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## The year of exciting developments

I'm writing this shortly after the January monthly luncheons of Mooresville and Martinsville Chambers of Commerce. Here we are at the start of a new year, and it's clear that the

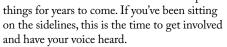
"north" and "south" halves of the county are both on the cusp of exciting changes. The Chambers have their pulse on those enthusing developments. In these two meetings alone, the chambers discussed:

- · Plans for Morgan County's participation as part of Indiana's statewide bicentennial celebration
- An announcement that indicated that the application submitted by Celebrate Mooresville is about to be accepted by Indiana's Main Street Program
- · A report by Morgan County Economic Development Corporation
- Executive Director, Chelsey Manns, on the many stimulating projects underway, including an update on the IPL Gas Turbine plant in Martinsville which will bring 600 temporary jobs.
- Plans for the annual Mooresville Chamber Awards Dinner and the Martinsville

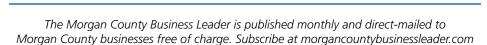
Chamber awards presented at the Mayor's Dinner. Both these events happen in March (and the MCBL will offer a report thereafter)

> A presentation by INDOT on the status of the I-69 expansion, both going into Martinsville and the environmental studies on the route through Martinsville

I use this space on occasion to convey my conviction that involvement in your local Chamber of Commerce is a vital component for anyone who sees themselves as a business leader. Today I want to address those who work or play in Morgan County, and those who have so far grappled with my advice. Exciting developments are coming to your area, and 2015 is the year when decisions will be made that will decide the shape of



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# Serving the community with a passion

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#### **By Nicole Kendall**

Morgan County Business Leader

When he moved to Mooresville 10 years ago, Tim Corman didn't really know what to expect. Having lived on the northwest side of Indianapolis for 40 years and then on the south side for a few more, he knew at the time that he wanted something different, outside of city life. He and his wife, Deborah, looked all over Johnson, Brown and Morgan Counties for the right fit for them. Tim had travelled everywhere but admits that he didn't know everything there was to know about Mooresville. His wife was given the duty to go out and find their perfect fit after many searches together. Interested in home remodeling, Deborah found the perfect home to fix up to be what they were looking for right here in Mooresville and they've been here ever since.

Tim jumped into the community and has been quite busy making an impact. In the many areas he serves, he is fulfilled to be serving in roles of which he can use the talent he is most passionate about, financial advising. He has been active on the Mooresville Public Library board for the past 4 years and feels that given his expertise, he adds value as someone with a financial toolkit on the board and enjoys the reliable group of people who share the board's responsibility.

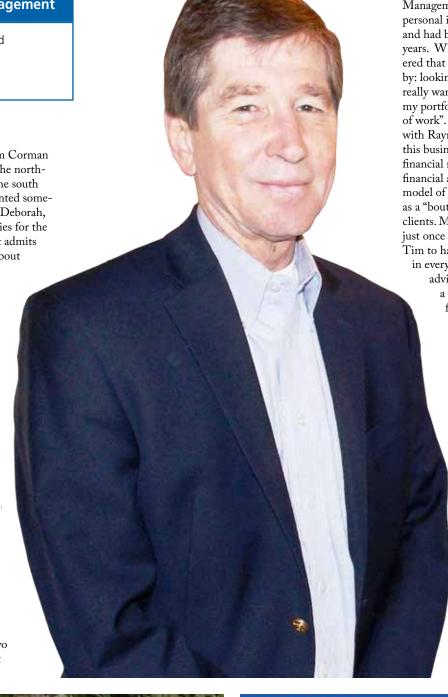
Tim has also been active on the Mooresville Redevelopment Commission for the past 4 years and serves as a liaison with the property manager between Southbridge Mall and the commission. Tim shares, "I went into the commission thinking I knew what it was all about but I have learned so much about what it takes to really be successful at redevelopment." On why it's rewarding, Corman shared, "I'm proud of the hard work that has been placed into establishing a presence with Ivy Tech two years ago and I appreciate the value and impact that adds to our community".

