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Players, coaches, cheerleaders and school officials pause for pictures with their trophy after winning their third straight Class A state championship at Lucas Oil Stadium. FULL STORY ON PAGE 4.

"We thank You, O God! We give thanks because You are near. People everywhere tell of Your wonderful deeds."

Psalm 75:1 (NLT)



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5. PSYCHOLOGY: What fear is represented in the condition called plutophobia? 6. GAMES: How many

pawns are on a chessboard? 7. SCIENCE: What is the name of the giant land mass that is believed to have existed on Earth 200 million years ago?

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most? 9. LANGUAGE: What is an

octothorpe? 10. LITÉRATURE: Where are the novels "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer" and "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" set?

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The Wright home



Tom Wright with two foreign exchange students on his yearly trip to visit the Statue of Liberty

Orchestra teacher continues tradition of hosting foreign exchange students

By Lucy Len Dim, Reporter The Journal Rewired

Southport High School is filled with traditions, new and old, that sets it apart from others. One tradition, in particular, serves a special importance to one teacher and creates a once in a lifetime opportunity for students all

around the world. Orchestra teacher Thomas Wright has been hosting exchange students with his wife for 22 years, which has allowed him to introduce American culture to others while also allowing them to bring their culture into a new home.

This tradition began when Wright taught English in other countries through a Christian organization. As he shared the English language around the world, he learned that many children were interested in attending school in the U.S.

"As I was doing that and I was meeting students from different countries, they all expressed interest in coming to America to either attend school for a semester or a year," Wright said.
After making this discovery,

he began hosting one or two exchange students each school

Through this, he has grown to believe that even while SHS is home to a variety of diverse populations, it is crucial to continue to welcome more

exchange students. He understands that inviting students from countries such as Germany and Spain gives a different "feel" than encountering the current populations at SHS.

"It gives us a different perspective of interacting with them that's different from our Burmese and Latino

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"I never get tired of taking kids to see the Statue of Liberty, to see our great value as a country for openness and tolerance and the melting pot of immigration that is a hallmark of who we are as Americans."

- Thomas Wright

communities," Wright said.

His wife, Beth Wright, shares the same mindset that SHS might not need exchange students to increase the school's diversity, but that exchange students are solely not only for diversity.

Rather, she believes that it's a new chance for people to learn from one another and create a smaller world.

"Each interaction with each different person

improves our lives, or can if we let it," Beth While the couple gains a view of different

foods and traditions within their students, they introduce them to American culture as well. Wright makes certain that each year, he flies

to New York City with his student to share life growing up. His childhood consisted of visiting the city

during the summers to visit his grandparents and feels it was a "highlight" growing up. Although Wright grew up in NYC and spends

each spring break with his exchange students there, he never grows tired of visiting.

(The Southsider Voice was given permission to publish this story from the Journal Rewired).



Lutheran running back Braydon Hall, taking coach Dave Pasch's words to heart, hangs onto the football for dear life late in Friday's Class A championship game at Lucas Oil Stadium.



Lutheran coach Dave Pasch visits with the media following the Saints' third state championship on Friday



Lutheran senior Jeremiah King is all smiles after being named the Class A Blake Ress and Phil N. Eskew Mental Attitude Award



Despite an obvious hold, Cameron McHaney bears down on Adams Central quarterback Jack Hamilton.



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Kiwanis connects with the community

Perry Schools, recently conducted its seventh annual Connecting with the Community event. A total of 125 families visited the activity which provides items to students and their families in need.

"Some 340 students from the local school district picked out their own coat or hoodie," explained Assistant Director of Perry Schools Student Services and event Co-leader Stephanie Quinlan. "Every member of the family received socks from For Bare Feet, shoes from Changing Footprints and foundation garments from I Support the Girls. Kiwanis' generous donation paid for the coats from Operation Warm and hoodies for the students and cold weather necessities like gloves and hats for everyone. Free T-shirts, quarter zips and running caps from One America were the icing on the cake.

"Volunteers from the organizations mentioned above, as well as the Key Club students from Perry Meridian and Southport high schools and the student council at Mary Bryan Elementary School, made the event run smoothly. They unloaded more than 100 boxes and turned the cafeteria at Southport Middle School into an organized no-cost



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Some of the volunteers serving at the recent Connecting with the Community event were (from left) Kiwanis members Steve Zahm, Dale Nordholt, Tommy Nicholson, Gary Treharne, Kevin Wheeler, Dave Lashley and Tom Jackson.

market for our families. Additionally, local businesses donated donuts, pizza and coffee

to keep our energy up throughout the day.' Kiwanis Treasurer and event Co-leader Scott Splichal added, "I have a sign on my desk that says, 'Be the reason someone smiles today.' I think Kiwanis accomplished that by hosting the event. This definitely was a great group effort with everyone who was involved — so many happy faces!"

