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THIS WEEK on the WEB



From left, Center Grove Elementary Principal Dr. Krista Nelson, Beth Knapp, Amy Dickinson, Katie Bruner and Misty Spitler. Nelson was presented with a bench with funds collected from the student body. (Submitted photo)

Center Grove Elementary celebrates new outdoor classroom

Center Grove students now have an alternate classroom experience outdoors, thanks to help from teachers at Center Grove Elementary, the school's PTO and the local community. A ribbon cutting ceremony was held May 20 for the classroom, which includes a pavilion complete with electricity so students can still use their computers outside, picnic tables, raised bed gardens and more.

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Students use math, physics and software skills while performing hands-on activities at the engineering camp. (Photo courtesy of the University of Indianapolis)

UIndy hosts Summer 2022 Engineering Day Camp

Last week, the R.B. Annis School of Engineering at the University of Indianapolis welcomed a dozen young engineers to its Summer 2022 Engineering Day Camp. Students attending the camp explore the field of engineering through hands-on projects and lessons led by Ulndy engineering faculty. This summer, students are focusing on 3D printing and robotics, including assembling, operating and optimizing their own 3D printers which they can take home after the camp concludes.

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SOUTHSIDE UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Southside construction update Segment of Southeastern Avenue closes, Mayor Hogsett plans \$10 million road investment

Compiled by Nicole Davis

• Indianapolis: As Citizens Energy Group continues to make progress on its DigIndy Tunnel System, upcoming construction will result in the closure of a portion of E. Pleasant Run Parkway S. Drive between Spruce Street and the alley southwest of Cottage Ave. Work began Tuesday, June 14 and is expected to last approximately six weeks. The alley southwest of Cottage Avenue will remain open. Learn more at DigIndyTunnel.com.

• Indianapolis: On or after Wednesday, June 15, the Indianapolis Department of Public Works (Indy DPW) fully closed the segment of Southeastern Avenue between Trowbridge Street to the west and a railroad crossing to the east (at about 3400 E Southeastern Ave.). While previously restricted to one lane of traffic in each direction, the complete closure will allow crews full access to the construction zone to finalize work on roadway infrastructure upgrades near the Community Justice Campus (CJC) in the Twin Aire neighborhood. An exception to the full closure will be the intersection with Pleasant Run Parkway N Drive, which will allow eastbound-westbound traffic to cross over Southeastern Avenue. Access to the CIC will be maintained via both Pleasant Run Parkway N Drive as well as Prospect Street. For more information, visit indy. gov/dpw.

• Indianapolis: Mayor Joe Hogsett recently joined the Indianapolis Department of Public Works (Indy DPW) to announce a planned investment of \$10 million for immediate roadway repairs across Marion County. This funding would allow for street resurfacing over and beyond the previously announced 2022 construction budget and capital program. Utilizing a supplemental distribution of County Option Income Tax (COIT), \$10 million will be designated to streets that have significant pavement deterioration and are areas of most concern for neighborhoods. Once approved by the City-County Council, the \$10 million in street construction contracts will be in the hands of vendors to begin street repair work and complete their projects yet this summer. In making selections as to which streets to target, Indy DPW provided councillors with an understanding of the most deteriorated residential streets in their districts based on vendor data and evaluations. Councillors now having reviewed this list to add their localized insights, Indy DPW will select segments in every council district to address with immediate street repair efforts.



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(Cover) Jess participated at the World Ninja Athlete Games event during the UNAA World Series in Las Vegas in 2021. | (Left) Jess competes at the Boss competition In November 2021 in Nashville, Tenn. | (Right) Jess with her dad Mike. Both father and daughter share a love for flying propeller planes. (Photos by Melissa Wombles)

The sky's the limit

From flying airplanes to competing on American Ninja Warrior, Center Grove Junior Jess Wombles sees no obstacle she can't overcome

"Jess has what it takes

to lead people and

inspire people and to

achieve greatness in

whatever she wants."

— George O'Dell

By Todd Travis

Being one for uniqueness

Following in her dad's footsteps, Jess Wombles was hooked on flying propeller planes from the moment she sat in the pilot's seat. "I was a little scared at first, but then it became my favorite thing. The first time my dad let me put my hands on the controls I just felt very close to flying," Wombles recalled.

Wombles tried a lot of sports from a young age, looking for a new sport to try every few years.

"Flying was a big thing that just helped me realize I'm one for uniqueness," she said. "That's where me knowing that my sport is ninja came in. It's something you don't see every day."

Introduction to 'American Ninja Warrior'

About six years ago, one of Wombles' neighbors introduced her to the show "American Ninja Warrior." At that time, Wombles was doing gymnastics and cheer, and her friends suggested she make it a goal to get on the show. "They were like, 'this would be the perfect show for you'. So of course I was like 'I definitely would want to be on the show. It's so cool!', never imagining in a million years that I would actually be on the show," she said. Wombles began watching the show regularly with her friends and

iy with her friends and cheering on her favorite competitors every time the show aired. A little while later, she actually built a mini training course under the deck at her house. After watching an episode, she would immediately go out to the deck and start playing on the obstacles, pretending she was on the show.

Getting serious about training

After a couple years of dreaming and imagining herself on the show, Wombles decided it was time to look for some serious training if she wanted her dream to become a reality. She was only in seventh grade at this point and didn't realize at the time you needed to be 21 to compete on the show. Still, she did some research and found Train Yard 317, a ninja training gym. "I remember the first class I went to - I was in heaven seeing all the obstacle courses and the famous warped wall. I also saw people that were on the show and my jaw just dropped," she described.

