On the cover

Top left: Kiwanis Club of Greenwood member Norm Akers rings while collecting money for the Salvation Army. Top right: Franklin police officer Ray Tice helps Gabby Rose pick out a Barbie during the Shop with a Cop holiday event at Meijer in Greenwood. The program is supported by the Franklin Lions Club. Bottom: The Franklin Lions Club raises money for charitable causes through its roasted corn booth at the Johnson County Fair each summer. / See story, Page 4

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**We ultimately envision that area is going to grow. With Meijer coming in and future development up U.S. 31, what does that do to our campus?**

**Franklin Community Schools Superintendent David Clendening** on the district looking into the possibility of selling some of the land that its high school sits on.

“What it's done is bring two very different retailers who underscore the diverse selection of stores that we have here at the Greenwood Park Mall. It's exciting to have them here to showcase all that we have to offer.”

**David Dawson, director of marketing and business development at Greenwood Park Mall** on management’s recent efforts to bring a wide variety of stores to the facility.

“I've had my eye on this facility for some time, and it just has all kind of worked out.”

**Billy Bemis of Bemis Brothers, which teamed up with Oaken Barrel owner Kwang Casey to buy Vista Village shopping Center in Greenwood. More than $1 million in improvements are planned for the site, which also houses Oaken Barrel.**

“The recent surge in downtown Franklin was a big attraction to us. We wanted to try and find an area where we could grow as the missing piece. Downtown Franklin has a lot of local businesses, but it was still missing that one piece — a wine tasting room.”

**River City Winery owner Gary Humphrey, who will open a tasting room at 25 N. Main St., next to The Historic Artcraft Theatre and the Willard.**

“By establishing a historic district, homeowners will take notice and hopefully take a little more pride in their neighborhood and in their own property. We hope they would make an extra effort to improve their home knowing their home is worthy of that historic designation.”

**Greenwood city planner Ed Ferguson on the city's desire to create a historic residential district near downtown.**

“You'd think that food retail is a fairly straightforward business model, but it's not. There’s a lot of complexity to it, when you think about how tight the margin is initially and other financial indicators, the number of turns we need to do with inventory and the intense competition.”

**John Elliott, a spokesman for Kroger on his company building three new or expanded stores in Johnson County and the southside.**
Kiwanis Club of Greenwood

Recognized as one of the largest service organizations in the world, Kiwanis is especially known for its work with children and in particular, The United Nations Children’s Emergency Fund to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus.

The Kiwanis Club of Greenwood, which consists of 28 members, recently celebrated its 50th anniversary.

“We were on the ground floor of involvement when Riley Children’s Hospital was created,” said President-Elect Mary Kay Anthony, who also serves as lieutenant governor of the organization’s Circle City District. “And over the years, have helped pay for things like specialized ambulances and a helipad there. A couple of years ago, our focus was on the neurological center.”

The club raises money through an annual chili supper that has made as much as $2,000, according to Anthony.

The club also supplies items for a complimentary “comfort cart” at Riley, which provides patients and their family members with items they may need while at the hospital. Items typically donated include playing cards, hand lotions, tooth.

Franklin Rotary Club

The Franklin Rotary Club has 65 members and supports a lot of local causes.

“We take a lot of pride in getting out there and doing hands-on work,” said Stephanie Wagner, past president. “Obviously, we love philanthropy and giving back. We’re all just trying to do our part to make where we live, work and play a better place.”

Local residents, in particular, may know the Franklin Rotary Club best for the Jim Rhoades Annual Hog Roast it traditionally conducts the Thursday after Thanksgiving. Donations for the public event help support the local Interchurch Food Pantry and Good Cheer Fund.

“We’ve traditionally split the proceeds from that event between the two,” Wagner said. “Last year, we made more than $26,000. That’s pretty good for two or three hours of work.”

Also, through a district grant last year, the club paid for local junior high and high school students to visit Kuji, Japan, a sister city of Franklin.

A dunk tank fundraiser at the Greenwood Freedom Festival helps the Kiwanis Club of Greenwood raise money for charitable causes.

Franklin Rotary Club volunteers serve guests during the Jim Rhoades Memorial Hog Roast at Scott Hall at the Johnson County Fairgrounds. Proceeds go to the Interchurch Food Pantry and Good Cheer Fund.
The Sertoma Club of Greenwood

Sertoma stands for “service to mankind,” which is exactly what the Sertoma Club of Greenwood will try to do this fall.

The club will mark its 50th anniversary on Nov. 17, but the 40-member club plans to continue to focus on the needs of others in the community rather than dramatically celebrating its own longevity.

“Our national focus is speech, hearing and communicative disorders, and each individual club can do what it wants within its own community,” said Vice President of Programs Denny Rusher. “We are more of a financial support club.”

This past year, the club gave out about $10,000 worth of scholarships. It also participates quite a bit with speech and hearing assistance equipment in area schools.

The Sertoma Club of Greenwood played a major role in the launch of the city’s first Splash Pad and is one of the founding partners for the area’s City Center Park.

“We were able to contribute a donation of $20,000, which is the largest donation the Sertoma Club of Greenwood has ever given,” Rusher said. “All of that money came from WAMMfest proceeds.”

WAMMfest, an annual summer festival that celebrates wine, art, music and microbrews, is sponsored by The Sertoma Club of Greenwood.

“It has been our privilege to give nearly $700,000 back to the community since its founding,” Rusher said of the event.

“More than 250 people volunteer for us each year and make the difference in the lives of thousands.

“We are honored and humbled to be able to put on an event that enables us to be able to contribute in so many ways.”

The growing success of WAMMfest has enabled the club to provide community assistance in many ways, including a recent donation of more than $20,000 for a shelter in a local city park. In addition to paying for a major electrical upgrade at Craig Park, the festival has also helped the club support Girls Inc. and Habitat for Humanity.

“The camaraderie of membership working together to put on meetings, have speakers and put on meals is also a great way to get to know others and identify needs that we can help with in the community,” Rusher said.

Franklin Lions Club

Lions Club International, which will celebrate its 100th anniversary next year, works in the areas of vision care, speech therapy, hearing loss and cancer control and prevention. It boasts 1.3 million members worldwide, representing more than 180 countries.

“We do things that are local, national and global, including things the government doesn’t have the ability, means or inclination to do,” said Paul Cote’, secretary of the Franklin Lions Club.

“Our concept is that we serve at the local level and do things in a manner that are both responsive to the community and assist the greatest number of people within the confines of the resources we have available to us.

“The majority of monies we raise, for the most part, stay in the local area.”

The club has an eyeglass recycling program, is a direct sponsor of and operator for the Indiana School for the Blind and conducts elementary school vision screenings.

“The nice thing about it is that we see kids when they’re in second and third grade, so we can identify potential vision problems early on,” Cote’ said. “We have pretty sophisticated equipment that allows us to pass the information along to parents, so they’re aware of their child’s status.”

