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The June lunch menu will be available at the Area Five Lunch sites located at Scout Hall in North Manchester and Living Well Winchester Senior Center in Wabash.



## From My Perspective

By Beverly Ferry, CEO Living Well in Wabash County

#### STANDING AT THE PRECIPICE

Mr. Nienberg had my class for English all four years, homeroom, and driver's education. I thought he was in his eighties, but he was early sixties, younger than I am today. I feel like I should go back and apologize to him for that, but perspective changes with age. He had a quiet countenance, was an observer of people, and looked wise. If you looked closely, you would see a slight twinkle in his eye.

Most of us practiced our parallel parking in the elementary school parking lot across from his home. His entertainment was to sit on his front porch and observe those practices, never saying anything, just watching. He had most of our older as well as our younger brothers and sisters too. There was nothing new under the sun for him until we were brainstorming for our senior class motto. My high school senior class motto was "Set me adrift in a sea of hope and I will set my sails to a new horizon" taken from a Moody Blues song or poster of the time.

Mr. Nienberg was dubious at best. What were we thinking? This was not an appropriate class motto. He tried and tried to talk us into something else. As our English teacher for four years, he could not understand what we were thinking. As I recall several of us had posters with this on it. We thought it "cool." Despite his protest, we chose it anyway. I can still see him shaking his head. For myself, it still sums up how I feel about the future of one's life, when you are standing at the precipice, and everyone is asking you what you are going to do. The end of high school was like that. Considered to be a senior, I once again see the precipice before me and hear all those questions again.

Most of us become empty nesters before becoming seniors. In an empty nest, the children are grown, the pets have passed, and you wonder one day why the house is so quiet. There are not as many pairs of tennis shoes, dog toys, dirty socks, or ball gloves strewn about the house. It feels like just yesterday we were going through a gallon of milk a day. We had a second refrigerator and a full freezer in the basement so we did not have to go to the grocery store daily and could take advantage of sales. Our freezer looked like an old-fashioned meat locker. When the kids returned to IU, a loaf of bread and a gallon of milk always went bad until we adjusted our shopping habits.

Where does life lead you when raising a family and your career or working years are behind you? In the first several years of being empty nesters someone asked me what Nick and I did with our extra time now that the boys were gone. I had not given that much thought to that before that moment. I answered, "We stay at work later in the evenings."

Our natural tendencies were to spend more time working and so we did. One day we realized we might want to rethink that. What was the adage? All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy. According to Wikipedia, "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" is a proverb that means that without time off from work, a person becomes both bored and boring. The exact origins of the phrase remain unclear, though it was recorded as early as 1659." That puts it in the category of ageless wisdom.

When Nick and I turned sixty-five it never occurred to either of us to retire. I have never thought I would be a good retiree. I am a firm believer that a healthy approach to aging and retirement is to retire to something rather than from something. Nick would have endless projects to work on that he never has time to do now. From his battle scenes and train set to the yard and the house, the many items on that all important honey-do list, and books to read, he has a lot to retire to. I am not at that point in life.

People tell me you know when it is time to retire. There are continuing careers, post-careers, and second careers that follow how they earned their livelihood and raised their family. I refer to that third of my life as "what I want to be when I grow up." A friend of ours says he is going to retire in Key West, never cut his hair and never wear a tie or shoes again. That is what retirement means to him. He will not have to follow others' rules. Once you realize that, you are free to dream.

My father ended his working years with a project he enjoyed more than anything else in his career. He was able to focus on environmental impact at the factory where he had worked for years as a chemical engineer. That type of scenario is often an ideal way to wrap up your career.

I hear two things from recent retirees. The majority retire intending to clean out closets, garages, attics, or sheds, but I never hear how that goes. After a while they say they are so busy with medical appointments, tasks, and travelling, they have no idea how they ever worked.

Some transition from careers to passions they never

had time for previously or could not afford to do while raising their family. Others, keep up with their careers. Some of my favorite people kept going with their careers well into their eighties and nineties because that remained their life-long passion, paid or unpaid. There is no one formula that works for everyone. Like everything else in life, we must find our own way. My high school senior class motto, "Set me adrift in a sea of hope and I will set my sails to a new horizon" from the Moody Blues still sums up how I feel about the future of my life.

The truth is we cannot control as much of life as we think we can. I asked my mom if she thought aging was just a matter of control and she answered yes. It strikes me that she was swimming against the current and then again, we might as well go for the gusto and give our dreams a shot.

