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BEECH GROVE HIGH SCHOOL

Court named in honor of coach

By Al Stillely
 Senior staff writer

Friends of Matt English showed their support for his ongoing battle against cancer Saturday at the unveiling of the new court named in his honor at Beech Grove High School.

The event attracted former and current basketball players, athletic directors, coaches and hundreds of supporters.

English, who coaches boys basketball at the school and continues to fight cancer after several chemotherapy treatments, was "humbled and grateful" for the honor. He fist-bumped supporters and spoke briefly while seated at a table with wife Angie, who teaches at nearby Hornet Park Elementary, and assistant coach Matt Renfro.

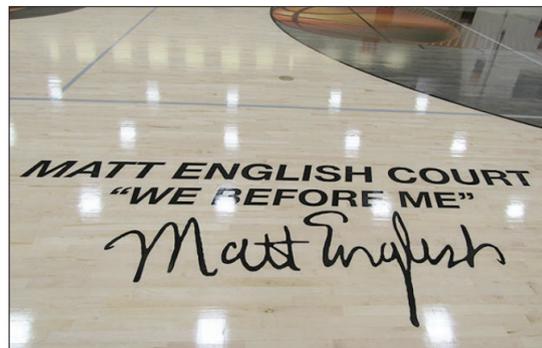
"I couldn't trade my experience here for anyplace else," English said. "There is none better than Beech Grove parents, students and players. ... You give me five Beech Grove players who come out and play basketball hard, and that's heaven for me."

The court has been redone with improved lighting, a huge basketball depicted as the center jump circle, a honeycomb design in each free-throw lane and lettering "Matt English Court" on both sides of the floor with his famed slogans, "We Before Me"



SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY AL STILLELY

English met several supporters and spoke briefly Saturday at the unveiling of Matt English Court. He is with wife Angie and assistant coach Mike Renfro.



The basketball court at Beech Grove is named for athletic director/coach Matt English and bears one of his favorite quotes, "We Before Me."

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A lunch pail and a hard hat signify English's mantra of hard work on the court and in the classroom.



Hornet Park Elementary School teachers Megan Mazur (left) and Sarah Taylor sign replica courts depicting the previous Beech Grove gym floor and the new one.

ZOMBIES ARE OUT TO GET YOU



SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY NATHAN PACE

Jennifer Lambirth (left) and Jasmine Hamilton were among the creepy creatures who participated in the Franklin Township PTO's third annual Zombie Run Oct. 24 at Franklin Township Middle School West.

The runners encountered zombies like Lambirth and Hamilton, who tried to pull flags or "lives" from them. Hamilton won the award for taking the most lives.

Bryland Sutton and son Jasper won the award for best-dressed zombies.



Manual High School is 'foundational'

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DOWNTOWN GREENWOOD

Madison Ave. takes on new look

Greenwood has completed the first phase of its redevelopment of Madison Avenue. The project is a continuation of the city's efforts to revitalize downtown Greenwood, known locally as Old Town.

The initial phase of construction encompassed a portion of Madison between Pearl and Noble streets. The \$2 million project includes a multiuse 12-foot-wide trail for pedestrians and bicyclists, a landscaped bioswale, two pedestrian crosswalks, a pedestrian signal at Euclid Avenue, decorative lighting and a revitalized public parking lot at Broadway and Madison.

"The new Madison Avenue provides an opportunity for residents and visitors to enjoy a more connected and walkable downtown," Mayor Mark W. Myers said. "With the new updates, business owners along the avenue will benefit from increased pedestrian traffic."

"We've received a ton of positive feedback from retail and restaurant business owners and look forward to seeing their growth and continued success as we continue to revitalize Madison Avenue and Old Town Greenwood."

Completion of the first phase provides significant connectivity for multiple downtown parking lots as well, providing residents and visitors the additional benefit of easier vehicle access.



The redeveloped Madison Avenue includes a trail for pedestrians and bicyclists.

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Kelly's Korner

By Kelly Sawyers, publisher
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Missing our beloved 'Car Nutz' columnist

WILLIAM HENRY "BILL" THORPE JR., 72, died Oct. 24, 2018. Bill passed away peacefully at his Greenwood home while surrounded by his loving family. He was born in Philadelphia to William H. Sr. and Elizabeth (Scott) Thorpe. He graduated from Father Judge High School in 1964. Bill proudly served his country in the U.S. Army from 1966-1971 and was stationed at Cubi Point in the Philippines. He was a graduate of Rock Haven and Slippery Rock universities in Pennsylvania. He was principal at Pikeside Social Education School in Martinsburg, W.Va., and had a passion for serving the special needs community.



Bill Thorpe

He assisted in establishing the Special Olympics program in W.Va. Bill was the assistant director of IARC and worked for the Indiana State Department of Education in the Special Education Division. For 37 years he served as the assistant director of IARC Special Services, retiring in 2010. An avid music lover, he enjoyed being a disc jockey at various events, including the annual IARProm. Bill was a regular contributor to *The Southsider Voice's* 'Car Nutz' column, and he enjoyed participating in a variety of benefit shows throughout the years, including World of Wheels. Bill was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Lynn Thorpe; daughter, Michelle McFarland; son, Ryan Thorpe; brother, Christian (Alida) Thorpe; sister, Margaret Mary Link (Michael); three sisters-in-law; two brothers-in-law; granddaughter, Taegan Sage McFarland; several nieces and nephews; and many close car enthusiast friends who are spread throughout the tri-state area. Visitation was Sunday at Forest Lawn Funeral Home, where a memorial service was Monday; burial followed at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens. Condolences can be left at www.forestlawncrematory-fh.com. Memorial contributions may be made to Angels 4 Taegan/Michelle McFarland, P.O. Box 7424, Greenwood, IN 46142-6424 or at www.angels4taegan.com.



SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY BRETT HICKMAN
Bill always enjoyed showing and driving his DeLorean.

PRAYERS FOR THE CITY



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Michael Brandt (second from right), head of Lutheran High School, hosted a handful of his students at the Indianapolis Prayer Breakfast Oct. 16 at the Indiana Roof Ballroom, where the faith of participants was inspired and enlightened through a morning of prayer for the city.

The featured speaker was former NFL tackle Dave Rowe (fourth from right), who spoke of finding Christianity later in life and how he has been driven to mentor others through regular Bible study.

The concept of a prayer breakfast was launched in 1953 when members of Congress invited President Dwight D. Eisenhower to join them for a morning of breakfast and fellowship. Following their lead, Indianapolis held its inaugural prayer breakfast in 1993.

Seen with Brandt and Rowe are (from left) Elayna Brock, Jared Sneed, Jacob Brouse, Katie Reid and Nick Anderson.

KIWANIS INDUCTS OFFICERS



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Kiwanis Club of Perry Township has inducted its officers and directors for the 2018-19 term. The inductees are (from left) Les Branham, president; Dale Nordholt, president-elect; and Stacey Olvey, secretary. Performing the ceremony was Tom Dunham, past Kiwanis Indiana district governor and a Southport High School graduate.

Unable to attend the ceremony were Mike Perigo, vice president; Scott Spilchak, treasurer; and Bob Bohannon and Ken Puckett, directors. Continuing to serve as directors are Bryan Hannon, Tom Jackson and Ann C. Smith.

The philanthropic organization meets at 7 a.m. Thursdays at IHOP, 7521 S. U.S. 31. Info: 317-652-9750.

DPW getting ready for snow

Mayor Joe Hogsett joined the Indianapolis Department of Public Works Monday afternoon to unofficially mark the beginning of the winter season.

DPW salt truck drivers participated in a two-day mock snow fight to check routes before winter weather arrives.

The department, which has 19,500 tons of salt on hand, has added 15 new snow trucks to its fleet for a total of 108.

"We have seen a number of predictions for the coming winter – some say mild, some say cold and snowy," Hogsett said.

"I think we can all agree there's only one thing we can expect when it comes to Indiana weather – the unexpected. That's why the Indy Snow Force is out on our roadways today, checking routes and testing equipment – preparing to keep the roads clear and you safe this winter."

Head lice treatment and prevention

By Dr. Sarah Stelzner
Eskenazi Health pediatrician

One of the most unpleasant health subjects that requires the attention of all of us is head lice, which is a parasite found on human heads and most commonly associated with schoolchildren.

Head lice infestation has been around since ancient times, and it remains common today. While the exact frequency of infections is unknown, estimates range from 6 million to 12 million cases annually. Head lice is a disturbing nuisance and not a serious disease. It is not a sign of poor hygiene.

While most cases of lice are acquired outside of school, lice may be contracted easily by sharing combs, brushes or towels with others. Children may also acquire lice while playing with others, during school activities, at slumber parties or at summer camps. Students diagnosed with live head lice do not need to be sent home early from school; they can go home at



Dr. Sarah Stelzner

the end of the day, be treated, and return to class after appropriate treatment has begun.

If your child or anyone you know speaks of a tickling or itching feeling on their head or scalp, those are signs of a possible head lice infestation and an intensive search should begin immediately. It's recommended that washing pillow cases and treating natural bristle hair care items that may have been in contact with the hair of anyone found to have lice should occur as soon as possible.

Whenever lice has been detected, pediatricians and parents should consider using over-the-counter medications containing 1 percent permethrin or pyrethrins as a first choice of treatment for active lice infestations. If lice have become a chronic problem, regular checks are recommended in addition to early treatment with pediculicide, which is an inexpensive, safe over-the-counter remedy. After applying the product according to the manufacturer's instructions, parents should follow with lice removal and wet combing.

If home remedies fail to rid the individual of lice, parents should immediately make an appointment with their pediatrician to arrange for a prescription medication. Whenever lice is located on a family member, everyone in the household should be checked immediately.

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Football sectional titles on the line



SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY NATHAN PACE
Center Grove sophomore running back Carson Steele celebrates another touchdown by jumping into the arm of senior Brian Gaffney.

By Al Stille
Senior staff writer

Resurgent Franklin Central squares off against No. 9 Center Grove in a 6A sectional championship game Friday on the Flashes' field.

The teams advanced because they dominated their opponents Friday; host Center Grove (7-3) shocked No. 5 Columbus North 42-0, and Franklin Central (3-7) traveled 80 miles to clobber Jeffersonville 42-3.

The two teams in this unlikely collision are similar: They have overcome adversity; compete in Indiana's top two conferences; have powerful running backs; understand playoff football; and, most importantly, are healthy.

From the powerful Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference, Center Grove's massive offensive line opened holes for sophomore running back Carson Steele, who ran for 183 yards and scored three touchdowns. And the Trojans' defense shut out the Bulldogs, who had scored over 35 points in six of eight wins in Conference Indiana.

Likewise, Franklin Central of the revered Hoosier Crossroads Conference showed its strength against Jeffersonville and won its first playoff game since 2014 and first under coach Grant Lewis. Winners of only two regular season games, the Flashes O-line ruled with openings for Malieki Parks, who ran for all six touchdowns and gained 292 yards on 34 carries.

