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(Left) Learning their way around a kitchen is one of many life skills taught during summer camp. | (Right) A few fun hours in the summer, playing a game and making new friends is what every camper loves. (Submitted photos)

Autism Community Connection offers three-week summer camp

FEATURE

By Sherri Coner

For teens with autism, summer camp is not only about swimming, crafting and team building, it is also about practicing social skills, gaining confidence by trying new activities in safe environments and of course, making friends.

This is the first plan ever for an all-day, three-week camp experience, said Kelli Higgins, executive director for Autism Community Connection in Greenwood.

In 2021, every Saturday in June was set aside for fun day camp activities.

Last year, campers participated every Tuesday and Thursday in June.

This year is an exciting first-time opportunity for campers between 13 and 19 years of age to participate in what staff call My Summer Journey.

However, craft and learning materials costs have significantly increased along with additional wages for extra staff and the fact that giving teens a day camp experience for five days weekly and three weeks in the month of June naturally increased camp fees.

During the month of April, fundraising will be the primary focus with a strong hope that no camper will be left out because of money.

"We are a very small nonprofit organization," said Higgins. "Summer camp helps with that transition back to school. And parents can know their child will experience quality programming."

According to CDC statistics, one in 36 American children will be diagnosed with

an autism spectrum disorder. Through the years, more and more families have looked for ways to network with other families.

When families with autistic children launched Johnson County Autism Support Group in 2005, they stayed committed to helping each other. A couple of years ago, board members and families too decided to do some rebranding, so families outside of Johnson County – especially those with no family support in their home county – would feel welcome to participate, Higgins said.

A donation of \$150 sends a teen to one week of My Summer Journey.

A donation of \$450 sends a teen to all 15 days of fun, from swimming, bowling and horseback riding to putt-putt, cooking and science experiments.

Higgins and her staff are working with Access Johnson County to provide transportation.

"We are very thankful to Access," Higgins said. "It is a big undertaking, but Johnson County desperately needs these things."

Along with Pampered Chef consultant, Sandra Pool, donating some proceeds from any April 28 orders, anyone dining between 4 and 6 p.m. April 11 at Chick-fil-A on State Road 135 in Greenwood will also help the cause since proceeds in that time frame will be donated to My Summer Journey, to at least defray camp costs for families.

"The kids really look forward to camp," Higgins said. "They thrive and they absolutely love it."

To donate or to learn more about the overall program, events and summer camp, visit autismcc-in.org.

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(Cover) Kaylynn Henry, 11, with family pet, Roger. | (Left) George Henry, 3, with Roger rabbit. | (Middle) Nearly a year old, Roger rabbit will soon debut as an Easter Bunny. | (Right) Roger Rabbit and his human brother, George Henry, 3, enjoy some fresh air at their Southside home. (Submitted photos)

Some-bunny to love this Easter

Camera-friendly Roger the rabbit 'hops' to schedule photos with your family

COVER STORY

By Sherri Coner

Very soon, Roger the Angora rabbit won't spend all of his free time hopping down the bunny trail, or in Roger's case, hopping often from lap to lap.

Instead, this friendly little guy will occasionally lounge around in an Easter basket filled with his favorite vegetable snacks, beside a smiling little person, in front of a camera.

Behind the camera is Rachel Henry of the Southside, who is not only Roger's mom but also the mom of his human siblings, Kaylynn, 11, and 3-year-old George.

Eggs-pecting with Jessica Rabbit

Henry also looks after Roger's beloved, Jessica rabbit, who happens to be expecting baby bunnies within the month.

Now nearing his first birthday, Roger is an inquisitive ball of incredibly soft snow-white fluff.

Before Henry and her husband, Garrett brought Roger and Jessica into their family, they thought long and hard about the consistent care necessary for Angora rabbit fur. Because the fur is so wispy, it tangles easily and requires consistent brushing.

Hoppy shearing

In addition to that near daily grooming, Angora fur should be sheared every three to five months.

Though Henry does not spin Angora wool herself, she knows several people who do.

When she learned that Angora is a high-demand alternative to the high-allergy coats

of other animals, Henry decided that since she and her husband had to shear their rabbits every few months anyway, selling the harvested Angora would provide additional income for their family.

But then Henry, an eighth grade Language Arts teacher at Heritage Christian School, had another idea.

"I've always been drawn to the creative side of life," she said.

In fact, for 15 years, her photography skills have not only served as this busy mom's creative outlet, but also as a side business.

With springtime just around the corner, Henry studied Roger's personality.

"He is a huge fan of attention," she said with a laugh.

But Jessica? She can take it or leave it. Mostly leave it.

Actually, Jessica prefers to hang out in her own cage, without humans.

