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LITTLE FANS ARE BIG SUPPORTERS



SUBMITTED PHOTO
 Roncalli's varsity basketball team, off to a 4-0 start after downing Cathedral 62-40 Saturday, is seen with its little fans after defeating Guerin Catholic 76-29 Nov. 10. The Rebels travel to Ritter today for a 7:30 p.m. game.

Art fair continues to grow and impress

By Nathan Pace
 Online editor

More than 30 artists participated in the 11th annual Autumn Art Fair at the Garfield Park Arts Center over the weekend.

Organizer Diane Werblo said she was pleased with how the event continues to grow every year. "I started this 11 years ago when the art fair my husband and myself used to participate in suddenly quit. I said, 'Let's put on our own.' It turned out to be a lot of work, but it has made everybody happy."

"This is our biggest annual art fair," said center manager Kavita Mahoney. "We've historically always done the weekend before Thanksgiving as sort of a push for buying local for the holidays and supporting your local artists."

Some of the factors that help the fair stand out is that admission is free and it's entirely indoors.

"We've grown the attendance, and we've grown the different type of artists that come here," Mahoney said. "I'm hoping to expand even more next year and keep things fresh every year."

Another thing that makes the fair unique is live music. JJ Stenzoski and Irina Povarova of the Delta Duo were among the musicians, and they performed what they call the Mississippi Delta blues.

"Very nice musicians come," Povarova said. "We like it a lot and there is great food here. We love to listen to other musicians."



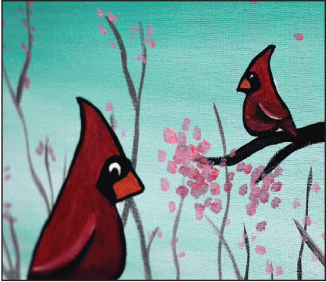
Rhonda Newsome was a new artist with her reclaimed silver and copper jewelry.



SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY NATHAN PACE
 Tony Watson (from left) joined the Delta Duo of JJ Stenzoski and Irina Povarova in their performance.



The fair featured a multitude of artwork, including designer clothing, hats, drawings, china and greeting cards.



Chelsea Dolan displayed her ceramic housewares.



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 Marylynne Winslow (from left) of Nu Tau chapter of Delta Theta Tau recently presented a check to Perry Senior Services transportation coordinator Lauren Daeger and volunteer driver Cindy Bertram. The senior center, 6901 Derbyshire Road, 317-783-9231, provides the elderly with transportation to and from their medical appointments and serves as a distribution site for meals.

The sorority raises funds for charities in Perry and Franklin townships and Johnson County through its annual craft fair, which runs from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at Beech Grove High School, 5330 Hornet Ave.

FUNDS FOR THE REBELS



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 Indiana Members Credit Union presented a check for \$2,496 to Roncalli as part of an ongoing school spirit debit card program. The school benefits every time the cards are used in a signature-based transaction. The cards are available at the credit union's branch at 5047 Madison Ave.

Accepting the check on behalf of the Rebels at a football game in October is Dan Armbruster, the school's director of alumni and corporate relations, who is seen with the credit union's (from left) Kathleen Mitchell, Joe Amick and Gina Terill.

FOOD FOR PANTRY



SUBMITTED PHOTO
 Jean and Robert Carey unload a van full of canned goods for Emmaus Food Pantry at 1209 Linden St., which is in a food desert.

The donation came from Immanuel United Church of Christ and was dropped off by Rusty and Jean Stacey and Tim Chapel.

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‘GREASE IS THE WORD’



PHOTOS BY KIM SHEPHERD

The Beech Grove Theater Department performed “Grease” over the weekend.

The production was well-received and featured (in no particular order) MacKinzie Martin, Spencer Chapman, Jillian Curd, Max Gallagher, Yamiyah Shepherd, Juwan Joseph, Mckenzie Collins and David Hreno. One could tell a lot of work went into staging the play and making the costumes

HISPANIC SCHOLARS RECOGNIZED

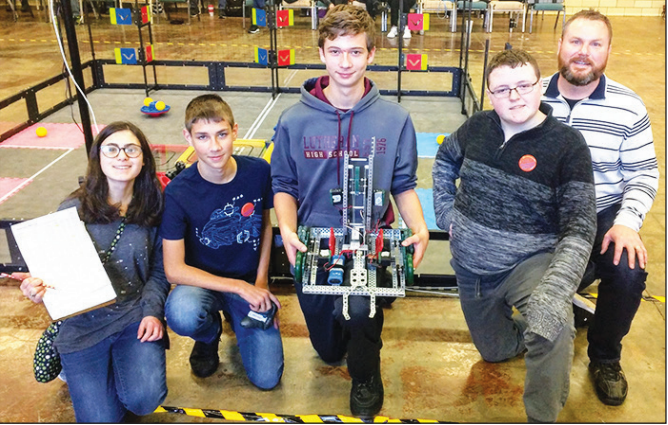


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Roncalli seniors Jacob Perez (left), Olivia Moreno and Cole Stevenson have been honored by the National Hispanic Recognition Program for scoring in the top 2.5 percent among Hispanic and Latino PSAT/NMSQT test takers in their region.

“We are super happy for and proud of Jacob, Olivia and Cole,” Principal Chuck Weisenbach said. “This is a great honor and speaks to their years of hard work in the classroom. We also are very grateful for their respective grade schools for the great job they did in preparing them for this type of success.”

LUTHERAN LAUNCHES ROBOTICS TEAM



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Lutheran High School’s robotics team, the Circuit Breakers, placed 13th in its first meet – the VRC Blended Fall Turning Point State Qualifier – and will compete again in December.

Team members are (from left) Payton Bowling, Nathaniel Schaefer, Alden Asher, Graham Lupinsky and coach Terry Bowling.

Roncalli students ace portions of ACT

Eleven Roncalli students recorded perfect scores on portions of the ACT, which is the leading college admissions test that measures what students have learned in high school to determine their academic readiness for college.

The test is divided into six sections: reading, reading and English, reading and science, science, math and English and English.

Katherine Minton, Miriam Maddox, Kate McNulty, Kaylee Tenbarge, Ryan Flick and Walter Colvin aced the reading portion; Emily Wray, reading and English; Athena Florence Tada, reading and science; Joseph Schubach, science; Daniel Woodruff, math and English; and Nicholas Susemichael, science.

 Katherine Minton	 Miriam Maddox	 Kate McNulty
 Kaylee Tenbarge	 Ryan Flick	 Walter Colvin
 Emily Wray	 Athena Florence Tadas	 Joseph Schubach
 Daniel Woodruff	 Nicholas Susemichael	

Great job, Rebels!

BUSINESS In Brief

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New account manager named

IndyTeleData has named Mike Humes as its new account manager. Humes is responsible for business development and relationship management. He has more than 30 years’ experience in the telecommunications and information technology industry.

He has held several positions in sales and sales management at AT&T and EarthLink and has successfully managed a wide range of accounts, including health care, leisure travel, manufacturing, financial services and state government. He has worked with clients on call centers, marketing applications, enterprise network design, IT services, desktop support, cloud services and outsourcing.

Prior to his roles in sales, Humes developed network management systems and was in charge of applications of expert systems in network management for AT&T Information Systems.

Before joining AT&T he spent five years in data processing and telecommunications with Marion County and Indianapolis.

Humes, who studied computer technology at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, is married and has four grown children.

VISITING WITH THE SUPERINTENDENT



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When Beech Grove Schools Superintendent Paul Kaiser learned that Kayden Clark, a fourth-grader at South Grove Intermediate School, wanted to meet with him, Dr. Kaiser ventured over to the school.

