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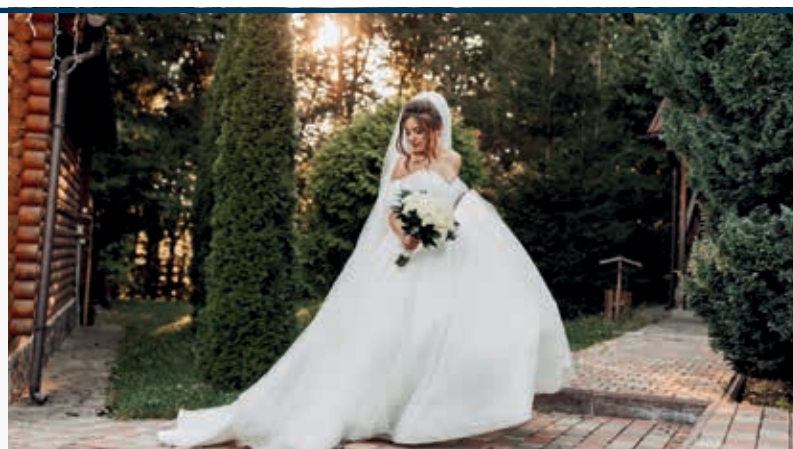
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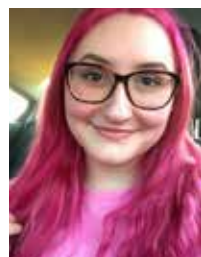
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I would also like to take a moment to express our deep appreciation to the businesses that partner with us to bring you this publication each month, as well as the events. Their invaluable support ensures that we can continue sharing stories and keep you connected to our vibrant community. As you stroll through the magazine, I encourage you to consider utilizing the services provided by these esteemed partners. They are committed to serving our community with exceptional care, whether it's tending to your family's needs, maintaining your homes, caring for your pets, or safeguarding your health.

Let's cherish the remaining warm days of summer, create lasting memories with our loved ones, and look forward to what's to come..... We look forward to seeing you at the START/FINISH line at the 317 RUN in the Village on August 29th and the Fall Festival on University Green September 29th.

Thank you for your participation and support, and I hope you thoroughly enjoy this month's edition of *Stroll Village of WestClay*. Your feedback, recommendations and stories are invaluable to us, so please don't hesitate to reach out.

Wishing you a splendid end to the summer season and a successful start to the new school year!



Warmly,
Heidi

We're thrilled to bring you your August issue of *Stroll Village of WestClay*. Inside you can enjoy stories from your neighbors about their families, children, recipes, travels and beloved pets. We want to share your story too! It's easy and fun – please scan this QR code to see a variety of stories or create your own!



In light of the back-to-school season, I'm particularly thrilled to showcase our School's Out Party! event photo spread. We had a great time at this event, and we want to thank Indy Dental Group as our Platinum Sponsor as well as our additional Gold and Silver sponsors. See pages 22-31. These heartwarming images capture the energy and enthusiasm of being out of school for the summer. It also captures the essence of our neighborhood and what our community is all about: a large group of people joining together, connecting, and celebrating life's moments with neighbors and friends, right in the heart of where we live.

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Followed by The Bishops, starting at 6pm. Sponsored by LiveBetterMD

We'll have free ice cream from our favorite shop, FUNDÆ'S, for everyone, plus games and activities for kids. Come enjoy a great time with friends and neighbors at this annual Village event.



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Saturday, September 7th at 6:30pm
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Saturday, September 29th at 9am. Hendricks Pond
Join us for a fun morning and friendly competition. Who can catch the most fish, the biggest fish, & even the smallest fish! Prizes given to winners. All ages welcome. Please bring your own equipment and adult for assistance.



FALL FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars for this year's Fall Festival, to be held Sunday, September 29th from 2-4:30 p.m. Kindly sponsored by Tom Wood Toyota. With your favorite activities including hayrides, face paint & balloons, music, games, vendors, petting zoo & more.

If you or anyone you know wants to participate in the car show, please email jordyns@vwcoa.com - the more the merrier!

