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Hoosiers are paying more at the grocery and gas pump and may be noticing higher electric bills as well. We want to share some background on what's driving Duke Energy electricity costs and what we're doing to help.

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These are not permanent rate increases. Fuel costs rise and fall, and we pass those costs to our customers with no markup, so customers pay what we pay. Our priority is

to purchase fuel at the best possible price, through steps such as long-term contracts and using a diversity of suppliers. To lessen the impact on customer bills, we are spreading recovery of some of these fuel costs over a longer period to reduce the rate impact.

Unfortunately, as we approach the summer, the bill impact will continue to increase, and we expect that to continue throughout the year. If you are struggling financially to pay your electric bill, contact us at 800-521-2232. We can discuss

payment plans and resources for help.

We also recommend tools such as High Bill Alerts and Budget Billing that can help customers to manage their bills. Financial assistance also is available through our Share the Light program, where eligible customers can receive up to \$300 in energy bill assistance. You can find more in-

formation on these programs at Lower My Bill ToolKit - Home - Duke Energy (duke-energy.com).

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to apply. More than 600 students applied, and these local students are among this year's 200 scholarship recipients: Delaney Dillard, Greenwood Christian Academy; and Rebecca May, Center Grove High School. Those qualifying for the renewable scholarship totaling up to \$30,000 must graduate in the highest 20 percent of their high school class, earn a score in the top 20th percentile on the SAT or ACT or have a cumulative grade point average of at least a 3.5 on a 4.0 scale. For more information, visit Learn-MoreIndiana.org/nextteacher.

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(Cover) David Benner, center, is presented with a No. 28 jersey signifying his 28 years as media relations director. \ (Left) Radio broadcaster Mark Boyle, left, chats with David Benner and Reggie Miller at halftime of the April 3 home game. \ (Right) Reggie Miller and son Ryker surprise David Benner at his retirement ceremony at Gainbridge Fieldhouse. (Photos courtesy of Indiana Pacers)

A long run

CG graduate Benner winds up memorable career as Pacers media relations director

COVER STORY

By Mark Ambrogi

When the Indiana Pacers played in the NBA bubble in Orlando because of the COVID-19 pandemic during the summer of 2020, David Benner came to a realization.

"I was home and watched on TV and I could monitor the postgame," said the long-time director of media relations.

Then he could call it a night.

Had he been at a home game, he wouldn't have gotten home until 11:30 or if on the road, the plane might not get back until 3 a.m.

"When you are young it's fine, but the older you get it's 'how much longer do I want to do this?" he said.

Still he wasn't quite ready. He didn't want to go out after the 2020-21 season when crowds and traveling were limited by the pandemic.

The Greenwood resident, who lives a short distance from his alma mater Center Grove High School, decided the 2021-22 season would be his last season.

It was time, he reasoned.

"I'm 66 and doing it for 28 years," said Benner, who said he was mostly a consultant this season. "There had been some health issues, too."

In 2010, Benner was diagnosed with stage 3 colon cancer, and he went into remission. The cancer returned in 2019 in the fatty tissue of his stomach. He has a treatment every two weeks and undergoes chemotherapy.

"There are good days and bad days," he said. "It's something you have to deal with."

Benner, whose retirement becomes effective June 30, said he had would have liked the Pacers to go out with a stronger season,

maybe make playoffs or play-in game, but it wasn't to be. Still Benner got to make final trips to most places around the league to say goodbye to many friends in various cities.

The most emotional goodbyes came at home in the Pacers' second-to-last home game. During a pregame presentation, Reggie Miller surprised him. Benner was clearly moved as they embraced. During halftime of the April 3 game, Pacers radio broadcaster Mark Boyle interviewed Miller and Benner on court.

"The thing with Reggie is it was very much a professional relationship that grew into a personal relationship," Benner said. "He was the focal point for the team, and he was in demand. We ended up developing a mutual respect for one another for what we had to do."

In his role, Benner had to go to the players almost every day with some request.