Kaiser explained his job to Kayden, who informed the superintendent that he wants to be a doctor or a brain surgeon.



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'Tis the season

Route 66 the next stop for 'Jingle Rails' exhibit

Unexpected Christmas gift proves to be precious

The iconic roadside attractions and landmarks along the historic U.S. Highway Route 66 highlight new additions to the Eiteljorg Museum's holiday model train display, "Jingle Rails: The Great Western Adventure," which runs through Jan. 21.

Route 66 carried motorists between Chicago and Los Angeles during the mid-20th century. The notable sights along the road included the Gateway Arch in St. Louis, Cadillac Ranch in Texas, the Sinclair filling station with its signature dinosaur and Blue Swallow Motel in New Mexico, all of which are depicted in miniature in the exhibit.

The attraction also features garden scale model trains that criss-cross miniature replicas of famous landscapes – from the skyline of Indianapolis to the impressive sights of the American West – that visitors can walk through, around and under.

Other intricate reproductions include Mount Rushmore, Yellowstone National Park, the Grand Canyon, an Aspen ski resort, Hoover Dam and the Golden Gate Bridge.

The scenes are constructed of all-natural materials like bark, acorns, pine cones, tree roots and honeycomb and are decked out in Christmas lights.

"Jingle Rails" is included with regular admission. Tickets, \$8 for 5- to 17-year-olds, \$12 for seniors, \$15 for adults, can be ordered at www.eiteljorg.org. The museum is located at 500 W. Washington St.



PHOTO BY GARY NELSON, WWW.PHOTOGARY.NET
Mason Tudor (from left), Michelle Tasker, Bailey Cline and Tom Smith star in Buck Creek Players' production of "The Unexpected Gift," running weekends Nov. 30 through Dec. 16.

Buck Creek Players' production of "The Unexpected Gift," a heart-felt Christmas play, opens Nov. 30 for a three-weekend run.

The play starts with Jack (Tom Smith), a 68-year-old writer who lost his wife to cancer, being devastated and bitter. He seeks refuge from the rest of the world by retreating to the old family cabin.

His only surviving family members are his daughter, Kate (Michelle Tasker), and her children, 13-year-old Johnathon (Mason Tudor) and 9-year-old Sarah (Bailey Cline). When Kate arrives at the cabin on Christmas Eve and asks him if her children can stay for a few days, Jack is reluctant but agrees.

Jack and the children struggle to discover each other, and to everyone's surprise, realize that they have received an unexpected Christmas gift – the gift of family ... the most precious gift of all.

Curtain time at the theater, 11150 Southeastern Ave., is 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 2:30 p.m. Sundays. Admission is \$16 for children, students and senior citizens ages 62 and up, \$18 for adults. Reservations can be arranged by calling 317-862-2270 or visiting www.buckcreekplayers.com.



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Featuring miniature replicas of landmarks along historic Highway Route 66, "Jingle Rails: The Great Western Adventure" is on display through Jan. 21 at the Eiteljorg Museum.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS
All things are toasty and cheery at the Garfield Park Conservatory, 2450 Shelby St., where the tropical paradise houses Conservatory Crossing, a winter wonderland that features hundreds of showy poinsettias, running model trains and villages. As darkness falls, the conservatory is illuminated with thousands of twinkling lights.

The exhibit, which opens Friday and runs through Dec. 31 (closed Dec. 24 and 25), may be viewed from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday, with extended hours until 8 p.m. Dec. 14, 15, 20, 21 and 22. Admission is \$4 per person or \$10 per family (two adults maximum). Info: 317-327-7183 or visit www.indy.gov/parks.

Light a candle, share a story, and remember a loved one

Since the holidays can be an emotional time if you have recently lost a loved one, it can be encouraging to meet others who are experiencing similar grief. That's why Franciscan Health and Franciscan Hospice Bereavement are hosting "Christmas Remembrance" at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 6, at Southport Presbyterian Church, 7525 McFarland Blvd.

Participants will join other families and members of the hospital and hospice staff for a memorial service that will feature special music, a candle-lighting ceremony, a special program for children ages 4-8, fellowship and refreshments. Participants are encouraged to bring photos of loved ones they would like to honor.

Reservations for the free program can be arranged by calling Karla Riggs Norton at 317-528-2636 or emailing karla.norton@franciscanalliance.org. Those who register in advance will receive a handmade Christmas ornament from Bronner's Christmas Store in Frankenmuth, Mich.

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Personal Recollections

By Fred Shonk

It has been an interesting few weeks. We drifted away from summerlike weather to a few days of fall before quickly meeting winter head on. On nice days almost every neighbor of ours had mowers out grinding up leaves. Lawnmower sounds coming from all directions. It's been crazy and busy.

My wife, Lyn, and I keep separate monthly calendars, and we try to compare them on a daily basis. It's good to know where you are supposed to be at a specific time. I have started adding basketball games on mine, and it seems like the days are filling fast.

Southport High School's boys and girls varsity teams hosted Perry Meridian's squads on Tuesday (results unavailable at press time). Former Southport coaches Bill Springer and Blackie Braden were to be honored between the games.

I really enjoy attending the boys and girls games at Beech Grove. A couple of weeks ago the school honored athletic director and boys basketball coach Matt English, who is battling cancer. It was so great to see him at the ceremony. It is so much fun to attend these games and cheer for players who I drove to school a few years ago. Hannah Chandler is a member of the girls team. I drove all of the Chandler students to school and have really enjoyed getting to know them and their parents.

The Marian University women's team has already won six games, and many Southsiders take a keen interest in the Knights. Cam Cardenas and Katie Giller from Beech Grove are first-year players, and Roncalli graduate Rachel Titzer is a junior on the team. They are coached by Beech Grove graduate Katie Geraldts, who in six years had guided Marian to two national championships.

I also have friends connected with the girls team at Speedway High School, where Mark Parker and Kellie Kirkhoff coach. I've known Mark, a Beech Grove police officer, for quite a while. For several years he was the head coach of the girls team at Beech Grove, and he served as an assistant at Marian. He worked with coach Geraldts and coached Kellie, who is also a graduate of Roncalli and Marian University.

We are going to be busy watching games at Southport, Beech Grove, Speedway, Marian and Butler.

Oh, and Southport graduate Joey Brunk is off to a great season at Butler, where he's averaging 15 points and more than five rebounds.

I've had the opportunity to visit with a couple of former Southport players—Jess Black and Louie Dampier—and I told them how the Perry Township/Southport Historical Society is planning to honor former hoopsters who have a special connection to the area. We are planning to develop a Perry Township Basketball Hall of Fame. I have also discussed our plan with former IU great Steve Downing, and he has passed on the information to his good friend George McGinnis.

We hope the program really gets off the ground this spring. So get yourself a calendar out and pencil in some basketball games ... maybe Lyn and I will see you in the bleachers.

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.

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Old Southside named Neighborhood of the Month

The Old Southside has been named Indianapolis' Neighborhood of the Month for November.

Located just south of downtown, the area is known as the foundation of what is now Indianapolis. As the city took shape in the 1800s, the area became home to a large group of diverse immigrants, as reflected by the number of churches erected to address the many needs within the community.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church and South Calvary Baptist Church were founded during the era and are still making a difference in the community and throughout the city today.

The historic neighborhood is home of Lucas Oil Stadium and was put on the world stage when Indianapolis hosted Super Bowl XLVI in 2012, which was won by the New York Giants, who defeated New England 21-17.