I truly think I am in a sea of hope and possibilities and in that sea, there will be new horizons. So, what do Nick and I do as empty nesters? We are rediscovering what it means to be able to be on our own, together. We are better as great aunt and uncle than we were as aunt and uncle for their parents. When they were young. we were busy with our own children, an all-consuming stage of life. In our pre-grandparent stage, we get to enjoy the "greats" and their parents.

Once you hit a certain age everyone starts inquiring as to your retirement plans. My guess is that Nick will retire before I do because I still look forward to challenges down the road and want to contribute to the solutions. Since our sons, and future grandchildren, will be based in Southern California, I am often asked when we plan to move there. I always want to answer, "Are you kidding me?" I tell them the realistic truth. You cannot earn your living in rural Midwest and retire in Southern California or even in nearby states. While active and able to fly back and forth to visit, we will remain parents/grandparents who commute and stay awhile.

My daughter-in-law once asked me where we would live if we moved to California. I earnestly (Continued on Page 13)

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#### Don't Delay the Talk: An early Alzheimer's diagnosis can make a big difference

After 30 years of painting commercial buildings, Mario Martinez of San Jose, California, had experienced days like this before — grueling hours under a sun-soaked sky, doing back-breaking work. He loved his job, but after spending hours outside he was ready to go home. Mario bent down to pick up his paintbrush, roller and can. Turning back to look at his day's work, he paused. His heart sank. He knew something was wrong.

"Mario came home and told me he had painted the wrong side of the doors on the building," his wife Veronica said. "It was alarming because he's been painting buildings for years and never made this kind of mistake. It worried us both." The couple had both noticed that Mario seemed to be more forgetful recently, but neither had shared their concerns with the other. Now that Mario's memory lapses were interfering with his work, it was time to talk.

#### Take action through conversation

"Veronica told me I was asking for more and more help," Mario said. "I told her that I was forgetting a lot of the things she asked me to do. The more we talked, the more I realized I had a problem. I was forgetting many moments in my life and not enjoying activities that I had enjoyed before."

The couple's difficult conversation led Mario to his doctor's office, and he was eventually diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

Mario is not alone. He is one of more than 5 million Americans living with Alzheimer's — a fatal brain disease that causes problems with memory, thinking, and behavior. Every 65 seconds someone in the United States develops Alzheimer's disease and it's the country's sixth-leading cause of death.

Despite Alzheimer's growing impact, many families struggle with discussing the issue. A recent Alzheimer's Association survey reveals that 72 percent of Americans say that talking to close family members about cognitive decline would be challenging for them. However, having these difficult, but important conversations sooner can prevent a crisis and improve health options and outcomes.

#### Reach out for help

To encourage and help more families discuss cognitive problems sooner, the Alzheimer's Association, in partnership with the Ad Council, has launched the "Our Stories" campaign. "Our Stories" features real stories of people who noticed cognitive changes in a family member and took the first, difficult step to initiate a conversation.

"It's understandable that many families are reluctant to express their concerns and start a conversation, but there are good reasons to do so," said Ruth Drew, director of information and support services, Alzheimer's Association. "Initiating conversations sooner can enable early

diagnosis, which offers many important benefits, including allowing more time for critical care planning, better disease management and providing diagnosed individuals a voice in their future care."

The "Our Stories" website, https://ourstories.alz. org, offers families tools and resources, including customizable conversation starters, a list of early signs and symptoms of Alzheimer's, benefits of early diagnosis, a downloadable discussion guide and other resources.

Whether you're noticing changes in yourself or a loved one, starting a conversation about Alzheimer's can be difficult, but it can make a big difference and there are resources to help. When something feels different, it could be Alzheimer's — now is the time to talk.

(Courtesy of BPT)





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## **RESPITE CARE**

Wabash Area Five Agency on Aging and Community Servicers located at 105 Olive Street in Wabash, offers respite care through the CHOICE/ MEDICAID WAIVER/ TITLE III/SSBG services programming. Call (260) 563-8061 to inquire about an assessment.

