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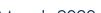






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 - ▶ Indiana Grand Racing & Casino for their continued support and hospitality.
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Johnson & Shelby County VASIA: Volunteer Advocates for Seniors & Incapacitated Adults

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Program is to assist seniors and incapacitated adults through a public guardianship program. We are made up of a team of volunteer advocates who allow those seniors and incapacitated persons in need, the highest degree of independence, while assisting them in gaining the greatest degree of health, comfort and safety.

VASIA serves incapacitated adults over the age of 18 years old and seniors. Those served will be diagnosed by a licensed physician as being mentally or medically incapacitated. The protected person served by VASIA of Johnson & Shelby County will also be without a willing, able or suitable relative or significant person to serve as guardian. A county judge must then rule the person needs guardianship and assigns them to VASIA.

In conjunction with national standards, Indiana established guardianship standards as counties began addressing the needs of adult citizens much in the same way that CASA was addressing the needs of children. Under the leadership of Superior Court No.I Judge Barton, Joe

Erickson began Johnson County VASIA in November 2016. The program is funded through a State VASIA Grant and Johnson County. Although the program is still young and growing, concerned people in Shelby County were interested in providing this same care to their citizens in need. Johnson County VASIA has now become Johnson & Shelby County VASIA and received support in 2020 from Shelbyville City Council, Blue River Community Foundation and judicial oversight from Judge Meltzer.

With the expansion of the program, Lauren Rynerson joined VASIA parttime in 2019 while working full-time as the Business Office Manager at Hickory Creek at Franklin. Lauren became the Executive Director of VASIA in January 2020 while Joe Erickson remains parttime as a Guardian Case Manager.

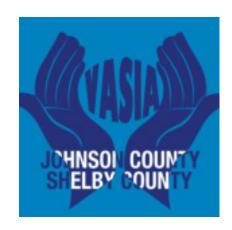
The population of those in need of a guardian may include but are not limited to, people with dementia, Alzheimer's, mental illness, substance abuse issues, traumatic brain injury, autism and any other incapacity that limits the person's ability to make decisions about their financial and personal medical care.

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There are a number of ways you can support adults I8 and over who have guardianship needs. One is to refer potential protected persons by contacting the VASIA office. Referrals for Guardianship may be made by an interested person or organization in the community. Another is to consider becoming a volunteer advocate. You can also support VASIA by participating in community fundraisers.

Please join VASIA on March 17th for a Shelby County Chamber ribbon cutting. The ceremony will be held in Judge Meltzer's courtroom at 11:30 a.m.





Local media team continues to 'dig deep' into local news

Letter by: Kristiaan Rawlings, The Addison Times

n October 1984, half of the newsroom staff was involved in covering a three-inch story on Page 2 of The Shelbyville News. The headline "Penned-up dog eludes capture" wasn't particularly noteworthy, but the behind-the scenes story illustrates the flavor provided only by local news.

Then city editor Nick Miller was on his usual Monday morning beat to the jail, courthouse and police station when he overheard Shelbyville police chief Bob Nolley answer the phone and exclaim, "It what?" and "It bit through what?"

Miller rushed to gather the story, which involved a dog chewing his way through the fence at the new animal shelter. Miller called the office and requested that editor Mark Mann dispatch photographer David Thurston. Staff writer Cindy Stamm was ordered to find out what happened and write a brief story.

The dog was initially reported captured, but journalists later learned he was only sighted. The press-time news meeting featured a debate between Miller and Thurston arguing over the importance of the story. Managing editor Jim McKinney was spotted chuckling to himself and news editor Gregg Rothrock, who later documented the incident, bemoaned out loud "how much time we're wasting."

Since no photo of the dog was available, editorial cartoonist Dee Bonner was pressed into service, adding him to the list of involved staff.

About that time, dog warden Bob Anderson reported that the dog actually escaped over a six-foot fence at the old

animal shelter. "Officials surmised the dog escaped in order to relieve itself," Rothrock wrote.

