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Fifth grade student leaders from Pleasant **Grove Elementary** School visited the White River Township Fire Department Headquarters on Friday, Sept. 9. The students delivered drawings and letters to the firefighters in remembrance and honor of those who lost their lives on 9/11. PGES students also held a silent dismissal that Friday. Students held American flags while classmates quietly filed out of the building for the day. (Photo courtesy of Center Grove **Community School** Corporation)

Oops...

Correction - The September ICON of the Month on Dirk Cushing was missing his final response to the question, "What tenet do you live by?" Cushing said, "Anyone who has know me for any length of time knows that my motto is 'Don't sweat the small stuff... and it's all small stuff.""







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Center Grove residents invited to School Board Candidate Forum

Upcoming Election - Residents in the Center Grove Community School Corporation area who plan to vote in the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 8 are invited to meet and hear from the eight candidates who are vying for three school board seats that are up for election. The candidates will share their views regarding current issues and needs facing the Center Grove school district. The CGCSC School Board Candidates' Forum will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 1 in the auditorium at Center Grove High School, 2717 S. Morgantown Road, Greenwood. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, visit facebook.com/events/1513159662445731

Tails & Trails Rescue hosts Country Tails and Crafty Ales

Benefits Animal Rescue - Join Tails & Trails Rescue for a fun day with dogs at German Park, 8600 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis, on Saturday, Oct. 15 from 12-5 p.m. benefitting the Greenwood-based rescue. This includes fun for the whole family – dogs included! Activities: include adoptable dogs; vendors, food, local craft beer, wine & live music; Doggie Costume Contest at 2:30 p.m.; dog friendly activities including a lure course: \$10 per run (cash) / \$11 per run (credit card); door prize and raffle drawings (1:30, 3:30 and 4:15 p.m.); silent and live auction; and more. All dogs shold be leashed (no retractable leashes) and properly vaccinated. Dogs in heat are not allowed. Kids 17 years and under must be accompanied by parent/guardian. A waiver must be completed at entry or can be completed in advance. The waiver can be completed at: https://form.jotform.com/TailsandTrails/ctca-reg-waiver.

Johnson County Community Foundation to host A Monte Carlo Masquerade

Fundraiser - Get masked up and ready to support the Johnson County Community Foundation on Oct. 28, 6 - 11 p.m. at Garments Factory Events during the A Monte Carlo Masquerade. Come dressed in cocktail attire, masquerade theme encouraged. Tickets should be purchased by Oct. 21. Event includes a plated meal, entertainment from Elite Casino Productions, complimentary beer and wine, 360 video and more. Tickets are \$100 per person, \$175 for two people or \$650 for a reserved table of eight. For more information, visit jccf.org.

Pink Ribbon Connection fashion show kicks off Breast Cancer Awareness Month

Benefits Local Survivors - On Oct. 1, breast cancer survivors will share their inspiring and courageous stories as they walk the runway dressed in the latest fall fashions at the Pink Ribbon Connection Stars of Pink Fashion Show at the Indianapolis Marriott in downtown Indianapolis, 350 W. Maryland St. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Funds raised through the show provides direct support to Indiana breast cancer survivors and their families. At the show, breast cancer survivors will model the fashions from The Secret Ingredient boutique with all proceeds directly benefitting local breast cancer survivors and their families through Pink Ribbon Connection, 1139 Shelby St., Indianapolis. Pink Ribbon Connection's free services include peer counseling from other breast cancer survivors, breast cancer and wellness-focused education and information sessions, free bras, wigs, prostheses and hats and information packets for those going through treatment. For more information, visit pinkribbonconnection.org or call (317) 255-PINK (7465).