Corman has been the financial advisor of Total Investment Management in Plainfield for the past 6 years. Tim had been a personal investor for over 30 years before moving into his role and had been the owner of a marketing graphics business for 10 years. While he enjoyed his previous employment, he discovered that his passion was where he had his most enjoyable hobby: looking into his portfolio. He told himself, "Let's do what I really want to do and let the money take care of itself. I look at my portfolio every day and I should be doing more of that kind of work". To prepare him for this particular role, he spent 5 years with Raymond James in between the graphics firm and opening this business. The concentration of his business is to meet the financial needs of business owners and he feels that's the area of financial advising that he does best. Tactical investing is Tim's model of doing business. Corman describes his investment firm as a "boutique", meaning that he can custom fit services with clients. Most of his clients meet with him once a month, not just once a year or when they have a problem. It is enjoyable to Tim to have the ability to be a wealth manager and be involved in every aspect of a client's financial decisions, or a financial

advisor to handle all investment and insurance matters for a client or a stockbroker and everything in between. The flexibility in services that he offers to meet the unique needs of his clients is what he feels sets him apart from comparable firms. Tim shared, "I'm not in this to be a million dollar firm and to grow to be as big as possible. I don't care about a minimum. I just want to be able to make a difference to my clients."

Tim is also a charter member and past President of the Mooresville Decatur Rotary Club. He plays an active role in their major fundraiser, "Toast to Rotary" wine event every year and continues to serve in the club because "they do good things quietly". "No one is out for recognition in our group", he stated. This Club took on their first international service project in late 2013, sponsoring a grain grinder for villagers in Dourou, Mali. The grinder, which replaced manual toil, is used by the women of Dourou today to increase their productivity and earnings in grain grinding, while providing them with less labor in their work. As Tim's explained, "The Rotary motto is, 'Service above Self'"!

When Tim is not serving on a board in Mooresville, at home with Deborah, or with his 2 daughters or 2 grandchildren, he's certainly not too far away.







## What your mutual fund salesperson doesn't want you to know

Wall Street likes data. Ironic since many, many, buy or sell decisions end up being based very little on data, but rather based on emotion or more often, a slick sales presentation. In this col-

umn I want to focus on data in a re-examination of the timeless investment question: When it comes to selecting a mutual fund, how much does past performance matter?

I like data. You could say I'm a data junkie. I don't like false confidence... of which there is a lot of on Wall Street. The sole job of a mutual fund manager is to outperform their respective index with their wise, well researched and well thought out investment selections. But how effective are they?

In trying to answer that question for myself and on behalf of my clients, I uncovered an annually published

study which now I wait for every January with baited breath. That study is called: "The S&P Persistence Scorecard." You can find it yourself via a Google search or at www.spindices.com. The study looks at hard performance data comparing results over time between actively managed funds and non-managed (passive) index funds and exchange traded funds (ETFs).



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From the just released end of year 2014 study: "When it comes to the active versus passive debate, the true measurement of successful active management lies in the ability of a manager or a strategy to deliver above-average returns consistently over multiple periods. Demonstrating the ability to outperform repeatedly is the only proven way to differentiate a manager's luck

You have limited time and my editor keeps me to limited words so let me digest this multi-page study for you into an easily understandable idea: There is an inverse relationship between a top performing fund staying at the top and the time period looked at. For example, looking at the three year period from September 2011 thru September 2014, in 2012 there were 681 domestic (US) funds in the top 25% of all 2700 domestic funds in the study. By September 2014 there were 9.84% (67) still in the top quartile. Looking at the five year period from 2009 to 2014, there were 1.27% (8) still in the top quartile. In other words, out of 2700 mutual funds, and 2700 mutual fund companies, managers, research departments, and sales and marketing forces to support, only 8 funds beat their non-managed, nonresearched, and much less expensive index.

What's an investor to do? Take a look at your mutual fund portfolio, its performance and its expenses. If you're paying for performance through commissions, management fees, and marketing expenses sucking dollars away from your bottom line, and your performance doesn't beat its benchmark index, consider chucking all that expense and instead invest in a portfolio of index funds and ETFs. Remember, you're the one that gets to keep every dollar you don't pay Wall Street or your mutual fund salesperson.!

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"When it comes to the active versus passive debate, the true measurement of successful active management lies in the ability of a manager or a strategy to deliver above-average returns consistently over multiple periods. Demonstrating the ability to outperform repeatedly is the only proven way to differentiate a manager's luck from skill."



## Martinsville pastor thrives on the church-community connection

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When Pastor Chris Page founded Hoosier Harvest Church in Martinsville 20 years ago, he thought that community and business organizations were a distraction from his purpose. Today, Chris is an active member of the Martinsville Chamber of Commerce and is acting president of the Morgan County Leadership Academy (MCLA). "We used to draw people from the community and encourage them to serve the church. I realize now that the church should encourage its members to serve the community."