This year we bring you something NEW – A Neighborhood Chili Cook-Off

The competition will be held in The Meeting House during the Fall Festival. The competition will be judged by selected residents. Chili stations ready by 1pm for judges to come through before the event begins. Fall festival starts at 2pm. Winner announced at 4pm. Spots are limited. Check out your Friday emails for a link to sign-up!

We look forward to a fun day in the Village!



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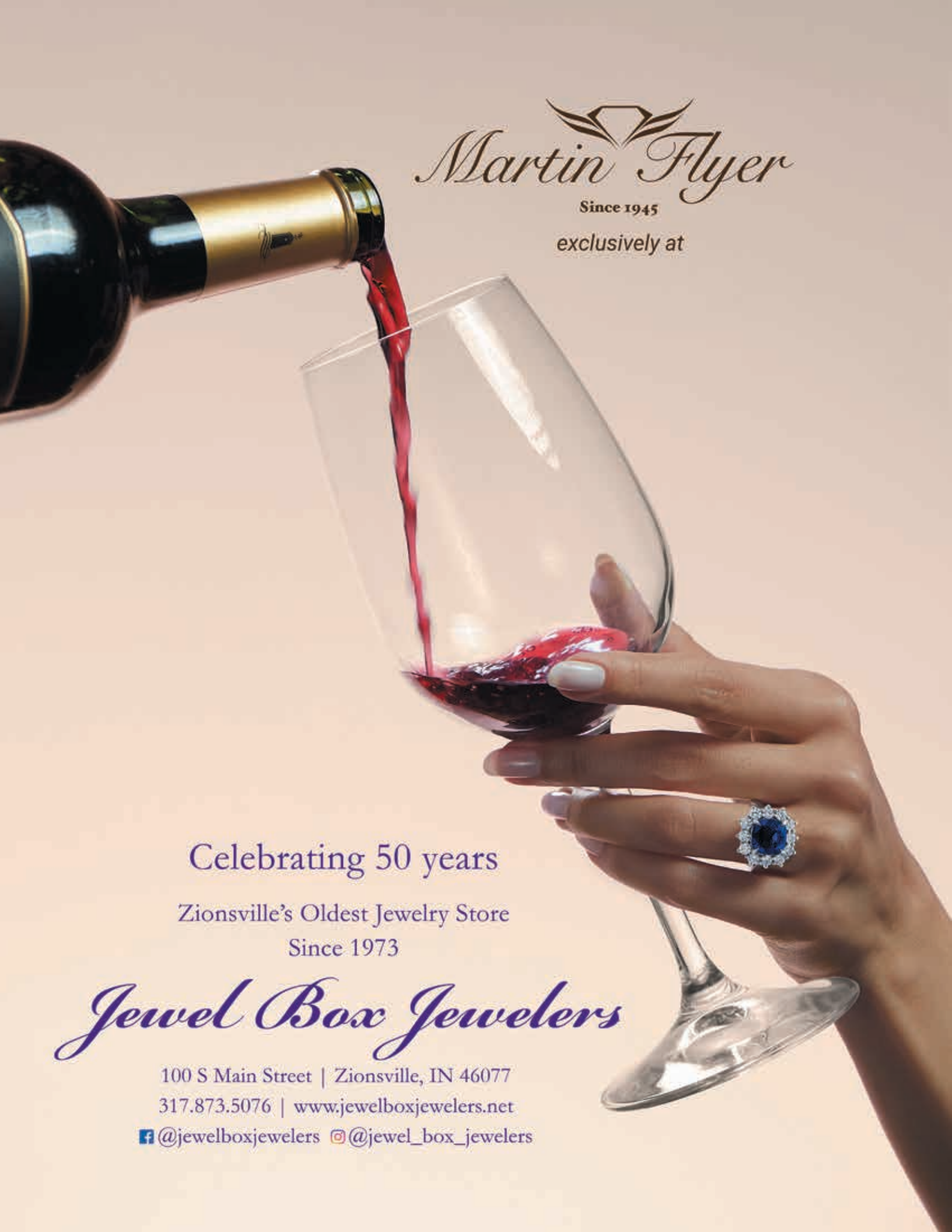
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MONDAY
5 / ROMEO
6:15pm; TBD

12 / Facilities &
Grounds Committee
Meeting 6pm;
Meeting House
ROMEO 6:15pm; TBD

19 / ROMEO
6:15pm; TBD
Chat & Chai Club
6:30pm; Sweet Room

26 / Dominoes 1pm;
Huston Room
ROMEO 6:15pm; TBD
Book Club 7pm;
Meeting House

TUESDAY
6 / Ladies Coffee
9:30am; ZING!

