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GREEN RIVER KIWANIS

Green River Kiwanis meets Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. at American Red Cross, 29 S. Stockwell Rd., Evansville, IN (currently meeting via Zoom and in person at Epworth UMC, 4455 Epworth Rd., Newburgh, IN

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Link to join Green River Kiwanis meeting via ZOOM. This link is the same every week.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8010354616?pwd=NUk2QUtyZzJDRVNaZjICZjFJM09jdz09>

October 13, 2021

Keep **Sonny Brucken** and **John Oberhelman** in your thoughts as they are both struggling with health issues.

This week's speaker was Andrew Backes, executive director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Big Bro/Sis serves Vanderburgh, Warrick, Gibson, Spencer, Posey, and Henderson Counties. It is based on the belief that every child needs and deserves a caring adult to listen. This is messy work—you have to be willing to dig in, to fix problems when possible. It is



important to get to kids as young as possible and become emotionally involved. Difference makers are important because they believe that are part of the solution. At 52 years of age, Big Bro/Sis is the longest standing one on one organization in the country. Bigs (the adult volunteers) are asked to meet with their Littles twice a month for 3 hours. A one year commitment is required and it is vitally important to be consistent, open, reliable, and understanding. The organization has case managers who check up on these outings and can also help the families of the Littles. Of course a background check, references, and screenings are necessary to become a Big. Sometimes high school students are paired with younger kids, and there are

school-based programs where the Big and the Little meet at school. Bigs with Badges pairs Littles with first responders in an effort to make Littles more comfortable with these authority figures. Violent crime is higher in Evansville than the national average, and studies on ACES (adverse childhood experiences) show the important role a caring adult can play in helping a child avoid some of these pitfalls.



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A big GRK welcome goes to **Joe Whalen**, our newest member.

Harrison's Key Club will once again do Thanksgiving baskets and pumpkin painting. **Debbie Kassenbrock** needs about 20 small pumpkins donated—deliver them to Harrison on Oct. 21 at 6:50 a.m. on the south side of the school.

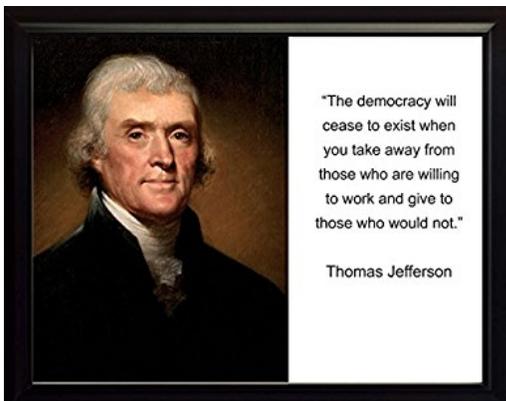
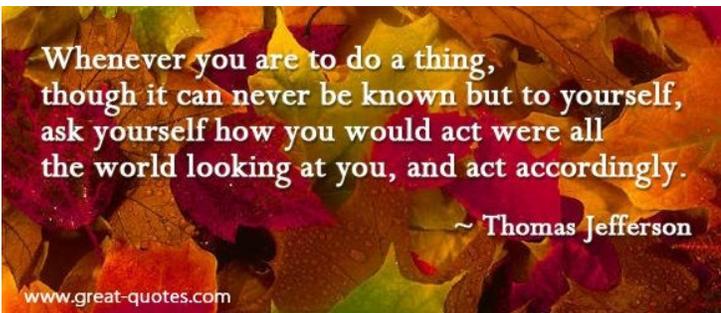


It's almost time for Special Olympics bowling...it's coming up on November 6. **Jack Arney** reports that helpers are needed in two shifts—from 8-11:30 and from 12:00-3:30. You must wear a mask and provide your ID. Actually, helpers is a bit of a misnomer—you really just need to be a cheerleader!



Jack Arney is also working on starting a Key Club at Evansville Christian Club and is in need of a sponsor. See him if you might provide this important role for a new club.

Thoughts of the week, courtesy of **Terry Davis**:



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