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(Cover) The main entrance to the Carefree South Neighborhood. | (Left) The Oxford House. | (Top right) One entrance to Carefree South is across the street from North Grove Elementary School. | (Bottom right) The Carefree South Neighborhood in Greenwood. (Photos by Nicole Davis)

Home purchased as recovery house causes concerns for nearby neighbors 5-bedroom residence hosts 11 people in recovery from addiction

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- TODD POYNTER

COVER STORY

By Todd Travis

In the Carefree
South Neighborhood, in an unincorporated
area of Greenwood, a five-bedroom house
was recently purchased to accommodate

11 recovering addicts. As neighbors are discovering this, some concerns are being raised regarding the nature of the arrangement. While the house was purchased by realtor, Scott Smith, the concept comes from an organization called Oxford House. According to their website, the "Oxford House is a concept in recovery from drug and alcohol addiction. In its simplest form, an Oxford House describes a democratically run, self-supporting and drug free home."

Neither Smith nor anyone from the Oxford House was willing to comment on the matter.

An ordinance debate

County Commissioner Ron West contacted the Oxford House regarding the situation. With 11 unrelated people residing in

the house, it appeared to break an Indiana ordinance which only allows for three unrelated people to live in the same home. The response from the Oxford House stated that the ordinance may

not exclude a residential facility for individuals who have a mental illness from a residential area solely because residents in the facility are not related. "Basically what he's

telling us is that people recovering from drug and alcohol addiction are protected under the fair housing act because they're considered disabled," West summarized. "We need to provide services and facilities for

people and help them in that regard, but at the same time we have to consider the taxpayers trying to protect their property values, and to me, that's where it gets a bit cumbersome."

Todd Poynter is a resident near this newly inhabited home. As a pastor, he

understands meeting the needs of people in recovery and has spent a great deal of his life dedicated to that very mission. "If you leave the struggle with addiction out of the conversation and look at it purely from the situation, if people started renting or subletting out their homes to a larger number of people than the homes were equipped to handle and that the neighborhoods were equipped to handle, you end up with parking situations and usage issues, among

other problems. This is why we have zoning, and this is why we have restrictions," Poynter explained.

A place that fosters helping people

"I give my life to helping people." Poynter continued. "I'm not opposed to this idea in fact, I've looked into ways to do something similar with some type of facility. The biggest issue I've had so far is the lack of transparency from the organization. I've reached out multiple times to the organization with no response," he added. One of the things Poynter likes about being in the Johnson County area is that it is a place that fosters helping people. "Fundamentally, Johnson County is an area that wants to help people. I just want to be sure that this is something that is helpful for the people living in the house, but also keeping in mind the needs of the other residents in the neighborhood," he concluded.

At this point in time, the Oxford House appears to be operating within legal guidelines and state ordinances. The neighbors in the area are raising concerns but there is yet to be any resolution for them from a legal standpoint. For more information about the Oxford House, you can visit their website: oxfordhouse.org.

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From left, Walker Millhoff, Zoey Varney, Micah Robertson, Grant Embrey and Gowthamm Mandala. (Submitted photo)

5 Center Grove High School seniors named **2023 National Merit semifinalists**

Academic Excellence - Five Center Grove High School seniors were named semifinalists in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program. They are Grant Embrey, Gowthamm Mandala, Walker Millhoff, Micah Robertson and Zoey Varney. Approximately 16,000 semifinalists were chosen from the highest scorers in each state on the 2021 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) for the 68th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. They represent less than 1% of U.S. high school seniors. The semifinalists have the opportunity to compete to advance to the finalist level of the competition. Finalists will compete for

some 7,250 National Merit Scholarships worth nearly \$28 million. To become finalists, semifinalists must submit a detailed scholarship application, which includes information about the student's academic record, participation in school and community activities, demonstrated leadership abilities, employment, and honors and awards received. They must also have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be recommended by a high school official, write an essay, and earn SAT or ACT scores that confirm the student's earlier performance on the qualifying test. Finalists will be announced in February.

Freedom Springs reports successful summer

Aquatic Center – Freedom Springs Aquatic Center recently reported another successful summer. Since opening in early June, the facility welcomed more than 106,000 guests and hosted events and programs to help residents and non-residents cool off during the hot summer months. Building on the success of its summer events, Freedom Springs hosted more than 2,000 guests across three Adult Nights, for those ages 21+ featuring live music and

food and drinks from local restaurants and wineries, including Oaken Barrel Brewing Co. and Mallow Run Winery. Swimming lessons also kept Freedom Springs staff busy, with roughly 400 children and adults participating. The facility offered traditional swimming lessons in addition to SCUBA, Junior Lifeguarding, Mommy n' Me and private sessions. For additional details on park features and other information, please visit greenwood.in.gov.

