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Fleece For Family Promise



Pictured (l-r) Pam Beerbower, Julie Randall, Ellen McKenzie, Linda Thoman. (submitted photo)

On March 11, Hendricks County retired teachers presented Julie Randall, Director of Family Promise Shelter, with 27 blankets after the shelter had voiced a need for full size blankets. Retired teachers were enthusiastic about making blankets, and after buying the fleece material, the sewing group met in the afternoons at the Brownsburg Public Library. This group of 16 retired teachers brought their own portable sewing machine. The blankets will be given to the homeless as they await affordable housing.

ICONIC brief

Hendricks County Retired Teachers' Outstanding Volunteer Award

Jane Tietz, volunteer coordinator, presented Judy Ricketts with the Hendricks County Retired Teachers' Outstanding Volunteer Award. Judy recorded 599 volunteer hours for 2023. She is a former Plainfield eighth grade math teacher. She also taught Basic Education in Wayne Township from 1988-2011. Judy is active in P.E.O., a philanthropic organization, plus a former president of a Homemaker's Club that provides three \$1,000 scholarships annually. These are just a few of her accomplishments. She will be recognized at the State Representative Assembly this summer.



ICONIC brief

Hendricks Regional Health and Hendricks Live! announce new partnership



Hendricks Regional Health and Hendricks Live! are excited to announce a new two-year partnership in which Hendricks Regional Health is the inaugural supporting season sponsor of Hendricks Live!, the new performing and fine arts center under construction in downtown Plainfield.

Since 1962, Hendricks Regional Health has served west central Indiana as its preferred, trusted healthcare partner. As Hendricks has grown its footprint locally and expanded the services it provides to our community, it has never lost sight of its deeply rooted legacy of community service.

"We are thrilled to partner with Hendricks Live!. The performing arts help nurture relationships, promote healing, and encourage a culture of wellness. By growing accessibility to the arts in west central Indiana, we are creating even more opportunities to positively impact the lives and well-being of the people in our community," said Dr. Michelle Fenoughty, President & Chief Executive Officer of Hendricks Regional Health.

Hendricks Live! will provide a professional space for local artists and arts organizations and bring national talent directly to Hendricks County. The supporting season sponsorship will support Hendricks Live!'s mission to create memorable experiences by presenting, producing, and hosting exceptional art, entertainment, and community events. The venue, which is financed by the Town of Plainfield, is an integral part of the Town's downtown redevelopment plan. Set to launch in the spring, Hendricks Live! will feature a 600-seat theater, a 160-seat multipurpose event space, and exhibit space for visual art – all of which is designed to serve as a gathering place and resource for the community.

"We are very grateful for the support of Hendricks Regional Health as our inaugural supporting season sponsor. Our shared values, commitment to the community, and collaborative spirit make this an ideal partnership, and we look forward to working together to make west central Indiana an even better place to live, work, and play," said Chris Petrelli, Executive Director of Hendricks Live!.



Meet YOUR NEIGHBOR

By Julie Brackemyre

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

Pat: I live in Danville and I moved here when I was two years old.

Duane: Danville. I came in June of 1980.

2. Describe your immediate family to us.

Pat: We have 1 daughter and 4 grandchildren.

Duane: I have 1 daughter and 4 grandkids.

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

Duane/Pat: We are members of the Avon Parkside Church of the Nazarene.

4. Describe your perfect family outing.

Pat: We love to dine out with our families, especially at Christmas time.

Duane: Tubing with the grandkids and cooking

out. We love to sit on the front porch and watch the grandkids play basketball in the driveway.

5. What is your favorite family tradition?

Pat: We love to go to Christmas on the Square in Danville.

Duane: Taking photos with my daughter and grandkids to take a photo with Santa. We've done that every year for 25 years.

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

Pat: Location, Convenience, Traditions

Duane: Community, Traditional, Connection

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

Pat: 1. Love God 2. Entrepreneurial 3. Family

4. Hard Working

Duane: 1. Determined 2. Resilient 3. Visionary

4. Driven

Pat & Duane Lane

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Hendricks County Community Foundation awards \$40,000 to Hendricks College Network

The Hendricks County Community Foundation (HCCF) recently awarded Hendricks College Network (HCN) \$40,000 to provide educational resources to those in the community pursuing careers in the mental and behavioral Health fields. These resources will further assist in the development and retention of much needed mental and behavioral health professionals in Hendricks County. This Behavioral Health Career Pathways Grant was made from the Behavioral Health Needs Assessment and Community Planning Fund at the Community Foundation.

A trusted organization in the community, Hendricks College Network provides access to and support for post secondary education, business training, and workforce development in Hendricks County. This grant will support the creation of online and printed resources that will provide new high school graduates and college graduates, as well as working professionals considering a career change, the information they need to pursue career options in mental and behavioral health.

"We are thrilled to collaborate with the Hendricks College Network team on developing this important resource, and we are incredibly grateful for the financial support of the Hendricks County Community Foundation," said co-president of the Hendricks County Health Partnership, Chase Cotten. "Indiana is a 'National Healthcare Provider Shortage Area,' especially in the context of mental health and substance use treatment professionals. To put it simply, we need more caring people in this field to meet the need! This new series of webpages and print materials will be a guiding light to help students and professionals learn more about the multiple pathways into Indiana's Behavioral Healthcare field as a profession. In addition to these materials, the webpage will provide meaningful connection with local providers."

HCCF President & CEO William Rhodehamel commented, "It's such an honor to support and partner with Hendrick College Network to fund this important work in our community. The Behavioral Health Needs Assessment pointed a path forward to address issues of behavioral health access in Hendricks County, and we trust HCN and the Health Partnership can develop effective resources to help increase providers. We look forward to continuing to work with the entire community to help Hendricks County residents have access to exceptional behavioral health services."



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The Plainfield Youth Assistance Program

Where Kids, Families, and the Community Come Together and Thrive

By Kate Anderson



Most great ideas tend to arise from humble beginnings. A call to service and a desire to bring about change. For the Plainfield Youth Assistance Program (PYAP), it came with the clear vision to change the trajectory for students in Plainfield, but it was just a seedling of an idea. On Aug. 7, 2017, a meeting with the Plainfield Community School Corporation and the Plainfield Town Council was held to discuss the feasibility of this sort of program in the Plainfield community. Attending the meeting was the Mayor of Westfield, who described in detail their Youth Assistance Program, whose idea was so successful that it led to such programs in Carmel, Fishers, Noblesville, and other Hamilton County communities. It was agreed by most that there was certainly a need for such services in Plainfield and potentially all of Hendricks County. The energy and drive to launch the program in earnest was there, but first things first. It had to gain the support of the justice system and backing by a sitting judge to sponsor the program, and it was a no-brainer that Mark Todisco, PYAP Board President, approach Judge Karen Love. Judge Love, Judge for Hendricks Superior Court 3 in Danville, saw a need for mentors in the community and made the decision to champion the program. So, with earnest, the program gained momentum. Judge Love, through a state statute, authorized staff to work with Plainfield school staff and students and with work, the program's non-profit status/501(c)(3) was established. In time, a formal Board of Directors was formed, and their vision, goals, and mission began to solidify. Those goals are simple and straightforward: to offer mentoring, tutoring, full-family programming, encouraging

engagement while at school, bridging the gap for food insecurity, financial assistance through resources, and mental health assistance. The vision is to invest in and empower vulnerable youth and families to realize their self-worth and achieve their full potential. The mission is to serve as a voluntary early intervention and advocacy process for at-risk youth and their families in Plainfield. The program engages the community holistically and brings together individuals, mentors, businesses, faith-based, and other non-profit organizations to provide support, enrichment, and opportunities for youth, their parents, and/or caregivers. It can be said that it truly takes a village.

Movement for the Youth Assistance Program came to an "on hold" status in March of 2020 as COVID and social-distancing protocols were put in place. In February of 2021, there was a call to assist a family in need and the program got the opportunity to help its first students. Even after that first night, it became clear to everyone involved that they were truly filling a need in the Plainfield community that was not being filled by any other organization. Over the course of the six months after this and under the direction of Interim Director, Diane Burks, and Early Intervention Advocate, Brandi Beasley, they assisted six more students and their first full-family program to great success. In August of 2021, Judge Love hired Staci Hovermale as Director and she hit the ground running. As a former teacher with a strong background in Special ED and working with children facing multiple challenges in life, she was equal to the task of guiding the program in the right direction, and that year, PYAP served 59 students in total. The team, working with school counselors and student resource officers, were able to further identify the needs of children that are not only troubled youths, but are reaching out for help. In 2022, the

program continued to grow by leaps and bounds and the need was so great that they hired an additional Early Intervention Advocate named Angela Pepper to efficiently assist with cases. Also in 2022, Judge Love, the heart and soul of the program, made the decision to retire. In November of that year, Judge Ryan Tanselle was appointed by Governor Holcomb with the support of Judge Love to take the seat as Judge of Hendricks County Superior Court 3. "I am deeply honored to carry on her legacy," said Tanselle. That year, PYAP served 157 students. Last year, 222 students were served, and it continues to grow well into 2024.

Looking at the larger picture, Judge Tanselle hopes that this program will spread county-wide, and he aims to carry out his predecessor's legacy. "Judge Love's vision for the program was never to keep it just inside Plainfield. The momentum that PYAP has had is sparking interest in other communities. The Youth Assistance Program model is one that needs to be tailored to each community. The needs of one community may not be the needs of another," said Tanselle. This applies to the children they assist as well. The program works on a case-by-case basis, meaning that it tailors the program to help the individual child. It is said that the need for such programs is only going to grow. PYAP is changing the lives of students that desperately need help so that they do not fall through the cracks. "The need will always be there. My hope is that the Plainfield Youth Assistance Program and the Youth Assistance Program in general will steer as many troubled youths away from my courtroom as possible. As a community, let's help these children walk a different path," said Tanselle. For more information on the Plainfield Youth Assistance Program, visit plainfieldyouthassistance.org.

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The Parks Foundation of Hendricks County (PFOHC) would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who supported and attended our first Picnic for the Parks Luncheon presented by Falcone Subaru.

From start to finish, the day was a success. Guests enjoyed visiting with the different park departments, learning more about PFOHC's mission, honoring the life and legacy of Diana Virgil, and of course, reliving some childhood glee on the giant slide.

Together, we raised **\$26,680** to support our community's public parks and trails! And we are so thankful for your support.

As we celebrate this amazing achievement, we invite you to stay engaged with us and continue to be a part of our journey towards enhancing our parks and trails for all to enjoy.

Here's how:

Follow us on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram
Sign up for the 2024 Summer Fun Run & Walk, which tours 12 parks and trails
Become a monthly supporter to help us fulfill our mission all year long
More photos from this year's event will be posted to our Facebook page soon, so be sure to give us a like so you don't miss these exciting updates.

Once again, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you for your support.



ICONIC brief

Plainfield Police Department mourns loss of one of their own

On March 14, the Plainfield Police Department, announced with the deepest sadness that retired Captain Scott Arndt passed on. Arndt joined the Plainfield Police Department in 1989 and retired in 2022 after 33 years of faithful police service. Arndt was originally from Brownsburg and also served in the United States Army prior to his police service. During Captain Arndt's many years of police work, he served in many different capacities and roles for the Plainfield Police Department including patrol officer, ERT member, detective, sergeant, lieutenant, and also led the Investigations Branch as captain for many years. Arndt also served on the Hendricks County United Drug Task Force, started Plainfield's first bicycle patrol, was one of the first members of the original county-wide SWAT team, and started the Big Tuna Project (Side-Scan Sonar) for the Plainfield Investigations Branch.

Thank you, Captain Arndt, for many years of service and sacrifice. You will not be forgotten.



ICONIC brief

Pi Day annual tradition continues for pet-loving community members

On March 14, known as Pi Day, members of the Plainfield Police Department along with the Pittsboro Police Department, Danville Community Schools Police Department, and the Town of Plainfield continued their annual tradition of donating their time to help our furry friends, in an effort to get the word out about the dogs and cats at the Hendricks County Animal Shelter that are in much need of adoption. This tradition started due to the amazing bond that canine officers developed with the animal shelter and was organized by K9 Officer Rob Prichard. While bringing tasty treats to these adorable animals is much appreciated, it is the hope that this will also raise awareness about the wonderful, adoptable pets at the shelter.

If you are interested in learning more about adopting a pet at the Hendricks County Animal Shelter, call 317-745-9250 or email achelp@co.hendricks.in.us.





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Sheriff Sadler swears in newest lateral hire

On March 5, Deputy Brian Helmer was sworn in by Sheriff Jack Sadler during a short ceremony at the Hendrick's County Sheriff's Office. Deputy Helmer is the second "lateral" hire for the Sheriff's Office, which allows additional salary benefits for deputies who are already certified sworn police officers in the state of Indiana.

Congratulations to Deputy Helmer!



ICONIC brief

Plainfield Police Department holds annual commissioner meeting and awards ceremony

On March 8, the Plainfield Police Department held an awards ceremony, celebrating not only staff members and officers, but many important community members. It was a night of appreciation, with many awards presented and a Sergeant promotion. The regularly scheduled Plainfield commissioner meeting started with the promotion of Jim Gillespie to the rank of Sergeant. Hendricks County Prosecutor, Loren Delp, presented Officer Eric Sugrue with his office's Enforcement Officer of the Year Award for 2023. This honor was given for many reasons, including his valiant response to Trooper Aaron Smith's fatality, and many criminal cases that have led to convictions. The 2023 annual "Top" awards were also given out that evening. Cpl. Logan Clark received the 2023 Top Cop Award (voted by all PPD officers) as well as the 2023 Operations Officer of the Year. Detective Taylor Tritle was named Support Officer of the Year, and part-time CSO Charles Dodson received the 2023 Civilian Employee of the Year. Officer Michael Murray was presented with Impaired Driving Enforcement Award with 53 OWI arrests in 2023. Plainfield Police Department gives out three Top Shot awards every year for the best marksman at the range. Third place went to Cpl. Logan Clark, second place went to Officer Christopher Timm, and first place went to Officer Michael Murray. From the Investigations Branch, Lt. Brian Fowler, Cpl. Brian Stewart, and Detectives Jason Calloway, Sam Kiefer, Taylor Tritle, Nic Wennen, Taylor Wilson, and CSI Jerry Pettit were all recognized for their investigative efforts in closing, with arrests, a double homicide investigation, and a serious road rage shooting, which required extensive time, effort, and expertise. Community Support Officer Gabrielle Mast was also presented with her five years of service pin. Lastly, many community members and officers were recognized for giving of their time, talents, and more to make a wish come true for a little girl they didn't know. Our agency's Make-a-Wish day with Elayah could not have occurred without the help of everyone involved. There were many community members, from all different backgrounds and walks of life, that came together for one cause. As a team, they brought joy to an eight year old girl that doesn't know how much time she has left. Many officers were presented awards for their involvement, including K9 officer Rob Prichard being recognized with the Meritorious Conduct Medal for planning the entire day. **Congrats to all recognized and awarded!**





2024 Easter Guide

Where to find the Easter Bunny and Join Easter Egg Hunts

PLAINFIELD

Easter Scramble at Talon Stream Park

Join us for an Easter adventure at the Town of Plainfield's 2024 Easter Scramble, happening on Saturday, March 23 at Talon Stream Park. 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.

- Date: March 23, 2024
- Time: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Location: Talon Stream Park, Pike Lane, Plainfield
- Cost: Free to attend and no registration required

Easter Eggstravaganza at Plainfield United Methodist Church

We are thrilled to announce that Eggstravaganza is back for 2024. Eggstravaganza is a community event designed to unite families and provide children with a fun-filled day. The event will have fun activities, including candy, crafts, chicks, and more. You can start participating in the crafts session at 10 a.m., followed by the highly anticipated Easter Egg Hunt at 10:30 a.m. Plenty of colorful Easter eggs will be hidden throughout the venue for children of all ages to find. Come and enjoy the fun and excitement with your family and friends. Save some time and register early at pumc.link/24EGG.

- Date: March 30, 2024
- Time: 10 a.m.
- Location: Plainfield United Methodist Church, 600 Simmons St., Plainfield
- Cost: Free to attend and no registration required

Easter @ The Branches + Egg Hunt

Come celebrate the love Jesus has for us this Easter at The Branches. You can expect a modern worship service, friendly smiles, and a sermon you can relate to. We love to tell children about Jesus, so we have a safe and fun place for your kids, infants - 5th grade, to experience Easter during the worship service. Stay after service for an egg hunt for kids of all ages. Come as you are and experience the love of Jesus. More info at www.iamthebranches.com.

- Date: March 31, 2024
- Time: Service starts at 10 a.m., Easter Egg Hunt to follow
- Location: 651 Vestal Rd., Plainfield
- Cost: Free to attend and no registration required



Photos with Bunny at the Shoppes at Perry Crossing

Bunny will be hosting photography sessions weekends through March 30 in our Holiday Studio across from Old Navy. As always, visits with Bunny are free to come say hello, but no personal photography is permitted. For more information, visit: www.perry-crossing.com/events/photos-with-bunny/.

- Dates: posted below
- Time: posted below
- Location: The Shoppes at Perry Crossing, 2499 Perry Crossing Way, Plainfield
 - » No sitting fee
 - » Multiple pose packages available
 - » Digital files available
 - » No appointment necessary
- Bunny Sitting Times:
 - » Friday, March 22: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
 - » Saturday, March 23: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
 - » Sunday, March 24: 12 – 6 p.m.
 - » Thursday, March 28: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
 - » Friday, March 29: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.
 - » Saturday, March 30: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

DANVILLE

Easter Egg Hunt at Ellis Park

The Kiwanis Club of Danville and Danville Parks & Recreation join forces to bring their annual Easter Egg Hunt at Ellis Park. Children ages 2-9 will have the opportunity to hunt for candy-filled eggs in three separate groups — ages 2-3, 4-6, and 7-9. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

- Date: March 30, 2024
- Time: 10:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Location: Ellis Park, 600 E. Main St., Danville
- Cost: Free to attend and no registration required

Photos with the Easter Bunny at Beasley's Orchard

Get the family and Fido dressed up and get professional photos with the Easter Bunny in a lovely Easter setting. This event is open to pre-ordered time slots only. They will offer professional photography with a variety of prints available. Print packages can be purchased online or upon arrival, but your time must be reserved online ahead of time. To reserve time, visit: beasleys-orchard.com.