Some-bunny loves the camera

Henry decided to make Roger rather famous among little people by offering his cuteness for Easter photos with kids.

"He can either sit in a big basket beside children, munching on a snack or, depending on the child's comfort level, Roger could sit on their lap or sit beside them," Henry said.

Images will be offered as digital downloads rather than prints.

Henry is now scheduling afternoon and early evening photography sessions, either in her yard on the Southside or at the Children's Garden Park in Greenwood.

Contact Henry by visiting her Facebook page: Thousand Words.

CENTER GROVE AREA EASTER EVENTS

Breakfast with the Bunny & Annual Easter Egg Hunt • Hop on over to Maple Grove Elementary School to have breakfast with the Easter Bunny and to enjoy the Annual Easter Egg Hunt to follow. The breakfast is 10:30 a.m. to noon and is a ticketed event. The egg hunt starts at 12:15 and is free to the public. | When: April 1, 10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Where: 3623 W. Whiteland Road, Bargersville. | Info: facebook.com/bargersville-town

Easter Character Party • Come party with Rapunzel and the bunny. There will be a paint craft, sing-along, snacks and a plastic egg from the bunny. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$15 for children ages 2 to 12, and \$10 for additional children. RSVP by March 28. | When: April 1, 12 - 1:30 p.m. | Where: 1300 Fry Road, Greenwood. | Info: sierradesignsandmore.wixsite.com/magical-character-p

Egg Hunt Storytime • Enjoy spring stories and songs, followed by a traditional holiday Easter egg hunt. Designed for ages 3-5 and their caregivers. Child's caregiver required. | When: April 6, 10 - 11 a.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

Providence Easter Egg Hunt • Children in the fifth grade or younger are invited to

this Easter egg hunt. | When: April 8, 11 - 11:30 a.m. | Where: Providence Christian Church, 4080 W. 100 N., Bargersville. | Info: (317) 422-9331

Mount Pleasant Easter Egg Hunt & Festivities • Enjoy an Easter egg hunt for kids up to 12 years of age. After the hunts, there will be 100 Easter baskets to raffle off, free hot dogs and chips, face painting, a craft, and more. | When: April 8, 12 - 1 p.m. | Where: Mt. Pleasant Christian Fellowship, 2425 S. Emerson Ave., Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/mpcc-church

GCC Easter Egg Hunt • Enjoy an Easter egg hunt, crafts, snacks and story time. There will be a sensory hour from 1 to 2 p.m. (registration required for sensory hour). In case of inclement weather, the activities will happen indoors. | When: April 8, 2 - 4 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Christian Church, 2045 Averitt Road, Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/Greenwood-Christian

Bunny Photo Time • Get a photo with the bunny. Reservations are strongly encouraged. | When: Daily through April 8. | Where: Greenwood Park Mall, 1251 N. U.S. 31, Greenwood. | Info: simon.com/mall/greenwood-park-mall/news-and-events



(Left) Travers poses with her award in front of the TWIG banner. | (Right) Bridget Goldschmidt, Progressive Grocer managing editor presents the prestigious award to Travers. (Submitted photos)

Worth the wait

Greenwood Kroger store manager is honored among Top Women in Grocery

By Todd Travis

Abby Travers knew she had the potential to move up in her career for a long time. She also knew that, for her, family was a priority – climbing the ladder could wait. After working in the deli area for Marsh for 30 years, she moved over to Kroger and continued to work in the same area she knew so well. She also knew that one day she would grow out of that role, knowing her true potential would blossom when she was ready.

“I always held myself back because of my children. I always wanted my kids to be grown and graduated, so I never really went into the management role at Marsh, even though I could have. It was the same at Kroger – I could have moved a little faster, but my family was more important,” said Travers.

After her youngest daughter had graduated, Travers felt like the time was right to take the next step in her career. From the moment she voiced her desire to go into management, she was put right into a training program and was promoted just four weeks later. But for Travers, it wasn't just about climbing the corporate ladder – she saw it as an opportunity to help people.

“I love the people piece of it. I like the satisfaction of seeing people become successful and seeing them grow. It's kinda like your family and seeing your kids grow. There's a satisfaction for me when they do well,” explained Travers.

Before coming to the Kroger at 3100 Meridian Park Dr., Greenwood, Travers worked as the store manager in Martinsville, Ind. and was able to make her mark in serving that community. Her first recognition came when she was awarded the Zero Hunger Zero Waste award for the whole division as she helped to feed the hungry in the area.

Her next big achievement came when she was awarded the 2022 TWIG award, which stands for Top Women in Grocery. She was one of only 50 recipients of this award in the country. She was highlighted for her superior performance and specifically noted for these impressive reasons on the TWIG website:

Travers drove operational excellence with impactful merchandising displays that garnered multiple accolades, among them inclusion in the top 10 in several sales contests.

