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Quote of the Week:

"Before you marry a person, you should first make them use a computer with slow Internet to see who they really are."

— Will Ferrell

History on January 5

1933 - Work is started on The Golden Gate Bridge across the San Francisco Bay.

1939 - Amelia Earhart is declared officially dead. No remains are ever found and circumstances of her disappearance are forever shrouded in mystery.

1940 - The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) listened to a demo of FM radio on this day. In 1941, FM transmitting took place for the first time.

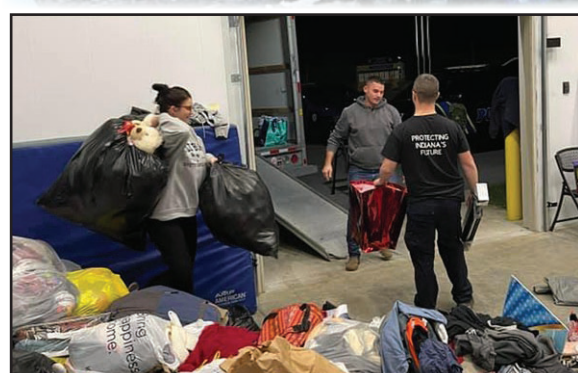
1950 - Gene Autry's "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" hits #1 on the Billboard Pop Charts. It sold over 8 million copies and was later inducted into the Grammy Hall of Fame in 1985.

1959 - The record It Doesn't Matter Anymore was released by Buddy Holly on this day. Ironically, this was the last record before he died in a tragic accident that took his life as well as the life of Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson. Two months after Buddy Holly's death, his last record had reached as high as number 13 on the hit charts. Holly had written all his own songs and made what later was a standard musician setup of two guitars, a bass, and drums.

1982 - A tragic landslide occurrence took place near San Francisco. It had killed 33 people, and had caused the closing of the Golden Gate Bridge. Before this landslide took place, heavy rain fell for about 36 hours straight. Just from this one rainfall, San Francisco had received about half of its average annual precipitation.

If you would like to know more history on this day or any other day, go to: thepeoplehistory.com

Relief to Mayfield



(SUBMITTED PHOTOS) Volunteers sort and load much-needed essential items at the Southport Police Department's training center into a truck to transport items to Mayfield, Kentucky.



Two photos taken by Southport Police volunteers show the devastation of Dec. 10 EF-4 tornado that wiped out Mayfield and nearby Dawson Springs in western Kentucky.



Southport Police officers stand in front of vehicles after making delivery to Mayfield last month. The officers are, from left, Dave Sutton, James Neilson, Lt. Jeff Ralph, Det. Brad Ryan, Jordan Crites, and Sgt. Cody Robertson.



Greenwood area residents also came to the aid of tornado-stricken Mayfield with a semitrailer full of needed items. The drive lasted three days and netted nearly 80,000 pounds of items, including much-needed bottled water cases. Top photo, trailer with Dennis Curlee and grandson Tyler Robinson turns onto East Main Street before the nearly 300-mile trip to Mayfield. Left photo, Linda Gibson and Emma Grable deliver several bags of items to Greenwood Police officer Jason Grable at outdoor collection site at Main and Washington streets. Right photo shows just a few of the items inside the trailer. Donations can be made online: TeamWKYReliefFund.ky.gov; or directly to Mayfield Relevant Church at: wearerelevant.org.

(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY AL STILLEY)



Chef Odell Ward to get a taste of retirement

Longtime chef hangs up his apron



(SUBMITTED PHOTO) Chef Odell Ward prepares a meal in his kitchen.

By Patricia Rettig
Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre

When Odell Ward prepared for his interview at Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre in 1983, he wanted to make a good impression. So he shaved off his beard.

But when he arrived to meet with Chef Richard Kolic and his assistant, he was greeted by two bearded men!

It was then Odell realized he need only be himself, and all would work out just fine.

Thirty-eight years later, having been the executive chef for more than 30, Odell is preparing to retire from the dinner theatre that he says he "grew up and grew old" in.

And he'll be the first to tell you – he didn't anticipate staying for nearly four decades. He had opportunities elsewhere over the years, but he was happy to stay.

"It was something about Bob and Doug," he said about former owner Bob Zehr and his business partner and current owner Doug Stark. "They're personable. They care about your life. If you're in trouble, if they can help you in any way, they will."

"You don't find that at most places."

Prior to coming to Beef & Boards, Odell had worked some temp jobs after serving as an aircraft mechanic in the Air Force where he also "cooked off and on." As the executive chef, he has been responsible for cooking for hundreds of guests for each performance, Tuesday through Sunday, year-round. At his side has been Sam Arbabi, his assistant chef, who is also retiring after 30 years.

A priority for Odell has been keeping the buffet "interesting and fresh."

"The joyful part was knowing most customers enjoyed it," he said.

Changes that came with the pandemic was a challenge as he and his staff had to figure out the logistics of a plated service in a theatre that simply isn't set up for it. But he's proud of his staff and how they were all able to work together to make the adjustment.