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Roncalli crowns Homecoming king and queen

School Spirit - The weekend of Sept. 16 and 17, Roncalli High School crowned its Homecoming queen, senior Isabel Pierce and king, senior Luke Swartz. The queen was announced during the halftime of Friday night's football game, and the king was announced at the Homecoming dance at Roncalli on Saturday night. Pierce was crowned by Sam Sering R'22 and Cate Lehner R'22, the Roncalli 2021 Homecoming king and queen. Swartz was crowned by the queen Isabel Pierce.



Isabel Pierce and Luke Swartz. (Photo courtesy of Roncalli High School)

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Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana kicks Off 'Men to Mentors' campaign

Volunteer Opportunity - Since early 2020, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Indiana (BBBSCI) has experienced an unprecedented increase in the number of youths asking for support from their program. At the same time, the number of new volunteers coming into the program dropped drastically in 2020 and has been gradually improving since then. These two factors created the longest waitlist BBBSCI has ever seen. There are more kids waiting than ever before and the wait times have grown as well. In Johnson County, where 87% of the kids waiting are boys, this has led to an average wait time of around two years. Because BBBSCI only matches volunteers with youth who live within 20 minutes of where they live or work, this is a challenge that can only be overcome by the Johnson County community. With that in mind, BBBSCI is launching its Johnson County "Men to Mentors" campaign with the goal of recruiting 75 men in 75 days. BBBSCI will be engaging with the Johnson County community by attending existing community events, scheduling info sessions with local businesses, and hosting a 2-3 event series in Johnson County. The need for mentors is greater than ever, but through the community's support it is a need that can be met. Stay tuned for announcements concerning upcoming events. Head to bebigforkids.org/volunteers to be part of it.

Franciscan Health Amputee Support Group hosts event to help needy

Walk and Rollathon – Franciscan Health's Amputee Support Group (ASG) is hosting a "Walk and Rollathon," Saturday, Oct. 8, to raise awareness and funds for Changing Footprints. The Rushville, Ind.-based charity provides donated new and repaired footwear to a variety of shelters and organizations throughout Indiana and numerous countries. ASG is inviting amputees, family members, caregivers, friends, therapists and others to participate in the event, which begins at 9 a.m. Each participant is encouraged to have a sponsor that donates money for each lap or wheelchair rolled. The group will gather in the parking lot at Entrance 8, 8051 Building on the Franciscan campus, 8111 S. Emerson Ave. Snacks and water will be available. In addition to the proceeds, ASG is asking the public to bring new and gently used shoe donations. To register for the event or more information about "Walk and Rollathon," email AmputeeSupportGroup@franciscanalliance.org, or call (317) 528-8111.



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Local schools encouraged to enter Samsung contest

STEM - Earlier this year, Center Grove High School was named a National Finalist in the 12th annual Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest, a program that encourages sixth-12th grade students to solve real-world issues in their community using classroom skills in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). As a National Finalist, Center Grove High School received \$50,000 in technology and supplies to meet the needs of their classrooms. The students had developed a device to track

eye movement that goes beyond the given threshold of the road ahead. Local schools can now enter the 2022-23 Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Contest for a chance to win part of the \$2 million prize in this year's contest. Teachers who want to help their students creatively address problems in their local communities through STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) have the opportunity to submit their project idea now through Nov. 2 for consideration at samung.com/solve.

