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## TEST YOUR GRASS GRASP

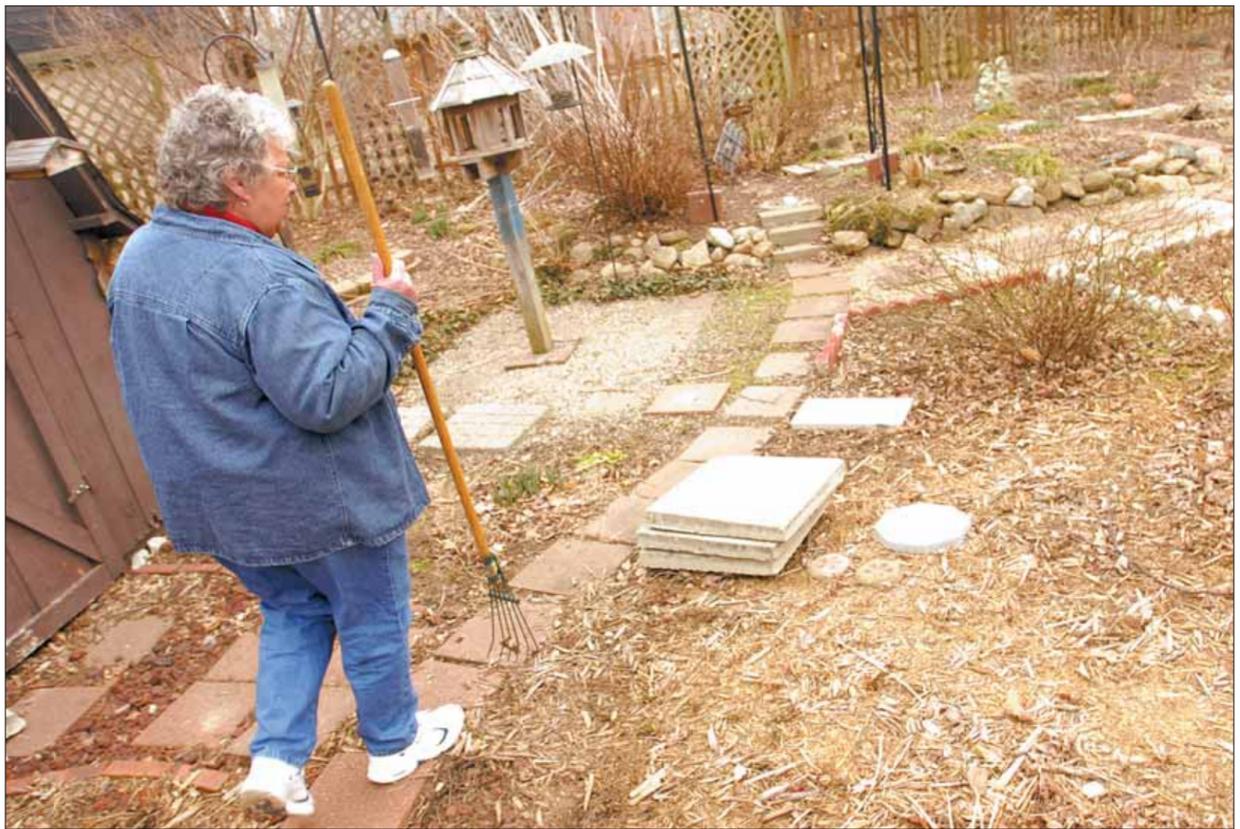
How well do you know that plot you mow all summer? Take this true-false quiz.

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1. Maintain bluegrass lawns at a height of 2.5 to 3.5 inches.
2. Lawn clippings should be left on the lawn if they are not excessive.
3. Water lawns infrequently, but when you water, water deeply.
4. Thatch is caused by excessive lawn clippings.
5. The ideal time to de-thatch or aerate a lawn is in the fall.
6. The ideal time to control white grubs is July 15 to Aug. 15.
7. Moles burrow through lawns and gardens and feed on bulbs and roots.
8. Mole control is best obtained through the use of Diazinon on the lawn to kill the grubs they feed on.
9. The ideal time to establish a new lawn is early spring.
10. Annual rye grass is a good grass for shady lawns.