"When you have a Hall of Fame type player like Reggie everyone wants a piece of him," he said. "You get so many requests that I had to deal with him every day. Bless his heart, he understood that. Did he agree to everything? No. If I recommended something he do, by and large, he would cooperate with it."

Miller told the crowd how Benner never sugarcoated anything.

"That's the only thing as a professional athlete, and anyone in any walk of life, you want to be told the truth," Miller said.

After Miller retired, they stayed in touch because of that personal relationship.

"When he came back, it was obviously very emotional because it was totally unexpected," Benner said. "That was extremely meaningful."

The two also shared a pregame routine. The superstitious Miller once took a drink from Benner before the game and had a good game. Soon it became a ritual that Benner had to take a drink to Miller. Benner said one time Miller made him wait until just before the game started to grab the drink, so Benner said he cussed him out. So they began to point fingers, exchange colorful language as well as a drink.

"It became our thing, our bonding experience," Miller said.

Before Benner joined the Pacers in 1994, he had been on the other side as a sportswriter for The Indianapolis Star. He was on the Pacers beat for eight seasons, starting in 1983, and built relationships with team officials.

Benner said he was blessed to work with some great general managers, starting with Donnie Walsh.

Benner enjoyed the quirkiness of Larry Brown and straightforwardness of Larry Bird.

"Contrary to what people might think Larry Bird was not difficult to deal with," Benner said. "You knew where he was coming from at all times."

This was the second time Benner has dealt with Rick Carlisle as head coach as Carlisle returned to coach in 2021.

"I want to thank David for everything he's done for me and others, it's been an epic run," Carlisle said.

Benner said Carlisle and others have helped make it an enjoyable run as well.

""I'd say 95 percent of the coaches, players and administrators have been easy to work with," Benner said. "They understand the media spotlight they are in; this is not a major media market. At the same time we are one of two major league franchises in the city that gets a lot of attention in good times and bad. When things are going good, everyone

loves you. If things go bad, it's a black eye on the market and it becomes amplified a little bit more in a smaller market because you are one of two biggies. That's something you have to understand. Over the years, I thought we got treated very fairly by the media and the fans."

Benner said the team obviously took its hits with some off-the-court incidents and the 2004 melee in Detroit where Pacers players Ron Artest and Stephen Jackson went into the stands after Artest was hit with a drink. Punches were thrown and suspensions followed.

"That's part of being in the spotlight," he said. "You have to look objectively because by and large, you got treated pretty fairly."

Benner was not with the team when the brawl in Detroit happened. But he watched on TV and made sure he was there at the airport to talk to the team, knowing there would be media there.

"I told them, 'don't talk to anybody and exit carefully," he said. "It was obvious the way it occurred there were going to be legal ramifications. It's the old saying, 'anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law."

As a former sportswriter, Benner understood the media's role better than many of his media relations counterparts, who didn't have that background.

'I've been blessed to have two jobs that are very enjoyable," Benner said. "I missed the writing and creativity part of it. I liked the day-to-day excitement of the sports department. It wasn't much different than this job; every day you don't know what was going to happen. That's what made it so interesting and rewarding."

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Franciscan Health sets the PACE for Senior Care

Open House – Franciscan Senior Health & Wellness is opening its doors to the public to see what its Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE) offers to patients. An open house at the PACE Center is slated Monday, June 20, noon to 4 p.m. Located at 8325 E. Southport Road, Suite 120, Indianapolis, the center's staff will explain how patients and their loved ones can benefit from the myriad services provided. The event,

which is free to attendees, includes activities and therapy demonstrations, information from local senior service providers and refreshments and giveaways. The center, which serves Johnson County and most of Marion County, offers adult day care services such as nursing; physical, occupational, and recreational therapies; meals; and socialization and personal care. Call (800) 931-3322 to let staff know if you plan to attend.