In addition, the 25-member club delivers Good Cheer holiday baskets, traditionally on Christmas Eve, to as many as 30 families in the Franklin area; builds and installs bird and duck houses at Johnson County Park and financially supports many local charitable organizations.
The Rotary Club of Greenwood

The Rotary Club of Greenwood raises thousands of dollars every year to help Rotary International’s worldwide fight to end polio, member Rob Bailey said. As an organization, Rotary has contributed more than $1.5 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries.

“We feel it’s important for our club to engage in philanthropic efforts because we believe that everyone has an obligation to give back to their community,” Bailey said.

The club also raised more than $60,000 from various fundraisers and matching Rotary District grants this year to benefit the victims of the two 2015 Nepal earthquakes. Those funds will be used to replace computers and printers for six primary and secondary schools in Nepal.

Also this year, while working in conjunction with the city of Greenwood and the Greenwood Fire Department, the club will provide funding of more than $90,000 to build a fire department-themed playground (Play Pocket) and a pedestrian trail in Greenwood to link Smith Valley Road to Main Street at the park, behind the fire department.

“Play Pockets are an educational resource designed to encourage play in nature by creating attractive, playful routes for children to explore, discover, interact and be physically active outdoors,” Bailey said.

In addition, the club sponsors various programs focused on training high school students to become strong leaders as they get older. This academic year, for example, the club will award $8,000 in college scholarships to local high school graduates, thanks in part to its golf outing partnership with Greenwood/White River Rotary Club.

In January, the club sponsored the Rotary 4-Way Speech Contest for high school students, Bailey said. Last October, it sponsored two high school students at the local Rotary Youth Leadership Awards retreat.

“The intent is to encourage students to be more effective servant leaders,” Bailey said of the retreat.

The club also sponsored a Rotary Interact club at Greenwood High School this year.

Interact clubs are sponsored by individual Rotary clubs, which provide support and guidance, but they are self-governing and self-supporting.

“Through the Interact Club, we hope to instill the spirit of servant leadership in young adults who will then continue to serve their communities for a lifetime,” Bailey said.

Greenwood/White River Rotary Club

The Greenwood/White River Rotary Club was chartered in 2003.

“We’ve always been one of the smaller clubs and I think we meet the earliest of anyone, but we’ve had several very active members from our club serve district level positions,” said Past President Eric Johnson.

The club’s main focus is on helping those considered to be “most vulnerable” in the community, which seems to oftentimes be teenagers.

“We raise and provide funds and hope our member expertise can help various individuals reach their potential,” he said. “A lot of that has to do with scholarship programs, literacy and providing life skills. We do a lot of that by partnering with other groups who work with those in need such as the YMCA, The Refuge and Riley Children’s Hospital.

“We don’t intentionally brag about the good things we’re doing, which can be a two-edged sword,” he continued. “We want to make sure we’re doing what’s best but also, when we’re trying to get leverage in the community...
nity, many don’t recognize what we’ve done and that makes it a little more of an uphill battle.”

The club focuses a lot of its effort on one major project annually. This past year, that was the Center Grove Campus Life, a subset of Central Indiana Youth for Christ, which has several locations in Central Indiana and provides peers for people to talk with and do things, Johnson said.

“For high school students, it’s basically faith-based outreach programs,” he said. “It’s a safe place to go after school that has a coffee shop atmosphere. It can also host special events.”

A local couple provided a building near Center Grove High School where Campus Life Club students could meet weekly. Club members took note of the fact that the facility was lacking some features that high school students might find appealing and provided a group with a PA system, projector, portable screen and a coffee maker. One of the biggest needs was an improved Gaga Ball pit.

Gaga Ball is similar to dodgeball, but competitors roll balls at one another rather than throwing them.

“They were using a makeshift pit and really needed one that was both mobile and more usable," he said. “The game is apparently pretty popular right now.”

Greenwood/White River Rotary Club also works with The Rotary Club of Greenwood to raise college scholarship funds for students at Greenwood Community High School, Center Grove High School and Whiteland Community High School through an annual golf fundraiser.

“Each club individually handles its own scholarships, and we split the funds from the golf outing,” Johnson said. “The total raised between the two clubs has been more than $100,000.”

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including the Interchurch Food Pantry of Johnson County, Humane Society of Johnson County, Johnson County Banquets, Teen Link, Shop with a Cop and The Historic Artcraft Theatre.

Fundraising efforts include the Earl Wilson Memorial Fish Fry in May, a fish fry held during Franklin’s Fall Festival and roasted sweet corn sales at the Johnson County Fair, said member Beverly Thorpe. The club also sponsors the Lion Pride Ride, a casual bike ride through Johnson and Shelby counties, the Saturday before Labor Day in partnership with the Edinburgh and Shelbyville Lions clubs.

“Lions are service-minded men and women who are interested in improving their communities,” Thorpe said. “To be a Lion is to be an active volunteer, a member of a respected international organization, a leader in the community and a friend to people in need.”
Hakky’s Dominic and Nick Mina come from long line of craftsmen

The owner of Hakky Shoe Repair in Greenwood Park Mall comes from a long line of Italian craftsmen. And Dominic Mina plans to keep that line going when he eventually turns the business over to his son, Nick.

The Minas’ family originally hails from southern Italy, but now most of their relatives live around Rome. Dominic’s paternal grandfather, Salvatore, emigrated from Italy in the 1920s and opened a shoemaking and repair shop in Indianapolis. Salvatore made frequent visits to Italy,
Opposite page: Owner Dominic Mina, right, and his son, Nick, stand in the showroom of Hakky Shoe Repair in the Greenwood Park Mall. The core business is fixing shoes, but Hakky also sells shoes, orthotics, insoles, arch supports, and polish and water proofer. Above: Nick works the press, which is used to resole shoes and boots.

where Dominic’s father, Nicola Aldo Mina, was also born.

Nicola trained in Turin, Italy, and became a custom tailor at age 17. He also wanted to immigrate to the United States, but Italians were restricted at the time due to World War II, Dominic Mina said.

“He finally came over at the age of 32 in 1949 and met his dad for the first time,” Mina said.

Their maternal grandfather was a knife sharpener and had a mobile business, traveling to restaurants and shops to sharpen their cutlery. Dominic Mina’s brother, Anthony, followed in their father’s footsteps and owns a custom tailor shop in Indianapolis. His other brother, Gino, bought the Hakky location in Castleton Square Mall from Dominic and still owns it.

The three Mina boys grew up on the southside of Indianapolis, attending Manual High School and hanging out at Garfield Park. Dominic Mina learned shoe repair from an Italian shoemaker in Indianapolis.

“I worked for him for three years, then came here and have been here ever since,” he said.

He joined Hakky at the Greenwood Park Mall as the assistant manager, then was promoted to manager. In 1987, he bought it as a franchise. In 1999, Dominic’s son, Nick, officially joined the staff, although he had spent much of his childhood at the shop, helping with the easier repairs and learning the business, Dominic said.

Nick was named after his grandfather, Nicola Aldo.

“For Nick, it’s natural for him to do this,” Dominic Mina said.
Dominic will pass the business to Nick when he retires, but at age 54, he isn’t planning this anytime soon. He is expecting his first grandchild in October and is planning a vacation for the family, his first in a long time.