Odell admits to doing some reminiscing the past few weeks. He recalled when Chef Kolic left and the top job was offered to him – and he quickly took it. "I thanked Doug the other day for that opportunity," Odell said.

For his part, Doug Stark, who now owns the theatre with his children, said Odell has been an important part of Beef & Boards' success.

"I never had to worry about the kitchen," Doug said. "We could concentrate on the shows because Odell was always there – he did everything."

Sometimes that even meant fixing some plumbing or completing other repairs, Doug noted.

"He will be greatly missed."

COUNTY'S FIRST NEW YEAR'S BABY

The clock struck midnight and Atticus Charles Eggers became the first baby born in 2022 at Franciscan Health on the Southside, also the first infant born in Marion County on New Year's Day. Atticus, the son of Alisha and Drew Eggers of Trafalgar, weighed 6 pounds, 10.5 ounces and was 20 inches long. The parents of the first-born of 2022 received a gift basket with a variety of items for Atticus. At the end of December 2021, nearly 2,100 babies had been born at Franciscan hospital. More than 62,000 infants have been delivered there since 1995, when the Women and Children's Services program was consolidated at the 8111 S. Emerson Ave. medical campus. When each child is born at Franciscan, it is a longtime tradition to play Jesus Loves Me on chimes through the hospital's public address system. (SUBMITTED PHOTOS)



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YOUTH OF THE YEAR



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Keenan-Stahl Boys and Girls Club Youth of the Year recipients for 2021 are, from left, Francisco Bravo, middle school; Riley Dyson, elementary; and Andrea Morris, middle school.

AMERICAN LEGION DONATES TO BOYS & GIRLS CLUB



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Members of the American Legion Post 355 donated a check to Bob White, Board President of the Keenan-Stahl Boys & Girls Club. The donation helps with programs for the youth. Members, from left, are Kenny Murdock, Jim Bather, Chris Evans, Ed McDuffie, Guy Clemons and Dennis Jones.

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Murder Mystery



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Suspects, from top, Tony Whitcomb (Daniel Klingler), Eddie Lawrence (Michael Shelton), Mrs. Eleanor Shubert (Suzanne Stark) and Barbara DeMarco (Jenny Reber) are the prime suspects in Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre's 2022 season opener, Shear Madness. The play opened Dec. 28 and runs through Feb. 5, this madcap murder mystery takes place in a not-so-typical Indianapolis hair salon – and the audience decides how it ends.

Shear Madness is back by popular demand to kick off Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre's 2022 Season! The play opened Dec. 28 and has audiences rolling in the aisles as they help detangle the clues of a murder mystery in a not-so-typical hair salon. Featuring a unique blend of madcap improvisation and spine-tickling mystery, and set right here in Indianapolis, the Beef & Boards production features local

references throughout the show and up-to-the-minute spontaneous humor. When the old lady upstairs is murdered, the audience gets to spot the clues, question the suspects, and solve the funniest mystery in the annals of crime. The outcome is never the same, which is why many audience members return again and again to the scene of the mayhem. Shear Madness, rated PG-13 for some adult humor, is on stage for 41 performances through Feb. 5. Tickets range from \$51 to \$76 and include the Beef & Boards dinner buffet and select beverages. Parking is always free. For tickets, visit beefandboards.com or call the box office at 317-872-9664.

Personal Recollections
By Fred Shonk

CHRISTMAS, NEW YEAR'S & BETTY WHITE

Lyn and I enjoyed a very wonderful and quiet Christmas. She sings in a church choir. They had a few extra practice sessions and a Christmas Eve performance. Other than that, we mostly stayed home and enjoyed time together and with our animals.

We have a cat named Harry and five chickens that are spending their first Christmas and winter with us. It is interesting to observe the young chicken girls as they deal with their first cold weather. They have been sleeping in a smaller mobile chicken house that is separate from the girls main building. We have noticed that they are spending more time in that building as it becomes colder. That building has heat available when the colder temperatures arrive.

As a young boy attending Edgewood Grade School, I had a paper route. Many of my customers gave me a present for Christmas. Some would give me a Christmas card with a nice financial gift.

I also received many boxes of chocolate covered cherries. As I recall, I might have 15 to 18 boxes each year. I remember delivering the newspapers while riding my bicycle. I had a newspaper saddlebag that was attached to my bike. I remember delivering the newspapers and replacing them in the saddlebags with candy boxes.

This year, I was in a store when I noticed a large display of chocolate covered cherries in those exact same packages. I purchased a dozen of them. I delivered a box to several neighbors. I gave a couple of them to some friends. I opened one of them for myself. But I saved one and placed it in the newspaper tube holder that is attached to our mailbox post for our morning newspaper carrier to have at least one box of chocolate covered cherries.

I enjoy visiting on the telephone with friends and family that we can't be together with during the holidays. Lyn spent time reconnecting with her family members that live away from us. I talked with my sister, Kathy; who lives with her husband in Austin, Texas.