### Answers

1. T 5. T 9. F  
2. T 6. T 10. F  
3. T 7. F  
4. F 8. F

Compiled by Dick Huber of Greenwood, a master gardener



Sharon Parish, a master gardener, prepares to rake leaves and brush in her backyard. Parish has converted the entire backyard of her Franklin home into a garden. STAFF PHOTO BY MATT OOLEY

# The constant gardeners

**F**ranklin master gardener Sharon Parish sits at her kitchen table facing the window to her garden.

No matter the season, various types of birds flit in and out of Parish's backyard retreat.

On this particular pre-spring day, four red birds perch on tree limbs.

As she watches the birds, Parish gives her hints for preparing your yard and garden for spring.

## SPRUCING UP THE GARDEN

**Make sure** any plants or seeds you purchase can survive in Indiana's Zone 5 climate.

**Prune trees** and shrubs while they are still dormant. Don't prune early-blooming trees and shrubs.

**Cut back** ornamental grasses to about 3 inches.

**Plant pansies** in March around St. Patrick's Day

**Cut grass** shorter than normal the first time you mow to encourage green-up.

**Check evergreen** trees for bag worms. (They look like tiny pine cones.) Pick off and destroy.

**Plant berry bushes** and grapevines and fertilize existing ones.

**Clean up** winter debris and cut dead perennials.

Pros tell you how to make your yard the envy of the block

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**T**o begin landscaping what was a pasture 10 years ago, Angela Arnold just started planting things in front of her Franklin home.

Her yard is now full of green memories, she said.

"I wanted that home feeling," she said. "So a lot of the plants in our yard are from my parents' yard and my grandma's yard. That's what means the most to me."

Arnold shares her knack for landscaping on a budget.

## YARD DESIGN ON A DIME

**Get starts** of plants and trees from friends and family members.

**Place a flower pot** in the place where a woven seat used to be in an old chair.

**Start new plants** from seed. It's cheaper than buying plants.

**Instead of buying** garden ornaments, make simple decorative items with material you have at home.

**Collect seeds** from your flowers to re-start next year.

**Paint a saying** or add a splash of color on a discarded brick or rock. Place your artwork in a flower bed.

**Plant a flower** inside of an old boot.

**Place some water** and a few rocks on a clay saucer. Butterflies love to land and drink and sun themselves.

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More gardening tips plus where to take a free lawn-care class.

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## GET PERSONAL

# Photographer creates cherished art from the smiles, tears of children

Motherhood instills love for capturing images of tykes

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**A** child photographer's studio might be one of the busiest places to work.

As the children of Kenn and Melissa Petty of Greenwood entered the child-friendly studio at Celebrity Kids, 6-year-old Alli immediately made her way across the room to play with a tea set.

Her younger brother, Sam, 3, climbed on top of a table to perch on a bench. Older brothers Josh, 15, and Ben, 10, studied images on a computer screen.

Photographer Sweela Mundy greeted the children, all wearing pink and khaki. She has been taking pictures of the Petty family for five years.



Photographer Sweela Mundy coaxes the look she wants from some young subjects during a recent photo shoot.

After a comment about how tall Sam had grown since she had last seen him, Mundy got down to business.

Photographing children requires the ability to move fast, think faster and talk frequently to keep their attention.

Mundy gathered the siblings on a large piece of white cloth for a group shot.

"Alli, can you say monkey?" Mundy said to lighten the mood. "Can you cross your feet and lean back a little bit against Josh?"

Mundy snapped a few frames, stepped from behind the camera and moved the Center Grove-area family into another pose.

"This is a serious one. So no smiles," she said as several more clicks erupted from the camera.

In this Greenwood studio where she has worked for five years, Mundy has quick access to several choices of backdrops.

A shelf filled with various props, including pieces of lace, stuffed animals, hats, chairs and benches, is close by. Outfits of all types, including football and baseball equipment, fairy costumes and various vintage clothing, are available in the room next door.

To change the scenery again, Mundy



Photographer Sweela Mundy arranges the dress of 6-year-old Alli Petty of the Center Grove area. Mundy has three children of her own whom she enjoys photographing. STAFF PHOTOS BY SCOTT ROBERSON@roberson@thejournalnet.com

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