League of Women Voters Johnson County announce upcoming meetings

Education and Advocacy - The league of Women Voters of Johnson County (LWVJC) invites all the members of the community to the following presentations to learn about the League of Women Voters: Thursday, June 2, 6-7 p.m., John R Drybread Community Center, 100 E Main Cross St., Edinburgh; Monday, June 6, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Clark Pleasant branch Johnson County Public Library, 350 Clearwater Blvd and US 31, Whiteland. The LWV is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages

informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League's mission is to empower voters and defend democracy; therefore, it is committed to equity for all voters and the recognition that democracy is strengthened by the inclusion of diverse voices in the community. For more information, visit lwvin.org/johnson or email lwvjcin@gmail.com.

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DePauw University announces local graduates, dean's list recipients

Academic achievement - DePauw University recently recognized the students whose degrees were conferred upon them on May 22, 2022. Included from the Southside are: Samuel Sedgwick of Greenwood; Aaron Wills of Indianapolis; and Kayleigh Winter of Greenwood. Its dean's list recognizes students who achieve a semester grade point average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale. Included from the Southside are: Kathleen Ameis of Greenwood; Haley Burgh of Greenwood; Meadow Gray of Indianapolis; Samantha Loudermilk of Greenwood; Yasmin McClellan of Indianapolis; Abigail Resnick of Greenwood; Katrina Stanger of Greenwood; and Dane Young of Greenwood.

Southside students named to Belmont University spring dean's list

Academic Achievement - Local students achieved the dean's list at Belmont University for the Spring 2022 semester. Eligibility is based on a minimum course load of 12 hours and a grade point average of 3.5 with no grade below a C. Included are: Jaxon Mann of Greenwood, Wilson Smith of Greenwood, Krista Semones of Greenwood and Sydney Vaught of Greenwood.





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Carter's My Plumber family celebrates its selection as GIPHCC's Company of the Year. (Submitted photo)

Carter's My Plumber named Company of the Year in Indianapolis GIPHCC Awards

Business Recognition - The Greater Indianapolis Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Companies organization (GIPHCC) recently selected Carter's My Plumber as the Company of the Year. This prestigious award is bestowed upon a single contracting company each year. Specifically, it goes to a company that embodies the GIPHCC mission statement: "Protecting Public Health and Safety, Building Pride and Professionalism, and Providing Training and Education." Meanwhile, the organization's vision statement is to "promote success in the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Industries in Greater Indianapolis." The Company of the Year award is voted on by local peers, including both plumbing/HVAC companies as well as suppliers. Carter's My Plumber

- located at 886 N State Road 135, Suite A, Greenwood - was selected from a short list of several local contracting companies. Ultimately, Carter's rose to the top based on several factors: involvement within the GIPHCC, and advocacy for positive changes to include a more diverse group of businesses; commitment to community involvement and to supporting other businesses within the trade; investment in leadership training, both for their own employees and for other GIPHCC members; and reputation within the community for providing honest pricing, exemplary service, prompt response times, and highquality workmanship. For more information, call (317) 859-9999 or email info@ cartersmyplumber.com.

Greenwood's Veenhuizen receives Certificate of Distinction from Purdue Ag Alumni Association

Agriculture - Eight leaders from across the fields of agriculture were recognized with the Purdue Agricultural Alumni Association's highest honor - the Certificate of Distinction - during the Ag Alumni Fish Fry in April. The Certificate of Distinction is presented annually to professionals who have contributed to agriculture, forestry or natural resources through career accomplishments, organizational involvement, community service and other activities. Included, Michael A. Veenhuizen, of Greenwood, is president of Livestock Engineering Solutions Inc., earning a national reputation while providing site planning, design expertise and professional consultancy for all aspects of manure handling. Malcom DeKryger, president

and CEO of Belstra Milling Co. and Belstra Group Farms and a trustee of Purdue, said that in the more than two decades he has worked with Veenhuizen, his integrity about doing the right thing is one of the greatest compliments he could give. "A livestock producer is faced with many challenges on an annual/seasonal/daily basis. Mike's understanding of the crossroads between design, construction, operation and compliance prevented many problems and raised the professionalism of Indiana's producers," DeKryger said. "We always knew that if anyone questioned our design by Mike that he would stand alongside and defend our dreams with intelligence and integrity.