13 / Ladies Coffee
9:30 am; Sweet Room
Communications
Meeting 10:30am;
OA Office

20 / Ladies Coffee
9:30am; Sweet Room

27 / Ladies Coffee
9:30am; Sweet Room
Finance Committee
6:30pm;
Meeting House

WEDNESDAY
7 / ROMEO
7:30am; Zing!
VWC Moms Park Play
4pm; TBD

14 / ROMEO
7:30am; Zing!
VWC Moms Park Play
4pm; Nimitz Park

LOCAL CALENDAR

Bunco Group 5pm;
Sweet Room
Mahjong Club
6:30pm; Huston Room

21 / ROMEO
7:30am; Zing!
VWC Moms Park Play
4pm; TBD

28 / ROMEO
7:30am; Zing!
Ladies Bridge
12:30pm; Sweet Room
VWC Moms Park Play
4pm; TBD
Mahjong Club
6:30pm; Huston Room

THURSDAY
1 / Knitting Club 1pm;
Sweet Room
Ballroom Dancing
6pm; Meeting
House Ballroom

8 / Knitting Club 1pm;
Sweet Room
Social Committee
Meeting, 4pm;
Trustees hall
Ballroom Dancing
6pm; Meeting
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Bunco Group 6:30pm;
Huston Room

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Ballroom Dancing
6pm; Meeting
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1pm; Sweet Room
Ballroom Dancing
6pm; Meeting
House Ballroom

29 / Blood Drive
10am; University Green
Knitting Club 1pm;
Sweet Room
RUN317 5pm;
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Ballroom Dancing
6pm; Meeting
House Ballroom

FRIDAY
2 / ROMEO
7:30am; Zing!

9 / ROMEO
7:30am; Zing!

16 / ROMEO
7:30am; Zing!

23 / ROMEO
7:30am; Zing!

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23 / ROMEO
7:30am; Zing!

SATURDAY
3 / Keep it Moving
Club 8am; Meeting
House Fountain

10 / Keep it Moving
Club 8am; Meeting
House Fountain

17 / Keep it Moving
Club 8am; Meeting
House Fountain
Family Movie night
5pm; University Green
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Coxhall Gardens

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Barre in the Park 9am;
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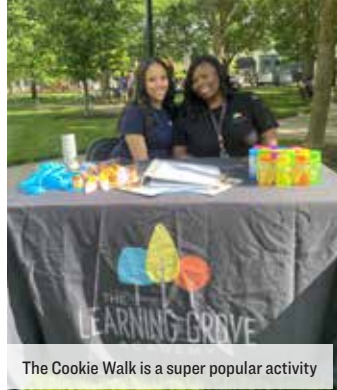


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Haven Dossey

What is your name, age, and your parents' names?

Haven Dossey 9, Bree Harbin and Austin Dossey

What school/daycare do you go to? What is your favorite subject?

Clay Center Elementary. My favorite subject is reading and I really liked learning decimals this year.

Do you have any brothers or sisters?

Half sister Lucy who is 3. She loves to explore in my playroom and we both like Care Bears.

Do you have any pets? If so, tell us a little about them.

My Mom and I have lots of animals. We have a French bulldog named Milky Way, a cat named FeFe, and two African dwarf frogs, Mr. Froggy and Frogbert.

FAVORITES!

I like the 1989 Taylor Swift album, frogs, ice cream - especially Fundaes where I've been trying to try something new every visit but wild watermelon is my favorite lately, purple, and my favorite authors are Roald Dahl and Katherine Applegate.

If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

Telekinesis because it think it would be super cool to move things with your mind.