ISSMA announces this year's marching band schedule

Local Competitions - The 49th ISSMA Marching Band season steps off on Oct. 1. This year's events will feature 169 Indiana high school marching bands participating in the Festival, Scholastic, or Open Class. The Festival Class is a noncompetitive classification which places a greater emphasis on the musical aspects of the performance. The Scholastic Class was created in 2013 and takes into consideration band size as well as school enrollment. The Open Class is for those bands desiring to perform at the State Finals held at Lucas Oil Stadium by qualification through a Regional and Semistate event. Festival class events will

be held at Southport High School and Crown Point High School on Oct. 1. The Scholastic Class Prelims followed by the Open Class Invitational will be held on Oct. 8 at Homestead H.S. in Ft. Wavne. Chesterton H.S., Whiteland Community H.S., and the Jerry Brewer Stadium in Jasper. Open Class Regionals will be held on Oct. 15 at Carroll H.S. in Ft. Wayne, Lafavette Jefferson H.S., Center Grove H.S. in Greenwood, and Evansville Central H.S. The State Marching Band Finals will be held on Nov. 5 at Lucas Oil Stadium, where the four State Champion bands will be crowned. For more information, visit issma.net.

Aspire announces finalists for Women Leaders Awards

Leadership - Aspire Economic Development + Chamber Alliance recently announced the finalists for its Women Leaders awards. The Champion of Women Award recognizes an organization that prioritized women in leadership and provided women with opportunities for growth, both inside and outside their workforces. The Woman Leader of the Year Award recognizes a woman who has made a significant contribution to her company or organization as an influencer, leader, and ally. The winner in both categories will be revealed at the Woman Leaders Workshop on Sept. 30 at the Napolitan Student Center at Franklin College.

FINALISTS BY AWARD AND CATEGORY ARE:

Champion of Women – Ageless Aesthetics, California Custom Fruits & Flavors, Endress+Hauser
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Kristin Flora with Franklin College, Kimberly Jackson with Endress+Hauser,
Susan Lowe with A Senior Retreat, Ni-

cole Otte with Endress+Hauser

"Johnson County organizations are known for advancing women into leadership positions and supporting their personal and professional development," said Aspire Vice President of Investor Development and Relations, Angela Vandersteen.

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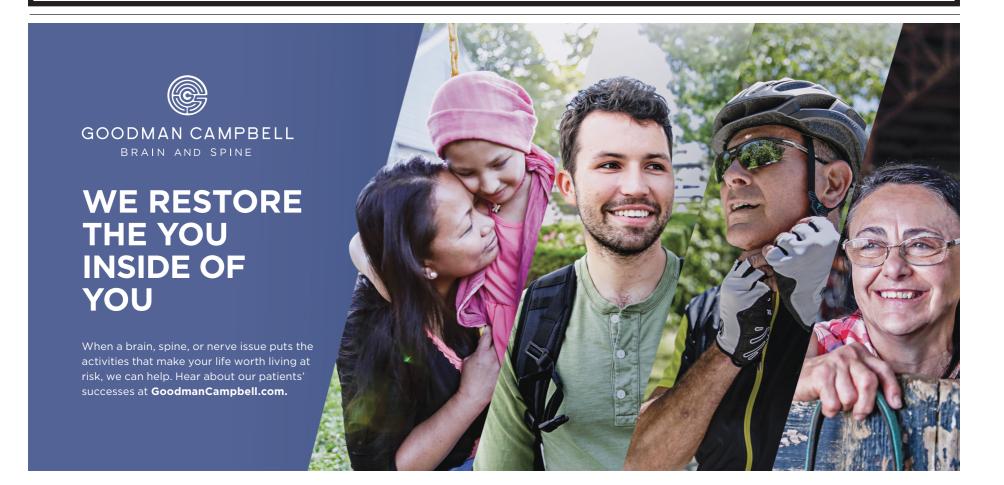
Under Construction - Dye's Walk Country Club broke ground in August on the construction of a new Clubhouse Annex building designed to improve access, traffic flow and amenities offered to its members. The 4,600-square-foot, two-story annex will house the Pro Shop, locker rooms and golf simulators and will make room for expanded family dining in the main building. Also, the course itself got a refresh in late September with a Tee Box leveling Project and converting its bunkers to the most recent technology known as Billy Bunkers. The nearly \$2,000,000 investment will allow Dye's Walk to remain the premier private golf club on the Southside of Indianapolis. The new Pro Shop Annex is being built by Jeff West Construction, a mainstay on the Southside and long-standing member of Dye's Walk. Building completion is slated for March 2023 in time for next