- Date: March 23, 2024
- Time: visit website to reserve time
- Location: Beasley's Orchard, 2304 E. Main St., Danville
- Cost: \$20

Easter Egg Hunt at The Center

We are so egg-cited (get it!) to be hosting another Easter Egg Hunt this year. Join us on the turf at The Center for a morning of fun. We will have three hunts (Birth- 3 yrs., 4 yrs.- Kindergarten, and 1st grade – 3rd grade) as well as a prize station for the eggs you find with tickets in them. Invite a friend and we can't wait to see you there! Allergy Alert: There will be latex balloons covering the turf. For more information, visit: Northviewchristian.org or call Luci Baker.

- Date: March 30, 2024
- Time: 9 a.m.
- Location: The Center at Northview Christian Church, 623 N. State Rd. 39, Danville
- Cost: Free to attend and no registration required

INDIANAPOLIS

Bunnysaurus Rex at The Children's Museum

Join Bunnysaurus Rex at The Children's Museum for an exciting morning with your family. Decorate your egg-collecting bag and hunt for eggs in Dinosphere. For more information, visit: childrensmuseum.org.

- Date: March 23-24, 2024
- Time: 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.
- Location: The Children's Museum of Indianapolis, 3000 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis
- Cost: Tickets are \$20-\$25 for youth and \$4-5 for accompanying adults

Adaptive/Inclusive Easter Egg Hunt at Rhodius Park

This very special Easter Egg Hunt at Rhodius Park is for ages 5-10. There will be a variety of arts and crafts activities, stuffed plastic eggs with prizes, stuffed animals, and a very special sweet treat. Rumor has it that the Easter Bunny might make an appearance. All participants must register prior to the event to take part in activities. For more information, visit: parks.indy.gov.

- Date: March 23, 2024 (Rain Date: March 30)
- Time: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Location: Rhodius Park Sensory Gym, 1720 W. Wilkins St., Indianapolis
- Cost: \$5 per participant

NORTH SALEM

McCloud Nature Park Scavenger Egg Hunt

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 the 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. For more information, visit: hendrickscountyparks.org.

- Date: March 23, 2024
- Time: 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Location: McCloud Nature Park, 8518 Hughes Rd., North Salem
- Cost: Free to attend and no registration required

AVON

Easter EGGstravaganza at Kingsway Christian Church

Bring your friends, neighbors, and family to this year's Easter EGGstravaganza. It will include an egg hunt, bounce houses, a petting zoo, treats, and more. Everyone is invited, so tell your neighbors.

- Date: March 23, 2024
- Time: 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
- Location: Kingsway Christian Church,
7981 E. Zander Rd. 100 N., Avon
- Cost: Free to attend and no registration required

Underwater Easter Egg Hunt at the YMCA

Hop on over to the Hendricks Regional Health YMCA for an egg-stra fun underwater egg hunt and goodies to take home. Please come dressed in swim attire and bring your own bucket or bag that can get wet. In addition to the egg hunt, participants will enjoy games, crafts, and a visit with the Easter Bunny. For more information and to register for the event, visit: indymca.org.

- Date: March 23, 2024
- Time: 1 – 3 p.m.
- Location: 301 Satori Way, Avon
- Cost: \$5/member, \$10/guest

Sensory Easter Egg Hunt

This program at Pecar Nature Center is designed for those who benefit from an individual, personalized egg hunt in a quieter setting. Families can sign up for a 15-minute time slot, with five individual hunts scheduled per 15 minutes. Two children can go together if that would help your child enjoy the experience. We will also have crafts available. For more information and to register for the event, visit: washingtontwpparks.org.

- Date: March 23, 2024
- Time: 9 – 11:30 a.m.
- Location: Pecar Nature Center, 5203 E. CR 150 N., Avon
- Cost: Free to attend (attendees must pre-register)

THE GREAT EGG HUNT at Washington Township Park

The Great Egg Hunt is back for 2024. Get your picture with the Easter Bunny, and hunt for Easter Eggs. Don't be late or you'll miss out on the fun.

- » 9:30-10 a.m. - Get your pictures with the Easter Bunny
- » 10 a.m. - All age group hunts will start
- » Age group hunts will be marked
 - Date: March 30, 2024
 - Time: 10 – 11 a.m.
 - Location: Washington Township Park, 115 S. CR 575, Avon
 - Cost: Free to attend and no registration required

Kegs & Eggs Beer Fest At Washington Township Park

Join us for the second annual "Kegs & Eggs" Craft Beer Fest + Adult Easter Egg Hunt. Washington Township Parks, in collaboration with Indiana On Tap, is thrilled to present the second annual "Kegs & Eggs" Craft Beer Fest + Adult Easter Egg Hunt. Experience the excitement with UNLIMITED SAMPLES & POURS from 25+ Indiana craft breweries, wineries, and distilleries representing the best from across the state. Upon arrival, all attendees will receive a tasting cup to savor an array of over 75 unique beers, wines, and spirits. Get to know the stories behind these diverse breweries, wineries, and distilleries while enjoying the event. The atmosphere will be complemented by great music and delightful food options will be available for purchase from multiple food trucks. Don't miss out on more than just kegs - join the eggciting egg hunt and collect as many as you can for a chance to win fabulous prizes, including the possibility of discovering a golden egg. This year, we're expanding the egg

hunt with more space, more eggs, and more prizes - are you catching our vibe of MORE of everything. Mark your calendars. For more information, visit: event.ontaptickets.com.

- Date: April 6, 2024
- Time: 1 – 5 p.m.
- Location: Washington Township Park Pavilion Center,
435 Whipple Lane, Avon
- Cost: Early Bird VIP - \$35, Early Bird General Admission - \$30,
Designated Driver - \$10

BROWNSBURG

EASTER EGG HUNT AT HOPE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Hope Community Church in Brownsburg invites the community to its 10th annual Easter Egg Hunt. There will be 12,000 eggs! Areas will be separated for specific ages (0-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12) so that everyone will leave with lots of fun, prizes, and treats. Please arrive early to park and enter our free drawing for basket giveaways. All activities will take place outdoors, so please dress appropriately. The egg hunt will start promptly at 2 p.m. Please pre-register on our event website at visithope.org or call 317-852-2616.

- Date: March 24, 2024
- Time: 2 – 3 p.m.
- Location: Hope Community Church,
3350 N. SR 267, Brownsburg
- Cost: Free to attend, but must pre-register

COATESVILLE

COATESVILLE COMMUNITY EGG HUNT

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. Hope to see you there!

- Date: March 30, 2024
- Time: 1 – 3 p.m.
- Location: Vandalia Trail/Recreation Center,
7963 Main St., Coatesville
- Cost: Free to attend and no registration required



Hendricks County ICON of the Week

Bill Franklin

By Julie Brackemyre

Bill Franklin is co-owner (along with his business partner Tracy Jones) of Court House Grounds, which is located on the east side of the town square in Danville. The restaurant just celebrated its 25th anniversary this past Christmas Eve. Bill is a veteran of the United States Air Force, retiring as a Master Sergeant in 2004 after 23 years of service. His time in service took him to several bases in the continental United States, as well as Japan, Guam, England, and Bahrain. Although it has been a while, Bill enjoys performing in community theater and has even done a bit of stand-up comedy at Crackers Comedy Club in Indianapolis.

1. What do you consider your greatest virtue?

Positivity, to the annoyance of a lot of people

2. What do you most deplore in others?

Rudeness and curtness

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

Hendricks County is a great county to work as well as live. My cafe has been here for 25 years, and the community has been very supportive. I do like how Hendricks County is growing and bringing so many wonderful opportunities for dining and the arts, especially the new performing arts center in Plainfield.

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

Japan, perhaps. I was stationed there with the Air Force in the early 80s and found the country beautiful and the people very polite and friendly, but learning a foreign language had never been my forte so perhaps one of the Carolinas.

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

I'm not sure I would change anything. Everything which has happened in my life, be it good or bad, has brought me to where I am now and has made me the person I am today.

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

My field of study at IU was Interior Architectural Design with a minor in History. I wanted to take old buildings and restore them so I guess I would spend money on historic preservation as well as the arts.

7. What makes you happiest?

It takes very little to make me happy. Every day brings a multitude of things for which to be happy and full of gratitude.

8. What is your favorite vacation spot?

Since my husband and I are both self-employed, vacations are very far and few between. Having said that, we don't do a lot of traveling but I'd say anyplace we are together is my favorite place to vacation.

9. What do you do with your idle time?

I enjoy reading books which are positive, informative, and uplifting. I also enjoy meditating.

10. What is it that makes you angry?

The word 'angry' is such a strong word, as far as I'm concerned. There are things that may not make me happy, but rarely, if ever, do I get angry.



11. What do you do to escape from reality?

I spend time in quiet contemplation and meditation.

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

Naturally I'd have to say my husband Phillip. We are like peas in a pod with many of the same interests and dreams. This June will be our 11th wedding anniversary. We eloped to Annapolis, Maryland when Indiana hadn't yet decided to allow same sex marriages. BEST DAY EVER!!!!

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

Positivity and a great sense of humor.

14. What is your greatest extravagance?

Dining out. Not just going to a restaurant for dinner, but going to a four-five star restaurant where an evening can last two to three hours and consists of cocktails, appetizers, three or four courses, dessert, and after dinner digestif cocktails.

15. What is your favorite restaurant?

Besides my own? Vida on East New York Street in Indianapolis.

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

I would have to say my parents. They had the best marriage I had ever witnessed. My mom was hard working and devoted to my dad, her three sons, and her career as a nurse. She always taught that no matter how bad you may think you have it, there are others who are worse off. My dad always taught the 'golden rule' basically. He used to say, "Think about the consequences of your actions and how they affect others."

17. What are your fears/phobias?

To a certain degree, confrontation, but I'd also have to say a fear of falling. I can easily climb a tall ladder but the idea of falling from a tall building makes my palms sweat.

18. Which talent would you most like to possess?

Perhaps a professional singer, pianist, painter, or sculptor.

19. What do you most value in your friends?

The ability to pick up the tab. In all honesty, I'd have to say good conversation and wit.

20. Who is your favorite historical figure?

Benjamin Franklin. I've read his autobiography three times and recently found out that my seventh great grandfather and Ben's father were brothers.

21. What is your greatest regret?

I would probably have to say, not being more studious when I was in school. School was more of a social thing for me rather than a place to learn.

22. What tenet do you live by?

Rarely is there anything to be angry or upset about; it's all a matter of how you choose to respond.

ICONIC brief

Sheltering Wings, three other central Indiana charitable organizations share a \$40,000 donation from F.C. Tucker Company as part of the company's Giving Circle program

Brightlane Learning, Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana and Whalen's Heroes also selected by F.C. Tucker agents to receive 2024 Giving Circle donations



F.C. Tucker Company has announced that Danville charity Sheltering Wings was one of four not-for-profits selected to receive a \$10,000 donation as part of the company's Giving Circle program.

Sheltering Wings, Brightlane Learning, Gleaners Food Bank and Whalen's Heroes each received \$10,000 from F.C. Tucker during the company's annual awards ceremony.

Comprised primarily of local real estate agents, the Giving Circle was established by F.C. Tucker as part of its Centennial Celebration in 2018 to allow its agents to pool their financial resources with those of the company and determine which community organizations would benefit from the donations. To date, the Giving Circle has awarded \$468,500 to 21 central Indiana charities.

"Our founder, Bud Tucker, has always directed us to 'pay our civic rent' to the community from which we have received so much," said F.C. Tucker President Jim Litten. "Since its inception, the Giving Circle has donated valuable funds to numerous central Indiana charitable organizations to enhance the health and wellbeing of the communities in which we all live and work."

The four locally based community organizations will use their Giving Circle grants to further their outreach and service. Brightlane Learning, which provides personalized academic support to children experiencing housing insecurity and homelessness, received a \$10,000 grant. Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana, the largest hunger relief organization in Indiana, received a \$10,000 grant. Sheltering Wings, which provides emergency services to those experiencing domestic abuse, received a \$10,000 grant. Whalen's Heroes, which raises funds to provide service dogs to military veterans, received a \$10,000 grant.



Photo L to R: Jim Litten, President of F.C. Tucker Company; Dawn Whalen from Whalen's Heroes; Cassie Mecklenburg from Sheltering Wings; Bethany Watson from Gleaners; and Claire Brosman from Brightlane Learning. (submitted photo)

ICONIC brief

Hendricks County Humane Society exceeds goals for 2023



Hendricks County Humane Society, (Hendricks Humane) a nonprofit organization focused on facilitating animal welfare by being a voice for the animals, ending pet overpopulation, furthering the people/animal bond, and educating the community on the humane care of animals, recently announced organizational results for the year ending 2023.

As pet overpopulation continues as an ongoing and prevalent issue, spay/neuter programs are the only proven solution to stop the inflow of animals into already overcrowded shelters. Over the past year, the diligent work of dedicated Hendricks Humane volunteers has played a key role in the continuance of these valued programs. Additional Hendricks Humane led initiatives include providing goods, services, and financial assistance to area pet owners. The positive impact to Hendricks County remains steady, and formidable contributions including the facilitation of reduced-cost spay/neuter days for owners, microchipping services, a community cat spay/neuter program, and assistance to pet owners with pet food and medical expenses are all on track again for the 2024 year.

2023 Community Impact

- Provided financial assistance or free spay/neuter surgeries for 521 owned dogs and cats;
- Provided free spay/neuter surgeries for 639 community cats;
- Provided financial assistance for additional medical care for 39 owned dogs and cats;
- Microchipped 335 owned dogs and cats; and
- Provided 27,189 pounds of dry pet food to feed an average of 274 dogs and cats each month.

"We are grateful to the many individuals and businesses who donated and volunteered their time to make this important community impact happen during this past year. I would like to extend a special thank you to Operations Manager Tricia Pierce, who is the driving force of our mission," remarked Carol Battistini, Board President of Hendricks Humane.

"We couldn't continue to execute our annual mission without the dedication, passion, and collective effort of the donors, community partners, and volunteers who all share in the support of our organization," Battistini said.



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ICONIC brief

The Plainfield Chamber of Commerce hosts local 2024 National Civics Bee Competition for middle schoolers in Indiana

The Plainfield Chamber of Commerce hosted a local competition for the 2024 National Civics Bee, an initiative aimed at encouraging more young Americans to engage in civics and contribute to their communities.

Davis Mueller, Diem Elkin, and Scott Schwanekamp were named the top three finalists of Plainfield Chamber's Civics Bee competition, organized in partnership with The Civic Trust of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation.

"In recent years, Americans' civics knowledge has fallen significantly. Today, 53 percent of adults cannot name all three branches of government. At the same time, 79 percent of eighth graders score below proficient in civics," said Brad DuBois IOM. "Through the National Civics Bee, we aim to reverse this trend, and inspire a new generation of Americans to be civically engaged and active in shaping the future of our communities and our nation."

Twenty students took part in the local competition after their essays were chosen from over 100 entries.

Students participated in a live quiz event and answered questions from judges to test their civic knowledge. Davis Mueller from Avon Jr. High North took first place, followed by Diem Elkin and Scott Schwanekamp for second



and third places, respectively. The judges for this year's competition were Adam Ferguson, Jenny Laser, Pam Wood, and Brad DuBois.

The top three finalists impressed the judges with their knowledge of the topics they chose. The first place-winner received a \$500 cash prize and will advance to the state competition hosted by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce along with the other two finalists. The state winners will receive various prizes, including \$1,000 cash for the first-place student. The Indiana Chamber will host this event on Aug. 23, 2024 at the Indiana Statehouse.

For more information on the National Civics Bee, visit: civics.uschamberfoundation.org.

ICONIC brief

Hendricks County Sheriff's Office to partner with ICAC

The Hendrick's County Sheriff's Office is pleased to announce their partnership with the Indiana Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force. The ICAC Task Force is a multi-agency task force that investigates and prosecutes persons who use the internet to sexually exploit or entice children. The Indiana State Police oversees the Indiana ICAC Task Force. Juvenile and Sex Crimes Detectives, Sergeant Sam Chandler and Sergeant Alexa Phillips, and the Digital Forensic Analyst, CSI Brianna Gibbs, from our Investigations Division will serve on this task force. The Hendricks County Sheriff's Office is committed to safeguarding our community against these evolving threats. This partnership will further our commitment in combating online exploitation to better protect our children. We encourage Hendricks County residents to report online exploitation, solicitation, and enticement type crimes against children to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC). Reports can also be made to the Hendricks County

Communications Center at 317-839-8700, or the Hendricks County Sheriff's Office. More information about ICAC can be found at www.in.gov/isp/icacf/.



ICONIC brief

Avon High School speech team celebrates win

For the first time in Avon High School history, the Avon High School speech team are the State Champions of 3A, the Big School Division. **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS ON THIS BIG WIN! WAY TO GO!**



ICONIC brief

Experience the 2024 Solar Eclipse with a Military Appreciation Event

Plainfield community to enjoy unique military appreciation and solar eclipse crossover



The Shops at Perry Crossing recently announced it will host their Solar Eclipse 2024: Military Tribute event on Monday, April 8 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. to witness a total eclipse of the sun, in collaboration with local military branches and groups. This event is supported by Visit Hendricks County, Town of Plainfield and York Automotive Jeep.