Kiwanis supports various community

organizations including Hunger Inc., Baxter YMCA and Riley Hospital for Children through its golf outing and its concession

stand serving Baxter youth athletic leagues The Kiwanis Club of Perry Township was formed in 1982. It meets at the IHOP restaurant, 7521 U.S. 31 South, Thursdays at 7 a.m. and on Zoom. Contact President Jeff Udrasols at 317-679-2438 for more information about the club or visit its Facebook

Eskenazi Health Fair Can Help with Marketplace Enrollment



Dr. Sarah Stelzner Pediatrician at Eskenazi Health

By Sarah Stelzner, M.D. Eskenzi Health

Eskenazi Health is hosting a health insurance fair on Dec. 2 to answer questions about Marketplace selections and Medicaid eligibility. Financial counselors will help community members determine which health care plan is best for them and their families well before the Jan. 15 enrollment deadline.

The event, which will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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at Eskenazi's downtown campus, will feature games for family members, free refreshments and more than 60 financial counselors assisting visitors with questions about health care options and whether they qualify for cost reductions or government programs.

Visitors may want to inquire about Medicaid at the event. This government program is returning to pre-health emergency status, so members should not assume their coverage will automatically continue. Eskenazi Health recommends Medicaid members report changes to their addresses, income, etc. at FSSABenefits. IN.gov and confirm current eligibility to ensure they and their families have health care coverage. Questions on this process can be answered by Eskenazi's financial services team.

At the fair Radio One will entertain visitors by playing music and interviewing guests. Children can enjoy an activity mat or magic ink markers and join jumbo Connect 4 and bag toss

Vaccines for the flu and COVID-19 will be available for visitors. While most health insurance plans will

cover these vaccines at no cost, those without health insurance or with health care plans that don't cover these vaccines can still get free flu and COVID-19 vaccines at their local health centers or state, local, tribal or territorial health department. No-cost COVID-19 shots can also be obtained through pharmacies participating in the CDC's Bridge Access Program.

The fair will take place at Eskenazi Health's downtown campus, located at 720 Eskenazi Ave. Attendees can travel on the IndyGo Route 10 - 10th St. line or park for free at Sidney & Lois Eskenazi Hospital, accessible via Dr. Harvey Middleton Way. Guests should then proceed to the Financial Eligibility Services suite and Eli Lilly and Company Foundation Concourse.

While fair guests may not have the time to complete their enrollment at the event, they will be better informed and more confident in selecting the health insurance that is right for them and for their families

Since not all of those who want answers to Marketplace or Medicaid eligibility questions may be able to attend, Eskenazi Health Financial Eligibility Services will continue to offer assistance at Sidney & Lois Eskenazi Hospital after Dec. 2, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Drop-in-visits will not be available, so visitors will need to call 1-855-202-1053 to schedule or set a time through their Eskenazi Health MyChart at www. eskenazihealth.edu/patients/ mychart.

All Indiana residents should keep in mind that Jan. 15, 2024 is the Marketplace enrollment deadline. They will need to register by Dec. 15, 2023 for their health care plans to start on Jan. 1. Those who enroll between Dec. 15, 2023 and Jan 15, 2024 can get Marketplace health care for 2024, but it will not start until Feb. 1. The first premium should be paid to ensure coverage starts on time.

Applicants who miss the Jan. 15 enrollment deadline can only register for 2024 Marketplace health care if they have experienced specific life events, such as the loss of health coverage, a marriage or childbirth. 2024 Marketplace enrollment is described in greater detail at https://www.healthcare.gov/.

Emily Morning, CFMG

(Certified Feline Master Groomer)



Fun times with Simon

house. First, our furnace stopped behaving properly. We messed with it for awhile before calling for professional help. They showed up and checked things out. Then they gave us the bad news. We discussed it and thought about it and finally placed an order for a new heating and cooling system.