Chris' family moved to Painted Hills at age 5. He attended a small Martinsville church but had no interest in becoming a pastor. He graduated from Indian Creek High School in 1986, and earned degrees from IU Bloomington in history and geography. He had one goal in mind: to work as a cartographer for Rand-McNally. "I had two interviews, and it appeared I was going to get a position with them. We thought that was going to be my future. When I didn't get it, I was confused and disappointed."

Chris turned to his faith. "I said to God, 'What's next?' I felt called to go to World Harvest Bible College in Columbus, OH." Chris attended school four more years to earn a pastoral studies degree and "instantly moved back to Martinsville." Chris was moved to return to his hometown and pioneer a church. "I believe in subtle hints, so I said to God, 'send me anywhere...Hawaii, Florida, anywhere!"

Hoosier Harvest Church met for the first



time June 12, 1994 "in my dad's living room. We were nine people, and that's counting cats and dogs." After a year, the church moved to W. Mitchell Street (now the Morgan County Humane Society). In 1997, with a congregation of 70 people, they erected a 1400 sq. ft. structure at their current location on Leonard Street. Fast forward to today, and the current building is 47,000 sq. ft. serving an average of 450 worshippers, with 7 paid staff.

This history serves as the backdrop for Chris' transformation into a Morgan County Business Leader.

Chris remembers a conversation over lunch in 2010 with a visiting colleague. "He asked about my relationship with God, my family, and my church. I answered I was good in all those areas. Then he inquired, 'And the most important, how's your community involvement?' And I had no answer."

Chris began to look for ways to get more involved. He joined the pioneering board for One Road (which assists Morgan County's impoverished, www.oneroadtolife.org). "I joined the Martinsville Chamber of Commerce shortly after." Chris added, "I never dreamed there would be a role for me at a Chamber of

board in 2011, and has served as board president since 2012.

The MCLA was formed in 1994, the same year Chris started his church. The idea of a leadership academy came from then-Morgan County Purdue Extension Board agent Marianne Dickason. Among its goals was to help different parts of the county better understand each other.

Chris said, "The MCLA is more than just learning how the county operates. I learned to love, appreciate, and care for the county at a deeper level than I had my entire life."

The MCLA is a nine session class that meets once a month. Their largest class of 19 held its first session in January. "Business owners should consider sponsoring their employees to go through the program. It's never too soon to think about it," added Chris. Applications and more information can be found on the website at www.morgancountyleadershipacademy.com

Chris' involvement in the community has had an affect on members his church in a positive way. "Our congregation shifted from being inward to turning outward, and we're making a positive difference all around."

Chris finally made it to Hawaii this past January when he and his wife Dana celebrated their 25th anniversary. They reside in Painted Hills in Martinsville and have two children: Kaley (19) and Keelan (17).

Commerce. But it didn't take long for members to feel comfortable asking me about the pulse of the local church on a variety of topics, and I'm glad to be that resource."

Chris also accepted an invitation to go through the MCLA. "I was invited by a pastor from Mooresville probably two or three years previous, and I had declined. I joined the 2010 class, and loved it." Chris joined the MCLA



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## One key thing to make 2015 BIG

There are pundits all around us with advice for people to have their very best year ... this year. It seems those same people

are sharing advice every year and yet it's a message that never grows stale. To have a great year this year ... take stock of what you accomplish as you go along. Celebrate the victories ... all the victories.

One definition of success offered by the legendary Earl Nightingale is "Success is the progressive realization of a worthy goal or ideal."The key portion of this statement is the progressive realization, the journey. My advice for a great 2015, or any year for that matter, is to enjoy the journey.

Enjoying the journey makes lifestyle possible. All too often, many miss the possible enjoyment of the journey and consequently the end result is a let down. I have heard people say... "Is this all there is?" That tragic question shows they missed the journey entirely. How sad.

How do you enjoy the journey? Here are three easy ways for you and me to make sure we do not miss the enjoyment and benefits of

Journal - Write down your thoughts, your dreams and your

fears. And include the achievements and successes, too.

Put good things in your mind. Read and listen to good, uplifting books and audios. Share positive ideas

and thoughts with colleagues and clients.

Take time to reflect on both of the above. Review your journal and your planner or calendar and what you've read or listened to. One more tip... share what lessons you have learned and realizations with a peer or friend.