Dye's Walk Country Club launches major improvements

year's golf season. Established in 1961 and originally only nine holes, Dye's Walk was the first course Pete Dye developed. Over the years, Pete would consult and provide recommendations which have continually improved the course and retained the signature Pete Dye trademarks. Since Pete's passing in January 2020, Ron Kern, a golf architect whose father designed the second nine which opened in 1974, is lending his expertise helping Dye's Walk navigate the course improvements noted above. His work will be complemented by C. R. Lutzke Golf, (Chris Lutzke) a longtime Pete Dye employee and protégé who is spearheading the construction aspect of the project. This work will commence in late September and complete by late November 2022. The course will remain open during this period with temporary tees and weather permitting, the new tees will be playable by spring of 2023.



From left, Jeff West, Steve Patel, Kyle Baumann, Mark Clemens, Greg Young, Andy Wood Dye's Walk groundbreaking Aug. 13. (Submitted photo)



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Richie Scott after his win for International Junior Black Belt of the Year in Phoenix. Pictured alongside him is Master Instructor Rose Myers, co-owner of Pilsung ATA Martial Arts. (Submitted photo)

Pilsung ATA Martial Arts student wins International Junior Black Belt of the Year award

By Grady Gaynor

Richie Scott, a 15-year-old sophomore at Franklin Community High School, has shown that lessons learned in a martial arts gym extend beyond kicking and punching. A third-degree black belt, Scott has learned Songahm Taekwondo at Pilsung ATA Martial Arts under the instruction of owners, Masters Rose and Brian Myers since he was 8 years old.

The purpose of taekwondo is a holistic approach to self-betterment. While self-defense is central to a student's experience, development of character and leadership are equally vital to a student's path toward excellence. In the eyes of his instructor Rose, Scott exemplifies this balance. For that reason, Rose nominated Scott for Regional Junior Black Belt of the Year.

Her feelings toward her student were confirmed when Scott not only won regionals this April but went on to win International Junior Black Belt of the Year in an awards ceremony in July held in Phoenix.

Scott, who is also an instructor at Pilsung, was nominated and emerged internationally victorious not only due to his skills and hard work in taekwondo; he is also eagerly involved in his school and community. The

Franklin Community baseball and basketball player explained, "I love helping others and giving back when I can. I raised \$2,100 to help purchase three vests for the City of Franklin K-9 Unit. I collected and donated toys to Riley Children's Hospital. I helped distribute food with Franklin Community School Corporation during covid while the schools were shut down. I've also raised money for the Special Olympics."

With winning this international award already under his "belt", Scott has not grown content with his community service. This October Rose, Scott and the students of Pilsung ATA are raising money partnering with "Wishing for Mommy" during their annual Pink Belt Revolution for Breast Cancer Awareness. Students donated money to purchase pink belts to wear during training sessions for the month of October. The proceeds are used to give \$500 grants to women battling breast cancer.

Regarding her star pupil, Myers said, "Richie Scott exemplifies the heart of our Pilsung Leaders; they work hard to make a positive difference in the world around them. I could not be more proud of him, though I'm certain he'll give me more awesome reasons to disprove that statement!"



Franklin College has advanced in Top Performers for Social Mobility and Best National Liberal Arts College. (Photo courtesy of Franklin College)

Franklin College climbs in U.S. News and World Report college rankings

By Franklin College staff

Franklin College announced it continues to climb in the college and university rankings game, based on the recently released 2022-23 U.S. News and World Report Best College Rankings Report.

The college advanced in the category of Top Performers for Social Mobility. It ranked 44th (tied) out of the 196 colleges listed, advancing 13 spots from last year and putting it in the top 25% of those ranked. Franklin is the only Indiana institution in the top 25%.

This indicator measures how well schools graduated students who received federal Pell Grants. Franklin College President Kerry N. Prather said the recognition reflects both strategy and commitment from the institution's faculty and staff. "We continue to develop innovative strategies to help meet the needs of all our students, with a particular focus on helping first-generation students achieve success. The social mobility enabled by those efforts and reflected in this ranking is a real source of pride as we see the incred-

ible impact our graduates make on the world as they rise in many different roles and professions."