“For the first time in five years, I am closing the shop for five days next July 4 to take the family on a vacation,” he said.

Since Dominic and Nick are the entire staff at Hakky, the store will have to be closed, he explained.

“This is not an easy business,” he said. “You’ve just got to work a lot of hours. We’re open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. It’s long hours you just got to work, then we’re here later getting things done.”

They work hard, but still manage to project an atmosphere of friendliness and hospitality in the small shop. The customers, many of whom the Minas know by name, are always greeted promptly with a hello and a
smile, no matter how busy they are.
The reward for Mina is a satisfied customer. He recently fixed a 3-year-old girl’s prized pink cowboy boots and pointed her out as she strutted happily around the mall with her mother.
“I fixed those boots yesterday. How are they doing?” he asked with a grin and a wave.

**Fix your shoes**

As Americans have become more affluent, and consumer goods become cheaper, it’s often easier to throw away a worn out item and start over. But some things, such as a comfortable and well-loved pair of shoes, are just not replaceable.

Dominic Mina encourages people to consider fixing their shoes, especially if they have ones they really like. The best thing, he said, is buy high quality shoes and take good care of them. Good shoes can be resoled several times.

He’s had women come in with expensive Christian Louboutin pumps, asking him to put a protective coating on the bottom of the shoe to protect its distinctive red sole. He’s also had customers come in with a cheap pair of sandals or boots they want fixed.

“They said ‘I love the shoes; they’re so comfortable and they don’t make this style anymore. Can you fix it?’ It might cost as much as they paid for the shoes to fix them, but if they love the shoes, it’s worth it.”

Hakky Shoe Repair, which is a franchise with 15 stores nationally, has been in the Greenwood Park Mall for 30 years, Mina said.

“Greenwood is the No. 1 store in the nation. We just signed another 10-year lease and remodeled here,” he said.

The core service is footwear repair for men and women. Many repairs can be done same day. The customer is encouraged to drop off the shoes, visit other
shops or restaurants in the mall, and come pick the
shoes up in a couple of hours.

**Expanding services**

The business has changed somewhat in the past three
decades, Mina said.

“For 30 years, a lot of it was just fixing shoes. Now,
we sell shoes, ortho work, lots of orthotics, insoles,
arch supports, and polish and water proofer. The most
common repair is soles and heels that wear out. We’ve
worked on shoes that cost anywhere from $50 to
$1,000 retail,” he said. “We are not just shoe repair,
but we also get people sent by their doctors to get
orthotics at reasonable prices.”

There is a wide variety of inserts and soles and adap-
tations that can be made to shoes to help people with
specific medical issues or hard-to-fit feet. The practice is
called “orthotics.” The store also has Aetrex’s iStep
Foot Scanning Technology, which will identify arch
type, foot size and pressure points then selects the ideal
orthotic styles for the person’s particular needs. With
the right orthotic style and in combination with the
proper footwear, the goal is to prevent foot pain and/or
achieve maximum foot comfort.

Hakky also sells new shoes, orthopedic shoes and custom
fitted comfort shoes, work boots and motorcycle boots.

“The Harley-Davidson (motorcycle boot) was by
customer request,” Mina said. “Customers came
in and said ‘We’d rather buy them from you.’
Wolverines we’ve found to be the most comfort-
able and durable work boots there are.”

Hakky also stocks several shoe accessories, such
as shoe strings, polishes and equipment.

Hakky can also fix other products. He sees lots
of women’s purses that may be ripped, have a
stuck or broken zipper or need the strap short-
ened. Hakky can even clean and polish a leather
item.

“You can spend $400 to $500 on a Coach purse.
It costs $35 to $55 to clean it up,” he said.

Dominic and Nick have also fixed briefcases,
baseball mitts, luggage and jackets. They can even
cut house or office keys.

“We used to do car keys, too but now they have
the (computer) chip,” he said.

Customers come from all over central Indiana,
Mina said, so the mall location is especially bene-
ficial to them.

“They call and say, ‘I’m from out of town. Can you do
this today?’ I say, ‘Sure, go shop or have some
lunch and come back in an hour or so.’”

Dominic Mina
Get ready for ‘Taste’ event

Taste of the Southside tickets go on sale Oct. 1! Mark your calendar now for Sunday, Nov. 13, and join us for our 24th annual Taste of the Southside, presented by Meijer.

This year’s event will feature more than 30 area food and beverage exhibitors, a live “Iron Chef”-style chef and bartender competition, silent auction, “tailgate lounge,” wine/gift card pull and canned food drive.

One event ticket entry allows you to sample from all exhibitors.

Visit our website, http://www.greenwoodchamber.com/taste, for details and updates.

New staff member joins Chamber

Welcome new Chamber staff team member, Angie!

The Chamber is pleased to welcome Angie Keene as our new member services coordinator!

In her role, Angie will help deliver member services, register members for programs, answer membership questions and maintain all the moving parts of the busy Chamber office.

Email Angie@GreenwoodChamber.com to say hello and get help activating your membership benefits.

Women leaders invited

Women Leaders Symposium set for Oct. 4

Here’s to you: Engaged, Eager and Growing.

Women own roughly 30 percent of Indiana businesses and represent almost 60 percent of Chamber program attendees. It is clear: our women business leaders are engaged, eager and growing.

Join us on Tuesday, Oct. 4 to connect, learn, grow, advance and excel in your business and career.

Registration open to all interested business leaders!

Mark your calendars

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Organizations aims to show folks what Franklin has to offer

When she was a student at the old Franklin Community High School, Tara Payne would look out the classroom window and watch construction along U.S. 31. She remembers being excited to see big box stores and national chain restaurants coming to town.

As an adult, she realized that national chains, while convenient and economical, often come at the expense of the small town historic downtowns. The unique shops and restaurants can’t stay in business if all the traffic goes to 31.

“One by one, people get so excited about them and don’t come downtown anymore,” she said.

Now is now the executive director of Discover Downtown Franklin, an organization that seeks to preserve the city’s historic downtown district.
Many people are familiar with Discover because of the numerous events it organizes and promotes, such as the Smoke on the Square and the weekly farmer’s market. But Discover’s work is more than just event planning.

“We are part of National Main Street organization, so we are part of a bigger picture,” Payne said.

Main Street Programs aim to revitalize their downtowns and commercial districts through preservation-based economic development.

The project started in 1977 with a pilot involving three towns: Galesburg, Illinois; Madison, Indiana; and Hot Springs, South Dakota. Since then, the program has been expanded to include more than 2,000 communities. Local programs follow best-practices established by the National Main Street Center and/or statewide or regional coordinating programs. A main street manager is appointed to implement the program locally.

In Indiana, 67 towns and cities are participants, including Indianapolis (Indianapolis Downtown Inc.), Greenwood (Greenwood Old Town Association) and Franklin, which started in 2006 with a group of volunteers.

“Our main mission is to focus on preservation and revitalization of downtown districts,” Payne said. “We really want to see downtown thrive.”

Main Street recommends supporting downtowns in four ways: Promotion, organization, design and economic vitality. Discover has a committee focused on each one of those purposes.
Promoting downtown

The Promotion Committee, chaired by volunteer Holly Johnston, aims to get people to come downtown for a fun event.

