized that the only thing I could do was confidently bring my best and know that was enough. The scores wouldn't define me, and I would still be capable of great things, even if I didn't win anything.

12. Tell me about your high school career and achievements. What drives you to excel in school?

Throughout high school, I have been given mental attitude awards in both cross country and track, I am an alto section leader in my choir, and I have gone to state for speech and debate both years I have been involved. I have played important roles in multiple school theater productions, and I have gotten all A's through high school. Overall, I am driven to do well in school because I enjoy being my best self, I want to make my parents proud, and I want to be a role model to others of what hard work and kindness can get you.

13. What are your extracurricular activities?

I have been heavily involved throughout my high school years. For example, I am in cross country, choir, theater, speech and debate, student council, track, piano, youth group leader, etc.

14. Do you volunteer?

I volunteer, mostly through my church. We use a tool called JustServe, which allows you to find thousands of service projects available in your area and abroad, so I have been a part of a lot of those projects. Additionally, I volunteer for people at my church to babysit, do yard work, clean, etc. I find a lot of joy in serving the people around me.

15. What are your plans after high school?

I plan to further my education by going to college, getting a job in child/family therapy, and start a family of my own.

16. Where are you going to college?

I am going to Brigham Young University (BYU) in Provo, Utah.

17. What do you plan to major in?

I am planning to major in psychology with a possible minor in music.

18. What career do you have in mind?

I am interested in being a child therapist with a specialization in music therapy.

19. What do you think your extracurriculars will be in college?

In college, I plan to be involved in different music groups, dance classes, intramural sports (mainly soccer), running, etc. I am excited to be a part of lots of things.

KELSEY BABINEC
SENIOR, AVON HIGH SCHOOL



1. What led you to participate in Distinguished Young Women (DYW)?

My mom participated in DYW (previously Junior Miss) when she was in high school, which led me to participate in the program. She'd always told me stories about the amazing girls she had met, that she's still friends with today, and how it's such an amazing opportunity that would prepare me for my future.

2. What do you think is at the heart of DYW? What are its core values and motto?

DYW has always stood by the motto of "Be Your Best Self," with five pillars making up the motto - Be Responsible, Be Healthy, Be Involved, Be Studious, and Be Ambitious. These pillars inspire young women to be their own individual self, and not compare themselves to others.

3. Tell me about your interview. What did you speak about? How did you choose your topic?

In the interview we spoke about current events, my individual interests, and involvements, and talked a little bit about the program. The interview is definitely my favorite part of the program. :) I love being able to speak on topics that I'm passionate about. The interview is 10 minutes long and takes place in front of a panel of judges, which is great preparation for interviews later in life!

4. What categories did you win? Which did you place? What were your ranks throughout the program?

At the DYW of Indiana competition, I won the interview portion, was a preliminary scholastics winner, and was a top 10 finalist. In the DYW of Avon competition, I was a winner in the fitness, self-expression, and interview sections, was a co-spirit winner, and was the overall scholastics winner.

5. How was your experience? Was it fun? Nerve-racking? Exciting?

The experience was something I will remember for a lifetime; it was so memorable. I met so many girls whom I will stay friends with for a long time. It was super refreshing to meet like-minded women who share the same interests as me, who are goal-oriented, and who are driven towards their future as well. I was definitely nervous going into the week, especially about the whole host home living with a stranger aspect. But my roommate (Emma from Tri-West) was such an amazing support for me, and we grew super close, which made the host home situation a seamless transition. Overall, the week was so much fun, and I already miss it.

6. How did you choose your talent? What was it?

My talent was a piano performance, where I played an arrangement of Swan Lake. I've been playing piano for around nine years with my piano teacher, Erica Odgen with Westside Music Academy. Erica has taught me so much about the instrument and is truly an inspiration in that space and in life in general. She helped me choose the piece that I played, and I loved playing such a gorgeous piece in front of an audience. It's very nerve-racking for me to play in front of others, but I'm glad I had the opportunity to face my fear head-on and play for my family and friends.