My friend and client, Patric Welch, keeps a jar for the accomplishments his family has throughout the year. This year my friend and client, Lacey Verbik, gave her clients a jar with note papers to record and keep their accomplishments in. At the end of the year or periodically throughout the year I can review what accomplishments I have made in my business and with my family.

Make sure you set yourself up for success by creating a list of your accomplishments and review them periodically. As you see yourself and your business grow, I am sure you will make the time to enjoy the journey!

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#### Building a strong found **By Nicole Kendall** Morgan County Business Leader Having a career he is passionate about, serving the Lord, and raising a young family has helped to set Josh Smalling on a solid foundation as he climbs the ladder of success as the "next generation" in the construction industry. A Mooresville High School graduate and a resident of Mooresville all of his life, Josh decided to stay in Morgan County to start his business and have a family. He shares his busy, rewarding life with his wife of 8 years, Lindsey, an active realtor in Morgan County, and their two children, Paxton (3) and Paislyn (1). Josh's love for construction dates back to when he was just a child himself at 8 years old. He was an eager assistant to his dad and uncle, lending a hand in building decks and landscaping jobs when possible. Several years later, now that Josh is considered a go-to expert for a full range of construction services, his dad works for him. Smalling shared, "My dad can build and create anything. When I was younger, I enjoyed helping my dad. It wasn't that I needed to help but I wanted to because I enjoyed it. He's been a big inspiration on my success and now I'm fortunate to have a team of experienced professionals to work with us." Josh finds his motivation in the team he employs. "I'm lucky to have a top trim work professional with over 40 years of experience, excellent roofing crews, electricians and plumbers, a great drywall contractor and it's comforting to know that our guys can do more cost effective jobs with a better quality than the competition." Their endless list of construction services has been a benefit to their clients to be a one-stop shop for both residential and commercial construction. Insurance work in hail, wind, fire and smoke damage is their main concentration but roofing, custom kitchens and baths, mold remediation dry-outs, content pack-outs, custom decks, painting, concrete work, septic jobs, dirt work and custom homes are also areas of expertise. Smalling's character is shown well, but perhaps even more so in the off season, as his professionals can be found working in homes purchased for

rehab work. "I want to keep our guys employed and busy in the slower parts of the year. They're hard working and they depend on me and that motivates me to ensure they have a job throughout the year." Besides wanting to be a solid support for his team of contractors, Josh also spends a considerable amount of time helping to solve issues for realtors, troubleshooting house flipping problems and assisting in fixing up rental properties.

To put the client's best interest first, each property improvement is viewed by Josh from a real estate stance to help clients make the best decision for their home or business now and in the future. He is not interested in just making a quick dollar and moving on to the next job. "I strive to make the projects' outcomes to be not only what the client needs but what the client wants. I find fulfillment and enjoyment in working to give clients exactly what they're looking for."

Recently, Josh received an illuminating card from a client after working on a remodel project, complimenting every associate that worked at the job site. "It was very meaningful to hear that the client was thrilled with how professional and courteous our contractors were on the job. We've worked hard to build and maintain a name that can be trusted." Striving to be more efficient and to be better every day is a goal Josh thinks of often. As Lindsey jokingly shared, "He's too picky!" However, they agree that "being picky" and doing

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Growing up in South Bend, Indiana, Pete Majeski always wanted to fly commercial airplanes. "If you had told me I'd have a career as a small town insurance agent, I'd have said you were crazy." But Pete Majeski has served Mooresville a State Farm Insurance agent for 27 years, with no intention of slowing down anytime soon. In that time, he's built a reputation of trust with his clients and the community.

"I grew up loving airplanes," said Pete. Seeing jets in his future, he attended Purdue University's aviation technology program. He graduated in 1984, anxious to earn his flight time and begin his career as a commercial pilot. He and his new bride Angela settled in Kokomo. Pete recalled, "I flew for some regional airlines, such as ComAir out of Cincinnati. As it turned out, I loved the flying, but I hated the travel. You pop into a city, and you might be there for a couple of hours or a couple of days. You're not there with family or friends, you don't have a vehicle, and you may not even be in civilization."

Angela accepted a position with Eli Lily, which brought them to Indianapolis. Her grandfather, Omer Park, was a long-time State Farm agent and Mooresville resident. "Omer ultimately retired after 54 years with the company, but at this time, he was still active, and we got to talking. He made me aware of an opening in Mooresville, so I decided it was time for a change.'