I also get several calls from friends and some were quite a surprise. I had a nice talk with former high school classmate Bob Rosebrook and a fellow, Bill Perry, who worked with us when my dad had the Sunoco station on Madison Avenue. It was nice to hear from them.

I was very surprised last week when I heard of the passing of Betty White, who was just a couple of weeks from her 100th birthday. I was impressed with the way so many commentators and her friends honored her. I feel a special connection with her and the cast of the Mary Tyler Moore television show. Many years ago, I was flying from Indianapolis to Los Angeles. After a plane change in St. Louis, I ended up sitting across the aisle from Moore.

We started talking and before long we were looking out the plane's windows trying to guess what cities that we were flying over. It was the middle of the night. We hardly ever knew if we were making the correct guess. During that flight, Mary explained to me that she had a brand-new television show in the works. I knew her from her playing Dick VanDyke's wife on his show. She told me several things about her new show. She was returning from the Minneapolis-St. Paul area where she had just filmed a part of the introduction to the show.

I remember her saying to me that she had been filming outside and she tossed her winter hat in the air as she spun around. She told me to watch for that. She told very few people about that move. Several months later, saw the show and her tossing her hat in the air. This is a connection that I will never forget, and also with Betty White. I did fall asleep early Friday on New Year's Eve, but fireworks woke me at midnight. I stood up and lifted my left foot because I wanted to get 2022 off on the "right foot."

Happy New Year.

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Winter, 2022

Southport High School Alumni Day

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Saturday Jan. 8th

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Join us January 8th for a day of basketball and socializing. Alumni will have access to the SHS memorabilia room, "The Cardinals' Nest" during the games. Free refreshments available while they last! After the games, we'll head to Smocktown Brewing for some socializing. Smocktown is co-owned by Mark Sublette (SHS class of '82).

Girls Basketball vs. THS JV @ 12:00 / Varsity at 1:30

Boys Basketball vs New Pal JV @ 3:30 / Varsity @ 5:00

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Franciscan Health authorities on the Southside and Mooresville announced that the volume of inpatients has increased significantly since mid-November and have implemented new visitation guidelines.

The acceleration and spread of the omicron variant of the coronavirus has spiked admissions. It also was revealed that the large majority of patients had not been vaccinated.

The hospital's actions have been taken after consulting with Franciscan Alliance administrators and the Indiana State Department of Health.

Effective immediately, patients will be permitted only one visitor daily and it must be the same person during that time. The visitor should be able to assist with care-giving support after the patient is released.

The one visitor limit also applies for labor and delivery, neonatal intensive care, emergency room, and outpatient.

In keeping with past visitation policies during the pandemic, Franciscan will continue screening all visitors to determine if they are at risk for Covid-19 or other communicable diseases. Those who do not pass screenings will not be permitted to enter the hospital.

A visitor, who must be 18 or older, is required to wear a hospital-provided isolation mask. In clinical areas, visitors should maintain social distancing (six-foot separation) and practice good hand-cleansing hygiene.

A visitor for Covid-19 confirmed patients must wear full PPE gear including a mask and also must complete education for PPE use and wear all required PPE.

Visiting hours are 9 a.m.-9 p.m. at both hospitals.

For complete visitation info: franciscanhealth.org/patient-resources/visitor-guidelines.

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Reminiscing

By B. Scott Mohr

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

60 Years Ago This Week - 1962

Leo Lauck, who attended St. Joseph's College in Westmont, Ill., was rehabbing from knee surgery.

A gallon of milk cost 59 cents, and a pound of ground beef was 39 cents a pound at Buck's Super Market, 3015 S. Meridian St.

Kelly's Used Cars in Greenwood featured a variety of 1- and 2-year-old vehicles for less than \$2,300, including a 1961 Monza or a '61 Chevrolet convertible for \$2,295 and a '61 pickup truck for \$1,795.

A lady was offering a reward for the return of a dress that she lost at the cleaners.

50 Years Ago This Week - 1972

Southside Exchange Club members Salvatore Mazza, Urban Renner, John Easley, Harold Joergens, Alan Campbell, Robert Sanders, Kenneth Kasper and Salvatore LaRosa rededicated Roncalli's Freedom Shrine, which featured replicas of America's most important documents.

The Ladies Auxiliary of Prospect Chapter 452 Order of Eastern Star installed its officers: Edith Chance, president; Barbara Francis, vice president; Mable Denker, treasurer; Ella Marsh and Donna Rohr, directors; and Myrtle Reed and Alma Shepherd, publicists.

Tom Meier was named manager of the Hooks Drug Store at 6908 Madison Ave.

Snow tires cost \$15.83 at Murphy's in Fountain Square, where a quart of motor oil cost 30 cents and a pound of cashews was 87 cents.

40 Years Ago This Week - 1982

The archives from 1982 are lost.

30 Years Ago This Week - 1992

Reported cases of keratoconjunctivitis, a highly contagious eye infection, reached an alarming rate in Marion County schools.