7. Self-expression: Was this an easy or difficult category for you?

Self-expression is the section where the

participants answer a question on stage, and are judged on answering the question, poise, and posture. This is really the time to show off your public speaking skills and connect with the audiences and judges. This is my second favorite section of the program, as I love speaking in front of an audience and love getting to share my views on current events and other topics. Our preliminary night question was, "What is the difference between a superwoman and an abiding woman?" On the final's night, we had a list of 10 questions that we randomly pulled out of a bowl on stage, where we really had to show our improv skills and ability to think on the spot.

8. What does the scholastics category look like for each contestant?

The scholastics section is not an on-stage category and makes up 25 percent of your overall score. This category is judged based on grades at school, GPA, standardized test scores, and academic-based extracurriculars.

9. Tell me about the physical fitness category.

The physical fitness section is a fitness routine that's performed on stage. At state, our routine was around 14 minutes long, and definitely kicked a lot of our butts. You have to have a huge amount of stamina to get through the routine, but it's so fun seeing all of the girls work together and cheer each other on. Half of the routine is a fitness section done by all the participants, and the other half consists of an individual section (the same for each participant) where the remaining participants do a synchronized routine

in the background. I was very tired after this routine, but felt very accomplished after working so hard to get it down just right.

10. I know that you were all contestants, but did you make friends with the other young women?

YES!!!! I loved each and every girl that I met, and the week didn't even feel like a competition. We bonded instantly through our "circle time" that we had each day. I especially bonded with the girls I shared a car with, and especially with my roommate. We all were there for each other and truly wanted to gain the same thing out of the experience as everyone else.

11. What drove you to excel at DYW?

I believe my time in DECA drove me to excel in DYW. DECA is a business-oriented club that aims to promote entrepreneurship and leadership in students through four individual career clusters. I currently serve as the president of Avon DECA, and my time in the club has made me the person I am today. I have learned so much under the leadership of my two DECA advisors, Mr. Adam Clark and Mr. Troy Drosche, who have given me opportunities to interview, learn about public speaking, and be in charge of a group of students. These core skills allowed me to excel in DYW and have made me more than prepared for my future.

12. Tell me about your high school career and achievements. What drives you to excel in school?

I've always been driven to excel in school by my own accord, and through the standards I set for myself. I'm a very stereotypical 'oldest child,' and have always had high goals and aspirations for myself. I truly do enjoy school and can't wait to take the next step towards higher education.

13. What are your extracurricular activities?

I'll only list a few extracurriculars because there are a lot):

-President Avon DECA, Marketing Coordinator G.O. Help, Model UN, NHS (National Honor Society) and NAHS (National Art Honor Society), Avon Softball, Youth Leadership Hendricks County

14. Do you volunteer?

I volunteer a lot through the clubs I'm involved in! DECA has a lot of service events that we put on throughout the year, and I also volunteer a lot for DYW. During our Avon program week, we host a youth camp for kids in the community, which is a great opportunity for young girls to learn about being your best self and meet a great group of young women!

15. and 16. What are your plans for after high school and where are you going to college?

I plan to attend Butler University

17. What do you plan to major in?

I plan on majoring in chemistry to later go on to medical school.

18. What career do you have in mind?

I aspire to be a pediatrician and have my own practice in the future. I want to combine my love for the medical field, STEM, business, and interactions with people in one job, and am so excited to get started. :)

19. What do you think your extracurriculars will be in college?

In college, I plan to join Greek life, following in my mom's footsteps, yet again. I also hope to join some sort of chemistry society or STEM society to learn more about the field, and possibly want to join DECA or Model UN in college.