It was also a little bit of a reality check for her as she realized the obstacles were much more difficult than they looked when she was watching the show. "I was thinking I could show everyone what I was made of. But I quickly realized I could not do ANYTHING in there. I jumped to grab

a rope and ended up falling flat on my face and I couldn't even get up halfway up the warped wall," she remembered.

Pushing through adversity

Wombles didn't let this challenge discourage her. She realized it was going to take a lot of work to make the show, but she also realized that she had found a sport that she loved and wanted to excel. "I worked harder than I ever thought I could, and I got to the point where the things I thought were hard before started to feel easy," she said. She made a believer out of everyone, including her coach George O'Dell, who knew she would have to push her limits to achieve her goals. "Jess has what it takes to lead people and inspire people and to achieve greatness in whatever she wants," O'Dell mentioned. At this point, "American Ninja Warrior" had added a junior class, and Wombles was selected to compete on their third season. Competing on the show only fueled her fire and made her want to work harder and get better.

Living the dream

After competing on the junior show, Wombles got right back into the gym and increased the intensity of her training. She also took the opportunity to train younger ninjas who want to get into the sport. Her determination has now earned her a spot on the adult version of "American Ninja Warrior" which will be aired on June 27 on NBC. She is the first 15-yearold from Indiana to compete on the adult version of "American Ninja Warrior" and one of only five total 15-year-olds competing on season 14.

COMMUNITY

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(Left) Dozens of volunteers, individually or through different organizations, provided food and supplies to more than 1,000 Indianapolis families in need. | (Right) Brothers Grady and Gregory Gaynor grew closer through community service. (Submitted photos)

Gleaners Food Bank hosts annual CARE Mobile Pantry

Volunteers gather to serve more than 1,000 local families in need

FEATURE

By Grady Gaynor

The weekend is our opportunity to choose to allocate our time to chores, self-improvement, our families and hobbies. Last weekend, through my Christian fellowship men's group "Ignite," I used this time in service.

On June 4, Gleaners Food Bank of Indiana kicked off this year's CARE Mobile Pantry. Every Saturday this summer, Gleaners will be handing out fresh groceries and supplies to families in the most desperate need in our communities at the old John Marshall High School parking lot at 10101 E 38th St. More than 1,000 families were provided with potatoes, pineapples, lunchables, milk, vitamins, hand sanitizer and more.

A father gathering groceries with his family extended his thanks for the meals they would be having these next days in their time of need.

"It means a lot to have you people here showing others care about what we are going through," he said. "When schools, groceries stores and other jobs are shutting down all around us, we feel like the ones left out in many ways. But not today."

This a great use of time in many ways. First and foremost, I helped my fellow neighbor. I also grew closer to my family members, I got good exercise outdoors, feel motivated to do this again, and look for more opportunities to give back.

If you're interested in seeing this amazing community engaging food drive, visit gleaners. org/get-involved/volunteer.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Local American Legion, VFW give thanks to heartfelt donation

The American Legion and VFW were passing out flags and giving out poppies for donations for needy veterans recently. A lady with tears in her eyes said she didn't have any money and she wanted to donate. She gave me a book of stamps. I told her that I didn't want to take her stamps because she needed them. I would give her the money for the donation. She handed me the stamps and she started crying and said give them to a veteran.

With a heavy heart and tears in my eyes I took her donation.

Ma'am may God bless you and comfort you may He take the sadness from your heart. Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us everyday unseen unheard but always near still loved still missed and very dear.

Thank God and thank you, MAJ. Don Worthington Honor Guards from American Legion Post 252, Greenwood and VFW Post 6978 New Whiteland

Roncalli Salutes Our Sectional Champion Girls Tennis Team



The Roncalli girls tennis team, under the direction of head coach Jim Stone, captured the 2022 Sectional Championship!

"Four of the five matches went to three sets, for the first time this season," said coach Stone. "I'm so proud of the girls for digging in and finding a way to win three of those matches and putting us over the top."

Marking the best season for girls tennis in Roncalli history, this is the program's third straight and the 13th sectional title overall.

> Congratulations, to our Roncalli girls tennis sectional champions!

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family." The prestigious Top Workplaces award is based solely on the results of an employee feedback survey administered by Energage,

working in partnership with IndyStar. Over 1,000 companies applied for the award, and 92 were recognized as a Top Workplace. The anonymous survey uniquely measures 15 culture drivers that are critical to the success of any organization: including alignment, execution and connection, just

Heffner said, "This award reflects our 'why.' Finding your purpose and serving others is fulfilling work. We love being able to help make a difference and help people succeed. Our vision is to inspire hope for associates, clients and community."

"During this very challenging time, Top Workplaces has proven to be a beacon of light for organizations, as well as a sign of resiliency and strong business performance," said Eric Rubino, Energage CEO. "When you give your employees a voice, you come together to navigate challenges and shape your path forward. Top Workplaces draw on realtime insights into what works best for their organization, so they can make informed decisions that have a positive impact on their people and their business."

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The Indianapolis Star published the complete list of Top Workplaces in May 2022.

IN OUR SCHOOLS

Perry Township Schools announce Summer 2022 Servings

Summer Lunch - Perry Township Schools will serve free breakfast and lunch for children 18 and under from now through July 20. Breakfast will be served at Perry Meridian High School, 7:30 -8:45 a.m. and Southport High School, 7:15 - 8:15 a.m. Lunch will be served at Perry Meridian High School, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and Southport High School, 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Lunch will also be available at Southport Branch library from 11:40 a.m. - 12:50 p.m., and at designated apartment complexes around the community. No meals will be served July 4 for Independence Day observation. Meals must be eaten on site. For more information, visitperryschools.org.