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Home Bank receives IBA's Commitment to Community Award

Bank Outreach - The Indiana Bankers Association honored Home Bank as the winner of its 2021 Commitment to Community Award for banks with assets under \$500 million. It presented the award at the IBA Mega Conference in Indianapolis on May 11. The Commitment to Community Award (C2C) showcases exceptional community bank outreach in Indiana and also includes a category to recognize banks of \$500 million or more in asset size. Home Bank has a branch at 1472 S. State Road 135, Greenwood. "Home Bank is blessed with a tremendous team of employees who are wholly committed to serving others, both inside and outside the walls of our organization," stated Lisa Arnold, Home Bank President and CEO. "This award reflects their generous hearts and giving spirits. On behalf of our board and senior management team, we could not be more proud of them and all that they do."

Greenwood VFW 5864 is recipient of Silver Award

Communications - The Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) has announced the winners of the 2022 National Publications Contest. More than five years ago, the contest changed significantly to encourage more participation. This created two new categories: Best Magazine and Best Feature Article. Two non-VFW-affiliated journalism professionals served as judges for the competition. This is designed to guarantee impartiality and objectivity in the judging. The winning publications include: B District/Post Publications - Large Frequency (printed 5+ times per year) - Silver Award: Greenwood VFW Post 5864 Newsletter -- Steve Milbourn, Editor - Dept. of Indiana. This award is the fifth in six years. The Post has been awarded two first-place awards and three second-place awards during this time period.

Local students receive Franklin College art awards

Annual Reception - The Franklin College Art Department presented awards at the annual reception of the spring semester student art exhibit on Wednesday, May 4. Students from all levels of studio art classes displayed a selection of their work completed during the spring semester. Students who received awards include: Haven Tunin, of Greenwood, received an Award of Excellence in advanced ceramics; Addie Csikos, of Greenwood, received an Award of Merit in design IV; Caitlyn Moore, of Greenwood, received an Honorable Mention in fine art photo.

Nancy Bryant named to UM Dean's Honor Roll

Academics - Nancy Bryant, of Greenwood, was named to the University of Mississippi's Spring 2022 Honor Roll lists. Bryant, majoring in criminal justice, was named to the Dean's Honor Roll, which is reserved for students who earn a semester GPA of 3.50-3.74. In order to be eligible for honor roll designation, a student must have completed at least 12 graded hours for the semester and may not be on academic probation during the semester.

Greenwood students graduate Campbellsville University

Graduates - Dr. Joseph Hopkins, the 12th president of Campbellsville University, presided over his first commencement asking the 1,593 students who were receiving their degrees "Who's on your journey?" May 6 and 7 in Powell Athletic Center, Local students who graduated from Campbellsville University are: Satya Sainath Reddy Bonthu and Braxton Shain Gentry, both of Greenwood. For more information, visit campbells ville.edu.





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Brown retires from Roncalli Media Network

By Roncalli High School

Roncalli High School recently celebrated the career of Rob Brown as he retires from the Roncalli Media Network (RMN). Brown serves as the primary broadcast voice for the school's sports teams, calling the play-by-play for all football, boys and girls basketball games, as well as many other sports. He completed his 878th broadcast on May 12. He started as Roncalli's basketball play-by-play announcer, for girls and boys teams, in November 2007 and added football play-by-play starting with the 2011 season. Brown then extended his broadcasting to all athletic seasons in 2016.

"I've had the good fortune to call three state championships and countless other memorable games over the last 15 seasons," Brown said. "It has been a great run." As Roncalli's sports information director, he was responsible for producing media guides and game notes for the football and boys and girls basketball programs. He also handled media releases for the athletic department, as well as assisting with sports content in school publications and website.