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Thursday, June 30 1:00 PM

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Living Well Winchester Senior Center 239 Bond Street, Wabash

## WHAT WE ALL NEED **TO KNOW**

**Presented by** Mark Frantz, Attorney Downs Tandy & Petruniw, P.C.

## Thursday, June 30 11:30

Wills and Estate Planning Trusts and Medicaid Planning **Powers of Attorney Advance Directives** 

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## DEVELOPING **MANAGEABLE STRATEGIES FOR HEALTHY AGING & HEALTHY LIFESTYLES Tuesday, June 21** 11:30 AM

Living Well Winchester Senior Center 239 Bond Street, Wabash

**Presented by** Cathy Wray of Q-Source **Quality Improvement Advisor Community Lead MHFA** Certified 



SUMMER SUPPER **Tuesday, June 14** Living Well Downtown 5:00 PM Sign up by calling (260) 563-4475



Mon. June 6 3:00 PM **Living Well Downtown** 

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Thurs., June 23 1:00 PM Winchester **Senior Center** 

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**BLANKET BINDERS Tuesday, June 7, 9-3:00** 

Quilting for a Cause: Completed quilts are given to local nonprofits working with people in need.

Bring Your Sewing Machine and a "Dish to Share" for the potluck lunch.

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## Social Security Administration Impostor Scam

 Be alert to any call you may receive from "Social Security" because it might be an imposter claiming to work for the Social Security Administration. The phone number display may even show "Social Security" (but be fake).



- It may come as a call from a robocall system where you are asked to "press 1" to speak to a government employee of some sort (for example, "a support representative") about your Social Security account.
- They may tell you they need to withdraw money from your bank and to store it on gift cards or in other unusual ways for "safekeeping."
- You may even be told scare tactics such as "your accounts will be seized or frozen if you fail to act quickly."

#### NOTE - These are all TRICKS in an attempt to get you to share your Social Security number

Do not share your Social Security number. Tell them you are going to hang up and call Social Security directly to confirm. Hang up and call your local Social Security Office or the National Elder Fraud Hotline at 1-833-372-8311 and tell them about the call. They are open from 10AM - 6PM Eastern Time Monday to Friday

Source: Social Security Administration Office of the Inspector General



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## RECIPE OF THE MONTH



### **Grilled Buttermilk Chicken**

Prep time: 10 minutes Cook time: 16 minutes Servings: 4

#### Ingredients

- 1-1/2 cups buttermilk
- 1 tablespoon mustard powder
- 1 tablespoon Sriracha
- 2 teaspoons minced garlic
- 2 teaspoons paprika
- 4 chicken drumsticks, bone in, skin on
- 4 chicken thighs, bone in, skin on
- · Vegetable oil, for grill
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1 lemon, cut into wedges (optional)

In medium bowl, whisk buttermilk, mustard powder, Sriracha, garlic and paprika.

Place chicken in large zip-top bag; pour buttermilk mixture over chicken. Seal bag and refrigerate 2 hours or overnight.

Heat outdoor grill for direct grilling over medium heat. Remove chicken from marinade, shaking off excess; discard marinade. Lightly oil grill grates. Transfer chicken to grill and cook, turning occasionally, 16-18 minutes, or until internal temperature reaches 165 F.

Transfer chicken to serving platter. Sprinkle with parsley and serve with lemon wedges, if desired.

Recipe courtesy of Lori Yates of Foxes Love Lemons on behalf of Milk Means More

Find more refreshing meal solutions at milkmeansmore.org. (Courtesy of Family Features)

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answered, "With you and Michael," and then broke into laughter. Her expression was priceless.

When to retire and where to live are personal choices each of us must make for ourselves. The final third of life does not have to fit the choices others make. You must decide for yourself. Health and finances have an enormous impact, but so does the hope of a tomorrow with unseen horizons. Many times, throughout the last forty-eight years of my life I have wished I could see Mr. Nienberg again. I would like to tell him I still have the same motto and hear what he had to say. Honestly, I do not think he would be surprised I am still in the mode of setting my sails to new horizons and I can see the glint of that slight twinkle in his eye.

May we always look forward to new horizons,

Beverly Ferry

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#### We All Experience Things Differently

By Amy Miller MSW, LSW Manager, LifeBridge Senior Program Parkview Wabash Hospital

Hello everyone, and Happy June! This month I will be talking about how our life experiences and unique personality influence how we respond emotionally.

Before I begin, I would like for you to consider something: Have you ever been upset and tried to talk to someone about it, but when you did, they told you that you "shouldn't" feel that way?

If the answer is "yes," what was the result? Did you feel heard, supported, and understood, or something else? If the roles were reversed, have you ever been the one telling someone how they "should" feel?