"Since the start of our great city, we acknowledge our rich and diverse past while continuing to write the future history of Indianapolis," Mayor Joe Hogsett said. "The Old Southside is the classic example of making and writing history and why I am proud to highlight this community as Neighborhood of the Month."

History continues to be made in the community as it has received the Lift Indy grant, which was created for long-term neighborhood revitalization.

The area, which is represented by City-County Councilor Jefferson Shreve, is the second neighborhood to receive funding.

"The Old Southside continues to make strides to become an area to live, work and play," Shreve said. "I am honored for the recognition and future investment from Mayor Hogsett to further advance the neighborhood's efforts to become a great community and neighborhood for its residents."

SOUTHSIDE DEATHS

ELIZABETH R. CALLAHAN, 21, father, Tracy Callahan; mother and stepfather, Jamie and Shawn Trueblood; siblings, Sarah, Madison, Jon Shersers, Sammie; grandfather, Elmer Turner.

NANCY "JO" COATS, 68, sister, Jane Bennett; companion, Dennis Morse.

DONALD E. "DON" CRAWFORD, 72, wife, Donna Crawford; daughters, Staci Crawford Morse, Jennifer Crawford Griffith; brothers, George and Jim Crawford; three grandchildren.

PAULINE DAVIS, 76, children: David Davis, Tracy Burris; siblings, Betty Roberts, twin sister Earline Barrett, Sue Stingley, Peggy Long; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren.

VELMA RUTH EDWARDS, 82, widow of Homer Edwards; daughter, Rhonda Cunningham; siblings, Howard Gentry, Renna Page; six grandchildren; three great-granddaughters.

WAYNE ERNEST FANSLER, 91, widower of Norma Fansler; children, Carol Burbank, Karen Yeager, Gary Fansler; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren.

ELIZABETH "BETTY" FELDMEYER, 90, widow of Waldo B. Feldmeyer; sons, Richard G. and Dale R. Feldmeyer; sisters, Virginia Knotts, Gail Rollins, Carolyn Harcourt, Patricia Brummett; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren.

MANUEL A. "MANNY" GONZALES, 83, wife, Vanda Gonzales; children, Robert and Richard Gonzales, Donald and Jeffrey Luster; Ashley Jones; siblings, Irene Richardson, Lou Gonzales; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

RUTH A. GOOD, 77, husband, Jim Good; children, Kimberly Wise, Connie Bowman, Dawn Williamson, Nancy Hiatt, Natalie Wilkins, Bryan and Jeff Good; siblings, Betty Shaw, Linda Purdy, Edna Thomas, Maxine Melton, Janet Falte, Helen Gregg, Mike Ayers; 14 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson.

DAWN M. HARMON, 48, husband, David A. Harmon; sons, Andrew, Michael and Joshua Harmon; parents, Thomas and Carol Ooley; brothers, David and Brian Ooley.

PAUL HUTCHINSON, 78, widower of Darlene Hutchinson; wife, Joyce; twin daughters, Kimberly Reynolds, Kelly Chandler; three stepchildren; brother, Donald Hutchinson; six grandchildren; eight stepgrandchildren; one great-granddaughter; 12 stepgreat-grandchildren.

RONALD EUGENE "RON" JUSTUS, 81, wife, Sue; daughters, Rhonda Ridener, Tammy Clifton, Darlene McCorkle; siblings, Charlie Justus, Maryann Rupe; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

MALCOMB JAMES "JIM" KIRBY, 93, widower of Georgia Kirby; children, Rosemary Eads, James Kirby, Wanda Mitchell; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren.

GEORGE F. KORTZENDORF, 93, widower of Patricia J. Kortzendorf; children, Judy Hammett, Thomas, Donna and Carol Kortzendorf, Mary Beaman; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren.

BETTY JOAN LUTHER, 82, husband, Harold E. Luther; children, Deborah Bowman, Tim Luther, Glenda Ayers; brother, Bill Mugler; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

NANCY A. MARTIN, 72, children, Donna Pinkston, Tom Merrill, Melissa Altom; sister, Linda Bird; nine grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

JOHN WILLIAM "JACK" MCGLAUGHIN, 80, wife, Debbie McGlaughlin; 12 children; sisters, Ida Butler, Sandy Bowling; 35 grandchildren; 54 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

DELBERT E. "GENE" MCWILLIAMS, wife, Anna; children, Cindy Olivier, Kevin, Darren, Brian, Steve; sisters, Judy Stephens, Debbie Wilson; four grandchildren.

RICHARD E. MERILA, 63, siblings: Kevin, Brenda, Frank, Scott, Mark, Katherine.

RICHARD MILLER, 66, wife, Marcia Miller; sons, Brian and Christopher Miller; siblings, Stephen, Michael and Susan Miller, Deborah Fishburn.

CATHERINE OLAVE-VALLADEZ, 64, children, Jeremy Gannon, Megan Muse, Chelsea Herrera; siblings, Joseph Jr., Humphries and Jerry Humphries, Ruthie Durbin; six grandchildren.

DR. QUENTIN LOUIS QUESTEL, 91, widower of Mary Thekla QUESTEL; children, Diane M. Rodgers, David L. Questel; sisters, Catherine DeMattia, Cecile Acker; three grandchildren.

JUDY RACKLEY, 72, husband, Al Rackley; children, Kenny Rackley, Buffy Hartland; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren.

STAR LYN RIDGE, 64, daughters, Kelly Cashman, Shelby Davis; stepson, Timothy Mitchell Jr.; siblings, Bruce, Albert Jr. and Genny Gazvoda; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; companion, Timothy Mitchell Sr.

BILLY "BJ" RICHARDS, 83, widower of Erma Richards; children, Gary, Fayrene, DeWayne, Peggy McKee, Billie Zanti, Bruce Brower; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren.

SARAH DELL SIEGMAN, 71, husband, Joe Siegman; sons, Rusty and James Siegman; sister, Linda Clark; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild.

THELMA 'IRINE' SPEAR, 80, widow of Herman Spear; children, Danny Spear, Janice Sloan; siblings, Paul and Millard Willis; Hazel Smith, Phyllis Roach, Margie Thompson, Linda Riddle; six grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren.

IRA "SONNY" STEGMAN, 76, widower of Nita Stegman; children, Regina Sinclair, Rhonda Gayle, Darrell Stegman; siblings, Gary "Butch" and Doris "Sis" Sawyer; seven grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren.

FRANCIS A. "FRANK" STRACK, 87, widower of Mary Jo Strack, Laurie Lanouette; children, Thomas M., Mark, Robert and Carl Strack, Linda Baker; siblings, John and Theresa Strack; 13 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren.

WASYL TARAN, 66, children, Apryl Hicks, Robert Taran; brother, Yura Taran; six grandchildren.

EDWARD J. TRYON, 99, wife, Madeline Tryon; children, Robert Tryon, Janice Fowler; 11 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

GERALD RANDALL "RANDY" WIESERT, 65, wife, Tina Wiesert; mother, Lois Kinnaman; brother, Dr. Kenneth Wiesert.

JOHN R. WRIGHT, 85, wife, Lois Wright; children, Kathryn Devlin, Vicky Gundlach, Steven, Jeffery and John Wright; sisters, Peggy Gray, Kathryn Gibson; 17 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild.