He then asked, "How do seemingly intelligent folks befuddle themselves so? I don't know. How does it happen at your office?"

Although it doesn't take much to involve half of The Addison Times' small team of Anna Tungate and myself, we continue to dig deep into the stories that matter, both in local government and humorous happenings around town. As former staff of the print Saturday Shelby paper, we re-launched digitally in February 2019. Recent articles can be found at www.addisontimes.com/ chamber-of-commerce-members

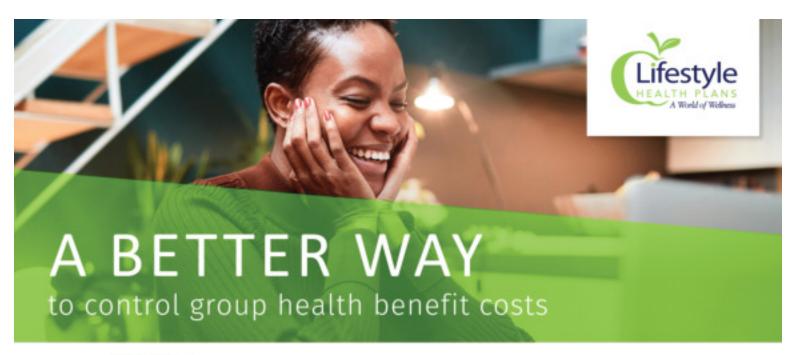
As Law & Order might say, these are our community's stories.

Kristiaan Rawlings, Editor The Addison Times



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Note: The following speech that covers highlights of Shelbyville Rotary's 100 years of service was given by Kristiaan Rawlings at the Shelbyville Rotary Club Centennial Celebration hosted at Queen's Cafe & Dining. "The Pepperpots" referenced are collections of notes about each weekly Rotary meeting in Shelbyville, spanning several decades. The books are available in the Shelby County Public Library Genealogy Department. January 30, 2020

he Rotary Club was the first service group to be organized in Shelbyville. The group first met regularly for lunch but then realized that dinner times were a win-win. Their wives wouldn't have to rush home from afternoon social clubs to prepare heavy meals if the guys were attending a club meeting.

The founders wasted no time. By October 1920, Shelbyville Rotary sparked a drive to raise funds for a park to be located on 10 acres purchased by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kennedy.

In 1922, the club organized a Fall Festival that culminated with a "Howdy John Day." Held on the courthouse lawn, Rotary invited the public and nearly 6,000 people showed up. It's hard to imagine that an all-men's group was prepared for such a strong turnout, but they ended up dishing out 2,000 pounds of beef, 33 bushels of potatoes, 85 gallons of gravy, 1,000 large loaves of bread, a barrel of pickles, all on 10,000 plates.

That outreach to the county continued long past just one event. Rotary Farmers' Nights were particularly popular during World War II when each member brought a farmer to a meeting to discuss rural challenges and possible solutions.

My glance through the Pepperpots at the Shelby County Public Library proves that those seemingly mundane moments, when documented, provide a treasure trove for future generations to understand our values and our humor. First, a few snapshots of humor: In 1978, guest speaker Don Sexton relayed a memory of how his father, once superintendent of the Shelby Manor, gave semi-annual baths to residents by "turning the hoses."

And although Amy McQueen was among the first of two women who joined the group, several quotes from the Pepperpot reminded me that there were likely no women in the audience that



(L to R) Rotary International District Assistant Governor Jennifer Stanfield, Martin Zinser, Rotary International District Governor Charles Shumate, and Eric Glasco pose for a photo at the 100th Shelbyville Rotary anniversary celebration.

night. Take, for instance, this Pepperpot quote from the 1960s: "By the time a man is in shape to buy his wife beautiful clothes, she isn't."