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Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:

- Parts: CABIN, COCKPIT, ENGINE, NOSE, SEAT, WING;
- Words: PHANTOM, PHARMACY, PHASE, PHEASANT, PHYSICAL;
- Fly: BUTTER, DRAGON, FIRE, HORSE;
- Stars: HACKMAN, HERSHEY, HOPPER;
- Dishes: CHOP SUEY, CHOW MEIN;
- Hotel: JW MARRIOTT

NIGHT & day LOCAL Entertainment ENTERTAINING

EVENTS calendar

MARCH

9 Saturday

Spring Fling 5K and 10K

9 a.m., Talon Stream Paved Trail, 5344 Pike Lane, Plainfield. Get ready for the second race in the Plainfield Run Series: Spring Fling 5K & 10K. Choose between the 5K or 10K option, and join us for a brisk and invigorating run to welcome the spring season. Secure your spot and race shirt by registering early. Whether you're a seasoned runner or new to the sport, this event is perfect for all fitness levels. Price is \$45. Register here: <https://runsignup.com/Race/Register/?racelid=102665&eventGroupid=19014>.

9 Saturday

Maple Syrup Days/McCloud Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

9 a.m. – 3 p.m., McCloud Nature Park, 8518 Hughes Road, North Salem. It's syrup season, and McCloud Nature Park is full of sugar maple trees which produce sap with a high sugar content. Bring the whole family because Maple Syrup Days are free to attend. This event is held entirely outdoors, so be sure to dress for the weather. Discover the delicious history of maple sugaring as you take an outdoor tour around McCloud Nature Park and learn all about maple syrup -- the history, the process, and the trees. Then head on inside the McCloud Nature Center to enjoy all the pancakes you can eat! Reservations are highly recommended. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows. Free Will donations are accepted (suggested donations of \$10 per adult and \$6 per child) and all proceeds go to Hendricks County Parks & Recreation for future development of and improvements to McCloud Nature Park.

9 Saturday

Father Daughter Dance

5 - 9 p.m., Washington Township Park Pavilion, 115 S. Road 575 E., 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.

9 Saturday

My Yellow Rickshaw

8 p.m., Hendricks Live!, 200 W. Main St., Plainfield. Let My Yellow Rickshaw "boldly take you where no cover band has gone before!" Since 2009,

this rotating group of friends, neighbors, and musicians have been entertaining folks around Indianapolis with humor, variety, and seamless covers into every show. From Taylor Swift to Timberlake, Zac Brown Band to Alabama, The Temptations to Van Morrison, Cyndi Lauper to Guns 'N Roses, TLC to Usher, plenty of top 40 and hip-hop, and even an Irish jig or two, you will hear musical selections from the 1950's to today's current hits. With a refreshing lineup of sounds that includes fiddle, mandolin, upright bass, harmonica, and melodica (what's that, you ask?), My Yellow Rickshaw will take you on a unique and hilarious journey at every show. Learn more here: <https://www.hendrickslive.org/my-yellow-rickshaw>.

9 Saturday, 15-16 Friday-Saturday

Behind the Scenes Tours

11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Hendricks Live!, 200 W. Main St., Plainfield. Join us for a series of guided tours of our state-of-the-art, world-class venue for arts and entertainment. Tours will include an exclusive "behind the scenes" sneak peek of our 600-seat theatre, 160-seat event space, and spacious lobby. Participants will have the opportunity to step into the limelight and stand on the stage itself: the future home of unforgettable concerts and theatrical performances. Come get a glimpse of Plainfield's new destination for arts and entertainment! There is limited availability. More information here: <https://www.hendrickslive.org/open-house-tours>.

10 Sunday

Pokémon League

6 – 8 p.m., Books & Brews, 1551 N. Green St., Suite I, Brownsburg. Join us for Pokémon fun on the first and third Sunday of every month. Whether you're a seasoned trainer or just starting your journey, all ages and experience levels are welcome. Free to attend.