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FERNROSE EILEEN PITTS JACKSON ALTUM – April 25, 1927 - Nov. 17, 2018

Fernrose was born in Putnam County, Ind., to Irma Fern (Haffner) and Harold James Pitts. Her parents met at a church party in 1920 at the age of 20. Her mother combined the names of a neighbor girl named Fern Rose because she like the sound of Fernrose. Her older sister, Berniece, nicknamed her "Fernie Bell."

She was one of seven children, preceded in death by sisters Betty, Berniece, Norvella and Lois and brother Harold. She is survived by brother Bob. She had five children and was preceded in death by Jackie Rose and survived by Judy, Harold, JoDee and Michele. She was grandmother to 10: Brett, Dawn, Robbie, Angie, Gary, Rebel, Sara, Andy, Matt, Spenser and Misty. She was a great-grandmother and a great-great-grandmother to many more.

Fernrose worked most of her life. While she retired at 65 she continued to work part time until she was 80. She worked at several places with the last and longest being IU School of Medicine. She met many special people during her career, and one person – Debbie Schlegel – was so special that Fernrose designated her as her honorary daughter.

Fernrose's parents were farm families. Her dad also worked construction with his father and brother and helped build George Washington High School the year she was born. Her mother was a homemaker.

Fernrose always had God in her heart. At the age of 7 she attended Hardshell Baptist Church with her paternal grandparents, Horace and Alvora Pitts. She often told the story that they always had to sit in the front row. One Sunday she dressed for church in the dark and while sitting in the front row swinging her legs noticed that she had on two different socks. As she liked to tell, the preacher pointed it out to everyone.

She always said "The Lord's Prayer" at night before she went to sleep as a child and was taught that by her grandparents. She lost her father when she was 6. Her maternal grandparents, Fred and Effie Haffner, were loving and helped her mother care for the children after her father died.

In her words, the most important lessons she learned in life were: "Family always comes first and treat others like you want to be treated."

Her favorite flower was the rose; her favorite color was blue; her favorite dessert was chocolate; her favorite hymn was "In the Garden"; her favorite leisure activity was doing crafts.


She never forgot the birthdays of her family and loved ones and crocheted afghans for every new grandchild and great- and great-great-grandchild. Everyone who was special to her received a homemade crocheted Christmas ornament for many years. There isn't a person in her family who doesn't have a Grandma Fern afghan.

Fernrose loved music – listening, playing and singing – in any form. Some of her favorite times were Christmas and birthday parties when everyone would sing karaoke.

She lived what some may call a life with many struggles and obstacles, but she took each hurdle one at a time and overcame many things. She was in a bad car accident in the late 1950s and was told she would never walk again. Well, she did. She bowled, gardened and led a good life. She was also a cancer survivor. Fern lived a long, wonderful life. She was not perfect. Fernrose was not always the ideal mother, but she loved each of her children with all of her heart and soul. Our lives will forever be changed for the better by having her as a part of us.

A private celebration of life was held with family.

Paid obituary



Let's have some fun ...

King Crossword

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5 Scot's cha-
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8 Read bar
codes

12 Portent

13 Gorilla

14 Exam

15 Body powder

16 Coffee holder

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18 Catch in a
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22 Outrageous
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33 Whirl

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35 Reaction to
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36 California-
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37 How low can
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40 One

41 "Nighthawks"
painter

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45 Graceful
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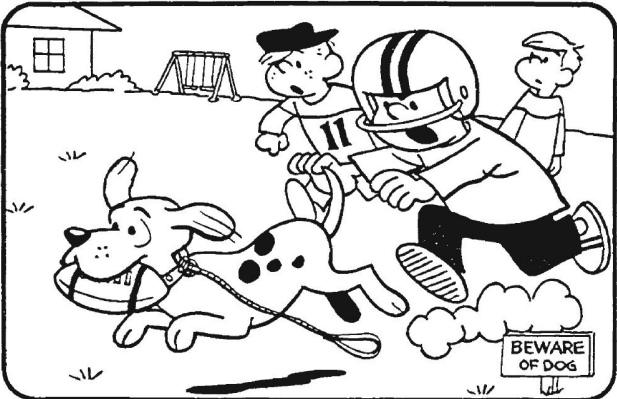
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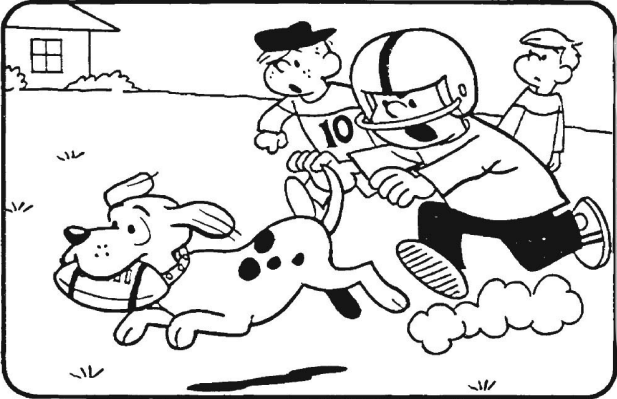
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HOCUS-FOCUS

BY
HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Swing set is missing. 2. Dog's ear is different. 3. Number is different. 4. Leash is missing. 5. Helmet stripe is missing. 6. Sign is missing.

HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)
You've let yourself be distracted from what's really important. But love finally gets your attention this week. However, it comes with a challenge that could create a problem.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)
Be careful not to bully others into following your lead. Best advice: Persuade, don't push, and you'll get the cooperation you need to move forward with your plans.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)
Resist the urge to gloat now that you've proved your detractors wrong. Instead, charm them back into your circle. Remember: A former foe can become your best ally.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)
You might want to claim all the credit for making this holiday season special. But is it worth producing a lot of hurt feelings by rejecting offers of help? Think about it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22)
Ignore a co-worker's questionable behavior. Instead, put your energy into making your own project special. Then sit back and purr over your well-deserved applause.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22)
You might not want to accept those suggested changes in your workplace. But don't chuck them out before you check them out. You could be happily surprised.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22)
Your holiday planning might have to take a back seat for a bit so that you can handle a problem with a friend or family member. Your schedule resumes by the 9th.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21)
Relationships in general benefit during the early part of the week, including in the workplace. Also expect some overdue changes in a personal situation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21)
"Prudence" should be your watchword this week. Best not to be too open about some of the things that are currently happening in your life.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19)
Money is on your mind, so you'd best mind how you're spending it. Take another look at that holiday budget and see where you can make adjustments.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18)
Resolving to revive an old friendship could open some old wounds. Are you sure you want to risk that? Think this through before making a commitment.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20)
Your need to know more about a new friend could lead to some startling revelations. Best advice: Keep an open mind about what you learn until all the facts are in.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your loyalty to friends makes you a very special person to those whose lives you've touched.

"The Way
To Get Started
Is To Quit
Talking And
Begin Doing."
— Walt Disney

King Crossword

Answers

1. Resign; 2. Remote; 3. Under; 4. Falter

Today's Word

OUTSIDE

Scramblers

solution

8 3 6 2 1 5 6 7 4
2 4 5 9 8 9 8 5
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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.

Clue: S equals T

XK V OIZGEQ IK VZWSTVEXVP

LVTWZGXVEW DQTQ NVSSEXPR

XS IZS, LXRBS SBVS NQ DILNVS

OILNVS?

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

8 1 6 4 8 5 7 1 9 2 5 6 4 7 3 8 7 5

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Leave SINGER

Far METEOR

Bottom RUNED

Waver REFLAT

TODAY'S WORD

Not only do ballplayers make more money than musicians, they practice !"