Prior to his career at Roncalli, Brown spent 10 seasons working in professional

basketball. After seven seasons on the air calling games for the CBA's Fort Wayne Fury (with the last five as the play-by-play announcer), Brown spent three seasons working in the media relations department of the NBA's Los Angeles Clippers. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in English in 1992 from Miami University, where he got his start in sports radio, and then earned a Master of Science in television-radio-film from Syracuse University the following year.

Brown, a born and raised Southsider, owns a financial services business in Greenwood. He and his wife, Rachel have a son, Sam (a Roncalli graduate of 2017), and a daughter, Lillian (Roncalli graduate of 2020). Moving forward, Brown plans on enjoying some free time and traveling with his wife. "Rob has given an entire generation of Roncalli athletes an audio history of their athletic careers that will last a lifetime. That is something they can share with their children and grandchildren. His voice and presence at Royals' games will be greatly missed not only by our community but by all the friends he has made from other schools all over the area," said Gary Armbruster, R'81, past Roncalli director of corporate relations for



Rob Brown (right), with his wife, Rachel. (Photo courtesy of Roncalli High School)

14 years and present director of campus grounds.

Athletic Director, David Lauck, R'94, said, "This is tough for me to put into words just how much Rob Brown and his wife, Rachel have meant to the Roncalli community. It's safe to say when people think of Roncalli Athletics, they think of Rob Brown. He has captured some of the greatest RHS athletic moments over the

years in a split second, and these moments have been life-changing events for hundreds of our student athletes and their families. And he captured them in a split second just remarkable! I know what will mean the most to Rob and Rachel will be the relationships they've developed over the years and thankfully, those will never go away.



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(Left) Old City Park in Greenwood is a unique experience with plenty of climbing opportunities. | (Right) Goats and other animals can often be spotted while walking the trail around Independence Park. (Photos by Nicole Davis)

Entertainment all summer long

Ideas of ways to spend time this summer without leaving Johnson County

Compiled by Nicole Davis

The kids are out of school. The weather has gotten warm. Gas prices are soaring past \$4.50 a gallon. So what's there to do without traveling far? Plenty! It's often so easy to overlook the great treasures we have in our own backyards. Here, we share some ideas of ways to spend your summer without even venturing out of Johnson County.

See a play: Creative Grounds Fine Arts Academy will host Disney's High School Musical Jr. from June 9 to 12. Watch as talented youth put on quite the show! Learn more at onthestage.tickets/creative-grounds-finearts-academy-inc Make a splash: There's a great splash pad for the little ones at City Center Park. Freedom Springs Aquatics Park is officially open for the 2022 season! Enjoy a day at the park or watch out for one of the many special events, such as the Adult Night on June 17. See more at facebook.com/freedomsprings. greenwoodin

A day at the park: Center Grove is fortunate to have access to so many beautiful parks in such a short driving distance. Greenwood alone has 17 parks with everything from playgrounds to green space. Bargersville has four. Enjoy everything from walking paths to splash pads. Enjoy story walks and even keep an eye out for goats and chickens

at a neighboring property to Independence Park!

Seek out some fresh, local produce: From in-season crops to the wavering smell of kettle corn or handmade soaps, our local farmers markets have plenty to offer. Bonus, if you have children, it's often a great educational and fun experience for them as well. Support small, local vendors at the Greenwood and Bargersville farmers markets. Bargersville opened for the season on June 1 and continues through September, every Wednesday from 5 - 8 p.m. Greenwood Farmers Market is open Saturdays from 8 to noon.

Head to the library: The Explore Summer program is a wonderful opportunity

to inspire children to read more. The free resources the Johnson County Public Library has to offer are wonderful, and the library offers more than many people realize. Not a fan of books? Not a problem. Stream movies, join classes for all interests, or get an Experience Pass which can get you free entry into places such as the Eiteljorg Museum in downtown Indianapolis, Freedom Springs, Indianapolis Motor Speedway Museum and more!