Her store grew identical sales by 7.4% versus the prior year; reduced shrink to 0.9%, which was a far better result than the district or division shrink percentages, and lowered wait time for pickup to four minutes, beating a previously set wait-time goal.

Travers donated food and volunteered at local food banks, dedicated resources to the local school district, raised funds for a store associate who was fighting cancer, and adopted a senior at a local nursing home.

“Abby established herself as an impressive leader well before the presentation of this award. She demonstrated a tremendous commitment to her team and to the community from her very first days in charge of a store. Abby is a role model for others in her field and someone I have admired since meeting her,” said Eric Halvorson, manager of Corporate Affairs at Kroger.

With all the success she has found, Travers shares the credit with her team.

“Getting the recognition isn't just about me. The people that are working with me make me look good. Whatever my team needs, I try to help them, and they always try to help me with what I need. Being on vacation right now, I can actually say I miss my co-workers and I think that's rare for most people,” Travers noted.

For more info about the TWIG award visit: topwomeningrocery.com.

ICONic rewind

Franciscan Health doffs masking policy at its Central Indiana hospitals

Area Hospitals – Franciscan Health Central Indiana is standing down on its mandatory masking policies for its hospitals, effective March 27. Masking is now optional for staff and visitors entering its hospitals and in non-clinical areas. Masking is required in certain patients' rooms based on their isolation status. Co-workers and visitors with signs or symptoms of any respiratory illness should not enter hospitals. Clinicians and hospital staff should wear a mask if requested to do so by a patient or family member. If circumstances arise or warrant change, Franciscan Health reserves the right to return to mandatory hospital-approved masking.

Indiana Officials Association hosts 96th annual awards banquet

Local Award Recipients – The Indiana Officials Association (IOA) recently hosted its 96th annual awards and recognition banquet on March 20, at The Atrium. Mark Baltz, IOA member and NFL official, served as the master of ceremonies for the evening. A highlight of the banquet each year is the recognition of the student scholarship recipients. To be eligible for a scholarship, the students must be in the top 20 percent of their high school graduating class or maintain a 3.0 GPA in college. The recipients also must be the child or step-child of an IOA member. This year, three recipients were chosen, including Ryne Roehling, the son of IOA member Chad Roehling. Roehling is a senior at Center Grove High School. He holds a 4.75 GPA and plans to attend Purdue University. Each year, the IOA selects two schools who exemplify sportsmanship and hospitality. This year's recipients included: Roncalli High School – Sportsmanship. This award was accepted by David Lauck, athletic director, and Jason Sims, assistant athletic director, from Roncalli. For more information, visit ioaofficials.com.

Scouts collect 3,100 pounds of food for Johnson County residents

Food Donations – Frigid temperatures didn't deter Scouts from Pack 245 and Troop 245 as they canvassed nearly 1,000 homes in Greenwood and Bargersville as part of their annual Scouting for Food service project. Their determination was rewarded with more than 3,100 lbs. of donations from their neighbors. Once delivered to the Lord's Locker and Interchurch Food Pantry of Johnson County, these will become more than 2,500 meals for local Johnson County residents. This is the third year Pack 245 has participated in this national Scouts BSA food drive, bringing the total amount of food they've collected to a staggering 7,800 lbs. for neighbors in need. As the charter organization for the Scouts, Mt. Auburn Church played a key role in facilitating the food drive. Not only did congregation members donate more than 800 pounds of food themselves, they supported the administrative costs of thanking donors and posting bags in local neighborhoods, provided space to collect and sort donations, and additional volunteers to help sort and deliver food to the pantries.

Local students recognized at Milwaukee School of Engineering

Academic Achievement – Dawson Smith from Greenwood, was named to the Milwaukee School of Engineering's honors list for the 2023 Winter Quarter. Smith is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in civil engineering. Undergraduate students who have earned a GPA of 3.20 or higher (out of 4.0) for this quarter are on the honors list. Evan Jackson, from Greenwood, was named to the Milwaukee School of Engineering's dean's list for the 2023 Winter Quarter. Jackson is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in user experience. Undergraduate students who have earned at least 30 credits and have a cumulative GPA of 3.20 or higher (out of 4.0) are on the dean's list. For more information, visit msoe.edu.

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(Left) SSG Russell Glowner of the Southside, Platoon Leader Kyle Baer of West Lafayette, Ind. and Sgt. Rob Chastain of Martinsville, Ind. admire a painting created by two other soldiers. | (Right) Col. Daniel Bell of Spencer, Ind. speaks to National Guard members who deployed to Iraq in 2003. (Photos by Sherri Coner)



Indiana veterans gather at Greenwood VFW Post 5864 to celebrate 20th anniversary of their return from Operation Iraqi Freedom

By Sherri Coner

To celebrate the 20th anniversary of their return from Operation Iraqi Freedom, members of

B co. 1-152nd Infantry Battalion and their families recently gathered at Greenwood VFW Post 5864.

