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Center Grove High School's Human Services pathway students packed 10,920 meals at Million Meal Movement on Nov. 18. The 68 students packed all of the meals, loaded the boxes onto buses, and helped deliver them to the Mt. Pleasant Church IMPACT Center in Center Grove, which outsources food to many food banks on the Southside. Million Meal Movement is based in Indianapolis and serves needy families in Indiana. The group invites volunteers to pack meals that will be donated to Indiana food pantries. (Photo courtesy of Center Grove Community School Corporation)

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Mitul Patel, Grant Embrey, Cody Hewitt. (Photo courtesy of Center Grove Community School Corporation)

### CGHS students named Franklin College Math Day Champs

**Academic Competition** - Center Grove High School Mathematics Honor Society (Mu Alpha Theta) students Grant Embrey, Cody Hewitt, and Mitul Patel won

the Franklin College Math Day competition on Nov. 19. The trio competed against 35 to earn the honor.



From left front, Celeste Corey, Alden Weddle, Zephyr Plondke, Tinsley Wise, Ram Cau Hmung, Julia McDonald, Evan Logan; Back, Rebekah Worth, Dawt Hlei Sung Nichin, Elliana Baxter, Amy Woodard, Aarush Chaudhari, Maeleah Haas, Amy Franklin (not pictured: ZiYing Yu). (Photo courtesy of Center Grove Community School Corporation)

### SGES claims top spot in spelling bee

**Spelling Competition** - Sugar Grove Elementary School spelled their way to first place among the CGSC schools and Top 10 in the state in the 2022 Indiana Academic Spell Bowl on Monday, Nov. 14. This year's competition was held at Walnut Grove. The competition is made up of eight rounds with a different team member competing in each round. Each round includes seven words. Scores from each district competition are then ranked against schools statewide of the same size. SGES team captain Amy Woodard has earned a perfect speller record for two years. "We owe our success to the hard work and dedication of the entire spell bowl family," she said. Sugar Grove is coached by teachers Rebekah Worth and Amy Franklin. Maple Grove Elementary placed second in CG, followed by North Grove Elementary, Center Grove Elementary, Walnut Grove Elementary, and Pleasant Grove Elementary.

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(Cover) Eli Hohlt runs into the end zone to serve Center Grove's final touchdown of the night. (Photo by Maddi Sponsel) | (Left) The Center Grove football team runs onto the field prior to their IHSAA Class 6A title game against Fort Wayne Carroll at Lucas Oil Stadium. | (Right) Center Grove head coach Eric Moore celebrates the school's state record third straight Class 6A football championship after defeating Carroll High School, 35-9, at Lucas Oil Stadium. (Photos by Double Edge Media for the IHSAA.)

## 'Most rewarding year of my career'

Center Grove, Moore cap rewarding season with third consecutive state football title

### COVER STORY

By Mark Ambrogio

Eric Moore has built a storied high school football coaching career at Center Grove, but this season might be the topper.

"This was maybe the most rewarding year of my career," Moore said. "The (previous) two years our teams have been the best in the country I think, but a lot of that stems from great DNA athletes. We should have been that good. We didn't change our mindset this season. Every Thursday night, I stood up in front of them and said we still have everything in front of us. We accomplished everything on our goal board except being undefeated."

Center Grove captured their third consecutive IHSAA Class 6A state championship with a 35-9 rout of Carroll (Fort Wayne) Nov. 25 at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

The Trojans finished 12-2, with its only two losses to Louisville (Ky.) Trinity and Cathedral. Center Grove avenged the regular season loss to Cathedral by beating the Irish 33-10 in the semistate. Center Grove was 14-0 in 2020 and 2021 en route to 6A state titles. This was the team's fourth straight state championship game as Center Grove lost to Carmel in 2019. The state title was Center Grove's fifth overall, also winning in 5A in 2008 and 6A in 2015. A sixth class was added for the largest schools in 2013.

### The comeback

"It was super special for all the guys," junior quarterback Tyler Cherry said. "At the beginning of the year many people didn't count on us as one of the state contenders after losing so many great players. I think that is what has made it so much more special."

After Carroll took a 3-0 lead in the final, Center Grove scored 35 unanswered points. Cherry threw for 137 yards and rushed for a 1-yard touchdown. Trojans senior Micah Coyle rushed for 132 yards on 26 carries, including a 1-yard yard TD run. Senior Jalen Thomeson gained 128 yards on 20 attempts. He also caught a 64-yard TD pass.

The Trojans' other touchdowns came on a 6-yard run by senior Eli Hohlt and a 1-yard run by junior Owen Bright.

Coyle rushed for 2,073 rushing yards and 22 TDs for the season, followed by Thomeson with 1,082 yards.

Cherry, who threw for 2,261 yards and 22 TDs, said he continued to gain confidence during the season.

### Keep calm and carry on

"I also feel like I kept getting more calm as the season went on," he said.

Moore said players took advantage of the opportunity.

