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(Cover) Trojans quarterback Tayven Jackson looks at the sideline during pregame warmup. | (Above) Trojans senior quarterback Tayven Jackson (center) breaks through the banner as the Trojans take the field for the Class 6A State Championship. (Photos by Jacob Musselman)

# BACK2BACK

## The Trojans have done it again

### COVER STORY

By Jacob Musselman

The Trojans did it again. In the rematch of the 2020 championship game, the Trojans came out on top in a nail-biter 27-21 win over Westfield. The matchup was a repeat of last year, where the Trojans won 38-14.

On the first drive, the Trojans were able to make a defensive stop which gave them an opportunity to score, which they acted on but missed the field goal. Afterward Westfield was able to capitalize on their drive. The second quarter is where the Trojans took the lead with a two-yard rushing touchdown from senior defensive end Caden Curry and 30 yard pass from senior quarterback Tayven Jackson to senior wide receiver Harrison Stomps across the middle and down the sideline.

The Trojans final score came in the third quarter after junior running back Micah Coyle took a five yard rush into the end zone. The bigger story of the night was both sides' defense. One sack and one turnover were the moments that were able to help the Trojans gain momentum.

"Coming into this game, we knew that offense was gonna have us mapped out," Curry said after the game. "They knew every little weakness in our offense and all the little things that can get yards for them. They took everything they could get. We knew we had to keep fighting and have one or two turnovers and that our offense would keep moving and we could just fight until the end."

The entire game was a back-and-forth between the Trojans and Shamrocks but it all came down to one play late in the fourth quarter. Westfield quarterback Maximus Webster drops back for a pass and just after he releases, junior linebacker Owen Bright, who up until this year was a running back, made a game-winning interception, sealing the game for the Trojans.

"They had thrown a couple of the same routes over and over inside of me all night

and I figured this is the biggest play of the season right here," Bright said after the game. "It's win or lose right here so I figured they'd go back to it so I scooted over a little inside and saw the ball come my way, I practiced catching those balls all the time."

Bright also assisted six total tackles, one sack and two force fumbles.

"You don't win state championships unless you have good quarterbacks and great defenses, the offense and the quarterback controls the game but defense wins championships and our defense has been unbelievable all season long, 28 straight games," head coach Eric Moore said.

Other notable stat lines were senior safety Mitchell Evans adding eight total tackles. On offense, Coyle led the Trojans with 79 rushing yards and one touchdown, Jackson threw for 152 yards and one touchdown and Trojans

kicker Nolan Foley made three of four extra points.

This game marked the 28th-consecutive win for Center Grove. Being able to extend their streak gave the Trojan seniors a happy final sendoff.

After the game Moore spoke about the game over the intercom at the stadium.

"Tonight was a great high school football game played by two great communities and two great high schools," Moore said. "Westfield played so hard and did a good job as anybody has in two years of playing us. All the credit to them. Jay Gilbert [Westfield] is a fine high school football coach and their kids competed like champions like tonight."

After winning state last year, Moore ran into health problems stemming from surgery prep of a knee surgery he scheduled. During a surgery in which one of his kidneys was removed, tumors were found on his bladder. After being given the all-clear in July Moore was able to come back for another year.

"I lost more kidneys than I did football games but I'm ready to roll," Moore said.

*"You don't win state championships unless you have good quarterbacks and great defenses ..."*

— ERIC MOORE



The Center Grove Trojans hoist the Class 6A state championship trophy after beating the Westfield Shamrocks 27-21 Nov. 27, 2021, at Lucas Oil Stadium. (Photo by Jacob Musselman)

## Center Grove investigating photos of student in blackface

By Jacob Musselman

Center Grove High School is investigating multiple social media posts, which have gone viral on various community Facebook groups, of what looks to be a member of its football team in blackface, who is allegedly mocking a Black player on another team.