Until the 2003 deployment of these 120+ Hoosier soldiers, 50 years had passed since the National Guard was last deployed to combat.

"We did not know what our mission was until we were in the air," said SSG Russell Glowner of the Southside.

When Vietnam veteran and National Guardsman Sgt. Daniel Fletcher of Linton, Ind. learned that his sons were being deployed, he made a quick decision.

"I had already been there and done that," Fletcher said of his combat experience. "If I could help get my boys home, I wasn't letting them go without me. I was 55 years old when I went to Iraq."

Fletcher's younger son, Adam Fletcher of Bedford, Ind. was reassigned to a support element at Camp Atterbury.

In early February 2003, Fletcher's older

son and Platoon Commander Brian Fletcher of French Lick, Ind. was on the plane with his dad and more than 100 other soldiers headed for the Middle East.

The first stop was Doha, Kuwait, where they trained for chemical warfare, crawling through the sand in 100+ degrees while wearing full protective gear.

The guardsmen then traveled to Ali Al Air Base in Kuwait, "to provide force protection for Forward Operating Base 53," said Col. Danny Bell of Spencer, Ind., who served as commander.

"At first we didn't know if Saddam had scud missiles," said Platoon Leader Kyle Baer of West Lafayette, Ind. "Scuds were shot toward us, but they were intercepted."

On a hot March night, the men boarded a C-130 bound for Baghdad.

"It was pitch black and 190 degrees inside," Glowner said of the high-security decision for the two-hour flight to be made in total darkness.

"It was jam-packed with men but dead silent," Glowner said. "We knew what we were all thinking."

"We were like the second or third plane to land in Baghdad," Baer said of what was

known then as Saddam International Airport.

After exiting the plane in the dark, "moving people safely from the airport to a palace complex" was the initial mission, Baer said.

To complete that task, "We commandeered a dump truck, a catering truck and a bus to get to the complex," Glowner said.

"In Baghdad, we slept in blown up buildings, in an area that provided security," Baer said. "Then we moved to the palace where the headquarters was."

"We were over there so early, there were no facilities set up," Glowner said. "We were sent in to secure the area not to rebuild."

Each day, meals consisted of one MRE and a bottle of water.

"I went over there at 180," said Baer. "I came back weighing 135."

In Iraq, Fletcher saw his older son only once. "Death row was between my son and me," Fletcher said of their separate locations. "On that strip of about 20 miles, there were booby traps, ambushes and mortar fire. We were in a state of alarm the whole time we were there."

When soldiers trained in Kuwait, email

and sporadic calls back to Indiana were possible.

All contact stopped when the guardsmen moved into Baghdad.

"We were constantly on our cell phones," said Anita Green of Indianapolis, whose son Cpl. James "JC" Cleveland II of Gosport, Ind. was 24 at the time.

"The news would come on, saying that another soldier was dead, and we didn't know where any of our guys were; it was awful," said Jill Underwood of Martinsville, Ind., wife of Staff Sgt. Carl Underwood.

Teary eyed, Debbie Weber of Center Grove mentioned her son, Sgt. David Weber of Morgantown, calling once in the middle of the night.

"He said, 'Mom, I can't call you much. When I do, I get weak, and I have to stay strong for the guys.'"

All the guardsmen agreed that experiencing extreme fear but tapping into an equally extreme amount of courage tends to change a person.

SSG Glowner explained it this way, "Anybody can do anything when they have no other choice. People are depending on you."



Greenwood's Tim Mack has performed as an Elvis Presley Tribute Artist for five years. (Photos by Sherri Coner)

Leaving audiences 'all shook up'

Tim Mack's passion for Elvis Presley shines when he performs his repertoire as a professional tribute artist

By Sherri Coner

When Tim Mack takes the stage, audiences often wonder if Elvis truly left the building.

Perfecting the King of Rock and Roll's velvety croon paid off five years ago when Mack, 19, became a professional Elvis Presley Tribute Artist.

Seeing the movie 'Grease' at age seven made her only son a lifelong Elvis fan, said Mack's mother, Stephanie Deel-McMannis of Greenwood.

"Tim has watched every single Elvis movie," Deel-McMannis said. "He also learned everything he could about Elvis' music and about his life."

A fan from a young age

Elementary school classmates were confused by Mack's interest in Presley, especially since the majority of them had never heard of the musical great with the crooked grin.