"We had several kids that started every game that were third-team players last year and didn't even get on the field," Moore said. "They were seniors, but they didn't have great experience."

Moore said many of those seniors stepped up and had a great season.

Moore said one of the top returning starters, senior running back Drew Wheat, suffered a season-ending injury in the season opener. Wheat rushed for 1,003 yards and 13 TDs as a junior.

The only senior who is committed to a Football Bowl Subdivision team is Thomeson, who has committed to Ohio University.

Bright, who started at linebacker, was the team's leading tackler with 75.

"It's so special, for the seniors, and really for everyone involved," Bright said. "We pour so much time and effort into every day that we spend together. I believe every person on the team gave everything they had every day, in order to three-peat. The key to the postsea-

son run was to play Center Grove football. Don't beat ourselves."

### A win for 'the greatest coach'

While Moore's focus is on the players, many of the players wanted to win it for their 61-year-old coach, who has been battling bladder cancer.

"Coach Moore is the greatest coach to ever live," Bright said. "No one gets you going like he can. To get this three-peat for him, knowing the circumstances, was definitely a driving factor to everyone's motivation towards the season."

Moore said he tells the players that he just wants their respect, and they will have his respect.

"I love all these kids," he said. "These seniors have just finished four 17-week seasons in a row. They've not had a Thanksgiving break or a fall break. All those Saturday mornings and Friday nights they give up. It's a lot in today's society. I told them all year they could make a legacy for themselves. They did it."

Moore said he plans to return to coach one more season.

"After that, there are no guarantees," he said. "I can't guarantee next year because I have some (medical) procedures coming up. It's going to have to be a month-by-month thing. I like this team coming back. I think it's maybe a team that could get back (to the state finals). Who knows?"

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— ERIC MOORE

**A LEGACY OF SUCCESS**

The key to Center Grove's success is consistency at all levels.

"It all started in 2000 when we had success by getting to state championship, I think people started to believe we could be a team that could compete with the best teams in the biggest class every year," said Center Grove coach Eric Moore, whose 2000 team lost to Penn in the Class 5A state title game.

Moore, who became coach in 1999, said the second through sixth grade program is so strong in implementing the offensive technique (Wing T) and teaching kids how to block and tackle correctly.

"Now that bantam level is led by former players or dads of former players," Moore said. "A lot of programs fail because no one is on the same page. Everyone is pulling in the right direction for us."

Moore said it carries into the middle

school program with several of his former players coaching.

"It's the trickle up theory that you get kids involved in your program at a young age and they want to play for Center Grove," Moore said.

Moore said sophomore Dallas Johnson Jr. played on special teams in this year's state title game. His father, Dallas Johnson Sr., played in the 2000 state final for the Trojans.

"It's come full circle for me," Moore said. "My goal was to stay here and develop a really good program that people can appreciate and enjoy. It's a bit of a circus atmosphere (on Friday nights). It's the only show in town. It's important for people to come to a high school football game and appreciate the talent of the young kids and the hard work they put in and the great coaches that coach."



Jalen Thomeson (#1) completes a 64-yard TD catch and run (from Tyler Cherry) to give Center Grove the early 6-3 lead during the IHSAA Class 6A state title game at Lucas Oil Stadium. (Photos by Double Edge Media for the IHSAA.)



Noah Coy (#3) outjumps two Carroll defenders at the 4-yard line to haul in a long pass from quarterback Tyler Cherry during the IHSAA Class 6A state title game at Lucas Oil Stadium.

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Owen Bright (#8) dives in for a touchdown from the 1-yard line to give the Trojans a 20-3 second quarter lead over Carroll High School in the IHSAA Class 6A state title game at Lucas Oil Stadium. (Photos by Double Edge Media for the IHSAA.)



Center Grove's Ethan Watt (#4) recovers a Carroll fumble during the 3rd quarter of the IHSAA Class 6A state title game at Lucas Oil Stadium.



#14 Eli Hohlt is knocked out of bounds at the Carroll 2-yard line after gaining 9 yards on a rush during the 3rd quarter of the IHSAA Class 6A title game at Lucas Oil Stadium.

# ICONic briefs



Max Neitzke



Oliver Johnson

## Roncalli students earn perfect ACT scores

**Educational Testing** - Roncalli High School announced that two seniors achieved perfect scores on their ACT exams taken in July and September. Max Neitzke scored a 36 on the science and English subtests, and Oliver Johnson scored a 36 on the reading and math subtests. The ACT is a standardized test that determines a high school student's preparedness for college. The test covers five areas: math, English, reading, writing and science. Previously in March, Johnson scored an 800 on the reading portion of the SAT, and both Neitzke and Johnson earned perfect scores on the math portion of the SAT.