Events start with the Strawberries on the Square in late May. Late spring is also the beginning of the farmer’s markets, which last to September and have been bringing more than 1,000 people every Saturday. June brings the Smoke on the Square, a barbecue contest that brings national entrants. In August, people can sample craft beers at the Beer & Bluegrass festival. In early December, the Winter Market during the Holiday Lighting ushers in the Christmas season.

“The festivals have become huge,” Payne said. “The goal is to promote economic development, to get people who come downtown to say, ‘We’ve got to come back and check out that restaurant, boutique or go to the Artcraft (Theatre).’

Discover receives a stipend from the city, but it is mostly funded through its festivals. The festivals also enhance quality of life for Franklin’s residents.

“It promotes community awareness and pride. It’s a place you want to be. It’s a fun place to live,” she said. “The mayor (Joe McGuinness) has played a huge role in this. He wants a walkable community.”

Like with many municipal revitalizations, Franklin has also seen a spreading effect, as homeowners near downtown have also spruced up their properties, creating a several square-block area of beautifully restored historic homes.

Another promotional activity for Discover will be Indiana’s Bicentennial celebration. It has been tasked with collaborating with Johnson County’s seven other communities to spearhead an event in Franklin when the torch crosses the state. The torch will spend the night of Sept. 23 in Franklin.

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Tara Payne
When you’re suffering from neck pain, any wait is too long a wait.

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Lots of volunteers

The organization aspect of Discover involves working with others.

With just two people on staff, Payne and assistant Carisa Delph, it would be impossible to organize the events without help. Payne said Discover has more than 100 volunteers who help out at the various events.

“They volunteer so much of their time and give so much of themselves,” Payne said. Two of their most active helpers, Marty and Carolyn Williams, are involved in a variety of civic activities and even have the mayor’s newly created volunteer award named for them.

Discover also has a board of 10 people, all of whom also want to see a vibrant downtown. Board members include the Williamses, Rob Shilts of The Historic Artcraft Theatre, and Krista Linke, Franklin community development director, and other local business people.

“It’s a very unique group of people. We have fun. No one misses a board meeting,” Payne said.

The goal of the Organization Committee, chaired by Marty Williams, is to attract like-minded people and organizations. These might include historic preservation groups like Franklin Heritage or the Artcraft, as well as business groups like the Franklin Chamber of Commerce and the city government.

Discover also works with these organizations during city-wide events, such as the Holiday Lighting, Firecracker Festival and Fall Festival.

The Design Committee, headed by Danny Causey,
works to capitalize on Franklin’s best assets, such as historic buildings and downtown layout and encourage an inviting atmosphere with business window displays, attractive parking areas, signs, sidewalks, street lights and landscaping.

Discover oversees the city’s façade grant program, which gives money to businesses for exterior remodeling if the building owner is preserving the historical aspects.

“We make sure the applicants stay within the historic guidelines,” Payne said.

Discover is also implementing a banner program, which will hang Franklin-specific flags on the downtown street-lights when the new construction is complete.

The ongoing Jefferson Street/King Street project is great for downtown, Payne said.

“It was needed for safety, but it will also be nice to look at. It will connect the two main thoroughfares of U.S. 31 and the interstate.”

Payne said this integration is important. While Discover is focused on the historic downtown area, it seeks to work in concert with other areas of Franklin and create an integrated business area. The continuity, she said, will get people to come into downtown.

Discover also conducts its own beautification projects. Its planter program adds bright flowers all over town, for example. Payne and Delph recruit sponsors to pay for them.

All of this work is for nothing if the businesses don’t succeed, so the Economic Restructuring Committee, headed by Krista Linke, works directly with the local businesses.

**Adjusting to construction**

The most pressing need right now, Payne said, is to help keep customers during the construction project. Discover can put out signage to make sure people driving by know that the businesses are open and where to park. She said Discover helped Benjamin’s Coffeehouse with this during an earlier street project. Benjamin’s owner told her they got more business than usual due to the efforts.

Payne also works with Franklin College to coordinate a back-to-school shopping day. The businesses know when the students will be arriving and can offer sales and promotions to get students in.
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Harness the power of LinkedIn

LinkedIn is a powerful tool for connecting with prospects and hiring new employees. But for many managers, unlocking its potential is a challenge. To you get more from this platform, follow these tips:

- **Complete your profile.** Many LinkedIn users mistakenly do not supply their full career history (jobs dating back to college). Be sure to do so and include a professional picture and three to four recommendations in your profile. On the right side of your profile, there is a circle that indicates your profile’s completeness or strength. Use this as a gauge. If you are not an “All-Star,” there is more to add to your profile. Review others in your company or industry to see how your profile compares.

- **Increase your connections.** Start by connecting with people you have met and then continue to increase your connections by looking for others that meet the criteria of your ideal prospect. The search function can help you find the right people. Get more than 500 connections for the maximum benefit.

- **Have conversations.** Communicate via the LinkedIn platform instead of email. Doing so often makes it easier to connect. If you are using a contact management system, copy your LinkedIn messages into your system to keep track of the conversations.

- **Republish your existing content.** If you are already publishing a blog, video or other content on other social media platforms (like Facebook), LinkedIn is a great platform to republish this information. With a few modifications, LinkedIn can be your most powerful social media.

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Keep workers’ stress under control

Managers often feel caught between a rock and a hard place. Challenged to meet organizational goals in a tough economic climate, they push teams to do more and subsequently watch stress levels rise. On the other hand, if they pull back and become too relaxed, they fear their teams will become uninspired and unmotivated. Where’s the happy medium?

According to the experts at the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, what’s described above is the wrong way to think about the problem. “Some employers assume that stressful working conditions are a necessary evil—that companies must turn up the pressure on workers and set aside health concerns to remain productive and profitable,” NIOSH wrote in a publication. “But research is challenging this belief.”

It’s possible to push people and set ambitious goals without creating unmanageable stress, according to the institute. The key is to use strategies familiar to smart managers:

- Clearly define expectations and communicate with workers.
- Give people challenging but meaningful work that allows them to use and grow their skills.
- Recognize outstanding performance.
- Focus on objectives and give people autonomy and flexibility.
- Give employees the tools and resources they need to excel.

Under those conditions, people can achieve tremendous results without falling prey to stress.

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Ensure handbook asserts at-will employment

If you’re a manager and have a handbook that provides workers with a limited right to contest proposed discipline, make sure it also has a very strong at-will statement. Otherwise, the promise of discharge only for cause may trap you into expensive and time-consuming litigation every time you have to terminate a worker.

Recent case: Marcellino worked as the co-administrator for a prison. His managed the facility while keeping costs down. County employees like Marcellino received an employee handbook. That document specified that “all disciplinary actions shall be for cause.”

But, another part of the same handbook included a statement that read, “These rules are not intended to extend employment rights or provide for a property right in employment. Specifically, these rules are not intended to alter employment at will provisions of Minnesota Statutes.”