What do you think we base these opinions on? The quick answer to this complex question is that we are all a combination of unique life experiences and personality. The way we respond emotionally is different for each of us because no two people see and experience situations the exact same way. Even siblings who went through an event together will have vastly different recollections of it later. (If you do not believe me, compare notes with your siblings about something that happened when you were kids and see who remembers what!)

The truth is, though, that there is no right or wrong way to feel, is there? When we say to someone that they "shouldn't" feel a certain

> ifeBridge Bingo What is it? It has prizes. You call out BINGO! You learn something about yourself and how to cope in this stressful world while you play!!

way, what we are really saying is that we would not feel that way if we were in the same circumstances. But our experiences and those of the other person are probably not the same. And our personalities are most certainly different.

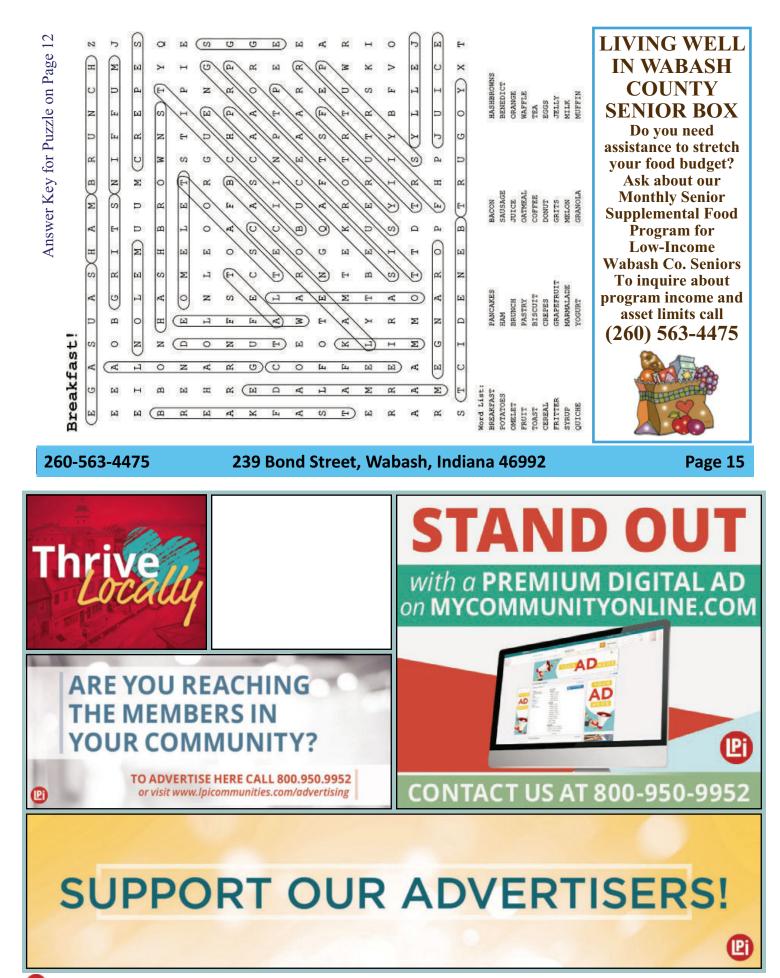
While it is natural for us to examine situations from our perspective, it can be more helpful and supportive if we offer *empathy* based on what we hold in common. In other words, what makes me happy, unhappy, fearful, and more, may not be the same thing that makes you feel that way, but you have experienced these same emotions at some point. If we connect on that level our understanding increases and we both benefit. The emotions of others can be intimidating and uncomfortable to us sometimes. However, connecting with each other on common ground is not only the compassionate thing to do, but it can benefit the person extending the understanding as much as the person seeking support.

Remember, if you or someone you know is struggling with sadness, grief, anxiety, or other difficult emotions that persist no matter how hard you try, the LifeBridge Senior Program is here for you. We are focused exclusively on the needs of the older adult population and can help with the hard places of life. We are in the Parkview Wabash Medical Office Building and can be reached by calling 260.569.2111.

Amy Miller MSW, LSW LifeBridge Manager

> LifeBridge BINGO! Living Well Downtown 35 East Market Street, Wabash Tuesday, June 15, 12:00 PM Prizes

LifeBridge Bingo will alternate months between Living Well Downtown and Winchester Senior Center. June is at Living Well Downtown





# SUMMER BEGINS

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