In the Best National Liberal Arts Colleges category, the college also moved up in ranking. U.S. News and World Report describes the schools in the Best National Liberal Arts Colleges category as those that emphasize undergraduate education and award at least half of their degrees in the liberal arts fields of study. The rankings also considered factors such as freshman retention rates, acceptance rates and faculty-to-student ratios.

"Our continued climb in these rankings is an indicator of the hard work of our faculty and staff and the exciting innovation taking place on our campus," said Franklin College President Kerry N. Prather. "With curricular enhancements to deliver majors in demand by both students and the marketplace, combined with a comprehensive digital fluency initiative, our distinctive student experience is helping produce successful and fulfilling adult lives for our alumni."

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Dan Moore receives Sagamore of the Wabash

Service to the State - Dan L. Moore has been named a Sagamore of the Wabash by Governor Eric Holcomb. Rod Bray, President Pro Tempore of the Indiana Senate, presented Moore with the honor on Sept. 13 in conjunction with the Indiana Bankers Association annual convention in French Lick. The award is a tribute given to those who have rendered distinguished service to the state of Indiana. Moore joined Home Bank in Martinsville in 1978, retiring as President/CEO in 2020 and currently serving as chair.



Dan Moore. (Submitted photo)



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37th Annual Cavalcade of Champions • Hosted by the Center Grove Band Department, this afternoon/evening contest takes place one week prior to ISSMA Open Class Regionals (also held at Center Grove). Concessions will be available for spectators. When: Oct. 8. | Where: Center Grove High School, 2717 S. Morgantown Road, Greenwood. | Info: https://centergrovebands.com/cavalcade/

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Purse Bingo • Brands include Kate Spade, Michael Kors, Coach. Proceeds benefit The Social of Greenwood. Tickets go on sale Sept. 24. Price: \$35. | When: Oct. 12, doors open 5 p.m., Bingo starts 6:30 p.m. | Where: The Barn at Bayhorse Inn, 1468 W. Stones Crossing Road, Greenwood. | Info: thesocialof-greenwood.org

Cooked Up Fun • Get in the spirit for All Hallows' Eve by making Gross and Ghoulish Food! | Where: Oct. 12, 4 - 5 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

Paw-tober Fun • Enjoy some cuddle time with Humane Society of Johnson County pet ambassadors, dogs Frank and Aggie, as well as other HSJC pets. Relax your stress away with some fun coloring sheets while you're here. | When: Oct. 13, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

MINECRAFT Unplugged - Fall Break Fun for Teens • You've built structures in MINECRAFT, but can you build a structure with playing cards on a table? Compete with your friends to see who can build the coolest house of cards. Join for fun and snacks. | When: Oct. 14, 3 - 5 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

Boo Lights • Create cute and creepy Halloween decorations out of ping pong balls and battery operated tea-lights. All supplies provided. | When: Oct. 17, 2 - 3 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

Monster Mash • Enjoy Trick-or-Treating down the trail at Craig Park and a hayride! Free general Admission from 6 p.m.-8:30 p.m. | When: Get your costumes ready for Monster Mash! Greenwood Parks & Recreation's community Halloween Party will be on Friday, October 21, 6 - 8:30 p.m. VIP hour 4:30 - 6 p.m. | Where: Craig Park, 10 E. Smith Valley Road, Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/greenwoodparks

Halloween Concert • Greater Greenwood Community Band will perform a free Halloween-themed concert. This event is a blended brew of concert band music with musical theater performances, dancing, video special effects, lights, fog, and a larger-than-life creature. Under the direction of Randy Greenwell, Greater Greenwood Community Band's 80+ members will be in costume infusing a spellbinding family-friendly collection of Halloween music for your seasonal haunt. Audience members are invited to dress up in their best Halloween disguises or enjoy the show as their mortal selves. Doors open at 5:30. | When: Oct. 23, 6-7 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Community High School Auditorium. | Info: greenwoodband.org