Reminiscing

By B. Scott Mohr

A retrospective glance at the Southside From The Spotlight archives Courtesy of Perry Township/Southport Historical Society

60 Years Ago This Week – 1958

An 8-year-old Mercury was advertised for \$125.

Tom Sanders, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Sanders, departed for Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., to begin basic training in the Navy.

One-hundred gallons of heating oil cost \$15.60.

50 Years Ago This Week – 1968

The annual mum show at the Garfield Park Conservatory opened to the delight of many visitors.

The Southside Democrat Club elected its officers for 1969: Paul Page, president; Mrs. Leona Kriek, first vice president; Matthew McNulty, second vice president; Mrs. Genevieve Holman, secretary; Mrs. Alma Collins, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Rose Gatto, treasurer.

Anticipating a barrage of Christmas shoppers, G.C. Murphy's in Fountain Square was going to remain open until 10 p.m. Mondays-Saturdays.

Mayor Richard Lugar was going to address the topic of "The Church and the Community" at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, corner of McCarty and S. New Jersey streets.



Members of Southport Christian Church were making plans for their Hanging of the Greens program. The event served to usher in the Christmas season and featured a sing-along. The organizers included (from left) Norma Seward, the Rev. Winston Bell, Terry Barnhart and Max Seward.

A grand parade with Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, Sylvester the Cat and other cartoon characters were going to welcome Santa Claus to Greenwood Park Shopping Center.

It must have been a slow news week as other items on the front page included briefs on a salon guild meeting, a 1950s dance, a chili supper, the formation of a hockey league and a Christmas gift show.

30 Years Ago This Week – 1988

Franklin Central's football team defeated Greenwood 3-0 on a 31-yard field goal by Brian Glesing in the fourth quarter to advance to the 4A state finals at the Hoosier Dome.

Perry Meridian seniors Susan Daniel and Lauri Scott participated in Youth in Government Day at the Statehouse.

Stephen Bakeis, Charles R. Campbell and Christopher D. Maxwell were named to the dean's list at Indiana University.

Jan Lauck celebrated her 40th birthday.



The DUOS (Do Unto Others) Club of Southport was preparing to serve more than 450 Thanksgiving dinners to needy families. Among the many volunteers were (from left) Virginia Neal, Charley and Doris Kritsch and Jean Hawkins.

20 Years Ago This Week – 1998

The wall at Southport Cemetery, which had fallen into disrepair, received a much-needed facelift. Funds for the \$24,000 project came from the Perry Township trustee's cemetery fund. The work was spearheaded by Ron, David and Robert Meyers from Meyers Construction.

Winston and Camel cigarettes cost \$13.95 a carton at Big Red's Tobacco Outlet & NASCAR, 2621 Shelby St. and 6801 Madison Ave.

Roncalli seniors Brad Kriner, son of Terry and Jackie Kriner, and Jenna Haynes, daughter of Chuck and Jenny Haynes, signed letters of intent to play baseball at Purdue University and basketball at Evansville, respectively.

Wendy K. Perry, daughter of Gary and Barbara Maxey, married Stephen A. McGail, son of Jack McGail and Jeanne Dildine. Jackie E. Spears served as maid of honor, Tim Heneghan as best man; Eric Heneghan was the ring bearer.

10 years Ago This Week – 2008

The archives from 2008 are

Red Cross issues immediate call for blood donations

The American Red Cross is facing a severe blood shortage and urgently needs donors to give now to avoid delays in lifesaving medical care for patients. Volunteer blood drive hosts are also critically needed to prevent the shortage from worsening this winter.

Fewer blood drives in September and October coupled with Hurricanes Michael and Florence were key contributing factors to the current blood shortage.

"This time of year as many give thanks for family, friends and good health, it's important to remember that patients across the country cannot survive without your generosity," said Rodney Wilson, communications manager of the Red Cross Indiana Ohio Blood Services Region.

"From traumas to ongoing cancer treatments, the need for blood doesn't stop for the holidays. People can give back – and help those in need – by making a lifesaving blood or platelet donation now and hosting a blood drive in the weeks to come."

Donors must be in generally good health, at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent) and weigh a minimum of 110 pounds. Appointments can be arranged by calling 1-800-733-2767 or visiting www.RedCrossBlood.org.

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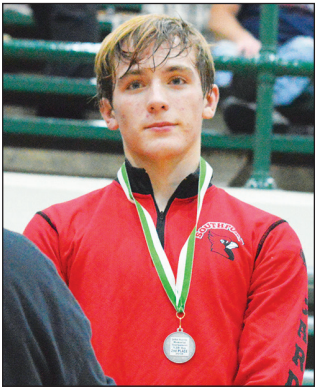
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Wrestlers turn in fine performances

Perry Meridian and Southport wrestlers competed in the John Hurrel Invitational Saturday at Tech High School.

The tournament, one of the season’s first, took a whopping 10 hours to complete. When it was all said and done, the Falcons finished fifth out of 13 teams with the Cardinals not far behind in seventh place.



SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY NATHAN PACE
Luke Goodwin was second for Southport in the 138-pound class.



Perry Meridian's Jon Godsey (right) won this match against a Hamilton Southeastern opponent and went on to finish sixth in the 170-pound class.



Southport's Payton Frye (right) finished second in the 182-pound class, losing to JD Farrell of Fishers in the championship match. Frye suffered a nosebleed in the match and was pinned shortly after getting the bleeding stopped.

UINDY MARCHES ON IN PLAYOFFS



SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY NATHAN PACE
Uindy sophomore running back Al McKeller rushed for 137 yards to lead the Greyhounds to their second playoff win in school history Saturday.

Uindy defeated Fort Hays State 38-27 thanks to a dominant fourth quarter. The Greyhounds will face Ouachita Baptist University in Arkansas on Saturday for the second round of the Division II playoffs.

Saints, Trojans push title hopes to the end

By **Al Stilley**
Senior staff writer

Lutheran junior linebacker Dante Atkins leaned over and hugged senior lineman Jacob Brouse while veteran coach Dave Pasch spoke to the Saints on their home field Friday for the last time this season.

The No. 7 Saints listened through many tears at the south end of the field while the No. 6 North Vermillion Falcons celebrated their 1A semistate title 14-7.

For the fourth time in five years Lutheran came up short, one win away from going to the state championship game at Lucas Oil Stadium.

"This is the hardest loss," Pasch said in a postgame interview. "We're proud that our program has been this far again, but these semistate losses get to you – it's difficult."

Pasch made it a point to make sure that all the many underclassmen hug seniors Brouse, lineman Mark Caster and Brett Reid and wide receiver Ben Settlemyer before they left the field. Caster, 6-3, 255 pounds, played on both sides of the ball. Their four-year record was 39-16, reaching one regional and three semistates.

"Our seniors and all the guys who have been here before this season have left a legacy that brings expectation," Pasch said. "The expectation is real to be competitive and to achieve at a high level. Honestly when we ended our summer scrimmage we just weren't a very good football team. We challenged the kids, and they really bought into it and believed."

Playing their third semistate at home Friday, the Saints and Falcons battled to a scoreless first-half deadlock. Lutheran's defense stopped two Falcons drives on fourth down in the red zone.

However, Lutheran had separate drives snuffed by two procedure penalties and two 15-yard penalties.

In the third quarter the Falcons stunned the home crowd with a 1-yard scoring run, an intercepted pass and a 41-yard TD romp.

The determined Saints came back in the fourth quarter on McFadden's nifty 35-yard run. Lutheran stopped North Vermillion on the 9 with five minutes to go but an intercepted pass doomed the Saints.