11 Monday

Home School Art Day

1 p.m., uPaint Pottery Studio, 1820 E. Main St., Plainfield. Get creative with your kiddos in our Home School Art Day class. This month, we will be using a tracing technique to paint a Happy Go Lucky plate. It is the perfect project for St. Patty's Day! No reservation needed. \$15 per painter.

12 Tuesday

Daddy-Daughter Date Night

6 – 8 p.m., Ash and Oak Weddings, 7498 E. County Road 100 N., Avon. Chick-fil-A Avon and

Beechwood Centre together with Ash and Oak Weddings will be hosting "Under the Sea" Daddy-Daughter Date Night with dinner, dancing, a cow appearance, and more.

13 Wednesday - 16 Saturday

Here We Grow Again - Indy North Spring/Summer Kids Consignment Sale

Various times, Boone County Fairgrounds, 1300 E. 100 S., Lebanon. Shop and consign at the Here We Grow Again Indy Spring/Summer Kids Consignment Sale. Find more information here: <https://herewegrowagain.com/sale/indywest/>.

14 Thursday

Garden Fresh Painting Class

6 p.m., uPaint Pottery Studio, 1820 E. Main St., Plainfield. Class is instructor led, but also allows you to go at your own pace. Grab a friend and make plans to come paint with us. Class reservation includes pottery, paints, supplies, and a helping hand. Register on our event website or give us a call in the studio to reserve your spot. \$28 per painter. Register here: www.upaintpotterystudio.com.

15 Friday

Pre-Season Late Night Revelators at Hendricks Live!

8 p.m., Hendricks Live!, 200 W. Main St., Plainfield. The Late Night Revelators are an eclectic group of musicians that have merged together, formed by longtime Indianapolis musician and producer Charlie Cheesman, re-creating and performing some of the BEST of Soul, Classic Motown, Old School R&B, Pop, and a little bit of Boogie Woogie Music. The band strives to represent the epitome of the live music genre, both locally and on the road -- allowing the audience to sing along and dance to their heart's content, all while enjoying quality music that's guaranteed to soothe the soul! Learn more, and buy tickets here: <https://www.hendrickslive.org/late-night-revelators>.

15 Friday

Teen Glow Egg Hunt

6:30 – 8:30 p.m., Bundy Lodge, Arbutle Acres Park, 7024 Lucas Dr., Brownsburg. Join us at Arbutle Acres Park to enjoy the most colorful egg hunt yet, complete with color blast battle, sword fights, glow-off dance party, and more. Wear clothes you're not afraid to get a little dirty, and bring your competition. Check-in begins at 6:30 pm, and activities begin at 7 p.m. Free to attend, but registration is required. Register

here: <https://laserfiche.brownsburg.org/Forms/BPRDteenwaiver>.

16 Saturday

Vandalia Trail Brisk Bike Rides

9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Vandalia Trail, southeast corner of Meijer parking lot, behind 302 Dan Jones Road, Plainfield. In its sixth winter, this monthly bike ride series in Plainfield by the Friends of the Vandalia Trail (www.nrht.org/vandalia) is held on one Saturday morning each month, November-March. Whether you're a regular cold weather rider or would like to try it for the first time, come on out and enjoy a relaxed opportunity to embrace winter, try out your cold weather gear, and exchange strategies on staying warm on the bike. The meeting point is behind Biggby's Coffee and the Metro Diner and in front of Meijer.

16 Saturday

Morning Bird Hike

9 a.m., B&O Trail, various locations. Join the park's naturalist on an early morning stroll through Brownsburg Parks. All birders are welcome and binoculars are encouraged. Program is free to attend. Things to note: flat terrain on paved trail, limited parking, no sign-up necessary.

16 Saturday

Meet and Greet of Democratic Candidates

12 – 3 p.m., Avon-Washington Township Public Library, 498 Avon Ave., Avon. Come and have a meet and greet with the democratic candidates. Call 317-370-4612 for further information.