Until the chance had been presented to him, Pete had no previous desire to work in insurance. "I liked the idea of being an independent business owner. In aviation, at that time, I had concerns about being grounded due to airline buyouts, which happened quite a bit in the 80s. The security and flexibility of having my own business were very attractive."

Pete and Angela moved to Mooresville in 1988. He was new to the area and they wanted to get to know the town as fast as possible. Omer knew the community and helped with that process. "In those days, you created a library of prospects. It amounted to cold calling and introducing yourself, not necessarily to sell anything, but to ask about following up later." Pete said it took two and a half years to establish a

for the business to start growing from referrals. "I went in with a positive attitude, full speed ahead, with no Plan

Being young and with no kids, Pete volunteered for community organizations. He helped found a chapter of the Jaycees (a "younger Kiwanis" business volunteer organization no longer active in Mooresville). He joined the Mooresville Chamber of Commerce, and served as president in 1995. "When the children came along, the focus changed to work and family." Pete coached the Mooresville Opti-

mist Soccer club from 2006-2013 and is deeply involved with the school system and his children's activities.

State Farm offers property, casualty, auto, life, home, health, and business insurance along with an array of financial products. Pete credits the company for offering and maintaining a competitive product line. "The biggest change I've seen since starting is how technology has advanced. Customers come to the conversation having done their own research." He says his role as an agent remains the same. "I'm not just a policy expert, but a customer expert. What I learned from experience is to find out as much about my client's needs and expectations as possible, so I can answer questions for them that they wouldn't think to ask." He sees himself as "the white water raft guide" that gets his clients through the rapids. "Anyone can write business for a season, but we're focused on retaining customers throughout their life."

Although he never saw himself as an agent, Pete says that two things that "hooked" him about the industry was the opportunity to serve people and that "no two days are alike. Often, the most exciting moments aren't scheduled on the calendar." Pete employs two assistants: Jennifer Merrifield and Carla Ahlen.

Pete and Angela have been married 28 years. They have four children: Andrew (21), Michelle (18), Renee (16), and Matthew (12). Pete still has affection for aviation and enjoys flying remote control planes. He also loves photography, an interest that sparked with the innovation of digital technology.





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# Marketing strategy – Start with the end in mind

When deciding how to create and spend your marketing budget, it makes sense to take a step back and evaluate your current business, your goals and customers. Here are some ques-

tions to ask yourself as you look back on your previous year in business:

- · How did your business perform overall last year?
- Did we attract new customers? If so, from where?
- Did we retain or sell to existing customers? If so, what percentage?
- · Did a majority of our sales come from a particular product or service?
- Could I categorize our customers by demographics (male/female, income level, location, etc.)?
- · Were any of our partnerships particularly effective?
- · Did we launch any marketing campaigns and how many customers or new leads resulted?
- What campaigns or marketing dollars spent were less effective?
- How well did our competitors perform

this year in comparison?

While many businesses don't have time to develop a formal marketing strategy each calendar year, if they take the time to analyze the

> previous year, they may note trends to indicate where to focus new marketing efforts.

> For example, if you noted that you found many new customers from a certain geographic area, you might ered new website leads from your blog and/or your social in social media marketing or content marketing. If your competitors attended a major trade show and benefited you may want to consider exhibiting this year. Alterna-

thing different this year (such as trade advertising, SEO or email marketing).

While looking at the past can help you figure out how to market your business in the future, it won't be a true indicator of success. You still need to consider your target audience and the appropriate media vehicles and messaging to use to get the market share you want. You should also consider new opportunities for advertising your business, as well as entering new markets if it makes sense.

Marketing success comes from properly balancing your goals, messaging and media

process to funnel the lead and eventually close the sale. But first, take a bird's eye view of your business and make the necessary tweaks to build your new budget and (hopefully more successful) marketing strategy.

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### Larry Heydon Named Chairman of the Citizens Bank Board of Directors

Larry Heydon has been named the new Chairman of the Board of Directors of CITBA Financial Corporation (CITBA) (CBAF), and Citizens Bank effective January 1, 2015.

Mr. Heydon succeeds Stephen (Steve) Mills who is retiring as Chairman, but remaining a member of the Board of Directors. Mr. Heydon joined the board in 2012.

"After eight years as Chair, Steve has announced his desire to pass the responsibilities onto a fellow board member" stated Keith Lindauer, President and Chief Executive Officer. "We are so grateful for what Steve has provided in the way of leadership, commitment and dedication to our customers, shareholders and employees over the years. We are even more pleased that he is staving on as a board member."