Teasing and taunting only worsened as this 2022 graduate of Franklin Community High School got older. Mack took the peer nastiness in stride.

While most teens and young adults strive to be clones of their peers, Mack was never that kind of guy.

"Tim has always been true to himself," his mother said.

Some audience members are also surprised that such a young man is so devoted to Presley, who died at age 42 in 1977.

Mack explains there's no mystery. He simply loves Presley.

When this slightly built natural blonde leaves the dressing room, his hair is jet black and he is wearing replicas of Presley's famous attire, freshly pressed by his grandmother, Trish Bearden of Greenwood. His rhinestone covered one-piece jumpsuits with bell bottom pants and large Presley-inspired rings adorning most of his fingers glitter under the lights.

Joy in the performance

When Mack merges the croon with Presley's signature hip swivel style, crowds explode with joy.

He takes that part in stride, too.

Though a significant anxiety disorder has affected most of his life, Mack was initially as baffled as his family was, that he could actually perform at all in front of crowds.

"Even though I have these anxiety problems, for some reason I never get one ounce of stage fright," he said. "I feel the calmest when I'm on stage, actually."

Along with practicing on his own, Mack mentions the mentorship of an older friend who also performs as Presley.

Two years ago, Mack performed for a crowd of 7,000 people during Elvis Week at Graceland, Presley's mansion in Memphis, Tenn.

"It was absolutely breathtaking," he said of the experience.

Traveling to Presley-loving destinations

Elvis Week takes place each year during the mid-August commemoration of Presley's death and includes music and a candlelight service.

After funeral services attended by 80,000 heartbroken fans and fellow musicians, Presley was laid to rest in the Meditation Garden at Graceland, where his parents, Vernon and Gladys Presley, his stillborn twin brother, Jessie, his daughter and her son, Benjamin, are also buried.

Traveling to gigs with his mom and sometimes with his grandmother too, Mack has performed in Illinois, Kentucky, Ohio, Georgia and Mississippi, just to name a few Presley-loving destinations.

Locally, Mack's girlfriend, Mae Miller of Beech Grove is always near the stage.

"I think it's amazing that Tim does this," she said. "I'm glad I'm here to experience it with him."

Mack always looks beyond the glitz of Presley.

"His music brought people of all races together," Mack said of the best-selling solo music artist of all time, with more than 500 million records sold worldwide.

"Elvis was truly a gift," Mack said. "He was an amazing performer but an even better person."

For booking information, find Mack on Facebook.

ICONic brief

Johnson County Community Foundation leader to retire

Retirement - Gail Richards, president and CEO of the Johnson County Community Foundation informed the foundation's board of directors of her plan to retire. Richards will continue in her current position for approximately one more year. "I have been so honored to have served as the president and CEO of the Johnson County Community Foundation for the past 14 years," Richards said. "We have a fantastic team at JCCF and, while I will miss everyone upon my retirement, I am confident that the direction of the foundation will continue to be one of progress and effectiveness in connecting people who care with causes that matter."

Richards has served in her position since March of 2009 and oversees five members of the professional staff and works closely with the board of directors, consisting of 19 community members from throughout Johnson County. Since her arrival, the foundation's assets have grown from \$10 million to nearly \$40 million, which allows annual investment in the community of over \$2 million and management of 350 charitable funds.

Steve Spencer, board chair, spoke of Richards' leadership, "Gail Richards has led the foundation to the dawn of new horizons for the future of our community. Gail leaves an impressive legacy for the future leader of the organization, and I am very grateful for her passion, leadership and dedication."

Other notable accomplishments of the foundation during Richards' tenure include repeated national accreditation, completion of four strategic plans, taking control of a private foundation and being a founding member of the 100+ Women Who Care initiative.

The foundation currently operates the Employer Resource Network (ERN) program that was established in Johnson County

with funding received from Lilly Endowment as one of 11 grants in Indiana targeting workforce development. The program helps local corporations retain employees by providing personal coaching to employees facing personal challenges to remain as valuable employees.

Prior to her appointment at the foundation, her professional career path included serving nearly a decade as executive director of the Greater Greenwood Chamber of Commerce, business development officer for Lincoln/First Merchants Bank, associate director of United Way of Johnson County, planning and research associate for United Way of Central Indiana and budget analyst for Legislative Services Agency, State of Indiana.

Richards is a longtime resident of Johnson County and has been active in many organizations that benefit the community, including park board for the City of Greenwood, park board for Johnson County, Leadership Johnson County (2000 graduate), Johnson County Community

Foundation board, Greenwood Village South board, redevelopment commission for the City of Greenwood, Johnson County Development Corporation board, Old Towne Greenwood Association, United Way of Johnson County loaned executive and Greenwood Rotary board. She earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Indiana State University. She has been married to husband, Mark, for more than 40 years and has one daughter, Abby, and one granddaughter, Maddy. In her spare time, she enjoys reading and traveling.

