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Perry Kiwanis member Kevin Wheeler, Center Grove resident and leader of the club's Read Aloud Program, recently visited Homecroft Elementary School to read to Jane Fletcher's second-grade class. Read Aloud is one of several community service programs conducted by the club during the year. Others include cooking breakfast for Ronald McDonald House residents, conducting a bicycle safety rodeo, and organizing the distribution of coats, shoes and food for local families in need. In addition, Kiwanis supports several community organizations including Hunger Inc., Perry Senior Services and Riley Hospital for Children among others, and awards post-high school scholarships. Support for these programs is obtained through various fundraisers including a concession stand operated during Baxter YMCA spring and fall youth athletic league games April 23 and a golf outing set for June 23. For more information about the club, visit its Facebook page, [facebook.com/KiwanisOfPerryTownship](https://www.facebook.com/KiwanisOfPerryTownship). (Submitted photo)

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From left, Jon Robinson, girls' golf coach; Lee Bigelow, facilities director who constructed the facility, Devin Gray, high school athletic director; Robert Salazar, middle school athletic director, and Craig and Olivia Reed, GCA parents who made a generous contribution to help fund the facility. (Photos courtesy of Greenwood Christian Academy)

Greenwood Christian Academy opens new golf facility

Ribbon Cutting - Greenwood Christian Academy officially opened its state-of-the-art golf facility with a ribbon cutting ceremony on March 4. This facility includes an indoor golf practice facility and state-of-the-art virtual golf simula-

tor which will provide its golf programs with an indoor practice option as the school continues to advance all programs. Varsity Boys Golf begins its season at the Edinburgh Golf Invitational on April 2 at Timbergate Golf Course.



Senior Katrina Gangstad receives the award from Deb Perkins representative from Daughters of the American Revolution. (Photo courtesy of Roncalli High School)

Katrina Gangstad receives Good Citizen Honor

Honoree - Roncalli senior Katrina Gangstad received the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Honor. This honor is given to a senior who demonstrates the qualities of dependability, service, leadership and patriotism. This honoree is selected by Roncalli faculty and staff early in their senior year. The senior then submits an essay for a scholarship competition. "Katrina is an extremely well-rounded, personable,

and driven young lady with a bright future ahead of her. She has consistently demonstrated she can achieve at a high level while simultaneously bettering herself and her community through pursuit of passions outside of the classroom. Her work ethic, kind-heartedness, attention to detail, and discipline will serve her well in her future and it is a joy to know her," said Jessica Gattuso, Roncalli High School school counselor.

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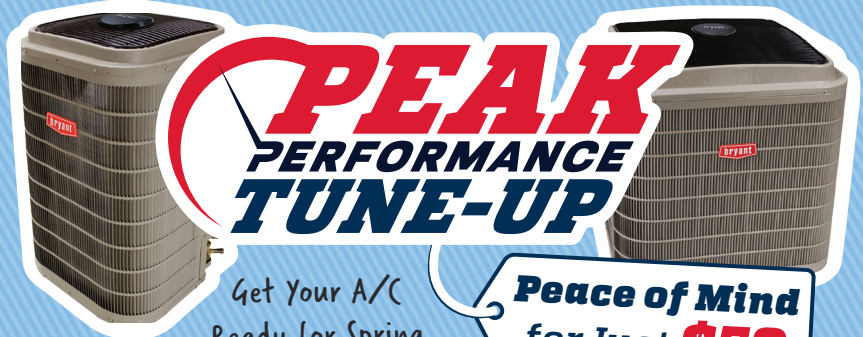
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(Top left) Registration volunteers show their spirit at the annual Rock the Block run. | (Bottom left) Howard Harrell, left, helps a participant find their number for the race. (Top center) Bibs are passed to runners at the registration table. (Submitted photos) | (Bottom center) Erin Smith, left, and Susan McCarty, right, present a check to a volunteer with the Center Grove dance team. | (Right) A young runner participates in a free kids run. (Photos by Forest Mellot and Cindy Gilmer)

READY TO ROCK

Rock the Block run provides an unforgettable experience while impacting the community

COVER STORY

By Todd Travis

The seventh annual Rock the Block run is coming up on April 23. The volunteer-run event helps to raise money for local organizations that give back to the Center Grove and Johnson County community. The event will include a 10K timed run, a 5K walk/run and a free kids run. Erin Smith, one of the event coordinators and owner of Spotlight Strategies, is expecting a healthy turnout for the race this year. "This year we have eight organizations that are competing for the grant dollars, and they have each had 20 runners/walkers and five volunteers sign up. We're hoping to raise about \$30,000 to give back to the organizations who are a part of the event this year," Smith projected.