Test your artistic talent: Not a fan of the heat? Cool off indoors at local art studios. uPaint Pottery off Smith Valley Road offers paint-your-own pottery year round, along with special classes throughout the month.

Roncalli names Wantz as new assistant principal

By Roncalli High School

Roncalli High School announced that Michael Wantz has been named the school's new assistant principal for Student Life, replacing John Hasty, who was recently named the new principal at Bishop Chatard High School. As a result of his new role, Wantz resigned his position as Roncalli's head boys' basketball coach.

The assistant principal for Student Life is accountable for the ongoing development, improvement and administration of the school's student activities. In his new role, Wantz will advance the mission of Roncalli High School by enhancing those areas that complement the students' daily academic experience. The work of the assistant principal for Student Life is highly collaborative in nature, requiring positive interactions with

faculty, students, parents and fellow administrators.

"I am excited about this new challenge and am looking forward to serving the great students of Roncalli," said Wantz.

In 20 seasons as Roncalli's head boys' basketball coach, Wantz posted a 271-175 record. He is the program's all-time leader in both wins (271) and games coached (446). He led the program to its only four sectional titles – 2005, 2006, 2009 and 2011 – and his 2004-05 team won a regional title and advanced to the Class 3A Final Four. His 2006-07 team won a program-record 20 games, finishing with a 20-2 mark. In 53 seasons of Roncalli basketball, the program has won 577 games. Wantz, in his 20 seasons at the helm, is responsible for 47 percent of those wins. He had 14 winning seasons at Roncalli, and the seven-best single-season win totals

in program history all came during Wantz's 20-year tenure.

"Michael is a fierce competitor and has been a passionate leader of our basketball program for the past 20 years," said Roncalli Principal Kevin Banich. "We are thrilled that he will be able to expand his team huddle from one program to a student body of over 1,000. He has the energy and heart to ensure that our kids are well connected, cared for and supported during their journey through Roncalli."

Roncalli is accepting letters of application for the boys' basketball head coaching position. Applicants may send their resume and cover letter to Roncalli Principal, Kevin Banich, and Athletic Director, David Lauck. Roncalli kicks off its 54th boys' basketball season in November.



Michael Wantz, new assistant principal for Student Life at Roncalli. (Photo courtesy of Roncalli High School)

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Center Grove High School seniors earn college degrees, certificates

Graduation - Center Grove High School (CGHS) honored 119 seniors for earning college degrees or certificates through the school's Early College (EC) program during a ceremony on Thursday, May 19. Through the EC program, students can take courses that earn credit toward both high school and college at the same time. Center Grove High School's commencement ceremony is scheduled for Sunday, June 5 at 1 p.m. in the CGHS Ray Skillman Football Stadium. Forty-three EC seniors will receive an associate degree in General Studies from Vincennes University, along with their high school diploma. Thirty-one of those seniors have earned college

honors. Seventy-six students will receive a 30-hour Indiana College Core certificate, which means they have met all requirements for general education courses at all state universities in Indiana. Every member of this year's class of 125 earned more than 15 college credits. In total, this year's EC seniors earned 6,543 college credit hours, which is a savings of approximately \$1,072,659 in college tuition. The Early College program is open to all CGHS students. Students are selected for the program based on their reading level, grades, and recommendations. The program admits approximately 110 students per year.



Thirty-six seniors were awarded white coats during a ceremony on May 18. The students earned the honor by completing four years of Project Lead the Way Biomedical Science courses. The Project Lead the Way Biomedical Science sequence allows students to investigate the roles of biomedical professionals as they study the concepts of human medicine, physiology, genetics, microbiology, and public health.