Led by junior linebacker Nate Talhelm with 15 tackles, the Flashes limited Jeffersonville to 128 yards of offense.

"We are coming off a great performance on both sides of the ball," Lewis said. "The defensive unit played great, and the offensive line was physically dominant."

Looking forward to Friday's matchup, Lewis said, "We will continue to focus on us and the details. Both teams will be focused on stopping the run defensively and establishing the run game on offense. It is shaping up to be a very physical football game."

Center Grove coach Eric Moore alluded to the playoff atmosphere: "I told the kids before the game that it's about you now. You don't need all the fanfare and hoopla, it's time to play football."

The Trojans ran over Columbus North, scoring on runs by Steele and Brian Gaffney in the first six and a half minutes. CG racked up 375 yards of offense. Steele scored on runs of 41 and 1 yard in the second quarter.

Senior Sam Hohlt, recovered from an injury in CG's season opener against Warren Central, scored on a 17-yard pass from quarterback Jackson Moore, and Gavin Matheson scored on a 13-yard run in the second half.

"We are healthier; when you open against Warren Central, it takes quite a while to recover," Moore said. "When we roll (offense) we're good. I'm proud of our defense — they were locked and loaded."

In sectional championships Friday, Greenwood (4-7) travels to No. 8 Mooresville in 4A and Lutheran is host to Hagerstown in 1A. Host Greenwood upset Mount Vernon (Fortville) 14-7, and No. 7 Lutheran overwhelmed North Decatur 27-12.

At Greenwood, the Woodmen played their best defensive game of the year by stopping Mount Vernon three times in the red zone late in the game. The Woodmen iced the game by recovering a Marauder fumble on the 4 with less than a minute left.

Greenwood scored on passes from quarterback Luke Hommel to Bryce Huffman (28 yards) in the first quarter and to Luke Raker (41 yards) in the third quarter. Mount Vernon's score came on a 95-yard pick six a few seconds before halftime.

"We kept fighting; our defense answered the bell three times," Greenwood coach Mike Campbell said.

Lutheran's Marcus McFadden ran for 189 yards and scored two TDs against North Decatur. Dante Adams' 9-yard scoring run put the Saints ahead 27-6.

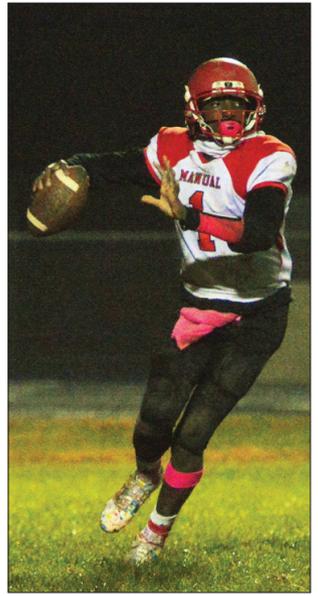
Playoff losses ended the season Friday for Southport (7-3), Perry Meridian (1-9), Roncalli 3-7) and Manual (4-5).

Southport senior quarterback Eddie Schott threw three TD passes

against undefeated No. 2 Brownsburg. He ends his high school career as the state's season leader with a school record 3,238 yards passing, 236 completions in 380 attempts (62.1 percent) and a record-tying 39 TDs. His top receivers were junior Ryan Lezon, 74 catches for 1,069 yards; and seniors Lucas Wiloughby, 43 catches for 838 yards; and Rashawn Haskins, 65 catches for 755 yards.

Manual running back De'Angelo Dean ran for 1,430 yards this season. He was in for three plays Friday before a lingering MCL sprain forced him to the sidelines against Indian Creek.

"He gave it an opportunity, but he just wasn't well enough," Manual coach Robert Orkman said. "We kind of underestimated them (Indian Creek); they were a lot more physical than we thought."



Manual freshman quarterback D'Fayebeon Pittman had trouble sustaining drives against Indian Creek.



Center Grove's defense is fired up after an interception in its 42-0 win over Columbus North. The players are (from left) freshman Caden Curry, sophomore Trey Clark, senior Lucas Hunter and junior Max Baker.



Manual's Tyron Sanders is brought down by Indian Creek's Bryce Woods. Indian Creek won 33-0.

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The event has become a tradition for many of our families, said Jane Weisenbach, the library's director of development. "We are excited to present this fun-filled event that brings the whole family together for a free night to kick off the holiday season. With Santa, reindeer and Christmas caroling ... it doesn't get any better than that."

In addition, the city of Greenwood will simultaneously host its inaugural Kris Kringle Market, which will feature holiday booths, a bonfire, sweet treats and giveaways just west of the library.



Submitted photos. No Christmas celebration is complete without the bearded gent from the North Pole.



Free carriage rides will be available Nov. 17 at Greenwood Library.

Area wrestlers key to Marian's success

Former wrestlers from Perry Meridian, Beech Grove, Center Grove and Greenwood high schools took to the mat Saturday at Perry Meridian as Marian University hosted its intersquad meet.

The match was staged at Perry because Marian's wrestling facility is under construction and won't be finished until Nov. 1.

And since Perry coach Matt Schoettle and Marian coach Steve Bradley are longtime friends, Schoettle saw it as a way to promote Marian's wrestling program, which is just in its third year. "Marian University wrestling and Perry Meridian have a great relationship," said Schoettle, Perry's Teacher of the Year in 2017. "I respect coach Bradley a great deal and how he is building the program from scratch and doing a phenomenal job. Great coach, great guy."

Bradley is a Beech Grove graduate and a former three-time state wrestling champion. He is the program's first coach and is putting the Knights on the map.