Making an impact

Rock the Block primarily impacts organizations that work with youth and families. Among those are KIC-IT, which support the homeless youth in Johnson County, and Resources of Hope, which provides resources to meet the needs of foster youth living in central Indiana. The event also looks to address the Center Grove community directly. "We wanted to find a way to give back to the Center Grove community specific-

ly, so we work through the Center Grove Education Foundation," Smith noted. "They provide smaller organizations an opportunity to compete at a level that they may not have had access to receiving grants for otherwise," she added. Another way the Rock the Block run has been able to give back is through trail projects. Working with five different businesses and Johnson County, they contributed to the beautification of the roundabout at State Road 144 and White-land Road.

A dedicated volunteer shares his experience

Howard Harrell has been volunteering for Rock the Block since its first year. As the long-time cross-country coach at Center Grove High School, Harrell had been looking for more races to take place in the Center Grove area. So when Erin Smith approached him with the opportunity to volunteer with the run he jumped at the chance. Harrell has the vital role of being in charge of registration for the event. During registration, he helps pass out the bibs and T-shirts and more importantly, he helps direct people to the various points of the race such as starting line, water stations and bathrooms. "I love helping out, but I also know I'm actu-

ally helping the team and the community at the same time," Harrell shared.

As the head of registration, Harrell has become somewhat of a celebrity at the event. "It's kinda like my 'Cheers,'" Harrell joked, referencing the TV show's theme song, "Where everybody knows your name." His most memorable race was his first race seven years ago. "As great as the race was, the time after the race was what I most enjoyed," Harrell recalled. "It's hard to put into words unless you've experienced it yourself." He likened the post-race activities to a festival where people spend time hanging out, enjoying music and connecting with other local organizations and people. "Most people plan to stay for a couple hours afterwards, not because they have to but because they want to," Harrell mentioned. "I also love to see how people come to the event for all different reasons. Some people come to actually race, others come to walk or run and still others just come to support the organizations or just to socialize with friends."

Fun for the family

Harrell grew up in Kokomo, Ind. before meeting his wife, Linda, through a mutual friend. When he got engaged, he knew he would likely end up moving down to Center

Grove because of Linda's connection with her twin sister. "I knew there was no way I was going to separate her from her twin. They are just connected," Harrell said. As luck would have it, the middle school track coach resigned the first week of the school year when Harrell moved down Center Grove. He had contacted the coaches to let them know he was available and ended up getting that job much sooner than he expected. "It was almost like it was meant to be," Harrell remarked. After three years as the middle school track coach he took over as the varsity coach and has held that position for over 20 years. Harrell's whole family has participated in the race every year. He has a son, Andrew, as well as triplet daughters, Gabrielle, Marielle and Danielle. "One of my daughters, Gabrielle, has actually won the 10K once or twice," Harrell said.

Become involved

This year attendance is projected to be around 1,500 people with most registrations coming in April. To find more info about the event or any of the participating organizations you can visit rocktheblock-run.org. On the site, you can register for the race, find out how to volunteer and how to be a sponsor.

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Franklin College Academic Society celebrates centennial

Local Inductees - Franklin College's Alpha Society, the top academic honorary society on the campus, commemorated its 100th year of existence recently with the induction of 16 students, two faculty and three administrators in a ceremony held on campus. Established in 1922, the organization promotes and celebrates scholarship at the undergraduate level. Students who hold a GPA of no less than 3.50 (on a 4.0 scale) are eligible for membership. Alpha Society admits students across the college's academic disciplines, but membership is limited to the top 10 percent of the college's junior and senior classes. Students inducted into the society include: McKenzie Harold, an elementary education major, from Greenwood; Margaret Jagers, a Spanish major, from Southside Indianapolis; Kathryn Lauer, a religious studies major, from Southside Indianapolis; August Proctor, a biology major, from Greenwood; and Cameron Shake, a computer science and software engineering major, from Greenwood.



Rich Arkanoff, superintendent; Jason Taylor, assistant superintendent; Amy Norman, health services coordinator; Joe Hubbard, board president. (Photo courtesy of Center Grove Community School Corporation)

Board honors CGSC Health Services Department

Shining Star Award - The Center Grove Community School Corporation Board of School Trustees recognized the Center Grove Health Services Department for their outstanding work throughout the COVID pandemic at its March 17 meeting. The Board honored Amy Norman, health services coordinator, and Jason Taylor, assistant superintendent of Human Resources and Technology with its Shining Star Award for their exemplary work leading the district's COVID-19 initiatives for the last two years. The Shining Star Award recognizes an employee, student, or community member who has gone beyond the expected to make the Center Grove community a better place.