“We’re honored to host one of the largest military celebrations in the area and offer guests a place to witness the rare spectacle of a solar eclipse,” said Mandy Bishop, marketing manager for The Shops at Perry Crossing. “Our center is committed to collaborating with local groups to bring the Plainfield community together through unique events and activations for all ages to enjoy.”

The Solar Eclipse 2024: Military Tribute event will include interactive activities and displays from local military branches, including the Army, Navy, Marines, Air & Space Force, National Guard, and Coast Guard. We will have a ‘Veterans Remembered’ window display for guests to leave photos and notes honoring those who served. Visit Hendricks County tourism will provide a free pair of glasses to the first 5,000 guests to safely watch the total solar eclipse.

Offerings from local military branches include:

- Air Force: Bomb suits to try on and a virtual reality experience
- Marines: Interactive 16-wheeler vehicle with virtual reality and photo opportunities
- National Guard: Humvee and obstacle course

This family-friendly event is free and open to the public - no tickets required. Guests are encouraged to shop and dine at The Shops at Perry Crossing throughout the day of the event. Find more information here: www.perry-crossing.com/events/solar-eclipse-2024.

THE SHOPS AT
Perry Crossing

ICONIC brief

Town of Plainfield awards member of the Hendricks County Communications Center

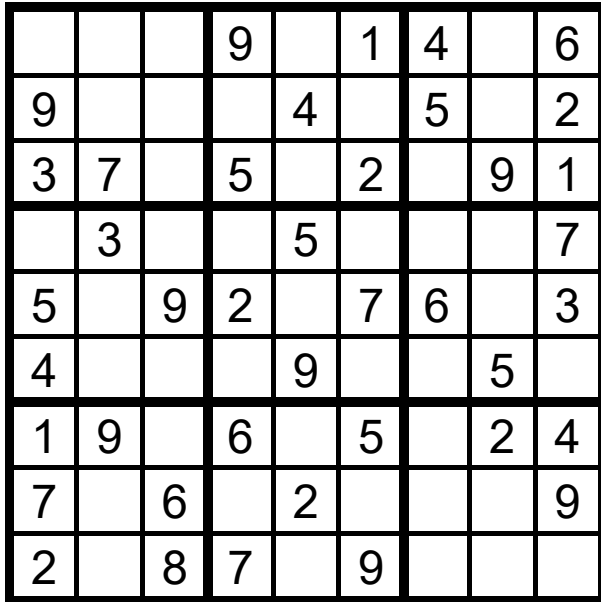
At the Plainfield Town Council Meeting on March 12, Renee Tomlinson, Hendricks County Communications Center’s (HCCC) Director, had the honor of presenting a Lifesavers Award to a truly deserving member of the HCCC team, Probationary Telecommunicator Amanda Earls.

On the evening of Feb. 15, Amanda faced a dispatcher’s nightmare. A distress call from a woman trapped in her sinking vehicle, unable to provide her location, with water rapidly rising around her. In situations like these, every second counts, with vehicles potentially sinking in as little as 30 to 120 seconds.

Amidst the tension, Amanda’s composure never wavered. Relying on her training and Emergency Fire Dispatch protocols, she delivered life-saving instructions with clarity and precision, ultimately leading to a positive outcome for the caller. Amanda’s remarkable poise under pressure exemplifies the exceptional service and dedication that our team at HCCC is committed to providing every day.

Congratulations to Amanda Earls on her well-deserved recognition. Her bravery and professionalism is an inspiration to us all!





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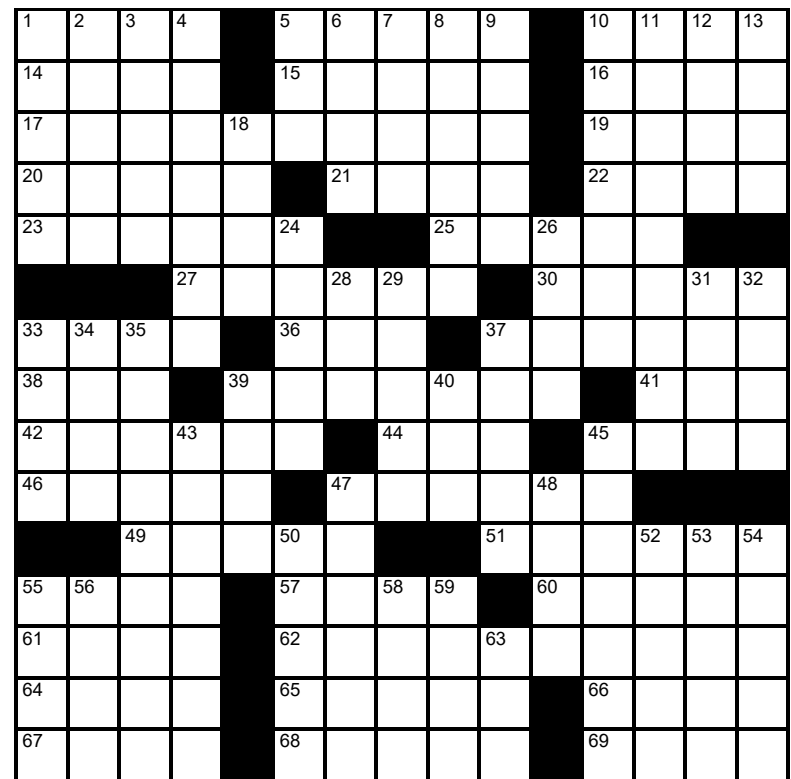
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THROWING OUT THE TOWEL

By Dick Wolfsie

This is the 20th anniversary of my son's metamorphosis. I was reminded of it when Brett requested new towels for Christmas. When he opened the gift, he flashed a big grin. I knew exactly what he was remembering.

Back when Brett started college, we were worried about him. How would he handle his new independence? We had the normal apprehensions any parent would have. But when we visited him that first year, we witnessed something we did not anticipate.

Brett had turned green.

I wish I were making this up, but while Mary Ellen and I sat across from Brett at dinner during Parents Week, we noticed that his skin had a grayish-green tint to it. At first, we were alarmed. We sent Brett to college with the hopes of a good education. We hoped that something would set in.

We didn't expect gangrene.

"Brett, have you noticed that you are turning green?" I asked nonchalantly, trying to hide my concern.

My wife, never wanting to seem negative, interrupted my query. "It's a lovely shade of green, of course. But you weren't that color when you left home."

Brett seemed unnerved by the observation. He looked at his arms and his hands. Then he tightened his face, gritted his teeth and growled: "Don't make me angry. You won't like me when I'm angry."

Thinking my son was The Hulk was a bit disconcerting, but if you have ever raised a teenager, you know that few things should really surprise you.

Brett explained that he noticed his change in hue after showering and drying off with the towels we bought him for his dorm room. This brought a glare from my wife who wanted to splurge on plushier accessories, but was convinced otherwise by her cheap husband who thought if

Amazon.com was good enough for books, it would be good enough for towels.

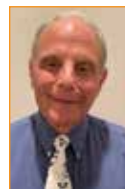
Now that the source of the discoloration was identified, Mary Ellen went into a spasm of laughter, mostly out of relief that Brett did not have a rare tropical disease. Knowing this would end up a column, I tried out all my jokes on Brett like "You should start a garden, now that you have a green thumb." Then I went into a musical rendition of "It's Not Easy Being Green," using my very best Kermit the Frog impersonation. Mary Ellen, at this point, would have laughed at anything, just relieved we didn't need to make an appointment at the Mayo Clinic.

It was time to go back to the dorm. I helped carry some of the items from the car to Brett's room. Brett's roommate, Connor, was there practicing his guitar. "Hey, Connor, did you notice that Brett has turned green?" I blurted out, still a bit giddy with the potential for more green jokes.

"That's odd," said Connor, looking at his arm. "I noticed that I am turning kind of blue."

Sure enough, Connor's arms had an attractive sky-blue tint, which my wife and I immediately noticed perfectly matched his towels on the shelf. Connor's dad was probably a tightwad like me.

From that day on, we bought all his towels at a higher-quality establishment. Recently, that very company filed for bankruptcy. Unlike my son, Bed Bath & Beyond was not the color of money.



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

"Spring break! Were there any two words ever put together that make a more beautiful sound?"

— Gary D. Schmidt

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

"Be Yourself; everyone else is already taken." - Oscar Wilde

By Kate Anderson

Be yourself. Woah is that a loaded request. How hard could that be (I ask myself in a sarcastic tone)? As a young child, I was goofy, silly, smiley, and very clumsy. It never occurred to me to change who I was, except for the clumsy part, which was DEFINITELY not loved by my bill-paying parents. As I grew up, I realized that all my individuality needed to be tamped down and that I needed to assimilate for the sheer reason of survival in junior high and high school. I tell you what, I absolutely did not want to stick out like a sore thumb amongst that group of ultra judgmental youths. Am I bringing back painful memories for any of you? Yep, I feel your pain. For some reason, college was a much-improved experience. Although it sometimes felt like high school on steroids, I had an indifferent feeling about it. I was able to start being myself again and eventually found my "people" who were just as crazy, silly, and clumsy as me. It came as a surprise to me, but I really didn't care what those judgmental college students thought of me. They were easier to ignore. Was your young adulthood a tragedy or triumph? Whether you went to

college or not, were you indifferent or annoyed by those hypercritical young adults? Did you find your people? Fast forward to my middle-aged self, I am proud to say that I am too busy "adulting" to give a hoot about those who love to find fault in others. I embrace the fact that I am still a version of who I was in my young childhood, except for the clumsiness, which has somehow amplified to a sometimes-dangerous level. Sadly, now I am the bill-paying one. There are still days when I frustrate myself, but overall, I am generally happy with who I am. I know I will always be a work in progress, but I am ok with that. How about you? Has adulthood served you well? Do you love yourself as you are, or do you feel like you are a work in progress? Life can be crazy, and we all have different experiences and "bumps" along the way. I think what dear Oscar said is right. It is imperative that we be ourselves. We were made to be our own awesome individuals and embrace our true personalities and quirks. After all, there is no one else like you in the whole wide world. You are wonderful just the way you are and don't you forget it!

PLUG INTO
 SAFETY

WEATHERING THE STORM

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.



A guide to patriarchal prefixes

GRAMMAR
 GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

Mr. Bean. Mr. T. Mr. Pibb. Mr. Mister. These four “misters” didn’t keep the produce section at the grocery store moist — they were indicative of men.

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

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

The reason for this split of master and mister comes from saying “master” quickly or carelessly. Gradually, “master” became “mister,” and the “master” term was reserved for more specific meanings, like teacher or owner. Most mused the term because they couldn’t muster the effort to murmur “master.”

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

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

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

Modern applications of the term master can still be found. My son has a green belt from Master Yoo’s World-Class Taekwondo. An artist can produce a masterpiece. A person can serve as a headmaster, a postmaster, or a taskmaster.

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

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

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



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DUMB LAW

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 Each issue, we'll share one with you ...*

In Kentucky, every citizen is required to take a shower once a year.

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ICONic Athlete of Hendricks County

BROWNSBURG SENIOR HUMBLE AND HUNGRY

Dedicated track runner ready to build on the 2023 Brownsburg State Championship

By Josh George

Josh Handy is not only a great track runner, but a great person. This is evident from talking with his parents and coaches. He is one of the hardest workers, day in and day out, in everything he does. Whether it is on the track, in the classroom, or his faith- he believes in who he is and the hard work he puts in will pay off. The ICON recently interviewed Josh and got some good insight on Josh and his team's aspirations to build off a memorable 2023 State Championship for Brownsburg Boys track and field.



Q&A with Josh Handy

ICON: When did you first start running track? Do you play any other sports? If so, what sport and at what level?

Josh: I started running track in 7th grade. I have played soccer since I was four and played varsity at Smoky Mountain High School in NC. Last year when I first moved here, I played soccer at Brownsburg but this year I am just focusing on track.

ICON: What events do you run in track? Please provide some stats (times) from the Spring of 2023.

Josh: Indoor Events: 60m, 200m, 400m, 4x200m, 4x400m Outdoor Events: 100m, 200m, 400m, 4x100m, 4x400m
100m-10.94 200m-21.55 4x100m-40.70 (State Record) 4x400m- 3:19.82



ICON: How do you prepare and train during the off-season?

Josh: To be ready for track season, I use the off-season to do heavy weightlifting to build strength and I regularly stretch and do yoga on my own to improve my mobility. I monitor my sleep schedule, make sure I hydrate, prioritize healthy nutrition, and I stay connected to my teammates.

ICON: Who has been your most influential coach and why?

Josh: Coach Pop has influenced me a great deal. He has helped me to improve as a sprinter as well as a leader. He challenges me and encourages me. As part of the Student Athlete Leadership Team (SALT), every other Thursday morning is an opportunity to hear from influential figures all over the nation, and Coach Pop leads our small group for breakout discussions. He is really invested in me and our whole team.

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

Josh: In North Carolina, where I lived up until junior year, there were no club track teams near us. The most memorable way my parents supported me was by driving me an hour away at 7 a.m. to attend practice with a track club. This took place every other weekday for a lot of the

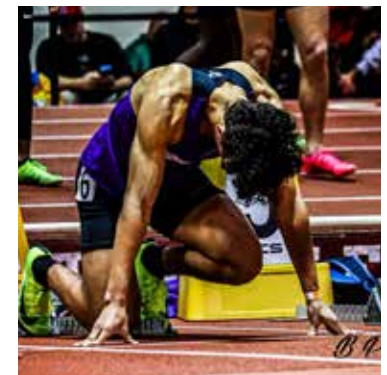
summer. One year over spring break when I lived in North Carolina, my parents drove me up to Ohio for a week to train with the Ohio Speed Academy, which is a club that has yielded multiple All-Americans. Both these experiences led to great improvements and wouldn't have been made possible without my parents.

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

Josh: In North Carolina, my high school did not have a track to train on. So after practice, which was held on the football field, I would drive to a nearby university's track and go through extra workouts. Occasionally a teammate would join me and sometimes my family would come and make videos of me or time me, but for the most part, I had to do a lot of the training on my own. I watched a lot of YouTube videos, analyzed videos of myself, and tried to find outside resources to help me improve. This was difficult, but it was necessary for the success I've now experienced. Then I moved to Brownsburg before my junior year and being able to train with a group of guys who are all committed and hardworking really pushed me in my own growth. Also, having a whole team of coaches who care about us and are invested in our success brought huge

improvements for me. Junior year was definitely a high point for me.

I think the low point was this past summer when I tore my hamstring completely off the bone while running in the New Balance National Championship at University of Pennsylvania. Somehow, I was able to complete my part of the relay and get the baton to my teammate and while it wasn't our best time, we still placed third as All-Americans. But then I came home and had to have total reconstructive surgery and had to start all over with learning how to even walk again. All my plans for summer fell apart and I lost the chance to compete on an elite club team and I had to spend six months in rehab. I had to work hard to accept this obstacle and adjust my expectations, but I feel like now I am back, stronger than ever, and ready to compete.



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

Josh: A personal goal I have is to break the 21 second barrier in the 200m. My PR going into this season is 21.55 so it will require a lot of work, but I'm prepared and hopeful. Since winning state as a team last year, our team goal this year is to make it happen again. Although we lost a lot of great talent and depth with the seniors leaving, every indoor meet so far there has been someone that steps



up and proven themselves.

ICON: What makes running track at Brownsburg High School special?

Josh: The team environment is special. Practicing and competing with a large team makes me feel like I'm able to be a part of something big, every time we step out on the track. I'm not just running for myself, but I have a team that relies on me, whether it's for points in an open event, or to finish my leg of a relay.

ICON: How has Brownsburg track and the coaches helped you as a student athlete and person?

Josh: Practicing and competing with other top athletes on the team has led to friendly rivalries that have helped me push myself to run personal records. Being part of this team has shaped me in every way possible. It is a game changer when you can run for coaches who are so invested in you being your best.

ICON: Do you plan on running in college? If so, where and what made you feel like that school was the right choice?

Josh: I am committed to Cedarville University to continue running track. Cedarville is a private Christian School near Dayton Ohio. From the beginning of recruitment, I had a great connection with Coach Kittle at CU, and I knew that he would be invested in me. I could tell that he really cared about me as a person, and I wanted the opportunity to be coached by him. He coaches a strong track team who has produced All-Americans at Division 2 Indoor Nationals this year already. On top of having successful athletics, Cedarville provides strong, Christ-centered academics where I will be pursuing an exercise science major.

Q&A with Coach Casey Popenfoose

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

Coach Pop: I have known Josh for a year and a half. He moved as an incoming junior to Brownsburg from North Carolina. His commitment to being a stud was evident right away. Watching him sprint early on in practices, our whole sprint staff knew he would be special.

ICON: What makes Josh a special athlete?

Coach Pop: His commitment. He is 100 percent in on whatever he is doing. Josh is a super focused and driven kid. He's not the type of kid you need to tell to work harder. He has aspirations and goals and he attacks those every day.

ICON: Describe Josh as a leader.

Coach Pop: Josh treats all his teammates well, regardless of where they fall in terms of talent. He's been a little banged up this last week and one of the days he took on a coach's role to help kids learn and grow in their block starts. Josh is a selfless kid in general, which makes him a natural fit to help others and build others up when needed.

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

Coach Pop: My expectations for Josh are that he maximizes who he is on and off the track. Josh was a part of our state record relay last year and an all-state sprinter in the 200. I know he can accomplish big things again this year, and he knows that too. When you work hard and believe in yourself there is no telling what you are capable of, so nothing would surprise me with where he finishes up this season!