Assisting him is student coach Nick Ellis from Roncalli. Ellis became a coach after suffering an injury on the mat.

Top wrestlers include former Falcon Brett Johnson, an NAIA All-American who finished eighth in the nation in the 165-pound class while being named Newcomer of the Year. Johnson did not wrestle Saturday as he is studying in Spain.

Noah Warren, who won the state title this spring as a 170-pounder at Perry Meridian, said, "It was a good feeling walking back into the gym; I'm glad we had the opportunity to do it. Seeing a lot of hometown people come out and support us was really nice. Now I am excited to start my journey at Marian for a national title."

Other wrestlers with Southside ties are Brandon James, Logan Hurlley, Kain Rust and Jack Services (all Perry grads), Bailey Moore (Beech Grove), Derek Lewis (Center Grove) and Jacob Schrader (Greenwood).



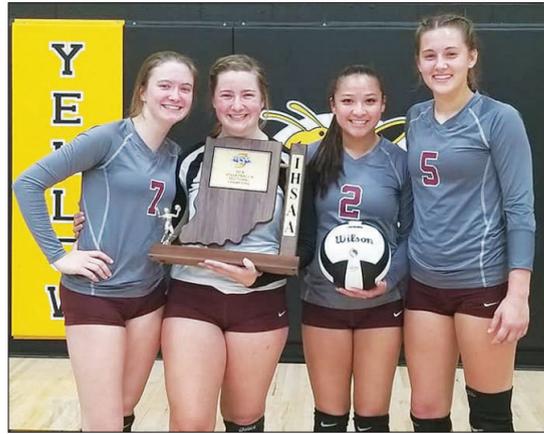
Noah Ellis (left) hopes to win a national title at Marian.

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Derek Lewis (left) competes in the 285-pound class.

STILL SMILING IN DEFEAT



Submitted photo.

Lutheran's volleyball playoff run ended Saturday against Barr-reeve (25-9, 25-9, 25-16) in the Class A semistate at Jasper. Seniors who played key roles on the team are (from left) Mariah Mielke, Hannah Mielke, Molly Phipps and Rylee Morris. Lutheran was the last team from the Southside to be eliminated from the tournament.

Roncalli football players named all-conference

Roncalli's Brandon Berger, John Harris, Elijah Mahan and Jack Wardzala have been named to the All-Circle City Conference football team.

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Manual High School is 'foundational'

By Al Stille
Senior staff writer

The Near-Southside community stepped up Monday night and made its desires known for the future of Emmerich Manual High School.

More than 150 stakeholders in Manual's future discussed options for the 123-year-old Indianapolis Public School, presently operated by Charter Schools USA under a State Board of Education contract that expires in June 2020. The board has appointed a seven-member task force to obtain public input so it can present recommendations to the board in March.

Manual alumni and supporters understand that the future of the school is at stake, and they are fighting to keep it open beyond June 2020.

"This high school was foundational to the success that I have had," said Bill Byrd, Class of 1964, during small-group discussions Monday. "This place is foundational to the success of our nation and the world."

After separating into nine groups, attendees zeroed in on consensus to save the school:



SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY AL STILLE
Eric Lewis of Charter Schools USA reviews progress of Manual and Emma Donnan since falling under state-mandated status as failing schools.

- Urge the school operator to pursue a charter.
- IPS could consider the high school as an innovative school, similar to the status of Grades K-6 at Emma Donnan.
- Return Manual to IPS, even with its status as a successful turnaround school would mean closure.
- Expand the high school's role as an academic center with an emphasis on agriculture, business, culinary arts, criminal justice, health, computer science and skilled professions.

If Manual is closed, stakeholders said they believe the students would have less opportunity to graduate; crime would increase in the area; and the vacant school buildings would be detrimental to economic growth.

Manual and Howe high schools and Emma Donnan Middle School were designated as failing schools by the board; Charter Schools was named to operate the three schools beginning with the 2012-13 school year.

One big question yet to be answered: Where would funds come from if Manual were to become a charter school?

One small group wanted to know: "If CSUSA is meeting goals, why isn't IPS interested in Manual and Emma Donnan returning to IPS?"

Five of the seven task force members were in the audience: David Freitas of the board; Jackie Cissell of Charter Schools; community representative Aryn Schoune; staff representative Jessika Osborne; and parent representative Jesse Christy, who is the mother of two students at Manual and one at Emma Donnan.

"There is history still to be made," stated Eric Lewis, CSUSA administrator told the crowd. "Our mission has been to develop higher levels of achievement not only in the short term but for long-term substantial success."

The final community hearing will be held Feb. 6 at the Burrello Family Center at Garfield Park; then the fate of Manual will be in the board's hands.

Public input can be made by emailing charlie@schoolcommunityinsight.org or by calling 317-222-6620.

SOUTHSIDE DEATHS

ELIZABETH ANN ANTON, 92. JAMES ROBERT OELGOETZ, 86.

DENNIS J. BAAR, 60, twin brother, Daniel Baar; siblings, Peggy Trickle, Bill, Bob and Chris Baar, Joan Reese, Suzanne Treadwell.

BRIAN BAIR, 45, parents, Roger and Anna Marie Bair; sister, Allison Bair.

ROSE MARY BLACK, 91.

MICHAEL L. BROWN, 64, sisters, Carla J. Henderson, Marnita L. Louzon.

FLOYD EDWARD "TUCK" CAMIC, 80, wife, Joyce Camic; children, Deborah Batty, Leigh Williams, Beverly Johnson, Jeffrey Camic; brother Charlie Camic; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

RODGER COLEMAN, 81, wife, Kathryn Coleman; daughter, Kimberly Payne; siblings, Ronald Coleman, Margaret Evelyn.