The installers arrived about 8 a.m. the following Monday. The weather wasn't too bad. There was no rain, but it was a bit cold. The electricity was quickly turned off to the furnace. The installers were in and out of the house several times while making the

We had introduced the installers to Simon the dog and Harry the cat when they first arrived. We explained that it was okay for the animals to go outside or come inside anytime. We knew that it was going to take several hours to get the new furnace installed and running. After a few hours, Simon suddenly remembered that he was a couple of naps

Simon enjoys napping on the couch in our sunroom. He even has his own blanket. We have never had a dog that likes to sleep under a blanket. The first time Simon napped under a blanket; I hunted all through the house for him. Now, to us, it is

very normal. Simon had been napping for about an hour when the installers finished, and we had a new working furnace. We all got together in the sunroom to finish the paperwork and get instructions.

When everything was completed and the two installers were about ready to leave, I told them that Simon had been a bit upset that the house had been so cold during their

Simon enjoying the National Dog Show.

(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY FRED SHONK)

Simon on his couch under his blanket.

installation time. I stepped over to the couch and told them he was asleep under his blanket. They just smiled and I'm sure they thought I was just messing

with them. I reached down and wiggled the blanket a bit and then stepped back away from it. Simon didn't move for a few seconds. Suddenly, Simon started working his way out from under his blanket. Both guys stepped back a few feet. They both made a loud vocal noise. Once they figured out that it was really Simon

and he had been napping, we all laughed. They had never met an "Undercover Dog". Last Saturday evening, I was watching the National Dog Show on television. Simon was sleeping on my lap. Our television in our sunroom is positioned next to the door to the outside. Simon

normally doesn't pay any attention to television.

During one of the commercials, a dog in the commercial loudly barked. Simon's head popped up and he looked at the door. He jumped down and went to the door. He saw nothing. He jumped up on his couch. Suddenly, he saw some dogs on the television. He barked at those dogs. Then another dog appeared. More Simon barking. He was running from the couch to the door and back. Barking at those dogs that were intruding into his home territory. His tail was always wagging, and he was very excited. A commercial would come on and he would lay down on his couch or on my lap. Once the commercial ended, he was right back on duty.

Harry the cat went to the other end of the house We didn't watch the entire show. Simon was wiped out. I'm sure he slept well and probably had several dreams.

Shonk is a 1960 graduate of Southport High School, a '63 grad of Indiana Central College (now the University of Indianapolis) and a retired bus driver from Beech Grove Schools. He can be reached through email at fdshonk@aol.com.









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Come enjoy the winter wonderland at Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Dr., all decked out in its holiday best with a brilliant display of poinsettias, model trains and village, and thousands of twinkling lights. Fee: \$5 per person, \$12 per family (2 adults max), 2 and under are free. Hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays 1-5 p.m. The show is open through Sunday, Dec. 31. Info: garfieldgardensconservatory.org.

SANTA AND CHRISTMAS IN THE PARK

Santa will cruise through the City of Southport Saturday, Dec. 2 at 3 p.m., followed by a Christmas in the Park celebration hosted by the Southport Parks Department from 4 to 6 p.m. at Southport Park, 6901 Derbyshire Road, Southport. Info: facebook.com/southporte-

BEECH GROVE LIGHTED CHRISTMAS PARADEThe Beech Grove Promoters Club is hosting a lighted Christmas Parade along Main Street, Saturday, Dec. 2, starting at 6 p.m. Prior to the parade there will be crafts for kids at the Elton H. Geshwiler Senior Center, 602 Main St. Info: bgpromoters.org

SANTA PHOTOS AT MALL

Santa is available for a holiday photo experience with kids through Christmas Eve at the Greenwood Park Mall. Hours are 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Reservations are encouraged. Info: santaholidayphoto. splashthat.com.

FRA BRANCH 130 MEETINGFleet Reserve Association Branch 130 meets Monday, Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. at the Greenwood VFW Post, 1842 Veterans Way, Greenwood. The next informal breakfast gathering is Tuesday, Dec. 12, 9 a.m., at Denny's in South Park at Main Street and I-65, Greenwood. The branch consists of veterans of the sea services of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard and serves at the *USS Indianapolis* (CA 35) Memorial Branch. Members recently heard Ed Blind, president of the North Central Region of the Fleet Reserve Association, speak about recruiting new members and growth. Info: fra130indy. org.

STORYTIME AT DECATUR LIBRARY

Children ages 0-5 and their caregivers are invited on Wednesday, Dec. 6, 10:15 a.m. to 11 a.m., to Decatur Library, 5301 Kentucky Ave., 46221 for stories, songs, and fun. Guests are also invited to stay after stories are finished for some literacy activities and play time. Info: 317-275-4332.