Josh's parents, Daryl and Annie, also had this to add on what makes Josh a special player and person:

Mom: "Josh's life is a testimony of resilience, strength, compassion, and determination. He was born with a multitude of health challenges and has had a life filled with obstacles, detours, and setbacks. But all of these struggles have shaped his character in such a way that he is a dedicated and diligent athlete who works hard to succeed and invests into the success of others. He is steadfast and unwavering in his commitments. As a person, Josh is kind and loyal, smart and funny, strong and yet gentle. I'm unbelievably proud of him and I am a better person because I get to be his mom."

Dad: "Joshua is thriving in many ways. He's very disciplined with his eating, his rest, and the way he spends his time. I'm encouraged by Joshua's habits, but most of all, I'm encouraged by his character. Every day, he makes hard decisions that show his drive to honor God with his body, mind, and relationships. At a soul level, I see Joshua learning and growing in his faith - taking steps to be the man God calls him to be. In academics, he's working hard, excelling in AP courses, and being diligent in all his studies. On the track, Josh is a blur, but he doesn't excel alone in this typically-lonely sport. Last year, Joshua was part of the state record-breaking, boys 4x100 team. The way those guys worked together, pushing each other to grow, communicate, and win together - it was something very special! Josh is focused and friendly, driven and giving, competitive and always congratulating others on their achievements. He's blessed with a fantastic coaching staff, a whole team of quality athletes, and a crowd of cheering Brownsburg family that motivate all the Bulldogs at every event."

Congratulations to Josh Handy on being the Hendricks County ICONIC Athlete of the Week, and best of luck to the Brownsburg boys track and field team in their spring season!



Notables

Compiled by Josh George

Boys Swimming State Qualifiers-Relay

200 Medley Relay

Brownsburg - Parker Huff, Ethan Hart, Ethan Crane, Issac Johnson
Plainfield - Max Knierim, Preston Irving, Jared Beasley, Patrick DeWitt

200 Free Relay

Avon - Ethan Jennings, Austin Willoughby, Jackson Wendy, Mason Gilliam
Brownsburg - Issac Johnson, Gavin Coggan, Ethan Crane, Ethan Hart

400 Free Relay

Avon - Austin Willoughby, Ethan Jennings, Jackson Wendy, Mason Gilliam
Brownsburg - Gavin Coggan, Issac Johnson, Talon Collier, Gavin Barnes
Plainfield - Talan Andersch, Jared Beasley, Max Knierim, Patrick DeWitt

Avon's 200 Free Relay and 400 Free Relay were finalists and placed 9th and 13th

Boys Swimming State Qualifiers-Individual

200 and 500 Free

Gavin Coggan-Brownsburg, Mason Gilliam-Avon, Drew Yonnie-Avon

50 and 100 Free

Ethan Jennings-Avon

100 Fly

Caden Potters- Cascade

100 Back

Jackson Wendt-Avon, Rush Curry-Tri-West

100 Breast

Jackson Wendt-Avon, Rush Curry-Tri-West

Diving

Drew Guthrie-Plainfield, Rheid Busby-Plainfield, Maddox Grant-Brownsburg

Boys swimming state finalist: Gavin Coggan-Brownsburg, Mason Gilliam-Avon - both in the 200

**Congrats to Danville boys basketball on a great semi-state run and season!
Congrats to Bethesda boys basketball who will be playing for a state championship next weekend!**

Hendricks County Spring Sports Preview 2024 - Girls Track and Field, Boys Golf, Girls Tennis, and Unified 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 Girls Track and Field, Boys Golf, Girls Tennis, and Unified Track and Field.

Girls Track and Field

Avon

Head Coach: Domoni Springer

2023 record and accomplishments: 2023 was a wonderful year with a lot of team and individual success. We were sectional runner ups behind a strong Brownsburg team where we qualified our largest regional team. From regionals, we qualified the 4x100 relay made of Journee Riley, Jiah Davenport, Nicole Sheagley, and Nevaeh Wren, along with individuals Jessica Hegedus in the 1600 M run and Nevaeh Wren. We also had a conference champion Jessica Hegedus in the 3200 M run.

Key player losses:

Key players that are returning: On the distance side will be Jessica Hegedus (12), Eve Schurr (11), and Ava Watkins (11). Athletes to watch in hurdles and sprints: Mikka Suyeyasu (11), Sarah Madi-Bouabre (12), Jiah Davenport (12), Nevaeh Wren (11). In the field athletes to watch are Makaylee Butts (10) in the long jump.

Coach Springer's thoughts on the upcoming season:

This season we are looking forward to the team continuing to build off what we started last season. With a large group of returners that scored very well in conference, sectionals, and state, we are looking to move up a spot at the 2024 Zionsville sectional. The freshman class also brings in a lot of point potential to add some key points in the field and on the track. Overall, our staff is looking forward to a lot of improvement from our athletes and an incredibly fun season that will lead us on the road to state.

Brownsburg

Head Coach: Julie Waggoner

2023 record and accomplishments: HCC Champs, 7th place team at IHSAA State Meet. 4x100 relay state champions, 5 all-state event medalists

Key player losses: Darrelle Rice (school record holder in the 100m and member of 4x100 state championship relay), Paige Kirtz - school record holder in the 200/400 and member of the 4x100 state winning relay

Key players that are returning: Izzy Neal: All-state in the 200m in the 2023 season, member of 4x100 state championship relay. London Smith: freshman school record holder in the 100m(12.49) and member of the 4x100 state championship relay. Ashlyn Schwab: All-state pole vaulter

and current school record holder at 12'8". Emily Ritenour: Current school record holder in the high jump (5'6"). Loria Snowden: state finalist in the shot put.

Sophia N'Bgesso: state qualifier in the 300m hurdles, and current school record holder (45.42). Scout Newman and Mackenzie Steele look to score big points for the distance team this season as our top returners.

Coach Waggoner's thoughts on the upcoming season:

We are returning some of the top athletes that have come through our girls track and field program, with many school record holders and returning members of our state champion, 4x100 relay. These girls are strong leaders and will help to lead some of our new, underclassmen talent. Our goal as a team is to win another conference championship and to qualify as many girls as we can to the State Finals meet.

Cascade

Head Coach: Greg Williams

2023 record and accomplishments: The Cadets had two athletes named Academic All-State and 13 named Academic All-Conference between the boys and girls. Returning Pole Vaulter Claire Austin was the girls Pole Vault ICC Runner Up.

Key player losses: Seniors that graduated

Key players that are returning: In 2024 we see the return of Seniors Claire Austin, Credence Chittenden, Courtney Shostrand, and Mara Starika, and they will all be competitive in their respective events.

Coach Williams thoughts on the upcoming season: The 2024 season is already in full swing with our first indoor meet on 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 of 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.

Danville

Head Coach: Rosie Fakes

2023 record and accomplishments: 4 - 2, Sagamore Conference Champions

Key player losses: Corrie Bloomer, Sprints; Izzy Flick, distance/mid distance; Halle Walker, sprints

Key players that are returning: Olivia Staigl, shot put & discus; Shelby Harvey, sprints; Maddy Wethington, distance

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 teams will be successful.

On the girl's side, our numbers are not as large as we would like, but what we have are quality athletes. The coaches will really have to utilize the girls in the most efficient way

while doing what we can to help the girls reach their fullest potential in their events.

Plainfield

Head Coach: Brian Pelkey

2023 record and accomplishments: 7-3, 3rd Mid-State Conference, 3rd Zionsville Sectional, 18th IHSAA State Meet
Key player losses: Veronica Hargrave - distance runner, Zoe Arvantis - pole vault

Key players that are returning: Ellie Stewart, Berkeley Williams, Susanna Akinwole, Molly Larrison, Briayla Tanner - sprints and relays. Norah Haines, Dalayla Keeler, and Ella Catlin - hurdles. Katie Campbell - distance. Maddy Bishop - throws.

Coach Pelkey's thoughts on the upcoming season:

We have a very young team, but will strive to get better throughout the season. We have three out of four runners from our state runner-up 4x4 relay team that return.

Tri-West

Head Coach: Friederich Rademacher

2023 record and accomplishments: Girl's 5th Place Team Finish at SAC Championships

New School Records: Kylee Regalado - 100m, 200m, long jump

Key player losses: Rylen Slagle - high jump, 100m hurdles, Kelly Lyon - sprints

Key players that are returning: Kylee Regalado - long jump, 100m, 200m, 400m, Hailee McMahon - 100m hurdles, Juliet Yeager - 800m, Anna Ziats - 400m, 800m, Mackenzie Thacker - shot put, discus, Sydney Nelson - 200m 400m, Claire Hunt - 3200m.

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 and Field Championships.

Boys Golf

Avon

Head Coach: Kevin Bischof

2023 record and accomplishments: 43 wins, 54 losses

Key player losses: Cooper Trigg and Joey Rivera

Key players that are returning: Camden Church (senior), Jack Lloyd (senior), Nick Griffin (senior), Corbin Glazik (junior), Grady Luebbert (junior)

Coach Bischof's thoughts on the upcoming season: Avon boys' golf has five returning players with varsity experience and they are eager to get started. They have worked hard during the off season, and we plan to improve last season's standings in the conference and sectional tournaments. After finishing 7th of 8 teams last season in the very tough HCC, we are ready to go out and improve our position this year. At sectionals, we plan to finish in the top three and advance to regionals. We are very capable of accomplishing both of these goals and the guys are motivated to show what they can do. This is not only a talented group of golfers that enjoys competing, but a great group of young men to coach as well. We are looking forward to a fun season!

Brownsburg

Head Coach: Tom Maples

2023 record and accomplishments: We were 2nd in the sectional, and 5th at the regional level. Hoping to improve on each this year.

Key player losses: We had no seniors a year ago, so everyone returns.

Key players that are returning: Jr Carter Hall and Mason Pierle who led in scoring last year. Senior Brayden Corbolotti, Senior Mason Hart, Junior Zach Forgrave, and Sophomore John Amt were key contributors a year ago. That is combined with a competitive core of sophomores returning to go along with one of our more talented classes of freshmen we have seen come into Brownsburg in a long time. Freshmen Jack Witty, Oscar Frye, and Blayne Chapman will look to compete for some varsity time this year.

Coach Maples thoughts on the upcoming season: This will be the deepest, most competitive team from top to bottom I have ever had. The competition from within will no doubt elevate the level of play throughout the program. We have a great mix of young talent with veteran experience. I do not have a great feel for what the ceiling is yet for this particular group, but I do think at some point in the not-too-distant future this program is about to jump to a level it has not been in a long time.

Cascade

Head Coach: Caleb Eldridge

2023 record and accomplishments: 3-8

Key player losses: No players graduated from our rotation players last year.

Key players that are returning: Evan Franklin has been a three-year #1 golfer for our team and really took a strong leadership role on the team last year. Excited to watch him take another step this season, not only as a golfer but also as a leader. Andrew Turner is returning as a sophomore after making real strides throughout the course of the season last year.

Coach Eldridge's thoughts on the upcoming season: My

hope for this season is to see players continue growing in their respective golf games. We as a team need to continue showing improvement throughout the course of the season and have a strong performance at conference this year. It is always a great feeling to be able to get more wins, but I think that is also an opportunity to see these players perform in high pressure matches and learn to respond in adverse circumstances out on the course.

Danville

Head Coach: Terry Hammons

2023 record and accomplishments: Record: 6-9, Two 1st team all-Sagamore Conference golfers - Lake McDugle (graduated) and Jacob Gentry (Senior), 2nd Team all-conference: Matt Pickel (Junior)

Key player losses: Lake McDugle (played the #1 position for us)

Key players that are returning: Last year's positions (current grade level) #2 - Jacob Gentry (senior), #3 - Matt Pickel (junior), #4 - Carter Pruet (junior), and #5 - Matt Sutherlin (sophomore)

Coach Hammons thoughts on the upcoming season: From the beginning of last season through the sectionals, we improved as a team. We want to continue that trend from the first day of practice, onward. Gentry, Pickel, and Pruet are now in their third year of varsity competition and we expect them to lead the way to bigger and better things. Sutherlin came on at the end of last year and has put in a lot of time and effort in the off-season. We look forward to seeing the results. In our call-out meeting, we had a lot of interest in the sophomore and freshman classes. With the returning experience, plus the younger players, we are hoping there will be a lot of competition for playing positions that will help us become very competitive in our matches.

Plainfield

Head Coach: Bill Crays

2023 record and accomplishments: 2023 Sectional Champions, Ian Perry individual sectional champion/ State finalist

Key player losses: Returning all but one player from 2023

Key players that are returning: Have a very strong team with a lot of talent in every grade. This is the deepest team I have had the pleasure of coaching!

Coach Crays thoughts on the upcoming season: I believe in this team and they believe in themselves. The rest will be up to fate! I know these kids will have a great year!

Tri-West

Head Coach: Tom Pemberton

2023 record and accomplishments: 15-1 Dual and Tri Meet Record; 60-16 combined record including tournament play, Sagamore Conference Runner-Up, Southmont Invitational Champions, Harrison Hills Sectional Champions

Key player losses: Lost graduate Stone Robinson from the varsity lineup. He played in the #5 spot last season but frequently turned in one of our four lowest scores in competitions.

Key players that are returning: Six of our top seven players are returning. #1 Landon Gardner, #2 Jack Mondary,

#3 Jack Oldham, #4 Brock Thompson, #6 Dustin Pensworth, #7 Kruz Bear

Coach Pemberton's thoughts on the upcoming season: Our team had a great 2023 season, so I have high expectations coming into 2024. Our top players are more experienced and have a greater sense of what it takes to compete against the top tier teams. Team goals I have for us this year include winning the Sagamore Conference Championship, defending our sectional title, and improving every player's individual scoring average. I'm looking forward to getting out there and seeing what our guys can do this season.

Girls Tennis

Avon

Head Coach: Robert Mize

2023 record and accomplishments: 4th Straight Sectional Title and 8th out of the last 10

Key player losses: Lost #1 who transferred to IMG Academy

Key players that are returning: Jade Maxwell, Christine White, Jenny Kramer, Noriko Chu, Adelyn Wyndham, Ava and Alexis Faust, Peyton Holloway, Siena Lister, Hannah Schubert, Dagmawit Tilahun, Samantha Miller, and Brooke Widner.

Coach Mize's thoughts on the upcoming season: The Avon coaching staff is optimistic for what this year may bring. The Lady Orioles will be vying for their fifth straight tennis sectional title and nine out of 11. The level of competition this team will face on a weekly basis may turn out to be the toughest schedule in the state. Our coaching staff fully expects our Schedule to include seven of the top 10 teams in the state, as well as 12 of the top 15. The schedule will be brutal, but we hope it will prepare us well for sectionals and beyond. Come support your 2024 Lady Orioles!

Brownsburg

Head Coach: Spencer Fields

2023 record and accomplishments: 4-9 record

Key player losses: Ava and Caroline Allen

Key players that are returning: #1 Emma Jones, #2 Ayla Lathrop, #3 Emma Tranter

Coach Fields thoughts on the upcoming season: Outlook is positive due to the depth of our team. We will have a chance to win sectionals.

Danville

Head Coach: Mike Burdsall

2023 record and accomplishments: 10-6, placed 3rd in the SAC which is our highest finish in this conference

Key player losses: we have almost everyone back

Key players that are returning: Sydney Ward, Klaire Himsel, Kerrigan O'Brien, Calla Herald, Morgan Martin

Coach Burdsall's thoughts on the upcoming season: This is my sixth season as the girl's head tennis coach and we have high expectations this season. The three seniors who have played varsity for their whole high school tennis career, will be great leaders for us this season. Sydney Ward has been our #1 singles since her sophomore year and she has dedicated a lot of time to lessons and playing in the off-season. Calla and Kerrigan have also worked at becoming a great doubles team. We have six of seven positions

returning from last year. Klaire, Morgan, and Kaelyn have done lessons and played tennis in the offseason as well.

Plainfield

Head Coach: Keith Bradley

2023 record and accomplishments: Varsity Record 10-11, JV Record 10-6-1

Key player losses: Mahala Hess, Sarah Buckner, Maddie Brothers, Ella Chafin

Key players that are returning: Ruby Woodson (12), Chloe Sumner (12), Reese Woodson (10), Bella Gilliam (10), Gabby Gardiner (10), Carolyn Pugh (10), Elise Wilson (11), Mia Propes (11), Aubree Gibbs (11)

Coach Bradley's thoughts on the upcoming season: We have some big shoes to fill in 2024. Losing our seniors from last season with multiple years of varsity experience will be tough in 2024. We do, however, return two seniors Ruby Woodson and Chloe Sumner whom we will lean on to help guide our young players. We are looking forward to their leadership on and off the court. We have several players returning who lettered in 2023; we will see how ready they are to take or resume a varsity role. We are looking forward to competing at a high level against one of the toughest schedules we have assembled. We are young but have several kids who love to compete. I am looking forward to coaching this great group of student athletes.

Tri-West

Head Coach: Josh Gordon

2023 record and accomplishments: NONE - First season for girls tennis at Tri-West

Key player losses: NONE

Key players that are returning: NONE

Coach Gordon's thoughts on the upcoming season: We are excited about adding tennis at Tri-West High School and anxious for the Lady Bruin's first season. We will have a good mix of experienced players along with some new to the sport. Our focus will be on developing a program that is centered on skill development, playing with integrity, being competitive, and representing Tri-West the best that we can!

Unified Track and Field

Avon

Head Coach: Will Staal

2023 record and accomplishments: Sectional Champion, Finalist in Regionals, 3rd in the HCC, 12th place at State

Key player losses:

Key players that are returning: Several returning players

Coach Staal's thoughts on the upcoming season: Coming off a successful year in 2023, Avon Unified track looks to build upon success while having fun. Last year, the Orioles won the Plainfield sectional, second place in the Bedford Regional, third place in the HCC, and 12th place at state. There will be a lot of new faces and some great returning athletes. Unified track numbers are always solid at Avon, and this year will be the same. The Orioles have a lot of fun and look to compete every meet.