The Saints have 12 juniors, 11 sophomores and nine freshmen, so expectations will be high again next year.

"We're not at the pinnacle until we're playing that 15th week and the blue ribbons are placed around our neck," Pasch said.

The Saints finished 10-4 after starting 3-3 and fashioning a seven-game win streak.

Trojans fall short in upset bid

Visiting Center Grove pushed No. 1 Warren Central to the finish in a 6A semistate nail-biter Friday.

The No. 9 Trojans' upset bid ended with 58 seconds left when the Warriors (14-0) stopped quarterback Jackson Moore behind the 1-yard line in a 27-20 squeaker.

CG trailed 20-0 after seven minutes with the third score coming on a 20-yard run after recovering a Trojans fumble.

The Trojans rallied to tie at 20 with three TDs on two short



SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY NATHAN PACE
Lutheran Junior Marcus McFadden runs behind a block from sophomore Hayden Filipovich. McFadden scored the lone touchdown for the Saints in the fourth quarter. North Vermillion won 14-7.



Senior Christian Myers of North Vermillion broke through the Lutheran defense in the second half for a long touchdown run.

run by Brian Gaffney and a 1-yard run. WC scored the eventual game winning TD with 4:50 remaining.

CG's last drive started on the 28 and reached just 12 inches short of the goal line.

"We fought back – we're Center Grove Trojans," coach Eric Moore said of the showdown between the Metropolitan Interscholastic Conference teams.

After a 2-3 start the Trojans finished 9-4 and reached the semistate for the 13th time in 18 years.

Lady Trojans county basketball champs

By **Al Stilley**
Senior staff writer

Heavily favored Center Grove breezed through its first two games of the Johnson County girls basketball tourney and the first quarter of the championship game Saturday at Greenwood.

The Trojans easily disposed of Indian Creek 49-22 and Edinburg 53-22 before running into defensive-minded Whiteland. Center Grove jumped to a 20-5 lead in the first quarter in the title game against the Warriors and hung on for a 55-46 win.

After taking a 12-1 lead, the No. 17 Trojans enjoyed a double-digit lead that grew to 17 points several times. Whiteland, using full-court pressure, went on a 12-0 run early in the fourth quarter and cut the lead to 43-38.

Senior Emma Utterback ended the run with a short jumper, and Mary Wilson scored and Utterback added a layup for a 49-40 lead with three minutes left.

"We were always in a position to win; we just had to stick together," said Utterback, who scored a game-high 22 points. "We had to stay patient."

Senior Ella Thompson scored 18 points and Wilson came off the bench for the Trojans and scored 10 points while grabbing five rebounds.

"The way we played the first quarter was the most patient and purposeful we have been on offense in two years," Trojans coach Kevin Stuckmeyer said. "We knew they would make a

run. Emma got us going early, and Ella spearheaded at the end. And our role players came through."

Raising the county championship trophy spelled relief for the Trojans who entered the tourney after losses at Brownsburg 54-48 and No. 1 Warren Central 58-34.

The Trojans (4-2) visit Roncalli (4-0) in a Southside showdown Saturday at 1:30 p.m.

The Rebels dominated visiting Cathedral 62-40 Saturday with Alana Vinson leading with 20 points, seven rebounds and four steals. Maddie Bischoff had 17 points and six steals. Sofie Carr had a career-high eight points.

Cathedral cut the lead to seven points with 3:47 to go, but the Rebels rolled with a 20-5 run.

Coach Stan Bengé's chargers moved the ball well with 14 assists leading to 18 field goals.

Marion county tourney

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Mr. Basketball candidate, new coaches spice up season



By **Al Stilley**
Senior staff writer

Center Grove, with a Mr. Basketball candidate in 6-9 Trayce Jackson-Davis, joins the elite boys basketball teams this season, and two different coaches are prowling courtside at Perry Meridian and Southport, all of which will add to the excitement of the 2018-19 campaign.

Longtime Franklin Central coach Mark James, who guided Ben Davis to the 2017 4A state championship, takes over at Perry Meridian in his 37th season of coaching; he has a winning percentage of 66.4 (559-283). He now coaches closer to his home, which is about seven minutes from Perry.

"I'm old-school," James said. "We're getting these kids to buy in; it is going to take time."

New Southport coach Eric Brand, a Bloomington native, mentored South Bend Riley to a 26-1 record and reached the semistate round in his first year as a head coach. A former assistant at Baylor University and Warren Central, Brand emphasizes patience as the Cardinals get used to him. He played pro ball in Europe for seven years.

"We want to develop winning habits with each player," Brand said. "And that means being mentally ready, being early, doing what you need to do in the classroom every day, taking care of your body and coming onto the court to work every day."

Beech Grove assistant Mike Renfro handles coaching chores when coach Matt English, who is battling cancer, cannot be with the team.

At the dedication of Matt English Court at Beech Grove, Marian University girls coach and 2003 Miss Basketball Katie Gearlds made English an honorary member of the Hornets' 3A state championship team. And his alma mater, Bethel (Tenn.) College, is honoring him with '41' (his college number) on its jerseys.

Six teams hope to keep their winning ways alive while four squads look forward to winning seasons.

Many of the state's best teams head to the Southside again for daylong showcases on historic courts at Manual and Southport.

Southport launches its annual six-game Tip-Off Classic against Frankton at noon Dec. 8, capped by Center Grove testing LaPorte LaLumiere at 8:30 p.m.

Manual's event is Dec. 22 with the host Redskins facing Fort Wayne Blackhawk at 12:30 p.m. The nine-game program includes Tindley, Howe, Warren Central, North Central, Zionsville, Cathedral, Ben Davis and Lawrence North.

This year's team-by-team outlook with last year's records and statistics:



SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY AL STILLLEY

Center Grove has high expectations with seniors (from left) in Spencer Piercefield, Trayce Jackson-Davis, Ben Greller and Ben Nicoson. Seniors not pictured: Lucas Doyle and Cameron Petty, members of the sectional and regional championship football team.

Class 4A CENTER GROVE

(20-7) – Among state's elite teams ... reigning two-time sectional champs ... lost to New Albany in Seymour regional title game ... allowed 51 points per game in last two seasons ... 59 wins under coach Zach Hahn in four seasons ... graduated four players, including playmaker Nate McLain (9.3 ppg) ... returns with Mr. Basketball candidate Jackson-Davis (21.9 points, 9.3 rebounds, 4.2 blocks, 2.6 assists), versatile, agile, powerful, can score and block shots ... He scored 24 points against New Albany ... five returning classmates: 6-6 Lucas Doyle, 6-1 Ben Greller, 6-0 Spencer Piercefield (11.2 points, team-high 34 steals), 6-0 Cameron Petty and 5-11 Ben Nicoson (3.9 points) ... 6-5 junior Justin DeGraaf adds length ... more depth from juniors in 6-5 Ben Cooney and 6-1 Derek Peterson, sophomores: 6-3 Charlie Bemis and 5-10 Landin Hacker, and 6-3 freshman Tayvon Jackson ... quick offense ... stingy defense ... Cathedral visits Nov. 30 ... meet Westfield in Hall of Fame Classic Dec. 29.

Coch's comments: "We will struggle early because we wait on our football athletes. Our senior leadership is phenomenal, and we have four guys who have been varsity for three years now. They are getting our young guys ready. The one aspect about this team is that they are unselfish. Our guards do a good job of moving without the ball. We will be able to put more motion into our offense. With the experience we have back, we should be strong defensively. We know that every night we play, there is a target on our back. We have a top-five schedule in the state, and our guys embrace that. If you want to be the best, you have to play the best. I believe our guys are up to the challenge."