When I grow up, I want to be...
Professional dancer and author

Do you have any hobbies, play any sports, or what are some things you like to do for fun?
I love dance and am on a competitive

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A Village Overview

Editor’s note: This is the fourth part of a year-long series celebrating 25 years of the Village of WestClay! We hope you will enjoy looking back, learning more about the Village, and celebrating with us!

The vision of the Village, as stated in previous stories, had been born from the lived experiences of our developers. Reminiscent of days when they lived in communities where homes were close together, neighbors conversed from their porches, a nearby downtown area that families could walk or bike to, and areas for community gatherings. Taking these ideas from cities around the country, Brenwick development was embarking on creating a community which had not been done in Indiana before. This project would marry architecture and amenities, establishing a true sense of place, and setting a new standard for subdivision development.

This new style of urbanism and traditional neighborhood development would include a mix of housing styles with interconnected streets, inviting residents from different income level and home sizes to create a true community. A place that reminded us of simpler times – riding your bike or walking with your child to get a haircut and grab an ice cream. The developers envisioned a community with residents of a wide range of ages, income, and stages of life and the opportunity to move within the Village as their needs changed. The biggest selling point would be the differentiated factors with strong attention to architectural appeal, walkability, and expansive common space. This journey would take 800 acres of corn fields and turn them into a neighborhood unlike any other in the state.



The Village encompasses 21 separate neighborhood & commercial areas – each with unique characteristics of architecture and amenities. Bringing a unique experience as you walk through the Village, admiring homes and landscape. Key design elements seen throughout and not common to central Indiana, alleyways. Keeping cars and traffic to the rear of the home encourages residents to sit on their porches to enjoy family time and community building conversations with neighbors! A special aspect of the Village and the way it was developed- a community design that would all for ALL residents to live within walking distance of parks, paths, shops, and playgrounds. These spaces encompass more than 170 acres across the Village. Specially designed elements are also placed throughout these spaces including

pergolas, gazebos, iron fountains, and playgrounds. With three clubhouses each featuring a design representative of its area of the Village. Goldwater on the west side of Towne Road features Uptown’s art deco style. This building includes a pool, workout facility, event rental space, basketball court, baseball field, tennis and pickleball courts. Provost in the central section of the neighborhood features a neo-gothic design. This location also has a pool, dual workout rooms, rental space for residents, tennis and pickleball courts. Webster resides in the north side of the neighborhood in Clark Woods. It features an exercise room, pool, adjacent park, and tennis court overlooking Carmel’s largest wetland and nature preserve with access to walking paths. Additional amenities throughout the community include 45 park areas,



25 ponds (some approved for fishing), 10 playgrounds, and over 7 miles of walking paths. The Deerstyne firepit can be rented by residents to host bonfires in a beautiful wooded cove next to a playground. Parks feature free equipment and areas to play games including horseshoes, bocce ball, croquet, shuffleboard and a putting green! With Village Center Shoppes and the Uptown shopping area residents have a variety of services and activities close to home, no car needed. The first of these being a welcome center, dentist office, financial advisor and restaurant. Following the growth of different sections of the neighborhood came art studios, bookstores, spa services, gift shop, martial arts studio, day-care, real estate and insurance offices, café’s, banks, breweries, photographers, physicians, barbershops, ice cream and so many more! Many are locally owned small businesses, bringing their own personality and value to the community. I think we can all agree the Village is a unique neighborhood- developed with residents in mind. Perfect for all demographics and stages of life. Bringing a quant simple small-town feeling to our busy lives. A home centered around architectural beauty, walkability and the sense of community among residents; sections with unique design and amenities for all ages to create lasting memories together!

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Meet Kingston!



When did you get your pet, and where did you get them from?
We just got Kingston in May. We adopted him from the LOVE Pet Project in Zionsville. We had been thinking about getting a dog a little bit later in the year and had been visiting LOVE Pet just to get a feel for the process. But when we met Kingston we couldn't resist him. We met him on a Saturday and returned Monday to bring him home. He was so adorable we decided to take the leap into the puppy adventure.

What do you like most about your pet?
Kingston is loving and extremely attentive and adds such an element of fun to our home. He also makes it easy to meet new people as he loves everyone and everyone seems to love him back! He makes walks lots of fun, too.