The photos being investigated show a student wearing a Center Grove football jersey with the number covered up by the bus seat and Center Grove winter hat with his face covered in what looks like eye black, a common thing for football players under their eyes during games that helps with the reflection from stadium lights. In the photo, the student's entire face is cov-

ered in the eye black. The photos in question appear to have been taken on the bus after the Class 6A state championship on Saturday night.

Jeffrey Henderson, principal of Center Grove High School, shared a statement saying, "CGHS administrators are aware of an inappropriate post on social media. They are investigating the situation and are taking steps to address it through the athletic department, coaching staff, and student discipline policy. This student's actions do not represent the values of our athletic program, high school, or school community."

This story will be updated once more information becomes available. Check mycgicon.com for updates.



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## Trojans defeat Shamrocks in a close state championship game

By Jacob Musselman

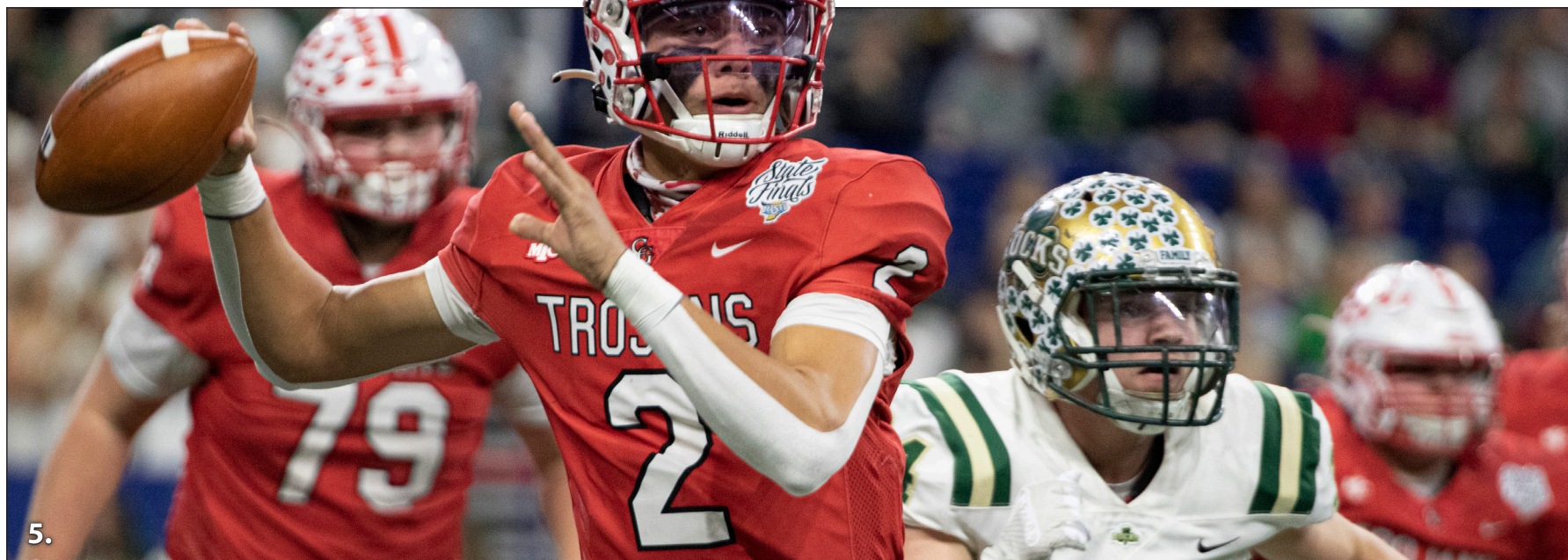
Center Grove has now won back-to-back state championships. Check out photos of their win against Westfield.