PAWS TO READ AT DECATUR

School-aged children who are reluctant readers are invited on Wednesday, Dec. 6, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. to read to a registered therapy dog. This activity can help young ones improve their reading skills and self-confidence. Participants may sign-up for a 15-minute reading session by visiting the Decatur branch or by calling 317-275-4332

FOUNTAIN SQUARE BREAKFAST WITH SANTAIMPD Southeast District, 1150 Shelby St., is hosting a free event for the community. Stop by Saturday, Dec. 9, 9-11 a.m. for a free photo with Santa, a to-go breakfast, a present from Santa and an opportunity to pet a reindeer. Info: facebook.com/IMPDSoutheast/

CROSSROADS BRASS BAND CHRISTMAS CONCERT The popular Crossroads Brass Band Christmas Concert is free

to the public and is presented Saturday, Dec. 9, 2 p.m., at Greenwood United Methodist Church, 525 N. Madison Ave. Donations accepted. Concert host is music ministries of Greenwood United Methodist Church.

BREAKFAST WITH THE GRINCHTickets are now on sale for Breakfast with the Grinch, Saturday, Dec. 9, at the Hornet Park Community Center in Beech Grove. The breakfast begins at 9 a.m. The Grinch and Cindy Lou Who are special guests. Cost is \$9 per person. Tickets can be purchased online at: hornetparkcommunitycenter.com.

SOUTHSIDE INDY RECORD SHOW

A Southside Indy Record Show is Saturday, Dec. 16, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the LaQuinta Inn, 5120 Victory Drive, (I-465 and S. Emerson Ave.) Admission is \$4 per person. Dealers from five states will be on hand with LPs, 45s, CDs, tapes, audio equipment, and music.

Reminiscing

60 Years Ago This Week — **1963**Sirloin, T-bone and porterhouse steaks cost 89 cents, 99 cents

and \$1.19 a pound, respectively, at Miller's Regal Market, 215 Ter-

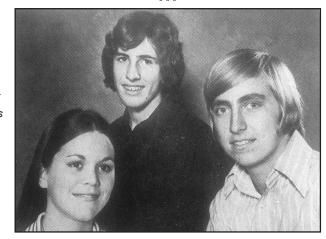
The monthly rent for a three-room apartment with a private bathroom and paid utilities was \$40.

The starting pay for a mailman was \$2.26 an hour, or about \$4,700 annually.

Cub Scouts from Sacred Heart Parish were scouring the area for used and broken toys, which would be fixed by Marines and given to needy children at Christmas.

50 Years Ago This Week — **1973**Tish Dawson, Angie Hohmann, Jimmy Dilger, Danny Obergfell, John Hanley, Mary Catherine Heidenreich, Mary Lu Busald and Chris Heidelberger had roles in the Thanksgiving play at St. Roch

Construction on the new Indianapolis Livestock Market at 2547 Kentucky Ave., was nearing completion. Projections called for \$250 million worth of livestock to be sold through the facility on a yearly



The Limelight Band, an instrumental group, featured the brotherand-sister duo of Nancy and Eddie Bernadon (right) on accordion and guitar, respectively, and Frank Di Paolo on drums

40 Years Ago This Week — **1983**Lowell Miller, George Andrews and Wesley Klutts were promoted to executive vice president, controller and investment officer,

respectively, of The National Bank of Greenwood. Detective Lowell Shrover and Lt. Ken Taylor of the Beech Grove Police Department were honored for their investigative work.

Tina Luzer, a student at the J. Everett Light Career School of

University Heights Hospital named Sally Hope as its Employee

of the Month. Hope, a nurse, worked in the intensive care/coronary

30 Years Ago This Week — 1993 This issue is missing from the archives.

Nursing, was crowned Miss Central Indiana Christmas Seal.

20 Years Ago This Week — 2003

A \$26 million upgrade was in the works for Manual High School, where every wing and all three floors would be involved.

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Thousands of twinkling lights, a botanical wonderland and a spectacular display of poinsettias awaited visitors to the Christmas show at Garfield Park's conservatory.

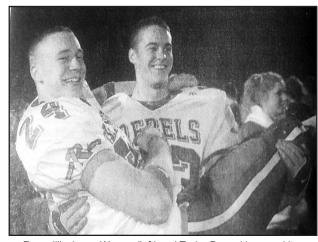
Southport resident Kathy Humphrey, the director of governmental relations for Vectren, was selected to participate in the Richard Lugar Excellence in Public Service series. Humphrey and her

husband, Dennis, an investment manager with Anthem, had two sons, Nick and Nathan.

By B. Scott Mohr

A retrospective glance at the Southside From The Spotlight and The Southsider Voice archives

Tickets to the 13th annual New Year's Eve bash at Primo Banquet Hall cost \$65 and included a buffet, party favors, an open bar and a bottle of champagne.