## JCCF addresses food insecurity

**Grant Opportunity** - The Johnson County Community Foundation (JCCF) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Johnson County Commissioners to create a grant opportunity that will distribute \$98,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to address food insecurity and the need for personal care items in Johnson County. Applications will be accepted for this noncompetitive grant opportunity until Dec. 9 (applications can be found at [jccf.org](http://jccf.org)). Approved grant recipients will be notified by the county. The opportunity is open to organizations providing food pantry service, defined as those operations that provide food items and personal care items for distribution at a fixed location. These organizations may also provide delivery of food and personal care items. The grant opportunity does not include organizations that provide prepared meals for consumption on site or via delivery.



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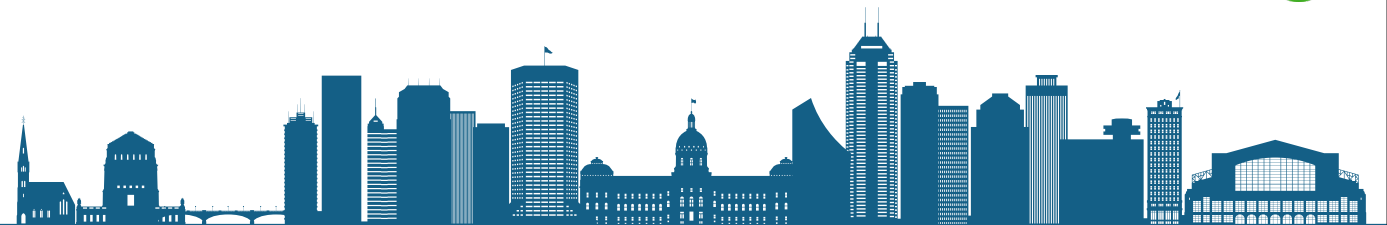


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## Johnson County sees quit quitting on the rise

By **Aspire Economic Development + Chamber Alliance**

A recently occurring trend in many workplaces across the country is the practice known as “quiet quitting,” the practice of intentionally doing the bare minimum for one’s job and choosing to be less productive. Quiet quitting can have a significant impact on the bottom lines of businesses. Lower productivity from absenteeism, missed deadlines, untimely results and generally less effort in working the same hours are all possible issues when workers are deliberately and quietly distancing themselves from their responsibilities. The overall effect quiet quitting can have on the economy includes lower rates of output and productivity, as well as a decline in the quality of goods and services businesses sell.

Member businesses and organizations at Aspire as well as the community at large are witnessing quiet quitting situations at an alarming rate. Andrea Munn, HR Department Manager at Tilson HR, has worked with organizations of all sizes on human resource matters and has noticed the quiet quitting trend happening in Johnson County. “You can walk into any business in the county and talk to the management and ask if they see an increase in absenteeism and they will say ‘yes’. People feel overworked, underpaid, and stressed due to the economy and employers are seeing this impact daily.”

Deliberate reductions in efficiency by employees will only hurt a workforce rather than improve working conditions. Organizations will need to respond to quiet quitting effectively, but with consideration for the needs of employees who may be feeling overworked and undervalued.

“Leaders of organizations who encounter quiet quitting should start by reflecting on the situation, identifying if this is a problem with the employee not being a great fit for the role, not finding value in their job, or is this because of the quality of leadership. If it is because of the leadership, then the manager will need to change or enhance the way they lead their organization as a whole,” said Munn.

“The leader needs to ask themselves hard questions and be willing to listen to staff and understand what they need or want to be active and productive employees. When a leader is engaging with their employees it is important to build or re-build your relationship with them, understand what the employee needs to feel valued, and understand what you can do to provide an environment they want to work in. Have open dialogue with employees, build trust, ask for their feedback, and then listen to that feedback.”

Workers in today’s economy are more empowered and mobilized than before, and quiet quitting is often a symptom of workplace cultures that have not caught on to this.

“One thing that has come out of the pandemic is that people want more flexibility. They want to be shown their value and they want to have a voice. If an employer does not adapt to this, they will lose good employees who can find that environment elsewhere.”

Although quiet quitting is a newer trend, problems with communication and rule-setting between employers and employees are an age-old issue. However, if both parties want what is best for the other as well as themselves, then there is no issue that cannot be resolved through patient and open dialogue between them.

“Employers have to determine what type of employees they want, what environment do they want to provide for the company, and then build and engage with the good employees they have who are willing and able to grow and support that vision,” said Munn.

“Employers can’t prevent someone from leaving, but they can build an environment where people want to stay, where people want to thrive and where people are valued. If an organization has too many people on staff who are quietly quitting, then the leadership needs to assess their management team and identify what their weaknesses are. Can they be changed, developed, coached? What does the leadership need to do to maintain good employees?”





## ICONic rewind



Ty Garrett. (Photo courtesy of Center Grove Community School Corporation)

### CGHS senior named 2022 Mr. Cross Country

**Athletics** - Center Grove High School senior Ty Garrett was named the 2022 Mr. Cross Country. The honor was awarded by the Indiana Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches. Garrett has committed to run cross country at Wake Forest University (NC).