1. Senior defensive end Caden Curry celebrates a defensive stop during the first quarter. 2. Trojans junior running back Drew Wheat gets tackled into the sideline during the first quarter. 3. Trojans senior wide receiver Harrison Stomps looks to get tackled by Shamrocks cornerback Trevon Hatchett during the second quarter. 4. Trojans senior running back Brandon Wheat runs the ball to the sideline during the second quarter. (Photos by Jacob Musselman)

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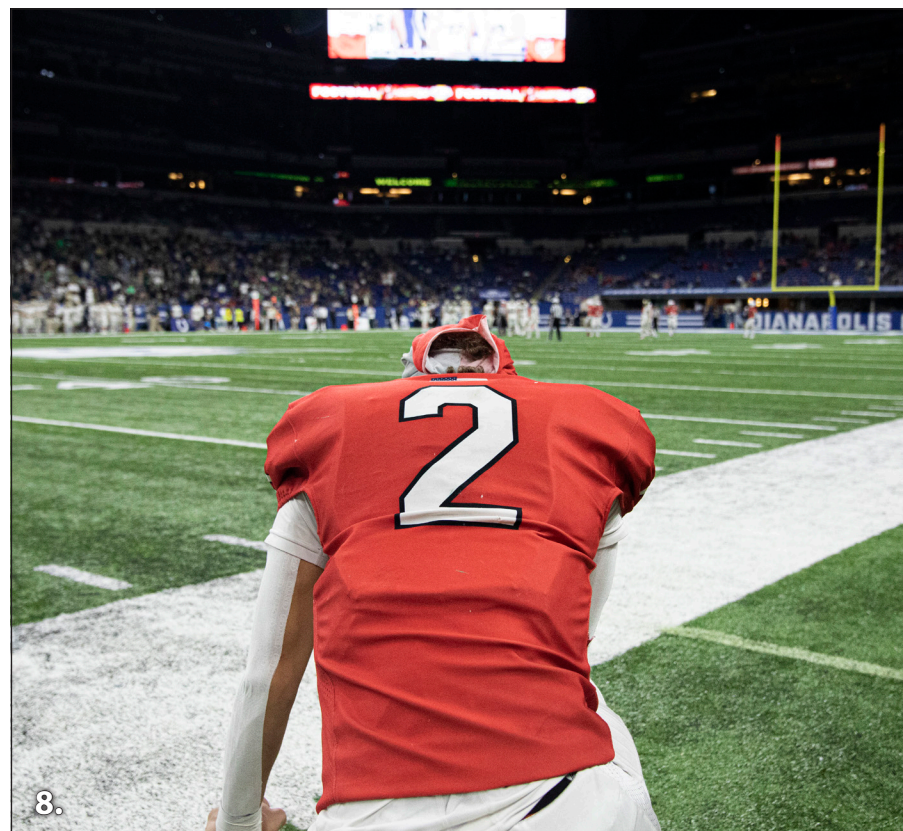
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5. Trojans senior quarterback Tayven Jackson throws on the run during the second quarter. 6. Trojans junior running back Micah Coyle celebrates scoring a touchdown during the second quarter. 7. Trojans senior defensive end James Schott squirts water into his mouth during an offensive possession in the third quarter. 8. Trojans senior quarterback Tayven Jackson kneels during the fourth quarter. (Photos by Jacob Musselman)



# 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?

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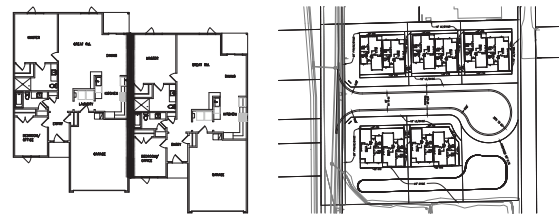
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### Bargersville looks to update its 5 year Parks and Recreation Master Plan

**Parks** - Every five years, the Town of Bargsville updates its parks and recreation master plan to help keep the parks in town updated as well as receive feedback from guests. Open until Dec. 22, a survey put out by the Town of Bargsville, is asking residents their thoughts and opinions on the parks and activities in Bargsville. The survey also gives residents an opportunity to create a six-item "wishlist" of things they think the town needs. From a nature center to pickleball courts, to indoor or outdoor volleyball courts, residents can add up to six items of their choosing to be considered for the next five years. The survey takes around ten minutes and can be accessed through a Facebook post made from the Town of Bargsville's page.