Brownsburg

Head Coach: Ricky Crider

2023 record and accomplishments: Regional qualifiers

Key player losses: Walker Fruits, William Lay

Key players that are returning: Meia Edwards, Heet Patel, Logan Bradley, Mariah Broyles, Daphne Garner

Coach Crider's thoughts on the upcoming season: I believe we have a strong group of experienced runners that love to have fun and compete. I am excited to see the growth of this group.

Plainfield

Head Coach: Jessica Breidinger

2023 record and accomplishments: No record for Unified.

We had a record number of Unified participants as well as partners.

Key player losses: Emily "Emmers" Hines

Key players that are returning: Paul Brown, Zach Coffelt, and partners Valentina Chavez-Seanez and Demi Bolin

Coach Breidinger's thoughts on the upcoming season:

We are working hard to build our numbers and get even more special needs students and partners participating.

We hope you enjoyed the second portion of the spring sports preview!

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FORtheRECORD - HC OBITUARIES**AVON****Linda Lou Burge**

Linda Lou Burge, 70, Avon, passed away on March 13, 2024. She was born on Nov. 17, 1953. Carlilse – Branson Funeral Service and Crematory has been entrusted with the cremation arrangements, and there will be no services at this time.

Bruno John Florentin

U.S. Army veteran Bruno John Florentin, 94, Avon, passed away on March 12, 2024. He was born on June 20, 1929. Services were held on March 18, 2024, at Conkle Funeral Home, in Avon.

Lowell James Pruett

U.S. Navy veteran Lowell James Pruett, 77, Indianapolis, passed away on March 10, 2024. He was born on April 3, 1946. Services were held on March 18, 2024, at Eric MD Bell Funeral Home, in Pittsboro. Please consider donations in lieu of flowers to: Indy Honor Flight, PO Box 10, Plainfield, IN 46168, info@indyhonorflight.org for on-line donations.

George L. Reading

U. S. Air Force veteran George L. Reading, 77, Avon, passed away on March 11, 2024. He was born on Sept. 30, 1946.

Services will be private.

Joyce Marie (Huron) (Hutchens) Trent

Joyce Marie (Huron) (Hutchens) Trent, 98, Avon, passed away on March 4, 2024. She was born on June 5, 1925. Services were held on March 8, 2024, at Plainfield Christian Church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Avon-Washington Township Library.

BROWNSBURG**Nikki J. Bauman**

Nikki J. Bauman, 75, Brownsburg, passed away on March 3, 2024. She was born on Sept. 15, 1948. Services will be private.

Keith J. Carlson

Keith J. Carlson, 63, Brownsburg, passed away on March 12, 2024. He was born on June 27, 1960. A celebration of life will be from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. on March 22, 2024, at the Green Street Pub and Eatery, 911 N. Green St., Brownsburg, IN 46112.

Joseph K. Neuman

Joseph K. Neuman, 72, Brownsburg, passed away on March 6, 2024. He was born on Jan. 15, 1952. Services were held on March 12, 2024 at Matthews Mortuary in Brownsburg.

Larry Edward Smith

Larry Edward Smith, 78, Brownsburg, passed on March 8, 2024. He was born on Aug. 4, 1945. Arrangements are entrusted to the care of Eric MD Bell Funeral Home and

Cremation Services. A celebration of life will soon be announced.

Margaret F. Watson

Margaret F. Watson, 91, Brownsburg, passed away on March 13, 2024. She was born on May 22, 1932. Services were held on March 16, 2024 at Matthews Mortuary in Brownsburg.

Wayne Wilkerson

Wayne Wilkerson, 81, Brownsburg, passed away on March 12, 2024. He was born on Oct. 16, 1942. A celebration of life service will be held at a later date.

COATESVILLE**Martha M. Nunaley**

Martha M. Nunaley, 89, Coatesville, passed away on March 4, 2024. She was born on Aug. 21, 1934. Services were held on March 13, 2024 at Grace Baptist Church.

DANVILLE**Brandon James Breedlove**

Brandon James Breedlove, 27, Danville, passed away on March 10, 2024. He was born April 11, 1996. A memorial service will be held at Connection Point Christian Church in Brownsburg on March 24, 2024. The visitation will take place from 3 - 5 p.m. with memorial service beginning at 5 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to one of the charities Brandon was passionate about, either the Wounded Warrior Project or helping Fur The Brand.

Margaret Jessie Brooks

Margaret Jessie Brooks, 95, Danville, passed away on March 4, 2024. She was born on Jan. 28, 1929. Baker Funeral Home in Danville is handling the arrangements. A celebration of life will be held at 12 p.m. on April 6, 2024 at Calvary Chapel of Danville. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the service time in the church.

John Robert Williams Jr.

John Robert Williams Jr., 85, Danville passed away on March 9, 2024. He was born on Aug. 17, 1938. Services were held on March 14, 2024 at Conkle Funeral Home in Avon.

LIZTON**Kenneth Mark Calhoun**

Kenneth Mark Calhoun, 52, Lizton, passed away on March 7, 2024. He was born on Nov. 2, 1971. Services were held on March 16, 2024 at Eric MD Bell Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests making a donation to the American Cancer Society (donate.cancer.org) or the Indianapolis Zoo (Indianapoliszoo.com).

PITTSBORO**Andrew Jared Scheuttig**

Andrew Jared Scheuttig, 27, Pittsboro, passed away on March 5, 2024. He was born on July 11, 1996. Services were held on March 13, 2024 at Avon Community Church of God. Contributions may be made to Gain Music Academy (<https://venmo.com/u/GainMusicAcademy>).

William "Bill" A. Soeurt

William "Bill" A. Soeurt, 89, Pittsboro, passed away on March 1, 2024. He was born on March 13, 1934. Services were held on March 16, 2024 at Matthews Mortuary in Brownsburg.

PLAINFIELD**Charles G. Clark**

Charles G. Clark, 87, Plainfield, passed away on March 5, 2024. He was born on Oct. 30, 1936. Services were held on March 11, 2024 at Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home.

Arnold "Keith" Storm

U.S. Air Force veteran Arnold "Keith" Storm, 87, Plainfield, passed away on March 6, 2024. He was born on Oct. 3, 1936. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Helen Lawrence Wallen

Helen Lawrence Wallen, 97, Plainfield, passed away on March 3, 2024. She was born on Dec. 7, 1926. Services were held on March 7, 2024. Contributions may be made to the Plainfield United Methodist Church or Christian Support Center at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in Plainfield. Arrangements entrusted to Hall-Baker Funeral Home in Plainfield.

Nathan L. Winegar

Nathan L. Winegar, 46, Indianapolis, formerly of Plainfield, passed away on March 13, 2024. He was born on Aug. 10, 1977. Services were held on March 18, 2024 at Hampton-Gentry Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers contributions can be made to: <https://gofund.me/c2c01d98>.



ICONIC brief

Brownsburg High School robotics team wins district event

The Brownsburg High School Robotics Team, Team 3176 Purple Precision, won the Indiana District event held at Penn High School on March 2 and 3. The robotics team of over 50 students has been working on designing and building a robot since early January to compete in this year's FIRST® Robotics Competition (FRC) game called Crescendo. Robots work in alliances of three teams to complete the game goals; Team 3176 was part of the winning alliance, along with Team 461 from West Lafayette and Team 3865 from South Bend. The team's next competition will be on March 29 - 30 in Washington. To get a close-up view of robots in action, you can check out the upcoming competition at Plainfield High School on March 23 - 24. For more information about the Brownsburg team, please visit www.team3176.com.



Team 3176 Drive team (L to R) of Andrew Pepmeier, Will Swain, Spencer Mayer, Rylan Knouse, and mentor Ben Nelso (submitted photo)

ICONIC brief

Local student advances to the Indiana South District Optimist Oratorical Finals



Calleigh Neal, a student at Avon High School, qualified to advance to the Indiana South District Optimist Oratorical Finals contest based on a topic of "How to Change the World with Optimism." The North Regional was held at the Plainfield Public Library on March 10. Calleigh will be sent to the district finals (to be held at Kimball International Headquarters in Jasper on April 13) with the chance to win a \$2500 scholarship, and then possibly onto the Optimist International Regional/World Championship for a chance to win an additional scholarship. Winners of the district contests will compete in the World Championship held at Saint Louis University. Students could possibly win up to \$22,500 in scholarships!

The Optimist Club of Avon has been participating in the Optimist Oratorical & Essay Contests for many years and has been active in the community since 1959. Other programs and service projects that the club participates in include the Central Indiana Woodworkers, Handicapable Camp, Distinguished Young Women, Junior World Golf, and others. The club offers a \$2,000 scholarship for students seeking a two year or vocational degree. They also support several organizations in the Avon community.

Optimist International is one of the world's largest service club organizations with over 80,000 adult and youth members in almost 3,000 clubs in the U.S., Canada, the Caribbean, Mexico, and throughout the world. The Optimist Oratorical Contest is one of the organization's most popular programs, with more than 2,000 clubs participating annually. Carrying the motto "Bringing Out the Best in Youth, in our Communities, and in Ourselves," Optimists conduct positive service projects that reach more than six million young people each year. To learn more about Optimist International, please call 314-371-6000, visit the organization's website at www.optimist.org, or contact the name provided above.



2024 Oratorical IN South District Regional Qualifier-Calleigh Neal (submitted photo)

ICONIC brief

Brownsburg Community School Corporation approves new directors

On March 11, at the Brownsburg Community School Corporation (BCSC) School Board meeting, the board approved Scott Dunning as the next Director of Safety/Chief of Police for BCSC. Corey Ebert was approved and will transition to the role of Director of Finance on July 1.

Scott Dunning is a Brownsburg resident and has served the Indiana University Police Department since 1995. Officer Dunning progressed to Sergeant, Lieutenant, and most recently led the Indiana University Police Department's Central Division, which includes the Indianapolis, Richmond, and Kokomo campuses. Chief Dunning will join BCSC in late April and will take over the leadership of BCSCPD when Chief Wing retires from police work this summer.

Cory Ebert has been a part of Brownsburg High School's leadership team for the last seven years. As Assistant Principal for BHS Teams, 2021 and 2025, he has been an integral part of the journey of hundreds of Brownsburg High School students. Ebert was in the classroom for nine years before he became Assistant Principal. He has his MBA in Educational Leadership from the University of Indianapolis, and he will join the team in the BCSC business office this summer. The Assistant Principal position will be posted soon,- with plans to have the Team 2025 Assistant Principal in place prior to the next school year.



Director of Finance – Corey Ebert
(submitted photo)



Director of Safety/Chief of Police –
Scott Dunning (submitted photo)

ICONIC brief

Sheltering Wings celebrates success of 2024 Men IN Action READ Event

On March 14, Sheltering Wings held their annual Men IN Action READ event for our local schools. Because of this extraordinary group of men in our community, EVERY classroom in EVERY elementary school in Hendricks County was filled with a reader who had the opportunity to make a positive impact on every student. Thousands of children go home everyday to domestic violence and abuse. Taking a moment of their time, these men performed an act of kindness to help make the world a better place for these children.

Congratulations on a job well done and on the success of this year's event!



Sheriff Jack Sadler

447-day check-in

There are those that take great pride in what they do, how they represent themselves, and honor their position in the community. Sheriff Jack Sadler is one of those individuals that loves what he does, but takes his job of upholding the law and his office very seriously. Sheriff Sadler took office at the stroke of midnight on Jan. 1, 2023, and without skipping a beat he forged ahead, walking in the path of his predecessors with a vision for the future and safety of Hendricks County. He is fully invested in not only growth for the Sheriff's department, but advancement for the department and his officers, as well as improved safety for all citizens. The plan he has set forth is a mighty, but doable one. At the onset, staffing was among the biggest concerns he focused on, as the department was down 27 percent. He set to work on making change happen and at present, staffing is only down by 4 percent, with the hope of being fully staffed in the coming months. The changes he set into place are offering "lateral hires" the opportunity to join the department. This offers those officers with experience competitive pay to join the department. This is a win-win situation not only for the Sheriff's office, but for citizens of Hendricks County as well. "Training can be costly. Lateral hires are the smart move. They receive accelerated training relating to how the Sheriff's office operates, and it gets them out on the road sooner than a new hire," said Sadler. This isn't to say that he has no interest in the value of bringing on new officers but, as anything, this results in a lengthy selection process and an even lengthier training program. His hiring process is investing in not only their futures, but the County's as well. "It's all about putting the right people in these positions. I can teach someone the skills and give you the tools to do the job, but I can't teach you to be a good person. We want good people who want to be here," said Sadler.

As with himself, he believes in holding his officers and staff to a higher standard. He expects service-mindedness and duty above all else and in all regards. Sheriff Sadler believes that no task is beneath him and asks the same for all those around him. After he took office and the new jail was moving towards a building that could be inhabited by those in offices as well as house inmates, he worked hard to make it the best it could be. If there was a task to be done,



Hendricks County Jail, Danville. (Submitted photo)



Sadler was the first one to roll up his sleeves and make things happen. There were times when you could find him painting walls and sweeping floors. Even now, there are times when you will catch him sweeping the new atrium floor when there are guests coming. "Sure, someone else could be doing it, but so can I," said Sadler. It is this down-to-earth sensibility that makes him approachable. He has immense pride in the new jail or his "home away from home," in many ways. He has a knack for making you feel right at home and enjoys welcoming citizens in to discuss the new facility. "It is important for our citizens to know where their tax dollars are being spent, how their tax dollars are keeping them safe, and in turn, keeping both inmates and staff safe as well," said Sadler. The technology and safety measures of this new facility ensure all of this and more. This 144,000 square foot facility houses staff offices and has the capacity to hold 599 inmates with the current population averaging 325 today. With safety at the forefront of his mind, he looks to take care of the mental and physical well-being of each and every inmate while they are incarcerated. "Some are in crisis, some are trying to take advantage of the system, and some shouldn't be here," said Sadler. The jail employs mental health services for inmates as well as 24-hour medical services to both treat and triage inmates and assess the need for further medical services, which alleviates the need for frequent and costly trips to Hendricks Regional Health across the street. "Our 24-hour medical services are something new for us. The inmate population is being taken care of by a qualified medical professional and this means we can better serve their needs. It has taken considerable strain off our staff and has made it a better working environment. I am happy to know that my people know they are supported and valued," said Sadler. He truly cares for his staff. Recently he, in an effort to "roll with the times," changed facial hair standards to allow facial hair on officers up to ¼ inch. "When I was first approached with the request I initially said 'heck no', but came around to the idea eventually," said Sadler. His approval of this small (but also very large) request made a huge difference in the eyes of his staff. It meant that he saw them as individuals and truly understood them. "I got more 'thank-you's' for this small act than I have for giving out raises," joked

Sadler. This is just another way that Sheriff Sadler shows that he wants the best for his people.

In terms of looking towards the future, to the service of our communities, and our safety, he has a desire to stay current and make use of current technologies. Sadler frequently reflects on how much our county has grown and continues to grow. As our population grows, the call and need for service grows. "We must stay with the times and invest in technology. We must keep learning, be open-minded, and learn to pivot as needed. The increasing need for technology is important to keep us all safe," said Sadler. As with most things in his position, he recognizes that he is not in this alone. The collaboration between the Sheriff's office and local agencies is paramount to ensuring safety and Sadler describes the relationship as "very collaborative and mutually respectful." "There was a time in my past where the Sheriff's office and the town's Chief of Police didn't get along. I have always said that if I was ever given the chance, I was going to change that," said Sadler. He has set a goal that all incidents and emergencies are a collaborative effort. "I can almost guarantee that if there is an emergency, there will be someone there from every town in the county. We want to help each other. The first responders, both firefighters and police officers, are the true heroes," said Sadler.

Sheriff Sadler has a true eagerness to help others and a true love for his community, his home. His days in office thus far have gone quickly and what he comments on as "in the blink of an eye." He recognizes that the office he holds is one of service to the people and he doesn't take that lightly. "My days are precious. I recognize what a wonderful opportunity I have been given to serve my community. I want to be intentional about what I do while I am in office. This is what I was called to do. I am still just Jack Sadler, and I am thankful to be chosen to serve," said Sadler.

ICONIC brief

Hendricks County Professional Women holds annual breakfast

On March 7, the Hendricks County Professional Women's organization held their annual breakfast and fundraiser. This not only recognized this group of extraordinary women, but their efforts to better the lives of not only Hendricks County, but also the dreams and aspirations of young women in our community. Helee Adkins of Adkins Consulting served as emcee for the event and Nina Criscuolo and Dr. Michelle Fenoughty, President and CEO of Hendricks Regional Health, were the keynote speakers. It was a morning of inspirational stories and comradery of the wonderful women in our community.



ICONIC brief

Hendricks Live! celebrates grand opening

A new era of arts and entertainment begins with Plainfield's new performing and fine arts center

On March 7, the Town of Plainfield proudly celebrated the official opening of Hendricks Live!. This landmark event marked the official unveiling of the Performing and Fine Arts Center, signifying a pivotal development in the town's dedication to enhancing community life and bringing vibrancy to downtown Plainfield. Community members, project collaborators, and town officials convened at the state-of-the-art facility, nestled in the downtown area, for the ribbon cutting ceremony. This marks a significant milestone in the town's history.

"The successful inauguration of Hendricks Live! underscores the strength of collaborative effort and community backing. This achievement is the culmination of years of deliberate planning, driven by public input. This venue stands as a pillar of economic growth, cultural enrichment, and community bonding. We eagerly anticipate the array of programs and their beneficial impact on our community," said Andrew Klinger, Town Manager of Plainfield.