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Participants in the Young Adult Connection program at Autism Community Connection give thanks to those who support the program. (Submitted photos)



A group from Autism Community Connection's Young Adult Connection program plays card games together.



Donna Jones, pictured on the right, drops off a collection box for the Be the Change for Autism fundraiser to Abby Jackson, owner of Abby's Closet in Greenwood.



The Young Adult Connection meets regularly, helping adults over 18 years old who have autism maintain social skills, long-lasting friendships and more.

Be the Change for Autism

Leadership Johnson County group creates fundraising campaign for Autism Community Connection

FEATURE By Nicole Davis

One Leadership Johnson County (LJC) group is celebrating Autism Awareness & Acceptance Month the entire month of April by helping raise money for Autism Community Connection (ACC).

The fundraiser, Be the Change for Autism, was developed by the LJC Class of 2022 group, Connect 6 for Autism. The group's five members - Donna Jones, Amy Key, Chris Kolderup, Lindsey Turner and Cyndi Wesley - have lined up 45 businesses around Johnson County which will participate by putting out a donation box. Restaurants will also be given coasters with QR codes on them, leading customers to the fundraiser's website where donations can also be made online.

"It's more than a fundraiser," Jones said. "We're taking all of the boxes, all of the businesses, and we're putting all of this material together into a marketing program for Autism Community Connection so they can repeat it next year."

All funds will go to ACC, a nonprofit headquartered in the Center Grove area. ACC serves individuals with autism and their families in and around Johnson County. The Be the Change for Autism fundraiser will specifically benefit Young Adult Connection, a program which helps young adults with autism, age 18 and older, maintain friendships and a healthy social life. Currently there are three small groups which meet through this program.

"I happen to be really good friends with a family whose daughter has autism," Jones said. "She's 24 years old and very dear to me. I've known Katie since she was 8, 10. I've watched her grow into a lovely young lady but I also know she has severe limitations. Katie made all these friends in high school, as do all young adults. But once they're out of high school they lose all those social connections and life skill opportunities. That's where Autism Community Connection comes in. They help Johnson County families continue to grow socially,

emotionally and with their life skills. Employment is a big issue. They do even more with them from an employment perspective. This really touched my heart."

So Jones shared what she knew of the nonprofit with her LJC group. LJC is an adult community leadership training program at Franklin College. Class participants are divided into groups and work on projects which address opportunities and challenges in the community. They ultimately chose to take on fundraising for ACC as their project. Be the Change 4 Autism is based and expanding on a fundraiser that was done for ACC in 2021. Main & Madison Cafe in Franklin does a generosity jar that they leave out for an entire month. Last year in July, the shop raised the most money they ever have - \$11,000 - for ACC.

"For a small nonprofit, that was a game changer to us," said Kelli Higgins, ACC executive director.

In addition to those funds, the Johnson County Community Foundation awarded ACC a grant for its Young Adult Connection. This allowed ACC to hire a program coordinator and a program assistant.

"The program is slowly growing the way we'd like it to grow," Higgins said. "There is a lot of potential to raise some good money through this (Be the Change for Autism fundraiser). Not only that, it's bringing awareness to the community and bringing our name out there. There is potential for a lot of funds that can help this organization with our reach in the community, not only for Johnson County but for surrounding counties. We have a lot of ideas and a lot of vision for this organization and this will be very helpful."

To view which businesses are participating or to donate, visit autismcc-in.org/be-the-change-for-autism.

"It's been a rewarding experience," Jones said. "If we can be the change for these young adults and give them the quality of life that they deserve, then let's do it!"

Express Employment Professionals honored with ClearlyRated's 2022 Service Excellence Awards

FEATURE

By Blake Williams
Marketing Coordinator
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Franklin College Music Department announces spring concerts

Open to the Public - The Franklin College Music Department announced the dates of its April performances. The concerts will be performed in the Clarence E. & Inez R. Custer Theatre in Old Main, located at the corner of Branigin Boulevard and Monroe Street. The events are free and open to the public. The Vocal Chamber Concert will be performed on Thursday, April 14 at 7 p.m. The Instrumental Chamber Concert will be presented on Thursday, April 21, at 7 p.m. In addition, senior members of the fine arts department will present recitals throughout the spring. They include: Rachel Krodel, of Greenwood, and Natalie Wilson, of Lebanon, will perform a vocal recital on Tuesday, April 19 at 7 p.m.; Makalynn Schmidt, of Morgantown, will perform an instrumental recital on Saturday, April 23 at 2 p.m.; Dylan Campbell, of Franklin, and Eli Miller, of Martinsville, will perform a vocal recital on Tuesday, April 26 at 7 p.m.; and Camryn Allen, of Greenwood, will perform a vocal recital on Tuesday, May 3 at 7 p.m. For more information, contact the Franklin College Office of Communications at (317) 738-8185.