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Antiques and Rummage Sale • The Franklin Township Historical Society's "Antiques & Rummage Sale" is returning! Donation items may be dropped off at the Civic League on Friday, June 3 from noon to 6 p.m. Tax-deduction receipts will be available if desired; no clothing will be accepted, unless it is something of unusual antique or vintage status. | When: June 4, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. | Where: Franklin Township Civic League building at 8822 Southeastern Ave., Indianapolis. | Info: FranklinTownshipHistory@gmail.com, facebook.com/FranklinTownshipHistoricalSociety

Bonsai Show • Join the Indianapolis Bonsai Club as they showcase unique bonsai specimens throughout the Conservatory. Club members will

be available to answer questions and vendors will have items for sale. | When: June 4, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and June 5, 1 - 5 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Conservatory

Mud Day 2022 • Ever wish when you were a kid that you were allowed to play in the mud?? Well, bring your littles ages 2-10 out to Freedom Park and play in the mud! Admission is free! Monetary donations are welcomed to benefit the Parks Foundation. Come out, get messy and have some fun with the Greenwood Parks and the Greenwood Fire Department as we mud up some ground and dive in! | When: June 3, 10 - 11 a.m. or 12 - 1 p.m. | Where: Freedom Park, 515 Valley Oaks Road, Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/greenwoodparks

Greenwood Pride Festival • The Greenwood Indiana Pride, INC will host this festival which includes food trucks, vendors, a Kids Kamp, and entertainment featuring Love Connie & Ms. Philly and many more. The Greenwood Indiana Pride, INC, is a nonprofit organization that plans programs like the

Greenwood Pride Festival and offers support to other local organizations that are LGBTQIA- friendly and promotes inclusivity in the community. | When: June 4, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. | Where: Woodmen Park, 720 Ashmore Dr., Greenwood, | Info: GreenwoodIndianaPride.com

2022 Greenwood Summer Concert Series • Johnson Memorial Health presents Greenwood Parks & Recreation's Free Summer Concert Series! The Amphitheater has been remade and is waiting to rock with you this summer!!! Kicking off the season is Blur River Band. | When: June 4, 7 - 9 p.m. | Where: Surina Park Ampitheter, Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/greenwoodparks

Greenwood Woodman Toastmasters Club Open House • Join this free event to learn more about Greenwood Woodman Toastmasters. The group meets every Thursdays. | When: June 9, 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. | Where: Baxter YMCA, 7900 Shelby St., Indianapolis. | Info: greenwoodwoodman.toastmaster-sclubs.org

"A Chain of Quilts" • This quilt show will be presented by: The Quilt Connection Guild of Greenwood. Admission is \$8. More than 200 quilts will be on display along with demonstrations, refreshments, handmade goods, vendors and lots of fun. | When: June 10, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and June 11, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. | Where: Greenwood United Methodist Church, 525 N. Madison Ave., Greenwood. | Info: Call Chr. Joann Gates at (317) 966-0933 or email gatesja@att.net

15th Annual Golf Tournament • Funds raised support military, local veteran relief funds and other local charity programs. Cost is \$280 per foursome or \$70 per person. The price includes green fees, cart, unlimited beverages on the course, a buffet with hamburgers / bratwurst, baked beans, potato salad, chips, and of course various beverages at the VFW after the tournament. | When: June 11, 7:30 a.m. checkin, 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. | Where: Valle Vista Golf Course, 755 E. Main St., Greenwood. | Info: greenwoodvfw.com

SPOTLIGHT

One-Artist-Show: Connie Wininger

A One-Artist-Show by Hoosier Artist Connie Wininger at the Southside Art League (SALI) Off Broadway Gallery in June. The featured artist will exhibit a collection of expressive acrylic paintings and drawings. Wininger attended Franklin College where she received a degree in Art Education. She taught art in Perry Meridian High School, Perry Meridian Middle School and was a librarian at Glenns Valley Elementary School. She is a mother of two and grandmother of four. While teaching and raising children, she found little time to create her own