The executive committee of the board of directors will begin immediately to implement succession planning, including an open search for a successor to the position, and make recommendations to the full board of directors which will have the final authority in naming the successor.



Richards

NIGHT & DAY LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT ENTERTAINING

EVENTS calendar

The Mini-est Miniature Golf • Create your own mini-est miniature golf game that is small enough to play with your fingers. All supplies provided. | When: April 4, 2 - 3 p.m. | Where: White River Branch, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

Purse Bingo for Humane Society • Enjoy 20 games of bingo to win a prize. There are 15 purses and five chances at \$100. Food and drinks are available. This event raises money for Humane Society of Johnson County. Tickets are \$25. Call to reserve a spot. | When: April 5, 5:30 - 9 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Moose Lodge, 813 W. Smith Valley Road, Greenwood. | Info: (317) 535-6626

Spring Lawn Care Class • Proper planning and actions this spring will help insure a healthier lawn. Learn proper timing for fertilizing, crabgrass prevention, weeds and seeding with instructor Dick Huber. | When: April 5, 6 - 7:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. | Registration suggested to insure enough handouts: greenwoodlibrary.us, 317-881-1953, ext.4

Empower Me to Be Clutter Free • Adults: Purdue Extension educator Amanda Veenhuizen will discuss de-cluttering strategies and the emotional barriers that often prevent us from letting go of things. | When: April 6, 3 - 4 p.m. | Where: White River Township Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

Anime Aficionados • Teens: Celebrate Anime Day early by watching My Hero Academia and taste testing some Japanese snacks. | When: April 11, 6 - 7 pm. | Where: White River Township Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

Vocal Chamber Concert • The Franklin College Music Department will host several concerts this spring, in April and May. All are free and open to the public. The vocal chamber concert will feature the voice students of Eric DeForest, D.M.A., assistant professor of music. The performances will be accompanied by Chang Shen on piano. | When: April 13, 7 p.m. | Where: Franklin College, Clarence E. & Inez R. Center Theatre in Old Main, corner of Branigin Boulevard

and Monroe Street, Franklin. | Info: FranklinCollege.edu

Spring Birding - Methods, Migration and More! • The Spring bird migration begins in May. Join us as Chuck Anderson, president of the Amos Butler Audubon Society shares how to find and identify these amazing migrants as they pass through our state. | When: April 15, 1 - 2 p.m. | Where: White River Township Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

Princess in the Park • Pack a picnic basket & come hang out with the Sleeping Princess. She will read and sing. Each child will get to make a necklace and get a professional photo with the princess. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$10 for children. | When: April 15, 2 - 3 p.m. | Where: Northwest Park, 1300 Fry Road, Greenwood. | Info: (317) 941-0369

Chalk Couture Class • Make a chalk board with white wash trim, your choice of stencil, chalk paint and sealer. Tickets are \$25. | When: April 15, 1 - 3 p.m.

| Where: KJ's Boutique & Creatives, 2503 Fairview Place, Greenwood. | Info: kjshomedecorandmore.com

Heartstone Crossing • Greenwood VFW Post 5864 presents Heartstone Crossing. \$8 at the door. \$6 in advance. | When: April 15, 8 - 11 p.m. | Where: 578 Commerce Parkway W. Drive, Greenwood. | Info: greenwoodvfw.com/

Greater Greenwood Community Band Concert • Enjoy a free concert in the Greenwood High School auditorium. | When: April 16, 2 - 3:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood High School, 615 W. Smith Valley Road, Greenwood. | Info: greenwoodband.org/events

Instrumental Chamber Concert • The Franklin College Music Department will host several concerts this spring, in April and May. All are free and open to the public. | When: April 18, 7 p.m. | Where: Franklin College, Clarence E. & Inez R. Center Theatre in Old Main, corner of Branigin Boulevard and Monroe Street, Franklin. | Info: FranklinCollege.edu

SPOTLIGHT

Afghan Traveling Exhibit

A mural for Afghanistan, titled 'August 15', will be on display at Franklin College in the Elba L. & Gene Portteus Branigin Atrium of the Johnson Center for Fine Arts from Monday, April 3 to Friday, April 14. An Interdisciplinary Panel Discussion to examine the history behind the mural will take place on Monday, April 3, 7-8 p.m. in the Henderson Conference Room of the Johnson Center for Fine Arts. An opening reception will follow. The exhibit, sponsored by the Franklin College Religious Life Department, the Religious Studies Department and the Art Department, is free and open to the public to view during the following hours: April 3-7 and April 10-14 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. The exhibit will remain open until 9 p.m. on April 3 and 8 p.m. on April 5 and 12 to allow the public to view the mural during evening hours. The title of the mural, 'August 15,' reflects on the date when the government of Afghanistan fell to the Taliban. The mural tells the story of how many lives were forever changed on that day. Two Afghan evacuees who found safe refuge at Indiana's Camp Atterbury