Roncalli's Jason Werner (left) and Taylor Donnel hammed it up after the Rebels (11-3) defeated East Central 30-29 in overtime to advance to the Class 4A state title game against No. 1 East Noble (14-0) at the RCA Dome.

10 Years Ago This Week — 2013



Keir Thelander, who was Perry Meridian's salutatorian in 1991, served as the director of Bongolo Hospital in Lebamba, Gabon, West Africa. He was pictured with his wife, Joanna, and children Luke and Sarah.



Perry Meridian's basketball team was looking to a promising season with (from left) 6-foot-6-inch junior Dylan Windler and senior guards Dalton Demeter, Anthony Hardy and Curtis Green.

The Gas Light Inn, 2280 S. Meridian St., served fried chicken dinner for \$6.50.

Roncalli sophomore Leah Biasi earned one of the six spots in the bass section of the All-State orchestra.

DBITUARIES

ROSEMARY ABBOTT, 91, widow of Rev. Thomas Abbott; daughters, Joyce Tookes Carter, Vivian Tookes; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; two great-greatgrandchildren.

Rosemary attended Sacred Heart Grammar School and High School. She was very supportive in her husband's ministry and often took on the role of church secretary while they served together. After her husband's passing, she returned to Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Rosemary enjoyed ceramics, needlework and painting (clothing). She loved to travel. She was a very classy lady and always dressed the part. Lauck & Veldhof Funeral Home handled arrangements.

VIOLA C. ARNOLD, 104, widow of Harold M. Arnold; son, John Arnold (Vikki); four grandchildren; four great-

grandsons. Viola was a member of St. John Lutheran Church.

They enjoyed trips to the North Woods and Great Lakes as a family. Viola spent many hours crocheting, quilting, cooking, and hosting family gatherings. Her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were the light of her life. She attributed her long life to her steadfast faith in God.

Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Home was entrusted with arrangements.

JAMES "JIM" E. BENNETT, 75, wife, Doreen Bennett; children, Kalie and David Bennett; two sisters, two brothers. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army, touring in Vietnam and serving as a combat engineer.

Jim enjoyed working around his home with his two cats. He enjoyed collecting vintage model cars from the flea

Visitation is 11:00 a.m. until time of service at 1 p.m. Sat., Dec. 2, 2023 at G.H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home.

STEPHANIE DEE DAVIS, 56, children, Jonathan (Tracy) Richman, Heather (Robert) Ford, Allison (Kyle) Frye; fiancé, David Bethuram; father of her children, Robert Davis; eight grandchildren; siblings, Doug (Katie) Richman and Melissa (Andrew) Whitesel.

Stephanie was passionate about her work with Catholic Charities Crisis Office. She helped the less fortunate and displayed a true Servant's Heart. She educated women in finding their strength and independence.

She could be found with an ice-cold Coca-Cola every morning. She loved spending time with her family and grandkids. She rarely missed an event or school function. O'Riley Branson Funeral Service handled arrangements.

PAMELA HERRING HICKS, 88, widow of David Hicks; son, Dean (Rita) Hicks; one grandson; one great-granddaughter. She graduated from Franklin College with a Bachelor of

Arts in speech and theater, proudly beginning her lifetime involvement with the Tri Delta sorority. Pam was honored with the Sagamore of the Wabash and

Distinguished Hoosier awards in recognition of her many philanthropic contributions. She advocated and helped raise millions in funding while seated at the helm of many organizations. Pam enjoyed Christmas like no one you've ever met, set-

ting out lemon-lime soda sorbet punch and singing carols. Services entrusted to Forest Lawn Funeral Home.

STEPHEN "STEPO" MYERS, wife, Mary Kathleen (Kathy) Myers; sisters, Nancy (Mike) Foddrill, Mary (John) Deuser.

Steve loved God, his country, family, friends, and his six cats. He shared his faith in Jesus to everyone he met and was always willing and ready to help others. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam as a recon Marine and worked for many years as a truck mechanic.

Arrangements have been entrusted to G. H. Herrmann Funeral Home.

SHIRLEY ANN O'NEAL, 90, widow of James E. O'Neal; sons, Gregory (Bonnie) and Bruce (Becky) O'Neal; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; sister, Marie Mar-Shirley was a graduate of Southport High School. She

was a homemaker and devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a member of Calvary Tabernacle and the Sewing Guild of Indiana.

Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel was entrusted with arrangements.