Purse Bingo • Join for an evening of food and fun while raising money to support Center Grove students and teachers. | When: Oct. 26, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m. | Where: The Barn at Bayhorse Inn, 1468 W. Stones Crossing Road, Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/cgfoundation

SPOTLIGHT



The
Orange
Pumpkin.
(Art by
Brenda
Pettigrew)

One Artist Show: Brenda Pettigrew

A One-Artist-Show by Professional Artist Brenda Pettigrew will take place at the Southside Art League Off Broadway Gallery, 299 E. Broadway St., Greenwood, in from Sept. 28 - Oct. 29. Pettigrew, who resides in Avon, Ind., will exhibit a collection of original watercolor paintings, and some prints and cards. Brenda has loved painting and drawing since she was a child. In high school she learned to work in oils and acrylics. At a part-time job in a library after school, she used watercolors to make bookmarks and posters for the children's room. She earned a bachelor's degree in personnel management from Ball State University. The next years were focused on raising her family, but she continued dabbling with watercolor, and fell in love with the medium. It was in 2015 that she decided to learn all she could about painting with watercolors from books, DVDs, and the internet. She joined the Watercolor Society of Indiana, and began taking classes, entering exhibits, and volunteering with the WSI. She has chaired WSI Juried Exhibitions, and has won many awards at competitions around Indiana. Brenda loves painting in a realistic style and watching her subjects come to life on the paper. See more of her artwork at watercolorsbybrenda.com. Gallery regular hours are Wednesdays - Saturdays, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Come meet Pettigrew at the SALI Open House, Friday Oct. 14, 6-8 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

AN OPTION

Swagat Indian Cuisine

Locals may not find a lively or exciting atmosphere in Swagat Indian Cuisine, but they love the locally owned restaurant's many options for plenty of packed flavor, large portions, prompt and friendly wait staff and lunch specials. Guests can't get enough of the Tandoori Roti, Lamb Biryani, Butter Chicken, Chicken Tikka Masala, Tikki Aloo (spiced potato cakes) and paneer

pakora (deep fried cheese). "The vegetarian menu is incredible! I personally cannot get enough of the Nav Ratan Sahi Korma with the Kashmiri Naan," stated a Facebook review." "Seriously the best Indian food I've ever had," added a Google reviewer. "Everything came out STEAMING hot and fresh. The Garlic Naan was amazing, but the mixed Tandoori Grill was incredibly impressive. The



Meat lover or vegetarian? Hot and spicy or mild? Whatever your preference, Swagat Indian Cuisine has a variety of options for everyone. (Photo courtesy of Swagat Indian Cuisine Greenwood's Facebook page)

owner waited on us, and she couldn't have been nicer."

HOURS: Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday: 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 4:30 to 9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. and 4:30-9:30 p.m. closed Monday. Address: 11 Declaration Drive, Ste. R, Greenwood. For more information, call (317) 893-4261 or go to Facebook: Swagat Indian Cuisine Greenwood.

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- 1 Butler frat letter
- 5 Indianapolis Indians hats
- 9 PC insert
- 14 Apt anagram of VILE
- 15 Reggie Miller's target
- 16 Mrs. Bush
- 17 Site of upcoming Parke **County Covered Bridge** Festival
- 19 Peruvian peaks
- 20 Newfields tiled work
- 21 Most gullible
- 23 Grazing area
- 24 Video game pioneer
- 25 Southside Times freelance reporter
- 29 Delayed
- 33 Historic time
- 34 Indianapolis Bridge Center seats
- 36 Former "Tonight Show" host
- 37 Molten rock
- 39 Wyo. neighbor
- 40 Fair Oaks Farms milk dispensers
- 41 Slurpee alternative
- 42 Indiana Golden Gloves combo
- 44 Fleur-de-
- 45 Part of GPS
- 47 Odoba rival
- 49 San Antonio mission
- 51 San Francisco's ____ Hill
- 52 Insistent
- 55 NASA measurement
- 59 Hickory Stick fairway flaw
- 60 Site of upcoming Barktoberfest
- 63 Big name in tractors
- 64 Garr or Hatcher
- 65 Glitch
- 66 Fine fiddle
- 67 Boomer's acrobatic maneuver
- 68 Sound quality