Items such as cabinetry will be for sale April 9 at JCPL's former Clark Pleasant Branch location. (Photo by Johnson County Public Library)

Johnson County Public Library Foundation to host public sale

Furniture Sale - Johnson County Public Library's Clark Pleasant Branch Library has moved to its new location, and the old building, at 530 Tracy Rd. in New Whiteland, is still filled with office furniture and shelving. All items have been transferred to the Johnson County Public Library Foundation, and they are hosting a public sale on Saturday, April 9, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the old branch location. Items are offered for sale on a "make a reasonable offer" basis. Any item purchased must be picked up at the time of purchase. Items include, but are not limited to: desks in various sizes, metal bookshelves, upholstered armchairs, metal and wooden filing cabinets, flip-top rolling tables, cabinetry and more. On Sunday, April 10 from 1-4 p.m., any remaining items will be made available to any Johnson County not-for-profit organization at no charge. All items must be picked up at that time. Sale proceeds benefit the Johnson County Public Library Foundation.

HOW WILL YOU GROW POTENTIAL? By Charles Stringer, Volunteer Outreach Engagement Coordinator at Big Brothers Big Sisters

Big Brothers Big Sister is a national organization with more than 300 local affiliates, and for more than 100 years we have operated under the belief that inherent in every child is potential. We don't create that potential, but we defend it and help it grow.

Big Brother Dave and Little Brother Sonny are one of our incredible matches, and they agreed to sit down with me to share a bit about their involvement with our program. Sonny is eight years old and loves puns, Minecraft, and pizza. Dave is a lifelong railroader and loves to travel. The two of them have been matched since September of 2021.

They shared a lot of great insights during our conversation. Dave shared with me that being a mentor is not a one-sided activity. When becoming a Big, he had the expectation that he would be doing something good for someone else. That is true, but he's found that he often gets something

back. Sonny regularly surprises him with his thoughtfulness and words of affirmation. I asked Sonny if he had a favorite memory with Dave and he responded, "not really. They've all been pretty amazing."

Dave and Sonny are tied together by shared interests. Among those interests is making a positive change in the world. When Sonny heard that there were over 1,300 kids waiting to be matched, he wanted to do something to help find mentors for them. That moment led to the conversation which led to this article. They wanted their story to be the spark of inspiration needed to get people involved. I think that idea is beautifully illustrated by the other project the two of them are doing together: planting milkweed.

If you didn't know, milkweed is essential to the survival of the Monarch Butterfly. Monarch caterpillars feed exclusively on milkweed leaves. They rely on it for nourishment across their wide range. And Monarch Butterflies

truly have a wide range. Each year Monarch Butterflies migrate across North America. The journey can take them up to 2,500 miles from Central Mexico to Canada, then back again in the winter. This happens over the span of several generations for the butterflies.

Dave and Sonny started planting milkweed together when a milkweed plant mysteriously sprouted in Dave's yard. Knowing about the plant's importance in the Monarch lifecycle, they decided to spread the seeds to let more milkweeds grow. In just the same way, they are sharing their story with the hope that it will stick with people and allow new mentoring relationships to grow.

If you're interested in getting involved, you can take the first step by going to our website bebigforkids.org and signing up online. Dave and Sonny planted the seed—it's up to you whether or not it will grow.



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The following students will compete nationally in New York (from left to right): Shirley Zheng, Hope Mander, Paige Merrill, Maddie Siems, Ananya Balaji and Shelby Walker. (Photo by Stacy Conrad)

STEM team solves community problem

Center Grove students win \$50,000 for their school in Samsung's Solve for Tomorrow contest

By Todd Travis

Six Center Grove High School seniors have stepped up to compete in the 2022 Samsung "Solve for Tomorrow" contest, and they have found great success. So far, they have reached the national finals among nine other groups, and they won \$50,000 worth of Samsung technology and supplies to the high school. As finalists, they have the chance to go on and win \$100,000 as they travel to New York to present their project before judges for a chance to be chosen as the national winners.

The idea behind the competition is to take STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) to create something that will solve a problem the students have noticed in the community. The girls decided to take eye-tracking software that

is currently being used to keep students from cheating on tests and use it to help drivers stay safer while on the road. The idea is that the eye tracking will alert the driver with a buzz or something similar to a rumble strip to help them get their eyes back on the road.

This is the third year the school has participated in the competition and the second time they have made it as national finalists. Their teacher, Andrea Teevan, credits the students for all the hard work they put into these projects. "I like the projects to be in their hands. I tell them 'this is going to be your project and I'll help any way I can, but I want you to take the leadership,'" she said. "It's really part of the whole process, to push them and for them to know that they can do it."