MARY JO PRICE, 92, children, Steven (Beverly) Price and Rhonda Taylor; two granddaughters.

G. H. Herrmann Funeral Home was entrusted with services.

DR. JOHN H. SCHULZ, 88, wife, Brenda; children, Susan (Chuck) Russell, Paul (Maggie), David (Alan Karras), and Andrew (Grace) Schulz, Krystal (Troy) Chisham, Todd (Amy) Slagle; sister, Vicki (Clyde) Donovan; first wife, Miriam Schulz; 13 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

John was a graduate of Southport High School and Indiana University Dental School.

He enjoyed trips to state and national parks. He had a natural knack for mechanical and electrical engineering and technology. John had a passion for history and religious

Visitation will be Thurs. Nov. 30, 2023 from 4-7 p.m., at G.H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home.

MELVIN "ARNOLD" SOLADINE, 92, widower of Dixie Soladine; son, Rex (Neva) Soladine; two grandchildren; sister, Susie (Maynard) Bell.

Arnold served during the Korean War in the U.S. Marines. He was an avid woodworker and gardener. He was especially known for his tomatoes. Arnold retired from Lilly Industrial Coatings after 36 years of dedication.

Visitation will be Wed., Nov. 29, 2023 from 3-7 p.m. at G.H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home.

WILLIAM A. STERNS, 83, widower of Carolyn Sterns; daughters, Jenny Lindsey and Sarah (Rick) Wilkins; siblings, Nancy Hawhee, John Sterns; four grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren.

William served in the U.S. Army from 1963-1969. He worked in construction specializing in insulation.

He was an IU, Chicago Cubs and Jeff Gordon fan. He loved God, family and friends. He enjoyed Hallmark movies, golfing, crossword puzzles, trips, watching construction progress and McDonald's coffee.

William was funny, smart, creative, generous and adventurous. He always had a welcoming smile and ready to give

hugs.
Final arrangements entrusted to Newcomer Cremations and Funerals.

PATRICIA L. WEAVER, 87, daughters, Diana (Perry) Garrett, Melinda (Scott) Conner, Karen Bloom, and Laura Weaver; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. She attended Manual High School then became a home-

maker for over 20 years. She worked for Community Hospital South as a housekeeper for 18 years, retiring in 1998. She loved horse racing and enjoyed many afternoons

with her daughters in Shelbyville watching the races. She could calculate winnings quicker than most. She cheered for the Colts and Pacers. She was a devoted mother and grandmother.

G.H. Herrmann Funeral Home handled arrangements.

CHARLES B. WHEELER, 85, wife, Sharon "Sam" Wheeler; children, Charles (Barbara) Wheeler, Mylissa McCoy, Sandra Shearer, and Michaelle (Stuart) Smith; 14 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren.

Charlie was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. He was a member of Tabernacle Christian Church, Prospect Masonic Lodge #714 F. & A.M., and Murat Shrine.

Charlie worked at Ford Motor Co. and later was a realtor for Jim Williams Realty. He also worked for 18 years as a Funeral Service Associate at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral

Visitation will be 3-7 p.m. Wed., Nov. 29, 2023 at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service in Greenwood.

KENDALL SCOUT WOOD, 28, parents, Kenneth Wood and Kay Wood; siblings, Lenny Floyd (Jeremiah), Katie Barrett (Matthew), Laine Wood; grandmother, Judy Winniski; Korey Kenneth Taylor.

Kendall is a Roncalli and Saint Mary at Notre Dame alumna. She studied abroad at Notre Dame, Australia. She graduated with dual degrees in Communications and Psychology.

She went to work in Mental Healthcare which was her field of passion. Kendall's giving heart and love for beauty had her collecting donations for women and children's

homeless shelters and mental health facilities Visitation was held at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service.

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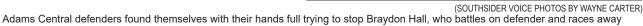
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Wide receiver Jeremiah King races past Adams Central's Jack

Saints soar to hallowed ground

By **Steve Page** Correspondent

As Jackson Willis stepped up to the line of scrimmage in Saturday's IHSAA Class 1A state championship game at Lucas Oil Stadium, the Lutheran quarterback liked what he saw.

Adams Central, leading 7-0, had stuffed many players in and around the line of scrimmage, planning to stop the Saints' ground game.

"Whatever the defense gives us, we'll take," he said.

So the Saints took to the air.
Willis completed six of nine passes in the first half, resulting in 151 yards, three touchdowns and a 28-14 bulge.
Jackson threw another TD pass in the third quarter, pushing the lead to three scores.