### Bargsville calls for bids for the CR 144 and Saddle Club path project

**Project** - The town of Bargsville is looking for bids on a project that will include a new shared path on the east side of County Road 144 from North Street connecting an existing walking path north of Schoolhouse Lane and Saddle Club Road. The applications are due Dec. 10 at 10 a.m. The bidder to whom a contract for work is awarded will be required to furnish a Performance and Payment Bond executed on the specified forms and acceptable to the Town, in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract.

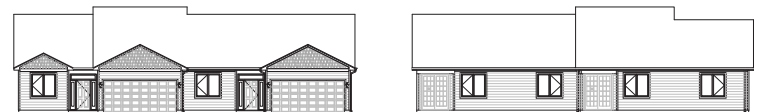


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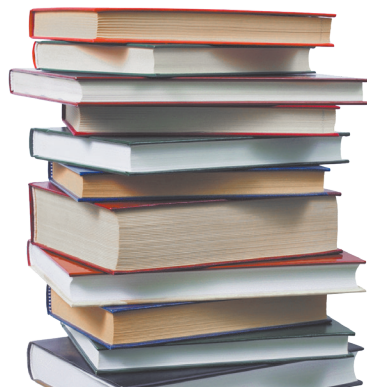
## Roncalli students service hour deadline

**Student service** - Roncalli students have until next week to submit all community service hours into their app and supervisors. The first-semester requirement is 18 hours for all grades. Service hours count for 10% of the student's semester grade in their theology class. All hours logged and verified since the beginning of the summer break will count toward the semester one requirement. Students should check their service logs and if their entry is more than a week old without verification, please have them check the email of the supervisor as sometimes this is entered incorrectly by the student and the supervisor never receives the verification email.

**Monday, Dec. 6** - All service hours must be logged into MobileServe.

**Friday, Dec. 10** - All service hours must be verified by the adult supervisors.

Students are encouraged to add photos and get signatures on MobileServe while on-site at the service hours.



Senior defensive end Caden Curry looks to sack Decatur Central junior quarterback Aycen Stevens Aug. 27, 2021, at Center Grove High School. (Photo by Jacob Musselman)

## A look back at Center Grove's season

By Jacob Musselman

Throughout the season, the Center Grove Trojans have been tested time and time again and have always prevailed. From defending their state championship to the same team they beat last year, to

playing another undefeated Indianapolis team in Cathedral High School, which was one of the biggest high school football games in the state this season. From their first pregame scrimmage, the Trojans have shown promise in all aspects of the game. From a quarterback in Tayven

Jackson who, according to MaxPreps threw for over a career-high 1,800 yards. The defense also didn't let up either with standout senior Caden Curry who in addition to scoring five touchdowns, also finished the regular season with seven sacks and 65 total tackles.



Senior quarterback Tayven Jackson breaks out of the pocket during a preseason official IHSAA scrimmage against the Avon Orioles Aug. 13, 2021, at Center Grove High School.

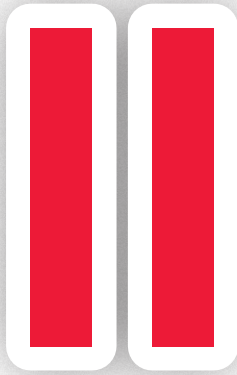


The Center Grove Trojans get ready to run onto the field during the pregame ceremony Oct. 8, 2021, at Center Grove High School.