### Duke Energy provides aid for customers, communities with nearly \$100,000 in grants

**Local Recipient** - The Duke Energy Foundation is investing nearly \$100,000 to support nonprofits dedicated to helping those in need in Indiana. Grants were awarded to the following organiza-

tions: Interchurch Food Pantry of Johnson County (Johnson County) \$5,000 to purchase food for residents in need. For more information, visit [duke-energy.com/HereToHelp](http://duke-energy.com/HereToHelp).

## ICONic brief

### Franciscan Health, Roncalli High School forge sports medicine partnership

**Athletic Programs** - Franciscan Health has entered a three-year partnership with Roncalli High School to provide sports medicine services. Franciscan Health will provide athletic trainers to the school for daily medical coverage of athletic programs and services. The athletic trainers will work alongside Seth Schmoll, DO, Franciscan Health Sports Medicine, who will serve as the head team physician to the Roncalli Royals. Fellowship-trained orthopedic surgeon Andrew Wohler, MD, of Forté Sports Medicine and Orthopedics, will serve as orthopedic consultant, and Tony Origer, sports

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### Johnson County Community Foundation enters into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Johnson County Commissioners to address food insecurity

**Grant Opportunity** – The Johnson County Community Foundation (JCCF) has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Johnson County Commissioners to create a grant opportunity that will distribute \$98,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to address food insecurity and the need for personal care items in Johnson County.

A person is food insecure when they lack regular access to enough safe and nutritious food for normal growth and development and an active and healthy life. This may be due to unavailability of food and/or lack of resources to obtain food. Personal care items are defined as consumer products used for personal hygiene.

Applications will be accepted for this non-competitive grant opportunity through Dec. 9 (applications can be found at [jccf.org](http://jccf.org)). Approved grant recipients will be notified by the county.

The opportunity is open to organizations providing food pantry service, defined as those operations that provide food items and personal care items for distribution at a fixed location. These organizations may also provide delivery of food and personal care items. The grant opportunity does not include organizations that provide prepared meals for consumption on site or via delivery.

Other criteria for consideration are:

- Must be located in Johnson County, Ind. and serve residents of Johnson County

- Must be a registered 501(c)(3) or equivalent
- Must be able to certify that it is not debarred, suspended, or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs or activities
- Must be able to provide all information requested in the application including information about the number of households served by the applicant or organization's food pantry program
- Must be able to certify that no funds provided pursuant to the grant funding
- Program will be used to advance inherently religious activity and that the provision of food pantry service by the applicant organization will not be conditioned on participation in any inherently religious activity.
- Documentation of expenditures is required.
- Funds must be spent by March 2024.

"JCCF is honored to be assisting the County Commissioners and the ARPA Committee in helping to distribute food and personal care items in Johnson County. According to Gleaners Food Bank, demand has increased by 75% since 2019, which represents over 9% of Johnson County's population and puts a significant strain on current resources", stated Gail Richards, president & CEO of the Johnson County Community Foundation.

For more information, contact Gail Richards at (317) 738-2213 or Ron Deer, Johnson County Councilmember, at (317) 882-2418.



The fieldhouse offers expanded and new activities for residents of all ages, including fencing, lacrosse, soccer, pickleball and T-ball. (Submitted photo)

### Greenwood Fieldhouse expands program and wellness options during winter months

**Amenities** – The City of Greenwood recently announced the expansion of programming at the city's newest public amenity, the Greenwood Fieldhouse. The increase in activities comes as central Indiana prepares for winter weather.

"Winter temperatures often steer folks away from getting outside for their physical activity," said Greenwood Mayor Mark W. Myers. "The Fieldhouse will offer expanded and new activities for our residents of all ages. We will have everything from fencing and lacrosse to soccer, pickleball and T-ball. I am excited to see how much the public will enjoy the Fieldhouse during its first winter!"

The 65,000-square-foot Fieldhouse, completed in Spring 2022, offers a variety of indoor recreation spaces, including two multi-purpose turf fields, the city's first indoor walking track and golf simulators, plus basketball, volleyball and pickleball courts.

The Fieldhouse will host a handful of new events, while moving some programming into the Fieldhouse that was previously conducted elsewhere due to space constraints at the Greenwood Community Center.

The Fieldhouse will also provide space for new activities, including Tots on the Turf, a dedicated time for toddlers to safely explore various sports on the turf during regular school hours.

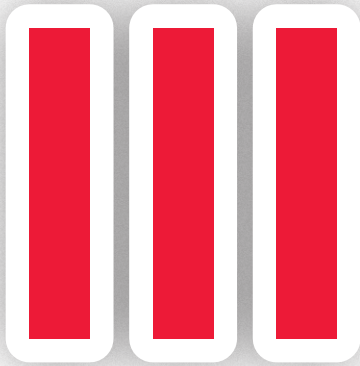
Winter programming at the Fieldhouse will also include new programs such as golf simulator leagues and lessons, fencing, indoor soccer, baseball clinics and lessons, softball lessons and lacrosse lessons. It will include expanded programming such as taekwondo, pickleball leagues, tiny b-ball, tiny t-ball and more.