Perry Kiwanis awards scholarships and grants

Graduates - Perry Kiwanis recently awarded \$750 scholarships and \$250 grants to five Southside high school graduates. The club broke with tradition when it awarded more scholarships than in the past, included trade schools along with colleges, and gave two additional grants. Recipients from Perry Meridian and their future schools were Tiffany Li Wu (IU), Aaron Butts (Ivy Tech), Ala Tha Hnem Zi (Butler), Esther Zing Tha Cer (IU) and Rui Dong of Southport High School (Purdue). Presenting the scholarships was Jane Pollard, Kiwanis member and assistant superintendent at Perry Township Schools. Also participating was Brad Miller, school counseling director at Perry Meridian. In addition to the scholarship program, Kiwanis supports several community organizations including Hunger Inc., Perry Senior Services and Riley Children's Hospital, among others. For more information about the club or visit its Facebook page.



From left, Brad Miller, school counseling director at Perry Meridian; Rui Dong of Southport High School; and Jane Pollard, Kiwanis member and assistant superintendent at Perry Township Schools. (Submitted photos)

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

Father reflects on teen daughter's recovery following serious car accident

Praises Level I trauma team at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital for their compassionate care

J.R. Shelton called his daughter's cell phone when she was late getting home and after hearing ambulance sirens near their house. He was praying to hear her voice, but instead heard that of a police officer, explaining that Mateline "Matty" Shelton had been in a serious car accident.

Shelton said his 17-year-old daughter was found in cardiac arrest by the police officer, who had performed CPR until the ambulance arrived. He said that her heart had been revived using a defibrillator after EMS arrived and that she was being transported to Ascension St. Vincent Hospital. "Due to the prolonged cardiac arrest, Matty's lungs could not be supported with a standard ventilator, and she had to be placed on a heartlung bypass machine (ECMO) to give her lungs a chance to recover," said Lewis Jacobson, MD, Medical Director of Ascension St. Vincent Level I Trauma Center.

Shelton said he couldn't have asked for a better experience with Matty's care teams at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital.

"From the time we arrived to the time we left, they treated us really well," he said. "If we didn't understand something, they explained it to us."

Shelton said Matty is doing well and has home-based exercises to help with her physical recovery.

"It's incredible to see how quickly she has recovered from the accident," said Dr. Jacobson. "This was an



J.R. Shelton and his daughter, Matty

example of a well-prepared trauma system ready to spring into action at every level to save her life. From the officer who first found her at the scene, to EMS, and then the entire care team of specialists once she made it to the hospital, everyone played a critical role in saving her life."

Verified by the American College of Surgeons as a Level I Trauma Center, Ascension St. Vincent Hospital is equipped for and capable of providing the highest level of care for patients with the most serious injuries. Experienced trauma surgeons, neurosurgeons, orthopedic and cardiothoracic surgeons provide complex trauma care to patients, anytime day or night, weekend or holiday.

Find the nearest Ascension St. Vincent ER at ascension.org/StVincentCare.

If you are experiencing a life-threatening emergency, go directly to the ER or dial 911.

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IN OUR SCHOOLS

Center Grove High School graduates 638 students in the Class of 2022

Graduation - Center Grove High School (CGHS) graduated 638 students on June 5. The ceremony was webcast on the CGC-SC YouTube channel at youtube.com/centergroveschools. The valedictorian of the

CGHS Class of 2022 is Gavin Anderson. Gavin ended his high school career with a Grade Point Average (GPA) of 4.864. He will attend Indiana University to study political science and music and plans to pursue a career in law. The 2022 salutatorian for the Class of 2022 is Raef Sauer who finished with a GPA of 4.851. Raef plans to attend Indiana University to study Biochemistry and Spanish. CGHS has several graduates who plan to serve in the military following graduation. Drake Buchanan has accepted an appointment to US Air Force Academy. Chase Ennis will attend Army ROTC. Eighteen students have enlisted in the U.S. Air Force,

Army, Marines, or Navy. Among the graduates, 279 seniors will receive Core 40 with Academic Honors diplomas, 13 will receive the Core 40 with Technical Honors diploma, and 47 seniors will receive both. To qualify



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for Academic Honors, students must meet additional requirements beyond the state mandates for a Core 40 diploma, earn a total of at least 47 credits that are recommended to include additional math, world language, and fine arts credits, earn a

grade of a B or better, and meet certain AP, dual credit, or SAT/ACT requirements. Technical Honors recipients must also meet state mandates for a Core 40 diploma, earn a total of at least 47 credits that are recommended to include additional math credits, earn a grade of a B or better, and complete either dual credits in a technical area or additional career-readiness criteria. Forty-three seniors will receive an associate's degree in General Studies from Vincennes University, along with their high school diploma, through the CGHS Early College program. 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.

Southport 6th Grade **Academy celebrates Career Day**

Education - Last week, the Southport 6th Grade Academy in Perry Township hosted career day on May 16. The school had presenters from the I-69 Finish Line Project. Their goal was to introduce road construction projects to kids and discuss the many jobs that can come from that field (Engineering and Communications for example).



Career Day at Southport 6th Grade Academy. (Submitted photo)

Beech Grove's Keiveion Anderson is top student athlete

Celebration - Beech Grove High School student Keiveion Anderson was acknowledged as one of the top student-athletes in the state of Indiana at the Catch the Stars Foundation - Scholar-Athlete Celebration recently before an Indiana Fever game. Keiveion received a free laptop and a bag of gifts for college.