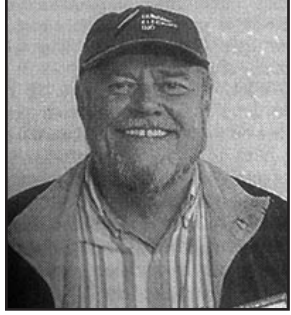
Tracy Welsh received St. Francis Hospital's monthly Spirit Award. She and her husband, Brian, resided in Greenwood with their three children.

Gloria Hilfiker, who once taught at Southport High School and Manual Evening School, was promoted to a special accounts officer at National Bank of Greenwood.

Amy Fort, daughter of Lawrence and Charlene Fort and a graduate of Perry Meridian, earned her third letter in tennis at Grinnel College in Iowa.

Roncalli's boys basketball team improved to 4-3 with a 63-58 victory over Howe. The Rebels were led by senior Chris Quinn with 21 points, Dan Moore, 12 points, and Dan Lawson, 10.

20 Years Ago This Week - 2002



Ralph Lancaster was named sales manager of Hubbard Electric in Morgantown.



Dr. Sanjay S. Vyas opened Complete Family Care at 1030 E. County Line Road. His wife, Dr. Dipti Vyas, was a pediatrician.



The girls basketball team from Calvary Lutheran Grade School upped its record to 8-0. The squad featured (front, from left) Amanda White, Jenelle McClean, Kelly Krol, Audrey Speide, Katie Fox; (back) coach Rob Lynch, Jordan Scifres, Mara Hansen, Kristen Rafdal, Jessica Moore, Laura Bugher, Lindsay Campbell and coach Larry Lynch.

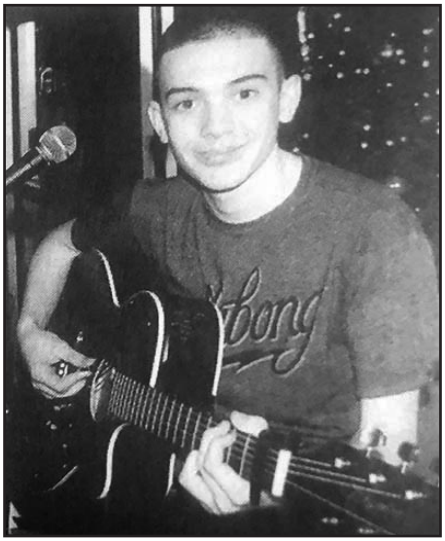
Xavier University sophomore and Southport graduate Brenna Goss was going to spend the semester participating in a service learning program in Nicaragua.

Joshua Mason, son of David and Kathy Mason and a graduate of Manual, completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

Matthew Krupa, son of Kevin Krupa and Pamela Leach and a graduate of Perry Meridian, enlisted in the Army's Delayed Entry Program.

10 Years Ago This Week - 2012

Acoustic guitarist Samuel Lakin, an eighth-grader at St. Roch Grade School, performed before a full house at Gallagher's Place, a pizzeria located at 8028 S. Emerson Ave.



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Vince Hickey, Adam Adname, Courtney Toon, Connor Cross, Ligi Eng Te, Ava Ward and the rest of Glenns Valley Elementary School collected nearly 2,000 pounds of food for Hunger Inc.

GARY DALE LUSTER, age 57, of Indianapolis, IN passed away on December 28, 2021, at St. Francis Hospital & Health Center. Gary was born on February 21, 1964, in Houstonville, KY, he was the son of the late Bertram and Edith (Johnson) Luster.



Gary was a true lover of life and to those who surrounded him. He was a free spirit who "Was Born to Ride" his custom Harley Davidson Super Glide. Gary had an infectious personality with a great sense of humor. He had a huge heart and would do anything he could to help a friend or stranger. In addition to his "Harley life," he enjoyed fishing and deer hunting. Most of all he loved his family and friends and will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Gary is survived by his loving siblings Connie Bowling of Fountainville, IN, Linda (Randall) Miller of Indianapolis, IN, Cathy "Young Catherine" Denny of Indianapolis, IN, Laura Sue (David) Watson of Providence, KY, Lonnie (Joyce) Luster of Columbia, KY, Alvin (Lori Cowen) Luster of Brown County, IN, Rich (Linda) Catron of Beech Grove, IN, Robert (Karen) Catron of Beech Grove, IN, Randy Catron of Indianapolis, IN, Jeff (Mary) Catron of Indianapolis, IN; special friend and companion, Roseann O'Brien of Indianapolis, IN; 22 nieces and nephews, 26 great-nieces and nephews and countless dear friends. A visitation for Gary was held Tuesday, January 4, 2022, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Newcomer Cremations, Funerals & Receptions, 925 East Hanna Avenue, Indianapolis, IN. Funeral services celebrating Gary's life will be held (today) Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. Burial will follow at New Crown Cemetery, Indianapolis, IN.