One other benefit the kids receive by

participating in this competition is that they become a part of the Samsung Solve Alumni Network. One of the past winners actually went on to work for Samsung after participating in the contest a couple of years back.

Shelby Walker recounts her highlights during this experience. "My favorite part was putting the video together at the end because it showed how much we really did. At the time we were working, it didn't feel like a lot, but putting it all together into one video was really cool," she said. "I also liked that it was an all-girls group because it was a way of supporting women in STEM, which I'm passionate about."

You can visit the Samsung website to watch the video the girls made and vote for Center Grove every day up until April 23 at samsung.com/us/solvefortomorrow.



Center Grove STEM teacher Andrea Teevan. (Submitted photo)

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Kroger participates in 'Test to Treat' COVID-19 program

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ROMAN NUMERALS



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The Debtones won National Grand Champions at the Heart of America National Competition. (Submitted photo)

Center Grove Show Choirs swept National Championship in Orlando, Fla.

Choral Competition - Center Grove Sound System, The Debtones, and CG Singers competed at Heart of America National Competition on Saturday, March 19. Sound System was awarded National Grand Champions in Large Mixed Division, with caption awards for Best Vocals, Best Choreography, Best Show Design, Best Crew, and Best Costumes. The Debtones were awarded National Grand Champions in the Large Unisex Division with Caption awards for Best Choreography, Best Costumes, and Best Crew. CG Singers were awarded First Runner Up in

the Concert Choir Division. Individual performers recognized were, Kennedy Bruner, senior, Best Female Soloist in a show, and Ryan St. Pierre, junior, Best Male Soloist in a show. This is the first time Center Grove Choirs have won National Championship titles with both choirs. Center Grove Choirs are directed by Jennifer Dice, Jared Norman, Greg Sanders, and Wendy Webb. The choirs are choreographed by Andy Haines and April James. Visit centergrovechoirs.org for more information on upcoming competitions and shows.



Our community. Our stories.

Every month, we aim to share the best of the **Center Grove community** sharing the stories of people who make a difference every day.

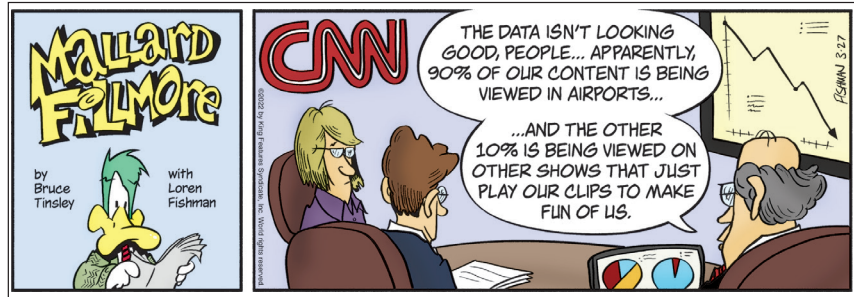
What stories in the community deserve to be told?

What community Icons deserve recognition for what they do for Southside residents and organizations?

Forward your suggestions to **Nicole Davis** at nicole@icontimes.com



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NIGHT & DAY LOCAL ENTERTAINMENT ENTERTAINING

EVENTS calendar

Code Ninjas First Birthday • Code Ninjas, the kids' computer coding dojo, turned 1 year old on March 22. The official celebration will include a ceremonial ribbon cutting, snacks, prizes, and, of course, fun and learning through STEM. | When: April 5, 4 p.m. | Where: 1259 N. State Road 135, Suite B, Greenwood. | Info: codeninjas.com/in-indianapolis

uPaint a Story • Hello little artists! Join us for a creative morning with preschoolers/toddlers. Each artist will enjoy listening to story, painting an egg-shaped plate and having snack. No reservation needed. To-go kits also available! No reservation needed. Cost - \$15 per painter. | When: April 7, 11 a.m. | Where: uPaint Pottery Studio, 3113 W Smith Valley Rd D, Greenwood. | Info: upaintpotterystudio.com

Spring Lawn Care • Proper planning and actions this spring will add great benefits to your lawn for the whole year. Learn about fertilizer, weeds, aeration, and more. Presented by Richard Huber, Mas-

ter Gardener. | When: April 7, 6 - 7:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. | Info: Register at greenwoodlibrary.us or call (317) 881-1953

Java and Jeopardy • Adults, join for a cup of coffee and some friendly competition. | When: April 8, 10 - 11 a.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