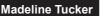


Keiveion Anderson. (Photo courtesy of Beech Grove City Schools)

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO THE BEECH GROVE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022, AND OUR TOP 15 STUDENTS! BE BOLD, BE COURAGEOUS, BE YOUR BEST... AND REMEMBER. 'ONCE A HORNET

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PHOTO of the WEEK



Congratulations to Perry Township Support Staff of the Year: Hilda Bray. According to Perry Township Schools, "Hilda has done exceptional work in student services at Perry Meridian Middle School. She goes above and beyond the job description. Hilda's compassion for students and staff greatly contribute to PMMS being a wonderful place to work. Thank you, Hilda!" (Photo courtesy of Perry Township Schools Facebook page)

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Dads are most ordinary men turned by love into heroes, adventurers, storytellers, and singers of song."

- Pam Brown



CARTOON



Top 10 ways Dads are different from Moms

By Torry Stiles

10. There aren't a lot of Moms who can name more than three professional wrestlers and their signature moves.

9. Moms and Dads can both be good cooks, but Dads are more likely to grab the barbecue sauce when they mess up a recipe.

8. Dads tend to know more about things that explode.

7. Dads still think they are tough enough to do everything and Moms will be ready to fix them back up when they're wrong.

6. Moms really like flowers and cute stuff. Dads will settle for cash about 90% of the time.

5. Moms will get the stains out or get you a new one. Dads will tell everyone they are his work pants.

4. Dads are far more likely to know how fast the car can go.

3. Moms have a plan to get by without when they're short on cash. Dads have a secret emergency stash.

2. Dads are more likely to let you off the hook if you have a good fart joke handy.

1. Moms say, "Stop fighting and go to your rooms."

Dads say: "Just take the ping-pong paddles and stay out of your sister's hair."

BELIEVE IT!

Our nation has all sorts of arcane, nonsensical laws on the books. Each week, we'll share one with you ...

In Marshaltown, Iowa, horses are forbidden to eat fire hydrants.

Source: stupidlaws.com

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

BEECH GROVE

Fallen Officers Blood Drive • Raise your sleeve in honor of the Indiana police officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating. | When: June 20, 3:30 - 7 p.m. | Where: Bloodmovile, 102 Main St., Beech Grove. | Info: Schedule a donation at versiti.org/indianablood and search sponsor code SPONIN9499

Strawberry Fest • After more than a two-year hiatus because of the pandemic, Senior Promise returns with its staple Strawberry Festivals. The events provide strawberry shortcake, ice cream and the opportunity for fellowship. They are free and all are invited to attend. | When: June 24, 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Where: Franciscan Health Indianapolis' festival is at Sarah Bolton Park, 1300 Churchman Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: Franciscan Health Senior Promise, (317) 528-8277

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP

Marion County Fair • The 92nd Annual Marion County Fair will return. General admission is \$5 at the gate or on sale now online.| When: June 23 - July 3. | Where: Marion County Fairgrounds, 7300 E. Troy Ave., Indianapolis. | Info: marioncountyfair.org

GARFIELD PARK

Garfield Park Art & Music Festival • The Garfield Park Art & Music Festival is hosted by the Garfield Park Arts Center, Indy Parks, Musical Family Tree, and Garfield Brewery at Garfield Park, the oldest city park in Indianapolis. The 5th annual Garfield Park Art & Music Festival (GPAMF) is an outdoor festival celebrating the art, music, and culture of Indianapolis. The festival will feature a handful of local musicians and bands of diverse genres performing their original music. Up to forty local artists working in a variety of mediums will also host artist booths with their fine art and handmade wares for sale as part of a curated art fair. When: June 25, 3 - 10 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park |Info: indy.gov/agency/department-of-parks-andrecreation

GREENWOOD

Greenwood Freedom Festival • Join for a parade and an evening of live music on the Event Lawn featuring the NACHI stage. Rocking sessions include 5:30 p.m. with Groove Smash and Toy Factory at 7:30 p.m. Festival Partners will have booths to peruse. Enjoy lots of good food and a new beer and wine garden on the courts! Then join in as we Honor Our Heroes with Grace Assembly of God at 9:15 p.m. and end the evening saluting the flag and celebrating freedom with KORN Country Musical Fireworks blasting off at 10:15 p.m. | When: June 25, 4 p.m. parade, followed by the festival until fireworks begin at 10:15 p.m. | Where: Craig Park, Greenwood. | Info: facebook. com/events/987819325207119/

Outdoor Sunset Yoga • Enjoy an evening of sunset outdoor yoga with live music at Greenwood Amphitheater! Practice cultivates peace, strength, focus and release. All levels are welcome! Bring a mat, water and join for a Sunday evening sunset yoga! Cost: \$15. | When: June 26, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Amphitheater, 300 S. Madison Ave., Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/studioyouyoga

Greater Greenwood Community Band Patriotic Concert • Enjoy a collection of patriotic favorites from the community band. Bring a lawn chair to enjoy this free event. | When: July 1, 7 - 8 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Amphitheater, 100 Surina Way, Greenwood. | Info: greenwoodband.org/events/

PERRY TOWNSHIP

Longest Day • The Wellington at Southport is doing a charity event to help stop Alzheimers Disease. There will be a community yard sale, lemonade stand, and raffles. All proceeds will go to the Alzheimers Association. | When: June 21, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. | Where: The Wellington at Southport/Assisted Living, 7212 U.S. Highway 31 S., Indianapolis. | Info: sonidaseniorliving.com/community/thewellington-at-southport/