PAID OBITUARY

BETTY JANE ABBETT-GILLESPIE, 96, sister, Martha McGee; children, Michele Nix, Kevin Gillespie; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

MICHAEL VINCE ALSTOTT, 66, wife, Anita Alstott; mother, Anna Herzog; children, Jeremy Alstott, Angela Murphy, Michael and Amanda Throckmorton, Patrice; 13 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

THOMAS WALTER BAUER, 77, daughter, Melissa Peterson; three grandsons; siblings, Karen Jones, William "Bill" Bauer; friend, Angela Torrella.

DOROTHY JEANE BIRNELL, 83, daughters, Marcy Birnell, Leanna Tole; one grandson; siblings, Bud Shotts, Lois Hensley.

MARY FRANCES BLACK, 95, widow of Clarval Black; children, Leanne Peyton and Jim Black; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren.

CAROL ANN SCOZZAFAVA BURNS, 74, husband, Timothy; children, Suzanne Burns Knittel, Andrea Burns Short, Mathew and Daniel Burns; six grandchildren; brother, Joseph Scozzafava.

MARI KAY DARCHE, 85, widow of Albert Darche; children, Scott Darche, Stephanie Smith, Susan Stephens; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren.

WILLIAM R. DEWEESE, 83, wife, Diane DeWeese; children, Billy and Chuck; four grandchildren; sister, Martha Loper.

JOYCE ANN CARLYLE DODD, 73.

PEGGY J. EPPERSON, 86, widow of companion, Harold Epperson; children, Mike and Cathy Clark, Becky Stewart; nine grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; brother, Phillip King.

KODY RYAN FARRAR, 18, father, John Farrar; mother, Mary Ann Ferguson; siblings, Kyle, Kaie and Kara Farrar, Kaedin Keil-Farrar; grandparents, Michael and Kitty Kortz, Donald and Candace Foster, Ruby Foster.

DALE "DT" THOMAS FIELD, 63, wife, Robette Field; children, Nathan and Chad Pittman, Mary Wilson, Kelsie Blair; 10 grandchildren; parents, Richard and Mary Field; siblings, Steve Field and Ruth Raley.

CHARLENE A. GALLERT, 79, daughter, Leah Gallert; sisters, Farrellyn Finely and Shelley Ayer.

GORDON ALAN GORR JR., 48, wife, Jeanie Gorr; stepsons, Phillip and Andrew Meade; one grandson; sister, Melonie Junhke.

BARBARA S. HOYT, 70, husband, Richard Hoyt; sons, Colby, Robert and Richard Hoyt II; three grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; siblings, Rosie, Georgie, Herlen, Frank and Bobby Payne.

JAMES "JAY" RANDALL HUTCHINGS, 87, wife, Virginia Hutchings; daughters, Rhea Lundsford and Dawn Hayden; stepchildren, Lynda Fee, Deborah and Michael Calvert; brothers, Charles and Darrel Hutchings; 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson.

LT. CDR. ROSE A. GAUGHAN JOHNSON, Ret., 96, widow of Charles "Chuck" Johnson.

CHARLES E. KELLER, 92, widower of Shirley Keller; children, Tim Keller and Bernadette Carahr; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

WALTER JACK KEMP, 94, widower of Virginia Kemp; children, Mark and Teresa; sister, Janice; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren.

NANCY MARIE LONG, 61, children, James Long, Ashley Brooks and Alisha Vazquez; three granddaughters; life partner, Bennett Hoppes; stepdaughters, Deanna Culvahouse and Rhonda Blankenship; siblings, Sharon, Amy, Kenny, Sam and Leonard.

JAMES RICHARD LUTTRELL SR., 74, wife, Penny Luttrell; sons, Paul and James Luttrell II; six grandchildren; sister, Joyce Golden.

NANCY EVERSON MARTIN, 51, husband, Joseph Martin; children, Joseph and Dustin Martin, Kylie Martin Kidwell; brother, Bart Everson; one grandson.

DERECK JASON MCCAM-MACK, 43, mother and stepfather, Diana and Perry Garrett; sister, Shelley Chisham; grandmother, Patricia Weaver.

ANDREW RICHARD MCDANIEL, 48, wife, Annette; children, Nolan and Claire; siblings, Seth McDaniel and Amy Johns.

STEVEN L. MILLER, 42, children, Cohen and Keaton Miller; mother of children, Amie Miller; parents, Robert and Tina Self; father, Thomas Martin; siblings, Jason Miller, Monica Hamby, Frank Chavez, Michael McClain, Lindsay Bollheimer, Brittany Gullejge, Sheena Bauer, and Matthew Martin.

ANNA L. MIZE, 93, widow of Ray Mize; son, Donell Mize; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; sister, Marylou Russell.

WANDA LOUISE MOORE, 85, widow of Donald Moore, Sr.; children, Donald Moore, Jr. and Cathy Hall; 10 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; brother, Andy Gibbons.