Though Adams Central tried to battle back, the Saints were too far ahead and prevailed 35-28.

Not only did Lutheran extend its winning streak to 43 games, it wrapped up a third consecutive Class A crown, all while grounding the Flying Jets.

That's what we do," said coach Dave Pasch. "We win."

If they win another title in 2024, it will come in Class 2A. The IHSAA's success factor will bump both the Saints and Jets to Class 2A next season.

But on Friday, this was all

about winning No. 3.

"It was a pretty clean first half," Pasch said after the Saints scored on all four of their first-half possessions and the first possession of the second half.
"The key is balance. Today, we got to see the passing game open up. They gave us a tight box see we took adventage."

box, so we took advantage."
Jackson went 13 of 18 for
226 yards and four touchdowns,
tying the Class A TD record that
he also equaled in 2022. His
scoring strikes covered 67 yards
to DeVuan "Boss" Jones in the
first quarter, 15 to LJ Ward, (who
was coming back from an injury)
also in the first quarter, 24 to
Ward in the second quarter, and

20 to Jones in the third quarter.
"He throws it; we catch it,"
said Jones, a junior who caught
those two passes for 87 yards. "I
love doing this. He's one of the
best quarterbacks in the state."

Ward, coming back from an injury that cost him most of the season, was just glad to be there.

"Coach Brown was urging me to come back," he said. "This is

great. I just keep going."

When the Saints needed to run the ball, they turned to 5-11, 190-pound senior Braydon Hall.

He bulled his way to 149 yards, an average of 4.8 yards per carry. He plowed over from one yard out in the second quarter. When the Saints were trying to use the clock against the rallying Jets in the fourth quarter, they gave the ball to Hall, who carried 10 times in the final frame for 24 yards.

"Coach Pasch told me, "'Hold onto the football with all your life," Hall said. "Those were some tough yards. But the running game set us up."

Senior quarterback Jack Hamilton then rallied the Jets, throwing late TD passes. The first, covering eight yards, cut the deficit to 35-21 with 4:33 to play. The second, for 30 yards, closed the score to a single touchdown with 1:42 romaining.

The Jets then attempted an onside kick. It hopped once before Jones fielded it at the Lutheran 38, and the Saints ran out the clock from there.

As teammates and coaches celebrated the win, Willis smiled.

"This (three titles in a row) never happens," he said. "It's a dream come true."



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY WAYNE CARTER)

Lutheran's Braydon Hall squeezes into the end zone to score his touchdown in Friday's Class A championship game.



Quarterback Jackson Willis starts to throw a pass over an Adams Central



DeVaun Jones races into the end zone after catching a touchdown pass from Jackson

Battle of the Birds

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(PHOTOS BY GUY ZIMMER) Southport senior Jessie Miller (5) drives to the basket against the defense of Perry Merid-



Cardinal freshman Teasie Bibbs shoots over Perry Meridian defender Ally Raymer. The Falcon girls won 42-32



Bryce Mathis of Perry Meridian (20) drives to the basket against two Southport defenders.



Jack Turner (24) drives to the basket for Southport. The Cardinals won the boys' Battle of the Birds 63-38.

It was a very fun event for the community. Fans from both teams filled the gymnasium.

Hawks grounded by defense-minded Panthers

By Steve Page Correspondent

Football coaches in previous playoff games discovered that Decatur Central had an excessive number of attackers with three running backs and a quarterback who could run.

In their previous three playoff games, the Hawks had rushed for nearly 1,100 yards.

Fort Wayne Snider had an idea for Friday's Class 5A championship game in Lucas Oil Stadium: outnumber DC's numbers. The Panthers piled almost all of their defenders on or near the line of scrimmage.

The ploy worked, as they limited the Hawks to field goals of 35 and 41 yards by the dependable Ashton Vogel.

That's all the Hawks could muster, and Snider broke loose for a couple of late touchdowns that led to a 33-6 final margin.

"It was very difficult for us to run the football because of how tight their safeties and linebackers played to the line of scrimmage," DC coach Kyle Enright said.

"They were kind of grabbing and pulling on our backside guards so they (DC's running backs) couldn't get to the next level. Number 44 (6-0, 190 junior linebacker Landen Fry) and 24 (6-4, 205 senior linebacker Lukas Rohrbacher) just did a great job of stunting our guards at the line of scrimmage."

Junior running back N'Po Dodo led the Hawks with 66 yards on 12 rushes. Quarter-



With Hawk teammate Brycen Bonawitt holding, Ashton Vogel steps into his second field goal in



White-clad Decatur Central fans turned out in droves for Friday's Class 5A championship game at Lucas Oil Stadium.

back Bo Polston was 6-16-1 for 59 yards.