FRANKLIN CENTRAL

(4-18) – Four straight sectional championships (2013-16) ... failed to reach title game for first time in six years ... lost only three players to graduation ... four wins, fewest under eighth-year coach John Rockey (81-86) ... first season in Hoosier Crossroads Conference ... reload with six returnees ... backcourt intact with 5-8 senior Michael Santoro (4.9 points, 3.0 assists), 6-3 junior MVP Isiah Morgan (11.5 points, team-high 32 steals) and 6-0 soph Mason Gonzales (8.2 points, 4.5 assists) ... length comes from returning seniors in 6-7 Alan Cox (7.8 points, 3.7 rebounds), 6-5 Eric Kolp (4.2 points, 3.4 rebounds) and 6-2 Andrew Wichlinski ... young guards: soph Jovann Small, via Texas and South Bend Riley, and freshman Brian Marshall up from 18-1 junior varsity team ... added



Franklin Central's returning guards, junior Isiah Morgan (left) and sophomore Mason Gonzales, combined for nearly 20 points per game last season.



Franklin Central returns with seniors Alan Cox, Eric Kolp, Andrew Wichlinski and Michael Santoro.

depth with 5-11 junior Quinten Gilliland, 6-0 soph Benny Ogayonne and freshman forward Alex Ewing ... rugged season opens Saturday with Center Grove Saturday, at Brownsburg Nov. 30 and Warren Central visits Dec. 1.

Coch's comments: "We couldn't fill the empty basket and we couldn't attack (defense) last year. The biggest plus this year is that we have competition in our practices, and that's going to make us better. I have 12-13 kids competing every day. We will have games when we can go with our bigs or go with four or five guards in the lineup. Our juniors can shoot the ball. We have some sophomores that we are happy with. Our younger players will see playing time as we go. We have had good practices, and we have a lot to build on. This has been so much fun to watch these kids compete against each other. I feel really good about our effort and enthusiasm that I've seen in the gym so far."

GREENWOOD (14-9) – Most wins and first winning season since 2006 under first-year coach Joe Bradburn ... handcuffed Center Grove in sectional but lost by three points ... graduated six standouts who accounted for 84.4 percent of offense and 88.3 of team rebounds ... 5-10 senior Isaiah Drew (6.9 points) returns ... 6-1 junior Bryce Hoffman, 5-8 classmate Ian Raker and 6-0 senior Devin Lester played sparingly ... 6-1 senior TJ Price returns to hardwood ... 6-5 senior transfer Matt Allen and 6-4 junior Gavin Dowling can help ... juniors 6-3 Matt Boggess, 6-3 Spencer Aaron and 6-2 Nick Duffey add depth ... help could come from soph Nick Belovic and freshman Brock Kincaid ... lots of question marks ... open at home Friday against New Castle and Saturday against Greenwood Christian.

Coch's comments: "First of all, former coach Bruce Hensley was awesome in every capacity because the cupboard certainly was not bare. We shared many of the same philosophies. We had seniors who could compete, understood the game and who could play. We had a lot of fun. This season we have some unknowns because we were senior-dominated last year. We have some depth, but we are searching for leaders. We have the opportunity to surprise. The guys understand what our system is about, both on and off the court. Because of our depth there is competition everywhere in practice. Every position is open. We don't have much size; we have some shooting skills, and we're going to be aggressive. We have a group of guys who are excited to be in the gym. The coaches are challenging them to rise up. Our goal is to improve day by day."



Greenwood goes into the new basketball season with five seniors: Ethan Dyer, Devin Lester, Isaiah Drew, Matt Allen and TJ Price.



Greenwood juniors Bryce Huffman, Ian Raker, Gavin Dowling, Spencer Aaron, Nick Duffey and Matthew Boggess give the Woodmen options on offense and defense.

PERRY MERIDIAN (4-18) – Coach James will try to turnaround three straight losing seasons and six without a sectional win ... disciplined approach to game ... inherits 10 returnees ... key Falcons: seniors 6-4 Semaj Danley II (11.9 points, 4.0 rebounds) and 6-0 Paul Jones (7.7 rebounds) and sophomores 5-9 Reggie McDonald (4.5



Perry Meridian has several returning players, including seniors Nate Mertz, Paul Jones, Semaj Danley II, Mitchell Schubert and Dylan Parrish. The Falcons are out to improve on last year's four wins.

points, 2.4 assists) and 6-3 Jayden Taylor (11.0 points, 3.5 rebounds) ... seniors 6-0 Mitchell Schubert and 5-9 Nate Mertz plus sophomores 6-4 Noah Pendleton, 6-0 Chris McDonald and 5-10 Mason Corsaro also compete for spots ... favors man-to-man defense over zone ... working on basics and tough man-to-man defense ... look for slow progress ... jump from Conference Indiana to Mid-State ... Saturday at Roncalli, Nov.30 at Mooresville and then home Dec. 1 against Greenfield.

Coch's comments: "I'm pleased with how hard they have worked in the weight room. We want to be competitive. Difference between winning and losing is doing what's necessary on defense. Once they understand the offense, they'll be fine. We want to control our effort and do the best we can when we play. They aren't going to make mistakes on purpose. I'm more interested in playing consistently and trying to improve so that we are playing our best basketball going into the sectional. I want a disciplined team, get the shots we want, rebound and not turn the ball over. Usually the team that outrebounds the other team, makes less turnovers and shoots more free throws wins – that's what we will try to do. I'm sure we're not going to be picked to win very many games."

RONCALLI (18-7) – Coach Michael Wantz in 16th season with Rebels (241-117, double-digit wins every year) ... defending Circle City

champs ... graduated eight seniors who combined for 52.7 ppg; definite year to reload ... 6-1 senior Jacob Denney returns with 6-2 soph point guard Johnny Brock ... junior Aiden Looney adds to backcourt ... size comes from senior football player Brandon Berger plus 6-5 Alex Stroud and 6-7 Daniel Asher, up from JV ... counting on juniors in 6-1 forward Chuck McGinsie and 5-10 guard Nick Spearing ... soph/JV grads Anthony Donahue and Thomas Felmeth on perimeter and 6-2 Max Wors at forward add depth ... can go small or big ... success starts on defensive end ... hosts to Perry Meridian in opener Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

Coch's comments: "We had a great group of eight guys graduate who played together since sophomores. It's time to move on. A lot of our guys back would have played some last year if we hadn't had arguably our best senior group ever. A lot of teams we played last year had a lot of seniors. This is probably my least experienced team with only two guys who played varsity last year, but a lot of teams on our schedule are not experienced either. It's not like the talent is not there; they don't have the varsity game experience yet. I like our sophomore group from a good JV team with double-digit wins. We have some size, length, versatility and athleticism. It's a good group that has been working hard, willing workers. We may be green, but the talent is there."

SOUTHPORT (7-15) – Coach Brand hopes to re-energize program ... succeeds Kyle Simpson (six years, 74-68) ... Cards 13-31 since reaching 2016 semistate ... graduated two nonstarters but football standouts Eddie Schott, a midyear graduate, and Ryan Lezon not back

... seniors 6-8 Chaz Hinds (12.4 points, 4.9 rebounds) and 6-1 Brian Miller (8.9 points) and 6-1 junior Brevin Jefferson (10.8 points, 4.6 rebounds, 3.7 assists) returning starters ... senior 5-11 Michael Long also returns with 6-1 Artie Boyd ... 6-5 junior Matthew Munoz savvy player ... 10-deep with senior Jacob Smith and JV grads Jayaun Moore, Antwan Payne and Landon Godsey ... stresses fundamentals ... solid on offense and defense ... Cards have some size and speed ... at home against Ben Davis Dec. 1.