Breakfast with the Bunny • The Easter bunny is making his way to Greenwood. Reserve your table and join for some Easter festivities. A breakfast will be served, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt and photos with the Easter Bunny. Tables are limited. Price is \$40 per table of up to six people. Children under the age of two do not count in the total. | When: April 9, starting at 8:30 a.m. for the first session and 10 a.m. for the second session. | Where: Greenwood Community Center, 100 Surina Way. | Info: greenwood.in.gov

Small Pet Adoption Meet & Greet • EARPS Animal Rescue will have adoptable small pets, such as guinea pigs, rabbits, rats, and hamsters for this family program. | When: April 9, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

Bids 4 Kids Auction and Spring Sing • Proceeds from the auction will be used for the purchase of instruments for the Music Program at Northeast Elementary School, as well as other kid-focused programs in the Greenwood area. | When: April 11, 5:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood High School auditorium. | Info: Facebook: GreenwoodRotaryClub

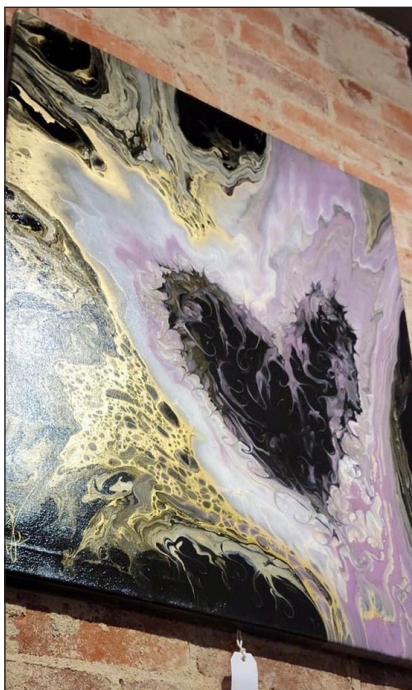
Monthly Garden Sessions • Learn more about gardening in this three-part course. In part 2, learn how to repot tomato starts. | When: April 12, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Part 3, how to plant tomato starts in the garden is May 9. | Where: Purdue Extension, Johnson County Fairgrounds, 484 N. Morton St., Franklin. | Info: extension.purdue.edu/johnson

DIY Plantable Seed Paper • Celebrate Earth Day by creating some beautiful plantable seed paper. All supplies provided. | When: April 14, 6 - 7:30 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

Bunny Brunch (or Lunch!) • Enjoy a yummy buffet, Easter crafts for the kiddos, an egg hunt in the Sycamore vineyard and around the grounds, plus a visit from the Big Bunny! Price is \$30 for adults, \$20 for kids ages 3 to 12. Kids 2 and under are free. | When: April 16, brunch 9 - 11 a.m. or lunch 12 - 2 p.m. | Where: The Sycamore at Mallow Run, 7070 W. Whiteland Road, Bargersville. | Info: mallowrun.com

Studio You Yoga & Wine • Join Studio You with Yoga & Wine at The Sycamore at Mallow Run. Registration is \$15 and includes a full yoga class and a glass of wine of your choice. Bar is open 6 - 8 p.m. | When: April 13, 6:30 p.m. | Where: Mallow Run Winery, 6964 West Whiteland Road, Bargersville. | Info: mallowrun.com

SPOTLIGHT



"I'm Coming Back Stronger," painted 2021' with acrylic on canvas. (Art by Paula Jessup)

One-Artist-Show: Paula Jessup

As a young person, Paula Jessup was always interested in art, and loved drawing as a teenager. After purchasing her first digital camera in her 20's, she taught herself to use computer programs with the help of her father. Editing her minimalistic photos with Adobe and Photoshop led to an interest in fluid art in 2021. Drawing inspiration from nature, Jessup's paintings are dictated by either the color or composition, both working together to make a cohesive piece. Like many people over the last few years, she found herself with extra time and the need for something positive and beautiful in her everyday life. She became obsessed with color combinations, and the consistency, texture, and fluid movement of the paint. Capturing that moment in time is absolutely magical. Her artwork will be displayed at Southside Art League Off Broadway Gallery, 299 E. Broadway St., Greenwood, from April 6-30. Visit the gallery during regular hours, Wed. - Sat. 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Meet the artist at the SALI Open House, Friday April 8, 6-8 p.m. For more information, call SALI (317) 882-5562

AN OPTION

Johnny Carino's

Those searching for a family-friendly restaurant typically look for the following criteria: plenty of menu options (for the pickiest of eaters), reasonable prices and good, fast service. Enter Johnny Carino's. "I have enjoyed everything that I have tried there," stated a Facebook review. Customers love the meatball panini with parmesan fries, wood-fired pizza, lobster ravioli, angel hair and artichoke pasta, Italian wedge salad, baked stuffed mushrooms, Italian nachos, cheesecake, tiramisu, peach Bellini and chocolate martini. "Jerry and his cooking crew made the best Chicken Marsala I ever had," insisted another review. For the lunch crowd, there's the unlimited soup, salad and breadsticks for just \$9.99. Locals rave about the catering



Bring your family to Johnny Carino's every Monday for all half-off Family Platters, including this mouth-watering Handmade Parmesan (a signature recipe). (Photo courtesy of Johnny Carino's Greenwood Facebook page)

options and free pepperoni pizza when you join their "email club."

Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Sunday through Thursday; 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For more information, go to carinos.com/locations/greenwood/# or call (317) 885-5735.

Puzzle Time

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6 5-Letter Cowboy Words

5 Leafy Greens

4 California National Parks

3 UIndy Majors

2 American Legion Mall Area Streets

1 Children's Museum Attraction

ACROSS

- 1 Old Indy electric co.
- 4 Dr. Aleesia Johnson's org.
- 7 Broad Ripple bouncers check them
- 10 Some IU Health ER cases
- 13 Teachers' grp.
- 14 Scot's denial
- 15 Victory Field souvenir shop buy
- 16 Garden tool
- 17 Reddy hit: "___ Woman"
- 18 Kind of Indiana court
- 20 Raggedy doll
- 21 "Saturday Night Fever" star
- 23 Oak nuts
- 25 Fla. neighbor
- 26 3-D trick-picture fad of the 1990s
- 28 An omen
- 32 They hit the ground running
- 33 Zoo beast
- 34 ___ and crossbones
- 36 Twilled fabric
- 40 Top role for the Buck Creek Players
- 42 Test for purity
- 44 Rip
- 45 Seasonal Golden Arches sandwich
- 47 "Poison" shrub
- 49 In shape
- 50 Indy Fuel score
- 52 Scholarly
- 54 Caribbean islands
- 58 Rap's Dr. ___
- 59 More or less
- 60 Tale of woe
- 65 Texter's "Enough already!"
- 66 Family nickname
- 68 Take to Johnson County Court
- 69 Tattle
- 70 Not pos.
- 71 Flub
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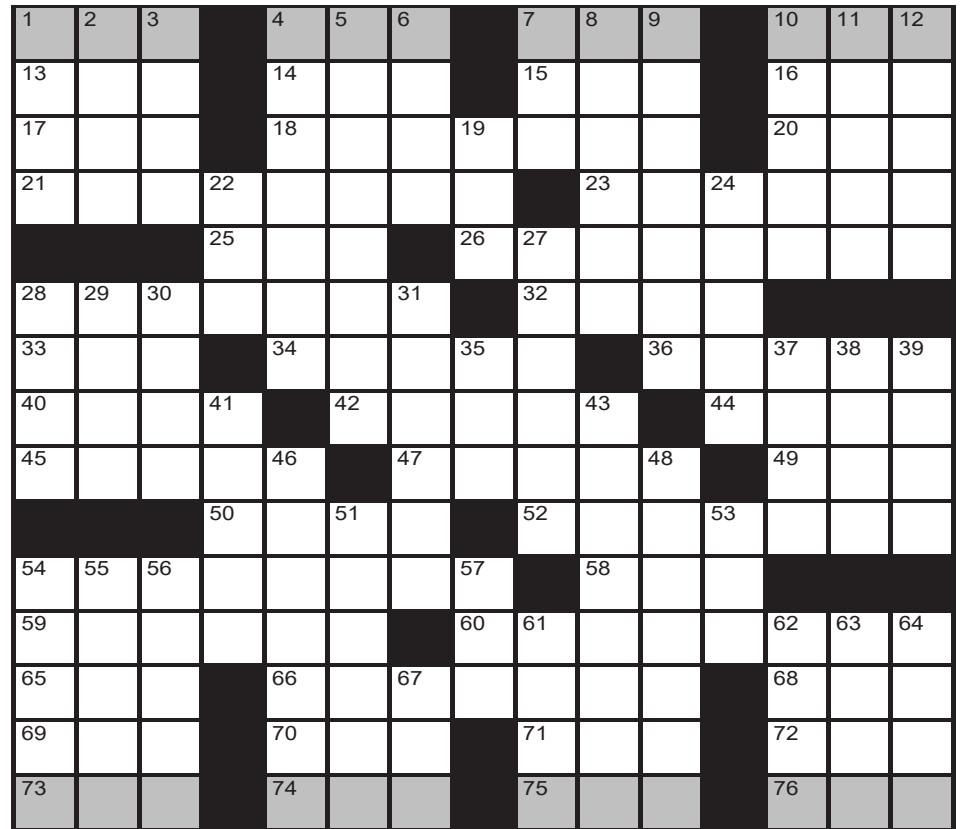
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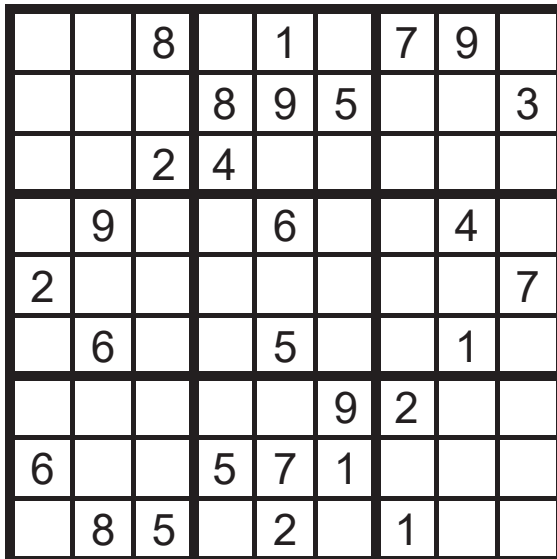