DC, the runnerup in 2018, finished at 11-3.

Still, the Panthers had to deal with a DC defense that had overwhelmed previous

ing speed.

185-pound senior, countered Vogel's first field goal by bursting up the middle of the line, then sprinting away from everyone for an 80-yard touchdown.

With Snider leading just 13-6 early in the fourth quarter, Vogel pinned the Panthers back on their five-yard line with a quick-kick punt on

On the first play from there, Buchanan again popped through the line and was gone - 95 yards to the end zone and a 19-6 lead with 9:45 to play. He finished with 237 yards on 23 carries, but 175 of those

came on the two TD sprints. Rather than have his team punt in the late going, Enright opted to go for it on fourth down, and the Panthers took advantage for the final margin.

DC's defenders spent much of the second half on the field, with Snider outscoring the Hawks 20-0 in the final frame.

Enter a player with blind-

Uriah Buchanan, a 6-foot,

third down.

"We just couldn't get



Decatur Central linebacker Halbert Aguirre sacks Fort Wayne Snider quarterback Keron Billingsley shortly before the half of Friday's Class 5A championship game at Lucas Oil Stadium



Decatur Central running back N'Po Dodo looks to find a way around Snider's Allen Bolton.

anything going," said senior Halbert Aguirre, who plays fullback and linebacker. He rushed four times for eight yards. "It's hard on the defense when they are out on the field the majority of the time."

Aguirre did lead DC's defense by making 10 tackles. Teammate Stephen Oyatayo was right there with nine

With the game very much on the line, Hawk defenders made one huge stop.

forced Vogel to fall on the football on the Hawk 1 with 58 seconds left in the half.

On Snider's ensuing series, Marvin Campbell Jr., sacked quarterback Keron Billingslev on the 13. Buchanan gained two yards. Fa'Rel Carter ap-

peared to tip away a pass in the end zone, but was called for interference, giving Snider a first down on the 5. Steven Campbell sacked Billingsley, and with no timeouts remaining, Snider's field-goal unit raced onto the field goal. But the kick missed to the left.

"We didn't execute the way we should have," Enright said. "Too many penalties (8 for 34 yards, as opposed to no penalties for the Panthers). Special teams really hurt us. We gave it to them on the one-yard line, and they didn't

"Our defense played all night. I'm proud of our defense.

"It's been a great journey with these guys."



Halbert Aguirre (35) and KC Berry of Decatur Central watch a pass from quarterback Bo Polston.











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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Spend time on practical matters until the end of the month. Then begin shifting your focus to more artistic pursuits. Resist being overly selfcritical. Just allow yourself to feel free to create.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Restarting those creative projects that you had set aside for a while will help provide a much-needed soothing balance to your hectic life. Besides, it will be like meeting with old friends

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A change in plans could make it tough to keep a commitment. But stay with it. You'll get an A-plus for making the effort to do what's right and not taking the easy

way out by running off. LEO (July 23 to August 22) The Lion's enthusiasm for a workplace policy review is admirable. But be sure you know who is really behind the resistance to change before pointing your finger at the wrong person.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You can expect to have a lot of work through the end of the month. Devote the rest of the week to checking your plans in case some need to be adjusted to accommodate

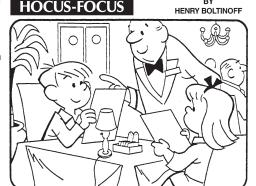
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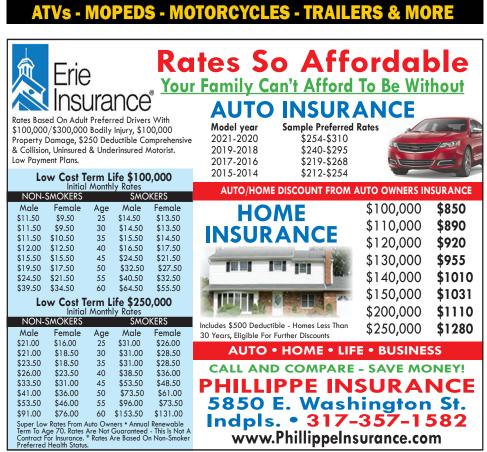




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2. Reese's Pieces.

3. Paprika. 4. Borden Dairy Company.

5. Fear of wealth

6. 16, eight pawns for each

player. 7. Pangea. 8. Lake Erie.

9. A hashtag or pound sign. 10. Missouri

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