16 Saturday

Paddy's on the Square

2 p.m., Danville Athletic Club and Danville Square, 625 N. Washington St., Danville. Immerse yourself in the spirit of St. Patrick's Day with enchanting bagpipe performances, a captivating fountain dyeing ceremony, and other surprises. Find out the day's schedule here: <https://danvillein.gov/departments/division.php?structureid=147>.

16 Saturday

Revival Road Quartet Concert

6:30 p.m., Center Community Church, 5938 S. County Road 700 E., Plainfield. Our church is hosting a concert for the southern gospel group, Revival Road Quartet. All are welcome.

16 Saturday**Mystery by Moonlight! A Glow Egg Scavenger Hunt!**

8 – 10 p.m., W.S. Gibbs Memorial Park, 4521 Gibbs Road, Avon. Walk along the Walnut Walkway trail and see if you can spot the Glow Eggs. Each egg has a clue that will lead you to the thief. This egg hunt is a Night Hike so it is geared toward tweens, teens, and adults with questions that may be harder for some younger folks to answer. (though ALL ages are welcome) Cost is \$5 per person. Advance registration required by March 9: <https://hcparks.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=850>.

17 Sunday**Indianapolis Chamber Orchestra**

3 p.m., Hendricks Live!, 200 W. Main St., Plainfield. Hear lyrical melodies from Mozart and Debussy, the English Folk Song Suite from Ralph Vaughan Williams, and a Tribute to Louis Armstrong. Soprano Mary Martin will also join the Orchestra to sing the Cole Porter Classic song "So In Love" from the musical Kiss Me Kate. Learn more, and buy tickets here: <https://www.hendrickslive.org/indy-chamber-orchestra>.

18 Monday**Teddy Bear Concert**

11 a.m., Avon-Washington Township Public Library, 498 Avon Ave., Avon. The Indianapolis Symphony Orchestra presents the Teddy Bear Series program, The Giant's Violin! Young children are invited to move along to music as they listen to the mysterious tale of a boy who believes a giant and his violin live in the attic above his room. Designed for ages 3-6.

19 Tuesday**First Day of Spring Hike**

6 – 7 p.m., Pecar Nature Park, 5203 E. County Road 150 N., Avon. Join us at Pock Woods within Pecar Nature Park for a spring hike – we will discover spring plants, search for animal habitats, and explore the nature center afterwards. Price is \$2 per person.

20 Wednesday & 22 Friday**Spring Homeschool Series: Water Study**

12 – 2 p.m., Pecar Nature Park, 5203 E. County Road 150 N., Avon. Join our Park Naturalist for our upcoming Homeschool Series, designed for ages 5-14. Each session will cover the same topic. Secure your spot for \$4/child. Find more information here: <https://www.washingtontwpparks.org/programs.html>.

20 Wednesday**My College Planning – The Art of the Appeal, Virtual Program**

6:30 – 7:30 p.m., Brownsburg Public Library, 450 S. Jefferson St., Brownsburg. Now more than ever, colleges are willing to say 'yes' to appeals

for more financial aid and scholarship money for both new and returning students. This workshop provides detailed guidance for families on how to appeal to colleges for more financial aid and how to improve the likelihood of a successful appeal. Highly recommended for Class of 2024 families. Workshop speakers include high school counselors, financial aid experts, and Certified Financial Planners. Some workshops may have more than one speaker. Registration is required (one per family only please). Registration will open Feb. 28 and close March 20 at 6:15 p.m. You will be emailed a Zoom link once we receive your registration.

23 Saturday**Sensory Easter**

9 – 11:30 a.m., Pecar Nature Park, 5203 E. County Road 150 N., Avon. This program is designed for those that benefit from an individual, personalized egg hunt in a quieter setting. We have five hunts scheduled per 15 minutes, and two children can go together. We will also have crafts available for those who would like to participate. Event is free, but pre-registration is required: <https://www.washingtontwpparks.org/programs.html>.