- 3 Dalai ___
- 4 Shoe parts
- 5 "Diana" singer
- 6 Penrod Arts Fair mo.
- 7 "Rocks" in a bar
- 8 Wreck
- 9 Homo sapiens, e.g.
- 10 Chicago airport
- 11 An Osmond
- 12 Have a feeling
- 19 Colt foe
- 22 MashCraft brewing vessel
- 24 Eightsome

- 27 Burning
- 28 Lifeline locale
- 29 Oil org.
- 30 Backside
- 31 Skirmish
- 35 Baton Rouge sch.
- 37 Mortgage adjustment, briefly
- 38 Hoosier Park racing stride
- 39 Art Deco icon
- 41 Sudoku entry
- 43 Convict, slangily
- 46 Shapiro's Deli meat
- 48 Foul-mouthed people

- 51 "Batman" butler
- 53 Pistons, on a Pacers scoreboard
- 54 Houston ballplayer
- 55 Desert roamer
- 56 Unimaginative
- 57 Form 1040 fig.
- 61 Draft status
- 62 Labor Dept. watchdog
- 63 Deceit
- 64 Desires
- 67 Go from 0 to 60, say

See **Answers** on page 14.



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Please allow me to interject myself

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

If you've ever yelled your feelings – you might have uttered an interjection. If you've ever shouted a forbidden word after dropping a glass jar of pickles – you might have uttered an interjection. If you've ever typed a text followed by seventeen exclamation points – you might have written an interjection.

In case you're wondering what we're discussing today, it's interjections. An interjection is what happens when you speak an exclamation. Jeepers!

Often, interjections are short words that pack an emotional punch. Uh oh! No! These are some of a baby's first English words, which makes total sense. Often an interjection is the most efficient way to express a feeling.

Let's break down interjections into a few categories. First, a primary interjection is a single word that gets used exclusively as an interjection: Yikes! Ouch! Wow! Gosh!

A secondary interjection is an exclamatory word that isn't used exclusively as an interjection. Examples include "Bless you!" "Good grief!" "Aw, rats!"

Before you think an interjection can only be used with an exclamation point, think again! In fact, an interjection can involve a period, comma or even a question mark. Huh?

Here's an example of an interjection that uses a period: Darn. I thought my Cinderella team was going to win the entire tourna-

ment. This sentence depends on how emphatically the "darn" is uttered. In this case, imagine it is delivered by Eeyore, who never uses exclamation points but often directs his depressive interjections at his forest friends.

Interjections sometimes come in the form of a question: Are you kidding me? Do you believe we've actually been to the moon? Honestly, this type of interjectory sentence is an excellent case of when an interrobang would be perfect, but that's an entirely different column, now, isn't it? What's wrong with me?

In the case of comma-tose interjections, take this example: Well, what did you expect? How did you know I was raised in Canada, eh? Oh no, the test is today. Ooh, you look great in that beekeeper outfit.

The comma and period examples are kind of like "light" interjections. It seems as though some of the urgency has been diminished.

You don't have to memorize all the different kinds of interjections, but it is important to distinguish them when your friend Scott brings over some excellent whiskey; after all, there's a big difference between "Great Scott!" "Great, Scott!" and "Great scotch, Scott!"



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Puzzle Time Answers – ON PAGE 13

Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:

Words: HORSE, LASSO, RANCH, RODEO, SPURS, TRAIL

Greens: ARUGULA, CHARD, COLLARDS, KALE, SPINACH

Parks: JOSHUA TREE, REDWOOD, SEQUOIA, YOSEMITE

Majors: BIOLOGY, ENGLISH, FINANCE

Streets: MERIDIAN, PENNSYLVANIA

Attraction: DINOSPHERE

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