The appointment of Heydon to the post of Chairman will provide the Bank and its shareholders experience and continuity as he has served on the board for 2 years.

"Larry has been unanimously selected by the board to succeed Steve in the role as Chairman, recognizing his innate leadership skills and drive for success," according to Lindauer. "Larry provides a strong vision, intellect and commitment to our mission, and will be instrumental in the execution of our strategic plan and growth going forward."

Mr. Heydon has served as the President/CEO of Johnson Memorial Health based out of Franklin, IN since 2008 and previously served as its Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Heydon's career also includes other senior executive and financial positions at both tertiary and community based hospitals and with Ernst & Young, CPAs. He holds a BS degree in Accounting from Butler University, a Masters of Business Administration degree from Indiana Wesleyan, and an inactive license as a certified public accountant (CPA). He also serves on multiple other professional and civic boards.



"It is indeed an honor and pleasure to continue in the footsteps of such an effective leader as Steve," said Heydon. "Under his leadership, Citizens Bank has established a foundation of focused customer service and market share growth guided by our core values and mission. The Board and I thank Steve as he has set the bar high for me to follow in leading the governance of Citizens Bank.'

"I look forward to serving as Board Chairman and growing my relationship with fellow board members and bank leadership. I am especially excited to begin my new role as Keith Lindauer begins his as our new President. We will continue on our strategy to deliver greater value and service to our customers in a time where individuals and businesses need a trusted financial advisor and partner that will see the importance of their goals and needs. We will seek out and execute strategies that support and encourage growth in the expanding communities we serve. Citizens Bank will continue to cherish and rely on its old fashion values that demonstrate character and integrity. These are the reasons we exist and are critically important in our decision making process in supporting our customers, employees, and shareholders. I find my responsibilities both exciting and challenging in providing good corporate stewardship that will guide Citizens Bank well into the future," he added.

Citizens Bank is a FDIC insured state chartered commercial



bank founded in 1931, head quartered in Mooresville with  $10\,$ Offices. The bank offers a wide range of consumer and commercial financial services in Morgan, Hendricks, Johnson and

# **Networking Opportunities**

#### **Martinsville Chamber of Commerce:**

The regular monthly meeting on the third Friday at 11:30 AM at the Morgan County Administration Building, 180 South Main Street. For more info, please contact the Chamber office at (765) 342-8110 or visit its website: www. MartinsvilleChamber.com

#### **Rotary Clubs:**

Martinsville meets every Tuesday at noon at the First Presbyterian Church, 240 East Washington Street, Martinsville. Mooresville Decatur meets every Wednesday at 7:30 AM at Jones Crossing Banquet Center, S.R. 67 and Allison Road, Camby.

#### **Business Networking International:**

Morgan County Connections meets every Wednesday Morning at the Mooresville Public Library, 220 West Harrison Street, from 8:00am to 9:30am. For more information call Angela Kath at 317-445-9827.

#### **Mooresville Chamber of Commerce:**

The regular monthly meeting on the third Thursday from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM. The meeting location is Jones Crossing Banquet Center at the corner of S.R. 67 and Allison Road. Lunch (\$7 members, \$10 non-members) For more information call the Chamber office at 317/831-6509 or visit its website: www. MooresvilleChamber.com.

#### **Morgan County Toastmasters Club:**

Weekly meeting every Thursday evening at 6pm at Franciscan St. Francis Hospital 1st floor Conference Room.

#### **Business & Professionals Exchange:**

This Hendricks County meeting takes place each Tuesday from 8:15-9:45 a.m. at West Central Conservancy District, 243 S County Road 625 E, Avon. More information at www.b-p-e.org.

#### **Rediscover Martinsville:**

An Indiana Main Street U.S.A. Association. For information: PO Box 1123, Martinsville, IN 46151. 765-343-6303 or e-mail: rediscovermartinsville@ gmail.com. Follow us on Facebook.



#### **Morgantown Merchants Association:**

The Morgantown Merchants Association meets at the Fire Station on dates to be announced. For more information call Sharon Zimmerman at the Stitchery Mill at 812-597-5997 or on www. MorgantownIndiana.com.

#### **Networking Business Women of Morgan County:**

NBW of MC meets on the second Thursday at 11:30 AM at the Mooresville School Administration Building next to the Post Office on Carlisle Street. Bring your own lunch. For more information, call Patti Wilson at 317-856-9801.