JEFFREY RAY O'NEAL, 62, wife, Janice O'Neal; sons, Josh and Dustin O'Neal; siblings, Alan and Jerald O'Neal, Jr., Linda Richardson; four granddaughters.

WILMA JOANN RUSSELL, 85, husband, Dean Russell; children, Ed Johnston, Peggy Russell, Michelle DeLaCruz and Pamela Comodeca; four grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren.

JOHN "LARRY" SAHM, 88, wife, Kathryn "Sue" Sahn; daughters, Lisa Fox and Jennifer Sahn; two grandchildren.

TOMMY G. SIMMS, 79, wife, Susie Simms; children, Jeffrey Simms and Christina Naughton; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

FRANCES A. SPEER, 98, sons, Eric Whitlock and Glen Speer; two grandsons; six great-grandchildren; two great-great-granddaughters.

NORMA JEAN SPENCER, 92, widow of Thomas Spencer; children, Patrick Spencer and Suzanne Snoddy; 12 grandchildren.

CHRISTOPHER "CHRIS" ALLEN STEVENS, 38, wife, Roxanna Stevens; children, Hailey, Christopher Jr. and Giancarlo; parents, Art and Michele Stevens; siblings, Leah Taormina and Aaron Stevens.

MICHELE R. THOMAS, 57, husband, Duane Thomas; children, Ashley Wilson and Tyler Thomas; one grandson; mother, Kay Prairie; brother, Douglas Prairie.

BRENDA SUE THOMPSON, 73, siblings, Donna Huff, Connie Raymer, Mary Ann, Michael and Tom Thompson.

GEORGIA A. TROY, 60, mother, Susan Vaal; life partner, Mike Marshall; children, Deseree and Daniel Troy II; sisters, Steacey Ingels, Catherine Dickey, Mary Ann Weaver, Stephanie Northern; seven grandchildren.

ROSE ANNA VERNON, 98, widow of James Vernon; children, Holly Lambert-Vernon, Ricky and Gigi Vernon; six grandchildren; 16 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

ANGELA ROBIN VIBBART, 42, husband, Gregory Vibbart; children, Laura and Lisa Vibbart, Timothy "TJ" Bradley; siblings, Sherry Rios, Lynn Buchanan, Tim McDonald, Jeff Bradley.

THOMAS LEE WARNER, 79.
LOUIS "LOU" ALVA WEIR, II, 67, children, Nicholas, Jenna and Dakota Weir; two grandchildren; siblings, Y'Vette Shykes, Don and Paul Weir, Nanette Chance, Gisele Bissey.
MADONNA D. WHITEFORD, 80, sister Carolyn Berry.
JOSEPH "JOE" WOLFLEY, 31, wife, Kayla; stepson, Myka Brosius; parents, Jim and Debbie Wolfley; grandmother, Lorraine Wolfley; siblings, Annie Aker, Taylor Wolfley.
BEVERLY ANN YOUNG, 64, siblings, Michelle, Walter and Robert "Tony" Young.

King Crossword

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Cue: E equals N

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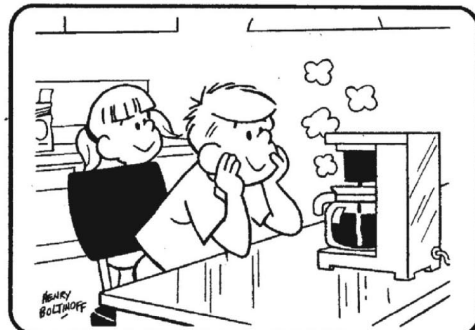
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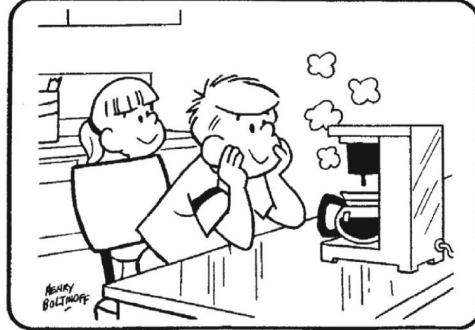
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BY HENRY BOLTIKOFF



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Lady Woodmen earn first tourney championship trophy since 2015

By AI Stillely
Editor

Coach Justin Bennett greeted several former Greenwood girls basketball players in Woodman Gymnasium during the recent Christmas break.

They included Bailee Taft, Jenna Sawyer, Ashley Buster and Karyn Mayo and others and it's an indication that the program is heading in the right direction after five straight losing seasons.

"We talked about them seeing the fruits of their work after they were gone," Bennett said. "That the things that they did for the program and the help they gave the young players would be visible after they left, not immediate."

The Woodmen had won only 12 games in the past three years under Bennett, whose current team is 7-9.

"Slow progress is still progress," professed Bennett in his fourth year at the helm.

The Woodmen already have more wins in any single season under Bennett and have won the program's first tourney trophy since 2015 in the one-day Park Tudor Classic on Dec. 28.