In addition to new and expanded programming, the Fieldhouse will offer leisure opportunities previously not available in Greenwood, including access to cardio and fitness equipment along an elevated running and walking track.

Soccer, pickleball, basketball, and volleyball will all see an increase in open gym times, and the golf simulator will offer daily rental times. Baseball enthusiasts can enjoy open batting cage rentals, available three evenings and one morning per week.

The Greenwood Fieldhouse facility is open weekdays from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends. Annual Greenwood Fieldhouse memberships are available and can be combined with Greenwood Community Center memberships at a discounted rate. Day passes and punch passes are also available, and various event spaces can be reserved. For membership and reservation information, go to [Greenwood.in.gov/Fieldhouse](http://Greenwood.in.gov/Fieldhouse).

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The number of times the Center Grove football team has won the state championship consecutively. Congratulations, Trojans!

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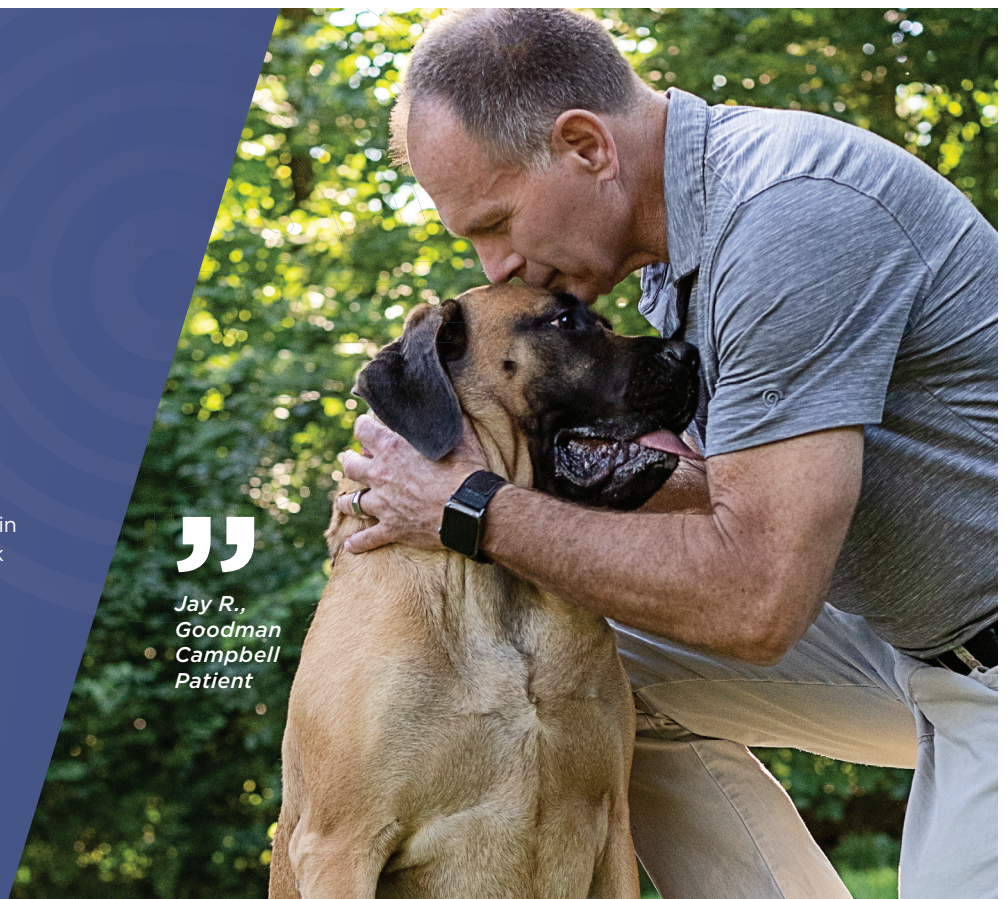
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# NIGHT & DAY LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT ENTERTAINING

## EVENTS calendar

**Lighted Trail** • Come to the Greenwood Amphitheater to enjoy a lighted trail powered by Duke Energy. This is free, and it can be accessed via the community center parking lot. It is illuminated from dusk to dawn. | When: Dec. 2 - 31, 5:30 p.m. - 7 a.m. | Where: Greenwood Amphitheater. | Info: greenwood.in.gov

**Center Grove Christmas Tour** • Tour beautifully decorated holiday homes and enjoy refreshments. Tickets support two nonprofits. | When: Dec. 4, 1 - 5 p.m. | Where: 5243 Chancery Blvd, Greenwood. | Info: Center Grove Christmas Tour: eventbrite.com

**Silly Safaris Reindeer Reserve** • Join for Silly Safaris Reindeer Reserve starring one of Santa's elves with one of Santa's reindeer plus other animals from the North Pole! Registration is required. | When: Dec. 7, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

**Safe Sitter** • Safe Sitter is a full day babysitting course for ages 11-16. Call the White River Branch to register at (317) 885-1330. \$25 is due day of

class. Bring a sack lunch. | When: Dec. 10, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