### Attract and retain with travel

As the economy begins to turn around and your business begins to finally increase, you may decide to hire additional staff. As a small business owner you may find it challenging to hire

and retain the best and brightest in your industry as you compete with larger companies that are able to offer more pay or more benefits. If you are one of those firms that want to attract the best but have limited funds to

provide top



dollar for an employee, consider these four employee benefits that won't break the bank:

- Time off Incentive: You may already give your employees paid time off, but your employees may not be taking all the time off you give them. For most employers, this is the biggest and best benefit you offer; however, approximately 42% of employees do not take all their paid time off each year. Try encouraging your staff to use their vacation time by offering a vacation bonus where you reimburse your employee for food, lodging, entertainment and transportation. For many business owners that use this, they believe this perk is essential to keeping and attracting amazing people to their team.
- **Shorter work week:** If you are in a business that allows for flexible working hours, try a 4 day work week instead of the traditional 5 days a week schedule. By working 4-9 hour days, this allows your employees to have an extended weekend 52 weeks a year

- it's like giving your employees 52 extra vacation days a year with no additional cost.
- **Travel Incentives:** The opportunity to travel is something that many of us desire, but few can afford. Time away from work, and the expenses incurred, keeps most of our trips part of our dreams instead of reality. As a company you can utilize this issue to the advantage of not only your business, but your employees as well. People work harder when there is a reward waiting at the end of the rainbow. Motivating your staff to increase production, become more efficient and generate profits for their employer are issues that are of paramount importance to any company. Never underestimate the allure of tropical vacation or that once in a lifetime trip. The prospect of receiving fabulous vacations in exchange for hard work and production may outweigh the usual money bonuses or gifts offered by the competition.
- Free Vacation Planning: Most companies offer their employees free or at-cost versions of whatever they sell, or of other products and services their employees will use as a one off perk or freebie. Why not include free vacation planning as a free perk to your employees? Many travel agencies can and do offer their services to small companies at no cost to you or their employees. Many travel agencies, like Magnified Vacations CruiseOne, have special programs designed just for this purpose. You and your employees will most likely take a vacation each year, so why not help them get the best value from their hard work and from the wages you give them. Free vacation planning is a win/win for everyone.

Will Gott is the owner of Magnified Vacations CruiseOne, a locally owned and operated full service Cruise and Leisure Travel Agency. Will, and his wife Nikki, specialize in helping families and couples reconnect by helping create memorable vacations. The Gotts have extensive proficiency in the travel industry as well as business experience. You can email Will at wgott@ cruiseone.com, or call (317) 451-4232 or via www.



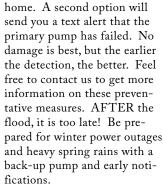


## Would you know if your sump pump failed before it is too late?

Many of us have a sump pump and may not even be aware of it. They are designed

to pump water out of the basement or crawl space. A sump pump is installed in a pit. As the pit fills with water from foundation drains, ground water after it rains, utility sinks and such; the pump starts automatically and removes that pool of water. When this pump fails, that pit overflows with dirty water and floods the area in which it is located. A flooded crawl space may sit unnoticed for a long period of time. This standing water can do great damage to your home's foundation and cause

mold growth. A flooded basement may not go unnoticed, but will still cause a great deal of damage. A back-up sump pump will help prevent this catastrophic damage to your





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# SBA Names New Indiana District Director

Mr. Stacey Poynter has been named District Director of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Indiana District Office. He succeeds Gail Gesell who recently retired in 2014.

Stacey has been employed by the agency for the past seven years. During his tenure he has held multiple positions in the Indiana District Office including Lead Lender Relations Specialist, and most recently Deputy District Director and Acting District Director. He is responsible for managing the strategic activities for the Indiana District Office and ensuring the delivery of all SBA programs throughout the state. SBA



services include counseling and training, capital access featuring SBA loan guaranty programs, exporting, and assistance in government contracting.