Marcellino’s troubles started with what might have been a joke. It turned into something serious when another employee complained that Marcellino had allegedly slipped on a pair of rubber gloves and told a subordinate returning from sick leave that he was going to examine her.

That triggered an extensive investigation into Marcellino’s behavior towards women. After many interviews, the HR office determined it should proceed with termination.

Marcellino sued, alleging that he should only have been fired for cause and that he had a property interest in his job. He essentially wanted a full hearing on the allegations and pointed to the “for cause” phrase in the handbook. That, he argued, created, at least, a contractual obligation.

But the court disagreed, pointing to the other at-will statement in the same handbook. It dismissed the claims.

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Coaching your team from the sidelines

As team leaders, we need to be hands-on managers—but not in-the-way managers. When our teams need to perform at their peak, we need to guide them from the sidelines. Here’s some advice:

- **Know when not to teach.** Unless you’re seeing errors that will capsize your entire effort, don’t attempt to teach while your people are in the midst of a major endeavor.

- **Look ahead and remove barriers.** While your team is focused on getting the job done now, you can be great help if you make it easier for the job to get done tomorrow.

- **Is there another big project right around the corner?** Start planning to see if you can delay that job for a little while—perhaps even just one day—to give your team a chance to regroup and you a chance to coach and teach. If that’s not possible, then plan for a subgroup of your team to tackle the first stages of the upcoming project, and lighten their current workload accordingly.

- **Make sure you have the resources you need, that supplies are well stocked, that lingering personnel issues are under control.**
NOTEWORTHY

Indiana Members Credit Union presented a check for $4,050 to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Indiana as part of a one-year-old debit card giveback program. IMCU’s AVP of sales and marketing, Thorpe Miller, presented the check to Keri Brantley, director of development, RMHCCIN, and Beth Johnson, chief operating officer, RMHCCIN, at the Ronald McDonald House on May 18.

Opinion

How to get past ‘We’ve always done it this way’

Q As part of my new responsibilities, it has been suggested that I provide advice and assistance to co-workers to be in compliance with some regulations. The problem is that they are not interested and are satisfied with “We’ve always done it this way.” How can I get them to accept my assistance?

— Eduardo, 44, process improvement manager

A Without clear authority over this team, you’ll have to rely more on the “carrot” to help bring about change. That said, it’s surprising to see such weak organizational commitment on something as cut and dried as regulatory compliance. Obtaining a stronger mandate from the top should also be on your list of actions.

Focusing on influencing the team, consider the ways you can lead them to adopt a new approach. It’ll be challenging, since they’re not experiencing any downsides from their current way of doing business. Start by taking a look at the people involved, thinking of them as individuals with their own needs, fears and goals. Find a way to get acquainted so that you’ll understand the most relevant ways to motivate them.

For example, maybe you’ve got a long-timer in a job who just wants to keep things smooth without rocking the boat. Having to learn a new approach might be intimidating. In this case, find all the ways you can make it easy. Demonstrate how you’ll be carrying the load on the new steps, and make it simple for them to go along.

Perhaps someone else is afraid that they’ll be found to be at fault if a new way is better. In this case, position the change as a build on the team’s past approach, and provide visibility to them for their leadership in endorsing the new direction.

Also make the case for impending risk. If you know, for example, that increased outside scrutiny is on its way, paint a picture of what will happen if the status quo is still in place. This will also be an excellent tactic for building executive buy-in. But be sure to start with the team. Even if you don’t get them on board, you won’t have gone behind their backs, which could create a corporate enemy for life. And the prospect of you escalating it may be enough to gain their support.

You’ll be better able to have constructive conversations if you’ve prepared a list of concrete steps that need to be taken. This will take out the fear of the unknown. Specify steps, time frames, and roles and responsibilities. Frame even minor advances as wins to help build momentum and enthusiasm.

Share the plan in a way that takes out the mystery and makes it feel achievable. When you talk about it, use active language. Say, “When we do Step A,” not “If …”

Also consider all the things that could interfere with successful adoption. This will allow you to minimize disruption if they occur. It’ll also prep you for addressing objections that the team might raise and increase your chances for success. �풋

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Doctor’s lauded for care, excellence
Two doctors were recognized with the Healing Hands Award, presented quarterly by Franciscan St. Francis Health. The award recognizes physicians for excellence in clinical skills, patient relations, research, stewardship and reflection of the hospital’s ministry, values and mission. They were:
• Dr. Sarah Ali, oncology and hematology specialist, practices with Oncology & Hematology Specialists, a Franciscan Physician Network practice. She has a special interest in breast malignancies and lymphomas.
• Dr. Shanna Bowman, a pediatrician, practices at County Line Pediatrics, a Franciscan Physician Network practice. She is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Franklin College honors faculty
Franklin College paid tribute to four educators during commencement ceremonies on May 21:
• Justin M. Gash, of Franklin, associate professor of mathematics and computing, won the Clifford and Paula Dietz Award for Faculty Excellence.
• Meredith Clark-Wiltz, of Franklin, assistant professor of history, was recipient of the Faculty Steering Committee Distinguished Service Award.
• Beth Moore, of Morgantown, associate professor of education, received the Faculty Excellence in Teaching Award.
• Robert Beasley, of Franklin, professor of mathematics and computing, is the recipient of the Faculty Excellence in Scholarship Award.

Board association awards standout school trustees
The Indiana School Boards Association has awarded the Outstanding Board Award to the Center Grove Community School Corp. Board of School Trustees. School board members are Adam Norman, Rob Richards, Jack Russell, Scott Alexander and Carol Tumey. This is the third time in four years the board has received the distinction, which is due to in-service programs, workshops and other duties such as serving on statewide boards.

Franklin College adds two trustees
Natalie (Dukes) Roberts, a 1994 alumna, senior vice president for Monarch Beverage and Franklin resident, has been elected to serve as the designated community trustee for the Franklin College board. She received her MBA from the University of Indianapolis and her undergraduate degree in marketing from Franklin College.

Constance Richardson Van Valer, a 1959 alumna, has transitioned to Franklin College honorary trustee status for life. A Greenwood resident, she had served on the board of trustees since 1999, most recently co-chairing the honorary degrees committee and serving on the student affairs and the academic affairs committees.

New agent for Franklin office
Mindy Clark of Boggstown, is now an agent representing home and auto insurance company Farmers. The new Farmers office, 121 E. Monroe St., Franklin, conducted an open house on July 27. Farmers agents and district managers serve customers in communities throughout the Johnson County area.

Ruoff names top loan originator
Ruoff Home Mortgage has announced that Donnie Dodson was its top loan originator in April and May. The top spot in each branch office, as well as the company, is based on the number of closed loans during the month. Dodson works out of the Greenwood office, 972 Emerson Parkway, Suite C.

CPA retires from Franklin accounting firm
Stanley C. Hoskins, a CPA, has retired from Jones, Hoskins & Anderson, CPAs. The firm’s new owner, J. Scott Jones, CPA, and his partner, C. Allen Anderson, CPA, will continue to serve the greater Franklin market.