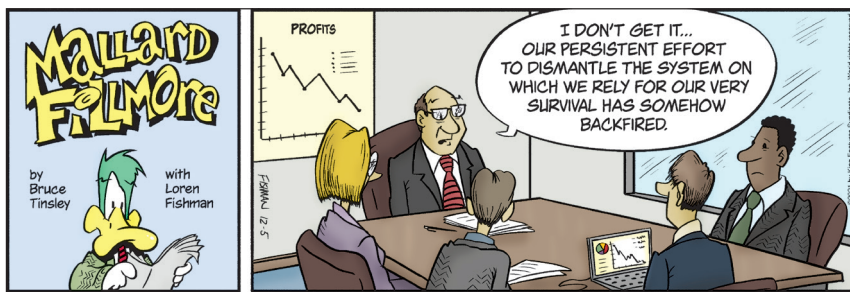
Trojans senior quarterback Tayven Jackson and senior defensive end Caden Curry celebrate scoring the game-winning touchdown against Cathedral Oct. 15, 2021, at Arlington Middle School.

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Two is the number of state championships Center Grove has won consecutively. After bring runner-ups in 2019, the Trojans didn't let the pandemic stop them and went on to win class 6A in 2020, followed up by a win last Saturday night at Lucas Oil Stadium against Westfield

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Roncalli announces new principal

**Principal** - Chuck Weisenbach announced on Tuesday that Kevin Banich, who has served as the school's interim principal since July 1, 2021, has officially been named Principal, effective immediately. He has become the sixth principal in the school's 53 years of existence. President Weisenbach commented, "Kevin has served our school in exemplary fashion since taking on the interim role this past summer. He received high praise for his work to date when I sought feedback from our parents, faculty, staff and administration. We are fortunate to have such a dynamic leader whose passion for Catholic education and young people is evident on a daily basis. Roncalli will be well served under his leadership." Banich is currently in his ninth year at the school and prior to being named interim principal had served in the roles of teacher, Assistant Principal for Student Life, and assistant coach in the football and track and field programs. Reflecting on his being named principal, he remarked, "It is an honor to serve Roncalli in this role and continue to move our school forward with its high standards of excellence. I am blessed to have this opportunity to lead an outstanding school that has been



Banich. (Photo provided by Roncalli High School)

built on tradition, focused on a mission, and filled with exceptional people from all walks of life." Check out the next issue of The Southside Times and Center Grove Icon for a full story on Principal Banich.



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**Kid City Christmas** • This event will be filled with holiday fun including a train ride through the Amphitheater Lighted Trail Powered by Duke Energy. Selfies with Santa will also be available. | When: Dec. 4, starting at a to-be-determined time. | Where: To-be-decided | Info: greenwood.in.gov

**The Social of Greenwood Holiday Craft and Gift show** • A Greenwood tradition, the 150 vendor booth showcase brings homemade gifts, decor, women's and children's boutiques, baked goods, jewelry, makeup and more. | When: Dec. 5, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Community High School 615 Smith Valley Road | Info: thesocialofgreenwood.org

**The Lighted Trail** • Take a stroll through the Amphitheater Park and take in the holiday lights! Get a festive selfie and maybe just make it a new holiday tradition to enjoy Parks! The lights will be on from dusk till dawn. The trail features 85 trees

of lights, 14 standing figures, 5 arches, 12 arch candy cane tunnels, 3,600 lights on the bridge, with 40,840 lights in total. | When: Starting Dec. 4 all night. | Where: Greenwood Community Center 100 Surina Way. | Info: greenwood.in.gov

**Studio You Yoga & Wine** • Do some yoga and drink some wine. | When: Dec. 8, starting at 6:30 p.m. | Where: The Sycamore at Mallow Run, 7070 W. Whiteland Rd., Bargersville. | Info: mallowrun.com

**Breakfast with Santa** • Santa Claus is a big fan of Greenwood. Every year, the jolly gift-giver makes

time for an appearance. Children 1 year and under are free. This year's breakfast will be at the Greenwood Community Center. | When: Dec. 11, starting at 9 a.m. | Where: Greenwood Community Center 100 Surina Way. | Info: greenwood.in.gov

**Pancakes with Santa** • Santa is making a special stop at The Sycamore. Kids of all ages are invited to join for a breakfast followed by photos with Santa. | When: Dec. 18, starting at 9 a.m. | Where: The Sycamore at Mallow Run, 7070 W. Whiteland Rd., Bargersville. | Info: mallowrun.com