'August 15' reflects on the date when the government of Afghanistan fell to the Taliban. (Photo by Tiffany Black)

in Edinburgh, were artists Zainab Ahmadi and Faqzia Abdaly. Both women were advocates for women empowerment in Afghanistan. While at Camp Atterbury, they, along with other evacuees, found a safe place to freely reflect upon their experiences through an art therapy group, Art of the Soul. In September 2021, they teamed up with muralist Tiffany Black to create August 15, representing their message to the world. It serves as a record of their collective experiences and hopes for the future and a memorial for the brave people who sacrificed their lives to bring peace to their country. Nearly 60 other evacuees participated in the creation of the mural. For more information, visit tblack.co/august15.

AN OPTION

Antilogy

Southside locals are excited to have a new, locally owned upscale restaurant for brunch as well as a place to enjoy shareable plates and cocktails with friends and family into the evening. Antilogy, located in Center Grove Marketplace, recently celebrated its grand opening. "Stopped by yesterday and all I can say is FINALLY ... a Southside option for delicious brunch," according to a Facebook review. "Hand crafted lattes, unique flavor combinations, quality ingredients." Guests enjoy the blackened shrimp and grits, pancake board, jalapeño deviled eggs and shrimp, beef crostini, buffalo cauliflower, parmesan truffle fries and bourbon candied bacon. Pair your brunch with an espresso martini or a mimosa flight. Try their vanilla bourbon French toast, smoked Norwegian trout salad, flourless chocolate cake



Antilogy's brunch menu offers a range of breakfast and lunch plates of American classics, including their signature Beef Tenderloin Benedict - a tender beef medallion, served on a croissant topped with arugula, hollandaise, and an over easy egg. (Photo courtesy of Antilogy)

with espresso ganache, or a berry bourbon basil smash cocktail.

Hours: Sunday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Tuesday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.; closed Monday. Brunch hours: Sunday, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Tuesday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.; closed Monday. Address: 5867 N. State Road 135, Greenwood. For more information, call (317) 530-5312 or go to antilogycg.com

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ACROSS

1 CGHS baseball player's trip to the plate (5)

6 Slicker, in the winter (5)

11 Nut tree (5)

12 Forested area (5)

13 Compassionate sort (5)

14 Like notebook paper (5)

15 O'er and o'er (3)

17 Dire fate (4)

18 Observe (3)

21 Neither partner (3)

23 Low poker pair (4)

24 Bikini top (3)

25 King topper (5)

26 Show the way, in a way (5)

27 Luau strings (3)

28 Garner (4)

30 Compete (3)

31 Mentalist's gift (3)

33 Future JD's exam (4)

35 ___ and paper (3)

36 Ragamuffins (5)

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41 Greenwood Park Mall temp worker dressed in red (5)

42 Surname on many December letters (5)

43 Wishy-___ (5)

44 Comic DeGeneres (5)

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1 WRTV net. (3)

2 Something brewing (3)

3 "Sesame Street" regular (4)

4 Served a winner (4)

5 Hurlled (6)

6 White house (5)

7 IU color (7)

8 Charged particles (4)

9 First lady (3)

10 Wabash College color (3)

15 Perfectly timed (5)

16 Some tableware (5)

19 3-Down's buddy (5)

20 Devoured (5)

22 Fish eggs (3)

23 Last grade at CGHS (7)

24 Roy G. ___ (3)

26 Walk like a show horse (6)

29 Test one's metal (5)

32 Atomic Bowl targets (4)

34 Spill the beans (4)

35 Ring a bell (4)

36 Indy-to-St. Louis dir. (3)

37 Hoosier Motor Club letters (3)

39 Yet to be paid (3)

40 Indiana tax ID (3)

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How verbal hedges can get you out of yard work

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

At the dawn of every springtime, I make a list of things I want to do in my lawn and garden. This year, I hope to grow items to make salsa, increase the amount native perennials growing, add mulch, use compost, finish my brick edging project from last year and get the kids to help me. Is this list too ambitious? Should I hedge my bets here (much as I intend to prune some hedges)?

While I'll admit my outdoor to-do list is too lofty, I can't wait to try to make all these things happen. I love working in the yard. I would never say I "kind of" like working in the yard, because my yardwork enjoyment is unequivocal.