Mutual Savings Bank names leaders
Mutual Savings Bank has announced three promotions at local branches:
• Casey Swallows, the former assistant branch manager at the main office in Franklin, is now serving as the office’s branch manager and IRA coordinator. She and her husband and three children reside in Edinburgh.
• Alma Torres moved into the branch manager role at the Franklin United Methodist Community branch. She had previously been assistant branch manager.
• Adam Browder, formerly the branch manager at the main office, has become a commercial loan analyst at the bank’s loan center. He has been with Mutual Savings Bank for eight years. A nearly lifelong resident of Franklin, Browder graduated from Franklin College.

Financial planner gets Crest Award for 10th time
Waddell & Reed financial adviser Janette F. Koon has been named a recipient of the firm’s 2016 Crest Award, among the highest honors for the firm’s advisers. The awards are given to advisers based on an analysis of investment, insurance and financial planning sales. Koon has received the recognition for the 10th time.

She also attended the 2016 Investment News Retirement Income Summit in Chicago in May. The conference offered seminars on various retirement-related topics such as Social Security, retirement income health care and ways to structure retirement portfolios. She joined Waddell & Reed in 1993. Her local office is at 399 N. Madison Ave., Suite 101, Greenwood.
Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce.

Greenwood resident named VP
Financial Center First Credit Union has promoted Greenwood resident Dusty Simmons to vice president of membership development. Simmons previously served as the credit union’s marketing campaign officer. Prior to joining Financial Center in 2013, she worked in various marketing and consultant roles for banks and credit unions.

Central Nine gets new director
Nicole Otte, who has worked as the assistant director for three years, has been named director of Central Nine Career Center, a career and technical school. Otte taught engineering and technology in Columbus for 10 years before coming to Central Nine. She leads a staff of about 50 teachers and other staff. Central Nine offers career and technical courses for students from nine local and southside school districts.

Community wellness coordinator begins work
The Purdue Extension Nutrition Education Program has hired Erin Slevin as the Community Wellness Coordinator for Johnson County. Community Wellness Coordinators improve nutrition and health in limited-resource communities by concentrating on diet quality, physical activity, food security, food safety and food resource management. Slevin has been working in the field of public health for more than 10 years and holds a master’s degree in Public Health from Indiana University.

Legislator honored for helping children, parents
State Rep. Dave Frizzell (R-Indianapolis) received the 2016 Champion of Children Award from the Foundation for Government Accountability. He was recognized for writing a new law that allows parents or guardians with power of attorney to delegate responsibility for their children to a third party without the same requirements and regulations as foster care providers.

Frizzell represents a portion of Marion and Johnson counties.

Local agents named among nation’s best
Jenny Laughner, Don Harrington and the Rob Campbell Team of RE/MAX Results were named as among the nation’s top sales associates and teams as a part of REAL Trends’ “America’s Best Real Estate Agents,” a new ranking report produced by REAL Trends and sponsored by Zillow Group. The report ranked agents in four categories: individual agent sales volume and transaction sales; and agent team sales volume and transaction sales.

Express names two staffing specialists
Greenwood-based Express Employment Professionals has named Angie Petrow the office’s new employment specialist for commercial staffing. She will work with job seekers to place them in positions offered by client companies.

The company has also named Keith Fechtman the new professional recruiter of accounting and finance. He will try to place local applicants in accounting and finance positions offered by client companies.

Ivy Tech names executive director of finance
Ivy Tech Community College named Corey Back as executive director of finance for the Central Indiana region. He has been with the college since 2010, previously serving as executive director of sponsored programs finance for Ivy Tech’s Office of the President. Prior to joining Ivy Tech, Back worked for Purdue University from 2001 to 2010 in various financial affairs capacities.

Greenwood hires new fire chief
Darin Hoggatt, a 20-year veteran of the Greenwood Fire Department, has been named chief. He most recently worked as assistant chief. He was selected from a list of six firefighters who applied.

Doctor receives national appointment
Dr. Richard D. Feldman has been named as an at-large member of the board of curators of the American Academy of Family Physicians’ Center of the History of Family Medicine. The three-year appointment was effective July 1. He received the center’s first Fellowship Award that supported his writing of the book, “Family Practice Stories” and was recently re-appointed as a lay member of the Indiana General Assembly’s Interim Study Committee on Public Health, Behavioral Health and Human Services.

He is director of the Franciscan St. Francis Health Family Medicine Residency Program, which he has headed since 1981. He also directs the hospital’s medical education program.

Two cardiologists join Indiana Heart Physicians
Two doctors have joined Indiana Heart Physicians, a Franciscan Physician Network practice:
• Dr. Atul R. Chugh
• Dr. Soo H. Park

Chugh will work as a cardiologist at Franciscan Alliance’s Crawfordsville and Indianapolis hospitals.

• Dr. Soo H. Park will provide care in both Columbus, Greensburg and Indianapolis.

VisionQuest hires one doctor; another obtains fellowship
Greenwood native Dr. Collin Rush has joined the staff at VisionQuest Eyecare in his hometown. Rush, who attended Center Grove High School, graduated with high honors from the Indiana University School of Optometry and was accepted into the Phi Beta Kappa society. He is one of the only doctors in central Indiana to have experience with scleral contact lenses. He is married and lives in Greenwood.

Dr. Jenna Liechty, another Greenwood native and Center Grove High School graduate, has obtained her fellowship in the College of Optometrists of Vision Development, one of only four doctors in Indiana to have accomplished this. Liechty specializes in vision therapy and pediatric eye care, and also has had extensive training in primary care for adults, ocular disease and providing personalized contact lens solutions for her patients.

Info: 317-865-6829, or visionquesteyecare.com.

Franklin official to help lead redevelopment group
Krista Linke, community development director for the city of Franklin, was recently elected vice president of the Redevelopment Association of Indiana.

Linke, who oversees economic development and redevelopment projects in Franklin, will lead the association along with the association’s president, Angie Walters, who is the deputy director of the redevelopment commission in Greendale.

The association is made up of nearly 300 city, town and county redevelopment employees, commission members and company representatives from around the state.
**JCPL announces school competition winner**

Johnson County Public Library hosted a competition to see how many students could complete the 2016 Summer Learning Program. Union Elementary School is the school contest winner with approximately 15 percent of its students completing the program. Needham Elementary and St. Rose of Lima had 8 percent of their students participate.

**IMCU donates to GiGi’s in Give Back campaign**

Indiana Members Credit Union announced that GiGi’s Playhouse Indianapolis is the second quarter winner in the IMCU Gives Back Campaign and is receiving a $6,000 donation. Each quarter in 2016, IMCU is awarding a nonprofit organization. The campaign was designed to celebrate IMCU’s 60th birthday. Info: www.imcu.com/60th.aspx

**Kiwanis to host golf outing**

The Kiwanis Club of Perry Township will conduct the inaugural Ken Wheeler Golf Outing Sept. 16, at 1 p.m., at Winding River Golf Course, 8015 Mann Road, Indianapolis.