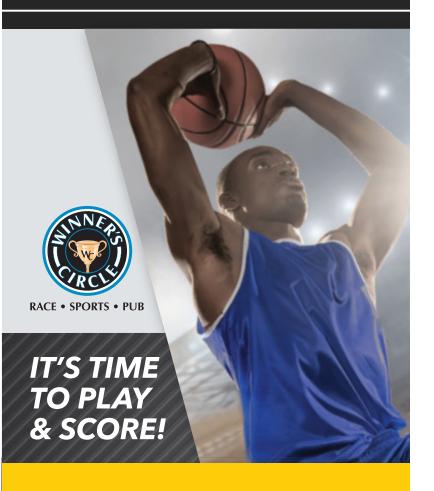
But the Pepperpots also spoke to our collective values.

In 1963, guest speaker John C. DePrez shared the history of industrial development in Shelbyville, asking every member of Rotary to tell our community's story and its positive aspects rather than allow - and I quote - "a few dissenters and malcontents to give newcomers to our community a wrong impression." He said we should brag on our "outstanding accomplishments, such as our new schools, new hospital and SCUFFY."

And here we are tonight, 60 years later, with new schools, a new hospital and a strong SCUFFY. And each of those efforts was strengthened thanks to generous contributions of the Shelbyville Rotary and its individual members. In a few weeks, we'll attend the 2020 Chamber Awards where Rotarian Greg Gerline will be recognized as the Dick Kitchen Volunteer of the Year. 1920 Shelbyville Rotarians would no doubt be proud.

Despite sweeping changes in global technology, this idea of "service above self" remains a central and bedrock tenet upon which our nation and community were built.





On February 21, the Shelby County Chamber held a Legislative Luncheon at Knights of Columbus to hear updates on the current legislature. Senators Michael Crider and Jean Leising and Representative Sean Eberhart spoke.

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LEADERSHIP SHELBY COUNTY

2019-2020 LSC Project Updates

Access Shelby County

LSC team members are planning a free resource fair geared toward families in our community. This event will include experts in the fields of addiction, behavioral health, and social media. Many community resource organizations will also be on hand. The overall vision is to provide information and allow families the opportunity to gain an understanding of the challenges faced by our children and young adults.

Illuminate our Path

Working with the Shelbyville Parks and Recreation Department, this LSC team has focused on improving safety on the Blue River Trail in Shelbyville. The team has designed and will purchase trail markers that are to be placed every tenth of a mile for the entirety of the Blue River trail. These markers will allow runners, bikers and walkers to have a reference point in the event emergency services are needed.

Let Shelby Shine

This LSC team is planning a 'prom' experience with local 'heroes' as partners for those students in the county with mental and physical challenges. The night will include food, music and photographs.

A 2018-2019 LSC Project Continued:

The Charles Craft Impact Award

The Charles Craft Impact Award, named for retired educator Charles Craft, was the vision of a 2018–2019 LSC Project Team. The award was created to acknowledge educators across Shelby County who make a significant impact on their students.

Madison Ritchison, City of Shelbyville; Amber Knopp, Turning Point; Emma Miano, Charles Major Manor; and Buffy Powers, Shelby Senior Services, Inc. are excited to continue this project and plan to make it an annual award. Nomination forms have been sent to the schools. Awards will be presented to selected teachers at all five county high schools on March 9.

If you would like more information about any of these projects, please contact Stephanie Duerstock or call the Chamber of Commerce.

Greg Gerline, Sandman Brothers "Dick Kitchin" Volunteer of the Year

Greg Gerline was surprised and honored to learn he had been chosen as this year's "Dick Kitchin" Volunteer of the

Year by the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce. He remarked, "It is very nice to be so respected by my peers." Greg has been on the Chamber board for a number of years and is a past president.



In addition to his volunteer work with the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce, Greg founded Shelby County Pantry

Pals, a county wide non-profit that collects and distributes food to the area food pantries. He is also a member of the Shelbyville Rotary Club, President of the Shelbyville Shrine Club, board member of both the Marietta Fire Department and First Christian Church, past president of the Blue River Foundation, and he previously served on the Shelby County Economic Development Board.