"Susan and Ron." (Art by Connie Wininger)

art. After retiring she began devoting time to painting and drawing. She identifies with the artist Grandma Moses who is considered a primitive artist who began her career late in life. She also was influenced by artist like Vincent Can Gogh who stress the mood and emotional feeling of a picture. She started using Acrylic paints in college and continues to explore their versatility. Her favorite subjects are people and animals, often using her family and pets as models. She has recently began showing her work in local art shows at the Southside Art League, Greenwood Library and the Art Sanctuary in Martinsville. Artwork will be displayed from June 1 - 30 at SALI, 299 E. Broadway St., Greenwood during regular hours Wednesday through Saturday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Come meet the artist Connie Wininger at the SALI Open House, Sunday June 5, 3-5 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

AN OPTION

Johnson's BBQ Shack Greenwood

Summer fun is officially here upcoming weddings, Father's Day and Fourth of July picnics. This summer, spend less time on the grill or in the kitchen, and let Johnson's BBQ Shack do the work. Whether you're in the mood for a low-key lunch or dinner inside or on the patio with live entertainment, choose to carry out, visit their food truck or want to place a catering order, there are plenty of options for every party

size and budget. Sandwich combos feature the Pit Master Special (pulled pork with slaw on top) and a side and drink, while dinner may include a three-meat sampler or a half rack of ribs. A few of the sides include baked mac and cheese, mustard potato salad and BBQ baked beans. "The ribs fell off the bone and the brisket was amazing," stated a Face-



The complete spread for your summer barbecue is just an order away. (Photo courtesy of Johnson's BBQ Shack Greenwood)

book review. "The craft sodas (from Handcrafted Beverages) really set them apart, absolutely delicious," according to another.

HOURS: Sunday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Address: 100 Byrd Way, Greenwood. For more information, go to johnsonsbbqshack.com or call 317-360-9900.

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- 26 Prima donnas
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This summer treat's a sure bet

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

Who doesn't like a good ice cream cone during

summer? Lactose intolerant people. Intolerance aside, I want everyone to be able to stomach this column, so I'll do my best to steer clear of Bessie.

Today I'm tackling the words sherbet, sherbert and sorbet.

First of all, what is sorbet? Sorbet is a frozen dessert made from frozen water and juice. That's it. No dairy. And it's pronounced the way you would talk about the Chesapeake Bay if someone punched it over and over: sore-bay. The word sorbet is derived from the Arabic verb "sariba" (to drink). Interestingly, we also get the words sherbet/sherbert and syrup from sariba.

I know I promised to avoid dairy in this column, but we have to discuss sherbet, which is basically all the coldness of ice cream without any of the taste. Yes, sherbet does contain milk. Start with a pureed base of fruit and sugar, add some cream or milk, and then freeze. However, make sure that your frozen concoction contains between 1 and 2% dairy fat, or it can't be considered sherbet.

I don't know about you, but I grew up calling sherbet "sherbert." As in, "Sure, Burt ol' buddy, I will go to the park to feed pigeons with you." As I evolved from Bookish Boy into Grammar Guy, I just knew that "sherbert" was incorrect and that "sherbet" (pronounced sher-bit) was correct.

They're both technically correct.
I told you I didn't want to be intolerant

(lactose or otherwise) today. Yes, both spellings and pronunciations of sherbet and sherbert are correct. Although "sherbet" is the overwhelmingly more common spelling, both spellings came about when the word was adapted into English around the early 17th century. "Sherbet" (the spelling and the pronunciation) is much more common. Although the Oxford English Dictionary considers "sherbert" a misspelling of "sherbet," I side with the U.S.-based people at Merriam-Webster who see "sherbert" as a lesser-used variant of "sherbet."

Don't snooze on popular culture to throw a wrench into things, though: remember the 1939 Tommy Dorsey hit "Shoot the Sherbert to Me Herbert"? This late-30's earworm used "sherbert" to rhyme with "Herbert." This song was undoubtedly inspired by the late-20's jazz rag "I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream for Ice Cream." The lyrics even nod to the lactose-heavy song that drove the youngsters mad in the 1920s. I think the "sherbert" pronunciation owes at least some of its lesserused popularity to this song.

So, whatever your flavor this summer, make sure to go easy on people who say "sherbert," as they aren't technically wrong.



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