Restaurant Highlight

In the mood for a slice? In this week's edition we take a trip to Pizzaville in Avon. With its simple beginnings in Mooresville, Pizzaville is the delicious brainchild of husband and wife team Jesse and Jeet Lalli. From pizza and breadsticks to hot sandwiches and their newly added salad bar, there is something for everyone and every appetite. If you are looking for a quick bite to eat on your lunch break, they feature an all-you-can-eat lunch buffet including their delicious salad bar Monday-Friday. If you are looking for a family night out, the kiddos will find their favorites on the menu. With over 24 years of experience, Pizzaville also offers catering services for events, such as business meetings, schools, or other events. Stop by for a slice and a salad today! It's one of Avon's best kept secrets.



ICONIC brief

F.C. Tucker Plainfield REALTORS® honored for 2023 accomplishments

F.C. Tucker Company central Indiana sales associates from the Plainfield office were honored at F.C. Tucker Company's annual awards banquet in Indianapolis.

Award winners were named in the following notable categories:

Beth Mead: Leading Sales Producer, without Licensed Team Member

Nancy's Real Estate Team: Leading Sales Producer, with Licensed Team Member

Founded in 1918, F.C. Tucker Company is Indiana's largest independently owned comprehensive real estate firm with more than \$5 billion in annual sales, more than 40 offices, and more than 1,500 sales associates throughout Indiana and select markets in Kentucky. F.C. Tucker's family of businesses includes a full range of real estate services—mortgages, title insurance, relocation services, a full line of insurance products, auctioning and homeowner warranty products. We have earned a reputation for our exceptional service, experienced sales associates and "Golden Rule" commitment to clients and employees. In 2021, F.C. Tucker formed a partnership with Pittsburgh-based Howard Hanna Real Estate Services, the nation's largest independently owned real estate brokerage firm, furthering each company's ability to provide best-in-class service and enhance the real estate experience for clients by providing best-in-class agents, products and services. For more information, visit talktotucker.com.

Five Pieces of Real Estate Advice for home sellers

By Dawn Whalen, Whalen Realty Group at F.C. Tucker Company

Realtors have walked through hundreds, if not thousands, of homes. They understand what buyers want and the current trends in the housing market. This expertise and knowledge of the industry is exactly what a home seller needs in order to find the right buyer at the right price. Listing a home can be stressful, but getting a head start and knowing what to expect may make the process less burdensome. Here are five tips to help sellers prepare for listing a home.

Remove the clutter – The longer someone lives in a home, the more stuff seems to accumulate, and multiply if children live there too. Preparing to list a home is an excellent time to start decluttering and packing items that may be sentimental, seasonal, or not frequently used. Begin the process of clearing out closets, cabinets, and drawers, picking up floors, clearing off counters, and simply removing the "stuff." Decluttering helps buyers see the potential and space in the property. Cleaning up closets shows there's ample room for shoes, clothes, accessories, and other items, and clearing off counters allows kitchens and bathrooms to appear larger. Small appliances should be put away when not being used. Realtors are excellent at pointing out which areas a potential buyer may question if there's too much clutter in the room or space. Consider renting a storage unit while the home is listed in order to keep certain items safe and out of the way during this short time.

Clean up the yard – While decluttering the inside, take some time to straighten up the exterior too. This means freshening the flower beds, trimming shrubs, adding new mulch around trees, and edging around the driveway and sidewalks. Remove any obvious debris and weeds. These simple chores can add a lot of curb appeal. Remember, the front of the house and yard are the first elements a potential buyer sees. An experienced realtor can offer suggestions on which areas a homebuyer is most likely to examine and where to spend the most effort.

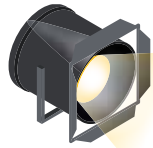
Personal effects – For some buyers, seeing personal pictures and items may distract from the space. This can include family pictures, diplomas, certificates, awards, artwork, etc. While these items are important and special, the goal of listing the property is to sell it, and personal effects may sometimes hinder a buyer's ability to see the home's potential. Protecting the seller's privacy is another great reason to remove personal effects. For example, if small children or seniors live in the home, it's a good idea to remove their pictures and special belongings while the home is listed. Diplomas often include middle names or maiden names, which are sometimes used for security purposes. Although it's impossible to completely protect the identity of the seller and their family, removing personal items makes it more difficult for strangers to see who lives there. Ask a realtor to walk through the home and identify any personal effects that may have been missed while cleaning and decluttering.

Clean, clean, clean! – Dust loves every surface. Grab some cleaning supplies and old towels and prepare to wipe down every possible surface including behind the toilets, along the baseboards, above the doors, behind all the furniture, etc. Don't forget to clean the appliances too. The microwave should be free of stains and food debris, the oven and dishwasher should be clean and free of slime and burn marks, and the sink and faucet need a good wipe down. If possible, enlist the help of a professional cleaning company before the home is on the market.

Staging – Staging a home means different things to different people and realtors. For some, it may mean rearranging the existing furniture, while others may choose to bring in furniture and décor. The purpose of staging is to show how a room can look or be used. For example, while a family may use the existing dining room as a playroom, staging it with a table and chairs instead of toys can give potential buyers a different view of the space. Talk to an experienced realtor about whether or not some areas may need staged and if so, what that means. It could be as simple as adding a tablecloth and centerpiece or moving a few chairs.

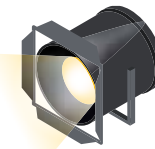
Once the decision is made to list a property and move, start cleaning, decluttering, and removing personal items. This will make the process easier in the long run. Working with an experienced realtor can also bring insight and advice about buyer behavior and what someone may question, love, or want to change within the home. Take time to walk through the property with a realtor before listing to make sure the property's best features are highlighted.

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Local Business Spotlight

Florence Wealth



By Julie Brackemyre

CHECK OUT THE BUSINESS

1. How many years has Florence Wealth been in business, and what inspired you to start/purchase/work with this business?

I started Florence Wealth in 2018. I have worked in the financial services industry for 20 years, but I wanted to help folks navigate retirement in a more personal and purposeful way.

2. Are you the original owner?

Yes. I'm the original and current owner. The buck stops here.

3. Describe your typical work day.

Pretty much every day is a work day, but I'm in the office four to five days a week visiting with clients. My first hour is spent preparing for the day, returning phone calls, and sorting emails. I will typically visit with four to five households per day. We host events two or three times monthly, so there is a lot of event planning involved.

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

Every household I work with has different investment and retirement goals, so I need to be creative putting together plans that give confidence and comfort. I'm not a high-pressure person, and I give clients a lot of investment options. I network with other professionals, such as CPAs and Estate Planning Attorneys, that are willing to meet clients at our office. Being an independent advisor gives me quite a bit more flexibility in creating these plans and allows me to pull in professionals with other areas of expertise to help guide my clients.

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

I would have put more effort into marketing and branding the Florence Wealth mission and lifestyle. Folks knew I was in the finance business, but didn't realize I primarily worked in retirement planning, and they didn't realize how many different ways I'm able to help.

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

Focus on the value your business provides for clients and be courteous. Surround yourself with good mentors and employees that understand and align with the culture of your business.



CHECK OUT THE OWNER

Name: DJ Florence

Occupation: Owner, Florence Wealth

1. How long have you worked with Florence Wealth? Tell me a little about your background and how you developed your skill set.

I've worked in the financial industry for 20 years, pretty much right out of grad school. It was six years ago that I decided it was time to open Florence Wealth. I went to grad school for finance, have my MBA, and currently hold two licenses. I'm in a highly regulated industry, so there's a lot of training and continuing education. I recognize I'm in a position of trust, and I value that. I approach every client and prospect like they are my friend, whether that's good or bad. I hope it helps build the relationship, as they truly become part of our Florence Wealth Family.

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

My biggest success has been hiring my daughter part-time so she can learn the business. She's graduating from high school this spring, and going to college in the fall to study finance. I'm hoping to keep this a family business for generations. Another big success was tripling our office space in 2022 to accommodate the growth of the business. My biggest challenge is balancing work and personal time. I have a hard time turning off work, even on vacation.

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

I have a lot of households that rely on me to make sure their investments and retirement planning are on track. It's a big responsibility, but it's rewarding.

4. Tell me some of your hobbies, outside of working for Florence Wealth.

I have three kids in high school, so my hobbies are centered around them. They are all in different sports and I enjoy watching them play and interacting with the community when we're at one of the ballfields or in the high school gym. I'm a Board Member and Fundraising Chair for the Danville Rotary Club and very active there.

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

We have an event room in our 3,500 square foot office that we use to host two or three educational events every month. When I mention the Florence Wealth Family, these events hold center stage. Our clients bring their friends to events they might find interesting and they mingle with other clients. We're becoming a community of our own.

6. What's an interesting fact about you that most people don't know?

I grew up in central Kentucky, and have only missed watching one Kentucky basketball game in the last 20 years, but I'll watch almost any NCAA game on TV. I can chat with you at length about nearly anything pertaining to NCAA basketball dating back to the 80's.



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ICONIC brief

Home2 Suites by Hilton in Brownsburg celebrates grand opening

On March 14, Home2 Suites in Brownsburg celebrated its long-awaited grand opening. It offers extended-stay accommodations, comfortable rooms, and even more comfortable beds, with excellent amenities such as fully equipped in-suite kitchen, indoor pool, fitness center, free WiFi, and daily breakfast that is always complimentary, to name just a few. It's located at 520 W. Northfield Drive and right off of I-74, 20 miles from the Indianapolis Airport, and 12 miles from attractions such as Lucas Oil Raceway and the Hendricks County Fairgrounds. While most stays are necessitated by travel or extended business in the area, the hotel also accommodates extended local stays, including those in need of stays due to emergent situations such as fire or storm damage. Whether booking a room for yourself, your family and friends, or booking accommodations for a business event, you will find the staff extremely helpful and welcoming. For more information, visit www.home2suites.com/brownsburg or call 317-900-1575.



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Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:

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Tastes: BITTER, SALTY, SAVORY, SOUR, SWEET;
Schools: FISH, HARD KNOCKS, ROCK, THOUGHT;
Equipment: HURDLE, JAVELIN, SHOT PUT;
Colors: BLUE, GOLD;
Mayor: JOHN STEHR

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Time for financial spring cleaning?

It's time for spring cleaning. And just as you may decide to tidy up your physical surroundings, you might want to spruce up your financial environment, too.

For starters, think about how you clean windows to help you see the world more clearly. You can also bring more focus to your financial vision, such as reviewing your overall investment strategy to determine whether it's still appropriate.

And just as you de-clutter your home by getting rid of duplicate objects, you can improve your portfolio by selling redundant investments, such as nearly identical mutual funds, and using the proceeds to help diversify your portfolio.

Also, similar to how gardeners plant flowers and vegetables in the spring, you can plant seeds of opportunity by owning investments that could provide sufficient growth potential for your goals.

Finally, just as spring cleaning may include getting rid of dangers such as toxic chemicals, you'll want to protect yourself against threats to your income that could derail your financial future.

Spring is a great time for brightening your physical space — and your financial one, too.

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LEADERS OF *Tomorrow*

Growing up with Grit, Grace, Courage, and Community

By Kate Anderson

The times we live in make us feel like we need to walk through this world with a coat of armor on to stay safe. Avaya White is learning how to wear her armor, but for a different purpose. She is learning how to be a leader and difference-maker in this world. Avaya, a fifth grader at Danville Middle School, is a young girl who loves her school, her friends, and loves to stay active. She loves all things sports and dance, and when she's not busy with all her extracurricular commitments, she can be found (and heard) listening to music and dancing in her bedroom. Like most young girls her age, she is happy and full of wonder for the future, but the truth is that growing up is hard and can take a toll on self-esteem and mental health. Fortunately, Avaya is being given the tools to equip herself with courage and the armor to excel in life and leadership.

About a year ago, her mom Amber attended a gala for a non-profit organization called Grit & Grace. Now in its third year, this nationwide organization, founded by former Fox 59 anchor and 15-time Emmy winner Fanchon Stinger, is a foundation for middle and high school girls ages 8 through 18. Fanchon had the clear vision of developing a program to help girls overcome societal pressures and become leaders in their communities and beyond. The goal and mission of this organization is to change the statistics about anxiety and depression, suicide, and mental health, to name a few. As Amber learned more about the mission of this organization and the positive influence it could have on young girls, she immediately felt a tug at her heart to be involved in what the organization was doing to make a difference. She also knew that she needed to get Avaya involved as well. "I thought about how much I could have benefitted from this sort of group when I was a kid. There was nothing like this back then. I immediately knew that not only Avaya, but eventually her little sisters, could greatly benefit from the good work that they were doing," said Amber. That night at the gala, she walked right over



to Fanchon and asked what she could do to help. She dove right in and is now the co-leader of the foundation's Indiana Chapter.

Sponsored by the Lucas family and the Professional Bull Riders Association, and with the help of notable mentors such as Kathy Ireland and several others, the organization is serving as a positive example of what can be accomplished and are investing in the futures of tomorrow's leaders. As an organization, the members of the Indiana Chapter not only attend a weekly zoom call named "Academy," in which they discuss different topics pertaining to life-skills, but also attend a once a month in-person meeting where they complete service projects for local women's shelters and hold more in-depth workshops about subjects discussed in their weekly zoom calls. The organization is growing in visibility and popularity and has the potential to expand their reach by leaps and bounds. There are so many success stories that have come from this organization's mission to change the lives of young girls across this country, and Avaya is one of them. Avaya has come a long way to move past her own shyness and is now more confident than ever to speak in front of others. She has gained valuable confidence that is noticeable to all who know and love her.

When Avaya is not involved in school or Grit & Grace activities, she is very active in 4-H as well. As a budding animal lover and possible future veterinarian, she has shown horses or bunnies at the 4-H Fair. She plans on showing a dairy cow at this year's 4-H Fair and is currently learning how to care for her subject. This has turned into a family affair, and they make it a habit to learn about this project together and will be a memory Avaya will carry with her always. Her armor is strong, and her future is bright. As Grit & Grace's motto says, she is "Armed with Courage, Leading with Grace."

Maintaining a healthy diet: Insights from a dietician

Joni Fiscus, clinical dietician at IU Health West

Maintaining a healthy diet isn't just about shedding pounds; it's a commitment to nourishing your body with the right nutrients to support overall well-being. People often have misconceptions about what constitutes a healthy diet. Let's delve into the fundamentals to guide you toward a balanced, sustainable eating plan.

Prioritize variety and balance

A key principle in nutrition is variety. Aim for a colorful plate filled with a diversity of fruits, vegetables, lean proteins, whole grains, and healthy fats. This ensures a broad spectrum of vitamins, minerals, and antioxidants essential for optimal health.

Mindful eating

Slowing down during meals allows for better digestion and helps to recognize fullness cues. Practice mindful eating by savoring each bite, appreciating flavors,

and being attuned to your body's hunger and satiety signals.

Portion control

While quality matters, so does quantity. Portion control is crucial. Be mindful of serving sizes to avoid overeating. Utilize smaller plates, read food labels, and practice portion estimation to manage intake.

Hydration is key

Water is fundamental for bodily functions. Aim for at least eight glasses a day and adjust based on activity levels and climate. Water aids digestion, regulates body temperature, and promotes healthy skin.

Plan and prepare

Meal planning saves time and fosters healthier choices. Designate a day for meal prep, incorporating a variety of nutritious ingredients. This minimizes the temptation for fast food or

unhealthy snacks during busy periods.

Limit processed foods and added sugars

Processed foods often contain excessive sugars, unhealthy fats, and preservatives. Minimize intake by opting for whole, unprocessed foods. Be vigilant about added sugars in beverages, snacks, and condiments as they contribute to various health issues.

Read labels wisely

Understanding food labels empowers informed choices. Focus on the ingredients list, prioritize whole foods, and be wary of hidden sugars, unhealthy fats, and high sodium content.

Moderation, not deprivation

Deprivation often leads to cravings and binge-eating. Embrace moderation by allowing occasional treats while maintaining a predominantly nutritious

diet. This approach promotes a sustainable lifestyle rather than a short-term restrictive diet.

Maintaining a healthy diet is a journey that revolves around balance, mindfulness, and informed choices. By embracing these principles, you can cultivate a sustainable, nourishing relationship with food that supports your overall health and well-being.

Remember, every individual's dietary needs may differ, so it's always beneficial to seek personalized guidance from a healthcare professional or a registered dietician for specific concerns or conditions. To learn more, visit iuhealth.org/nutrition.



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Happy (safe) eclipse watching!

Hendricks Regional Health Avon Ophthalmology Team

On April 8, the residents of Hendricks County will have a front-row seat to view a spectacular astrological phenomenon. A total solar eclipse will occur in the afternoon, darkening the skies over central and southern Indiana. This will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to view a total solar eclipse in the Hoosier state. Therefore, we should take advantage of this chance to see one of nature's rarest wonders!

Viewing a solar eclipse needs to be done carefully and with the correct precautions. Looking directly at the sun during an eclipse without the correct eyewear can cause permanent damage to our eyes, particularly to the retina located in the back of the eye. This article will explain why looking at the solar eclipse is dangerous without the right eye protection and how we can enjoy this experience safely with the correct eyewear.

Inside our eyes is an important tissue called the retina. The retina acts like film in a traditional camera. The light that enters the eye is focused on a specific part of the retina called the macula, which is very complex and delicate. The energy of normal light can safely be absorbed by specialized cells in the retina, preventing damage and allowing us to see and keep our eyes healthy. However, directly looking at the light of the sun (even during an eclipse) is too intense to be absorbed safely by the eye and can cause the retina to be damaged.

It is important to understand that the light energy of the sun is not just limited to the visible light that we can see. The sun's energy is also transmitted in ways that we cannot see. For example, ultraviolet light waves are part of this spectrum of light. Even though we cannot see ultraviolet light, this is the part of the sun's energy that causes our skin to sunburn. In addition, the sun also emits infrared light. We also cannot see infrared light, but we feel its effects when we perceive the heat of the sun. It is the infrared component of the sun's energy that makes the interiors of our cars heat up so much more than the temperature outside.