Perry Kiwanis Golf Outing • The fundraiser will help Kiwanis support Hunger Inc., Riley Hospital, Baxter YMCA and Perry Township Schools. Players again will have the opportunity to purchase "Super Tickets." Each \$25 ticket will provide 2 mulligans, one skirt, one putting contest entry, and one raffle ticket for four-day lodging in a Wyndham resort of the winner's choice. | When: June 23. | Where: Smock Golf Course. | Info: Event chairman Scott Splichal, (317) 319-9345, pickle7310@gmail. com

SOUTHPORT

Southport High School 70th Reunion • Southport High School class of 1952 will celebrate its 70th reunion. This will provide a time for former classmates to catch up with old friends and acquaintances. Food can be ordered from the menu. | When: June 22, 11:40 a.m. - 4 p.m. | Where: Dyes Walk, 2080 S. State Road 135, Greenwood. | Info: For reservations call Dottie Hawkins, (317) 787-6924.

AN OPTION

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SPOTLIGHT



"The Great Divide." (Art by Jay Hamm)



A Southern comfort food lover's dream: Fried lobster tail with mashed potatoes and creamy garlic sauce. (Photo courtesy of Bz's Kitchen + More)

HOURS: Wednesday and Thursday, 6 p.m.-1 a.m., Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m.-1 a.m. (Pickup and delivery only at this time) Address: 403 Main St., Beech Grove. For more information, go to bzskitchen.com or call (317) 965-0077.

From Fragments: Jay Hamm

From Fragments by Jay Hamm will be featured at Garfield Park Arts Center now through Aug. 31 on the second floor hallway. This in-person exhibit features works exploring ways in which emotion and meaning emerge from the integration of fragments. Many of the paintings visually express facets of interiority that resist verbal articulation, while others capture subjective responses to society and the physical world. Jay Hamm is an artist and psychologist with degrees from Butler University, Valparaiso University, and University of Indianapolis. He is a lifelong Hoosier and has lived and worked in Indianapolis for the last two decades. Jay is the father of two artistic little daughters, and when he is not painting can be found assisting people experiencing severe mental health difficulties to make sense of their lives and pursue meaningful recovery.

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Hustle Adam Sandler charms in NBA centered drama

MOVIE REVIEW

By Bradley Lane

If you are anything like me, basketball runs in your veins. I grew up playing, watching and loving basketball and have kept that close to my heart well into adulthood. The only other interest I have held for the same amount of time, my whole life really, is my deep love of film. So naturally, I am predisposed to movies that use basketball to deliver their narrative. From the classics like Hoosiers and Hoop Dreams to lesser beloved entries into the genre such as Like Mike and Space Jam, I am admittedly a sucker for basketball films. Thankfully, even with my rose-tinted glasses removed, Netflix's new film Hustle is a clear example of some of the best the genre has to offer.

Adam Sandler stars as Stanley Suger-

man, an NBA scout for the Philadelphia 76ers, who discovers a once-in-a-generation raw talent while on a scouting trip to Spain. Forgoing a career in professional basketball previously to support his daughter, real-life NBA player Juancho Hernangomez co-stars as the rough but loveable, Bo Cruz. Against the wishes of top brass at the 76ers organization, Stanley takes Bo under his wing to get him a shot at getting to the NBA.

The strength of Hustle rests in its ability to create characters the audience fully buys into. Stanley and Bo need each other, not just for the stake of their careers but to strengthen each other as individuals. Each of their character arcs are well constructed and mirror each other in ways the editing and direction cleverly helps to communicate. The emotional vulnerability present in Sandler's and Hernangomez's performances also creates an intimacy between the two characters that elevates Hustle past the tropes and cliches the narrative plays into, that otherwise would have made the film into a pastiche of a basketball drama.

Of course, the elephant on the court in this film is that Hustle is jam packed with NBA stars. Many serve as extended cameos without much narrative weight, like Trae Young, Kyle Lowry and Khris Middleton, however others have genuine roles that require acting ability. Young up and coming Timberwolves star Anthony Edwards has the most significant role as a competitor in the same draft class as Bo Cruz. Edwards is electric, which should come as no surprise if you've ever watched an interview with Edwards. He practically drowns in charisma and confidence, so it was thrilling to see him let loose in an antagonistic dramatic role.

At this point in his career, I am some-

thing of a reluctant fan of Adam Sandler. He is a proven talent when given the proper material (see Punch Drunk Love or Uncut Gems), but I typically find his comedic work sophomorish and worse, make his characters supremely unlikable. Sandler plays Sugerman with dramatic weight, however, Sandler adds a comedic edge that makes him just so endearing not even I can resist his charm. Hustle is a tropey basketball movie, I'll be the first to admit it, but what it lacks originality, it makes up for in execution. Hustle is exclusively available on Netflix.



Bradley is a Beech Grove High School alumnus and has been enamored by film for as long as he can remember. He recently graduated from IUPUI, with a degree in Media and Public Affairs with a minor in Film Bradley can be contacted at blane2214@gmail.com.



The dangers of being nonplussed when you smell a skunked term on a biweekly basis

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

Have you ever crossed paths with a skunk? I once chased an armadillo down a dark country road, but that's a story for another day.

While I've never come nose-to-tail with a skunk, I've taken notice where one has raised a stink, so to speak. What gives a skunk its spunk? I don't know – but I can tell you all about skunked terms.

Take the word "biweekly," for example. Traditionally, biweekly has meant "every two weeks." Your job may pay you biweekly. Although this is what the word originally meant, people have come to understand "biweekly" to mean "twice a week." Wouldn't you love to get paid twice a week?