## SPOTLIGHT



Dianna Porter poses for a photo outside of Portal Unlimited in Bargersville. (Photo by Jacob Musselman)

### Portal Unlimited hosts open studio classes

Do you or a loved one want to get better at painting this Holiday season? Come to a \$20 open studio class at Portal Unlimited in Bargersville, just off the main drag. Every Tuesday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. At the open studio each student brings their own project and supplies. During the classes, students work independently and can be helped with any particular project they are currently working on. Critiques will be constructive and an occasional class demonstration will be put on. Various mediums are available including watercolors to oils and anything in between. Interested artists can email dporter46@att.net to sign up for a class.

## AN OPTION



Ginger and Joe Miller pose for a photo at their fireplace inside Our Table Oct. 28, 2021, at their restaurant in Bargersville. The Millers want their restaurant to be a place that people can start coming to regularly for family gatherings or just on their lunch break. (Photo by Jacob Musselman)

### Our Table has officially opened in Bargersville

In a recent edition of The Center Grove ICON, we highlighted a local business set to open and they have finally opened their doors for the Indianapolis community. Our Table has two chefs in Joe and Tanya, who, according to their website, have crafted every menu item from scratch while using the best ingredients.

Their menu features a variety of items such as artisan flatbreads as well as salmon filets and lasagna. Some menu items even have the best wine pairings to drink with your dish.

Our Table is located at 5080 IN-135 in Bargersville and is open Tuesday through Thursday from 5-10 p.m. and Friday and Saturday from 5-10 p.m. and closed on Sunday and Monday.

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- Fancy necktie
- Make fizzy
- Long-time "Jeopardy!" host Trebek
- GOP org.
- Addict's program, for short
- Part of MPH
- GPS suggestion
- "Back in the \_\_\_\_"
- DIY mover
- HS equivalency exam
- Hoosier Park feedbag bit
- Neb. neighbor
- Twosome
- Soph. and Jr. at CGHS
- Former Pacer: \_\_\_\_ Scott
- Fish eggs
- Dixie pronoun
- Baby goat
- Pie \_\_\_\_ mode
- Early automaker
- Gold measures
- Roil
- Aruba or Cuba
- Butler frat letter
- Ex-Mrs. Trump
- Colt's West Coast foe, briefly
- Chilling
- Milk dispenser
- React in horror
- Big party
- Ruckus
- "It \_\_\_\_ to Be You"
- Mine yield

See **Answers** on page 14.

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## ICONic briefs



The spelling team poses for a photo with their coaches. (Photo provided by Center Grove Schools)

### North Grove Elementary brings home top district honors

**Spelling** - The Spelling team at North Grove Elementary School, coached by Allison Hite and Allison Harris, brought home top district honors in the 2021 Indiana Academic Spell Bowl. The virtual spelling competition was held on Nov. 15, with the team finishing first among other Center Grove elementary schools and placing 19th in its class.



The students inducted into NHS pose for a photo in the auditorium. (Photo provided by Roncalli High School)

### See the list of Roncalli students inducted into the National Honor Society

Emma Agresta, Emma Halter, Ainsley Newett, Sophia Albertson, John Hammerschmitt, Veronica Nnatubeugo, Anne Ameis, Michael Hegwood, Daniel O'Connor, Christian Ampil, Alexander Hill, Kylie Perkin, Christopher Azar, Alivia Hill, Claire Pittman, Nicolette Balazs, Elizabeth Hovanec, Vincent Prendergast, Allyson Biltz, Matthew Hurtle, Audrey Rearick, Julia Blandford, Madison Huth, Sofia Reutebuch, Celia Boring, Lylian Iman, Nathan Riley, Clair Brizendine, Grayden Jones, Jack Rittenhouse, Annemarie Bryans, Caroline Kauffeld, Lucy Roesener, Adelle Burkhardt, Katherine Kesterson, Sophia Saran, Tori Candler, Man Kiim, Abigail Scheil, Kathleen Cleary, Ian Knight, Charles Schoettle, Gabriella Conjelko, Cecilia Kramer, Samuel Secrest, Nicholas Conjelko, Bryce LaMarca, Samuel Sering, Braeden Cooper, Christo-