DOWN

- 1 I-65 shoulder
- 2 Rachael Ray salad dressing inits.
- 3 Twitches
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- 5 The Windy City
- 6 "You've got mail" co.
- 7 Indiana Statehouse VIP
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- 10 Site of upcoming Fall Festival at Beasley's Orchard
- 11 Discourteous
- 12 Raw minerals
- 13 Geist sail support
 - 18 Scott County community that shares a name with a European capital
 - 22 Oohs and ___
 - 24 Circle Tower style
 - 25 I-465 big rigs
 - 26 Comics detective

- 27 Rants and raves
- 28 "___ go bragh"
- 30 Passed out cards
- 31 Prior to 32 Wild West bunch
- 35 Biblical verb
- 38 Site of upcoming Canal
- Days Festival
- 40 Refill, as coffee
- 42 Muscat's land
- 43 Dressy men's shoe
- 46 Overjoyed

- 48 ISO woodwind player
- 50 Workweek letters
- 52 Does sum work
- 53 Practice "mind over platter"
- 54 Declare
- 56 Betting setting
- 57 Family group
- 58 Periphery
- 61 White River wriggler
- 62 ____ Lanka

See **Answers** on page 18.

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The dawn of the zombie nouns

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

Is it too early to talk about zombies? Halloween

is still about a month away, but Home Depot is selling creepy inflatable lawn creatures. In addition, Starbucks has its pumpkin spice latte (the McRib of hot drinks) back on the menu. Surely, it's zombie season.

I love a good rebranding effort, and that's pretty much what writer Helen Sword did with nominalizations. A nominalization is a noun made from other parts of speech. Picture the leg of a verb or the neck of an adjective sewn onto a suffix like "-ism," "-ity" or "-tion." What you end up with is a new noun. Sword calls nominalizations "zombie words" because, as she wrote, "they consume the living, they cannibalize active verbs, they suck the lifeblood from adjectives, and they substitute abstract entities for human beings."

So, what are some examples of zombie nouns, and are they lurking in your basement, waiting to eat your kids? Tune in tonight at 10 p.m. after the seven-day forecast.

I'm kidding, of course. These words make sentences obscure and hard to understand. Take the word "negotiation," for example. This word, a noun, was formed from the verb "negotiate" and the suffix "-tion." "The two parties engaged in a negotiation" is much more abstract than "The two parties negotiated." Do you see the differentiation?

"Writers who tend to overload their sentences with nominalizations tend to sound pompous and abstract," wrote Sword, who has

the coolest last name since Danny Machete. OK, I made up Danny Machete, but you could bet both authors write some sharp prose.

Zombie nouns have taken over the souls of well-meaning words, leaving us with bloated terms including causation, annoyance, collusion, formulate and implementation. When these words are used sparingly and intentionally, they can stand out; however, the amalgamation and confluence of these integrated synchronizations result in the obfuscation and overutilization of unnecessary, annoying utterances. Plus, you sound like a snooty jerk.

In my opinion, the two quickest ways to suck the life out of writing are to 1) use the passive voice and 2) unleash an entire horde of zombie nouns into your work. While I do aim for a specific word count in each of my essays, I also keep Ernest Hemingway's advice in mind:

"A writer's style should be direct and personal, his imagery rich and earthy, and his words simple and vigorous. The greatest writers have the gift of brilliant brevity, are hard workers, diligent scholars and competent stylists."

In other words, be brief, and then be done. Look out for zombies.



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Puzzle Time Answers – ON PAGE 17 Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:

Materials: ALUMINUM, GLASS, PAPER, PLASTIC, TIN, STEEL
Towns: CARMEL, INDIANAPOLIS, KOKOMO, PERU, SOUTH BEND
Successors: WILLIAM, GEORGE, CHARLOTTE, LOUIS
Potatoes: BAKED, MASHED, SCALLOPED
Landmarks: ARC DE TRIOMPHE, EIFFEL TOWER
Mayor: BRAINARD



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