Biweekly is a classic example of a skunked term, a phrase coined by lexicographer Bryan A. Garner in 2008. A skunked term is a word that becomes tricky to use because it is transitioning from one definition to another. Whether it's correct or not, the trending usage of biweekly makes it a confusing word to use.

Suppose you have laundry drying on a clothesline and a skunk comes by and sprays the garment with its stinky skunk scent. The shirt smells awful. Even after you wash and rewash the shirt, it never quite gets back to normal; the shirt has been irreparably changed. And don't suggest washing the shirt in tomato juice – that's actually a myth! Tomato juice doesn't get the stink out of something that has been sprayed by a skunk. It's still a shirt, but now it's just a foul-smelling shirt. It's been skunked.

What I'm suggesting is that we hit the pause button on using skunk terms. Since the words we choose are critical in making our communication clear, using a word that is transitioning from one definition to another is distracting, if not downright confusing.

Here are some more examples of skunked terms. "Decimate" originally meant taking out one-tenth of an enemy's

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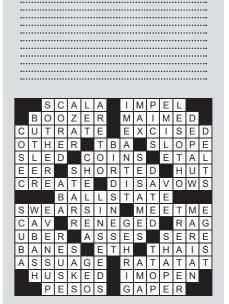
army; now it has come to mean totally destroying something. A "factoid" used to be an untrue statement that many believe to be accurate; now it means a small fact. Confusing, right?

Originally the term "disinterested" meant "unbiased," while now many use it to mean "uninterested." Similarly, the word "nonplussed" originally meant surprised and confused, while many people use it today to mean unconcerned. Because these words are somewhere between their original meanings and their "trending" meanings, they're skunked.

I suggest staying far away from skunks and skunk terms until the skunk is well past your path; otherwise you may find yourself nonplussed on a biweekly basis.



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Puzzle Time Answers SEE PAGE 11

Answers to HOOSIER HODGEPODGE: Beverages: BEER, COFFEE, LEMONADE,

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Packing checklists so nothing is forgotten in a move

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Bubble wrap. Invest in a few rolls of bubble wrap to secure fragile items

such as mirrors, TVs, collectibles

and all-purpose stores sell sliders.

They're great for moving heavy

items across floors. As a bonus,

they can also double as a toy for

children to keep them occupied.

1. Clean. If the appliances weren't

cleaned when the previous owners

or tenants moved out, the moving-

in period is the time to clean them.

Wipe down appliances, refrigera-

tor and freezer, sinks, toilets, etc. If

cleaning supplies were placed in a

box together, it will be easy to find

what's needed to get started. As ar-

eas are wiped down, the movers can

begin moving boxes into the appro-

Necessary rooms first. If the goal

is to sleep in the new property on

day one, then it's important to be-

gin unpacking bedroom and bath-

room items first. The kitchen is also

important, but having a clean, soft

place to sleep after a long day of

Don't forget these items. Along

with the basic living necessities,

don't forget to have kids' favorite

toys and pet supplies in a box that's

easy to locate. Keep tools, such as

screwdrivers, hammers, nails and

Moving can be stressful, but pack-

ing and unpacking doesn't need to

be an extra challenge. With prop-

er planning and organization, the

process can be simple. Keeping the

process organized allows home-

owners to sort through items and

determine if anything can be donat-

ed or needs to go out with the trash.

There's no need moving clutter or

unnecessary items.

tape measures handy as well.

moving is a great feeling.

Moving in and unpacking

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and other breakable items.

REAL ESTATE

By Dawn Whalen Whalen Realty Group at F.C. Tucker Company

Spring and summer are the most common seasons for moving. But before the paperwork is signed and the keys are handed over, there's an important step that must happen first - packing. There are many different approaches to packing. Some prefer the "find a box or bag and start throwing stuff into it" method, while others may opt for labeled boxes by room or item. The "throw belongings into a box" concept may work for dorm rooms, but it's not recommended for an entire house or apartment. As we move into the busiest moving season of the year, here's a few tips to help reduce the stress of packing.

Packing up and moving out

- 1. Collect moving supplies. Ask friends if they have extra boxes they'd be willing to give, and visit local grocery stores to ask for boxes. Egg boxes are extra thick and have handles, which make them perfect for moving. Boxes are also available at shipping and box stores. Sometimes a layer of padding is necessary to keep items safe. Using towels, blankets, clothes, packing peanuts or the air-packed bubbles from Amazon boxes work great too. 2. Markers. Try and pack similar items together. For example, kitchen items can go in the same boxes, or bathroom items and décor can go together. Use a dark marker to clearly label each box so movers, family and friends know where the boxes go upon arrival at their final destination.
- 3. Don't lose necessities. Don't forget to pack a few changes of clothes, pet food, medicines, band aids, essential bathroom items and tools in a box or bag that is easily accessible. It's easy to lose track of items when moving, so having necessities in an easy-to-find box or location can be a big help.
- 4. Boxes have a limit. Boxes are not designed to be packed to capacity, especially with heavy items, such as dishes. Be smart and make sure boxes close properly and aren't so heavy that they fall apart when



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Shirley Jean (Brown) Cartmell died June 9, 2022. Survivors: two daughters, Paula Linnemeier and Jo Ellen Cartmell; three grandchildren; sister, Sonya Yarborough; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wendell. Arrangements have been entrusted to G.H. Herrmann Funeral Home.