pher Lara, Thomas Sherman, Aidan Curtis, Dominic LaRouche, Dean Shock, Leonardo Da Silva, Aidan Leffler, Olivia Sigler, Erica Eads, Catherine Lehner, Emily Smith, Jean-Luc Euzen, Justin Lewis, Amanda Sorenson, Ronan Euzen, Sarah Lezon, Noah Spangler, Gabriella Evans, Isabelle Littell, Clare Spencer, Katherine Evans, Kyle Lockard, Dillon Stahl, Allison Feltz, Kathryn Madriz, Jack Stonecipher, Angelina Fisher, Dalena Matthews, Paige Tucker, Ashley Flick, Ella McCalip, Lauren Turk, Michael Gallagher, Megan McNulty, Seth Tyler, Katrina Gangstad, Tabitha Meinerding, Lily Vaught, Gina Garcia, Sara Mescall, Emma Wagner, Ashleigh Geier, Taylor Meyers, Alexandra Walesky, Kody Glithero, Joseph Milto, Samuel Wallem, Caden Gore, Benjamin Minton, Xavier Wilson, Emily Gramman, Alexander Moll, Lili'uokalani Wisler, Kaylynn Green, Olivia Murphy, Noah Witmer, Lucas Griffin, Ann Nelson, Cara Wlodarczyk, Catherine Guilfooy, Madelyn Nelson, Amanda Wolf and Carlie Young.

## 5 holiday card grammar mistakes to avoid

### GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

Put that turkey leg down and listen up! Today we have to discuss your family's upcoming holiday card. In addition to the fact that we do not need to see your pets in your cards, we also don't need to see any glaring grammar mistakes. Stick to the following tips and you'll turn a bah, humbug card into a very merry message.

To keep your headings holly and jolly, write "Season's greetings." "Seasons greetings" isn't right because the "greetings" belong to the "season." Therefore, we need the apostrophe. Also, please refrain from writing "Sneezin' greetings." You may think that's funny, but it's snot.

Continuing on the theme of that grinch of a punctuation mark called the apostrophe, let's look at the phrase: 'tis the season. Never write "tis" with no apostrophe before it. 'Tis is a contraction (I like to call it a mashup) of "it" and "is." These days, we write and say "it's" instead of "'tis," but the antiquated "'tis" still enters into our collective holiday lexicon.

Okay, so it appears that all our holiday card woes stem from the pesky apostrophe. We see it again in the phrase "Happy New Year." Don't write "Happy New Year's" or "Happy New Years." However, "New Year's Day" and "New Year's Eve" are correct. When in doubt, simply write "Have a swell 2022."

You only need to capitalize the "m" in "Merry Christmas" if "Merry" begins a sen-

tence or if "Merry Christmas" is the heading at the top of your card. For instance, you would correctly write, "We hope you have a merry Christmas and a happy new year."

How do you write your family's last name on a card? Suppose your greeting says "Merry Christmas from the (your last name here)." Should the last name read "Kringles" or "Kringles"? This is by far the most common holiday card faux pas. Never use an apostrophe here; instead, pluralize your last name by adding an "s." Your family name isn't possessing anything.

If your family name ends in -s, -ch, -sh, -z or -x (as long as the -x is not silent), add -es to make your last name plural: Happy Holidays from the Joneses. If you want to avoid this plural vs. apostrophe confusion, simply write "Merry Christmas from the Miller family."

You and your family deserve great grammar and punctuation to go along with your coordinated family photo. No need to thank me when your friends and family decide to frame your card as the pinnacle of holiday merriment.



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### Puzzle Time Answers – ON PAGE 13

#### Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE:

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