GARY R. CONLEY, 63, children, Emily, Joseph and Jennifer Conley; brother, Jeff Conley; three grandchildren.

JAMES CLYDE "JIMMY" DUNCAN, 48, mother, Martha Duncan; siblings, Julie Mings, Marcia Pashley, Melissa Nevitt.

ROBERT J. "BOB" HERMANN, 62, wife, Wanda L. Pruitt; children, Benjamin J. Hermann, R. Scott Gindling, Barbara Day; mother, Marianne D. Hermann; sisters, Beth Finney, Dolores Thie, Donna Williams; 14 grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

MERRITT DOUGLAS HURST, 79, Lucy Ann Hurst; daughters, Marissa J. "Lissa" Davis, Luann R. Clark; four grandchildren; four great-grandchildren.

CHARLES "PAUL" JENSEN, 64, children, Skylar G., Vincent X., Billy III and Seth Barnard, Debora Kahanthamany, Anna Barnard Bosley; siblings, Michael Jensen, Ruth Belcher, Karen Wilson.

LOIS CAROLYN KASTER, 86.

HAZEL MCDONALD, 96, children, Mike, Phil, Pat; siblings, LaVera, Kenneth; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

ANNIE MAE MEARS, 90, widow of Russell Samuels, William Mears; children, Marshall and Max Samuels; stepchildren Michael, Thomas and Edward Mears, Catherine Roler, Sharon Busby; 20 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

RICHARD WAYNE MORRIS, 66, children, Tricia, Amanda and Zack Morris; sisters, Betty Pitcock, Bonnie Kinser, Brenda Hebble, Rita Collins; six grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

WILLARD DUANE "BILL" OWENS, 82, wife, Janice Owens.

JAMES ROBERT "JIM" PARSONS, 68, daughter, Aimee Schaber; siblings, Dick and Tom Parsons, Anne Youngblood; four grandchildren.

JOSEPH "JOE" PENCE, 76, wife, Kathleen "Kathy" Pence; children, Joseph A. and Mark A. Pence, Christine McKeown, Amy Benson; five grandchildren.

WILLIAM C. "BILL" PRUITT, 90, widower of Melba "Bonnie" Pruitt; children, Linda Butcher, Darlene Nizamoff, Billy, Jerry, Ted and David Pruitt, Wanda Hermann, Laura Moore; siblings, Roy Pruitt, Stella Smith; 19 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; 16 great-great-grandchildren.

DANNY REEVES, 68, wife, Marcia Reeves; children, Anthony M. "Nino" Reeves, Shannon D. Spence, Richard A. "Rickey," Mark A. and Tom J. "Tommy" Rush; sister, Nancy Caughey; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren.

CAROL A. RHODES, 70, husband, John C. Rhoades; son, Nathan West; four siblings; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

BARBARA RUST, 77, siblings, Wayne and William Boren, Frances McEarl.

JAMES R. SCARBROUGH, 79, children, Jamie Stephens, James Scarbrough; sister, Linda Gilreath.

RONALD H. WICK SR., 77, wife, Virginia L. Wick; children, Ronald H. Jr., Williams S. and Sean P. Wick, Suzanne E. Bridgewater; sister, Eleanor Sue Thurman; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

KENNETH R. "KENNY" WINKLER, 62, widower of Sherry Winkler; children, Heather White, Kevin Jones; sister, Margaret "Peggy" Kraus, four grandchildren.

Personalized obituaries and in memoriams with pictures are welcome. They only cost \$12 for 10 words, 10 cents for each additional word. \$5 for picture. Call 317-781-0023



Stakeholders in Manual and Emma Donnan provided input for a seven-member task force on the most promising path for the schools.



School transition task force members Jackie Cissell of Charter Schools USA and David Freitas of the State Board of Education listen to introductory comments on the status of Manual and Emma Donnan Middle School.

Majority of Hoosiers approve of Trump, who's coming to Southport

Ball State University news

As the midterm elections near, a majority of Hoosiers approve of the job President Donald Trump is doing, according to preliminary results of the Old National Bank/Ball State University Hoosier Survey.

And Hoosiers will have the opportunity to see Trump when he campaigns for U.S. Senate candidate Mike Braun at 7 p.m. Friday at Southport Fieldhouse, 971 E. Banta Road. The facility is the 12th-largest high school gymnasium in the country with a seating capacity of 7,300 people.

Tickets to the rally are free and available at www.donald-trump.com on a first-come, first-served basis.

In the telephone survey of 604 adults, 53 percent approved of the job Trump is doing as president, compared to only 39 percent who disapproved.

"These survey results add to the evidence that the president's approval is beginning to rebound, just in time for the

midterm elections," said Chad Kinsella, a political science professor and survey analyst at the Bowen Center for Public Affairs at BSU, which conducts the annual public opinion survey.

"Trump's approval has rebounded significantly since the 2017 survey, which put him underwater with only 41 percent approval. This is an increase of 12 percentage points in a year."

The center will release additional results in the coming weeks as the data are analyzed. Topics include gas and cigarette tax increases, school safety, opioid/drug problems, sports gambling, medical work requirements and legal marijuana.

The survey also indicates that Trump's approval depends on a respondent's party, Kinsella said.

"President Trump has great support among Republicans, with 92 percent approving, more tepid support among independents, with 46 percent approval, and little support among Democrats, with only 11 percent approving."