Greenwood edged Brebeuf, 34-28 in the opener and downed the host Panthers for the title in an unprecedented fourth-quarter comeback, 47-36. Park Tudor defeated 4ATech, 52-33 to reach the finale.

The Woodmen trailed the 2A Panthers 34-29 going into the final stanza. That's when Greenwood's tenacity on both ends of the court resulted in an 18-2 domination and the title trophy.

"We made it tough on them," Bennett recalled. "We've lost our share of close games and now we're showing we're able to close out games."

The Woodmen were led by junior Ella Stivers' 13 points on six of 12 shots and seven rebounds with 10 points from junior Emily Metzger, and nine points each from senior Quinn Kelly and junior Lily Howe.

Significantly, Brooklyn Bell had a team-high four of the team's 12 steals.

Against 3A Brebeuf, Greenwood broke a 17-17 halftime tie with an 8-2 third quarter. Bell and Kelly had 10 points each. Kelly and Howe each snared seven rebounds. Freshman Keyara Johnson had three of Greenwood's eight steals.

The Woodmen controlled the boards, 25-17 and committed 12 floor errors compared to Brebeuf's 17 miscues.

Six more Southside teams played in holiday tourneys.

Roncalli defeated New Palestine, 58-45 in the first round of the Plainfield Winter Classic but the host Quakers downed the Rebels, 66-62 for the championship.

Lutheran won its opener against Knightstown, 54-45 in the eight-



(SUBMITTED PHOTO)

Greenwood's girls basketball team awaits player introductions before the championship game of the Park Tudor Classic tournament Dec. 28. Seated are starters, from left, Lily Howe, Quinn Kelly, Emily Metzger, Brooklyn Bell, and Keyara Johnson. Head coach Justin Bennett, second from left, and assistant Kris Simpson, far right, get the team ready. Greenwood defeated Park Tudor, 47-36.

team Johnson Memorial Health Classic at Edinburgh but fell to the hosts 52-38 and later South Dearborn, 44-31 in the third-place game.

Southport defeated Northeastern, 49-45 in the first round of the eight-team Triton Central tourney, but then lost to the host Tigers, 49-37 and Heritage Christian in the third-place matchup.

Greenwood Christian Academy garnered fifth place in the eight-team Union City tourney with a 50-45 win against Monroe Central. The Cougars dropped their opener to Ft. Wayne Blackhawk, 58-43, but defeated Indiana Math & Science, 56-13 to reach the fifth-place game.

Perry Meridian dropped the seventh-place game to Lowell, 53-39 at Lebanon. The improved Falcons fell to Lafayette Jeff and Greenfield each by three points earlier.

Franklin Central was upended by Silver Creek and Pike in the one-day Vincennes Lincoln tourney.

In key upcoming games, Roncalli is at Franklin Central tonight (Wednesday), Carmel visits Center Grove and Greenwood is at White-land on Friday, and GCA hosts rival Lutheran at 12:30 p.m., Saturday.



Southsiders' Bulletin Board

PLEASANT RUN PARKWAY CLOSURES

Citizens Energy Group crews will be working to repair and improve a sewer that has Pleasant Run Parkway North Drive between Meridian Street and Madison Avenue closed to motorists for two weeks. Sewer rehabilitation also closes East Pleasant Run Parkway South Drive between Linden Street and Villa Avenue to motorists for two months. Motorists are urged to use caution and follow posted detours. Info: www.CitizensEnergyGroup.com/Construction.

EUCHRE, LUNCH AND FITNESS

Thursday activity continues at Perry Senior Services, Jan. 6, with euchre club at 10 a.m., a pitch-in lunch at noon, fitness class led by Samantha Stipp of Through the Ages Fitness at 1 p.m., and ending with a healthy snack at 1:30 p.m. The center is at 6901 Derbyshire Road. Registration and info, call 317-783-9231.

PERRY KIWANIS SPEAKERS

Upcoming featured speakers at the Kiwanis Club of Perry Township include Buck Creek Players president Cathy Cutshall and vice-president Mel Devito on Thursday, Jan. 6 and Indiana Department of Natural Resources archaeologist Cathy Draeger-Williams on Jan. 13. Club members meet each Thursday at 7 a.m. at IHOP restaurant, 7521 U.S. 31 South. Visitors are welcome. Info: kiwanisperrytownship.org.

WINTER FARMERS MARKET AT FRIEDENS

The Garfield Park winter market continues at Friedens Church, 8300 S. Meridian, Saturday, Jan. 8, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The vendors include local farmers and food producers. The winter market is each Saturday through April. Info: garfieldparkfarmersmarket.com.

LEARNING ABOUT FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Southsiders may improve their financial literacy at a special program Saturday, Jan. 8, 11 a.m. to noon, at the Garfield Park branch library, 2502 Shelby St. The program, "Connecting to Personal Finance Resources - Basic Financial Lingo," covers banking, credit unions, basic accounts, credit scores, and more. Info: attend.indypl.org.