If I did want to play it safe, I'd employ a "verbal hedge," which is a word or phrase used to lessen the impact of a statement. The "hedge" in this phrase (just like "hedge your bets") has nothing to do with shrubbery; back in 1500s England, the verb "hedge" meant to "equivocate or avoid commitment." We find an example of this usage in Shakespeare's "Merry Wives of Windsor": I, I, I myself sometimes, leaving the fear of God on the left hand and hiding mine honour in my necessity, am fain to shuffle, to hedge and to lurch.

While I prefer making "shrubby" references (thank you, Monty Python), I'll have to stick with hedges for now. After all, a

bird in the hand is worth two in the hedge.

Here are some examples of verbal hedges: "Maybe I'll go to the lawn and garden expo this weekend." This noncommittal "maybe" expresses uncertainty about making firm plans for the speaker's weekend plans.

"The movie was kind of good, but I was confused by Nic Cage's character." Saying a phrase like "kind of" makes the speaker's opinion of the movie less forceful. Was the movie good or not? "Kind of" doesn't commit either way.

"As far as I know, I had no knowledge of the plans to steal the zoo's only walrus." You'll see defendants in court hedge all the time. If someone uses a phrase like "as far as I know," this absolves them from saying, "I definitely knew about the walrus theft" or "I certainly did not know about the walrus theft."

The next time you want to get out of helping your significant other with yard work, feel free to use verbal hedging — it could get you out of trimming the shrubbery.



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Puzzle Time Answers – ON PAGE 10

Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:

- People: ABEL, ADAM, CAIN, EVE, LEVI, NOAH
- Gods: APOLLO, JUPITER, MARS, MERCURY, VENUS
- Films: BAMBI, DUMBO, FROZEN, PINOCCHIO
- Hotels: MARRIOTT, SHERATON, WESTIN
- Schools: CENTER GROVE, INDIAN CREEK
- Arena: NICOSON HALL

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From left first row, Madelyn Busuttill, Dana Haggenjos, Zen Cing, Dorothy Butts; second row, Za Thang, Ella Mayer, Grace Odum, Ava Southers, Kristen Dees, Addison Marsh, Megan Comer; third row, Luke Vennall, Ethan Dexter, Blake Vennall, Easton Clowers, Michael Dexter, Logan Neyenhaus, Noah Kurz, Ryan Marack, Glenn Rooney, Danny Kappes. Not pictured: Gavin Poteet, Max Rail, Ryan Thomas. (Submitted photo)

Roncalli archery team to compete at Nationals

Extracurriculars - Roncalli High School's Archery Team competed at state on March 11. Roncalli archers competed in both the bullseye and the 3D competitions, and are heading to the national competition in Louisville, Ky. in May. Leading the bullseye team for the boys were Blake Vennall (282) and Easton Clowers (282). Leading the bullseye team for the girls were Dana Haggenjos (266) and Madelyn Busuttill (261). Leading the 3D team for the boys were Blake Vennall (276) and Danny Kappes (270)

and for the girls team, Dana Haggenjos (263) and Ava Southers (253). Roncalli Royal archers who are moving on to the national competition: Madelyn Busuttill, Dorothy Butts, Zen Cing, Easton Clowers, Megan Comer, Kristen Dees, Ethan Dexter, Michael Dexter, Dana Haggenjos, Danny Kappes, Noah Kurz, Ryan Marack, Addison Marsh, Ella Mayer, Logan Neyenhaus, Grace Odum, Gavin Poteet, Max Rail, Glenn Rooney, Ava Southers, Za Thang, Ryan Thomas, Blake Vennall and Luke Vennall.

Center Grove names 2022-23 building Teachers of the Year

Extraordinary Educators - Center Grove Community School Corporation (CGCSC) recently announced the Teachers of the Year for the 2022-23 school year. Each teacher is recognized for making an extraordinary impact on students and colleagues in his/her building: Center Grove High School — Amy Winger, Mathematics; Center Grove Middle School Central — Anthony Bell, Grade 8 Language Arts; Center Grove Middle School North — Patrick Clady, Grade 8 Language Arts; Center Grove Elementary School — Susan Campbell, Grade 4; Maple Grove Elementary School — Brandy John-

son, English as a New Language; North Grove Elementary School — Deborah Norris, Special Education; Pleasant Grove Elementary School — Ciara Hunter, Grade 4; Sugar Grove Elementary School — Courtney Hess, Kindergarten; and Walnut Grove Elementary School — Lisa Fisk, Special Education. The teachers in each building select their Teacher of the Year. The overall district Teacher of the Year will be chosen by an outside university committee. The CGCSC Teacher of the Year will be announced at the Teacher Celebration Night in the Center Grove H.S. Auditorium on Wednesday, May 10, 7 p.m.

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