The golf outing is one of several new events planned this year, replacing the club’s traditional fish fry, which had been held for 30 years. A first-ever chili cook-off was held in March. The club also raises funds through a concession stand at Baxter YMCA and through silent and live auctions held during the annual holiday gala.
Info: Jeff Udrasols, president, 317-888-4405 or kiwanisperrytownship.org

**Community Health Network honored for heart care**

Community Health Network has been chosen as the National Winner of the 2016 HeartCaring Excellence in Action Award, which is given to hospitals whose innovation and commitment to community service goes beyond expectations. Community increased cardiovascular disease screening for women through the “Know Your Numbers” program.

**Electro-Spec earns state safety certification**

Franklin-based Electro-Spec has earned certification as an Indiana Safety and Health Recognition Program site by the Indiana Department of Labor. Companies that get this certification are recognized for being leaders in workplace safety and health. The company employs more than 80 on-site workers and does gold, silver, nickel, copper and tri-alloy electroplating for aerospace, medical, telecommunications, automotive and battery products. A safety committee of employees helps maintain safety programs and conducts regular inspections of the facility.

**One Click gets top honors**

Greenwood-based eyebear e-tailer, One Click, has been recognized as one of Inc.’s Best Workplaces. The 2016 Inc. Best Workplaces Awards assessed companies on a collection of questions given to employees. Company scores were based on survey results of management, employee recognition, performance communication, benefits and other elements of the employee experience. Companies had to be U.S.-based, privately held, and independent, among other qualifications.

**Greenwood Meadows awarded for care**

Greenwood Meadows, an assisted-living facility, is the recipient of the Bronze — Commitment to Quality Award. The award will be presented by the American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living during the organization’s 67th Annual Convention and Exposition, Oct. 16-19 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Greenwood Meadows, 1200 N. State Road 135, is operated by American Senior Communities.

**Hospital foundation awards scholarships**

The Johnson Memorial Hospital Foundation has given 33 scholarships totaling $39,500 to Johnson County residents pursuing a career in a health-related field. The four scholarships available are the Freda P. & Millard R. Montgomery Registered Nursing Scholarship, Katie Robards Memorial Scholarship, Johnson Memorial Hospital Guild High School Health-Related Scholarship and the Johnson Memorial Hospital Guild Continuing Education Health-Related Scholarship. Each scholarship varies on eligibility, monetary awards, and what the scholarship may be used to support.

**Greenwood pool, spa company gets top nod**

Stewart Dixon Aquatic Services of Greenwood recently won the title of the Indy A-List’s Best Pool and Spa Services. Voters named Stewart Dixon Aquatic Services the Best Pool and Spa Services in the Indianapolis area for 2016. The Indy A-List website lets consumers vote on top companies and organizations.

**Credit union gives to Ronald McDonald House**

Indiana Members Credit Union donated $4,050 to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central Indiana as part of the credit union’s debit card program, in which members sign up for and using a charity-themed debit card. Every time the card is used, the Ronald McDonald House benefits.

**Hospital earns honor for eye bank efforts**

Johnson Memorial Health has received the Indiana Lions Eye Bank “Vision” award for the hospital’s commitment to the Indiana Lions Bank Donor Program. Johnson Memorial Health has an organ/tissue procurement policy that ensures all patients have the opportunity to become donors.

In 2015, Johnson Memorial Health was able to help 20 individuals through this program. In the last five years, about 100 people have had corneal transplants due to these efforts.

**Greenwood chamber welcomes new members**

The following businesses recently joined the Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce.
- Lawn Doctor of South/West Indy, P.O. Box 17940, Indianapolis
- P&D Flower Farm, 7749 E. 1000 North, Indianapolis
- Bradys Auto Sales, 250 Market Plaza, Greenwood
- Lover’s Lane, 1001 U.S. 31 South, Greenwood
- We Rock The Spectrum Kid’s Gym, 210 S. Emerson Ave., Suite D, Greenwood
- Mutual Savings Bank, 80 E. Jefferson St., Franklin
- Connect Hearing, 8523 Madison Ave., Suite C, Indianapolis
- Takeout Waiter, 438 S. Emerson Ave., Suite 161, Greenwood
- Bower & Co., P.O. Box 1386, Greenwood
- Hallmark Home Mortgage, 489 S. State Road 135, Suite B, Greenwood
- Tyson Law Firm, 1700 W. Smith Valley Road, Suite #C4, Greenwood
- Indiana Spine Group, 747 E. County Line Road, Greenwood
- J Owen Media, 150 E. 300 South, Franklin
- Group One Communications, 1810 S. Lynhurst Drive, Suite Q, Indianapolis
- Accurate CPR Health & Safety Training, 475 Macy Way, Greenwood
- Socio Labs Inc., 1305 Rockne Drive, South Bend
- Life Balance & Fitness LLC, 1259 N. State Road 135, Greenwood
Franklin Chamber welcomes new members
The Franklin Chamber of Commerce board of directors and staff have welcomed new businesses to its membership recently:
- Comcast Business, 5330 E. 65th St., Indianapolis
- Franklin Title Insurance, 40½ E. Jefferson St., Franklin
- HR OnSite, P.O. Box 13, Whiteland
- Lindsey's Grooming, 4247 N. State Road 135, Franklin
- The Ezell Group Insurance, 918 Fry Road, Greenwood
- Tilson, 1530 American Way, Suite 200, Greenwood
- Willard Renovation and Repair, 2880 E. 300 North, Franklin
- Cricket Wireless, 1147 N. Morton St., Franklin
- Mallow Run Winery, 6964 W. Whiteland Road, Bargersville
- RNR Tire Express, 55 S. Morton St.
- Pot O' Gold Productions, 11555 Central Parkway, Suite 402, Jacksonville, Florida
- Stubbs Asphalt Maintenance, 437 S. 700 West, Morgantown
- A&K Excavating, LLC, 6517 E. 175 East, Franklin
- Pine Meadows Horse Rescue Community Alliances, 1098 E. 600 South, Franklin
- Trueblood Oil Company, Inc., 3070 RJ Parkway, Franklin
- Casey's General Store, 3048 N. Morton St., Franklin
- Aunt Sherry's Doggie Daycare, 191 Lilac Circle, Greenwood

84 Lumber opens truss facility
Greenwood-based 84 Lumber, a building materials supplier, has opened a new truss manufacturing facility in Franklin. The new facility manufactures wood roof trusses, floor trusses and wall panels. The company operates six stores in Indiana and was recently named to Forbes' 2016 List of America's 250 Best Mid-Size Employers and ranked as the fifth largest professional building product dealer on this year's ProSales 100 list.

St. Francis named as among best hospitals
Franciscan St. Francis Health-Indianapolis was recently recognized in the 2016 edition of Becker's Hospital Review “100 Great Community Hospitals.” Inclusion on the list was based on rankings and awards from various organizations. In March, Franciscan St. Francis Health-Indianapolis was named by Truven as one of the nation's 100 Top Hospitals. Both the Indianapolis and Mooresville hospitals earned accolades from Healthgrades this year, too.

C&M Specialty Automotive signs on as U-Haul dealer
C&M Specialty Automotive LLC has signed on as a U-Haul neighborhood dealer to serve the Edinburgh community offering U-Haul trucks, trailers, towing equipment, support rental items and in-store pickup for boxes.