Understanding the physics of the sun's energy is essential when we view a solar eclipse. Even when the sun is partially or completely blocked by the passing moon, significant energy is still reaching our eyes, even if we cannot see it. Even though the sun appears darker during an eclipse,

the light energy we cannot see is still very powerful and damaging to our eyes. Without protecting our eyes, visible and invisible light can permanently damage the retina, leaving people with a lifelong decrease in their vision. This decrease in vision is not treatable.

With this background, there are ways to safely view a solar eclipse. We can both enjoy this amazing day and protect our vision. The best way to view the eclipse is by wearing glasses that meet specific solar viewing guidelines, called "Eclipse Glasses." Even the darkest sunglasses are not adequate. The specifications of solar viewing glasses need to meet a standard called ISO 12312-2. ISO is an international organization that provides scientific standards for the world. These solar viewing glasses are available online; just make sure they have the designation ISO 12312-2. Hendricks Regional Health will have them available for staff, patients, and visitors that day. A couple of helpful resources for safe viewing activities include IN.gov/dhs/solar-eclipse-2024 and VisitHendricksCounty.com/eclipse.

Whether you are a seasoned astronomer or a curious eclipse sky watcher, take the time and measures to understand the importance of protecting your eyes with the proper eyewear. By prioritizing the safety of your eyes, you can experience and enjoy this celestial spectacle without risking your vision. Our eyes are precious and worth protecting, so be informed and prepared by getting the proper eye protection. Happy eclipse watching!



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Tips from Bax Wellness

Body Image for the New Year

By Beth Bax, Certified Health Coach



In my last article I discussed how fat-shaming affected me as a young person. Unfortunately, the damage doesn't stop when the bullying stops. It often affects people for the rest of their lives.

Most people struggle with body image to some degree. There are four important aspects of body image. Firstly, it is subjective—it's how we see ourselves in the mirror and in our minds. Secondly, it's often a major factor in self-esteem, which includes how we think of ourselves as a whole. Thirdly, it influences thoughts, emotions, and behaviors, including emotional eating. And finally, it can drive motivation to fit in.

Trying to fit into a one-size-fits-all ideal can stem from a negative body image and low self-esteem or the belief that we aren't good enough. It can stem from marketing or the idea that insecurity sells. When we can't achieve the ideal that we try to fit into, this further fuels an unhelpful body image and even lower self-esteem. This leads us away from self-connection, self-acceptance, self-trust, personal values, and empowerment. It can also lead to emotional eating.

Trying to fit in is often futile due to a nonexistent ideal, one that is not set and not realistic. We are all bio-individual which means we are unique based upon genetics, lifestyle, individual preferences and cravings, and personality.

An unhelpful body image can drive emotional eating, and emotional eating can fuel an unhealthy body image. Both can contribute to five different categories of disconnection. First is disconnection from the body. Judging our body makes it difficult to listen to its wisdom, and eating emotionally disconnects us from what our body actually needs for fuel. Second is disconnection from intuition. Self-"shoulding" moves us away from self-trust and disconnects us from gut instinct.

Thirdly, we become disconnected from personal values and primary food. The term "primary food" refers to the major components of our lives that drive what we choose to eat such as creativity, finances, career, education, physical activity, home cooking, home environment, relationships, social life, joy, and spirituality. Fighting against the body leaves less room for things that add meaning in our lives and a sense of belonging. Eating based on self-worth disconnects us from things that can relieve suffering.

Disconnection from power is the fourth category. Lack of self-acceptance keeps us stuck in negative cycles and leads us away from self-caring. The final category is disconnection from others. Feelings of insecurity, unattractiveness, and "not as good as" others can isolate us. Feelings of guilt and shame that often accompany emotional eating can keep us isolated.

Working with a certified health coach is a great first step in overcoming a negative body image which can also lead to emotional eating. When looking for the right coach for this problem, ask the coach if they have completed a course in emotional eating psychology. As I stated earlier, a negative body image can last a lifetime. Finding the right health coach or other professional to help break this cycle is imperative.

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EVENTS calendar

MARCH

25 Monday

Lenten Lunches – Picnic Bar

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.

25 Monday

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.

26 Tuesday

Pottery Classes at Pecar Nature Center

Various times, Pecar Nature Center, 5203 E. County Rd. 150 N., Avon. Unleash your creativity and join a pottery class. These classes cater to various age groups. Find more information here: www.washingtontwpparks.org/programs.html.

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.

29 Friday

Vita Free Tax Prep

9 a.m. – 4 p.m., Brownsburg Public Library, 450 S. Jefferson St., 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>.

APRIL

1 Monday

Stop the Bleed Training

6 – 7:30 p.m., Avon-Washington Township Public Library, 498 Avon Ave., Avon. The number one cause of preventable death is bleeding. This course teaches basic bleeding control techniques such as pressure, packing, and tourniquets. All course participants will receive a basic bleeding control kit upon completion that consists of a tourniquet, gauze roll, gloves, towel, and a marker. The event is free, but you need to register: <https://avtp-cep.bc.sirsidynix.net/event/stop-the-bleed-training/>.

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>.

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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>.

6 Saturday

Trot the Trail 10-Miler

9 a.m., Talon Stream Paved Trail, 5344 Pike Lane, Plainfield. Gear up for the grand finale of the Plainfield Race Series with the Trot the Trail 10-Miler. It's the perfect way to wrap up the series with a challenging and rewarding run in preparation for the Mini Marathon. Secure your spot and a t-shirt by registering early. Don't miss the chance to be part of this epic conclusion to the Spring Plainfield Race Series. Find more information here: <https://en-gb.facebook.com/events/352667190838983/>.

6 Saturday – 7 Sunday

Brown's Oil E.T. Bracket Series

10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park, U.S. Highway 136, Brownsburg. By far the most popular form of drag racing is a handicapped form of competition known as E.T. Bracket Racing. In this form of racing, two vehicles of varying performance potentials can

race on a potentially even basis. The anticipated elapsed times for each vehicle are compared, with the slower car receiving a head start equal to the difference of the two. With this system, virtually any two vehicles can be paired in a competitive drag race. Find all the details on our event website: <https://raceirp.com/schedule>.

6 Saturday

The Music of Billy Joel & Elton John Starring Michael Cavanaugh

8 p.m., Hendricks Live!, 200 W. Main St., Plainfield. Michael Cavanaugh is the new voice of the American Rock & Roll Songbook and a charismatic performer and musician made famous for his piano lead vocals in the Broadway musical Movin' Out. Handpicked by Billy Joel to star in Movin' Out, Cavanaugh evokes a style rivaling the Piano Man. He appeared in the show for three years with over 1,200 performances and received multiple accolades. The show culminated in 2003 with both Grammy and Tony award nominations. Recently, Michael Cavanaugh reached the POLLSTAR Live75, the top 75 active touring acts in the country. Find more information here: <https://www.hendrickslive.org/event-michael-cavanaugh>.

8 Monday

Vaccine Clinic

1 – 4 p.m., Hendricks County Senior Services, 1201 Sycamore Lane, Danville. Free flu and covid booster vaccines available – bring your Medicare or insurance card.

11 Thursday

Hendricks County Spring Music Spotlight

10 a.m., The Historic Royal Theatre, 59 S. Washington St., Danville. Tickets for \$10 available at the Hendricks County Senior Center, and doors open at 9:30 a.m.

13 Saturday

Glow in the Dark Painting

7 – 9 p.m., Pecar Nature Center, 5203 E. County Rd. 150 N., Avon. Join us for a night

of glow in the dark fun. We will provide a canvas with glow in the dark paint. You can follow along and paint a glow in the dark jellyfish to take home. Register here: wtp.recdesk.com/Community/Program.

12 Friday - 14 Sunday

Hendricks Live! Community Arts:

Hendricks Civic Theatre Presents – Harvey

Times vary, 200 W. Main St., Plainfield. Produced in conjunction with Dramatist Play Service, Mary Chase's Pulitzer Prize-winning play is the story of Elwood P. Dowd, a polite and friendly man with a very strange best friend—a six-foot, three-and-one-half-inch invisible rabbit named Harvey. \$21.50 per ticket. Find more information here: www.hendrickslive.org/hct-harvey.

13 Saturday

Morning Bird Hike

8 a.m., Arbutle Acres Park, 200 N. Green St., Brownsburg. 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.

13 Saturday

Wildflower Hike

11 a.m., Williams Park, 940 S. Locust Lane, Brownsburg. Step into a world of colors during our Wildflower Hike. Our naturalist will take you on an easy and fun adventure, pointing out different flowers and sharing cool facts. It's not just a walk - it's a chance to explore, enjoy fresh air, and see how many flowers you can find. Program is free to attend.

13 Saturday - 14 Sunday

Indiana Guitar Show

11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Saturday, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Sunday, 1900 E. Main St., Danville. Musicians from all over central Indiana come together to buy, sell, and trade with national dealers once a year. The show has been moved to the fairgrounds based on the size of the room, easy entrance for vendors, and lots of parking. Find more information here: www.theindianaguitarshow.com.

15 Monday

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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.

17 Wednesday

Medicare 101

5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Avon-Washington Township Public Library, 498 Avon Ave., Avon. Medicare 101 offers easy to understand, comprehensive, informational tools to help guide seniors turning 65 through the seemingly complex world of Medicare planning. Our workshops cover topics like how each part of Medicare A through D works and information you need to make personalized decisions. Registration is required, and is available by logging on to Indiana Medicare 101 - Medicare 101 (usamedi.care) or by calling 407-576-1763 or 463-238-2222.

17 Wednesday

SAT & ACT Success

6:30 - 7:30 p.m., Brownsburg Public Library, 450 S. Jefferson St., Brownsburg. This comprehensive workshop will answer all of your questions about college entrance exams. Families will learn key differences between the SAT and ACT, the best time to start studying, keys to achieving one's highest score, and how the SAT/ACT can impact merit aid and scholarships. Highly recommended for parents of middle school and/or high school students. 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). You will be emailed a Zoom link once we receive your registration. <https://bburglibrary.librarymarket.com/event/sat-act-success-33707>.

18 Thursday

Ladies Night Out

5 - 8 p.m., Danville Square. Grab your friends and come shop your favorite local businesses around the square after hours. Sales and specials during the event.

18 Thursday

Budgeting, Eyeing Retirement, Paying for College for Kids, and More

6 - 7:30 p.m., Avon-Washington Township Public Library, 498 Avon Ave., Avon.

How can you budget with an eye toward retirement and paying for college for kids? Is doing so as black and white as it might appear? Do you also find yourself having questions about estate planning, including wills, financial power of attorney, and more? Registration is preferred, though walk-ins are welcome. Registration will be available at www.avonlibrary.net.

19 Friday - 21 Sunday

Indianapolis Spring Gem Mineral and Jewelry Show

10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Friday/Saturday, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday, Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds, 1900 E. Main St., Danville. Join us at our annual show bring the finest gems, miners, jewelry, beads, fossil and meteorites from around the world. Price: Ages 18+: \$8, Age 11-17: \$2, Age 10 and under: Free. Find out more here: americangemshow.com.

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19 Friday - 20 Saturday

Vandalia by Del Webb's Annual Spring Craft Fair

3 p.m. - 7 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Saturday, Vandalia by Del Webb Clubhouse, 4949 Silverbell Drive, Plainfield. Come and see beautiful, unique creations for gifts for Mother's Day, graduations, and to add to your spring decorating. There will also be a bake sale in junction with the Craft Show to support Neighbors Helping Neighbors. There will be amazing homemade baked goods that you don't want to miss and that will contribute to a very special cause. If you have any questions, email patty@cuzzos.com.

EVERY Monday

Trivia Night

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

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.

Never Fear; No Cicadas Here!

GARDENING By John Chapin

Concern, even minor panic for many gardeners, is heating up about the impressive, but potentially devastating damage, caused by the exceedingly rare, dual emergence of two different cicada broods in late April. Literally billions of the winged insects from Brood XIII, which has a 13-year cycle, and Brood XIX with a 17-year cycle, will emerge from the ground at the same time. The last time the two emergents synced, Thomas Jefferson was president, and it won't happen again for 221 years, so it's definitely a once-in-a-lifetime event!

Although there are other broods across the eastern U.S. that periodically have synced emergences, these two cicada populations happen to make their homes adjacent to each other, with a very small overlap in east-central Illinois. Looking at the map (by Cicada Safari) that shows where the two broods have emerged

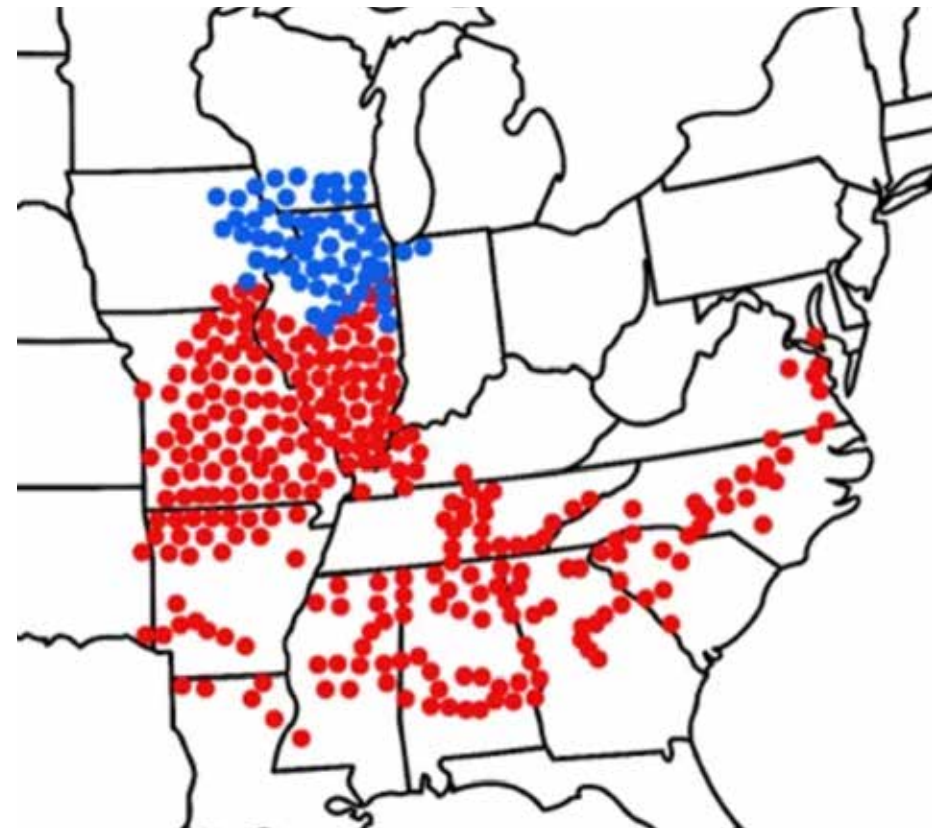
in the past, one can see that this fascinating event is definitely not going to have any impact at all in Indiana. So, rest assured that fears of cicada damage to gardens and landscapes are misplaced, at least for Hoosiers.

For insect enthusiasts who would like to learn more about this buggy event, Gene Kritsky, a professional entomologist, is the author of "A Tale of Two Broods," published earlier this year.

Happy Gardening!



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How not to look like a tourist

TRAVEL By Amy Maharas



If you have traveled in other parts of the world, you have certainly seen that person who jumps out as being American—the one wearing the USA t-shirt on a tour or yoga pants in a nice restaurant. There is nothing wrong with dressing comfortably, but if you advertise that you are a tourist, you may find yourself more prone to things like pick-pocketing. So here are some tips for how not to look like a tourist:

- Dress comfortably but leave those USA t-shirts and gym wear at home (unless you plan to go to a gym, of course). Yes, people in other parts of the world wear t-shirts and shorts or jeans, and that is perfectly acceptable, but I recommend bringing shirts without logos, not too short shorts, and not too tattered jeans.

- Bring comfortable shoes for walking. Whatever shoes you wear for walking at home are fine. Tennis shoes and sandals are worn all over the world, but leave the flip-flops at home

unless you are hitting the beach.

- Keep your valuables protected. My dad was recently traveling abroad and had his phone out while standing on a street corner. A bicyclist drove by and swiped the phone out of his hand. Keep hold of your phone and money closely! Over the shoulder purses or fanny packs/belt bags are useful, and if you will be in high-traffic areas, a locked bag is a great idea. Personally, I like Travelon bags.

I always say that no matter what I wear, it's going to be obvious that I'm a tourist, but I will do what I can to not stand out in a crowd. Safe travels!



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ICONIC brief**Local legislators welcome Hendricks County student pages to the Statehouse**

Local legislators recently welcomed Hendricks County students to the Statehouse where they participated in the Indiana House Page Program during the 2024 legislative session.

"I always look forward to meeting students from our area and learning more about them," said State Rep. Jeff Thompson (R-Lizton). "The page program is an excellent way for young Hoosiers to learn more about their government and our state history. I highly encourage students to sign up to page next session."

As pages, the students assisted lawmakers and staff with daily duties, toured offices of all branches of government in the Statehouse, and joined lawmakers on the House floor to witness and learn about the legislative process.

"Students have an opportunity to explore the Statehouse and watch how our laws are made," said State Rep. Greg Steuerwald (R-Avon). "It's a wonderful way to support what the students learn in the classroom and hopefully spark an interest in public service."