Greg graduated from Southwestern High School and went on to attend Vincennes University. He earned a degree in marketing from Ball State University. After graduation, Greg went to work for Siebert Oldsmobile and then Hubler Chevrolet in Shelbyville. For the last 15 years, Greg has been the Manager of Operations for Sandman Brothers, Inc., a profession he very much enjoys.

Greg values time spent with his wife, Marlene; son, Geoff; and daughter and son-in-law, Melissa and Jason Clagg and their two boys, Connor and Adam. Greg also enjoys golf and auto racing.

A 2004 LSC graduate and current LSC board member, Greg believes Leadership Shelby County is a "great tool to connect with the community and is valuable for getting to know others."

Greg is the essence of the term servant leadership. He quietly and effectively gives his time and energy to the needs of Shelby County and its citizens. Congratulations to Greg, "Dick Kitchin" Volunteer of the Year, an honor for which he is very worthy.



LSC 2019-2020 next class: March 10 Self Care/Health

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- 2:00 4:00 p.m. Shelby County Players The Nerd
- 3 11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.
 Shelby County Chamber
 Ivy Tech Grow Your Workforce
 Luncheon
- 5:30 8:00 p.m., every Thurs. until Feb 18 Purdue Extension-Shelby County Strengthening Families Program for Parents and Youth 10-14
- 5:30 8:00 p.m.
 Shelby County Ag Promotion
 2020 A Taste of Shelby County
 Agriculture Ag Banquet
- 10:00 10:30 a.m., 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Shelby Senior Services Computer Corner
- 5 7:30 9:00 p.m. Shelby County Players The Nerd
- 10:30 11:30 a.m.
 Shelby Senior Services
 Horizon Center Committee
 Meeting
- 7:30 9:00 p.m.
 Shelby County Players
 The Nerd
- 8:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m. Delta Theta Tau Spring Crop & Craft
- 7:30 9:00 p.m. Shelby County Players The Nerd
- 2:00 4:00 p.m. Shelby County Players The Nerd

- 9:00 10:00 a.m.
 Shelby Senior Services
 Group Discussion Session
- 6:00 7:00 p.m.

 City of Shelbyville

 Public Comment Session Shelbyville Police Dept.
- 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
 Shelby Senior Services
 Lunch & Learn Transitioning to
 Assisted Living
- 11:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m. Shelby County Chamber Business Matters - Networking Event
- 1:00 3:30 p.m. Shelby Senior Services Alcohol Ink Art Pendant
- 1:00 2:00 p.m.
 Shelby Senior Services
 Bookclub with Pam Weakley
- 2:00 3:00 p.m. Shelby Senior Services Thursday Trivia
- 1 3 6:30 8:00 p.m.
 Southwestern Consolidated
 Schools
 Southwestern Dinner & A Show
- 11:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m. Marietta Fire Dept. Annual Spring Fish Fry
- 7:30 9:30 p.m.
 Strand Theatre
 Love & Rock Women in Rock
- 1 6 8:30 9:30 a.m.
 City of Shelbyville
 Public Hearing Isabelle Farms
 Annexation

- 1:00 2:00 p.m. Shelby Senior Services Medicare Bingo
- 3:00 5:00 p.m.
 Shelby Senior Services
 Music and Dinner with The
 Shepperd Brothers
- 1 1:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
 Shelby Senior Services
 St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef N
 Cabbage Lunch
- 11:30 a.m. 12:00 p.m. Johnson & Shelby County VASIA Ribbon Cutting
- 7:00 9:00 p.m.
 Strand Theatre
 Festival Film Series Spaceways
 (1953)
- 9:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m.
 Shelby Senior Services
 The Agitators Play Day Trip
- 1 9 10:00 10:30 a.m., 10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Shelby Senior Services Computer Corner
- 3:00 5:00 p.m.
 Shelby Senior Services
 Music and Dinner with The Over
 the Hill Gang
- 7:30 9:00 p.m.
 Strand Theatre
 Friday Night Frights Frankenstein
 (1931)
- 2:00 3:00 p.m. Shelby Senior Services Thursday Trivia
- 27 4:30 5:30 p.m.
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