Does your pet have any special talents or unusual quirks?
He is still a little clumsy at times and goes sliding around our floors when we gets overly excited. We live in a townhome, and while he loves the steps that lead to the front door, he is less excited about the steps leading upstairs. We are not sure why that is! Maybe it's because the front door means we're going outside or a visitor is coming and the other steps lead to bedtime.

How spoiled is your pet and why?
Our home has definitely changed since Kingston joined us. He gets new toys and new types of treats literally every day - and he seems to love them all equally. He is also spoiled in the sense that right now our lives revolve around him to a large extent as he grows and learns new things. We make sure that he gets spoiled with treats from Zing Cafe and Fundae's, as well, both of which he loves visiting.

If your pet had to describe your family, what do you think they would say about you?
I think he would say that we are fun to hang out with and that he can count on us for lots of treats! He would probably question why we don't enjoy his style of play when he starts to nip at us. After all, it's all in fun... according to him.

Does your pet have any friends in the neighborhood? If so, do you know any other Village of WestClay pets that would be fun to feature?
Kingston is just getting to know other pets in the neighborhood as he is still getting fully vaccinated. He would like to know Molly (McInerney), a dachshund around the corner, for example, as well as Luther (Berglund) a golden doodle who also lives around the corner. Logan and Teva (Cronin), our next door neighbors, are pretty cool, too.

What are the names of your family members?
Jay and Sally Cutler

What is your pet's name? How did they get that name, and do they have any nicknames?
When we adopted him, we learned that Wheaten Terriers originated in Ireland. Sally has Irish ancestors with the last name Kingston, so it was a natural fit and immediately made him feel like part of the family. When talking and texting about Kingston, we often abbreviate to K, so our son likes to refer to him as Special K.

What is your pet's breed and age?
Kingston was born in February 2024 so he is a growing puppy and new to our household. He is a soft-coated Wheaten Terrier.



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LET'S TALK!



John and Mimi Stilwell



John and Mimi Stilwell

BY JUDY KEENE, STAFF WRITER

When John and Mimi Stilwell come up with a good life-enhancing idea, they follow through. Not within a couple of years or even a few months. There's no procrastinating. No plus/minus computations. No second guessing. They just get it done – then make the most of their decision. This go-for-it strategy has paid off for them time and time again during their 63 years of marriage.

Take Mimi's decision to leave Miami University in Ohio at the end of her freshman year, a couple years after friends from John and Mimi's hometown of Marion, Indiana, had arranged a blind date for the two of

them. "I was lovesick," Mimi admits now about her decision to leave school. But years later, once the two were married and the parents of four daughters, Mimi attended IUPUI in Columbus and Purdue, earning a degree, with honors, in psychology.

And what was Mimi's decision about how to best share her new-found expertise? Rather than seeking employment, she opted to follow her passion for helping people as a volunteer, including positions as a smoking cessation counselor (after kicking the habit herself), joining John in various capacities as Salvation Army volunteers, and spending four years as a counselor for

Camp Catch a Rainbow, a YMCA camp for 7- to 15-year-old cancer patients.

John, after all, was in the midst of his own successful progression of occupations, which had been launched by a year of study at Chicago's Allied Institute of Technology and would one day include such recognition as his company's Small Business of the Year award from Columbus, Indiana's Chamber of Commerce.

His work began with a decade at Motorola in Franklin Park, Illinois, where he began as a packing technician before being promoted to the position of Department Manager of Packaging Engineer through their "Engineer without a Degree" designation. After that he chose to pursue a series of positions with various employers rather than to follow a more traditional route of locking in with an organization, building seniority, and moving up a single corporate ladder. After Motorola he took a similar job with Magnavox – then, two years later, he opted to go into sales for Masonite in Cincinnati.

These were followed by positions with companies that included Sherwood Electronics, Columbus Container, and Blazer Industries. Then, having learned from each company he worked for before voluntarily leaving, John decided to open a similar plant doing the same thing that Blazer had once done. He rented a building in Columbus, founded Pyramid Paper Products Custom Packaging, working there between 1977 and 1989 before selling the company. (Still in business today, it now employs many more people than it did when John launched it.) John later made a second purchase, this time of the Sinflex Paper Company in Albany, Indiana.