**Create a Standing Snowman** • Come to Take Root Country Store to create a 32-inch standing snowman. The cost is \$35 and all supplies are included. Call to reserve your spot by placing a deposit. | When: Dec. 10, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Where: Take Root Country Store, 202 N. Madison Ave., Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/takerootcountrystore

**Full Moon Circle** • Come join us in a full moon circle. We will flow, meditate, and journal as we set new intentions for this upcoming month. Letting go of the past and making space for the new. Cost: \$30 early-bird, \$35 day of. | When: Dec. 10, 6 - 8 p.m. | Where: Studio You Yoga, 862 S. State Road 135, Suite I, Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/studioyouyoga

**Visit with Santa** • Bring your little ones down to meet THE Santa Claus himself during this free holiday event! Stop by either day for pictures. | When: Dec. 15 and 16, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. | Where: 560 N.

State Road 135, Greenwood, at the Marathon next door to LA Fitness. | Info: Facebook: Holiday Xpress Convenience & More

**Book Trees** • Teens/adults, make beautiful book trees using recycled old books. These can be used as a nice decorative centerpiece. All supplies provided. | When: Dec. 15, 6 - 7 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

**Graham Cracker Gingerbread House Decorating** • Teens, practice your architecture skills and celebrate the season at White River Branch by making gingerbread houses using graham crackers, icing, and candy! All supplies provided. | When: Dec. 16, 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

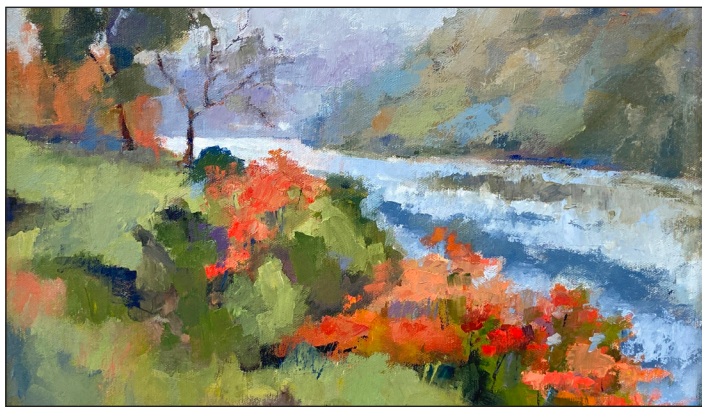
**Christmas at The Sycamore** • Enjoy a festive evening of food, wine and entertainment by Circle City Sound. Must reserve tickets. | When: Dec. 16, 6 - 9 p.m. | Where: The Sycamore at Mallow Run, 7070 W. Whiteland Road, Bargersville. | Info: mal-

lowrun.com

**Aberdeen's 2nd Annual Festival of Lights** • Bring the entire family and drive through Aberdeen to view the decorated homes sparkling with thousands of lights, listen to the sounds of carolers, enjoy complimentary hot cocoa and cookies at the gate house (while supplies last). Bring a camera/cell phone and have free pictures taken with Santa at the Duke Homes Model Home. Follow the signs to see the LIVE NATIVITY at the Aberdeen barn. All activities are free. Donations for Blessings in a Backpack will be accepted at the gate house. | When: Dec. 16, 6 - 9 p.m. | Where: Aberdeen Community, 3840 North Road 500 West, Bargersville. | Info:

**Reed & Bleed @ Your Library** • Give the gift of life and roll up your sleeves while you read. All blood types are urgently needed. To schedule an appointment, please call (800)733-2767 or visit red-crossblood.org. Ages 17 and up. | When: Dec. 20, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

### SPOTLIGHT



Fine art from some of the best local Indiana artists will be displayed for the SALI Super Christmas Sale. (Photo courtesy of Southside Art League)

#### SALI Super Christmas Sale

Southside Art League member artists will exhibit a special collection of original art works this Christmas season. Many pieces are small and perfect for gift giving. The SALI Super Christmas Sale will take place through Dec. 31 at the Southside Art League Off Broadway Gallery, 29 E. Broadway St., Greenwood. Regular hours are Wed. - Sat. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Closed Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. Gift certificates can be issued in any amount for anything at SALI, such as purchasing artwork, taking classes or paying dues. A layaway plan is also available. A wide variety of styles, subjects, media and prices will be shown, including matted giclee prints, original framed and unframed art, ceramic sculpture, paper sculpture, greeting cards and more. For more information, contact SALI (317) 882-5562

### AN OPTION

#### Ari's Pancake House

As late fall days get shorter, the weather gets chillier and the kids get more restless, treat them to some fun breakfast meals, including pancakes shaped like pigs or mini chocolate pancakes at Ari's Pancake House. A locally and family-owned Greenwood restaurant, Southsiders enjoy the warm, personalized service they receive.