23 Saturday**Easter Scramble**

11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Talon Stream Paved Trail, 5344 Pike Lane, Plainfield. Get ready for an egg-stravaganza event filled with thrilling activities such as pictures with the Easter Bunny, lively music, unleashing your creativity with exciting crafts, and many more free family activities. Don't miss out on the joyous festivities and food vendors – hop on over and make memories that will last a lifetime.

23 Saturday**McCloud Scavenger Hunt**

11 a.m. – 2 p.m., McCloud Nature Park, 8518 Hughes Road, North Salem. The Easter Bunny thought that it would be fun to have a scavenger hunt at McCloud Nature Park. He has hidden clues around the Red-Tailed Ridge trail that will help answer a question. Just look for the table at the Truss Bridge to get your answer sheets and follow the Bunny Trail. There will also be some fun Easter crafts available in the Nature Center.

26 Tuesday**Hendricks County Winter Farmers Market**

4 – 7 p.m., Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds, 1900 E. Main St., Danville. Shop local, spend local, eat local, and enjoy local. Come out and support local farmers, producers, food inspired companies, and arts/crafts during this season.

30 Saturday**Coatesville Community Egg Hunt**

1 – 2 p.m., Vandalia Trail, 7963 Main St., Coatesville. Join the Park Naturalists at the Vandalia Trail Coatesville trailhead as they host a Community Easter Egg Hunt. There will be eggs hidden for three age groups, and you could win one of six Easter baskets. Free to attend; no advance registration required.

31 Sunday**Pokémon League**

6 – 8 p.m., Books & Brews, 1551 N. Green St., Suite I, Brownsburg. Join us for Pokémon fun on the first and third Sunday of every month. Whether you're a seasoned trainer or just starting your journey, all ages and experience levels are welcome. Free to attend.

APRIL**4 Thursday****World Rat Day**

5 – 7 p.m., Pecar Nature Park, 5203 E. County Road 150 N., Avon. Participate in a session with a park naturalist to discover more about pet rats, Indiana's wild rats, caring for domestic rats, and have the chance to meet the naturalist's rescued rats. Registration is free, but please pre-register here: <https://wtp.recdesk.com/Community/Program>.

5 Friday**Five For Fighting with String Quartet**

8 p.m., Hendricks Live!, 200 W. Main St., Plainfield. 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. Find more information here: <https://www.hendrickslive.org/five-for-fighting>.

EVERY Monday**Lenten Lunches**

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Danville Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 180 West Main Street, Danville. Each Monday during Lent, the Danville Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will be serving free Lenten Lunches. Everyone is welcome, and free will donations will be used to help Danville area residents. Diners can get meals to go or eat in the dining room.

Knit Night

6 – 7 p.m., Avon-Washington Township Public Library, 498 Avon Ave., Avon. Are you looking to knit with a group? Then come to the Avon Library's Knit Night! Registration is encouraged, but not required. This program is free and open to adults. Please bring your own supplies, however the library does have a limited amount of yarn and needles that you are welcome to use.

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.

EVERY 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.

EVERY 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.

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.

GriefShare Series (until 5/30)

6 – 7:30 p.m., The Church by the Side of the Road, 10323 East County Road 100 South, Avon. GriefShare is a non-denominational, biblical support group, that focuses on helping people who are dealing with a loved one's death. Whether your loss is recent, or years in the past, this is a place of healing here for you! We will meet March 21 – May 30. The \$20 registration fee includes materials, and scholarships are available if needed. Find more information at www.griefshare.org.

EVERY Friday (In March)**Vita Free Tax Prep**

9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Brownsburg Public Library, 450 South Jefferson Street, Brownsburg. Indy Free Tax Prep is a network of Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) sites that offers free tax preparation to individuals and families with a combined household income of \$66,000 or less in 2023. IRS-certified volunteers provide basic income tax return preparation and free electronic filing to qualified individuals. The most efficient way to book an appointment is to register here: <https://freetax.as.me/schedule.php>.

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