The common denominator for such job-related decisions? "I could start them, but when it wasn't fun anymore and when the companies started running well, I got bored," John says. (And each time, that prompted the Stilwells' decisions to move on – in terms of work as well as the homes they lived in, which became Mimi's specialty. In fact, prior to their

move to The Stratford in January 2023, the couple had lived in 11 homes since they married, many moves necessitated by employment relocation but others prompted by the couple's propensity to follow through on their good ideas.

They laugh as they tell the story, for instance, about living in Fort Wayne when John worked for Magnavox, where they bought a brand-new spec home but lived there for only a year. That's because they quickly found a house they liked even better, just three

doors down from them on the same street! So, after Mimi looked into it further, she and John made the decision to sell their house and purchase that one. (Once the deal was made, John rented a truck to haul their furniture. Then, when he returned the truck, the surprised truck rental business – one that based its fees on mileage – was shocked to find that the Stilwells' entire move had taken less than a single mile!)

Today, the Stilwells' many good friends at The Stratford hope the



The Stilwells with their daughters



couple's moving-on days are done. John and Mimi may well wish the same, with their youngest daughter, Katie, living nearby in Indianapolis, Mimi's recent election to a two-year position on The Stratford's Residents' Advisory Council (RAC), and the couple's absolute certainty that theirs continues to fit the definition of a "Living a Full Life."

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RESIDENT RECIPE

Who's Cookin' In The Village With Dawn

Linda Johnson and her No-Toss Salad



I chose this recipe because it's easy, can be made ahead, and they tastes great! We have lived in the Village for 18 years on Fairmount Street and have enjoyed living here due to the ease in getting involved in activities and making friends.

INGREDIENTS

- 1 large head of lettuce, shredded
- ¼ C chopped green onion
- ¼ C chopped celery
- 1 or 2 pkgs (10 oz each) frozen peas, not thawed
- 1 ½ C mayonnaise, Helman's
- 1 T sugar
- ¾ lb bacon, fried and crumbled
- 2 or 3 hard boiled eggs, sliced
- 2 tomatoes, sliced
- Parmesan cheese, grated

DIRECTIONS

Place lettuce in large, shallow serving bowl. Sprinkle next three ingredients on top in layers. Sprinkle frozen peas on top. Spread mayonnaise over top like frosting. Sprinkle with sugar. Cover and refrigerate overnight. Before serving add layers of bacon, egg and tomatoes. Sprinkle with grated cheese. DO NOT toss this salad. Each serving should go to the bottom of the bowl to get the effect of layers. Serves 8 – 10.

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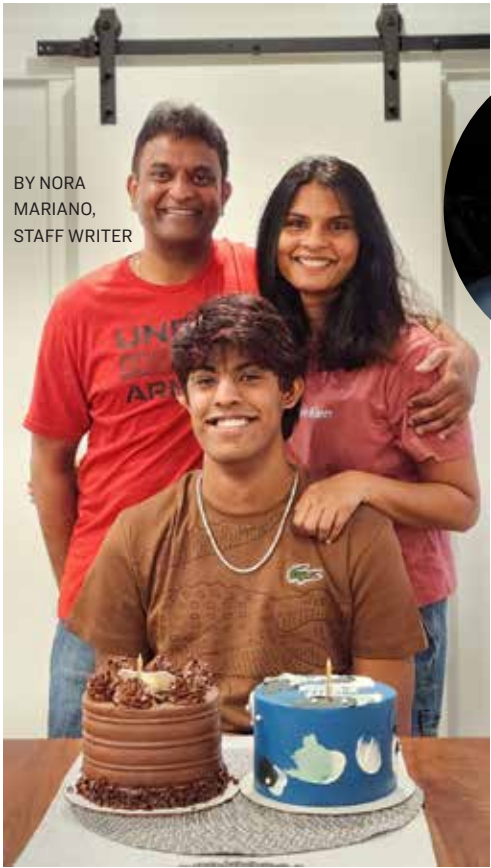
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Would you rather fight a horse-sized duck or 100 duck-sized horses?
I could just ride the horse-sized duck and I'm not going to fight 100 duck-sized horses because they're literally just baby ponies and I would feel bad hurting them.