Number of early voters up; Election Day is Tuesday

By Al Stille
Senior staff writer

Election Day is Tuesday with voting sites open from 6 a.m.-6 p.m.

Southsiders may cast their votes for candidates in Congressional and Indiana Legislature races plus county and township offices. School board election races are on ballots for selected seats for Center Grove, Greenwood, Beech Grove and IPS and a three-way race for a northeast quadrant representative on the Franklin Township School board. Voters throughout IPS will vote on a \$220 million operating referendum and a \$52 million capital projects referendum.

Because of heated Congressional races, county election officials have noticed a high volume of early voters.

Early voting on the Southside is at the Perry Township Government Center, 4925 Shelby St., and Franklin Township Annex Learning Center, 6019 S. Franklin Road - hours: 8 a.m.-7 p.m. through Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The Marion County clerk's office in the City-County Building is open during the same hours and 8 a.m.-noon Monday. Voters may call the clerk's office at 317-327-5100 for their precinct voting site or visit <https://indianavoters.in.gov>.

Early voting sites in Greenwood include Vineyard Christian Church, 512 S. Madison Ave., and Mount Pleasant Christian Church, 381 N. Bluff Road; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday.

Voters can cast ballots at any of the 20 vote centers on Election Day regardless of precinct: Vineyard Christian Church, Mount Pleasant Christian Church, White River Library, 1664 Library Blvd.; Rocklane Christian Church, 4430 Rocklane Road; Mount Auburn Christian Church, 3100 W. Stones Crossing Road; The Nest, 100 Byrd Way; Community Church of Greenwood, 1477 W. Main St.; and the White River Township trustee's office, 2929 S. Morgantown Road.

Just married? Here's what you need to know about taxes

Summertime has become an increasingly popular season for weddings, and the Indiana Department of Revenue wants to help Hoosier newlyweds as they embark on wedded bliss to avoid the headache of tax issues.

From name changes to filing status, the department has several tips for newlyweds to be ready for next tax season and to ensure refunds are not delayed:

- Name changes: The first step is to report the change to the Social Security Administration. Since tax returns are filed under an individual's Social Security number, it is important to complete the name change process before filing a tax return. The name on the tax return must match the SSN to ensure any potential refund goes to the correct person. More information can be found at www.SSA.gov.

- Change withholding status: Newly married individuals may need to update their federal W-4 and state WH-4 forms to reflect additional exemptions or change their higher standard deduction. By claiming an additional allowance or changing the withholding status to married, fewer taxes may be withheld from their pay.

- Evaluate tax filing status: Once an individual is married, the filing status on their tax return must be either: married filing jointly or married filing separately. Often, the option married filing jointly provides the most beneficial tax outcome for most couples, due to the available credits and deductions. However, all couples should explore both options to determine what works best.

- Changing filing status may also change an individual's tax bracket, so the income might be taxed at a different rate. If a married couple choose to file a joint return, their income is now combined, which may result in one or both individuals being in a higher tax bracket.

Remember, even if the wedding date is Dec. 30, 2018, a couple are still considered married for the 2018 tax year.

Newlyweds with any questions about changes in filing due to married status should call 317-232-2240 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Library News

Beech Grove Branch
1102 Main St.
317-275-4560

- Preschool Storytime, 11 a.m. Nov. 1, 8, 15 and 29.
- Preschoolers and an adult are invited to join children's librarians for stories and fun activities.
- Genealogy research assistance, 2-5 p.m. Nov. 5 and 4-7 p.m. Nov. 19. Registration is required.
- Family Storytime, 6 p.m. Nov. 6 and 20.
- Flu shots from Franciscan Health, noon-4 p.m. Nov. 14; \$10 for those who don't have insurance.

Fountain Square Branch
1066 Virginia Ave.
317-275-4390

- Baby Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29. Babies up to 24 months and adults are invited for stories, fingerplays and sing-alongs.
- Watercolor and acrylic ink painting program for teenagers, 2-4 p.m. Nov. 3. Registration is required.

- Preschool Storytime, 11 a.m. Nov. 5, 12, 19 and 26.
- Multimedia art workshop for 3- to 6-year-olds, 11 a.m. Nov. 5. Registration is required.
- Family game night, 6-7:30 p.m. Nov. 20.

Franklin Road Branch
5550 S. Franklin Road
317-275-4380

- Homeschooled children ages 6-12 are invited for activities at 1:15 p.m. Nov. 1 and 15.
- Toddler Storytime, 10:15 a.m. Nov. 6, 13 and 27.
- Preschool Storytime, 1:15 p.m. Nov. 6 and 13 and 10:15 and 11:15 a.m. Nov. 7 and 14.
- Watercolor and acrylic ink painting program for teenagers, 3:30-5:30 p.m. Nov. 9. Registration is required.
- Family dance parties, 1:15

p.m. Nov. 27 and 10:15 and 11:15 a.m. Nov. 28.

Garfield Park Branch
2502 Shelby St.
317-275-4490

- Job Center workshop, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Nov. 3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, 24 and 27. The program focuses on job search strategies, interviewing techniques, resume development and basic computer instruction. Unemployed or underemployed individuals can receive one-on-one assistance to enhance their employment skills.
- Ancestry.com classes, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Nov. 7 and 5:30-7:30 p.m. Nov. 13. Registration is required.
- Family Storytime, 6:30 p.m. Nov. 13.
- Open computer lab, 4-6:30 p.m. Nov. 14.
- Beginning computer classes and internet basics, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Nov. 27. Registration is required.