"Even though we don't go out regularly, once every couple of weekends, when we sit, they already know what we want to drink," according to a Google review. In addition to breakfast favorites like the cinnamon pancake combo with icing, menu choices include a variety of Mexican and American items like the Chilaquiles Skillet (a crispy deep-fried tortilla covered with red sauce and topped with queso fresco and onions), Mago burgers (with fresh jalapeños and chipotle mayo)



Try a sweet beginning to your day with a fruit-topped pancake, Nutella French toast or a caramel banana crepe. (Photo courtesy of Ari's Pancake House)

and appetizers (fried green beans). "Absolutely amazing service and food," stated a Google reviewer. "I had the tenderloin; it was huge and the boneless buffalo wings were perfect."

**HOURS:** Sunday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Address: 2150 Independence Drive, Suite E-F, Greenwood. For more information, call (317) 893-2268 or go to arispancakes.com

# Puzzle Time

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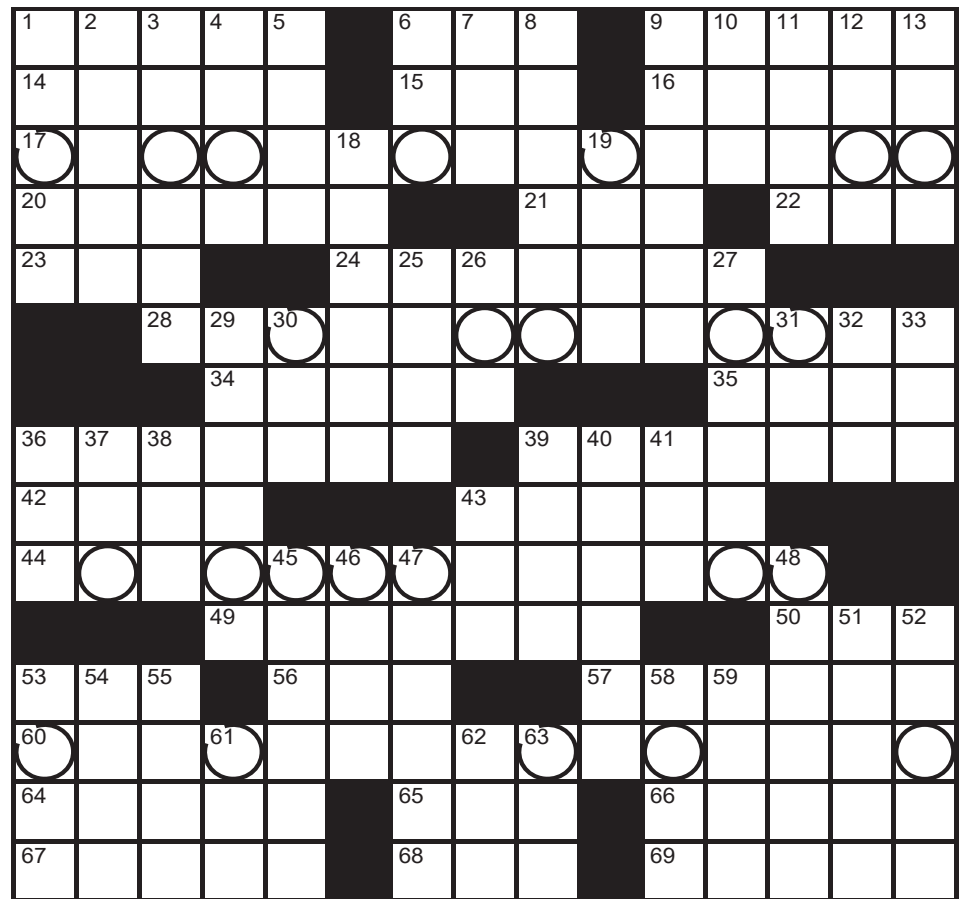
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## ACROSS

- 1 Bottom line?
- 6 White River barrier
- 9 Hot spot
- 14 Hubler luxury line
- 15 Nest egg letters
- 16 Indiana State Rep. Engleman
- 17 Yuletide
- 20 Part of TLC
- 21 Cut down
- 22 Santa \_\_\_\_, Calif.
- 23 Indian honorific
- 24 Words with a yawn
- 28 Decorative borders at Newfields
- 34 Temperamental
- 35 Manufactured
- 36 Write back
- 39 Throb
- 42 Gawk at
- 43 Gift recipient
- 44 1988 sci-fi film starring Bruce Dern
- 49 Make notches in
- 50 Clean air org.
- 53 100%
- 56 Middle ear?
- 57 Errand runner
- 60 Natural timekeeper, of a sort
- 64 Worry
- 65 Soaking spot
- 66 The Omni, e.g.
- 67 Kitchen fixture
- 68 Massage Envy, for one
- 69 Like 35 percent of Indiana's population