What's your biggest obsession right now?
I'm really into art and I created my own comic book series, they're similar to those old TV shows about teens with superpowers.

Who's your favorite superhero?
I used to watch Danny Phantom a lot when I was younger; it's a Nickelodeon show.

If you could hang out with anyone dead or alive, who would you pick?
Cameron Boyce so I could be in the Descendents movie. My favorite is the one with Hades and Audrey being all angsty and going dark.

If you could have a lifetime supply of one thing, what would it be?
Food because I love food and I need it to survive; the burgers at McDonalds are really good but also KFC and Wingstop. My favorite thing to eat is fettuccine pasta from Olive Garden.

What's on your bucket list?
To get my driver's license and finish my comic series I'm working on right now - it's inspired by the show Miraculous, with the ladybug and cat.

What color do you think fits your vibe?
It could be either black or purple, purple because I once had my hair dyed purple and I see myself as purple, I could see my main color being purple.

Do you have any pets?
I have a labradoodle, his name's Otis and I've had him since the summer after middle school. I also want a Shih Tzu because they are just so adorable, you don't understand, they are one of the most adorable puppies ever.

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Today we chatted about the variety she has throughout her landscaping and how she has fit so much into what is quite a small lot. She and her husband have lived here for 20 years! A few years ago she totally redid the entire area, as it had just become too overgrown. In doing so they removed a 30ft spruce that TOWERED over the house and replaced it with a sweet weeping spruce, which they call the old man (as you can see him dressed up for the winter season below).

She then began to later with boxwood and hydrangeas - this is only

possible because she bought small and diligently trims them each season. she mainly plants annuals - she likes the blooms and pops of color all season long. each year changing up the color scheme with new flowers. She also tries to choose ones that the bunnies won't eat- so far new guinea, dipladenias, and mexican heathers seem to be ok! She has these great global blue spruce bushes that bring another shade to the garden all year long. these are also important to keep trimmed.

Lots of ferns and hostas fill in to bring movement and color throughout the landscaping around the house. Creeping Jenny pools over pots and is used as a nice color contrast and fast growing ground cover in the front of the house. Ever blooming geranium lines the fence and comes back easily every year.

Hibiscus brightens up the back patio and purple clematis climb up and bloom rich purple. A watercolor hydrangea in a pot looks very pretty. Lilies surround the back of the home in all colors - yellows, white, and pink- about to pop! Tips for the grass lovers: so it doesn't take over and die, trim grasses and contain inside a small fence. Russian sage is flourishing and filling the air with a beautiful scent.

Be sure to keep an eye on her place as you walk around the neighborhood - she is always adding fun décor for EVERY holiday!

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BY CHERYL JOHNSON, RESIDENT WRITER

In today's world of technology advancement and dependence, the risk of a security breach has grown exponentially, along with the financial and personal damage it causes. The need for cybersecurity and IT support has never been more essential for businesses today and Village resident David Lash of PropellerHeads has a unique offering filling the health care and small business niche.

"We are a complete technology service provider, partnering with companies to expertly provide the tailored support they need," explains David. PropellerHeads opened its doors in 2010, originally located in Fishers. By 2015, David decided to move the business to its current location in the Yeager Office Suites on Carmel Drive. "The majority of our clients were in Carmel, so the relocation really improved our commute," laughs David.

With their current portfolio of 26 clients, David's team manages more than 1200 individual end points, consisting of devices, routers and other hardware assets which provide the technological backbone of these companies. "Being a small company ourselves, we can relate to their modus operandi and spend more of our time getting to know their business to provide a customized, tailored service," explains David.

He has 4 additional team members, including his son Noah, that work to provide 1:1 support for local clients, covering all elements of IT and Cybersecurity compliance. In addition, they provide risk reports, vulnerability assessments, security awareness screenings and PEN tests, which are authorized, simulated attacks on a company's computer system to flush our vulnerabilities.