GARFIELD PARK VINTAGE MOVIE NIGHT

"He Who Gets Slapped" is the featured movie Saturday, Jan. 8, 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., at the Garfield Park Arts Center. The movie (1924) features Lon Chaney and Norma Shearer in a revenge plot. Cost is \$5 at the door. Film historian Eric Grayson provides insight and background of movies each month. Wearing of masks required. The arts center is at 2432 Conservatory Drive. Info: gpacarts.org.

MEMORIAL BRANCH BREAKFAST

The USS Indianapolis Memorial branch of the Fleet Reserve Association meets Tuesday, Jan. 11, 9 a.m., at Denny's, Main St. and I-465, Greenwood. The breakfast is open to veterans of the Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard sea services. Info: www.fra130indy.org.

JOHNSON COUNTY IN CIVIL WAR

Johnson County Museum of History director David Pfeiffer will explore the county's role in the Civil War with patrons at the Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St., Tuesday, Jan. 11, 6 p.m. His presentation features insights, letters, and diaries of Company F of the 7th Indiana Infantry that was raised in the county. Registration an info: greenwoodlibrary.us.

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Creating a snow owl from a pine cone is the special activity at the Community Fun Night, Wednesday, Jan. 12, 6 p.m., at Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave. The event includes a dinner for participants with the sharing table opening at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 per person. Info: hornetparkcommunitycenter.com.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Saints runner-up at Edinburgh; Falcons hold foe to nine points

By AI Stillely
Editor

Lutheran and Perry Meridian had interesting results in separate holiday tourneys.

Lutheran's high-flying boys' basketball team reached the championship game of the eight-team Edinburgh tourney but found the host Lancers too much to overcome in a Class A top-10 duel between two unbeatens.

The No. 7 Saints fell 60-48 to the No. 3 Lancers who stay unbeaten at 10-0. Lutheran had won its first six games of the season.

Lutheran led the Lancers, 19-9 after the first quarter and the game was tied 38-all at the end of the third quarter. Then Edinburgh took over 22-10 to

grab their tourney trophy. The Lancers made 14 steals to spoil Lutheran's upset.

The Saints had defeated Hauser, 46-25 in the opener, and South Decatur, 86-74 in the second round to reach the title game.

Perry Meridian went 2-1 in the Lebanon tourney, losing to Gary 21st Century 63-50, then defeating Metropolitan, 48-42, and placing fifth by dominating winless Lowell 48-9.

The Falcons led 29-7 and hit 58 percent while holding Lowell to a frigid 17 percent and winning the board battle, 21-12.

The single-digit low is a record for a Mark James-coached team. The Falcons held Noblesville to 23 points in 2020. James' Ben Davis team held Connorsville to

only 21 points in a 2017 regional game.

Greenwood Christian Academy was fifth in the Monrovia tourney. The Cougars fell to Danville, 83-61 in the opener, then downed Milan, 53-34 and the host Bulldogs, 61-55. Max Booher led the Cougars with 25 points against Monrovia.

Roncalli went 0-3 in the rugged Noblesville tourney, falling to the host Millers, then Northridge, and Columbus North.

At Greenwood, the Woodmen defeated cold-shooting Yorktown, 42-34 in a complete turnaround after falling to Evansville Harrison, 55-32 in the opener of its four-team inaugural Humble Taco holiday tourney.

The methodical Woodmen picked apart Yorktown for an

impressive 31-12 lead and relied upon hitting nine of 13 free throws in the fourth quarter to raise their record to 6-4. Deliberate Greenwood was a precise 14 of 24 (58.3 percent) from the field while holding the Tigers to 11 of 39 shots (28.2 percent).

"We wanted to play against different styles," Greenwood coach Joe Bradburn said. "I felt good because our guys went through a tough morning game; we didn't play well and lost our foundation. Four hours later our guys regrouped and executed and showed really good fundamentals."

Yorktown missed its first 14 field goals while the Woodmen built a 19-2 lead before the Tigers' Jacob Grim hit a 3-point shot with 1:40 left in the first half.

Junior Carter Campbell led Greenwood with 10 points with teammates Noah Apgar and 6-7 Adam Ellinghausen each adding nine points. Apgar and Gavin Ruppert helped limit the Tigers outside shooting attack.

In the opener, Greenwood had no answer for Evansville Harrison's 6-5 senior Jahni Summers, who scored a tourney-high 22 points. The Woodmen were hampered by 12 of 35 shooting and 18 turnovers.

COUNTY TOURNEYS NEXT

The Marion County tourney opens Tuesday night with first-round games at 6:30 p.m. with eight different sites.

Southside teams in action are Lutheran at Southport, Beech Grove at Decatur Central, Brebeuf at Franklin Central, and Roncalli at North Central in the upper bracket and only Perry Meridian in the lower bracket at Warren Central. Any Southside team that wins an opener would play on the road Wednesday, Jan. 12.

Southport Fieldhouse is home for semifinals Jan. 14 at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The championship game is Jan. 15 at 7 p.m.

The Johnson County tourney also opens Tuesday.





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