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GREEN RIVER KIWANIS

Green River Kiwanis meets Wednesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. It is 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.

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March 23, 2022

Today's guests were Steve Wolf and many EFD firefighters.

Evansville mayor Lloyd Winnecke spoke to us today for our annual firefighter of the year award presentation, highlighting positive things that have happened in Evansville this past year. The Deaconess Aquatic Center, which includes a competition pool, recreation pool, and splash park, opened in October. This means that Evansville will be able to host the 2025 NCAA Division II national swimming and diving championship. The Kinney Family Penguins of Patagonia exhibit, with 14 birds, is now open at the zoo. A week ago on a beautiful spring day there were 4,000 people at the zoon, a record number! Plans are under way for the public to be able to feed the penguins. The Sunrise Pump Station of the Evansville Sewer and Water Utility was built due to a federal mandate to reduce combined sewer overflows. The treated water is returned to the river in a decorative cascade and is cleaner than when it was taken into the facility. Plans are under way to build a new water treatment plans—ours was opened in 1897 and can no longer function well. The new site will be at the current location of the street maintenance garage, with a July 2023 tentative opening date. Plans are also underway to build a variety of

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to
Debbie Kassenbrock
in the loss
of her brother.

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Jeff Franklin
in his loss.

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alternative intersections on the Lloyd Expressway to decrease traffic congestion. The Ford Center has been open 10 years and continues to draw name acts and big crowds. River Vision is the name of a proposed project along the riverfront, to provide more activities there and along Main St.. This will increase activities along and appreciation of the Ohio River, with housing, restaurants, etc. This project is only in the early stages of discussion. Finally, the mayor showed us a video of the implosion of 420 Main, the former ONB tower. It only took 31 seconds to come down!

GRK's Firefighter of the Year award began in 1980. Candidates are judged on service to the community, service to the fire fighting community, special personal initiatives, tenure on the fire department, and merit, award, and other types of commendations.

This year's nominees were:

- Jarrold Brown
- Robert Ralph

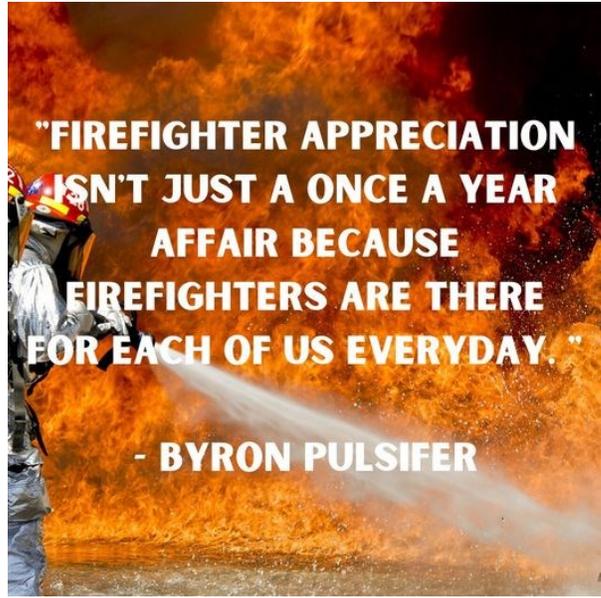
The winner will receive a special pin, check from GRK, gift certificate for a dinner from the Evansville Fire Fighters Federal Credit Union, a commemorative ring from the union, and their face on a billboard in the city of Evansville.

**Congratulations to the
2021 Firefighter of the Year
Robert Ralph!!**



Update to the BBQ sale prices: ribs are now \$30, with tenderloins \$14 or 2 for \$27. This just means we'll need to sell a few more to enable us to support the Dream Center as much as we have in the past.

Thought of the week, courtesy of **Dan Robinson**:



Next week's speaker is Paul Linge, speaking about the Ukraine