"We've partnered with a security operations company that provides all of our tools, enabling my team to have feet on the ground so to speak and be that customer interface," says David. The unique aspect of PropellerHeads is their face-to-face interaction and customer-driven culture, allowing them to build strong relationships with their clients and ultimately provide custom solutions. "Our clients do not work with help desks or have to submit trouble tickets and wait on service. We handle all of the trouble tickets for them. They call or text us directly and we modify our schedules to accommodate them," describes David. "Our day can start as

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David
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Morgan and David



Noah Lash

early as 4 a.m. to get things done before our client's start or late into the evening after they have wrapped up."

David's team members are both tech and business savvy so they can handle all aspects of their client's experience. "We never hand the customer off as other IT support companies may for billing, customer service or maintenance," explains David. "We do it all, from start to finish."

David grew up in Muncie, Indiana, joining the Navy after high school where he served his country as a corpsman. Upon leaving the Navy, David completed two bachelor's degrees in Entrepreneurship Management and Human Resource Management and earned his Masters in Information Communication Sciences all from Ball State. He initially took the position of Senior Network Engineer for two banks, but the entrepreneur side of him eventually took hold and he forged out on his own.

He has lived in the Village of WestClay since September of 2019 with his

fiancé Morgan Sheets. They are happily anticipating their wedding in October of this year at the beautiful West Baden Hotel in French Lick. "We really love the calmness of the Village and the walkability," says David. Morgan and I used to come up here for a drink and stroll in the parks when we were in downtown Carmel and dream about living here."

As David looks to the future of his company, he is comforted in the knowledge that his son Noah will eventually be at the helm. "Noah is very eager and learning all aspects of running a business," says David proudly. He has both the creative side and business side that allows a business owner to handle day to day logistics, while also thinking out of the box to adjust with changing needs." When I asked where the name PropellerHeads came from, David laughingly states that it's a nod to the old beanie caps worn in cartoons to depict science and math geeks. "We may have to go back to that for our logo," laughs David.



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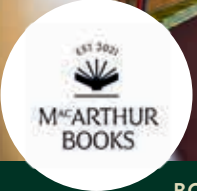
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The Financial Wisdom in Mahjong

Whether playing Mahjong or managing finances, the same key principles are essential to success; discover how gameplay strategies can enhance your financial acumen and lead to successful wealth management.

BY SHAUNA OSBORNE, NATIONAL EDITOR

In the intricate game of Mahjong, players navigate a world of strategy, patience and adaptability to achieve victory. These same governing principles also hold significant parallels in the realm of finance. With Mahjong experiencing a resurgence in popularity of late, understanding how its strategies can translate into effective financial management becomes even more relevant.

Patience & Timing

In Mahjong, players must wait for the right tiles to complete their hand, requiring patience and strategic timing. Similarly, in finance, waiting for the right investment opportunities without rushing decisions is crucial. Patience and careful timing enable better market analysis and decision-making.

Planning & Strategy

Successful Mahjong players plan their moves several steps ahead, anticipating possible outcomes and adjusting their strategy accordingly. Likewise, financial planning

involves setting long-term goals, creating a budget and preparing for future expenses and investments. Just like in Mahjong, a well-thought-out strategy can lead to greater success.

Adaptability

Mahjong often demands players adapt to changing circumstances, like drawing unexpected tiles or responding to opponents' moves. Adaptability in finance means adjusting your financial plan based on market changes, economic shifts or personal life events. Flexibility can mitigate risks and capitalize on new opportunities.

Risk Management

In Mahjong, players manage the risk of discarding tiles that could benefit opponents, balancing offensive and defensive play. Effective financial management similarly entails assessing risks, diversifying investments and making informed decisions to protect and grow wealth.

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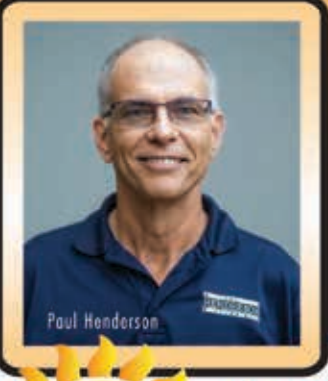
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