Marilyn Jean Murphy Deaton

Marilyn Jean Murphy Deaton, 69, Indianapolis, died June 7, 2022. Survivors: mother, Dorothy Murphy; children, Michael Deaton and Laura Deaton; siblings, James Murphy Jr. Steven Murphy and Cheryl Murphy; granddaughter, Mariana Deaton Tollinchi; and several nieces and nephews. Services entrusted to Little & Sons, Stop 11 Road Chapel.

Arthur "Art" Edward Dinnage, Jr.

Arthur "Art" E. Dinnage, Jr., 82 of Greenwood, died June 9, 2022. Survivors: wife, Elaine Dinnage: three children, Keith Dinnage, Mark Dinnage and Beth Wright; two grandchildren; cousins, nieces and nephews. Visitation: Thursday, June 16, 10 a.m. until service at noon, Southport Presbyterian Church. Burial at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens.

Christina Kay Dougherty

Christina Kay Dougherty, 68, Whiteland, died June 7, 2022. Survivors: husband, Jerry Dougherty; children, William Shane Dougherty, Brandon Dougherty, Angela Foltz, seven grandchildren; great-grandchild; six siblings; several nieces and nephews. Celebration of Life: 1 p.m., Friday, June 17, German Park, 8600 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis, 46217. Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

Thomas Martin Finchum

Thomas Martin Finchum, 85, died June 10, 2022. Survivors: son, Thomas Finchum; daughter, Diane Gilvin; stepson, Dwayne Lang; stepdaughter, Tracey Jones; eight grandchildren; 13 greatgrandchildren; two brothers. Preceded in death: first wife, Barbara; second wife, Deloris. Services: noon, Thursday, June 16, Singleton & St. Pierre Funeral Home, Visitation: 10 a.m.-noon.

Albert Erwin Johnson

Albert Erwin Johnson, 93, of Concord, NC, died

Lawn Cemetery, Greenwood, Ind.

Norma P. Jones Norma P. Jones, 76, of Greenwood, died June 7, 2022. Survivors: son, Scott D. Jones and daughter, Stephanie K. (James) Weidman; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren. Preceded in death: husband, Donald Jones. G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home at The Gardens of Olive Branch, 1605 S. State Road 135.

June 7, 2022. Survivors: wife, Carole Elizabeth

Johnson; son, Brandon Johnson; daughter,

Robyn Roller; stepdaughter, Dawn Shannon;

stepson, Craig Wagner; five grandchildren;

five step-grandchildren; and 12 great-

grandchildren. Arrangements available when

finalized. Burial with military honors at Forest

Gwendolyn Ann Neel Lytle

Gwendolyn Ann Neel Lytle, 89, died June 11, 2022. Survivors: sons, Michael Lytle and Duane Lytle; daughter, Pam Heckman; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Preceded in death: daughter, Debra Mattax; a brother and sister. Services: Friday, June 17, Singleton & St. Pierre, 10

Phoebe "Madge" McClain

Survivors: daughters, JoEllen Vance, Barbara Lane and Lynne Simpson; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; brother, Wendell Williams; nieces and nephews; special niece, Helen Wildermuth. Preceded in death: husband, Jack; siblings, Aljean, Katie, Lowell, and greatgrandchild, Oliver, GH Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Dona L. McClellan

Donna L. McClellan (LeMasters), 60, died June 8, 2022. Survivors: husband, Mark; daughters, Chelsea and Marci, mother, Barbara, sister, Vicky; brother, Scott. Preceded in death: father, Donald LeMasters. Visitation: Friday, June 17, 3 to 6:30 p.m., Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Services & Crematory, Greenwood Chapel. Memorial service: 6:30 p.m.

Joyce McDaniel

Joyce McDaniel, 80, Indianapolis, died June 9, 2022. Survivors: husband, Mac McDaniel; three sons, Jeff Christie, Jay Christie and Turk Christie; one brother, Alan Pence; eight grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Visitation: noon-2 p.m., Thursday, June 16, Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory, Greenwood Chapel, funeral service: 2 p.m.

James A. McMath

James A. McMath died June 10, 2022. James is survived by three children; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two stepchildren; six stepgrandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; and one great-grandchild, on the way. Preceded in death by parents, Griffin and Nellie McMath, son, Thomas and wife, Betty. Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service and Crematory.

Floyd "Bill" Raymond Medsker

Flovd "Bill" Raymond Medsker, 89, Union, KY, former resident of Greenwood, died Dec. 8, 2021. Survivors: wife, Willa: children, Vicki Clark, David Medsker, and Linda Luong; 11 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; 23 great-great-grandchildren; and seven siblings. Graveside services: Saturday, June 18, 2 p.m. Greenwood Cemetery. Wilson St. Pierre.

Pauline Moore

Pauline Moore, 83, of Greenwood, died June 7, 2022. Survivors: three children, Roger Smith, Greg Morgan and Terry Mayer; sister, Alma Allen; brother, Rosco Asher; six grandchildren, Crystal, Amber, Shannon, Greg, Ashley and Amanda and seven great-grandchildren. Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory, Greenwood Chapel, handled the arrangements.

Carol Sue Osborne

Carol Sue Osborne, 70, Indianapolis, died June 12, 2022. Survivors: sons, David Brian (Glema) Cash, John Neal Cash and Jeffery Lee (Sondra) Cash; seven grandchildren; 11 great - grandchildren; and adopted son, Daniel Osborne. Visitation: June 19, 5 to 9 p.m., service, June 20, 1pm. Little & Sons Beech Grove.