"We're pleased about the continuity of having an experienced professional like Stacey to oversee our Indiana District," said SBA Regional Administrator Marianne Markowitz, who over**U.S. Small Business Administration** 



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sees the Great Lakes Region. "He brings the knowledge, leadership and energy to strengthen the SBA's network and to enhance the scope and quality of services that the Indiana District Office offers to small business owners and those wishing to start a small business in Indiana." With over 20 years of financial experience in Indiana, Stacey has proven banking and leadership experience to drive the growth of the SBA's outreach efforts. He is an Indiana native, growing up in Columbus, IN and is a

graduate of Purdue University with a degree in management. Prior to joining the SBA, Stacey was a commercial loan officer, small business lender specialist, and branch manager for banking and finance institutions in Indiana. Stacey said that he's "excited about leading the SBA's Indiana District Office and working more with small businesses, local governments, and community organizations. I want to ensure that we get SBA resources in the hands of those who want to start and grow their businesses. Indiana is my home state. I've lived here my whole life, went to school here, and this is where I choose to raise my family. Small businesses are the lifeblood of our local economy. I look forward to strengthening an already healthy Indiana economy by getting more capital into the hands of small business owners and providing broader assistance for firms that want to do business with the federal government."

The Indiana District Office is located at 8500 Keystone Crossing, Suite 400 Indianapolis, IN 46204. For more information on SBA programs and services, please visit our website at www.sba.gov/in or calling (317) 226-7272.





## Franciscan St. Francis Health's women's health services receives national recognition

Franciscan St. Francis Health has received the 2015 Women's Choice Award® as an America's Best Hospitals for Obstetrics.

The list of more than 350 Women's Choice Award winners represents hospitals where women can feel confident in choosing for their maternity needs.

This recognition comes in the wake of the recent opening of a new neonatal intensive care unit and pediatrics wing, which are part of an ongoing \$37 million construction project at the Indianapolis hospital's Women & Children's Center. The new unit is the only Level III NICU in south-central Indiana.

Other recent project milestones include moving massage and acupuncture services and the Maternal Fetal Medicine clinic into the new Women & Children's Center. Women's rehabilitation and pelvic health services will be open to the public at the end of January.

"This evidence-based designation is the only award that identifies the country's best health care institutions based on criteria that consider female patient satisfaction, clinical excellence, and what women say they want from hospital," said Lori Warner, director of Women & Children's Services at Franciscan St. Francis. "We're pleased our hospital and robust women's health services have been selected for this honor."

"New moms have many choices when it comes to obstetrics. Now they can make informed decisions based on the recommendations of other moms who have experienced that hospital first hand," says Delia Passi, CEO and founder of the Women's Choice Award, and former publisher of Working Woman and Working Mother magazines. "Most importantly, when a woman sees the Women's Choice Award at her local hospital, she'll know the hospital values her experience as a critical component of care for her and her loved ones."

The America's Best Hospitals for Obstetrics scoring process is unique in that it is the only national list that focuses on female patient satisfaction. Only the hospitals who qualify for this highly selective designation provide the highest level of obstetric services based on their exceptional scores for patient recommendation, as provided by data reported by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

## Do you really need life insurance

Life insurance isn't just for married couples with children. The need for life insurance is much broader. "Anybody who would experience a financial loss or an

emotional loss after a death will need some type of life insurance," says Marvin Feldman, president and CEO of the Life and Health Insurance Foundation for Education.

#### Who is it for?

Having dependents of any kind necessitates life insurance. Here are examples:

Unmarried couples. Unmarried individuals may have a significant other who relies on their



**Anissa Veon** 

support. Life insurance can help provide for them.

- **Stay-at-home spouses.** Life insurance isn't just for breadwinners. It can help cover the cost of replacing the services of stay-at-home parents.
- **Single parents.** These individuals are typically the sole source of support for their children. Life insurance can help provide for children financially should their parent die.
- Singles. Single individuals could be responsible for aging parents or may have significant debt. "Life insurance helps make sure those debts are paid,"

Feldman says.

- Retirees. Insurance can help replace income from part-time work, Social Security benefits, pensions or other employer benefits. It helps spouses continue living as they're accustomed.
- Empty nesters. Older adults may have custody of a grandchild or provide support for other family members. Life insurance may help this care to continue
- Business owners. Life insurance has many benefits for business owners, such as helping protect family members from taking on a person's professional debt, or providing funds for survivors to buy out the deceased's interest.

#### What can it cover?

Beyond paying for final expenses, loved ones can put these death benefits toward:

- Paying off debt
- Financing an education
- Settling estate taxes
- Contributing to charity
- · Creating an inheritance
- · Replacing income
- Replacing employer benefits

#### Are there additional benefits?

Some policies also offer living benefits. Whole policies and universal life policies accumulate value that can be tapped as retirement income or used to help cover unexpected expenses. Universal life policies also may have riders allowing chronically ill policyholders to withdraw the face amount during their lifetimes to help cover long-term care costs or to prepare loved ones financially before passing. Decide which type of policy best suits your needs.



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