These Hendricks County students served as pages during the 2024 legislative session:

- Talan Anderson, from Plainfield, attends Plainfield High School
- Haley Bangel, from Avon, attends Avon Middle School South
- Claire Cooper, from Avon, attends Avon Middle School South
- Evan Maxwell, from Brownsburg, attends Brownsburg High School
- Nolan Tucker, from Plainfield, attends Plainfield High School
- Nicholas Phelps, from Brownsburg, attends Brownsburg High School
- Chloe and Olivia Wheat, from Brownsburg, attend Brownsburg High School
- Sofia Windmiller, from Brownsburg, attends Danville High School

State Rep. Becky Cash (R-Zionsville) said students ages 13 to 18 should consider participating during the 2025 legislative session. "This is a great experience for students to go behind the scenes and learn more about how state government works," Cash said. "I encourage more young Hoosiers to come to the Statehouse next session and be a page for a day." Contact Cash at h25@iga.in.gov, Steuerwald at h40@iga.in.gov, or Thompson at h28@iga.in.gov for more information on the Indiana House Page Program.

Plainfield Town Council

TOWN COUNCIL APPOINTS AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA) COORDINATOR

Compiled by Amanda Babinec

The Plainfield Town Council met on March 11, 2024. The council meets at 7 p.m. on the second and fourth Monday of every month (except Monday, April 8) at the Plainfield Civic Center (206 W. Main St.) in the Council Chambers. The next scheduled meeting is on March 25.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Because of the eclipse, The Plainfield Town Council will not meet on Monday, April 8. The Town Council will meet instead on Thursday, April 11, at the Plainfield Civic Building, 206 W. Main St., at 7 p.m.

AWARD PRESENTATION: The Director of The Hendricks County Communications Center, Renee Tomlinson, presented Amanda Earles with the 911 Lifesaver Award for taking a call from a person trapped in a car sinking in water and successfully instructing the person how to escape and swim to shore. Congratulations Amanda!

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 the Minutes of the Town Council meeting of February 26, 2024.
2. Approval of the Accounts Payable Docket of Expenditures and the Affidavit(s) of Payroll, per the Controller's Report.
3. Approval of the Human Resources Report dated March 7, 2024.
4. Approval to appoint Mark Shayotovich to the Redevelopment Commission per the Town Manager's report.
5. Approval to enter negotiations with GM Development, for a Development Services Agreement for the Renovation of Fire Station 123, associated with the Public Safety Facilities BOT Program, per the Public Safety Report.
6. Approval for the Fire Chief and Police Chief to apply for the SAFER and COPS federal grants to support public safety hiring, per the Public Safety Report.
7. Approval of quote from B.B.C. Pump and Equipment, in the amount not to exceed \$49,243, to purchase a 100-horsepower pump, per the Community Services Report. (Funded from Wastewater Operating Fund)
8. Approval of contract with Bowen Engineering, in the amount not to exceed \$49,000, for the replacement of the automatic transfer switch at the Anderson Plant, per the Community Services Report. (Funded from Water Operating Fund)
9. Approval of contract with Bowen Engineering, in the amount not to exceed \$49,490, for the valve replacements at various lift stations, per the Community Services Report. (Funded from Wastewater Operating Fund)
10. Approval of contract with JAMMR, in the amount not to exceed \$63,169.73, to replace the sludge drying bed media at the South WWTP, per the Community Services Report. (Funded from Wastewater Operating Fund)
11. Approval of contract with Johnson Melloh, in the amount not to exceed \$47,261, to replace water lines in the South WWTP Headworks Building, per the Community Services Report. (Funded from Wastewater Operating Fund)
12. Approval of Contract with M.E. Simpson, in the amount not to exceed \$91,350, for a 2-year leak survey study, per the Community Services Report. (Funded from Water Operating Fund)
13. Approval of the 2024 proposed operational hours for Splash Island, per the Community Services Report.
14. Approval of quote from Mower Zone, not to exceed \$33,087.90, to purchase three lawnmowers, per the Community Services Report. (Funded from LRS)
15. Approval of Work Order 2024-7 from Butler Fairman and Seufert, in the amount not to exceed \$6,500, for the development of the Water Loss Validation report, required by the Indiana Finance Authority, per the Community Services Report. (Funded from Water Operating Fund)
16. Approval of the 2024 Summer Sewer Rate Agreement for residents of the Town of Plainfield, per the Community Services Report.
17. Approval of the quote with Outback Painting for \$15,750, for painting of Splash Island doors, light posts, and other amenities, per the Community Services Report. (Funded from Parks Operating Fund)
18. Approval to release Performance Bonds, subject to submission of Maintenance Bonds if needed, per the Development Services Report.
19. Approval of the recommendation from the Plainfield Redevelopment Commission regarding an alcohol sales permit for The Quaker located at 201 N. Center St., per the Development Services Report.
20. Approval to enter into an encroachment agreement with Hickory Hollow, LLC allowing for placement of subdivision signs for Grey Hawk Place within the public right of way, subject to legal review, per the Development Services Report.
21. Approval of Change Order No. 3 to the contract with Ameresco for the Liberty Water system improvements, reducing the contract amount by \$46,154.45, per the Development Services Report.
22. Approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 2 with Butler Fairman & Seufert, in an amount not to exceed \$24,090, for inspection services at the Liberty Water Treatment Facilities per the Development Services Report. (Funded from Water Availability)
23. Approval of Change Order No. 2 to the contract with Bowen Engineering for the CSO Mitigation Project, reducing the contract amount by \$34,423, per the Development Services Report.
24. Approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 3 with Butler Fairman & Seufert, in an amount not to

exceed \$25,000, for construction inspection services for the North Wastewater Treatment Plant CSO Elimination project, per the Development Services Report. (Funded from 2020 Sewer Bond Series A proceeds)

25. Approval of Work Order No. 24-9 with Butler, Fairman, & Seufert, not to exceed \$26,100, for Town Standards updates, per the Development Services Report. (Funded from General Fund, Water, Wastewater & StormWater Utility Funds)

26. Approval of a Sanitary Sewer Cost Recapture Agreement with Treva Bergman, regarding service to property located at 2290 Earlham Ln., per the Development Services Report.

27. Approval of Work Order No. 24-10 with BF&S, for \$13,600, for indoor pool shell repairs. (Funded from the Parks Bond)

WHAT HAPPENED: The Town Manager, Andrew Klinger, requested certification of the rezoning of 515 Avon Ave.. Rezone of property from AG to R2 and replat of two metes-and-bounds parcels into two lots.

WHAT IT MEANS: The Town Council approved the Rezoning Certification. The lot at 515 Avon Ave. becomes two lots, zoned as residential (R2).

WHAT HAPPENED: Resolution No. 2024-08 – A resolution of the Town Council approving the Redevelopment Commission Declaratory Resolution 2024-01 regarding the creation of the Consolidated Plainfield Economic Development Area.

WHAT IT MEANS: The Town Council approved this resolution. Previously, Plainfield had six Economic Development Areas (EDAs) for U.S. 40, I-70, SR 267, Ronald Reagan, Northwest, and Six Points. This resolution combines the six areas into one Consolidated Economic Development Area for the Town of Plainfield. The Consolidation conforms to the comprehensive development plan and the redevelopment plans for the Town of Plainfield. The Consolidated Area is within the town and identifies areas needing economic development. The Existing EDAs are amended, combined, and enlarged and shall be renamed the "Consolidated Plainfield Economic Development Area."

WHAT HAPPENED: Resolution No. 2024-09 – A resolution to hold a public hearing on April 11, 2024, for the annexation of 40.135 acres on 2 lots owned by the 2004 Plainfield Community High School Building Corporation. A resolution setting a date for public hearing regarding annexation of certain property to the town (Guilford Elementary).

WHAT IT MEANS: The Town Council approved the resolution. There will be a public hearing at the Town Council meeting on Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 7 p.m. in The Plainfield Civic Building regarding the annexation of 40.135 Acres on two lots owned by the Plainfield Community High School Corporation.

WHAT HAPPENED: Resolution No. 2024-10 – A resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Plainfield, Indiana appointing the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Coordinator.

WHAT IT MEANS: The Town Council approved this resolution. The Plainfield Town Clerk-Treasurer, Mark Todisco, is designated as the ADA Coordinator for the town, will coordinate any grievances the town may experience, and will follow implementation of any disability-related town improvements per the Americans with Disabilities Act.

WHAT HAPPENED: Single reading of Ordinance No. 06-2024 – An ordinance to amend the Plainfield Zoning Ordinance and Zone Map of the Town of Plainfield, Indiana, and fixing a time when the same shall take effect. (515 Avon Ave., Rezone).

WHAT IT MEANS: The Town Council approved this ordinance. This ordinance is related to the Certification of the Rezoning of 515 Avon Ave.. This Ordinance amends the Zone Map of the town to include 515 Avon Ave., and sets March 11, 2024 as the date when the annexation of the property into the Town of Plainfield is completed.

WHAT HAPPENED: The first of three readings of Ordinance No. 05-2024 – An ordinance annexing and making a part of the Town of Plainfield, Indiana, certain described territory contiguous to the corporate limits to the Town of Plainfield and adding said territory to Council District Number 2 (Anderson -5080 East CR).

WHAT IT MEANS: The Town Council approved this first reading of Ordinance No. 05-2024. This ordinance is the next step in making the Anderson property at 5080 E.CR 530 S. a part of Plainfield Council District Number 2. This ordinance follows the public hearing at the previous Town Council meeting.

WHAT HAPPENED: The second of two readings of Ordinance No. 04-2024 – An ordinance authorizing additional appropriation – Rainy Day Fund and Workers' Compensation Insurance.

WHAT IT MEANS: The Town Council approved the final appropriations. The council established the Rainy Day Fund at \$1 million. The Worker Compensation Insurance Policy at \$500,000.

WHAT HAPPENED: The third 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 this Ordinance required to pay the town employees and officials. The Ordinance can be reviewed at: <https://www.townofplainfield.com/DocumentCenter/View/6088/Ordinance-03-2024-Salary-Ordinance-2024>

Danville Town Council

DANVILLE TOWN COUNCIL PROCLAIMS MARCH 29 AS VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY

Compiled by Ronald Hera

The Danville Town Council met on March 6, 2024. 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 20.

WHAT HAPPENED: The Town Council Proclaimed March 29 as Vietnam Veterans' Day.

WHAT IT MEANS: The Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) requested that March 29th be declared Vietnam Veterans Day to honor our Vietnam Veterans and their families for their service and sacrifices during the Vietnam War from November 1, 1955 - May 15, 1975. As a part of this recognition, The Danville Town Council designates March 29, 2024, as WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS' DAY, and encourages citizens to participate in the observance of this patriotic event.

WHAT HAPPENED: Ordinance 5-2024 An Ordinance to amend Ordinance 2-2024, Employees and Appointees of the Town of Danville.

WHAT IT MEANS: The original Salary Ordinance for Danville omitted funds to host the Future Fund Investment Committee meeting. This ordinance was introduced to amend Ordinance 2-2024 to include listing a fund for the Future Fund Investment Committee meeting and amended to include the following for the police department: two patrol investigators and five police officers. The police budget is adequate to cover these positions without an increase and this does not increase the number of officers.

WHAT HAPPENED: The Town Council approved Resolution 4-2024 Surplus Property.

WHAT IT MEANS: Chief Duncan of the fire department presented this resolution to designate used fire department radio equipment as surplus property. The surplus radio equipment was replaced with new equipment in 2014. The Fire Department will donate the old radio equipment to an organization that will take them to Mexico where the equipment can be used in Mexico. Following the approval of this resolution, the Town Clerk-Treasurer is authorized to transfer the property to One World Medics for distribution in Mexico.

WHAT HAPPENED: Utilities Director, Barry Lofton, presented a recommendation for the B.O.T. Contractor.

WHAT IT MEANS: A committee reviewed bids in response to an RFP (Request For Proposals/Qualifications) for a company to be the District's Build, Operate, and Transfer (B.O.T.) contractor for sewer utility infrastructure and related site work. After consideration of three companies, the committee recommended Bowen Engineering. The town will negotiate with Bowen for a maximum grant contract to do the work without allowing any change orders.

Brownsburg Town Council

TOWN COUNCIL AUTHORIZES STAFF TO PROCEED WITH B&O TRAIL DONATION

Compiled by Ronald Hera

The Brownsburg Town Council met on March 14, 2024. 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 28.

WHAT HAPPENED: The Town Council approved the payroll and claims docket from February 23, 2024, through March 14, 2024, totaling \$4,502,268.57.

WHAT IT MEANS: Payroll and claims docket expenses are expenses billed to the town between the dates shown. The docket must be approved to pay those bills.

WHAT HAPPENED: Bid award for demolition of Archer/Rabold Properties Car Wash, Beauty Salon & Apartment, Samp's Hack Shack was presented by Shawn Pabst, Assistant Town Manager.

WHAT IT MEANS: The Town Council approved Denney Companies to demolish the properties listed for \$120,580 and to include an additional amount to demolish the Lincolnwood Building for \$26,860.

WHAT HAPPENED: Resolution #2024-14 - A Resolution of the Town Council of the Town of Brownsburg, Indiana, establishing a Revolving Fund pursuant to Indiana Code 5-1-14-14, authorizing a loan under such revolving fund, and certain related matters was presented by (Deb Cook, Town Manager and Shawn Pabst, Assistant Town Manager.

WHAT IT MEANS: The Town Council approved the resolution. The Clerk-Treasurer is directed to transfer \$450,000 from the Town's Local Income Tax Fund to a Revolving Fund to be used for capital improvements only. The first use of the fund will use the full amount to design and construct a new access road connected to Northfield Dr. accessing the mall that includes Belle Tire per the plans and specifications approved by the Town's Street Department.

WHAT HAPPENED: Motion to consider a conditional zoning request with voluntary annexation on approximately 75 acres of real estate located on parcels 32-02-36-300-002.000-001, 32-02-36-300-005.000-001, and 32-02-36-300-008-.000-001 (Hession Annexation, APC Reference PCCZ-23-4) was presented by Jenna Wertman, Director of Development Services.

WHAT IT MEANS: The Town Council passed this motion. This is in support of a Conditional Zone Map Amendment request to change the zoning of these parcels from agriculture to an industrial area in conjunction with annexation of approximately 75 acres of land. No specific project is proposed at this time. The petition was considered by the Plan Commission and forwarded with a favorable recommendation, including some staff recommended special conditions.

WHAT HAPPENED: Ordinance 2024-03: An ordinance annexing real estate into the Town of Brownsburg, Hendricks County, Indiana pursuant to a petition for voluntary annexation for certain property (Hession Enterprises, LLC) – Proposed 1st Reading was presented by Jenna Wertman, Director of Development Services.

WHAT IT MEANS: The Town Council approved the first reading of this ordinance. This ordinance is a request for voluntary annexation of three parcels, known as Hession Annexation. The property is located at the northwest corner of CR 700 and the Ronald Reagan Parkway extension right-of-way. The request is for industrial zoning. The request for the March 14 meeting is for approval of first reading only. The second reading, fiscal plan, and public hearing will be considered at the March 28 meeting, and the third reading and final adoption will be considered at the April 11 meeting.

WHAT HAPPENED: Introductory Item – Rezone for property south of the intersection of CR 900 E and the B&O Trail was presented by Jenna Wertman, Director of Development Services.

WHAT IT MEANS: This item did not require a vote. It is an introduction to a possible residential development called Centennial of Brownsburg. Davis homes made a presentation of how the addition could be constructed on this property with individual residences which are predominately for 55 and older residents. Comments were offered by the Town Council and citizens.

WHAT HAPPENED: B&O donation was presented by Amber Lane, Director of Parks.

WHAT IT MEANS: The town has had ongoing discussions regarding the donation of certain real property owned by B&O Trail Association, Inc. ("BOTA"). The town's staff and legal counsel have worked with the B&O Trail Association to make changes to the proposed donation agreement. The changes will require the Town Council to ratify the actions approved in Resolution No. 2024-09 and authorize the town to enter into the Trail Area Property Donation Agreement. The Town Council approved Resolution 2024-13 to ratify the actions approved in Resolution No. 2024-09 and authorized staff to proceed.

Avon Town Council

AVON POLICE MERIT BOARD HONORS OFFICERS FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE

Compiled by Amanda Babinec

The Avon Town Council met March 14, 2024. 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 28.

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

WHAT IT MEANS: An application was submitted in the amount of \$3 million for the 2024 Community Crossing Paving Project that includes 26 roads. The application is being considered and they should hear a response by April 1. The CR 100 S. reconstruction is finished. There is ongoing coordination with Hendricks and Marion County on the CR 100 N. / Raceway Rd. roundabout. They are working with utilities and adjacent property owners on right of way acquisition. The 900 E./Angelina Way (Costco) roundabout also is working on utilities and right of way acquisitions. Dan Jones Widening Phase I is still waiting until Spring to finish paving and markings to wrap up Phase I. Within thirty days utilities should all be clear for Phase II. At that point, the contractor will be able to start approximately a month a half early. Dan Jones Rd. will be closed down beginning May 28. Phase III on Dan Jones Rd.

WHAT HAPPENED: Shelby Abner, Parks & Recreation Director, presented her department report.

WHAT IT MEANS: Avon has received their 2023 Tree City, USA designation for the 17th year in a row.

WHAT HAPPENED: John Taylor, Economic Development, presented his department report.

WHAT IT MEANS: The town is close to finishing a deal on a 720,000 sq. ft. facility that will bring 422 jobs to the area.

WHAT HAPPENED: Chief Sean Stoops, Chief of Police, presented his department report.

WHAT IT MEANS: Online applications closed and the physical agility test and written test was held on Saturday, March 16. Officer Gabriel Copley completed his final night of field training and began working on his own the week of March 18. At the Police Merit Board meeting held on Monday, March 18, several officers were honored and received certificates from the American Police Hall of Fame for their outstanding heroic efforts. Lieutenant Tom Owens, Officer Parker Roark, Officer Sawyer Donovan and Officer Erik Cheek were all honored.

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