Southport Branch
2630 E. Stop 11 Road
317-275-4510

- Baby and Toddler Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Nov. 1, 14, 15, 28 and 29.
- Family game day, noon-4 p.m. Nov. 3.
- Preschool Storytime, 10:30 a.m. Nov. 6, 13 and 27.
- Art program for babies and toddlers, 10:30 a.m. Nov. 7 and 8.
- Children who are reluctant readers are invited to read to therapy dogs from 6-7:30 p.m. Nov. 14. The program is known for improving a child's reading skills and self-confidence. Registration is required.
- Swap meet, 2-3 p.m. Nov. 17. Children ages 10-14 can give away and take items for free. Bring clothes, games, toys, books jewelry, cards, etc.

Infantry rocks in virtual battlefield

By Master Sgt. Jeff Lowry
38th Infantry Division public affairs

Vini, vidi, vici.

The 38th Infantry Division came, saw and conquered.

The soldiers of the 38th used their real-world skills in virtual battlefield scenarios to defeat an enemy during a nine-day warfighter exercise at Camp Atterbury in Edinburg earlier this month.

"We achieved our goals and won the war," said Maj. Gen. Gordon L. Ellis, the division commanding general.

The objectives and outcomes included conducting reconnaissance operations at the division-level; utilizing a distributed command post and maintaining communications; coordinating multiservice munitions delivery; and logistic support and consolidation throughout the division's operation.

"The proficiencies that we gained here, we cannot lose," said Ellis. "We seized some objectives, but we still have a way to go."

Additionally, the soldiers, including Staff Sgt. Russell Christian of Beech Grove, had to accomplish these objectives while in an austere setting to meet the intent of Army Chief of Staff Gen. Mark A. Milley to train as an expeditionary force.

"Gen. Milley, has told us to be ready to 'fight tonight,'" said Command Sgt. Dale A. Shetler. "To that end we performed our warfighter with soldiers sleeping in tents, our maintenance crews working on-site and our cooks using our mobile kitchens. After this exercise I feel more confident than ever that our soldiers are ready to answer the call if needed."

The battlefield scenarios tested the division staff in six functional tasks: command and control, movement and maneuver, intelligence, targeting processes, sustainment and protection.

The 38th Infantry Division, headquartered in Indianapolis and known as the Cyclone Division, remains postured to strengthen defense relationships and build partner capacity. Subordinate units in the 38th provide capabilities in infantry, aviation, logistics, force protection and information management.

Be a good neighbor: Learn before burning

The Department of Business and Neighborhood Services is reminding residents that the open burning of anything outside can lead to health and environmental risks.

Open burning creates smoke, which may cause an odor nuisance to nearby neighbors. Furthermore, open burning adversely affects the air quality standards for Marion County as set by the Environmental Protection Agency.

It has been determined that even small campfires burning clean wood can release toxic chemicals in to the air. The burning of unclean materials presents even more hazards. Therefore, before lighting that fire, remember to protect yourself, your neighbors and your community by knowing what is appropriate to burn and how.

County residents are allowed to burn only dried branches and twigs that originate from their property for disposal if they follow these requirements:

- Use a noncombustible container with a ventilated mesh covering with openings no greater than one-quarter of an inch.
- Place container at least 15 feet from any structure, trees or other object that may catch fire.
- Attend the fire and maintain a means to extinguish it at all times.
- Burn preferably between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.

Permitted open burning includes bonfires conducted by established groups, campfires, patio fire pits, cooking fires and person comfort fires.

It is illegal to burn household trash, furniture, mattresses, animal carcasses, leaves and tires. Illegal burning can be reported to 317-327-4622.

The Toy Drop's Halloween Bash



Submitted photo: The Toy Drop, 6025 Madison Ave., held its second annual Halloween Bash Oct. 26. Guests had the opportunity to have their pictures taken with horror figures like Jason, Freddy, Michael Myers and Leatherface.

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and "The Journey Begins Here," and his signature.

A letter from Beech Grove native and Marian University women's basketball coach Katie Gearlds also praised English, who was presented with a Marian hoodie. Gearlds led Beech Grove to the 2003 3A girls basketball championship and was named Miss Indiana Basketball.

Patrons mingled in the lobby before the gymnasium doors were opened. Many purchased "Standing Tall Together" T-shirts with proceeds to benefit the English family.

English is beginning his 11th season as head coach at Beech Grove where he also has served as athletic director since 2012. His teams have reached the sectional championship game for two consecutive years.

He was diagnosed with a brain tumor seven years ago and recently underwent another round of surgery. He returned to an early season practice last week.

The first boys basketball game on the new court is tentatively scheduled Nov. 24 against Seccina, but that depends on how far the Crusaders advance in the state football tournament. The opener could be Dec. 8 against Manual.



SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY AL STILLEY: Matt English (left) and assistant coach Mike Renfro share a moment with supporters at the unveiling of the new basketball court.

Credit union opens education center at its Greenwood branch

Financial Center First Credit Union has opened an education center at its Greenwood branch, 20 N. Emerson Ave. The facility features a community education and training room, a financial library, computer stations and a coffee bar.

"The center was designed to help people learn how to have the right conversations about managing their money," said Daniel Kavanaugh, senior vice president and chief sales and marketing officer at Financial Center.

"We want to provide financial education that fits into your busy lifestyle," remarked James Davidson, director of financial literacy. "We're here to help."

The center is available for community groups to use. Requests for reservations are taken in the branch or through email at GreenwoodCommunityRoom@fcfcu.com. There are plans for weekly financial seminars to begin in January; they will be listed at fcfcu.com/financial-education for a listing.