Laura Sue Sikes

Laura Sue Sikes, 61, Beech Grove, died June 4, 2022. Survivors: husband, Richard; daughter, Heather Sikes; siblings, Gary Gleason, Carol Farris, Cathy Monschein, Marcia Canter Williams and Steve Wright. Service entrusted to Little & Sons, Beech Grove Chapel.



Jamie Gerald Smith

Jamie Gerald Smith, 51, of Worthington, Ind., died June 9, 2022. Arrangements have been entrusted to The Cremation Society of Indiana, 4115 Shelby St.

Jenny Lee McMillin Snoddy

Jenny Lee McMillin Snoddy died June 7, 2022. Survivors: daughter, Amanda Snoddy; grandson, Ryder Snoddy; siblings, Ed (Lisa) Woods, Brenda McMillin, Sharee (Kenny) Thompson; father, James McMillin: fiancé, Mark VanDyke, Preceded in death: mother, Patricia (McKinney) McMilllin; son, William Snoddy Jr. G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Tevis Ryan Stambaugh

Tevis Ryan Stambaugh, 42, Greenwood, died June 10, 2022. He was born on July 19th, 1979, in Franklin Indiana to Susie Watson and late Richard Stambaugh. Survivors: daughter, Delaney Ryanne Stambaugh; wife, Britney Dawn Stambaugh; mother, Susie Watson; sister, Stacey Clark; eight nieces and nephews. Wilson St. Pierre Funeral.

Wilbur "Jiggs" James VanDerMoere

Wilbur (Jiggs) James VanDerMoere, 95, Greenwood, died June 7, 2022. Survivors: three daughters, Gail Ann (Gordon) Briggs, Leslie Jo (Mark) Nacke and Beth Kay (Jim) Dugan; 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Preceded in death: wife, Myrtle Frances (Cline) VanDerMoere; two brothers; and a sister. Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

Robert C. Waugh, Jr.

Robert C. Waugh, Jr., 72, died June 6, 2022. O'Riley-Branson Funeral Service handled the arrangements.

Tony W. Wright

Tony W. "Homey" Wright, 60, of Indianapolis, died June 9, 2022. Survivors: daughter, Nicole Gardner; son, Ryan Wright; five grandchildren. Visitation: Friday, June 17, 2-8 p.m. at G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home. Additional visitation: Saturday, June 18, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. service at **Emmanuel Church Banta Campus.**

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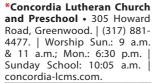
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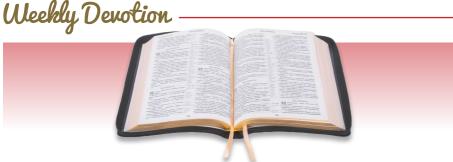
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Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength.

ACTS 3:6

What do you give a father who has everything? Many of us will ask this question this coming weekend. Now imagine what we might give to our Father in Heaven, who really does have everything! The answer is quite simple. Peter had no money, but he offered healing through the power of the Holy Spirit. By authority from Jesus, Peter gave the man who was crippled the ability to walk again. Now imagine for a moment it is your child who was paralyzed. As a father there could be few gifts of greater value than to see your crippled child rise to walk again. Paul tells us in scripture that the Church is the body of Christ, where Jesus is the head, and we are the parts. Today this body of Christ has become paralyzed by many factors. Covid, with mandates for social distancing, threats of prosecution for preaching biblical truths, and overall apathy have caused many churches to close. Many of the churches remaining open are hunkering down to weather these storms. Our calling isn't to weather the storms in the safety of the harbor, but to go into the storms on search and rescue missions to retrieve what the devil has stolen from God. This Father's Day consider giving God a gift more valuable than silver or gold. By the authority given to us by Jesus himself, give God's child, the universal church of Jesus Christ, the ability to rise and walk again! Now go make disciples!

Pastor Dan Bailey is the chair of the Mayor's Faith Based Round Table for the City of Beech Grove, who believes in its mission statement to "Strengthen the Community with Christ's Love." He is a lifelong resident of Southside with his wife, four children and five grandchildren. He has also been a criminal investigator for the last 30-plus years for the Public Defender Agency.



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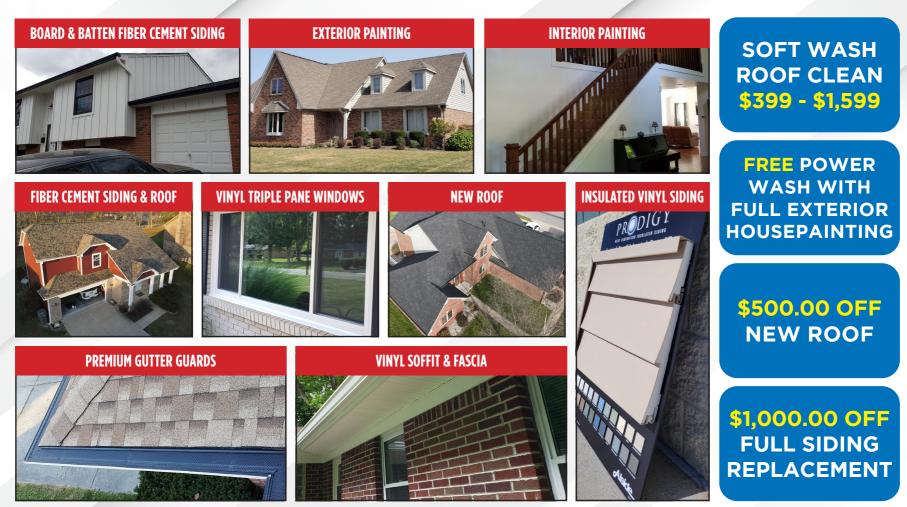


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