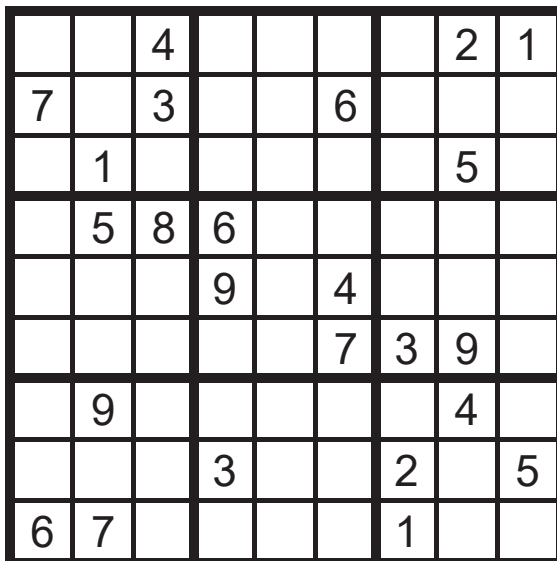
## DOWN

- 1 Diplomatic skills
- 2 Brown County foliage color
- 3 Greenwood Farmers' Market root veggie
- 4 Parched
- 5 Zap with light
- 6 Poorly lit
- 7 Coach Parseghian
- 8 Old five-iron at Hickory Stick
- 9 Bosphorus Cafe kebab stick
- 10 Hoosier Motor Club letters
- 11 Celestial bear
- 12 Element #10
- 13 Tolstoy's Karenina
- 18 Poseidon's son



- 19 Lowly worker
- 25 Roger whose 2008 memoir is titled "The Place to Be: Washington, CBS, and the Glory Days of Television News"
- 26 Attempt
- 27 Lady in distress
- 29 Drives forward
- 30 Dove's call
- 31 Calf's cry
- 32 Indy's summer hrs.
- 33 "\_\_\_ No Evil"
- 36 Colts ticket info
- 37 Freud topic
- 38 Camera type, briefly
- 39 James Whitcomb Riley, e.g.
- 40 Sick
- 41 Floral necklace
- 43 Genetic inits.
- 45 Crack, in a way
- 46 Pirate's quaff
- 47 Planetary paths
- 48 Reduce in rank
- 51 Gait rates
- 52 It's just over a foot
- 53 Ind., e.g.
- 54 Old Italian bread?
- 55 Crazy as a \_\_\_
- 58 Resounding?
- 59 Large lump
- 61 Captain's journal
- 62 Half a pint
- 63 Pacers' former league, initially

See **Answers** on page 14.



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## Embracing unembraceable idea nouns

### GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

In elementary school, we learn a noun is a "person, place or thing." Rabbit. Cereal. Toilet. Especially toilet. Words like "toilet" make Mad Libs a hit with my kids when we take road trips.

However, at some point down the line, we learn that an "idea" is also a noun. I don't know which governing English language body decided this or at what point it became part of the school curriculum, but I'll bet it was met with the same backlash as Pluto being relegated to a lower-level planet.

Yes, ideas are nouns, and they're my favorite types of nouns. These ideas were the ones the Founding Fathers often capitalized, and that the Bible extols: joy, honesty, freedom, loyalty, wisdom, truth and friendship. Sam the Eagle would be proud. Pride – there's another one.

The above examples were all positive words (except "pride," depending on context). What about some negative idea nouns? I'm all too familiar with disappointment, failure, misery, sadness and underachievement. I find these negative idea nouns as real mood-lifters in the Mad Libs road trip game: It's time for your summer failure; don't forget to pack disappointment and plenty of misery in your suitcase!

You can't have idea nouns without "-isms," which, again, are great Mad Libs head-scratchers: communism, antidisestablishmentarianism, totalitarianism, fascism, absolutism, materialism and even patriotism: It's time for

your summer fascism; don't forget to pack communism and plenty of materialism in your suitcase!

Although idea nouns can change the trajectory of a Mad Libs game, they do share a common characteristic: idea nouns aren't concrete nouns. Idea nouns are abstract nouns. You can't touch "peace," but you can experience it. You can't lick "sorrow," but somehow you can still taste it. Pain and pleasure are both fleeting and impossible to capture in a jar. And I've yet to see "faith" with my own eyes, but I suppose that's kind of the point.

I like ideas. I'm an idea guy. I think our language and culture would be incredibly pointless without the abstract concepts we wrestle with in idea nouns. Along with patience, perseverance and potential, we have to deal with anxiety, chaos and death. These are all idea nouns!

After a few drinks, philosophical Mad Libs would be hilarious. In this version, you wouldn't change any of the subjects: T.V. shows, president for a day, the recipe for a perfect great clam chowder. Instead, you'd have to pepper in a constant flow of ideas, concepts and belief systems. Who wants to get a kick out of disappointment with me?



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### Puzzle Time Answers – ON PAGE 13

#### Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:

**Farms:** EVAN'S, JAY'S, SAMBOL'S, SPENCER, WATTS, YAKE

**Cities:** JACKSONVILLE, MIAMI, ORLANDO, SARASOTA, TAMPA

**Items:** COOKIE, GELATO, SANDWICH, **SOUP:** Brands: BENTLEY, BMW, BUICK

**Ripple:** BROAD, ROCKY

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