Correctional Facility donates produce
Edinburgh Correctional Facility donated 220 pounds of produce to the United Service Organizations this week. The produce will be distributed to local food banks and those in need. The facility donates produce on a regular basis.

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Groups partner to bring training to area residents
Johnson County Development Corp. and the Franklin Chamber of Commerce have partnered with the Franklin campus of Ivy Tech Community College to bring six sigma white belt certification to Johnson County. This certification will provide the attendees with a basic overview of six sigma outline. The first class was July 28.

Daily Journal owner announces sale of magazine
AIM Media Indiana, owner of the Daily Journal, has sold TraveliN Magazine, the quarterly, statewide travel and tourism publication serving the Indiana tourism industry.

The publication was sold to Travel Indiana LLC. Terms of the transaction were not disclosed.

Travel Indiana is owned by Jeffrey N. Brown, past chairman and CEO of Home News Enterprises, who has been serving most recently as president and CEO for all publications owned by AIM Media Indiana. AIM acquired the assets of Home News Enterprises last November.

In conjunction with this sale and purchase, Brown will be stepping down from his current positions with the company, and he will continue in a consulting role at AIM as senior advisor — office of the chairman.

Tonya Figg will continue as the publisher of TraveliN Magazine.

Real estate company building new office
F.C. Tucker Company has broken ground on its new south office site, 195 N. Emerson Ave., Greenwood. The site is at the northwest corner of Emerson Avenue and South Park Boulevard intersection.

Franklin Chamber of Commerce
Sept. 6: “How Not To Sell Your Business.” Faris Ahenson with Tilson. This workshop will offer insights, as well as legal obligations and employee classification and overtime regulations that go into effect on Dec. 1. The workshop, which is open to the public, will be held at the Franklin United Methodist Community in Franklin. Registration and breakfast will begin at 7:30 a.m. and the presentation is 8-9:30 a.m.

Presenters are William Barrett of Williams of Barrett & Wilkowski Attorneys at Law, Angela Chamberlin with Chamberlin & Taylor, LLP, Certified Public Accountants and Scott Ingram with Tilson. This workshop will offer information about the human resource and tax implications, as well as legal obligations and how the rules may impact businesses and nonprofits.

Cost is $15 and includes breakfast.
The following Greater Greenwood Chamber members celebrated their grand openings with a ribbon cutting (clockwise from top left):

- Costco Wholesale, 4628 E. County Line Road, Indianapolis, June 23
- Kumo Japanese Steakhouse, 1251 U.S. 31 North, Unit P210, Greenwood, June 30
- CrossFit Healthy Nut, 1480 Olive Branch Parke Lane, Greenwood, June 2
- Teachers Credit Union, 18 Providence Drive, Greenwood, May 25
- Hops and Fire Craft Tap House, 1259 N. State Road 135, Greenwood, May 17
- Hallmark Home Mortgage, 489 S. State Road 135, Suite B, Greenwood, July 6
- P&D Flower Farm, 7749 E. 1000 North, Indianapolis, July 1
- We Rock The Spectrum Kid’s Gym, 210 S. Emerson Ave., Suite D, Greenwood, July 8

Photos by Donna Rice Photography
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- Farmers Insurance – Mindy Clark Agency, 21 E. Monroe St., Franklin, July 27.
- RNR Tire Express, 55 S. Morton St., Franklin, June 17.
- Indiana Farm Bureau Insurance 99 N. Morton St., Franklin, May 24.
- Story Walk, located at the Franklin Urban Forest on West South Street in Franklin, was assisted by The Johnson County Public Library and Franklin Parks and Recreation on June 6.

Photos by the Franklin Chamber of Commerce

The Franklin and Greater Greenwood chambers of commerce celebrated The Sycamore at Mallow Run’s grand opening on July 14. The conference and event center is located at 7070 W. Whiteland Road, Bargersville.

Photo by Donna Rice Photography

workshops

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Register: www.franklincoc.org or 317-736-6334.

Business Ownership Initiative of Indiana

The Business Ownership Initiative of Indiana offers workshops for business owners and entrepreneurs. Unless noted, the classes are free and are conducted at 4755 Kingsway Drive, Suite 314, in the Willowbrook Office Park. Information/register: (317) 917-3266 or www.businessownership.org

SBDC

Central Indiana Small Business Development Center offers seminars in Central Indiana. Registration and prepayment required: 317-233-7232 or www.isbdc.org.

Leadership Johnson County

Sept. 6: Leadership Johnson County will host its All Aboard event to connect people in the community with nonprofits seeking committee and board members at the Indiana Masonic Home at Compass Park, Community Center in Franklin, 5-6:30 p.m. The event will combine networking and information sharing. A $250 grant will be awarded to one nonprofit organization in attendance.

Info/RSVP: www.leadershipjohnsoncounty.org or email ktaylor@franklincollege.edu

SCORE

The Indianapolis Chapter of SCORE is part of a national non-profit association offering counseling and workshops for business owners and entrepreneurs. Information/register: 317-226-7264, www.indy-score.org

The Johnson County SCORE branch office is at the Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce, 65 Airport Parkway, Suite 140, 317-888-4856.
In addition to providing Salvation Army bell ringers, creating and distributing approximately 200 neck pillows each year, assisting with in-home food delivery through the Meals on Wheels program and helping with Greenwood’s annual Northeast Elementary School spring carnival, the club also works extensively with high school students. It sponsors Key Club programs at Greenwood, Center Grove and Franklin Central, Anthony said, and awarded a $1,200 college scholarship at each of those schools.

“The whole concept from elementary to high school and beyond is that if we can get children involved in giving back when they’re young, it will most likely become a lifelong practice for them,” Anthony said.

Kiwanis Club of Greenwood members also spearheaded an initiative in recent times that ultimately led to the purchase of an adaptive bicycle for use by a handicapped child in the area.

“They run from $1,000 to $1,500, and are adjustable as a child grows,” Anthony said. “Now we’re in the process of trying to find another child in the area who could use that bike.”

Every year, a delegation of Kuji students comes to Franklin, but there had never been a group of Franklin students go there until last year, Wagner said.

“We sent a delegation of approximately 10 students and three chaperones who stayed with Kuji families and attended their schools,” she said. “Our Rotary club wanted to give those students an opportunity to experience that.”

According to Wagner, with this year’s district grant, the Franklin Rotary Club is sponsoring Johnson County’s Color the County mural program.

“There are three murals being created on landmarks in Johnson County — in Bargersville, Franklin and Greenwood — and each one has a different theme,” she said. “It’s a paint-by-number thing where community reps will come in and paint first, and then professional artists will follow up and make them pretty.”

The Franklin club also held a bike ride last May called Pedaling for a Purpose to raise money for the Rotary Foundation. The 26-mile event was open only to Rotary members, but plans are already underway for program expansion.

“Riders accepted pledges and we raised $1,000 in just the first year,” Wagner said. “We’ll definitely do it again. Franklin and Johnson County in general are becoming very bike friendly, so we’re looking forward to expanding on our success.”
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