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PRAYER TO THE BLESSED MOTHER
(Never known to fail). Oh, most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven. Blessed Mother of the Son of God; Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. Oh, Star of the Sea, help me and show me you are my Mother. Oh, Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to succor me in my necessity (Mention your request here) There are none that can withstand your power. Oh, Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times) Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times) Your request will be granted and the prayer must be published. Amen. K.S.

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Personal Recollections

By Fred Shonk

Stuart, my therapy dog, was supposed to take over this column this week, but he had such a busy week that he is now 19 naps behind schedule. So he directed me to tell what has been going on.

One of the rehabilitation centers that we visit is Manor Care. Stuart has made many wonderful friends there. One of our favorite residents is a gentleman named Danny.

I enjoy walking through these buildings with Stuart because he remembers which rooms that his special friends reside. When we get near Danny's room, Stuart leads me there to begin our visit. One of the many things that everyone notices about Danny is that he enjoys wearing a baseball-style cap – with the bill pointing backward – all the time.

I remember asking Danny where he found his caps. I explained that when I was in a store that sold baseball caps they never had any on display where the bill pointed to the rear. All of those hats pointed forward. That always draws a rousing response from him.

Stuart and I visit our local Petco store every couple of weeks to get his nails trimmed and smoothed. I had been looking for a baseball-style cap for Stuart to wear. On our last visit we found one. I helped Stuart to put it on his head (Danny-style), and it looked great.

When we arrived at Manor Care the next morning for our visit, Danny was in the lobby and quickly noticed Stuart was wearing a backward baseball cap. The laughing and clapping started at once. Many of the office staff either knew about what was happening or popped out of their office to see what was going on.

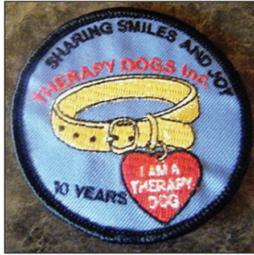
We had a wonderful time visiting everyone that day. Lots of the residents and staff commented on Stuart's cap. Most of them quickly saw the connection between Stuart's cap and Danny's.

When the mail was delivered that afternoon, Stuart received a special package from the therapy dog organization that he and I are affiliated with. The agency sent Stuart a patch to help us celebrate that he and I have worked as a therapy team for 10 years. I'm sure it's not often that a team gets to celebrate 10 years working together. Stuart has been a therapy dog for 10 of his 14 years of life.

He also received recognition for completing more than 1,000 visits. During the school year we generally complete three visits per week. Stuart has made many friends over the past 10 years.

We are now practicing for Halloween. Stuart plans to be a hot dog again ... maybe a baseball-playing hot dog.

I'm so proud of my therapy team member. He has made so many lives better. He is a special dog.



SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY FRED SHONK
Stuart received this patch in recognition of his 10 years as a therapy dog.



Danny and Stuart enjoy wearing their baseball caps backward.

Perry Perspectives

Perry Township Schools



As National Bullying Prevention Month comes to a close, we extend our appreciation to the students and staff at every grade level who promoted kindness and inclusion.

On Oct. 24 Perry Township Schools joined schools across the country in wearing orange to stand against bullying.

At Southport High the freshmen class filled the auditorium to listen to a message from Chris "Lights Out" Lytle, who is a 1993 graduate of the school, a former UFC champion and a current Indianapolis firefighter. He created The Chris Lytle Foundation to encourage, educate and empower the community to speak up and stand up for themselves and others.

Lytle shared stories from his life as a teen and adult. Although he was a high school wrestling star, finishing fourth and second during his junior and senior years, respectively, at state wrestling tournament, Lytle explained he wasn't a fighter. He recalled the times he was taunted and treated unkindly, and he thanked his classmates who stood up for him.

Lytle described the times he regretted not doing enough to stand up for others in his professional life. He also explained how bullying affects his son, who has autism. Examining bullying from different perspectives is a powerful approach to teaching students how bullying is harmful at every stage of life, he said.

At Perry Meridian High, the student body filled the gym for a special assembly featuring inspirational comedian Judson Laipply. At the start of the program, Laipply stated his two goals and succeeded at both – to make students laugh and think. Through comedy, Laipply shared a message of inclusion and respect while challenging the audience to look for opportunities to help others who may be struggling.

Laipply also showed off a few moves during a routine called the Evolution of Dance, which went viral on the internet years before "viral video" even became a term. After dancing to the "Twist," "Ice Ice Baby," "Hotline Bling" and everything in between, Laipply explained how negative YouTube comments overshadowed the thousands of positive ones he received. He encouraged social media users to write either positive comments on social media or nothing at all.

To read more about Laipply's message, visit www.judsonlaipply.com/. For more information about the Lights Out program, visit www.thechrislytlefoundation.org/. For resources about anti-bullying initiatives, visit www.pacer.org/bullying/.



Chris "Lights Out" Lytle addresses the freshman class at Southport.



Lytle has his picture taken with freshman Codie Nunn.



Judson Laipply used comedy to get across his points of inclusion and respect.



The freshman class at Southport High School forms a human ribbon to raise awareness for National Bullying Prevention Month.

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Liona Joseph (left) and Lyndsie Lopez, students at South Grove Intermediate School, try their luck at making a smoothie.

The students are not enrolled in any type of home economics class; rather it's a program offered to all Beech Grove Schools by the district's food service company, Chartwells.

Tarrah McCreary, the district's resident dietician, said the chef demos are quite the hit, and the students love them. "We are teaching so much more than skills about cooking – they are learning about math, teamwork, nutrition and character building. It is amazing to see the students learn to like new foods and their willingness to try them. I love to watch them learn how to measure ingredients."



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