Coch's comments: "This group is giving me their best effort, and I've been pushing them pretty hard. I think they are seeing what happens when you work hard. We talk about maximum effort and maximum focus. We want to develop winning habits. We do have a lot of unknowns. Chaz is developing as a leader and has worked through some nagging injuries. It will be interesting to see how Munoz and Godsey develop. We're sorting through where our depth comes from. There will be some tweaks made throughout the season. I won't judge this season on wins and losses. Instead, I will judge this season on the way these players understand the standards that are set and how they live up to those standards."



Eager for the new season at Southport are seniors Jason Smith and returning leading scorer 6-8 Chaz Hinds and junior assist leader Brevin Jefferson.



Southport's senior guards include, from left, Michael Long, Jayaun Moore, Brian Miller and Antwan Payne.

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SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY AL STILLEY
Beech Grove takes to Matt English Court with seniors (front): Jordan Brickley, Romeo Echols; (back) John Parker, Griffin Wade and Gavin Hess.

Class 3A
BEECH GROVE (19-6) – Uplifting when coach English (110-108) is with them ... homegrown coach Renfro emphasizes his same message: “Bring your lunch pail and wear a hard hat” ... Hornets 50-31 in last three years ... 2018 Indiana Crossroads co-champions ... graduated five seniors, two-thirds of offense, included Kenny Washington, 14.0 points, and Jalen Curry, 12.9 points ... good nucleus with seniors: 6-3 Gavin Hess (9.5 points, 6.2 rebounds), 6-0 Griffin Wade (4.4 points) and 5-7 Jordan Brickley ... joined by classmates 6-3 John Parker and 5-11 Romeo Echols ... JV unbeaten last year ... juniors/JV grads 6-3 Jajuan Allison, Curtis Kimbrough, 6-0 Vincent Pich, 6-5 Josh Fryar and Josh Copenhaver to step in ... up-tempo offense and hard-nose defense ... first home game Saturday against league foe Sececina.

Coach’s comments: “We have a brand-new court, and our goal is to protect our home floor. Our three seniors are our leaders, and they played a lot of varsity last year. They have been with us and know the culture of the program. There is nothing set in stone with our lineup, but we do want our returning seniors to lead the way. The guys up from JV are meshing well. Their summertime together was huge. It’s up to the underclassmen to grow and keep the program going. We’re a blue-collar team, a hard-nosed team and we’re going to do everything to compete every night. Win or lose, you’re going to know you competed against Beech Grove.”



Mike Renfro, a former Beech Grove three-sport athlete, is the Hornets coach when Matt English, who is battling cancer, cannot be on hand. Renfro played college basketball at Hofstra and in the U.S. Basketball League before returning home.

MANUAL (14-10) – Solid program with fourth-year coach Don Bowling (47-26) ... defending Greater Indianapolis Conference champs ... seven seniors return ... 6-7 senior Jalen Johnson (22.0 points, 10.9 rebounds), an Indiana All-Star candidate, can score in post, off the dribble and from 3-point range ... experienced senior backcourt has 5-10 Montez McNair at point with 6-1 Willanta Hankston (10.2 points) and 6-2 transfer Caleb Redman ... late blooming 6-7 senior Ijazz Abdulman up from JV, complements Johnson ... more court savvy from seniors 6-4 Ricky Belt, 5-10 Braxton Houston and 5-9 Shiaya Parker ... 6-6 soph Jacquavious Brandon adds depth ... close-knit group ... quick and rangy ... good chemistry ... could exceed 18 wins of 2016-17 ... big weekend Dec. 7 with first home game and Dec. 8 at Beech Grove.

Coach’s comments: “We should be better than last year. Most of these kids have been in the program with me for four years, so they know the identity and culture of Manual basketball. We have speed, quickness and length. Jalen (Johnson) is a top-15 player and has several D1 offers. This is the fastest team I’ve had here. The team chemistry is good, a lot better than last year. Winning the city tourney is our first goal. This group will fight back and play hard. I really believe our five could play with any five in the state.”



Manual’s perimeter game on both ends of the court features seniors in Braxton Houston, Caleb Redman and point guard Montez McNair.



Manual has inside power and versatility with seniors in 6-7 Ijazz Abdulman, 6-1 Willanta Hankston and Indiana All-Star candidate 6-7 Jalen Johnson, who averaged 22.0 points and 10.9 rebounds last season.

Class A
GREENWOOD CHRISTIAN ACADEMY (13-10) – Winning record under first-year coach Jonny Marlin, former Center Grove point guard ... won seven of last 10 games before dropping sectional opener ... excellent ball movement, 323 assists (15.4 per game) and 524 field goals ... graduated Kegan Owen (16.7 points, 5.0 rebounds) and Cayden Bauschek (9.3 points) ... 10 Cougars return ... 6-5 junior Champ McCordle (14.1 points, 4.8 rebounds) leads pack ... returning seniors 6-0 Payton Modlin (11.6 points, 3.5 assists, 3.3 rebounds), 5-11 Quintin Steele (7.2 points, 3.6 rebounds, 3.3 assists), 6-2 Trey Spears (5.8 points, 2.9 rebounds), 6-0 George Appgar, 6-2 Elliott Murray and 6-1 Lance Ellis ... 6-5 junior Andrew Anderson helps underneath ... sophs



Greenwood Christian Academy is expecting good things from seniors (front) George Appgar, Lance Estes; (back) Quintin Steele, junior Champ McCorkle and seniors Trey Spears and Payton Modlin.

6-4 Styles McCorkle and 5-7 Evan Stinnett add depth ... high expectations ... Cougars have length, savvy, quickness, and play unselfishly ... open Saturday at 4A Greenwood.

Coach’s comments: “They understand what we are trying to do, particularly defensively. By the end of the season we were forcing a lot of turnovers by being in the right spots. I think we will have a very good defensive team this year, at least that’s the expectation. We have a lot coming back, but that doesn’t mean a lot because it’s a new season. It will be harder this year because most of the defensive strategy focused on Kegan’s ability. We have players with great natural instincts. Last year we tried to get up and down the court fast with the ball. I love those easy transition points. I look for a team that plays hard, fast and is unselfish.”

LUTHERAN (4-18) – Second year under longtime baseball coach Dick Alter ... went through 11-game losing skid ... averaged only 49.5 points ... graduated four players ... second year for youth movement ... returns with starters in 6-3 seniors Riley Wilson, Clayton Pittman and Matthew Alter at point ... joined by classmates 6-2 Mark Caster, a football lineman, 5-10 Grant Bell, and 6-4 Connor Ohl ... seniors Scott Engler and 6-5 Andrew Hoover did not play last year ... star running back junior Marcus McFadden has quickness with classmate Joe Faubion and versatility with Layton Dickey ... more experienced and taller ... Caster and Hoover can rebound and defend near rim ... look for defensive improvement ... first home game Dec. 8 against rival Greenwood Christian.

Coach’s comments: “Last year we had only one player back with varsity experience. This year we have three returning starters and more experience. They will play key roles. We are in a better position entering the season. We are sound and will be more competitive. Our height will give us flexibility against big teams, but we can go small too. It takes a while to get started because we will bring in some football players. We are looking for a good season, but we play in the hardest 1A sectional in the state. We have upgraded our schedule and expect to see all styles of play.”



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